

THE TOWNSHIP DIRECTOR

Township Awarded \$194.5K Grant for Construction of Iron Belle Trailhead



Michigan's Iron Belle Trail, when complete, will run from Belle Isle Park in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. The trail is actually two trails, with one being a rustic type hiking trail navigating up through the west side of the Lower Peninsula. The second, being a multi-use trail following more of the east side of the Lower Peninsula. The multi-use trail of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail system now runs through Carrollton Township! The trail enters near Weiss and Carrollton roads and runs north on Carrollton Road to Mapleridge Road. Then northwest on Mapleridge Road past the High School and the Township Office and continues to Schust Road. The trail then runs east on Schust Road to Venoy and north on Venoy where the trail ties into the Zilwaukee Trail. The trail leaves Zilwaukee and heads north to the trail in Bay County.

All the work to bring the trail to Carrollton Township has been completed with grant money received from Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The final project to put Carrollton Township on the Iron Belle Trail map is a trailhead. The trailhead project was secured in December 2021 when Carrollton Township was awarded yet another grant for the development and construction of the trailhead. The location of the trailhead will be at the corner of Mapleridge and Schust roads. A trailhead consists of vehicle parking to access the trail. Other amenities include a bicycle repair station, a kiosk providing information, benches, shade trees, a surface water run-off garden, and port-o-potties that are surrounded by a wooden enclosure for aesthetic purposes. Most of this Iron Belle Project will be paid for with grant awards from the MDNR. The

total amount awarded to Carrollton Township for the Iron Belle Trail Project was \$194,500. Carrollton Township will contribute \$20,000 from the General Fund to finish the project. So, whether you like to bike or hike, get ready to enjoy this wonderful opportunity that your elected officials have been working on for three years to enhance your recreational opportunities in Carrollton Township!

See other side for a picture of the proposed layout





KEY

- 1 Parking Lot with two ADA accessible parking spots
 - 2 Pathway connecting the parking lot to the Iron Belle Trail. Includes plaza area for amenities including a bike repair station
 - 3 Benches
 - 4 Informational Kiosk
 - 5 Rain Garden (Bio-Swale)
 - 6 Shade trees
 - 7 Trailhead Sign
- Iron Belle Trail Route



Important Dates:

2021 Winter Property Taxes Due
Monday, February 14, 2021

President's Day
Monday, February 21
Offices Closed
Normal Trash Pickup - Thursday 2/24

Last Day to Pay
2021 Summer/Winter Taxes
Monday, February 28, 2022

Sunday, March 13
Daylight Savings Time - *Spring Ahead!*

Good Friday - April 15
Offices Closed



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**Winter Weather Reminders from
Mid Michigan Waste Authority**

While none of us can control inclement weather conditions that may impact trash service, there are some ways you can help ensure that your curbside materials are safely collected!

- ◇ Avoid using white bags in snowy weather. If your driver can't see your trash, he can't collect it!
- ◇ Do not place bags, bins, or cans in icy areas or on top of or behind snow mounds. Make sure the driver can safely access your materials
- ◇ In extremely windy weather, consider holding your trash or recyclables until the next week if you can
- ◇ Bagging your trash is even more important in cold weather, when materials can freeze inside the can

