



2025 

# Annual Report

Connecting People, Communities, and Nature





**i** **New Look, Same Mission**

The new organization logo has a simple linear style that echoes the flow of local trail maps, mirroring the Huron River nearest the early B2B Trail sections brought to life with HWPI's support.

It hints at trail intersections linking communities safely across rivers, roads, and rail lines.

## About HWPI



**Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps to facilitate the development and use of non-motorized recreational pathways in Washtenaw County and surrounding areas.**

To date, our primary focus has been the Washtenaw County-wide Border to Border Trail (B2B Trail). The B2B Trail is a 55-mile non-motorized trail that connects people, communities, and nature across Washtenaw County. As a 501(c)(3) non profit, HWPI works to facilitate the development of the B2B Trail by raising money through individual donations, private foundations, businesses, and state funds. In collaboration with our public partner Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, HWPI supports community access and regional connectivity through world-class trails.

# Our Mission

To facilitate development and promote enjoyment of regional trails connecting people, communities, and nature.

# Vision

Inclusive world-class regional trails that foster community well-being.



## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

To give by mail:

339 E Liberty St. Suite 320  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

To give online visit:

[huron-waterloo-pathways.org/donate](https://huron-waterloo-pathways.org/donate)





# Your Contributions at Work

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, 2025 has been another outstanding year for HWPI! Your pledges, grants, and financial commitments have truly made a difference - together, we raised \$4,142,375 in gifts, pledges, and grants through December 31st, 2025. With construction and administration expenses of \$3,473,398 over the same period, we're making real, tangible progress toward our mission of completing the B2B trail. None of this would be possible without you!

## 2025 Audited Financials

### Revenue and Support

- \$709,968 Contributions & Special Events
- \$3,410,000 Pledges, Grants, State Funding
- \$22,407 Other Revenue

**\$4,142,375 Total Pledges & Contributions**

### Expenses

- \$2,854,205 Construction, Engineering and Other Program
- \$313,215 Management & General Operating
- \$305,978 Fundraising

**\$3,473,398 Total Expenses**

## 2025 Board of Directors

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## Dear HWPI Supporters,



Welcome to our 2025 Impact Report. Inside, you will read about a tremendous year of trail development throughout our region. As an organization whose work centers on partnerships, everything we do at the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative is about community - and that community is what drives us every day in our work.

Community impact was perhaps never more on display than on November 5 of last year at the opening of the long-awaited Barton Bandemer Tunnel. To celebrate its opening - years in the making - over 300 community members attended a ribbon cutting event, showing again both the incredible passion for non-motorized trails and outdoor recreation, and the support for organizations like ours who do this work every day.

Despite that headline project, 2025 was about more than just the tunnel. With partners at Washtenaw County, Van Buren Township, the City of Ann Arbor, and the Lowertown Riverfront Conservancy, HWPI helped bring to life new segments of trail in both

western Washtenaw County and Western Wayne County; re-route the B2B Trail through the new Broadway Park West in Ann Arbor; and roll out the first B2B Trail wayfinding kiosks, with more to come this year.

**None of this work could happen without you - our supporters, partners, and friends. As we look back on a very successful year for HWPI in 2025, we thank you for everything you have done to make it possible.**

Of course, much work remains as we set our sights on completing the B2B Trail throughout Washtenaw County in the coming years, and focus on connecting trails all over the region. While our ambitions are big, we are confident in our ability to get the job done because of our team, our partners, and of course your continued support.

Much was achieved in 2025. Thank you for your enthusiasm and shared passion for how trails enhance our lives and our community.

Warmly,

**Christine Stead**

*Board Chair, HWPI Board of Directors*



# Fundraising

Over \$4.1M Raised, including

- \$3M in the FY25 state budget
- \$410k in private grant funding
- Over \$270k in individual donations from our Bridge the B2B Campaign

527 new donors to HWPI

1,625 individual contributions

An additional \$1M secured in the FY26 state budget

# 2025 Year In Review

2025 was a landmark year. We secured record funding, welcomed hundreds of new supporters, and completed projects decades in the making. This momentum and our strengthened connections across Washtenaw County is a direct result of your passion and generosity. The path ahead has never looked brighter!



## Community Engagement

- Engaged in 20 community outreach events across Washtenaw County with nearly 50 volunteers contributing 266 hours.
- Invested in returning volunteers to increase HWPI's capacity and deepen community connections.
- Helped grow awareness and support of HWPI's work for the B2B Trail through 250+ media mentions, 13,700+ social followers, and 6,800 engaged email subscribers.

## Join Our Newsletter

[b2btrail.org/about-b2b/news](https://b2btrail.org/about-b2b/news)

## Follow Us on Social Media

@hwpathways

# Trail Development

- **Completed the Barton Bandemer Tunnel** connecting Bandemer Park to the Barton Nature Area. This project - 20 years in the making - opened in October in partnership with Washtenaw County Parks and the City of Ann Arbor.
- **Opened the Captain Joel C. Gentz Memorial Trailhead**, located at Timbertown Park in Chelsea. Completed with our partners at Washtenaw County Parks and the City of Chelsea, this is the second major trailhead along the B2B Trail.
- **Partnered with the Lowertown Riverfront Conservancy** to re-route the B2B Trail through the newly-opened Broadway Park West, including installation of a new bridge over the Huron River, bypassing Argo Dam.
- **Worked with Van Buren Township and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation** to open a new segment of trail in the Van Buren Township corridor of the Iron Belle Trail, including a 14 foot pedestrian bridge over Willow Run Creek.
- **Extended the B2B Trail 1.5 miles** to the west along M-52, connecting North Territorial Road to Boyce Road. This segment, completed in partnership with Washtenaw County Parks, is the first segment to feature a concrete boardwalk along the B2B Trail.



# Miles in the Making

## B2B Trail Construction Updates

### 2026/2027 Active Construction Goals

#### Dexter Corridor

0.8 mile segment crossing Mill Creek, including the addition of a B2B Trail Bridge and completing the connection into downtown Dexter **1**

#### Dexter-Ann Arbor Corridor

1.0 mile segment from Delhi Metropark to Timberwood Lane along Huron River Drive **2**

#### Wayfinding & Trail Adjacent Features

Installation will continue on a county-wide system of wayfinding kiosks, signs, maps and trail information across the B2B trail network

## 2026-2028 Trail Design, Development, and Public Engagement Goals

#### Dexter-Chelsea Corridor

1.4 mile segment from Lima Center Road to Dancer Rd on Dexter Chelsea Road **3**

#### Ann Arbor

1.0 mile segment from Maple Road to Wagner Road along the Huron River, anticipated to be the final segment to complete a fully-connected the B2B Trail **4**

1.6 mile segment from Barton Nature Area to Maple Road between Huron River Drive and the Huron River **5**

#### Ypsilanti

Improvements to Riverside Park, including trail segment and parking lot **6**

#### Northwest Passage & Stockbridge Corridor

Regional coordination is in process for the remaining 5.0 miles that will cross into Jackson and Ingham County and connect to Stockbridge **7**

Preliminary engineering is underway for a 4.0 mile segment north of Hudson Mills Metropark that will be built in multiple phases **8**





# Linking People & Places

## Community Impact

Trails are natural pathways where everyone belongs. They create shared experiences, link cities and towns, and foster connections to others at a time when our society makes that feel difficult. By encouraging interaction and exploration, trails strengthen social bonds, connect us to nature, and promote healthier, more vibrant communities.



**“Trails aren’t just a place to get in your steps. They are where first bike rides wobble into confidence, where neighbors become familiar faces, and where a deep breath after a big day reminds you that you belong here.”**



## Runners

Trails are more than just places to train. They are where you go to focus, and where you keep going.



## Walkers

A walk can change your whole day. Space to think. Room to breathe.



## Families

Small steps. Big moments. Trails bring families together—close to home and out in nature.



## Mobility Users

Access matters. We're working toward trails that are more connected, navigable for everyone.



## Cyclists

Trails offer a safer, more connected way to get there.



## Dog Owners

The best moments on the trails are shared with four-legged friends.



## Nature Lovers

Trails bring people closer to nature—and reminds us why it matters.



## Skaters

Trails are built for movement in all its forms.

# Our Supporters

HWPI is deeply grateful to the thousands of individuals and businesses whose generosity is helping to build the B2B Trail.

## 2025 Major Donors

### \$1,000,000+

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr Foundation

### \$500,000 TO \$999,999

Lew Kidder  
Steve and Sheila Hamp  
Tim and Laurie Wadhams

### \$250,000 TO \$499,999

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### \$100,000 TO \$249,999

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