



LAFF Pathway

When communities come together to pursue a common goal, good things happen.

Our story begins in 2009 when a group of like-minded residents in southern Genesee County gathered to explore the idea of developing a paved nonmotorized trail connecting the communities of Linden, Argentine, Fenton, and Fenton Township. That was when the acronym “LAFF” was first created and the concept for the LAFF Pathway was born. The goal is to provide greater quality of life for local residents through healthy exercise, economic development, and a safe nonmotorized transportation route connecting their communities.

The first phase of the LAFF Pathway, also known as the Argentine Township

Trail, was completed in the fall of 2020.

The 1.4-million-dollar project was funded through a combination of public and private donations and Federal and State grants. The 2.22-mile paved pathway travels through the Linden Public Schools campus, connecting Argentine Township to the sidewalk system in the City of Linden. It’s a nicely designed, scenic trail we enjoyed exploring on a beautiful sunny day.

Engineering for Phase Two of the project has been completed. The group is currently seeking donations to acquire the required matching dollars to apply for State and Federal grants that will fund the 2-mile Pathway along Silver Lake Road between Linden and Fenton. If all goes as planned,

they hope to begin construction in 2023, which will include a series of elevated boardwalks along the edge of Silver Lake.

The connecting pathway through the City of Linden will utilize a series of sidewalks, bike lanes and paved trails.

The long range plan is to extend the Pathway east to connect with Seven Lakes State Park and the village of Holly.



The LAFF Pathway offers a safe, nonmotorized route for healthy exercise and fun family outings.

Shiawassee River Water Trail



Designated a National Water Trail by the U.S. National Park Service in 2020, the Shiawassee River Water Trail flows 88 miles from the village of Holly to the city of Chesaning. The upper reaches of the river meander through the historic mill towns of Fenton and Linden and rural Genesee County. The approximately 14-mile stretch of river shown on this map includes portages at the Fenton and Linden dams and an open water crossing over Lake Ponemah. A fine and pleasant paddle, this winding river route is rated intermediate to beginner skill level. Be cautious of motorized boat traffic when crossing Lake Ponemah. For detailed maps and info visit: www.ShiawasseeWaterTrail.org/tripmaps