Background

- Practicum 2014
- Create river trail plan
  - Trail Route
  - Case Studies
  - Parcel Analysis
  - Challenges and Opportunities
  - Recommendations
Study Area

Grand River Avenue

Parkridge

Williamstown Township
State Trail

PROPOSED TRAIL FROM BELLE ISLE TO WISCONSIN

Gov. Rick Snyder wants to bolster the state’s existing trails, connecting several stretches to create a single, 924-mile stretch from Belle Isle in Detroit to Wisconsin. The map is conceptually, meaning that proposed trails may shift.

SOURCES: The State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TOTAL LENGTH</th>
<th>UPPER PENNSYLVANIA</th>
<th>LOWER PENNSYLVANIA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>924 MILES</td>
<td>152 MILES NEEDED</td>
<td>81.5 MILES NEEDED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Proposed Regional Trails
Case Studies

● 3 case studies
  ○ Similar to our trail

● Takeaways:
  ○ Property values increase
  ○ Boost in tourism
  ○ Local businesses- increased revenue
Community Engagement

- 90% of Stakeholders
  - support plan implementation
  - foresee improved quality of life
  - support county millage
Proposed Route
Meridan to Thatcher
Thatcher to Zimmer
Zimmer Road Bridge
Zimmer Road to Putnam Street
Trail Rationale

- Conducted parcel analysis
- Community feedback
Resulting Parcel Map

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Meridian Road to Zimmer Road</th>
<th>Zimmer Road to Putnam Street</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>North Side of River</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Side of River</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Side of River</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Side of River</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Parcel Obstacles
Structure Proximity to River
Proposed Solution

- Cantilevered platform
  - Lansing River Trail
Recommendations

● Timeline
  ○ 1-2 Years
  ○ 3-5 Years
  ○ 6-10 Years

● 3 Phases of construction

● Potential funding sources
Timeline: 1-2 years

- “Friends of the Trail” group
- Continue public engagement
- Engineering study and cost estimates
- Easement study
- Design of trailheads
Timeline: 3-5 years

- Secure funding
- Physical construction
  - In Williamstown Township Park
  - MDOT - Twp. Park
  - Twp. Park to Putnam Street
Three Phases of Construction

- **Phase I**
  - Township Park section

- **Phase II**
  - Connection to Meridian Road

- **Phase III**
  - Connection to Putnam Street
Timeline: 6-10 years

- Continued construction
- East and West expansion
Potential Funding Sources

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources (MDNR)
- Public/private donations
- Advocacy groups
Thank You!

- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
- Williamstown Township
- Dr. Rex LaMore
- Dr. Zenia Kotval
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- MSU School of Planning, Design, and Construction