# Paint Creek Trailways Commission 2026 Highlights

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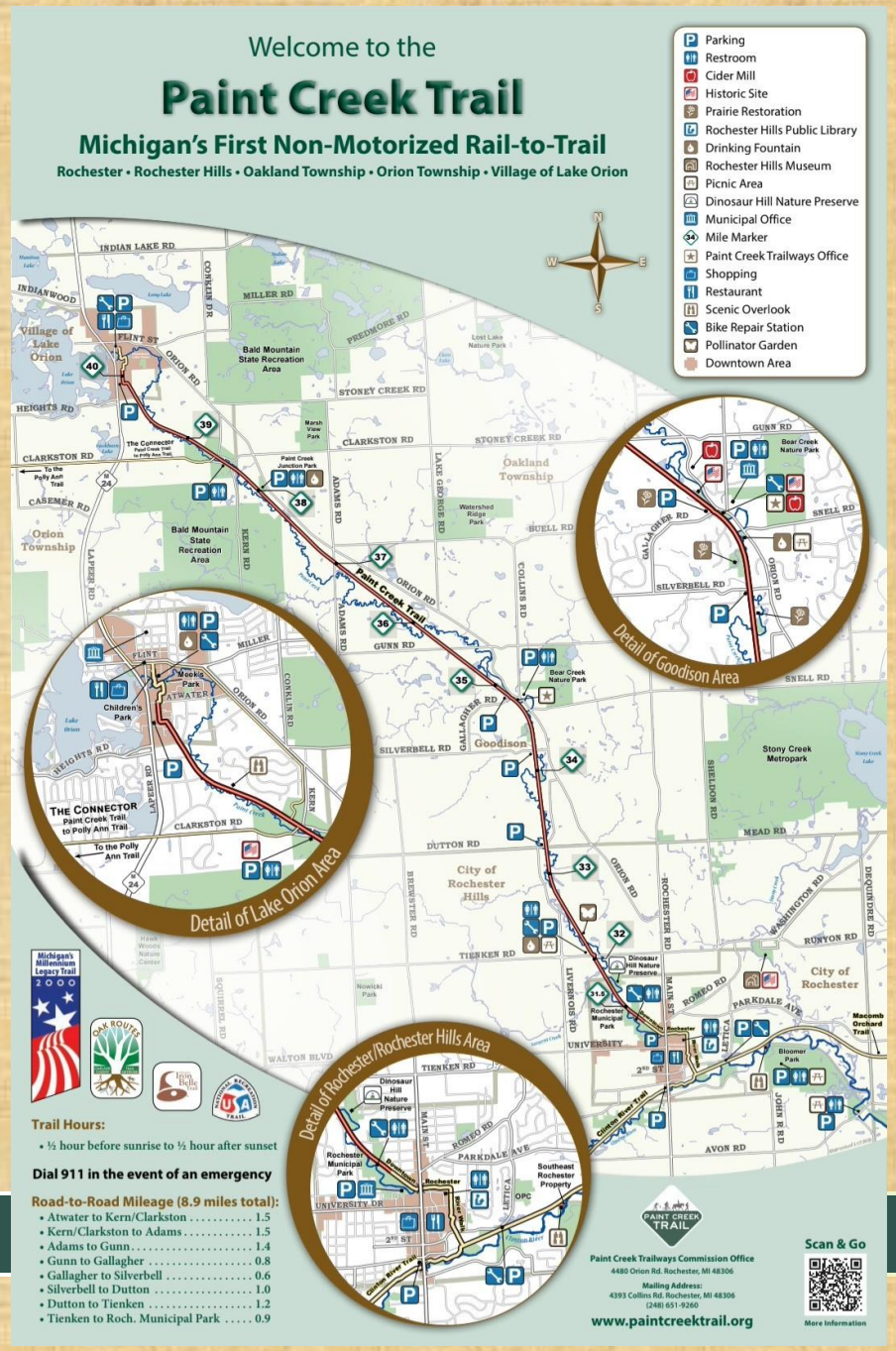
The Paint Creek Trailways Commission provides trail users a natural, scenic, and educational recreation experience while preserving the ecological integrity of the Paint Creek Trail for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

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# The Paint Creek Trail Connects Four Member Communities...

# Plus the Village of Lake Orion

**The combined population of these communities is over 152,000.**




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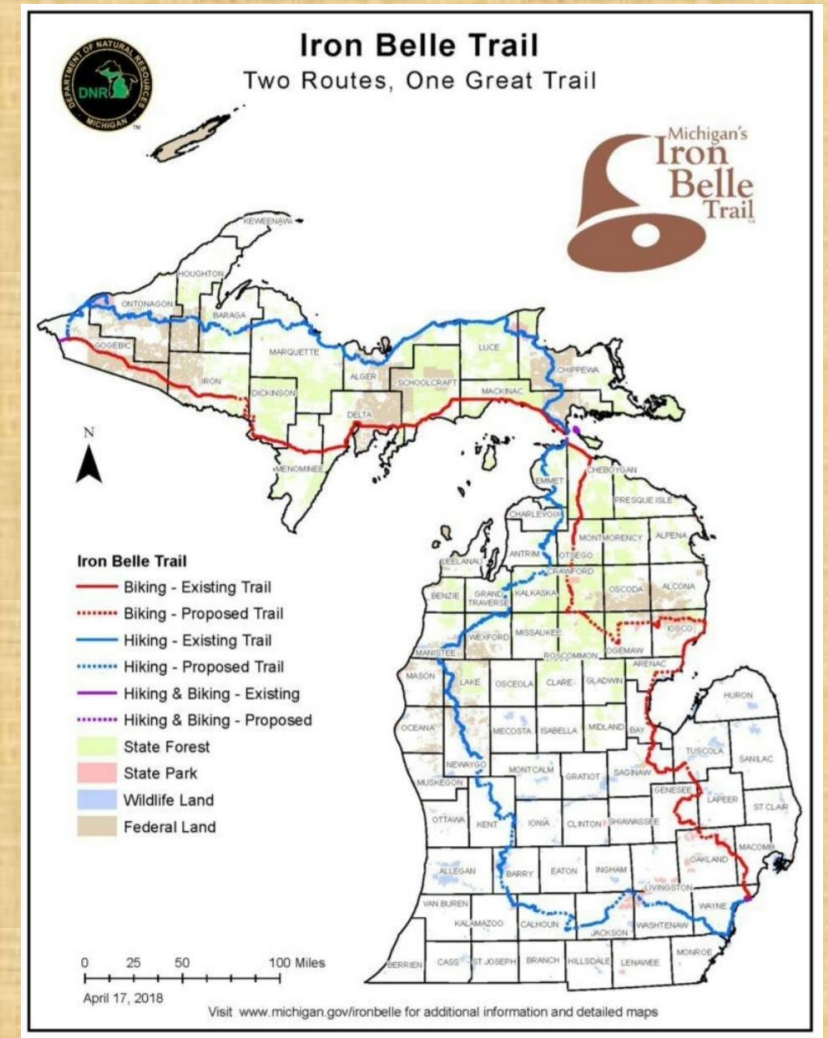
# The Paint Creek Trail Holds Special Designations



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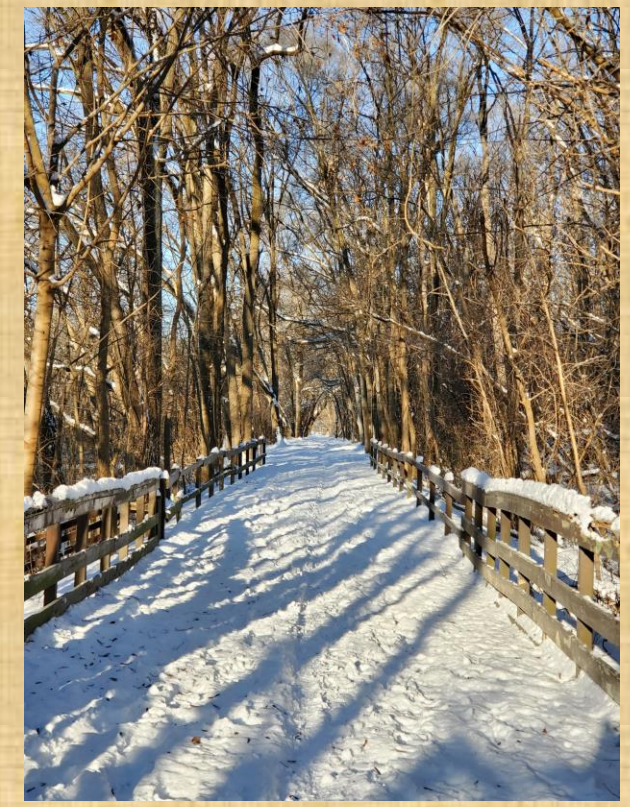
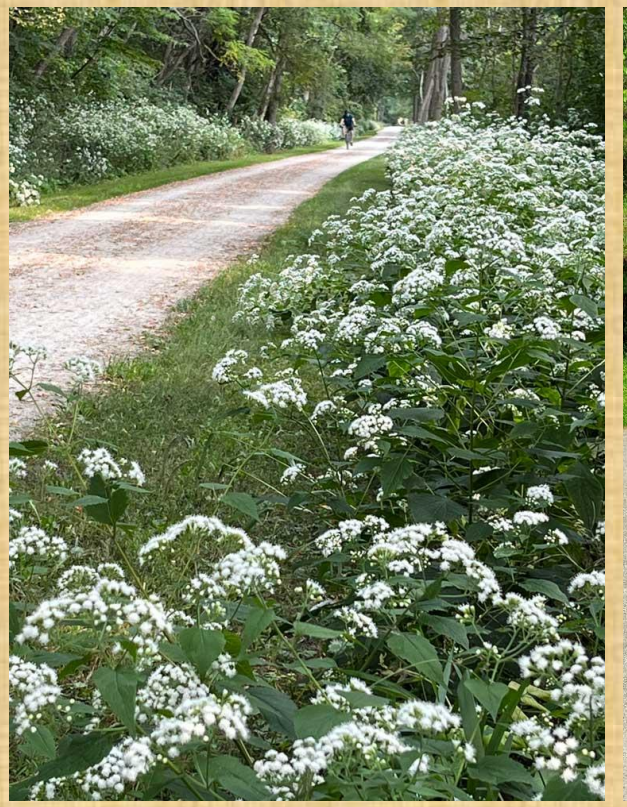
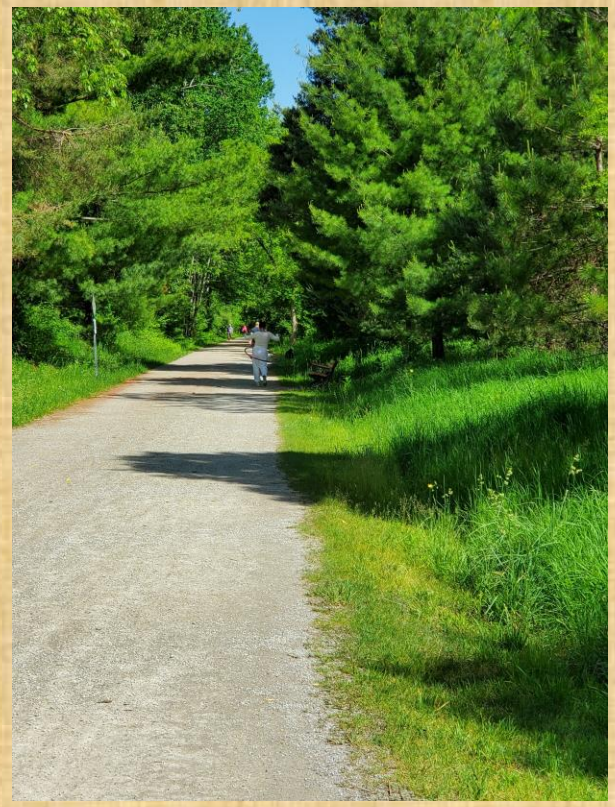
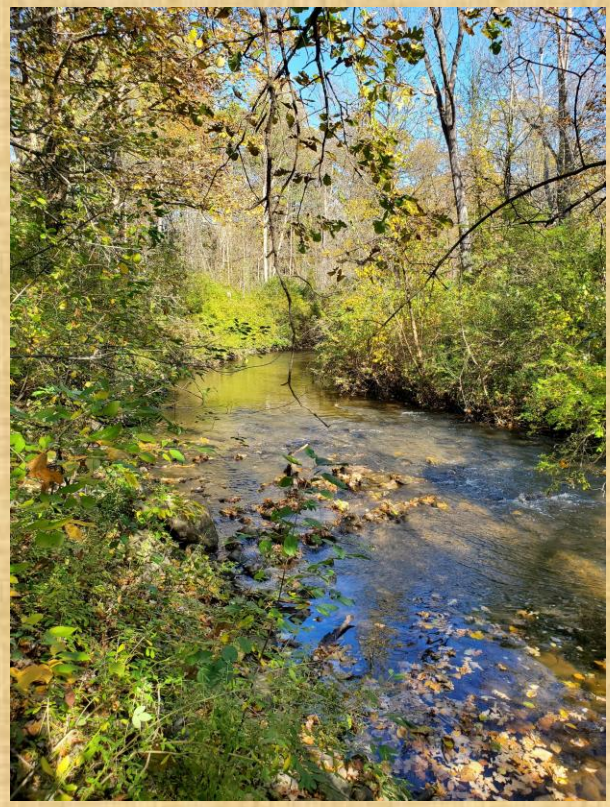
National Recreation Trail

**Michigan's Millennium Legacy Trail**




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# The Paint Creek Trail Offers Beauty Year-Round

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# A 2024 Survey of Trail Users Revealed…

We visit the trail 3-5 times per week (41%)

We use the PCT for health and exercise (75%)

Our primary activities are walking/hiking (39%), running/jogging (26%), bicycling (21%)

We spend between 30 minutes and 2 hours each visit (85%)

We'd like to see improvements with speeding bicycles (29%), e-cycling (23%), and trail courtesy (26%)

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# Favorite Things About the Paint Creek Trail Are...



Natural beauty along the trail



Tool to improve physical and mental health



Peaceful and tranquil environment



Place to exercise



Connection to nature



Car-free environment

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# 18th Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk





**Reaching out to the community and having fun**






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**200+**

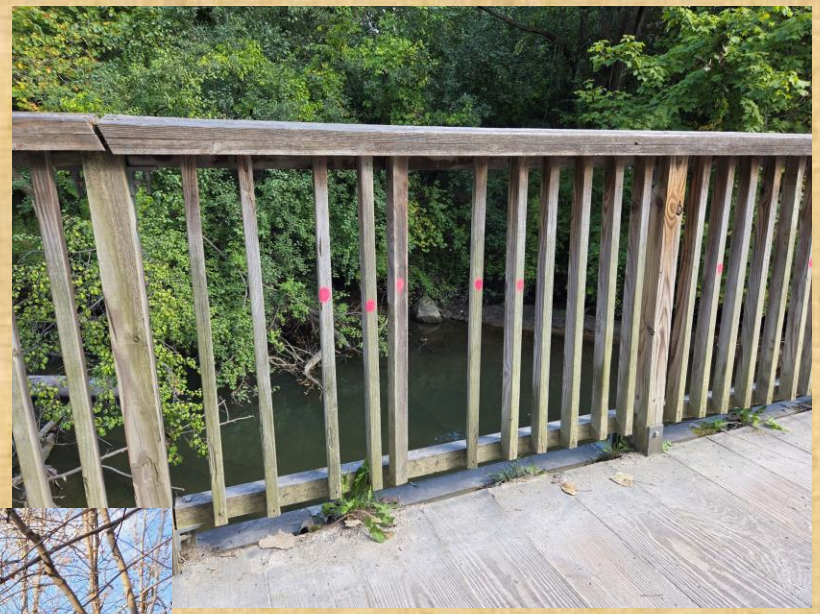
# Stewardship Along the Trail

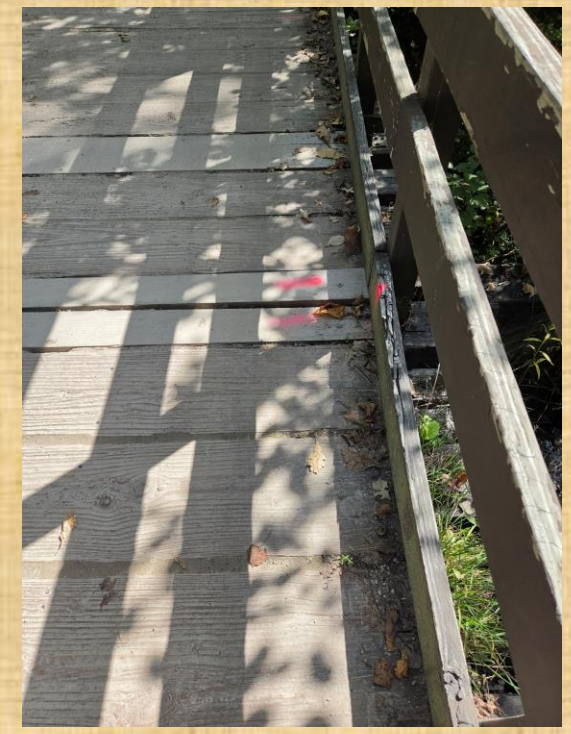





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# Aging Infrastructure Receives Proactive Bridge Rehabilitation Work in Rochester Hills







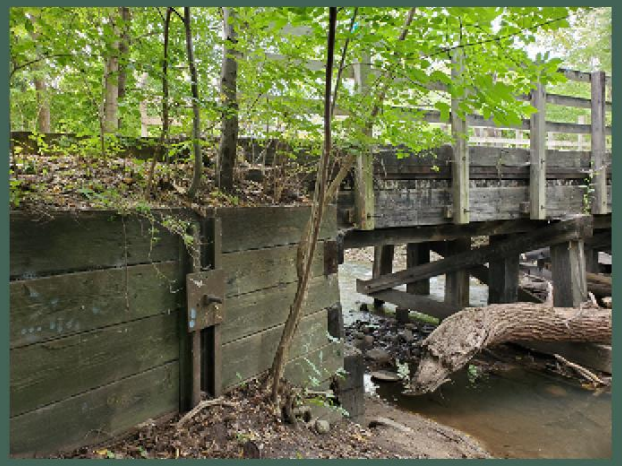
The Paint Creek Trailways Commission collaborated with the City of Rochester to secure funding to replace Bridge 31.7

# Bridge 31.7

## Before Construction





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$50,000 + $300,000










# Bridge 31.7 Construction







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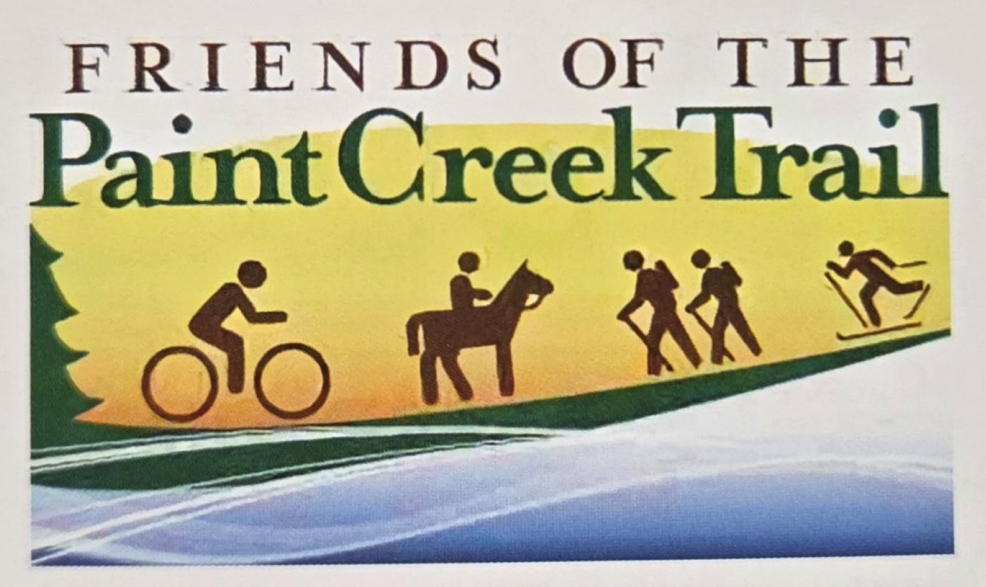


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# Bridge 31.7 Ribbon Cutting

# PCTC Has Tremendous Community Support

**Community Foundation of Greater Rochester**
**Anonymous Donor – Matching Grant**







By Carolyn Belonogoff

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**$10,000 + $10,000**

# PCTC Has Tremendous Community Support

**Many of our Labor Day Bridge Walk sponsors go above and beyond, partnering with the PCTC on other projects**




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## Moutrie Pollinator Garden/Waystation
## Maintained by Friends of the Paint Creek Trail





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# Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers









# Trout Unlimited

**Working to improve the creek and brown trout habitat**



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## Looking Ahead to 2027…





**Update Master Plan to inform and guide activities over the next five years, and to meet Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements, while keeping in mind the PCTC's mission statement**

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2028-2032

## Looking Ahead to 2027…

**Strengthen the PCTC's internal infrastructure, operations and skills to improve long-term sustainability**



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## Looking Ahead to 2027…



**Trail safety and trail etiquette campaign**

*WHEN PASSING FAMILIES*

*TAKE IT SLOW*

*LET THOSE LITTLE*

*HIKERS GROW*



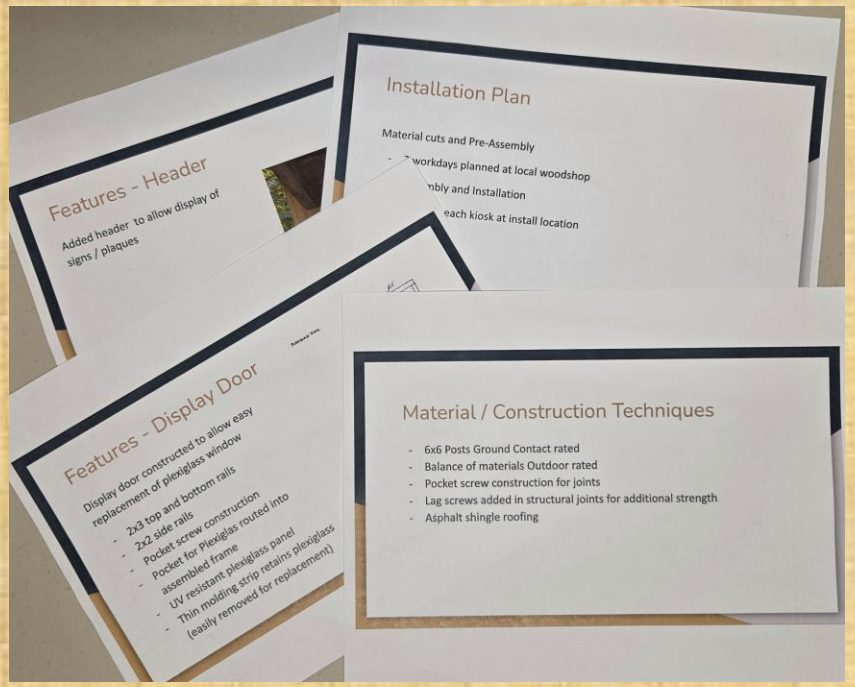


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**15 mph**

# Looking Ahead…

## Eagle Scout Service Project:  Kiosks

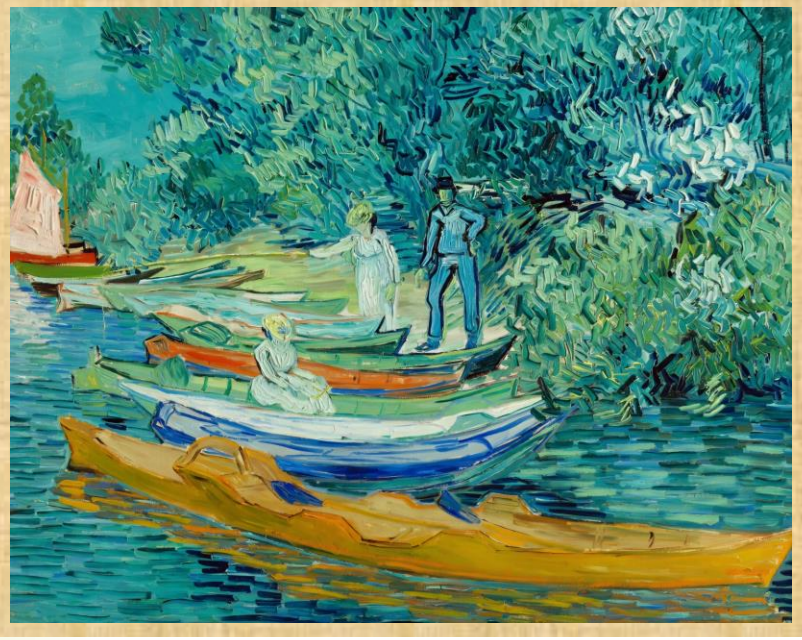





# Looking Ahead to 2027…

## Detroit Institute of Arts – Inside/Out Program







# Looking Ahead to 2027…

## Capture some history – “tales of the trail”




Photo by Tom Wolf



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