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The Trail Summit held on January 22, 2020 exceeded our expectations with over 50 in attendance representing eighteen of the twenty local municipalities in Livingston County! Participants provided input regarding trail links they would most & least like to see funded and built, and what they hoped the surface of the trails would look like. At each table participants also marked-up maps of existing trails with potential routes for trail connections. Everyone was asked to promote the availability of all project materials, online surveys and crowdsourcing maps on the project website (see link above). Ultimately, 121 surveys were completed through the project website or during the trail summit, and 61 comments were provided through the online crowdsourcing map.

The **Key Findings of the Trail Summit** were that the majority of participants would like the county to focus on the following 3 trail connections:

- Brighton to Island Lake State Recreation Area
- Brighton State Recreation Area to Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park
- Brighton State Recreation Area to Huron Meadows Metropark

Asphalt paths are the most desired trail surface, but participants are open to other options where appropriate. There is also a strong desire to connect to other large trails in the region such as the Border-to-Border Trail. This month the project steering committee, Livingston Outdoor Network (LivON), will work on further planning and prioritization of the trail input. Follow our progress on the project website, as we work towards the completion of the plan!



CENSUS
2020
Livingston Counts

Your Response Helps Our Community!
Click & Learn More: livgov.com/census2020

The Livingston County 2020 Census Complete County Committee has developed a Community Action Plan that will enable you to share valuable messages with your local community. Please partner with Livingston County by accessing the livgov.com/census2020 webpage. On this page you will find week by week messages leading up to the April 1 Census Day and beyond. The weekly messages can be used for newsletters, webpages and emails. Links to posters, and social media content are also provided for download.

Following are 8 important reasons why everyone should participate in the U.S. Census:

1. The Census is easy to complete. There are nine questions and they should only take about 10 minutes to complete either online or by phone.
2. Responding to the Census is confidential. By federal law all personal information is kept confidential and the information is only used to produce statistics.
3. Every Michigander not counted will cost the state approximately \$18,250 over the next 10 years. The federal government uses Census numbers to allocate over \$675 billion in funding for programs like Medicare Part B, special education, school lunch and supplemental nutrition assistance programs.
4. Census data impacts our community and is crucial to many planning decisions including schools, hospitals and highways.
5. Census data is crucial to economic growth; businesses use Census data to decide where to locate, grow and create jobs.
6. Completing the Census is mandated by the constitution and has been done very 10 years since 1790. It gives persons a way to participate in democracy.
7. Disaster response may depend on an accurate count. Many 911 emergency systems are based on maps derived from Census data.
8. The Census impacts your voice in Congress. It is used to apportion seats in the House of Representative and to draw legislative districts.

**Note: Web links are not live in this publication. Please copy and paste them into your web browser.