Trail Maintenance Funding

Greenways Foundation
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Who We Are…

The Greenways Foundation of Indiana serves as a statewide not-for-profit working to promote the growth, enhancement and use of state trails…

- Assisting local organizations
- Providing start-up grants to generate support (state license plate)
- Act as trails information clearinghouse
- Promoting best trail practices
Who we serve...

We support the development of non-motorized trails which include:

- Hiking/Running
- Bicycle
- Equestrian
- Water (canoe/kayak)

Our Board represents all parts of Indiana (NW, NE, Central, SE, SW)
Our Mission...

...support the development, enhancement and operation of all Indiana trails and greenways.

Operation includes: Maintenance
Trail Maintenance

What does it look like?
Patching
Sealing - Top Coat Asphalt
Edging
Repairing Signs, etc...
How are trails maintained?

- Each trail is unique
- State Parks = DNR
- Private & Local Jurisdictions
  - City Employees
  - Volunteers
- No taxing authority for trails
What does Maintenance cost?

One mile of trail average between $3,500 and $6,500 annually.
The Need...

- Securing funding for trail maintenance can be a difficult task, especially in times when budgets are tight.
- To aid with the growing demand to maintain our valued trail networks, the Greenways Foundation of Indiana proposed the establishment of a Greenways Maintenance Fund at the state level.
- Fund established in March 2014 by Governor Pence.
Our Recommendation

Help our State Legislature develop a Greenways Maintenance Fund…

- Help to meet private foundation grant match requirements
- Help encourage private investment
- Sustainability of current trails
- Renewing source
Funding Examples
Minnesota Parks & Trails Fund

- State-established – 14.25 percent of sales tax revenue from Clean Water, Land & Legacy amendment
- Funds ONLY to be spent to support parks and trails of statewide significance
- 2009 – Legislature appropriated $65.1 million from fund
Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program

- Administered by state DNR
- Provides maximum of 50% funding assistance for trails
- Funding derived from fees collected from vehicle titles
- Maximum annual request is $200K
Michigan Recreation Improvement Fund Grants

- Funds operation, maintenance and development of trails
- Source is 2% distribution of all state-imposed taxes collected on gasoline
- FY 2014 Appropriation = $657,000
Iowa State Recreation Trails Program

- Established in 1987
- For the acquisition, construction or improvement of trails
- Funded from Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and others
- Allocations per year average $2-3 million
Wisconsin State Trail Pass

- Required for all over 16-years of age
- Biking, in-line skating, horseback riding in state parks
- Not required for walkers/hikers/runners
- In 2013, state collected $1.26 million for trail maintenance
Michigan Beverage Container Act

• System for reclamation of variety of bottles
• Beverages require $0.10 deposit
• 75% of unredeemed deposit fees go towards environmental programs – such as trails maintenance
• In 2012, $19.7 million collected for programs
Thank You!

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