Bicycle & Pedestrian Needs for Indiana

Local Government Perspective
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Partners
- Trail Users
- Bicycle groups
- Running clubs
- Health organizations
- Environmental organizations
- Conservation groups
- Engineers
- Parks supporters
Partners

- Local planners
- Local developers
- Chamber of Commerce
- CVB
- Arts community
- School officials
- Public Transit

Partners – Government

- Elected officials
- City govt
- County govt
- MPO
- DNR
- INDOT
- National Parks Service
Successes

- Opportunities for public input
- Share information; open communication
- Share success stories or high impact stories
- Educate on the need and benefits
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Work with the media – they can be your greatest allies!
- Have a great deal of media events/press releases/fun events

Successes

- MPO Developing a Bicycle-Pedestrian Transportation Plan
- INDOT adding multi-use trails to highway projects
- City of Fort Wayne Bike Summit and Bike Plan
- Fundraising
Challenges

- Funding
- Competing community efforts
- Adjacent property owners
- Maintenance
- Lack of understanding on the benefits
- Working with federal regulations!
- Working with Consultants

Challenges

- Consultant selection process
- Fees that Consultants Charge
- NEPA Environmental Study
- Property acquisition
- Review times and comments
- Utilities
Improvements

- More communication
- Reducing review times
- Consultant selection process
- Not designing a trail like a highway
- Partnerships
- Getting your State Legislators involved
- Get to know your District INDOT personnel

Most importantly, have fun and realize the work you are doing will benefit generations to come!