



2017 PEOPLE PATHWAYS PROGRESS REPORT

During 2017, the primary focus of People Pathways has been the development of a 2-mile segment of "PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL PHASE 2" that runs through beautiful rural central/western Putnam County between CR 150 West (Lone Star Road) and 300 West (Mount Olive Road).

We welcome this opportunity to share a few highlights as we gratefully acknowledge community partners who shared their time, talent, and treasure by contributing either funds, in-kind services, and/or reduced costs that helped create this segment of our community's growing multi-use trail system, our "linear park".

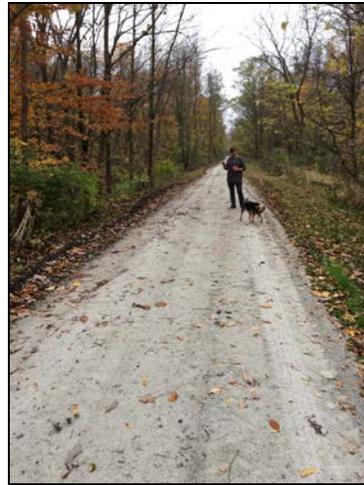
- **FUNDING:** A portion of Putnam County Community Foundation's "Envision 2016: Moving Putnam County Forward" Grant and a Duke Energy Foundation Grant to support environmental stewardship were funding partners.
- **SCOUTING & TRAILBLAZING:** With property and funding secured, the first brave volunteer "Scouts" and "Trailblazers" fought through brambles, briars, & brush to mark the trail for clearing.



- **CLEARING:** Initial clearing was done by Buzzi/Lone Star's "Big Rig" followed by Joe Spiker's Crew. During project development, care was taken within the 100-foot wide corridor to limit clearing to a 15-foot width for the multi-use trail to allow an ample border of trees and vegetation to preserve both the natural beauty of the area and wildlife habitat.



- **HAULING, SPREADING, & GRADING, OH MY!!:** With Hassler Trucking masterfully spreading 1,702 tons of Martin Marietta stone and Joe Spiker's Crew grading and compacting, an outstanding trail surface has been created to encourage healthy outdoor activities, walking, running, hiking, and bicycling.



- **WELCOMING:** On the east end, trail users will be greeted by trailhead parking designed by Civil Engineering Consultants, warmly welcomed by the trail shelter built by two volunteer master craftsmen with materials donated by ReMax Reality & Farmers Insurance, and encouraged to sit and rest-a-spell at the picnic table built by Putnam County Sheriff's Department. To further trail improvement, a Quail Forever volunteer reseeded the area and Green Street Maintenance tackled the job of invasive plant control and initial mowing.



On the west end, shared parking will be available at the DNR Fish & Wildlife parking area with access to the Putnam Nature Trail via a trail easement generously donated by DNR.

- **TO DO:** We're almost "there"! As we "practice patience" with a just a few remaining items to finish at the time of this printing, such as staining, adding rail fencing, bollards, gates, and signage to complete this segment, we look forward to a trail opening celebration in the Spring. In the meantime, we are pleased to share a "preview of coming attractions" of PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL/PHASE 2 in the following "Before" and "After" photos.

BEFORE
MARCH 2017
EAST END PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL/PHASE 2



AFTER
NOVEMBER 2017
EAST END PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL/PHASE 2



OTHER 2017 EVENTS ON PEOPLE PATHWAYS

Again this year, in addition to regular use by individuals and families, segments of our community's multi-use trail system offered a venue for special events such as:

BE WELL PUTNAM COUNTY 5K WALK/RUN

(PCH Fitness Committee in coordination with Healthy Indiana Initiative)



SENTENCED TO SERVE 5K WALK/RUN



FILLMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALK-A-THON ENDEAVOR CELEBRATION



PUTNAM COUNTY FAMILIES IN NATURE

(Bluebird houses added to Putnam Nature Trail as part of Nature Play Days)



WOMEN WALK PUTNAM COUNTY

(sponsored by Purdue Extension)



TZOUANAKIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY



REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge and share these words of appreciation with our community partners who have helped our local multi-use trail system grow to 14.8 miles while preserving 84% of Putnam County's portion of the developing cross-state National Road Heritage Trail.

In closing, if you enjoy People Pathways, our community's "linear park", and agree that it is one component of our community's quality-of-life, will you please consider making a donation to People Pathways this year?

For reference, People Pathways is a not-for-profit group that functions under the tax-exempt 501c3 organizations of Friends of the Parks Association of Putnam County, Inc. and National Road Heritage Trail, Inc. with every dollar spent locally to build, maintain, and promote our community's multi-use trail system.

You may choose to send your tax-deductible contribution to either the People Pathways Endowment Fund at the Putnam County Community Foundation, 2 North Jackson Street, Greencastle, IN 46135 or People Pathways at 459 Ridgeland Road, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Again, many thanks for your consideration in helping to take care of and grow People Pathways. We are grateful for your encouraging support as we work together to enhance the quality-of-life of our community, promote the good-health & wellness of our citizens, and keep us connected.

With appreciation,
Joy & the People Pathways Committee

