

PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media

Cc: Town of Lockport Board Members

From: Marc R. Smith, Supervisor

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Re: Summary Report 2005, Trails, Pathways and Connectivity

The Town of Lockport is releasing the Trails, Pathways and Connectivity Plan 2005 Summary Report. The report covers all aspects of the project completed in 2005. There is an overall project introduction and it contains all the background mapping information compiled by Wendel Duchscherer along with some initial concepts that were developed.

The report also summarizes the public input meetings that were held on September 27 at Wright's Corners Fire Station and September 28 at the Town Hall Auditorium. It includes meeting minutes which contain all the comments and feedback received at the public meetings from residents. There is also a questionnaire tabulation included. Questionnaires were handed out at the meeting to find out additional information such as where people live, what their current trailway usage is, and to establish what they feel are priority areas for the Town. The report also includes mapping ideas generated from public input at both meetings. An overall map of the Town was created and people were asked to draw trails and pathways that they would like to see, along with any notes or comments that they felt were relevant.

The summary report covers the next steps in the process to complete the project. It outlines how the Town will handle publicity through press releases, mailings lists and the Town's Website. It also includes a list of prioritized actions for 2006. Some of the actions include walkability around Transit Road, Shimer, Snyder Drive, walkability around schools, parks, and other public facilities, connections to adjoining communities, and major corridor connections. The final portion of the Summary Report is an outline of the process to complete the project. Ultimately the goal of this project is to complete and adopt an Addendum to the Town's Comprehensive Plan and begin implementation of some of the actions. The goal is to complete this step by September of 2006.

The entire Summary Report 2005 along with additional information about the project can be found on the Town's Website: www.elockport.com. Supervisor Smith presents a PowerPoint presentation also on the Website. The report will also be available as a .pdf file so it can easily be viewed, downloaded or printed from any computer. Future public meetings will be scheduled in June of 2006 and a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Addendum could be held as early as August 2006.

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