

Highland Conservancy E-Newsletter
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Highland's New Pathway Plan – [News from Jennifer Frederick of Highland Township]: Highland Township's Draft Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan was initiated during the update of the Highland Township Recreation Plan in 2009, because Highland residents showed great interest in meeting the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians. The Draft Non-Motorized Pathway Plan describes the future vision for sidewalks, paths, trails and bike lanes in Highland Township. Highland would like to connect users to natural, cultural and civic destinations and to provide healthy alternatives to driving. The Plan will also be used as a tool to obtain funds to install the pathways. The Pathway Plan was developed by a sidewalk committee and has been reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Plan is now in front of the Board of Trustees for review and comments. The Board is asking for public comments on the Plan. Once the comments and suggestions have been addressed, the Board will set the Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan for public hearing and final approval.

The Highland DDA is currently working on a Sidewalk Project in the Downtown Highland Station District check out the details at the DDA's website at <http://www.highlanddda.com/1/220/index.asp>. The project proposes sidewalks on both sides of Milford Road from M-59 south to Snooks Butcher's Shoppe/Colasanti's Produce and East Livingston Road from Milford Road to Eleanor Street. The DDA is planning to start construction of the project in 2012.

You may view the Draft Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan on the Township website at www.highlandtwp.com or at the Highland Township Hall at 205 N. John Street. If you have any questions or comments you can contact the Township Hall at 248-887-3791.

[Note: For the full article and other recent conservancy news, visit our blog site at: www.highlandconservancy.typepad.com]

King Senior Citizen Complex Nixed by Highland Township Board -
At the November 9th Board of Trustees meeting, this long embattled plan for a senior citizen complex was formally put to rest. After years of meetings, planning commission studies, a microanalysis study of the affected area, and many appeals by Mr. King, the board unanimously voted against the petition to rezone this property. Many local citizens were in attendance that had rallied against the proposed project for years. Let's hope our township will continue to protect the natural beauty of Highland's farmlands, open spaces and parks.

Invasive Shrub Removal Saturday, December 10, 2011

Highland Recreation Area<<http://www.michigan.gov/highland>>, Silo Field Trial Area, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join ongoing efforts to restore this area to open grassland. Volunteers will be hauling and piling brush and stacking fire wood. Meet at the Silo Field Trial Area parking lot off Livingston Road, between Pettibone Lake and Beaumont Roads.

Please remember to wear appropriate clothing for outdoor work including long pants and closed-toe shoes and to bring drinking water! There will be work gloves available, but feel free to bring your own if you have them.

If a workday must be canceled due to inclement weather, a voice mail message saying so will be posted at 248-359-9057 at least 2 hours before the start of a workday. If there is no cancellation message, the workday will go on as planned.

Donations – The Highland Conservancy is a nonprofit group and we welcome your contributions towards our ongoing efforts locally “To encourage and facilitate the conservation of land and natural resources to preserve the rural character of Highland Township.” As the 2011 tax year draws to a close, please remember that your donations are tax deductible.

Thank you also to all those who have volunteered to pick up trash, plant trees, pass out seedlings, remove invasive plants, or lend a hand this past year. Our deepest thanks for all your support!

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