



**TART Trails, Inc.  
5-Year Work Plan  
2005 - 2010**



**Traverse Area Recreation and  
Transportation Trails, Inc.**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

**Enriching the Traverse area by providing an interconnected network of trails, bikeways and pedestrian ways; and encouraging their use.**



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*Adopted by the Board of Directors on January 12, 2005*

## 1. Finish existing projects:

### A. Complete east-side two (2) miles of the Boardman Lake Trail in 2005

- Schedule meeting with City of Traverse City in January to discuss trail design progress and implementation schedule
- Continue to meet with City officials until design is complete and project is bid out for construction
- Work with DTE Energy on rest area they funded

### B. Complete development of the Leelanau Trail

The table below describes the schedule of development; both past and **future** efforts. A budget will be developed for each proposed project a year in advance. The bullet items below the table depict how each proposed project will be accomplished.

*Leelanau Trail Development Schedule*

<b>Segment</b>	<b>Length (mi)</b>	<b>Year</b>
Remove rails and ties, build trestles, signage	15.0	1995-1996
Pave Suttons Bay depot to Village limits	0.4	1995-1996
Pave Cherry Bend to Cherry Bend N.	2.1	1997
Pave Cherry Bend N. to Fouch	1.0	1998
Pave Carter to Cherry Bend	0.9	1999
Pave Fouch to Lakeview	2.0	2003
<b>Pave Suttons Bay Village limits to Revold</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Pay off mortgage</b>		<b>2006</b>
<b>Pave Lakeview to Bingham</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Pave Bingham to Revold</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2010-2012</b>

- Complete Bingham Township Special Land Use Permit (SLUP), 2005

### C. Extend TART Trail remaining 5.5 miles to Williamsburg

The table on page two describes the schedule of trail development; both past and **future** efforts. The bullet items below the table depict how each proposed project will be accomplished.



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## *TART Trail Development Schedule*

<b>Segment</b>	<b>Length (mi)</b>	<b>Year</b>
Pave bayfront trail from Division to Front Street	1.3	1980s
Pave Woodmere to Three Mile	2.5	1990
Pave Division to M-72 West	0.6	1991
Pave Along Railroad Avenue	0.5	early 1990s
Murchie Bridge widening		1994
Pave Three Mile to Bunker Hill	3.3	1995
Pave M-72 West to Carter	0.5	2004
<b>Pave Lautner to M-72 East</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Pave Bunker Hill to Lautner</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Pave M-72 East to Williamsburg</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2008</b>

- Work with the Grand Traverse County Road Commission and Elmer's to ensure that the Lautner to M-72 East project under contract is completed in the Spring of 2005
- Work with Acme Township and The Village at Grand Traverse Developers to ensure TART will be developed as part of plan, 2005
- Work with Lanny Johnson to secure an easement to connect Village at Grand Traverse to TART at Bunker Hill, 2005
- Work with MDOT to ensure a safe crossing of M-72 at Bates when they improve the road, 2005-2010
- Work with Grand Traverse Band to construct section from M-72 to Williamsburg; timing in conjunction with improved M-72 crossing.

### D. Complete Bunker Hill shoulders

- Work with the Grand Traverse County Road Commission and Elmer's to ensure that the shoulder project is completed in 2005

### E. Complete west-side 2.5 miles of the Boardman Lake Trail

- Work with City of Traverse City on trail alignment, Boardman River bridge preliminary design, easements and possible funding, 2005
- Continually meet with the City to discuss trail progress

### F. Extend Leelanau Trail one (1) mile north of Suttons Bay

- Work with developer of Bay View on development of trail through Bay View Phase I, Spring 2005
- Meet with MDOT and adjoining property owners regarding M-22 crossing and alignment, Spring 2005



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- Apply for wetlands permit to allow use of our complete easement, 2005
- Build boardwalk over wetlands in 2006, develop multi-use paved trail in 2009

#### **G. Sculpture and sculpture plaza to be complete in 2005**

- Develop final donor list, proof
- Order bronze plaque; install
- Order engraved bricks; install
- Work with sculptor on finalizing life-size sculpture for plaza and miniature sculptures for donors
- Work with Disability Determination Service on sculpture plaza gardens
- Media event to unveil sculpture and sculpture plaza

## **2. Maintain trail system**

- Submit MDNR wetlands permit to replace culvert south of Eckerle driveway, 2005
- Develop checklist for periodic trail assessment of maintenance and signage needs, 2005
- Work with local units of government to help maintain trails in their jurisdiction, 2005
- Annually, hold trail workbees, groom Vasa and Leelanau trails, mow Leelanau trail, and develop maintenance budget for the next year

## **3. Promote the trail and its value**

- Develop marketing plan that includes newsletters, press releases, speaking to community groups, 2005

## **4. Build and maintain partnerships**

- Approach one local unit of government along our trail system per month regarding their non-motorized plans, 2005
- Create region-wide map showing: developed trails, proposed trails, master-plan trails, and safe on-road bike routes and sidewalks, 2005-2006
- Meet with county road commissions, MDOT and MDNR representatives annually
- Complete inventory of potential partners, organizations and clubs, 2005
- Work with local clubs and organizations on common interests, ongoing

## **5. Volunteer management**

- Continue to ask for volunteer help for special events and mailings
- Catalog special interests of our TART membership in our database, 2005
- Hold an annual volunteer appreciation event/open house



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#### **6. Create trail and non-motorized connections in Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties**

A. Use map developed in Item 4 to assess gaps in our interconnected network of biking and walking facilities and prioritize gaps, 2006

B. Boardman River/Kingsley trail expansion

- Research options for Boardman Lake Trail crossing of South Airport Road, 2005. Work with the Garfield Township and Grand Traverse County to improve the existing trails south of South Airport Road for bicycle traffic, 2005
- Develop brochure in cooperation with Barbara Nelson-Jameson of the National Park Service, 2005
- Meet with local units of government along corridor to request adoption of a board resolution in support of preserving the rail corridor for public use, 2006
- Discuss trail plans with snowmobile groups, 2005
- Meet with MDOT about corridor divestiture status, 2005

#### **7. Add to trail amenities**

- Develop gift list with prices (for amenities such as benches or kiosks), list on web site, 2005
- Build temporary restroom on Leelanau trail in 2005, permanent in 2006
- Develop drinking fountain on south section of Leelanau Trail, 2006

#### **8. Sponsor events for public relations**

- Tour de TART: established board committee and will assist with event, 2005
- Smart Commute Week: TART will continue to run this event that celebrates it's 11<sup>th</sup> year in 2005
- Bike safety / bike commuting classes, 2005
- Environmental education classes on trails, 2006

#### **9. Create trail connections to Benzie, Wexford, Kalkaska and Antrim/Charlevoix Counties**

- Continue to work with Elk Rapids Rotary on connecting to Elk Rapids, 2005
- Establish other 'point people' in Benzie and Kalkaska counties, 2006
- Show our gap assessment map to other surrounding counties, 2007
- Collect trail master plans from surrounding counties and catalog in office, 2008