

OVERALL CORRIDOR CHARACTERISTICS

Corridor Inventory

A graphic system was developed specifically for the NRHT Development Guide to document in a concise and organized fashion, the physical conditions the consulting team observed along the proposed trail corridor. The symbols that were developed show the location of various proposed NRHT corridor conditions within Wayne County. Specific Wayne County trail alignment maps at the end of this section utilize the graphic system.

The following is a brief overview of the legend and symbol headings developed for observing the corridor and used on the trail alignment maps:

- Existing and planned NRHT trail alignment
- Alternative NRHT trail alignment
- Other trails, both existing and future trails intersecting with the NRHT
- Historic National Road 1000' Zone of Influence
- At-grade road crossings
- Railroad crossings
- Waterway crossings
- Points of interest
- Existing and potential trailheads
- Competing use
- Existing railroad bridges
- Previous location of railroad bridges

The visual character along the NRHT proposed alignment begins with rural and open space at the Henry/Wayne County line and transitions to more developed urbanized conditions around the communities of Dublin, Cambridge City, Centerville and Richmond. The portion of the trail from State Route 1 east to Centerville is proposed to run through rural and agricultural areas.

The City of Richmond is the most heavily developed and populated of Wayne County's towns. Trail users will see residential and commercial areas of the city before the trail leaves the city and is proposed to travel through more rural settings on its way to the Indiana/Ohio state line.

There are portions of the NRHT proposed alignment where the trail is elevated above the adjacent land. This is true for Cambridge City and the area from Swallow Road east toward Washington Road. In other areas, the NRHT alignment is proposed to be recessed below the adjacent grade. This condition occurs in the town of Dublin and between Mineral Springs Road and McMinn Road.

Opportunities

The following opportunities are listed to show how the NRHT may serve the communities through which it is proposed to pass. These have been organized into types of opportunities such as relationships, linkage, views and physical conditions.

Relationship with the Historic National Road

- The portion of the Wayne County NRHT proposed alignment from the Henry/Wayne County line east to Centerville lies within the Historic National Road 1000' Zone of Influence. There is an opportunity to introduce interpretive signage along the trail in this area to provide information about the history and significance of the National Road.
- Historic National Road interpretive signs are proposed for three sites in Wayne County. These are proposed to occur at the Huddleston House, at the Centerville Public Library and at the Madonna of the Trail site. The NRHT may offer opportunities for the public to access the sites.

Linkage

- The NRHT is proposed to link the following Wayne County corridor communities of Dublin, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge City, East Germantown, Centerville and Richmond.
- Other trails with which the NRHT will connect are proposed to include the Cardinal Greenway and the Whitewater Gorge Greenway. The Cardinal Greenway is a major trail corridor that crosses several Indiana counties and is envisioned to eventually reach a length of 75 miles. While the Whitewater Gorge Greenway is shorter in length, it currently provides opportunities for the public to experience geologic formations along the Whitewater River, a flour mill, a bird sanctuary and other points of interest. Once the trails are connected, the public will be provided with many opportunities to experience a wide variety of outdoor environments along with the history and culture of several eastern Indiana communities.
- It may be possible that the Indiana NRHT can extend east into Ohio and connect with the large network of trails that exist that state.

Destinations

There are a number of sites of interest in Wayne County in proximity to the NRHT proposed alignment. While the trail may not make a direct connection to some of the listed sites, it is expected the trail will help facilitate better pedestrian and bicycle access across the county. Local initiatives may be needed however, to help spur future connections from the NRHT proposed alignment to these and other sites. These sites include:

- The Historic National Road, Cambridge City Historic District, Centerville Historic District, Richmond State Hospital Historic District, Starr Piano/Gennett Record

Company Historic District, Old Richmond Historic District, Richmond Downtown Historic District, Richmond Railroad Station Historic District, Starr Historic District, Richmond Southside Historic District, Reeveston Place Historic District, Grand Boulevard Historic District, Glenn Miller Park Historic District, Gas Company Building, Wayne County Courthouse, Madonna of the Trail.

- Parks and natural areas such as: Glenn Miller Park, Hayes Arboretum and Whitewater River Gorge
- Earlham College

Bridges

- Several railroad bridges remain intact and offer opportunities for the NRHT proposed alignment to cross river and stream corridors as well as streets below the elevated corridor.

Views

- Whenever the trail is proposed to be located on an elevated section of the former railroad corridor, there may be an opportunity for trail users to have views over the adjacent landscape. A case in point is the elevated corridor located at the Swallow Road and National Road intersection. The former railroad bridge over both roads has been removed. However, the elevated corridor on the northeast corner of the intersection ends abruptly, providing an opportunity for trail users to have a panoramic view over the rural countryside.

Potential Trailheads

- Public access to the NRHT will be important. And convenient location of trail entry/exit points is essential. The following sites may present opportunities for the location of a trailhead such as: The former Milton Street Bridge location in Dublin, the Huddleston House site, the Swallow Road/National Road intersection, the area between Morton Road and First Street in Centerville, the area on the west side of Salisbury Road, the Wayne County Fairgrounds, the site adjacent the State Hospital Recreation Fields, Clear Creek Park, the Cardinal Greenway depot, the former Pennsylvania Railroad depot and Glenn Miller Park.



Competing use, business is located on the corridor at Wise Road.. Source: Storrow Kinsella Associates Inc

Constraints

There are physical conditions along the Wayne County NRHT proposed alignment with the potential to impact and influence the development of the NRHT. In order for the trail to be implemented, it will be necessary to address constraints so that solutions may be developed. Often, the approach for addressing the situation can turn a negative situation into an opportunity. The following are conditions to be addressed for the implementation of the trail.

Removed Bridges

- Railroad bridges have been removed at a number of locations along the proposed alignment in Wayne County. In the communities of Dublin and Cambridge City, the former railroad corridor is elevated but many of the bridges that carried trains above the streets below have been removed. Also, the former bridge that crossed over the National Road at the Swallow Road intersection has been removed. These locations may present opportunities for either bridge replacement or the incorporation of an at-grade road crossing.

Competing Uses

There are few locations along the proposed Wayne County trail alignment where buildings have been constructed, or vehicles have been parked, or other activities on the corridor have created areas of competing use. These sites may present opportunities to negotiate with the property owners to seek a workable solution such as the removal of the competing use or the possible routing of the trail around the site. The locations of these competing use sites are listed below:

- Sand and gravel operations east of S. R. 1, east of Cambridge City
- Two sites of equipment/vehicle storage in East Germantown
- A filled-in area on the former railroad corridor behind the Wayne County Highway Garage, west of Centerville
- A house located on the former railroad corridor in Charlottesville, to the east of Main Street

Henry County Statistics

2000 Census – Total Hancock County Population	55,391
Percentage of Indiana’s overall 2000 Census	0.9%
Number of NRHT miles in Wayne County	18.98
At-grade road crossings	19
At-grade railroad crossings	0
Existing railroad bridges	6
Railroad bridge removed – trail opportunity	0
Trail crossing of U.S. 40/National Road	0
Locations of competing use	10

Table listing quick facts about the proposed NRHT in Wayne County. Source: Storrow Kinsella Associates Inc

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