

BERRIEN COUNTY TRAILS MASTER PLAN PLAN DOCUMENT CONTENT OUTLINE

Introduction & Vision

Purpose & Goals

- Connectivity
- Safety
- Accessibility
- Culture
- Economic Impact
- Quality of Place/Talent Attraction
- Collaboration
- Equity
- Maintenance

Process/Methodology

- Existing Facilities Inventory
- Community Assessment
- Community Engagement
- Route Analysis

Trail Classifications & Standards

- Walking/hiking
- Bicycling
- Water
- Equestrian

Current Trail Inventory & Existing Conditions

- Regionally Significant Facilities
 - On-Road
 - Off-Road
- Local Community Based Facilities
 - On-Road (wide shoulders, bike lanes, bikeways, etc)
 - Off-Road (Shared use trails)
- Park & Recreation Based
 - Off-Road
 - Mountain/Fat Tire Biking
- Water/Paddling
 - Access Sites
 - Parking
- Equestrian

Walking/Biking Demand and Use Analysis

- Inventory of demand generators/destinations
- ALICE Populations and Trail Access
- Traffic, crash and facility comfort ratings
- Community survey results

Gap Analysis

- Biking/Walking Trails
 - Accessibility
 - Connectivity
 - Safety
- Water & Equestrian – connectivity to walking/biking

Proposed Route Options – by trail use type

- Connectivity to Regionally Significant Routes
- Local Community Connector Routes
- Community Recreation Based Facilities

Route Prioritization Factors

- Recreation focused
- Commuter/Mobility focused

Implementation Strategies

- Priority Route Development
- Safety/Awareness/Education
 - Community based
 - Local partner activities
- Maintenance
- Local Community Planning & Policies (Collaboration)
 - Community based
 - Local Partner activities

State/National Designations and Certifications

- Michigan Trail Town/County Designation
- Walk Friendly Community
- Bike Friendly Community