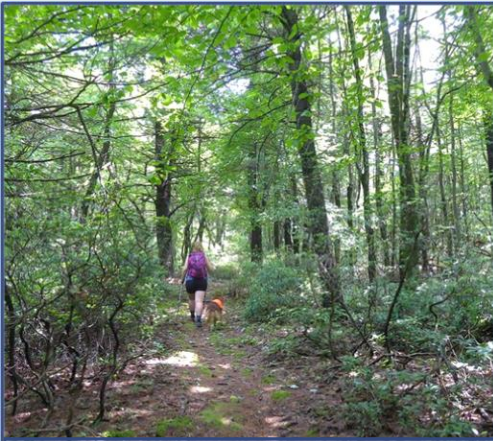


Program Area: Land Acquisition



Walking the Trails



Sample of Canoe and Kayak Launch Area

Key Benefits

- Preserves ½ mile river frontage
- River corridor/water quality protection
- Connects to National Paddling Trail
- Grant funding is likely
- Links communities collaboratively
- Preserves wildlife area

Shiawassee River Footpath



Project Goals

Collaboration with Holly Township can create an easement with walking trail along a half-mile section of the Shiawassee River. The conservancy gains a wildlife corridor and in return provides long-term maintenance. There are two grant funds which could cover some of the expenses, but additional private funding is needed to complete the project, since 3 pedestrian bridges are involved. Many other conservancies find that partnership like this with local municipalities lead to accomplishing goals.

Project Phases

Phase	Description	Cost
1	Obtain township (owner) approval and collaboration	\$240
2	Draft and sign easement delineating responsibilities	\$600
3	Fundraise for design, installation, and associated maintenance	\$600
4	Engage engineering firm for preliminary design	\$2,000
5	Write grant(s); hold public forum	\$1,240
6	Upon grant approval; complete engineering	\$15,000
7	Let bids; build bridges and trails	\$75,000
8	Hold grand opening	\$150
9	Implement first year maintenance	\$500
	Total project cost	\$95,330