

New Albany’s existing 31.9 miles of leisure trails are a valuable asset to the community. They provide recreational opportunities and, perhaps more importantly, they create pedestrian connections throughout the city. While the leisure trails have continued to expand with the development of the city, there are still gaps that need to be addressed. To help inform how the City allocates funds towards these leisure trail gaps, the New Albany Parks and Trails Advisory Board periodically evaluates the leisure trail system, and prioritizes which missing links are the most important to be addressed. The Leisure Trails and Priority Study and results represent the Advisory Board’s findings and recommendations for 2014.

In order to best inform the Parks and Trails Advisory Board on the existing missing leisure trail links, the city of New Albany and consultants MKSK examined existing leisure trail gaps identified through previous trail prioritization efforts. Each gap was walked and evaluated for conditions which would influence the feasibility of extending leisure trails through the area. This included gathering information on grading, property owners, natural features, connections the link would create, and potential alignment considerations. This information was documented in the New Albany Leisure Trail Priority Study.

The findings of this study were presented to the Parks and Trails Advisory Board on May 5, 2014. Equipped with this information, the Advisory Board members were then given two different colored dots and asked to vote on which four links each member thought were the most important to address and which four were the lowest. This information was then used to prioritize the infill of gaps into three tiers, Tier 1 (green), to Tier 2 (yellow), and Tier 3 (red). Additionally, missing links which were previously identified by the Parks and Trails Advisory Board, and have since been committed through Safe Route to School grant funding are highlighted in blue.

The New Albany Parks an Trails Advisory Board’s final prioritization of New Albany’s leisure trail system’s gaps are listed to the right. This list should be used to help inform the City’s decisions pertaining to the extension of trails. For each connection, the exact alignment of the trail will need to be studied in more detail at the time of construction. It is important that these gaps be addressed in order to create a complete trail system that encourages an interconnected New Albany community.

NEW ALBANY LEISURE TRAIL PRIORITY STUDY
PRIORITY RESULTS

TRAIL DESCRIPTION	
12	RYAN'S GROVE RAVINE (WEST SIDE) GRANVILLE STREET TO HIGH STREET
1	JOHNSTOWN ROAD (WEST SIDE) WHYTE HOUSE LANE TO MORSE ROAD
20	REYNOLDSBURG-NEW ALBANY ROAD MORSE ROAD TO BRANDON ROAD
6	DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD (NORTH SIDE) GREENSWARD ROAD TO HARLEM ROAD
5	GREENSWARD ROAD (WEST SIDE) DUBLIN GRANVILLE ROAD TO EXISTING GREENSWARD TRAIL
11	ROSE RUN GREENWAY (SOUTH SIDE) MAIN STREET TO REYNOLDSBURG-NEW ALBANY ROAD
14	WALNUT STREET (NORTH SIDE) DEAN FARM ROAD TO BEVELHYMER ROAD
15	BEVELHYMER ROAD (WEST SIDE) CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD TO WALNUT STREET
2	ROCKY FORK GREENWAY (WEST SIDE) DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD TO THOMPSON PARK
3	DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD (SOUTH SIDE) ROCKY FORK GREENWAY TO GREENSWARD ROAD
4	DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD (NORTH SIDE) ROCKY FORK GREENWAY TO GREENSWARD ROAD
7	HARLEM ROAD (EAST SIDE) DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD TO HAMPSTED SUBDIVISION
13	STATE ROUTE 605 CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD TO WALNUT STREET
16	BEVELHYMER ROAD (WEST SIDE) CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD TO WALTON PARKWAY
18	KITZMILLER ROAD (WEST SIDE) CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD TO SMITH'S MILL ROAD
19	SMITH'S MILL ROAD (NORTH SIDE) KITZMILLER ROAD TO FITCH PATH
17	JOHNSTOWN ROAD (EAST SIDE) FOREST DRIVE TO CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD
8	DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD (NORTH SIDE) MEAD WAY TO MORGAN ROAD
9	DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD (NORTH SIDE) MORGAN ROAD TO CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
10	DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD (SOUTH SIDE) MARKET STREET TO EALY HOUSE



- Legend
- Tier 1 Connections
 - Tier 2 Connections
 - Tier 3 Connections
 - Safe Routes to School Connections