



West Michigan Trails – Spring Trail Summit, North Area
March 21, 2024 9:00am – 11:30 am
The Stream
1 State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337

Attendance:

Paul Griffith, Friends of the White Pine Trail	Andrew Stafford, City of White Cloud
Julie Burell, The Right Place Newaygo	Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Joe Bontreger, Central Cycles LLC Holton/Fremont	Jodi Nickols, The Right Place Lake County
Roger Tuuk, WMTGC	Kathy Maclean, Shoreline Cycling Club Mason County
Kristi Zimmerman, Chamber Alliance of Mason County	Leah Groya, Planning Consultant (via web)
John Anslock, Friends of the Pere Marquette Trail	Megan Motil, Parallel Solutions
Rick Haslock, Friends of the Pere Marquette Trail	Norm Cox, The Greenway Collaborative
Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Friends of the Pentwater Hart Trail	Carolyn Prudhomme, The Greenway Collaborative
	Jennifer Antel, West Michigan Trails
	John Morrison, West Michigan Trails

Meeting Notes:

- **Life Stage Map:** Update terminology by changing "Conceptual" to "Vision" or "Aspirational."
- **Destination Addition:** Add Mears State Park as a destination.
- **Impact Analysis Considerations:** Emphasized the need to consider seasonal populations in fluctuating areas like tourist towns and universities, which are often not adequately represented in census data.
- **Trail Label Adjustments:** Revise trail labels to accurately reflect Pentwater Trail and Shoreline Trail. Corrected trail label #3 from Ludington to Manistee.
- **Rural Town Center Map:** Confirm included of Baldwin and adjust icon size for improved readability.



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- **Trail Classification:** Proposed separating mature trails by surface type (crushed stone vs. paved) for clarity.
- **Funding Updates:** Check status of Dragon Trail regarding TAP and Trust Funds.
- **Trail Maintenance Concerns:** Noted concerns about upkeep for older, established trails, with specific mention of the poor surface condition of Pere Marquette trails.
- **Community Perspective:** Highlighted that Pentwater Hart is a rural farming area, not primarily identified as shoreline territory.
- **Sub-region Spring Trail Summit:** Expressed interest in continuing the summit in the spring.
- **Meeting Materials:** PowerPoint and recording to be distributed to participants.

Meeting Survey Results:

What Trail are you Most Closely Affiliated With?

- Shoreline Trail (proposed) (x2)
- White Pine (x2)
- Pere Marquette (x2)
- Pentwater Hart Trail
- The North County Trail
- Fred Meijer Berry Junction
- North County Trail
- Town & Country Path
- Pentwater Hart



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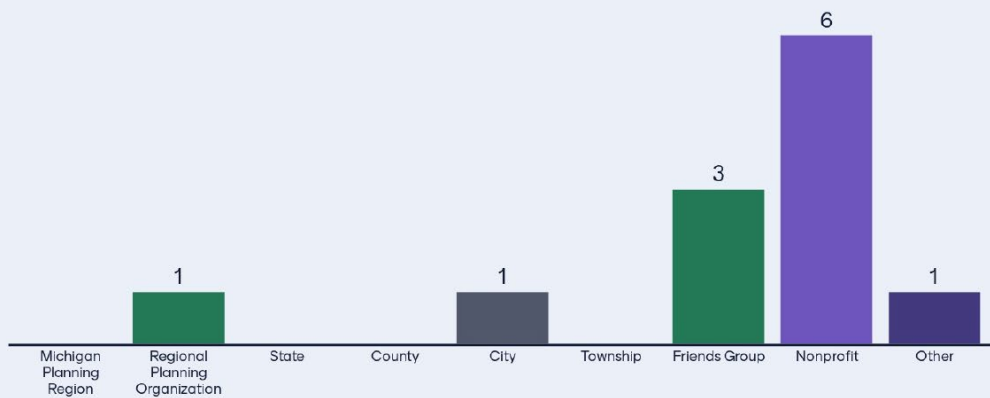
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Shoreline Trail (proposed)	Pentwater Hart Trail	The North Country Trail	Fred meijer berry junction
Pere Marquette	North country trail	Town & Country Path	Pentwater Hart

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Shoreline	White Pine Trail	White pine	Pere Marquette -Baldwin
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What Type of Organization Are You With?

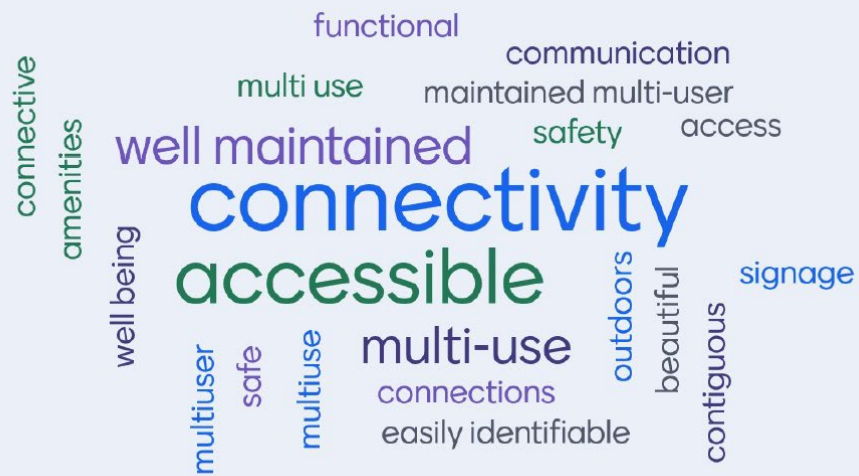




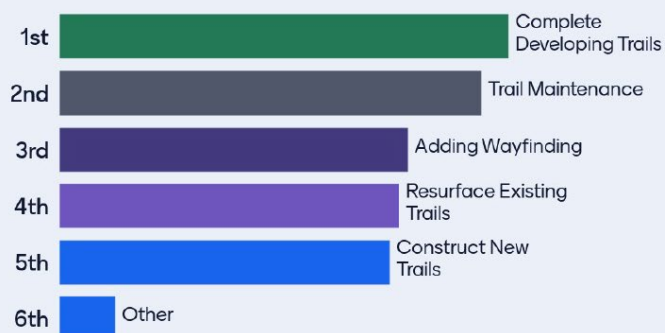
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What three words best describe a world-class regional trail ?

32 responses



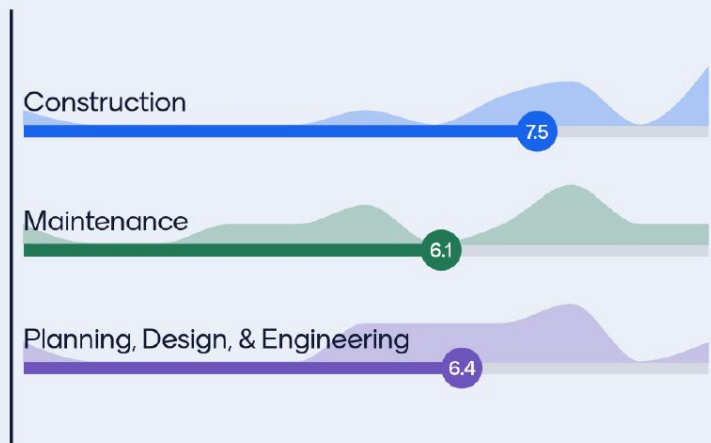
How Would You Prioritize Spending Trail Dollars?





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How Difficult is it to Obtain Funding For:



What Is Your Biggest Non-Funding Related Roadblock in Developing Trails?

Human capacity	Easements	Railroads	Access to sections we want to extend
Right-of-way	Working with Road Commission on paving gravel road trail crossings	Geographical boundaries...	No available railway easements
Getting all stakeholders to agree on pathway and maintenance plan	Easements		



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Would You Like to Continue Sub-Region Trail Summits

Yes	100%	Yes	Yes, definitely
Yes	Yes	Yes-very much need the support	Yes-
One big 18 county per year summit and one Sub-region summit per year.			