



2009 Mid-Year Report

Trails, Greenways, Open Space, Blueways Committee

Committee has 13 members, 9 of which are very active. Meetings are generally every second Thursday of the month. Meeting locations rotate amongst the membership.

- ✓ Connecting Michigan in partnership with Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance to produce an electronic toolbox for trail advocates. This statewide effort has a programming component. We have met with the MRPA Programming Committee to facilitate this work. We are currently working on a survey that will go out to all members to garner program ideas. We are anticipating this survey to launch soon. The anticipated finished project is a resource for trail advocates to use to develop, promote and evaluate programming on trails throughout the Mid-west.
- ✓ Mid-America Trails and Greenways Conference – October, 2009. This conference represents seven states and will be in Kalamazoo. We are very proud of this! The MRPA Trails Committee will have a presence with a booth. This booth will help to gather trail programming ideas and promote MRPA. In addition, several committee members are serving in leadership roles including main steering committee, breakout speakers and water trail post conference.
- ✓ 2010 MRPA Conference Trail Summit 3rd Annual *Sustainability: It is built, now what do I do?*
- ✓ We have endorsed the Oakland County Trail Summit on October 8th. MRPA Trails Committee Chair serves on the planning committee. In addition, we will be having our monthly meeting at the event and promoting our committee, MRPA and new members. This event will be at Proud Lake Recreation Area, Oakland County.

Respectfully submitted,

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