



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
 From: Robert L. Tetens, Director
 Date: February 12, 2013
 Re: 2013 Connecting Communities Applications

Background

When the **Connecting Communities** program was initiated in 2009, WCPARC pledged to make available up to \$600,000 each year during the 2010 – 2014 period (\$3 million in total) toward the cost of eligible projects. Funding is available only for construction, not for planning or design development. Eligible projects will be those that accomplish the Commission's primary objective of providing valuable, non-motorized connections between communities and activity centers – offering a healthy alternative for recreation, transportation, fitness and energy conservation.

Since 2010 the Commission has approved \$1,850,000 in funding for 10 projects in seven communities. The following projects were approved (projects in *italic* have been completed):

2010		2011	
<u>Community</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Award</u>
<i>Pittsfield Twp.</i>	\$300k	<i>Pittsfield Twp.</i>	\$290k
<i>Ypsilanti Twp.</i>	\$100k	Northfield Twp.	\$250k
<i>Northfield Twp.</i>	\$120k	<i>City of Saline</i>	\$ 60k
<i>City of Chelsea</i>	\$ 80k	Village of Manchester	\$150k

2012	
<u>Community</u>	<u>Award</u>
Scio Twp.	\$250k
Ypsilanti Twp.	\$250k

The deadline for submitting a Connecting Communities application for 2013 funding was December 31, 2012 – applications were received for eight projects in six communities (see attached summary).

<u>Community</u>	<u>Requested</u>
City of Ann Arbor	\$300k
Dexter Village	\$300k
Northfield Twp.	\$230k
Pittsfield Twp.	\$400k
Superior Twp.	\$300k
Ypsilanti Twp.	\$295k

Staff was pleased with the quality and variety of applications submitted, as well as the geographic distribution of the proposed projects. At the February Commission meeting, staff will present an overview of the applications and distribute a packet of information to Commission members that includes the project applications, project summary sheets, and the Connecting Communities Program Description and Review Criteria. A final recommendation and Commission action will be scheduled for the March meeting.

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION						
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES 2013						
COMMUNITY	ROADS or ROUTE	LENGTH	TOTAL COST	REQUEST	PREVIOUS CC AWARD	REMARKS
Ann Arbor	North Main St	1,500 ft	1 M (entire project)	300 K	none	first part of Allen Creek Greenway (trail cost +/- \$60K)
Village of Dexter	Dexter Huron Metropark to Dexter	1300 ft	300 K	300 K	none	eligible B2B project
Northfield Twp	Barker Rd	phase 3 2,925 ft	600 K	230 K	120 K (2010) 250 K (2011)	Phase 1 complete; Phase 2A complete; 2B scheduled for spring 2013
Pittsfield Twp	Textile Rd	1.8 mi	1.8 M	400 K	300 K (2010) 290 K (2011)	phase 2 of Lohr-Textile Greenway
Superior Twp	Prospect Rd Geddes Rd	2700 ft 2200 ft	406 K 267 K	300 K	none	Superior Twp has a relatively well developed nonmotorized trail
Ypsilanti Twp	Textile Rd Tuttle-Hill Rd Whitaker Rd	4,032 ft	310 K	295 K (225 + 70)	100 K (2010) 250K (2011)	Township has pledged \$100,000 for project engineering

Note: Prospect Rd is priority 1 for Superior Twp