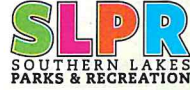


# TRAIL UPDATE

**THE  
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## 4 PHASES

### ARGENTINE TRAIL

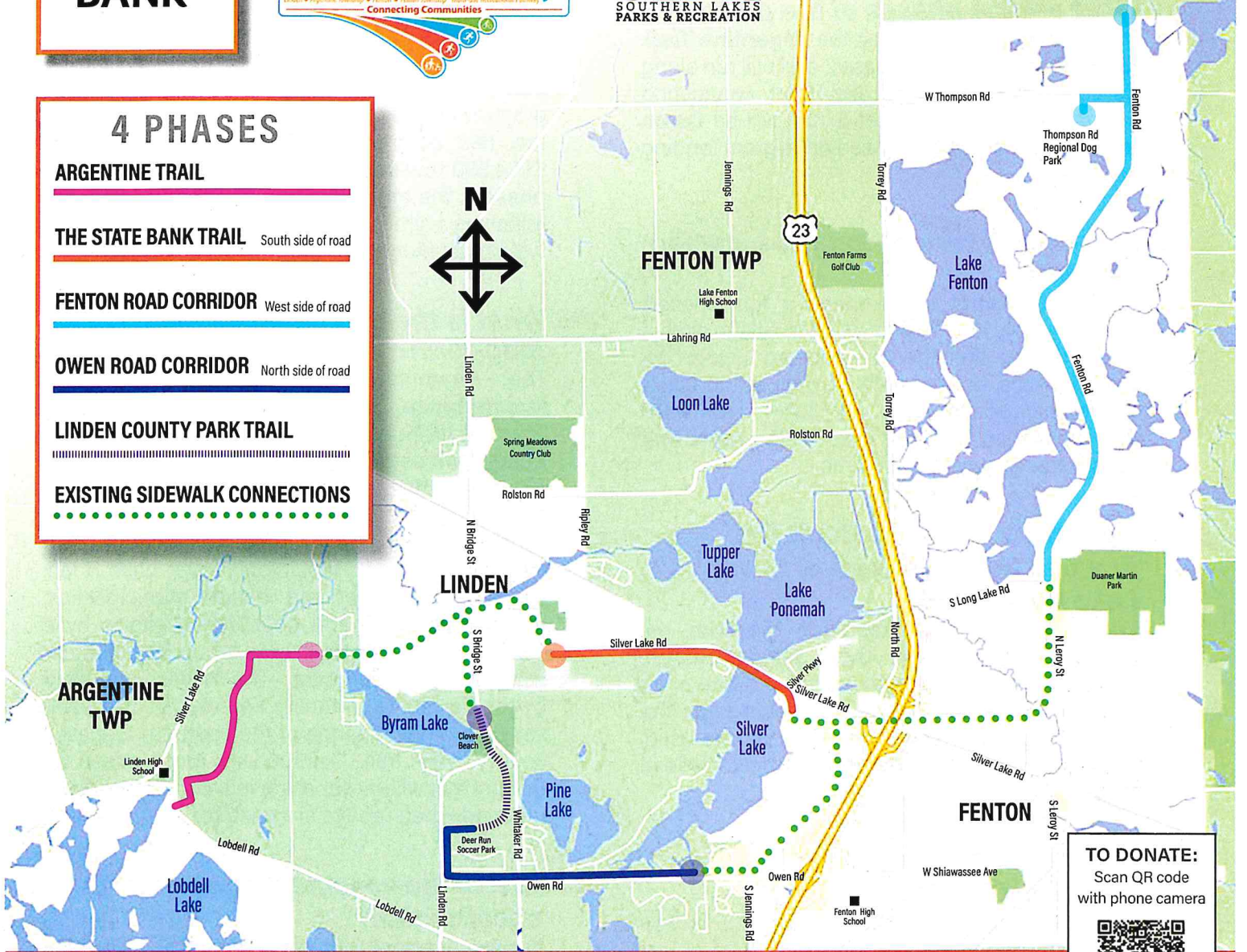
**THE STATE BANK TRAIL** South side of road

**FENTON ROAD CORRIDOR** West side of road

**OWEN ROAD CORRIDOR** North side of road

**LINDEN COUNTY PARK TRAIL**

**EXISTING SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS**



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## LOOKING AHEAD

- OCTOBER • 2021
- WINTER/SPRING • 2022
- APRIL • 2022
- SPRING • 2022
- SUMMER/FALL • 2022
- SPRING • 2023
- FALL • 2023

- Grant Application, County TAP Funds • Phase 3 (Owen/Fenton Road)**
- Triangle Park Trail Head Design • Community Planning Initiative**
- Grant Application • Park along The State Bank Trail (old Price homestead) • Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant**
- Fundraising Completed • The State Bank Trail**
- Maintenance Agreement • Planning Meetings**
- The State Bank Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony**
- The State Bank Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

# FAQ'S

## ››› **What are the phases of the pathway?**

Phase 1 is on the ground as the **Argentine Trail**. **The State Bank Trail** is phase 2 and will run along the south side of Silver Lake Road, connecting Fenton and Linden. Phases 3 & 4 will be **Owen and Fenton Roads**, prioritized once grant funding is initiated.

## ››› **Why does it take so long in-between phases?**

An initial attempt to complete a four-phased, approximately 10-mile plan using a millage did not pass. Polling after the vote showed support for the pathways, but not with an increase in taxes. Our municipalities along with LAFF and SLPR have continued the effort leveraging **grants and fund-raising**, which takes time.

## ››› **How does The State Bank Trail fit along the south side of Silver Lake Road?**

Where the trail runs **alongside the lake**, the pathway will be built over gabion baskets (helping with some erosion problems there) or be a boardwalk. Where the trail runs **alongside the road**, close to the road, guardrails will be used, overall construction will follow all state/federal requirements.

## ››› **Has money been raised for The State Bank Trail?**

At this time, we have secured over \$2.5 million in funding commitments, towards a total of just over \$2.9 million. Additional **grants and private donations** are still pending; financing for this continues, please consider donating at <http://www.laffpathways.com/support.html>.

## ››› **What happens if fundraising doesn't bring in enough money?**

We will **reset plans** by re-applying for those grants requiring matching funds and continue to raise funds. It will delay construction, but not stop efforts to put The State Bank Trail on the ground.

## ››› **What is the initial financial commitment for municipalities?**

For The State Bank Trail, which runs along the

south side of Silver Lake Road between Fenton and Linden, Fenton Township, Fenton, Linden, SLPR and LAFF have committed **\$108k as matching funds** to acquire county and state grant fund allocations for \$1,838,253, and LAFF Inc. has committed to raising the additional \$904,290 towards the **\$2.9 million project**. For phase 3, the municipalities, SLPR and LAFF are following a similar plan. Additional commitments will be developed for the maintenance plan.

## ››› **What is the maintenance plan, short/long-term?**

The Argentine Trail has a **three-party maintenance agreement** with Argentine Township, Linden Schools, and Genesee County Road Commission. Each party has outlined their responsibilities towards maintenance of the path to provide the highest amount of savings and eliminate redundancy. The maintenance plan for The State Bank Trail, along Silver Lake Road, will likely be similar and include municipalities, the county, SLPR and coordinated-efforts by a "friends of the pathway" type group for volunteer work along the pathway. The Virkler Fund, held by the Fenton Community Foundation, has been set up for maintenance of the southern Genesee county LAFF trail. Additionally, funds raised for this portion will be set aside initially, for use down the road when repairs are needed.

## ››› **Are all the easements due prior to construction?**

**Yes**, 18 easements are required for The State Bank Trail along the south side of Silver Lake Road. The state requires a formal process of assessments and agreements that SLPR is currently working through in conjunction with NFE (the project engineering firm) and ORC, a real estate expert on easements. Once all 18 are agreed to and acquired, processing the easements will happen prior to construction.

## ››› **How can I help pitch in?**

LAFF Pathway Inc. has been the lead for awareness and fundraising. Signing up to volunteer or to make individual donations can easily be made through the Community Foundation of Greater Flint website at: <http://www.laffpathways.com/support.html>