

Marquette Greenway Trail



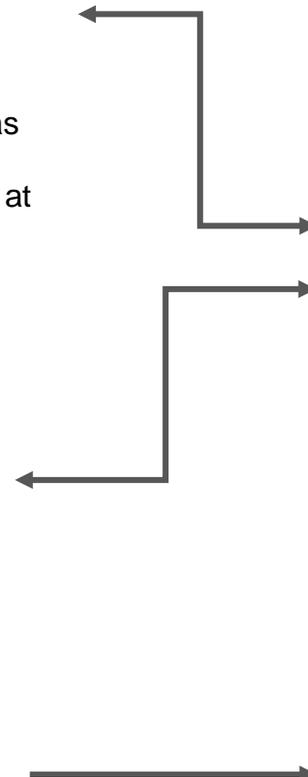
Project updates for residents

Pre-2000s – The vision of a continuous trail network connecting NWI to its lakefront neighbors throughout IL & MI has been the dream of regional communities and public officials at the federal, state and municipal level for decades.

2009 – Town citizens engaged in a public workshop, resulting in a localized Marquette Greenway Trail Sub-Area Plan (a component of the Town's Comprehensive Plan). For more info, visit: www.burnsharbor-in.gov/186/Town-Plans.

Early 2016 – The Town was awarded a highly competitive CMAQ (or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement) grant funded by NIRPC (or the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission) to complete a portion of the Marquette Greenway Trail in Burns Harbor. Phase 1 includes a 1-mile stretch from North Babcock Rd. to S.R. 149 along scenic Calumet River.

NOW – Town leaders reaffirm their commitment to the project. Phase 1 design and engineering planning begins. Elected officials are also exploring funding options for Phase II, a longer stretch of trail from S.R. 149 to an AmeriPlex trailhead in Portage.



What's in it for me?

- ✓ Community improvement projects like the Marquette Greenway Trail create amenities that provide momentum towards future economic development of a vibrant downtown, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods and a welcoming sense of place for residents, businesses and visitors.
- ✓ Recreational trails provide greater connectivity within Town and between neighboring communities.
- ✓ Increased Town pride by experiencing Burns Harbor's pristine National Park beauty.
- ✓ Improved public health through physical activity.
- ✓ Better air quality through additional transportation options.
- ✓ Trail will provide access to the South Shore Line stations in Portage/Ogden Dunes and Dune Park.



Marquette Greenway Trail: By the Numbers

- Estimated total project costs for design, engineering and construction = \$6.7 million
- Phase I funded through NIRPC CMAQ grant = \$2 million
 - 80/20 grant with federal share = \$1.6 million and with local match = \$414K
- Exploring funding opportunities for Phase II = estimated at \$4.6 million
- A 2008 study projected trail system development would create a positive economic impact of \$90 million in future development and an increased tax base of \$2.8 million.

#GetInvolved

Attend any Redevelopment Commission meeting, held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Town Hall – located at 1240 N. Boo Rd. or visit www.burnsharbor-in.gov.



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