

## FACT SHEET

***Friends of the Clinton River Trail (FCRT):*** An all-volunteer, non-profit citizen group with a membership of over 450 people from communities on or near the Clinton River Trail (CRT).

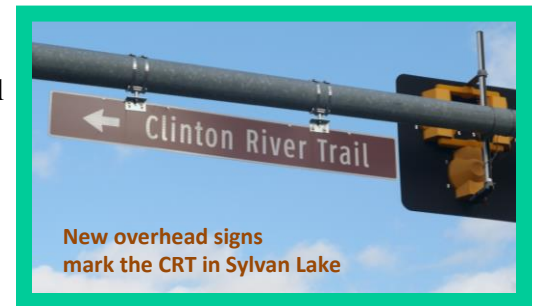
***Mission Statement:*** Friends of the Clinton River Trail is committed to promoting the Clinton River Trail as a safe and enjoyable recreational destination.

***Goals:***

- Short Term: Safe Crossings – Improving Major Road Crossings
- Mid-Term: One Trail/Five Cities – Consistent “Look & Feel” throughout the 16 miles of trail  
Complete Pontiac Gap – Finalize Route with North Spur Acquisition
- On-Going: Strive to make CRT a destination by providing opportunities to connect people with the natural environment and cultural urban amenities

### ***Recent Major Projects & Accomplishments:***

- Completed year-long 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with 16 special events throughout all five CRT communities. Presented all cities with banners advertising events and received proclamations from all city councils.
- Installed new overhead signage on the HAWK beacon mast arms in Sylvan Lake.
- Worked with Oakland County EDCA to draft RFP for the City of Pontiac to address both rehabilitation of the existing trail and development of the new North Spur segment.
- Partnered with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to clean-up along the trail and river between Beaudette Park and Bagley St. in Pontiac.
- Participated in the annual Pontiac Fit-Fest and bicycle donation program.
- Acquired and plan for spring installation of additional shade shelter in Rochester Hills.



Volunteers from auto supplier Brose NA clean-up CRT in Auburn Hills & Rochester Hills



### ***On-going FCRT Activities:***

- Manage the CRT website – [clintonrivertrail.org](http://clintonrivertrail.org) – as well as mobile smart phone apps, online maps and social media accounts for CRT.
- Publish the annual *Trailways* newsletter since 2006 – special 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition in 2019.
- Design and print CRT maps and frequently fill the map boxes. Thousands of maps are distributed annually.
- Maintain the map boxes and mile markers along the trail – donations and/or grants to fund additional amenities are continually being sought.
- Organize periodic trail clean-ups and work days with support from area organizations and employers.
- Prepare trail advocacy presentations and updates to each city’s legislative body. Encourage proper maintenance of CRT.
- Hold regular FCRT meetings, usually on the last Tuesday of the month. Visit [clintonrivertrail.org](http://clintonrivertrail.org) for details.



# 2020 Schedule

(dates subject to change without notice, please check website to confirm)

## Trail Events – Hosted On/Near the CRT

- **Special Events – Throughout the Year** – Check website for latest details [clintonrivertrail.org](http://clintonrivertrail.org)
- **Walking Wednesdays on the CRT** – Meet in OPC lobby, 10 am – check OPC for details
- **April 18<sup>th</sup> – Rails to Trails Opening Day for Trails** – Nationwide events planned
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> – National Trails Day**
- **June 12<sup>th</sup> -- Pontiac Fit-Fest** – City of Pontiac Beaudette Park, 5-8 pm

## Special Meetings

- **January 30<sup>th</sup> FCRT Annual General Membership Meeting** – Speaker: Dale Hughes - Velodrome
- **October 1<sup>st</sup> Trail, Water & Land Alliance (TWLA) Fall Celebration**

## Periodic Meetings

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail** – Last Tuesday of the month unless otherwise indicated – 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Community Center – Details at [clintonrivertrail.org](http://clintonrivertrail.org) – Public welcome

- February 3, 2020
- March 31, 2020
- April 28, 2020
- May 26, 2020
- June 30, 2020
- July 28, 2020
- August 25, 2020
- September 29, 2020
- October 27, 2020
- November 17, 2020

**CRT Alliance** – Third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., host city sets location – Contact FCRT for details

- January 21, 2020 – in Rochester
- March 17, 2020 – in Rochester Hills
- May 19, 2020 – in Auburn Hills
- July 21, 2020 – in Pontiac
- September 15, 2020 – in Sylvan Lake
- November 17, 2020 – at Oakland County Executive Office Building

**Trail, Water & Land Alliance** – Consortium of non-profit groups, municipal contacts and interested professionals – locations and times vary – Contact Kristen Wiltfang at [wiltfangk@oakgov.com](mailto:wiltfangk@oakgov.com)

- January 23, 2020 – at Oakland County Executive Office Building from 10:00 a.m. - noon
- April 23, 2020 – Second Quarterly Meeting
- July 23, 2020 – Third Quarterly Meeting
- October 1, 2020 – Fall Celebration