



Greenways Foundation of Indiana, Inc.

2016 Grant Summary



Background:

- **Grant Program started in 2012**
- **Funded via BMV "Greenways" License Plate revenue**
- **Over \$40,000 in approved grants since inception**
- **2016 Grants totaled \$10,000 to 5 Trail Projects**
- **Resulting in over \$750,000 of trail enhancements when complete**

Trails of Santa Claus, Inc. (TOSCI)

Project Description:

Original project mailed 4634 postcards to northern Spencer County, Indiana residents with information on our organization and a request for donations to fund the trails project.

Project Expenses:

- Receipt from Ewing Printing for the 11 x 17 tri-fold postcard
- Receipts from the US Postal Service totaling \$848.02 (EDDM postage)

Measurement of Success:

Success of the project has been documented with the following results through July 8, 2016:

- Net increase of 32 likes on Facebook (from 383 to 415)
- 2,084 unique visitors to www.tosci.org
- Donations of \$ 2,171.40, for a net gain of \$1,244.66
- Six (6) Media Articles directly related to the project
- Contributions from this program allowed TOSCI to make a \$5000 donation to the Town of Santa Claus on May 9, 2016 and an \$11,050 donation on July 11, 2016, to cover unexpected cost overruns on the initial trail (CLV to Yellig Park).

Additional Success:

In addition to the successes we were able to quantify, TOSCI was also successful in disseminating information on the trail project to the residents of northern Spencer County. This information has led to renewed interest and additional public support for the project. The TOSCI Board wishes to thank the Greenways Foundation for its support of this project which will continue to reap benefits for our trails for years to come.

**DON'T MISS OUR
COUNTRY
DANCE**
APRIL 15, 2016
SANTA CLAUS LEGION
7:30-10:30PM
Featuring:
THE DAUGHTERY BROTHERS
Minimum Donation \$6
All proceeds to TOSCI



OUR MISSION TRAILS OF SANTA CLAUS, INC.

"The Trails of Santa Claus, Inc. is a Not for Profit Organization created to raise private funds to complete, expand and maintain biking and hiking trails and add quality amenities to those trails in and around the Town of Santa Claus, IN. This organization will also promote those trails and solicit donations from the area, both business and individual, and the tourist communities."

www.TOSCI.org

**WITH YOUR HELP IT WILL BE A WALK IN THE PARK!
AND NOT JUST A PARK, BUT SEVERAL PARKS
CONNECTED WITH BIKING AND HIKING TRAILS!**

From Yellig Park to Lincoln State Park and the National Park at Lincoln's Boyhood Home, this interconnected system of trails will provide many walking and biking opportunities!

How will the Trails benefit Spencer County?

- Increased tourism
- Increased jobs and services
- New residents
- Recreational and Health Benefits

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000 SANTA CLAUS, IN

Local Postal Customer

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

ONE DAY... In the not too distant future, you and your family will be able to walk or bike to many parks and amenities in Spencer County. Not only will the trails connect Yellig Park to Lincoln's Boyhood Home and Lincoln State Park, but eventually it will connect to trails and parks all over the U. S. Phase I should be completed by 2018 and future trails will connect Phase I to other communities in Spencer County.

What can YOU do to make Spencer County a better place?
We have 90% of the Phase I funding in place without an increase in tax dollars. Trails of Santa Claus, Inc. (TOSCI) plans to close the remaining gap.

What has TOSCI accomplished?

TOSCI was formed to complete, enhance and maintain the trails. In its short history (formed June 2014), TOSCI has installed bike racks at the Town Hall, Community Center and Yellig Park, was instrumental in obtaining a \$400,000 commitment from Spencer County Council, and has successfully leased the streetlight tower brackets throughout Santa Claus for a fundraiser in 2016.

Would you please consider making a donation to support TOSCI and help Spencer County reach its potential?

Our initial goal is to raise \$500,000! Your contribution of any amount will help us get there.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- 1.) A Direct Tax Deductible Contribution.**
 - Just fill out the form below and mail it in with a check made payable to TOSCI.
 - Go to TOSCI.org and click on the "Donate" tab to donate online.
- 2.) Be a Sponsor of one of our Projects.**
 - Sponsor a Banner on one of the streetlights in Santa Claus. You can find complete info on our website.
 - Make a contribution for a specific item such as a tree for landscaping the trails or a park bench.
 - Keep a close eye on our Facebook page and website for other sponsorship opportunities.
- 3.) Create a Fundraising Event!**
 - Have a Bake Sale or Garage Sale with proceeds to benefit TOSCI.
 - Contact us with your creative idea!
- 4.) Volunteer - sign up at TOSCI.org.**



Visit us at TOSCI.org on Facebook or Twitter!



Will YOU help to make Spencer County a better place?
The Trails ARE coming! And they will be a good thing for our County!

Send your contribution today to:
TRAILS OF SANTA CLAUS, INC. (TOSCI)
455 S. Winter Lane
Santa Claus, IN 47579

DONATE TODAY!

TOSCI
Trails of Santa Claus, Inc.
www.TOSCI.org

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your name will be posted on the **HONOR ROLL** of TOSCI.org
If you wish this to be an anonymous donation check here:

Your contribution to TOSCI is **fully tax deductible**

*For more information about the Trails of Santa Claus, Inc. Contact TOSCI at the address above or call 812-469-9791 or email info@tosci.org

Auburn-Waterloo Trail

Project Description

Neighboring park needs improvement to continue planting grass seed, trimming trees, and providing water to picnic area of 2.9 acres.

Budget \$11,000

- a) The volunteers completed the environmental project with cost of \$3,600 for grading, seeding, trimming trees, and laying tile for the 2.9 area park along the trail. Brush has been trimmed and grass mowed. A contractor will bore a line 225 feet and connect to City of Auburn water line. A contractor has laid drainage tile and work performed at his cost. The cost of \$7,500 additional for tap fees, pipe, drinking fountain, etc. is necessary and cannot be donated.
- b) The project started 3/1/16.
- c) This greenway has added two picnic tables last fall along the bikeway provided as a donation by the Moose lodge. This property is located directly across from our high School and will continue to be used by families and students. Furthermore, a \$20,000 endowment fund has been funded and set up through DCCF for future maintenance of the park by spending only the interest generated from the endowment.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jay Kern works to level trenches on a 2.9-acre property along the Auburn to Waterloo Trail. The property directly east of DeKalb High School is being restored as a park area.

Trail gets grant for park project

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AUBURN — A \$2,000 grant has been awarded to the Community Foundation of DeKalb County for the Auburn Waterloo Trail from the Trails and Greenways Grant Fund of Greenways Foundation, Inc.

The grant is directed for improvements to include planting grass seed, trimming trees and providing water to picnic areas along the newly restored trail.

A 2.9-acre property across the road from DeKalb High School is being restored as a park area. The property lies along the Auburn to Waterloo Trail that was repaired in October 2015. Efforts to restore the

property along the trail began in February.

"Things are progressing very nicely," said Dick Shankle, a member of the Auburn to Waterloo Trail Committee. "This is like the frosting on the cake."

A total of \$6,500 has been raised for the project, pending a donation of \$4,000 from the DeKalb County commissioners to install a water fountain at the park. Roughly \$2,000-\$3,000 more is needed to complete the project. Donations to the park project can be made through the Community Foundation of DeKalb County.

Shankle added, "It's been a bountiful production, and we hope people are able to enjoy it this summer."





B&O Equestrian Trail

Project Description

This request is for funds to purchase materials for a 1.85 mile equestrian trail alongside the current paved B&O trail from Green St. to 300 N. utilizing in-kind labor from several Indiana equestrian groups. Materials have been selected to provide stability for the trail bed and protect the soil environment.

This project will help the B&O Trail Association (BOTA) accomplish some of the Greenways Foundation's vision of a trail system that "provides access to trails for all Indiana citizens" by meeting the needs of our equestrian population.

The budget for the equestrian trail is \$3,450 for materials, with labor to install the trail bed to be provided in-kind by Indiana Trail Riders Association, Red Hats and Purple Chaps volunteers and other equestrian organizations. This year to date, volunteers have already contributed 33 man-hours to mark and clear about half of the equestrian trail. The remainder is slated to be marked and cleared in the next month, again by volunteers, readying that portion for the laying of materials to make that portion of the trail useable by equestrians.

B&O Trail Association Inc. started in 1993, along with Hendricks County Trail Development Inc., to convert a former rail line to a rail-trail. Our organization's objectives in undertaking this portion of our much larger project is to finally address our equestrian constituents who have long supported the B&O trail development, but have yet to reap any of the benefits.

In 2015, the B&O Trail Association sold this portion of the trail to the Town of Brownsburg. However, we have made a commitment to develop the equestrian trail on that section of the B&O Trail. Brownsburg then will provide the maintenance of not only the paved trail, but the equestrian trail as part of their parks system.



Syracuse - Wawasee Trails

Project Description

Designing and permitting a boardwalk across the Conklin Bay wetlands and a trail through the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation (WACF).

Details of the project: The trails committee plans to build a trail connecting the existing 11 miles of trail in the Town of Syracuse to Grandview Drive. This will include a 1,820 foot long boardwalk across the Conklin Bay wetlands and then a 2,850 foot long cement trail running parallel to SR 13 along WACF's property to Grandview Drive. This project involves permitting and regulation by Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana Department of Transportation. The Trails Committee has hired Earth Source Incorporated (ESI) to design a bid-ready proposal, with all of the permits in place.

Budget: \$127,081.00

Dates: Project will begin when funds received and end within one year of grant approval.

This project will enhance and develop greenways and blueways for enjoyment and use by the public. It will have educational signage about the wetlands through which the boardwalk runs. This trail will connect the town of Syracuse (including Syracuse Elementary and Wawasee High School) to the Levinson-LaBrosse Lakes and Wetlands Education Center at WACF. Both the boardwalk and the Education Center will promote learning about the protection, enhancement and preservation of lakes and wetlands.



Pennsy Trails of Hancock County Inc.

Project Description:

Raising funds for matching grant to construct the trail from 400 West to 500 West along the National Road Heritage Trail just south of US 40.

Currently, there is a 4.5 mile gap in the Pennsy trail that restricts Hancock County Residents from using the trail longer than 6 miles. Pennsy Trails of Hancock County Inc. recently obtained the Department of Natural Resources Bicentennial Nature Trust Grant (BNT) and the Indiana Heritage Trust Grant to purchase one mile of trail property in Sugar Creek Township. We are now working to obtain funding to construct the one mile stretch necessary to extend the Pennsy Trails between County Road 500 West and County Road 400 West.

The estimated cost of this project is \$600,000. Pennsy Trails of Hancock County Inc. are hoping to secure most of the funding from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The purpose of this grant is to obtain funds to support a 20% match for the TAP grant.

The Pennsy Trail will be a free public trail available to all 76,000 residents of Hancock County. This one mile project is part of a larger project to extend the trail 4.5 miles to connect the Greenfield and the Cumberland sections. The end result will provide a 13.5 mile trail that will benefit Hancock County residents and the entire Indiana community with a significant resource for outdoor recreation. It will showcase our county as a healthy vibrant community to the residents of Indiana and beyond, and draw economic growth as people enjoy the Pennsy Trail.

Budget \$600,000

We are submitting grant applications to several local community groups and businesses to include the Hancock County Community Foundation, Covance Laboratories, Greenfield Bank, Sugar Creek Parks, Hancock County Memorial Hospital, and The Hancock County Visitors Bureau.

Project dates

Project dates are determined at the time grants are received. Currently, the community members involved with the trail purchase connected and started working within 2 weeks of the notice we had received the BNT and Heritage grants. We expect to start working within 2 weeks of obtaining notice we have received the TAP grant funds.