



Pentwater-Hart Trail
End of Year Report 2018

Dear Trail Supporters,

This has been a fantastic year for planning of our trail!
We have momentum and we're moving forward every month.
I share this year-end report with you, so you know that although we are years away from riding on our trail, the trail committee is making great progress.

January 2018

- Students from WMU began to investigate route options.
- Plans for the first annual "Roll for the Trail" set for the last Saturday in June began.

February 2018

- Attended the MDNR grant workshop reviewing grant programs available for development and acquisition projects, including trails.
- Attended the Michigan Trail Summit. Every year this is an opportunity to network with the administrators of grants and those that have successfully built trails. Both MDOT-TAP grant and the DNR trust fund grant coordinators are expecting us to submit grant requests in the future.
- Meeting with Stan Rickard, former Hart City Manager, to review & get input on possible route options through Hart.

March 2018

-A meeting with Pentwater Village Manager, Township Supervisor, County Supervisor, DNR Hart –Montague Trail Supervisor, Pentwater Zoning Administrator and Shoreline Development took place to discuss route alternatives. Two main conclusions resulted out of this meeting:

- 1) Utilizing Village property off Wayne Rd could provide a trail head.
- 2) The alternative route of using 72nd to Monroe and then heading north west to exit at Madison Ridge both presented too many terrain challenges.

-Mid-March brought us the opportunity to write a grant to Senator Hansen. The process of writing the grant gave us the opportunity to

-Meeting with the Western Michigan University Capstone Project Team along with members of Fleis & VandenBrink to review the WMU Team's work progress on the engineering of the proposed Pentwater Hart Trail

April 2018

-Met with Hart Superintendent

-WMU Capstone Project Team presented their work on the engineering of the proposed Pentwater Hart Trail to the university's evaluation team for their final grade.

May 2018

-WMU Capstone Project Team presented their work on the engineering of the proposed Pentwater Hart Trail to members of the public, news media, Oceana Township, Village of Pentwater and to the Trail Committee

-Leaders in Economic Development met and discussed trails impact throughout Western Michigan. The Pentwater-Hart Trail is identified as a priority in the development of trails in western Michigan.

June 2018

-June was our most exciting month to date. We were awarded a grant through Senator's Hansen's appropriations of \$1.4 million. This money

provides the needed funds for survey, design, engineering and matching funds for future grants.

-Spring Craft Fair Fundraiser Booth set up. Many new volunteers begin to volunteer their time.

-The first annual "Roll for the Pentwater Hart Trail", Event took place the last Saturday in June with a kick off "Ride Through the Village".

July 2018

-Trail core planning team met to begin discussing time-line and next step plans.

-Fundraising takes place top of Village Green and at Channel Lane Park.

August 2018

-Meet with MDOT to discuss paved shoulders from along Monroe Road from Longbridge to Carroll.

-Fund raising continues at the Hart-Montague Trailhead.

-Presented the Pentwater Hart Trail Plans to the Oceana County Road Commission and answered questions.
Vote for approval set for late September.

September 2018

-Met with Superintendent of Hart Schools, Mark Platt and a representative of Michigan's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) to review the procedures of the SRTS program.

-A public hearing on trail and proposed route was held at the Hart Community Hall.

-Attended the Oceana County Road Commission Board Meeting where the proposed trail route using various portions of the road right of way under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission was approved by the Board 4-1.

October 2018

- Pentwater Hart Trail Committee meeting to discuss survey scope.
- Met with a representative from the Michigan Transportation Alternatives Program which is a competitive grant program that uses federal transportation funds for projects such as bike trails & pedestrian routes.
- Pentwater Hart Trail Committee conference call meeting regarding the survey of the route.

November 2018

- Met with School Superintendent Platt that outline specific work tasks associated with the SRTS program process.
- Met with Lynne Ladner, City Manager for Hart, to update her on the routing of the trail through Hart and the progress to date with the SRTS program.
- Survey of planned route continues.

December 2018

- SRTS meeting scheduled in Hart

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