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LOVING THE LOOP

The new Burt Lake Trail, once complete, will create our first looped, non-motorized, long-distance bike trail in Northern Michigan, connecting the Northwest State Trail and the North Central State Trail. Touring cyclists will be able to park their car and pedal their way through some of the most beautiful terrain in our region, all the time riding on these safe trail systems! Bike riding tourists spend money and cycle tourism will continue to have an increasingly positive impact on our local economy with this new trail. In addition to people coming to this region to ride their bikes, experience tells us that many of our cycling clients have chosen to purchase second homes in our area primarily because of these great trail systems that we are developing like the new Burt Lake Trail. As owner of a local bike shop in Petoskey, I directly benefit economically from these new trails and so do my friends who own restaurants, hotels, shops and construction companies in Northern Michigan. These trails truly create a vibrant community for us all!

Christian Janssens, Owner, Latitude 45 Bicycles & Fitness

BUILDING THE BURT LAKE TRAIL

The idea for a trail to enable township residents and visitors to safely walk and bike started with a Burt Township survey and property owner comments. This was followed by a Trail Feasibility Study to explore options for a non-motorized recreational trail and soon developed into plans for an 18 mile trail connecting communities in two counties and four townships while connecting two major rail trails, the North Central State Trail and the North Western State Trail.

Funding for trail development is dependent on grants from State and Federal programs including grants from the Transportation Alternatives Program managed by MDOT (TAP) and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). Both of these grant sources require a local match of 25% or more. These grants helped fund the first 5 mile segment of the Burt Lake Trail.

The Burt Lake Trail is planned to connect the North Central State Trail in Topinabee and will continue along the north shore of Burt Lake to connect with the North Western State Trail in Brutus creating a 67 mile looped trail.

Planning and Funding

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Grants, submitted in 2016, to the MNRTF and MDOT TAP program were awarded. Construction is planned beginning Spring 2018. A local match of up to $75,000 is required and will be raised by the Burt Lake Trail Committee.

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Route Overview & Description

Total Trail Length 18 MILES

Developed 5.1 MILES

BRUTUS RD. AT MAPLE BAY RD. TO HOGSBACK RD. AT W. BURT LAKE RD.

Facility Type: Non-motorized, shared-use path, 1/4 mile of paved shoulders

Trail Surface: Crushed limestone

Project completion: 2013

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Proposed 1.8 MILES

Current development W. Burt Lake Rd. at Hogsback to Riggsville Rd. ending at E. Burt Lake Rd.

Facility Type: Separated, non-motorized, shared use path

Trail Surface: Paved Asphalt

Proposed Project Completion: 2018

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Proposed Completion of project: 2020-2021

Currently this is a rural road with no shoulders. Increased traffic volume seasonally. Five foot paved shoulders will be added to Mullet Burt Rd. (at Hoppens) to Topinabee Mail Route in 2017 as part of the Cheboygan County Road Commission road resurfacing project and Burt Townships Complete Streets Policy.

Proposed Facility Type: Shared Roadway

Trail Surface: 4 ft. Paved Shoulders

Proposed Completion of project: 2020-2021

Currently this is a rural road with no shoulders. Increased traffic volume seasonally. Emett and Cheboygan County Road Commissions have submitted a grant for MDOT Tap funds to add four foot paved shoulders on Brutus Rd. when reconstruction of the road takes place. This segment would connect the trail to the North Western State Trail in Brutus. Culvert removal and construction of a new bridge, with five foot shoulders, over the Maple River on Brutus Rd. was completed in 2016. Asphalt/wedge overlay is planned for 2017 from US31 to the Cheboygan county line, providing temporary shoulders for biking/walking.

THE NORTH CENTRAL STATE TRAIL COMPLETED

Officially opened in 2008 and consists of 62 miles of separated crushed limestone from Mackinaw City to Gaylord. It is the longest improved trail in Michigan and is part of Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail Bicycle Route. (To route more about the Iron Belle Trail visit www.michigan.gov/dnr)

THE NORTH WESTERN STATE TRAIL COMPLETED

Completed in 2015 with 7.5 miles of paved asphalt from Petoskey to Alanson and 24.5 miles of compacted crushed limestone from Alanson to Mackinaw City.