

# Ingham County Trails and Parks Program Application 10-01-16



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## Trails and Parks Program Application

In November 2014, Ingham County voters approved a 0.5 mill tax millage to support the development of a countywide regional trails and parks system through 2020. The overall goal of the Ingham County Regional Trails and Parks Millage Fund is to create and maintain a sustainable countywide system of recreation trails and adjacent parks within Ingham County.

Funds must be matched by the local community with their own funds, or in-kind services, or funds obtained from other sources, i.e., state, federal or other allocations. Applications for County Trails and Parks Program funding must include a **resolution (s) of support** for the project from the governing body (ies) of the community where the trail project or blueways project is proposed. Eligible projects must fit the following categories: **New Construction; Repair, Rehabilitation, or Long-Term Maintenance; and Special Project(s), (including blueways).**

Project applications must be received by 5pm November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for funding consideration in the following year. Projects deemed worthy of funding may be approved at the February or March 2017 Ingham County Board of Commissioners meeting. The following information will be used by the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission in determining and recommending which projects should be funded by the Board of Commissioners.

If applying for multiple projects, applications must be ranked and prioritized from highest to lowest priority by the applicant.

APPLICANT		
Agencies (each project should have its own individual application):		
Lead Contact Person:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

New Construction

Repair, Rehabilitation,  
Long-term Maintenance

Special Project

Project Title

Project Description

*Provide a brief description of your proposed project. Include, as applicable, the type of project (**new construction; repair/rehabilitation/long-term maintenance; special project**), property ownership, and if applicable, the rights in land to be purchased (fee simple, development rights only, etc., minimum of 20 years), the acreage to be acquired, the acreage/length of the existing project and the features of the site.*

Project Region-Wide Significance and Benefit to County Residents

## PROJECT INFORMATION & DETAILED DESCRIPTION *(as applicable)*

### 1. Discuss how the project is improving regional connectivity.

*Your discussion should address how the project provides, supports and relates to the Ingham County regional priority corridors as depicted on Figure 24 of the Ingham County Regional Trails and Parks Network either as an existing trail repair/rehabilitation/long-term maintenance, new regional trail construction or new local trail access to the regional network (including enabling water trail access); improves access to Ingham County Parks; improves access to major regional destinations such as commercial and employment centers as well as community facilities, schools, colleges and universities; expands transportation options; provides for recreation; increases access to sites of natural, scenic or historic interest; and any other related information.*

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2. Describe how the project responds to public demand and has public support.

*Your discussion should address how the project is based on public demand; has been prioritized in adopted plans; has volunteer and/or partner organization support; is a community interest project that supports partnerships, shared resources or coincides with other planning and development activities; has the support of multiple jurisdictions and/or stakeholders; and any other related information.*

3. Explain how the project meets acceptable design standards and is the best design solution.

*You must have on staff, or hire a Michigan licensed professional engineer, and all construction (new or rehab) must be according to current MDOT standard and specifications for construction of trails, bridges, and boardwalks and any other support facilities. Your description should address how the project is physically separated from streets and roadways where possible; provides a variety of experiences that can be enjoyed by a diversity of users, including people of all ages and abilities; meets or exceeds the minimum accessibility requirements of the ADA; design alternatives to the project have been examined to minimize impact on the environment; meets AASHTO guidelines for alignment, grade, width, vertical clearance, and loading intersection and crossing design (deviation from AASHTO guidelines need to be stated and explained); considers low impact development techniques that protect and enhance significant natural features; and any other related information.*

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4. Explain how the project is feasible and ready for implementation or development.

*Your discussion should address whether your project area is under public ownership or is currently accessible for public use; does not require complex or lengthy acquisition process; does not require a complex or lengthy permitting process; is within an existing corridor such as a transmission line and railroad corridor where it may be feasible to negotiate public access without needing to acquire land; there is an imminent threat to lose the project opportunity; demonstrates cost efficiency; and/or is appropriate and in line with available funds.*

5. Discuss how the project supports equitable opportunities.

*Your discussion should address how your project increases or improves access and provides low cost transportation and recreation options for low income populations; is located in a high use area; is located in an underserved area; and/or contributes to an equitable geographical distribution of the millage funds.*

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6. Describe in detail any other available funders and partners.

*Your discussion should address whether your project has funding available through grants or partner contributions; has funding available through donations or in-kind services; and/or has funding available through local community match and what total percent of the project these all account for. This should be detailed on the Estimated Costs/Budget sheet also. Local agencies are required to list Ingham County Parks as a contact in TAP applications that propose Ingham County Parks Millage funding as part of their match.*

7. Maintenance Commitment & Plan

*Describe your operation and maintenance plan (with budget costs) detailing the amount of money needed to operate and maintain the trail after it is completed, and identify who will be responsible for the work. Describe in detail how the trail will be managed. Include discussion on season length, hours of operation, enforcement provisions, and scheduling.*

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## DESIGN/SCOPE OF THE PROJECT-(Attachments as needed)

*Provide a detailed description of the project you are proposing, with reference to specific scope items. Describe the features of the project and all factors that affected your design or program. Describe how your design was chosen, and why it is appropriate for the proposed project. Use this opportunity to explain why you chose the type and placement of particular scope and design elements. Explain how your project design meets or exceeds standards. (If your project addresses a clearly identified item from the Ingham County Trails and Parks Comprehensive Report, please identify that with a reference to the report – page #, table #, or identifying marker (ie. Bridge # CL-01-SCT-SC)).*

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## ESTIMATED COSTS/BUDGET

*Provide each scope/budget item and how the budgeted amount was calculated, List amounts requested from local sources, state or federal grants as well as amounts from foundations, corporations, and other funding sources (in-kind support or other). Engineering amount generally not to exceed 15% of total project expenses. Contingency amount not to exceed 10%.*

## EXPENSES

Scope Item(s):	Quantity	Amount
1-Acquisition/Right-of-Way/Easement/Permits		
2-Design Engineering		
3-Construction		
4-Construction Engineering		
5-Contingency		
6-Other		
7-Other		
<b>Other Fees</b> (i.e., Permitting, etc...)		
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		\$

## APPLICANT FUNDS

<u>Local Contribution</u>		Amount	\$ _____
<u>Other Grant Contributions</u>			
Name of Grantor(s)		Amount	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
Name of Partner(s)		Amount	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
Name of Donor(s)		Amount	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
<u>In-Kind Support</u>			
Name of Organization	Description	Value	
_____	_____	\$	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$	\$ _____
<u>Other</u>		Amount	\$ _____
_____		\$	\$ _____
Total Applicant Funds			\$ _____
*Millage Funds REQUESTED (does not count as match)			\$ _____
*This amount (Millage Funds Request) plus the Total Applicant Funds must equal Total Project Expenses			
Total % of matching Funds			% _____ Match



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## ATTACHMENTS - REQUIREMENTS

1. Project Location Map & Photos. *Attach a project location map and site photographs (clearly identify photos and locations in correlation with your location map).*
2. Site Plan. *The site plan must show the entire site to be improved/developed, and should delineate and label the location and type of all existing and proposed uses. Features such as wooded areas, wetlands, water bodies, overhead utility lines, and all existing uses, including buildings and other development, need to be identified. The placement of all scope items proposed in the application should be depicted on the site plan. Indicate on your site plan the destinations to which the proposed trail project will connect. Provide a map of the trail network (existing or proposed) to which your project will link.*
3. Documentation of Other Funding Sources. *You must provide documentation for all the funding sources you indicated on your application form, as follows: If any portion of the match is to be made up of funds from other grant funding sources. If any portion of the match is to be made up of cash, labor, or material and/or in-kind donations; include a letter from each donor committing to their donation. If the donor is an adjacent community contributing to the match, include a resolution from their governing body that supports the application and commits to their portion of the match.*
4. Certified Resolution. *The governing body of the local unit of government must pass a resolution. The resolution should list and commit to the amount of the local match in terms of dollar amount or percentage of total project cost, and all source(s) of match as specified in the application. (This may be obtained and submitted after submission of the application if timing is an issue, but must be before the date of the award by the BOC).*
5. After the award, and during construction, entities must display temporary millage recognition signage on site of projects provided by the County. Once complete, must display a permanent recognition plaque on site also provided by the County.

## CERTIFICATION

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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