

THE HURON VALLEY TRAIL

**THE HURON VALLEY TRAIL IS A STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT
\$1.7 MILLION MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TRAIL
THAT LINKS THE FASTEST GROWING SECTIONS OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
WITH A HUGE EXTENDED TRAIL SYSTEM AND A VAST ARRAY OF OUTSTANDING
PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES.**

The Huron Valley Trail implements the state's plan for the Lakeland Trail State Park, with construction of a 12-foot wide asphalt trail along the East Unit of the Lakelands Trail, a former Grand Trunk Railroad right-of-way. The Trail connects with the existing trail in South Lyon on the south and the sidewalk and trail system in the City of Wixom on the north. In addition, an east-west spur connects to Island Lake Recreation Area and Kensington Metropark. The 12-mile Huron Valley Trail is a part of the system that will eventually extend from Lake St. Clair to Jackson and beyond.

The plan for the Huron Valley Trail was drafted by the Western Oakland County Trailway Management Council, which is composed of Lyon and Milford Townships, the City of South Lyon, and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA).

A complex financing plan was put together to fund the Huron Valley Trail. Initially, the Council received a \$617,000 Transportation Enhancement Fund grant. In addition, the Council's persistence resulted in a \$490,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, \$55,500 in Recreation Improvement Fund monies, a \$50,000 contribution from a developer, \$25,000 from the Ford Motor Company Fund, and two smaller grants. The local sponsoring units of government committed a total of \$240,000, in addition to covering all engineering costs.

Construction of the trail took place in 2000 and 2001, with formal dedication 2002. The trail has enjoyed widespread use from the day it opened. Its success is due in part to

the many destinations and other trails it links to. The Huron Valley Trail connects with over 25 miles of paved trails in Island Lake Recreation Area and Kensington Metropark, plus additional paved trails in Wixom and South Lyon. It connects such varied destinations as Lyon Oaks County Park, Lyon Towne Center, the James F. Atchison Memorial Park, Downtown South Lyon, and McHattie Park and Volunteer Park in South Lyon.

The Trail is viewed as a tremendous community asset which was well worth the time, effort and expense to plan, fund and get constructed.

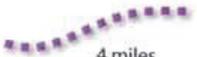
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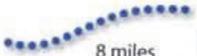
12 miles

Island Lake Pathway



4 miles

Kensington Hike Bike Trail



8 miles

South Lyon City Trails



Connector Trails



Mountain Bike Trails



Active Railroad



Public Access/
Trail Parking



North



November 10, 2003

