

IMPLEMENTATION

Goals, Objectives & Policies

The following represents a summary of the goals, objectives and policies that have been either carried forward from previous plans (2005 and 2010 Ped & Pedal Plans), and feedback from numerous regional stakeholders during listening sessions and NIRPC meetings. The theme of these goals relate to the topics as covered in the Conservation, Recreation and Transportation chapters of the G&B 2020 Plan.

These goals are broken down into elements which help facilitate implementation and track their progress. These elements include:

- *Goal:* Pursuit of this statement underpins all of the section's objectives and projects.
- *Objectives:* Strategies for achieving the goals of the section.
- *Policies:* A guide to regional stakeholders on how to achieve each objective.
- *Performance Measures:* How regional stakeholders will track the progress of goals and objectives. These measures should be tracked and reported on annually in order to evaluate the progress towards achieving the goals and objectives.

CONSERVATION

Goal C1: Encourage and promote the preservation of natural or naturalized conservation buffers and conservation corridors protecting and linking Northwest Indiana high quality priority conservation areas across the landscape

Objective C-1.1: Identify and Map Natural Ecological Communities currently remaining outside of conservation management.									
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A	Field check and inventory natural communities identified through GIS Analysis	Seek Funding for ecological inventories	Seek Funding for ecological inventories	Seek Funding for ecological inventories			Seek Funding for ecological inventories	Seek Funding for ecological inventories and develop data sharing mechanisms	Seek Funding for ecological inventories
2	Educate Public and Decision Makers about the public and economic value of undeveloped natural areas	Receive presentations on ecosystem services values. Incorporate Ecosystem Services into land use planning.		Develop brochures and educational programs on locally specific ecosystem services values.				Develop brochures and educational programs on locally specific ecosystem services values.	Develop brochures and educational programs on locally specific ecosystem services values.
C	Update Mitigation Priority maps and planning documents.			Update Mitigation opportunities and proprietaries maps				Update Mitigation opportunities and proprietaries maps	
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional consensus map of existing natural communities adopted and integrated into Planning and Environmental Linkages Mitigation maps. # of presentations given to local decision makers about ecosystem services valuations in their jurisdictions. 									

Objective C-1.2: Promote acquisition or protection of conservation buffers surrounding and conservation corridors connecting existing lands managed for conservation

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A	Encourage cooperative planning and partnerships between local park departments and conservation land owners								
B	Pursue strategic open space acquisition that provides opportunities to expand existing open spaces and improve network connectivity for the benefit of wildlife and biodiversity.	Plan for additional right of way acquisition in project funds.		Work with partners on mapping and coordination.				Plan for additional right of way acquisition in project budgets. Work with partners on mapping and coordination.	

Performance Measures

- # Acres of land in conservation management
- # Acres of transitional zone lands in recreational, low impact, or conservation development buffers surrounding conservation lands.
- # Miles of greenway corridors in native landscaping.

Objective C-1.3: Incorporate protection of conservation buffer areas and conservation corridors into local planning and ordinances

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A	Encourage concentration of new growth around and away from infrastructure	Adopt conservation ordinances or zoning				Integrate preserved open spaces into new neighborhoods.			
B	Adopt incentives for private property owners and developers to preserve areas adjacent to or connecting to conservation lands in native plantings	Adopt stormwater fee rebates, tax incentives, or density bonuses to encourage private conservation development.	Maintain native habitat areas adjacent to conservation lands.		Maintain native habitat areas adjacent to conservation lands.	Maintain native habitat areas adjacent to conservation lands through conservation development and cluster development.	Maintain native habitat areas adjacent to conservation lands.	Educate local governments on the value of incentivizing conservation on private lands. Provide technical support.	

Performance Measures

- # of municipalities with conservation development ordinances or zoning.
- # of municipalities with habitat conservation incentives in place.

Objective C-1.4: Promote and support habitat restoration and invasive species management on utility right of way managers. (Related to T-6.1)

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A	Promote and encourage invasive management on utility rights of way			Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group			Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	
B	Promote native plantings on utility rights of way			Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group			Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	

Performance Measures

- # of partnerships with utility right of way managers and conservation partners.

Goal C2: Increase public access to natural ecological communities and conservation lands through conservation corridors.

Objective C-2.1: Increase the conservation functions of existing parks, recreational areas, open space, and trails

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A	Increase naturalized and native landscaping along existing trails and in parks and open spaces	Include habitat goals in local park plans	Include habitat goals in landscape management plans	Provide technical support for development of management plans.	Include habitat goals in landscape management plans	Include habitat goals and conservation set asides in new developments	Include habitat goals in landscape management plans	Provide technical support and/or funding for development and implementation of management plans	Include habitat goals in landscape management plans
B	Develop and Implement invasive plant management plans in trail corridors, parks, and open spaces	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network	Provide technical support for development of management plans.	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network		Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network	Provide technical support and/or funding for management plans	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network
C	Partner with conservation organizations to fund and implement long term maintenance and invasive species management	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network	Provide Technical Support to other land owners.	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network		Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network	Provide technical support and funding for local invasive weed management.	Work with Northwest Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Network

- Miles of Recreational Trails with managed native landscaping
- Acres of public parks and private open space in native landscaping adjacent to or connecting managed conservation lands
- # of Cooperative Conservation Management Agreements in place in conservation hubs with fragmented land ownership

Objective C-2.2: Promote and establish the formation of Greenway Centers to increase public access to conservation lands.

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A	Identify key locations existing and proposed for Greenway Centers, ideally at the intersections of trails, water trails, conservation lands, and public parks	Participate in mapping to identify suitable Greenway Center locations						Mapping, facilitation to identify suitable Greenway Center locations	
B	Plan for and Invest in additional amenities at Greenway Centers, especially those called for in IDNR 2013 Lake Michigan Coastal Program Public Open Space Needs Assessment	Enhance amenities and wayfinding to create Greenway Centers at existing public parks		Enhance amenities and wayfinding to create Greenway Centers at existing conservation areas		Enhance amenities and wayfinding to create Greenway Centers at existing public parks			Enhance amenities and wayfinding to create Greenway Centers at existing public parks
C	Plan for new Greenway Centers with amenities at gaps in the regional open space access network.	Explore new public parks at regional gaps in access to the Greenway network		Explore new public amenities for public access in preserves where appropriate		Explore inclusion of public amenities for access to adjacent greenways	Explore new public amenities for public access on campuses adjacent to greenways	Explore new public amenities for public access in preserves where appropriate	Explore new public amenities for public access on campuses adjacent to greenways
D	Develop public or private eco-tourism infrastructure at Greenway Centers	Invest in wayfinding and other ecotourism supportive infrastructure	Explore entrepreneurial approaches to ecotourism			Explore entrepreneurial approaches to ecotourism	Invest in wayfinding and other ecotourism supportive infrastructure	Invest in wayfinding and other ecotourism supportive infrastructure	Explore entrepreneurial approaches to ecotourism

Performance Measures

- # of Greenway Centers that are mutually and conveniently accessible to trails, water trails, conservation lands and have infrastructure to promote public enjoyment of same
- # of amenity enhancement projects at existing parks and greenway access points
- # of ecotourism businesses adjacent to Greenway Centers

Goal C-3: River and stream reaches within Regionally Significant Conservation Areas, Locally Significant Conservation Corridors or priority Blueways will have riparian conservation buffers.

Objective C-3.1: Protect streambank and riparian habitat areas, limit active use of sensitive shoreline and streambank with significant buffers .									
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A	Provide local protection of riparian corridors through planning and zoning	Adopt riparian buffer setbacks and protection ordinances						Educate local governments on the value of riparian setback ordinances and provide model ordinances. Mapping, technical support	Maintain native plantings in buffer areas adjacent to streams
B	Adopt incentives for private property owners and developers to preserve riparian buffers in native plantings	Adopt stormwater fee rebates, tax incentives, or density bonuses to encourage private riparian buffers	Maintain native plantings in buffer areas adjacent to streams			Maintain native plantings in buffer areas adjacent to streams	Maintain native plantings in buffer areas adjacent to streams	Educate local governments on the value of incentivizing riparian buffer conservation on private lands. Provide technical support	
C	Plan and design channel modification activities to mitigate negative physical, chemical and habitat impacts, restore natural hydrology patterns	Plan and design channel modification activities to mitigate negative impacts, restore natural hydrology patterns	Plan and design channel modification activities to mitigate negative impacts, restore natural hydrology patterns		Plan and design channel modification activities to mitigate negative impacts, restore natural hydrology patterns	Plan and design channel modification activities to mitigate negative impacts, restore natural hydrology patterns	Plan and design channel modification activities to mitigate negative impacts, restore natural hydrology patterns	Mapping, facilitation collaboration for mitigation, technical support	

- # of communities with floodplain protection ordinances
- # of communities with riparian setback ordinances or riparian zoning overlays
- # of communities with riparian conservation incentives to private owners and developers

Objective C-3.2: Reduce development encroachment in floodplains, wetlands, and riparian buffers.

#	Policy	Local Government	Private Property	Land Trusts/ Advocates	Linear Corridor Owners	Developers	Corporate Property Owners	Federal, State & Regional	Institutions of Education
A	Avoid development in floodplains	Improve zoning and development ordinances to preclude development in floodplains	Avoid building within flood plains			Plan developments with conservation buffers around waterways	Avoid building within floodplains		Avoid building within floodplains
B	Adopt riparian buffer setbacks and protection ordinances	Adopt riparian setback ordinances or overlay districts.						Educate local governments on the value of riparian setback ordinances	
C	Pursue Opportunities to restore and expand existing wetlands			Purchase wetland property. Participate in wetland mitigation planning efforts. Pursue funding for wetland restoration				Educate local governments on the value of preserving both wetlands for flood protection, stormwater storage, and water quality. Participate in wetland mitigation planning efforts	

Performance Measures

- # of communities with floodplain protection ordinances
- # of communities with riparian setback ordinances or riparian zoning overlays
- # of communities with wetland protection ordinances

Objective C-3.3: Increase riparian lands in public ownership to manage conservation corridors and increase recreational access to waterways.

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A	Acquire riparian properties for conservation and public recreational access and use	Acquire riparian properties for conservation and public recreational use		Acquire riparian properties for conservation use				Acquire riparian properties for conservation and public recreational use	
B	Increase purchases of conservation easements or public access easements on riparian properties	Purchase conservation Easements in riparian properties							

Performance Measures

- Miles of riparian stream corridors in public ownership

RECREATION

Goal R1: Encourage and promote regional coordination and planning in trail development

Objective R1-1: Inventory and evaluate existing and potential trail corridors in NW Indiana									
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A	Continue to maintain & update “Regional Priority Corridors Map”	Participation in 3PC						NIRPC hold monthly 3PC meetings	
B	Determine if existing trail corridors are feasible for development	Protect abandoned rail corridors	Work with local gov’t & land trusts	Purchase property & work with municipalities	Make available for trails through agreements	If corridor available, incorporate in development	If corridor available, incorporate in site plan	Work with local gov’t and map	
C	Analyze waterways for canoe and kayak feasibility and access points	Work with NWIPA and incorporate in plans	Allow water access for canoes and kayaks	Purchase land for launches	Allow water access for canoes and kayaks	Provide launches in new developments	Allow water access for canoes and kayaks	Plan for increased access to waterways	Allow water access for canoes and kayaks
D	Collaborate with entities and local landowners on new trail corridors	Work with property owners	Work with municipalities on donation or compensation	Work with landowners on easement or purchase	Make available for trails through agreements	Work with local planning offices on corridors	Work with local planning offices on corridors	Assist local and county municipalities with new trails	Work with local planning offices on corridors
E	Involve South Shore Trails and NW Indiana Paddling Association in building citizen coalitions	Reach out and collaborate on new plans and ordinance creation	Join SST and NWIPA to advance regional goals	Collaborate on similar visions and develop mutual strategies	Invite to help plan for expansion of recreational opportunities	Collaborate on new development designs	Partner with sponsorships and/or support events and projects	Invite to stakeholder groups for planning and funding	Contact for teaching or training opportunities
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of miles of additional trail built in Priority Corridors • Number of corridors which turn blue, or completed, on “Regional Priority Trails and Corridors Map” • Number of new trail corridors added to map • Amount of boat launches developed for canoes and kayaks • Number of meetings with private landowners regarding adjacent trail development 									

Objective R1.2: Encourage consideration of trails into local and regional development review procedures

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A	Promote trail corridor networks in local comprehensive plans	Adopt trail-friendly language						Promote best practices for local governments	
B	Amend local ordinances to mandate trails in new subdivisions where feasible	Update zoning and subdivision codes				Work with local gov'ts on progressive designs		Promote best practices for local governments	
C	Mandate connections to existing trails for new subdivisions	Update subdivision codes				Incorporate connections to trails in design		Promote concepts to local gov'ts	
D	Develop minimum design standards for consistent trail development at both local and regional scale	Incorporate in subdivision and zoning codes				Design subdivisions with best practices		Mandate standards for federally-aided projects	
E	Encourage local entities to involve regular citizen input on new trail creation and upkeep of existing facilities	Create citizen led group with public entity input on trails	Encourage local officials to involve citizens in trail development	Encourage local officials to involve citizens in trail development				Encourage citizen input at regional planning level	

Performance Measures

- Number of new Comprehensive Plans adopted with trails prioritized in new developments
- Number of subdivision or related ordinances revised to reflect trail placement in new developments
- Number of new canoe and kayak launches created in new developments
- Number of new trail advocate groups formed between citizens and local officials

Objective R1.3: Cooperation with interstate entities

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A	Foster consistent communication with partner MPO's in Chicago (CMAP) and SW Michigan (SWMPC)							Continue to invite to regional meetings (TPC, 3PC, etc)	
B	Review bi-state trail planning initiatives including the development of the tri-state Marquette Greenway							Cooperate with Chicago and Michigan partners regularly	
C	Consult with non-motorized advocate groups on garnering support for multi-state trail initiatives (Active Transportation Alliance, Trails for Illinois, Harbor Country Trails)			Work with both local entities and NIRPC on a consistent basis for trail development				Invite advocates to NIRPC meetings and attend theirs regularly	

Performance Measures

- Number of meetings annually between CMAP and SWMPC officials regarding cross-state trail coordination
- Number of meetings between NIRPC staff and neighboring advocate groups in Illinois and Michigan

Goal R2: Promote the benefits of trails

Objective R2-1: Produce products that guide and educate region residents on trails

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A	Update and distribute the Greenways & Blueways Map	Have copies at municipal offices	Promote map to friends and family	Promote to members	Sponsor maps	Use maps to plan trails at developments	Sponsor maps and distribute at local offices	Update and distribute map every 4 years	Distribute at schools and campuses
B	Collaborate with local entities on signage promoting proper use of trails	Develop signage plan with installation and design		Encourage local entities to install signage and assist	Allow signage along corridors	Incorporate signage in new developments		Promote NIRPC Unified Wayfinding Guide for federal projects	Work with locals on signage on campus and campus locations
C	Update current, and develop new maps for water trails	Work with NWIPA on maps	Promote map to friends and family	NWIPA to take lead on map developments	Sponsor new maps	Use maps to plan launches at new developments	Sponsor new maps	Seek new map opportunities with NWIPA and help with funding	Distribute at schools and campuses

Performance Measures

- Number of copies of Greenways & Blueways Map printed and distributed per year
- Number of water trail maps (Lake Michigan and Kankakee River) distributed per year
- Number of safety signs installed along regional trail routes

Objective R2.2: Promote the development of amenities and wayfinding to accommodate trail users

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A	Promote Unified Trail Wayfinding Guide to all entities	Adopt standards for local trail projects		Promote standards in region	Incorporate designs on trails within corridors	Use guide for signage design at new developments	Use guide for wayfinding to properties from trails	Educate region entities on guide	Use guide for wayfinding on campuses
B	Mandate all new federally-aided trail projects to use standards in Unified Trail Wayfinding Guide	Incorporate costs in federal applications		Promote standards when advocating				Mandate for all federally-aided trail programs	
C	Fabricate and install signage along waterways using NIRPC’s Water Trail Signage Manual	Use guide on water trail access and routes	Allow signage on property along water trails	NWIPA to promote design manual on routes	Allow signage on property along water trails	Incorporate designs in new developments	Allow signage on property along water trails	Promote guide to all regional entities for implementation	Allow signage on property along water trails
D	Encourage the use of public art along trail corridors	Contact local high schools or colleges to promote art	Sponsor art projects	South Shore Arts to work with schools and local entities on projects	Sponsor art projects	Collaborate with local artists with trails in developments	Collaborate with local artists with trails on property and sponsor	Promote national best practices and work with local entities on implementation	Art students to work with local entities on projects – schools to sponsor
E	Promote innovative trail design amenities (benches, shelters, etc.)	Incorporate new designs in local projects	Work with communities to sponsor amenity	Collaborate with local entities new facilities	Install new amenities within corridors	Incorporate amenities in new developments	Install new amenities on trails on property	Encourage amenities on trails nationwide	Install new amenities on trails on property

Performance Measures

- Number of local entities who promote *Unified Trail Wayfinding Guide* standards on local trail facilities
- Inclusion of Guide standards in all NIRPC-attributed project solicitations for new trails
- Number of signs installed along regional water trails
- Amount of public art projects initiated along regional trail corridors
- Number of new amenities (benches, water fountains, restrooms, etc) installed along particular trail in given year

Objective R2.3: Involve “non-traditional” partners to the trail development process

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A	Invite health providers an opportunity to promote trail benefits	Collaborate with local hospitals on wellness programs		Collaborate with health providers on support for trails	Incorporate wellness programs at office locations		Incorporate wellness programs at office locations	Invite health providers to NIRPC topical committee meetings	Collaborate with health providers to improve curriculum
B	Dialogue with local foundations on creative funding strategies	Meet with foundation representatives on mutual trail strategies	Contribute on behalf of trail development to local foundation	Partner with foundations on funding trails or amenities	Work with foundations on matching monies for trails	Work with foundations on matching monies for trails	Work with foundations on matching monies for trails	Invite foundation representatives to NIRPC meetings	Partner with foundations to produce funding programs
C	Partner with retail outlets who sell trail-related equipment on trail promotion campaigns			Partner with retailers to hold events and grow members				Contact retailers on strategies to promote trail use	
D	Seek support from local developers and local businesses on supporting existing and new trail facilities.	Partner with businesses on amenity sponsorship and events	Shop at businesses that openly support trails	Partner with businesses on amenity sponsorship and events	Work with local entities to support trails and amenities	Work with local entities to support trails and amenities	Work with local entities to support trails and amenities	Connect businesses and local entities on trail development	

Performance Measures

- Number of meetings per year with health providers and their associates
- Contact with each county community foundation in the NIRPC region
- Number of meetings with retail outlets and creation of partnerships to build interest in trails
- Number of meetings with local developers in region on promoting trails in their new proposals

Objective R2.4: Promote best practices in operations and maintenance (O&M) of trails

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A	Encourage local officials to take part in O&M training	Seek training for municipal staff in region and beyond		Encourage local officials to attend training				Provide and/or inform local entities about training opportunities	
B	Create a resource site on the NIRPC webpage promoting use of best O&M documents							Develop site on NIRPC webpage at Greenways & Blueways link	
C	Continue policy of mandating progressive maintenance plan for all newly funded federally-aided trail projects	Improve existing O&M plans to reflect national best practices		Advocate for better trail maintenance policies where deficient				Provide and/or inform local entities about best practices and aide in their implementation	

Performance Measures

- Number of O&M workshops facilitated by NIRPC
- Outline for progressive maintenance plan highlighted in NIRPC-attributable federally-aided projects

Goal R3: Maintain funding priorities to allow for implementation of trails

Objective R3.1: Facilitate a collaborative regional-level decision-making environment									
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A	Facilitate a collaborative regional-level decision-making environment	Participate at NIRPC 3PC meetings		Participate at NIRPC 3PC meetings				Engage regional stakeholders at meetings & workshops	
B	Encourage participation at monthly Ped, Pedal and Paddle Committee (3PC) meetings	Send municipal trails representative		Send representative				Promote 3PC meetings and attend regularly	
C	Foster collaboration between regional stakeholders to prepare funding solicitations for federally-aided trail projects	Partner with other entities on trail projects of mutual interest		Encourage local entities to submit trail applications				Promote and assist federal funding programs for trails	
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of media and social outlets which notify public of monthly 3PC meetings • Number of meetings with local entities on development of funding applications 									

Objective R3.2: Encourage eligible entities to fund regionally significant routes

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A	Promote completion of routes as identified on the “Priority Regional Trails & Corridors Map”	Preserve and develop priority trail corridors		Advocate for preservation of corridors	Work with local entities to develop linear corridors	Install trails in corridors along developments or preserve right of way	Install or preserve trails in corridors adjacent to properties	Encourage priority routes to develop and revise map to gauge progress	Install or preserve trails in corridors adjacent to properties
B	Collaborate with local entities on creative local match funding strategies	Work with foundations, chambers of commerce, health, etc.	Consider donating corridors to local entities	Assist local entities with grant writing and seeking funding	Grant agreements or easements on property for trail use		Grant agreements or easements on property for trail use	Continue to promote new funding avenues for trails	Grant agreements or easements on property for trail use

Performance Measures

- Progress towards partnerships with local foundations, hospitals and corporations on securing funding for trail development (local match or entire project)

TRANSPORTATION

Goal T1: Encourage and promote regional coordination and planning in non-motorized network development

Objective T1.1: Promote Complete Streets (CS) policies and practices in all regional and local transportation development decisions									
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A±	Encourage the adoption of Complete Streets resolutions or ordinances	Write, review and adopt CS policies		Advocate local entities to adopt CS policies				Provide technical assistance in crafting policies	
B	Follow, where possible, nationally accepted or recommended design standards	Work with NIRPC, and research best practices		Promote best practices				Promote CS best practices and policies at NIRPC meetings	Collaborate with municipal entities on best practices
C	Hold annual workshops training local officials on the benefits of Complete Streets	Attend CS workshops both locally and regionally		Attend CS workshops both locally and regionally				Schedule CS training on regular basis	Host CS training on college campuses
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Complete Streets resolutions or ordinances adopted annually • Number of municipal adoptions of NIRPC's Complete Streets design guidelines (public domain document) • Number of Complete Streets workshops held annually 									

Objective T1.2: Incorporate consideration of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations into local and regional development review procedures.

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A	Encourage multi-use, clustered land use development that results in more convenient bicycle and pedestrian access	Revise zoning and subdivision codes		Advocate for developments that support clustered land use		Design new clustered developments with bike and ped access		Promote and educate local entities on progressive land use design	Site new schools new established residential areas
B	Educate and promote non-motorized concepts and policies within vision and regulation documents	Revise zoning and subdivision codes		Advocate for bike and ped access at local levels				Provide forum for learning with meetings and workshops	Provide college-level classes on smart land use design
C	Encourage consideration of long-range maintenance plans for non-motorized facilities	Develop progressive maintenance policies		Advocate for progressive maintenance policies		Develop maintenance standards for POA's	Develop maintenance plans for properties	Promote progressive maintenance policies	
D	Promote the development of a long-term sidewalk maintenance plan which inventories facilities in need of repair, or missing (gaps)	Develop policy that prioritizes maintenance and addresses sidewalk gaps	Work with local entities to fix or install new sidewalks	Collaborate with local entities on developing maintenance plan			Work with local entities to fix or install new sidewalks	Promote and educate on best policy practices	Work with local entities to fix or install new sidewalks on campuses

Performance Measures

- Progress with entities adopting NIRPC's Creating Livable Centers (CLC) standards as described in *2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan*
- Number of municipal comprehensive plans and ordinances which incorporate provisions for pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Adoption of maintenance plans for trails, sidewalks and related non-motorized facilities
- Number of multi-year sidewalk maintenance plans adopted annually
- Miles of new bicycle lanes added annually
- Number of sharrows added annually
- Miles of shared route (Class III) added annually

- Percent of roadway miles with complete sidewalks or bicycle facilities on both sides
- Percent of population within a ¼-mile network distance to sidewalk, trail or bike facility
- Percent of transportation-disadvantaged population¹ within a ¼-mile walking distance to sidewalk, trail or shared use path.

Objective T1.3: Reach out and involve “non-traditional” partners

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A	Involve health care providers, chambers of commerce, and other business associations in working at the regional level for non-motorized travel	Partner with non-traditional partners on policy development and network funding	Begin dialogue with local entities to advance non-motorized travel options	Collaborate with non-traditional stakeholders to assist progress at local levels		Begin dialogue with local entities to advance non-motorized travel options	Begin dialogue with local entities to advance non-motorized travel options	Contact non-traditional partners and educate on how to advance policies	Work with non-traditional partners of creating safer environments for children to bike and walk
B	Encourage municipal entities to partner with said stakeholders at local level, and involve them in advocacy committees to advance facility development	Educate stakeholders on how to be effective contributors						Promote benefits of collaboration with non-traditional partners	

Performance Measures

- Adding contacts from the health care industry, tourism, civic organizations to NIRPC email list
- Number of annual meetings between local officials and non-traditional partners on promoting non-motorized issues
- Number of annual presentations before chambers of commerce and civic organizations on the benefits of non-motorized transportation

Objective T1.4: Coordinate bicycle and pedestrian planning at all levels of government, particularly in the same geographic area

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A	Work with entities such as the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Kankakee River Basin Commission and others	Reach out to government entities in community on partnership opportunities		Collaborate with quasi-governmental units on advancing bike and ped travel	Create partnerships for where corridors interact with quasi-government lands		Partner with quasi-governmental agencies to advance bike and ped travel on properties or sponsor	Invite quasi-governmental agencies to regional committee meetings and explore mutual goals	Facilitate dialogue with quasi-governmental entities on education opportunities
B	Pursue legislative means to preserve and acquire abandoned rail corridors by local entities	Plan and codify provisions in local codes for corridor preservation	Work with local entities on donations or purchase of corridors	Advocate preservation of trail corridors			Work with local and state entities on donations or purchase of corridors	Promote state and local legislative changes to preserve corridors	
C	Encourage and assist in coordinating the design and installation of wayfinding systems that are consistent throughout the non-motorized network	Develop design standards for local network system		Promote wayfinding where absent at local and county levels		Incorporate wayfinding per local plans in all new developments	Install wayfinding on properties where bike and ped networks exist	Promote use of Unified Trail Wayfinding Guide, and other signage standards in communities	Install wayfinding on campuses where bike and ped networks exist

Performance Measures

- Number of annual meetings with representatives from governmental and quasi-governmental organizations
- Number of local ordinances amended to advance the preservation of abandoned rail corridors
- Amount of new wayfinding elements installed

Goal T2: Improve connections between sub-regional and interstate networks & destinations

Objective T2.1: Provide connections to all major regional trail corridors

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A	Research and identify existing and/or previous bikeway planning performed on a regional, county or local level	Provide local data on plans and policies for regional analysis		Assist with collecting data from government entities				Assemble plans at all levels of government and analyze for connection opportunities	Assist with collection of data
B	Establish a process for identifying short local links to the regional trail network	Inventory gaps in local non-motorized network and report to NIRPC		Assist with collecting data from government entities				Collect data and digitize into GIS format for accessible research and reporting	

Performance Measures

- Map areas where gaps exist between population areas and regional trails
- Number of new connections to trails made annually
- Proportion of residences within a half-mile walking distance or 2-mile biking distance to specific key destinations, such as parks, business districts or elementary or middle schools

Objective T2.2: Complete links to major trip generators and enhance access to jobs

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A	Link to employment and retail centers, public transit stations and parks	Identify local trip generators and employees		Advocate for connections to trip generators	Collaborate with all government entities on connections to generators		Collaborate with all government entities on connections to generators	Encourage connections to trip generators, especially Livable Centers	Identify connections needed to schools and campuses
B	Make links accessible by bicycle within three miles and pedestrians within a half-mile of destination	Create measurable plans and policies to achieve objective		Hold local entities accountable and assist with route identification		Create new developments near residential areas		Map and measure trip generation zones and non-motorized distances	Fill in sidewalk gaps near elementary and secondary schools
C	Identify and map points of interest for recreational users and tourists to NW Indiana	Produce map of local attractions with bike routes ID'ed		Promote regional destinations and safe routes to them	Sponsor mapping and signage efforts		Sponsor mapping and signage efforts	Update Greenways & Blueways Map with regional destinations	Assist in measuring popularity of local destinations

Performance Measures

- Linear feet of sidewalk improved or created in downtown districts and near parks
- Number of transit stops with improved or created sidewalks
- Highlighting non-motorized networks and areas of interest on regional, county, and tourism maps
- Number of jobs accessed in less than 30 minutes using walking or bicycling

Objective T2.3: Promote development of amenities to accommodate non-motorized users of all abilities

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A	Increase non-motorized accessibility to people with disabilities	Consult with ADA guidelines for sidewalks		Promote ADA standards in new construction			Provide ADA access at entrances and parking lots	Promote adherence to ADA standards for new projects	Provide ADA access at entrances and parking lots
B	Encourage comfortable areas to walk and bike with landscaping, decorative lighting and benches	Incorporate design policies in plans and ordinances	Keep sidewalks in good shape	Promote best practices at all levels of government	Explore public use of corridors and work with local entities	Design bike and walk-friendly developments	Create bike and walk-friendly environments	Promote best practices in regional plans and policies	Create bike and walk-friendly environments
C	Provide property bicycle parking near destinations, and encourage adoption of bicycle parking ordinances for new developments	Adopt bicycle parking ordinance		Promote bicycle parking ordinances		Design safe and secure bicycle parking close to entrances	Install safe and secure bicycle parking close to entrances	Promote bicycle parking model ordinances	Install safe and secure bicycle parking close to entrances
D	Promote facilities such as public restrooms and water fountains, especially in areas of high bicycle and pedestrian activity	Install facilities where need dictates		Advocate for new or improved facilities	Sponsor development of new facilities	Incorporate new facilities in developments	Sponsor development of new facilities	Promote new and improved facilities and use federal funding	Incorporate new facilities on campuses

Performance Measures

- Percent of total street crossings that meet accessibility standards (e.g. curb ramps, crosswalk grade cross slope, and no median barriers)
- Number of new commercial developments in region annually that encourage safe pedestrian and bicycle movements
- Number of new bicycle parking ordinances adopted annually
- Amount of amenities developed annually that cater to non-motorized travelers

Goal T3: Encourage and increase bicycle and pedestrian access to and from all transit and multi-modal facilities

Objective T3.1: Promote safe and convenient bike and pedestrian access

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A	Identify potential park-and-ride facilities that could be developed along and/or near non-motorized transportation networks	Work with transit agencies on design of facilities		Promote increased facilities along routes regionwide		Create facilities if developments are along transit routes	Create access to properties if adjacent to transit routes	Identify gaps where new facilities can be built along transit routes near networks	Create access to properties if adjacent to transit routes
B	Consideration of bicycle parking, signage, connected sidewalks, lighting and regular maintenance	Incorporate at or near transit stops		Encourage amenities where needed in region		Design connections to nearby transit stops with amenities	Install connections to nearby transit stops with amenities	Promote best design practices encouraging multi-modal connections	Install connections to nearby transit stops with amenities
C	Promote the development of bicycle sharing programs at transit stations	Partner with transit agencies and bicycle retail on placement of sharing stations		Promote bicycle sharing at regional transit locations			Sponsor new bicycle sharing stations where feasible in region	Identify transit stations that could benefit from bicycle sharing, and secure funding	Research need for sharing stations on campuses for transit access

Performance Measures

- Number of park-and-ride facilities with bicycle lockers installed
- Number of improved transit stops that are connected to streets, sidewalks or pedestrian paths by an accessible route and that have accessible boarding and alighting areas
- Progress towards the installation of bicycle sharing ports near stations
- Percent of transportation-disadvantaged population within a half-mile walking distance or 2-mile biking distance to a transit stop.

Objective T3.2: Collaborate with transit operators to promote and provide multi-modal capabilities on all routes and vehicles

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A	Accommodate bicycles on transit vehicles	Encourage transit operators to install racks on buses			Expand Bikes on Trains South Shore Line to daily service (off-peak)			Promote bicycle accommodations on all buses and trains	Install bike racks on all campus bus service lines
B	Expand transit system to provide stops at or near trail corridors, with trailheads to be developed at existing transit stations and stops	Work with transit agencies to extend service to trail corridors						Inventory opportunities for transit to connect with trail corridors	

Performance Measures

- Number of busses with bicycle racks installed
- Expanding the South Shore Line’s Bikes on Trains program to include off-peak weekday service
- Percent of population within a half-mile walking distance or 2-mile biking distance to a transit stop
- Percent of transit stops that are accessible

Goal T4: Promote the benefits of bicycle and pedestrian networks

Objective T4.1: Update the Greenways + Blueways 2020 Plan and Map									
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A	Distribute via all potential mediums	Have maps ready at all municipal facilities		Promote map and plan on social media			Distribute map at places of business	Make maps available regionwide and mail to those outside region – publish plan online	Distribute maps at campus facilities
B	Promote plan to all municipal entities within NIRPC three-county region	Collaborate with NIRPC on public input to planning process		Promote plan update and participate in public comment				Reach out to all of Greenways Eight stakeholders on their feedback on plan before and after first draft	Involve college students in planning process
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of map copies distributed regionally in a given year • Number of sponsors who support map development 									

Objective T4.2: Create and/or expand public awareness and education programs with a particular focus on health and safety

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A	Focus on health, environmental, economic benefits, and other quality of life issues	Promote benefits in plans and newsletters		Collaborate with local entities on public awareness		Market non-motorized benefits in new developments	Promote corporate wellness programs	Promote benefits at regional meetings and workshops	Update curriculum for educating on benefits
B	Coordinate efforts with regional entities on public awareness programs such as Safe Routes to School and Bike to Work events	Work with NIRPC on these programs and implementation strategies		Advocate programs at all levels of government and schools			Programs and events promoting bicycling to work	Promote and assist with events and programs regionwide	Develop Safe Routes to School programs and events
C	Educate law enforcement on violations involving both motorized and non-motorized movements and interactions	Educate police departments on Share the Road policies		Promote Share the Road programs police departments				Advance enforcement strategies to governments entities	Educate campus police on proper bicycling behavior
D	Promote bicycling and walking as legitimate transportation choices for commuting	Hold events encouraging bicycling and walking to work		Promote safe commuting options in communities		Create developments with Livable Centers	Create incentives to bike or walk to work	Assist with policies and best practices	
E	Expand and encourage safety education for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers alike	Hold bike rodeos for children and other programs		Develop safety guides for regional use			Make safety courses available for employees	Provide assistance and information to entities	Ask local police to conduct bike rodeos

Performance Measures

- Non-motorized related events that take place in a given year
- Number of walking school bus programs at regional elementary and middle schools
- Weekly updates on NIRPC Facebook and Twitter pages encouraging bicycling and walking
- Number of municipal programs teaching bicycle safety at schools

- Number of walking or biking trips
- Number of observed violations for motorists (failure to yield, distracted), bicyclists (failure to yield to pedestrians) and pedestrians (jaywalking)
- Number of bicycle-involved and/or pedestrian-involved crashes over five years
- Collaboration with South Shore Trails to promote regional non-motorized network development
- Conduct on-site surveys every year for pedestrians and bicyclists assessing perceptions of safety and user satisfaction

Objective T4.3: Establish NIRPC as a resource for technical assistance to the local planning agencies as the local network connects to the regional bikeway system

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A	Continue to host Ped, Pedal and Paddle Committee (3PC) meetings as a regional roundtable promoting best practices and encouraging implementation	Send representatives to 3PC meetings and other NIRPC meetings and functions	Attend NIRPC meetings to discover how to assist with regional goals	Send representatives to 3PC meetings and other NIRPC meetings and functions	Consider attending NIRPC meetings or working with staff on opportunities	Consider attending NIRPC meetings or working with staff on opportunities	Consider attending NIRPC meetings or working with staff on opportunities	Continue to host 3PC and other events and workshops	Consider attending NIRPC meetings having staff visit campus for presentation
B	Keep NIRPC website and social media up-to-date on progress	Monitor NIRPC website for updates	Regularly check NIRPC website	Monitor NIRPC website for updates	Monitor NIRPC website for updates			Assign NIRPC staff to keep current	Monitor NIRPC website for updates
C	Create models tracking average trip lengths for walkers and bicyclists	Submit data to NIRPC if possible		Help with research for NIRPC			Submit data on employees biking to work	Create models for measurements	Assist NIRPC with research

Performance Measures

- Regular monthly meetings of NIRPC's 3PC
- Monthly review of NIRPC website to keep non-motorized information current
- Produce aggregate average trip distance for all modes of travel, gauging potential for non-motorized travel

Objective T4.4: Promote the provision of public access to bicycles

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A	Research options to install bicycle sharing ports	Look into locating ports where feasible		Promote installation of ports where feasible				Research locations in region where ports would be feasible	Look into new ports at campus locations
B	Collaborate with local entities to provide funding for bicycle sharing systems	Seek creative funding for ports		Assist local entities with funding opportunities			Sponsor new port locations	Promote federal funding where feasible	

Performance Measures

- Number of bicycle sharing ports opened annually

Objective T4.5: Promote non-motorized transportation economic benefits

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A	Provide data on economic gains from nearby trails and walkable business districts	Collect sales data and jobs created		Conduct research on economic output		Provide data on home and rental costs	Provide data on employee numbers and sales	Collect regional data and provide baselines	Assist with data collection
B	Encourage bicycle tourism market	Work with chambers of commerce and install USBR signs	Offer homes for rental or space in yards for campers	Work with local and county tourism offices			Develop a “bike-friendly business” plan to attract visitors	Work with chambers, tourism and get signs installed	

Performance Measures

- Amount of USBR signs installed per year
- Number of new jobs created by trail corridors per year after opening of facility

Goal T5: Maintain a set of funding priorities to allow for the implementation of a regional non-motorized transportation network

Objective T5.1: Maintain a collaborative regional-level decision-making environment									
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A	Encourage regular participation at 3PC meetings	Assign representative to attend		Assign representative to attend			Assign representative to attend	Promote meetings and hold regularly	Assign representative to attend
B	Keep updated email lists for meeting and funding notifications	Confirm on email list for 3PC	Like NIRPC G&B Facebook page and Twitter	Confirm on email list for 3PC			Confirm on email list for 3PC	Regularly update lists	Confirm on email list for 3PC
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly review NIRPC’s Constant Contact lists • Monthly notices of 3PC meetings on NIRPC website and all social media 									

Objective T5.2: Identify funding sources to implement and develop non-motorized transportation networks

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A	Promote and encourage non-motorized applications for NIRPC attributable federal funding programs (STP, CMAQ, HSIP, etc.)	Participate in 3PC meetings for current information		Participate in 3PC meetings for current information or check NIRPC website			Participate in 3PC meetings for current information or check NIRPC website	Use 3PC meetings, emails and social media to notify about funding programs	Participate in 3PC meetings for current information or check NIRPC website
B	Research all potential public and private sources outside traditional non-motorized funding avenues	Work with non-traditional sources for creative funding strategies	Consider donating land or finances for network development	Research new funding opportunities and share with local and regional entities	Consider donating land or finances for network development	Consider donating land or finances for network development	Consider donating land or finances for network development	Research new funding opportunities and share with local and regional entities	Assist in researching new funding avenues via student projects

Performance Measures

- Update pedestrian and bicycle facilities federal funding application with 3PC
- Number of non-motorized plans created, or infrastructure developed with funding not attributable to NIRPC

Goal T6: Reduce ecological impacts of transportation networks through promotion and deployment of green infrastructure.

Objective T6.1: Promote Ecologically Sensitive management of transportation Rights of Way									
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A	Promote and encourage invasive management on transportation rights of way	Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group		Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group				Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	
B	Promote native plantings on transportation rights of way	Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group		Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group				Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	
C	Promote and Support wildlife crossings in significant conservation areas.	Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group		Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group				Participate in conservation friendly RoW management working group	
D	Require culverts and other drainage structures be right sized for aquatic resource protection and connectivity.			Identify areas where culverts and drainage structures inhibit aquatic connectivity				Identify appropriate design standards	Identify appropriate design standards
Performance Measures									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear miles of right of way with invasive management plans. • Linear miles of right of way with native plantings • Number of wildlife crossings installed on roadways in significant conservation areas. • Model purpose and need statements for culverts and other roadway drainage structures. 									

Objective T6.2: Expand use of functional green infrastructure practices for stormwater management in transportation rights of way

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A	Adopt a NIRPC Green Streets Policy	Participate in a working group to develop a Green Streets policy						Participate in a working group to develop a Green Streets policy	
B	Develop a Northwest Indiana Green Streets Manual	Participate in a working group to develop a Green Streets Manual						Participate in a working group to develop a Green Streets Manual	Participate in a working group to develop a Green Streets Manual
C	Promote Adoption of local Green Streets Policies	Adopt local green streets policies						Educate communities about the value of Green Street Policies and Incentivize their adoption.	

Performance Measures

- Adoption of a NIRPC Green Streets Policy as companion to Complete Streets
- Completion of a Northwest Indiana Appropriate Green Streets Manual
- # of Presentations on Green Streets Policy adoption to local officials
- # of Green Streets Policies Adopted