

Berrien County *Bike, Hike and Paddle* Trails Master Plan





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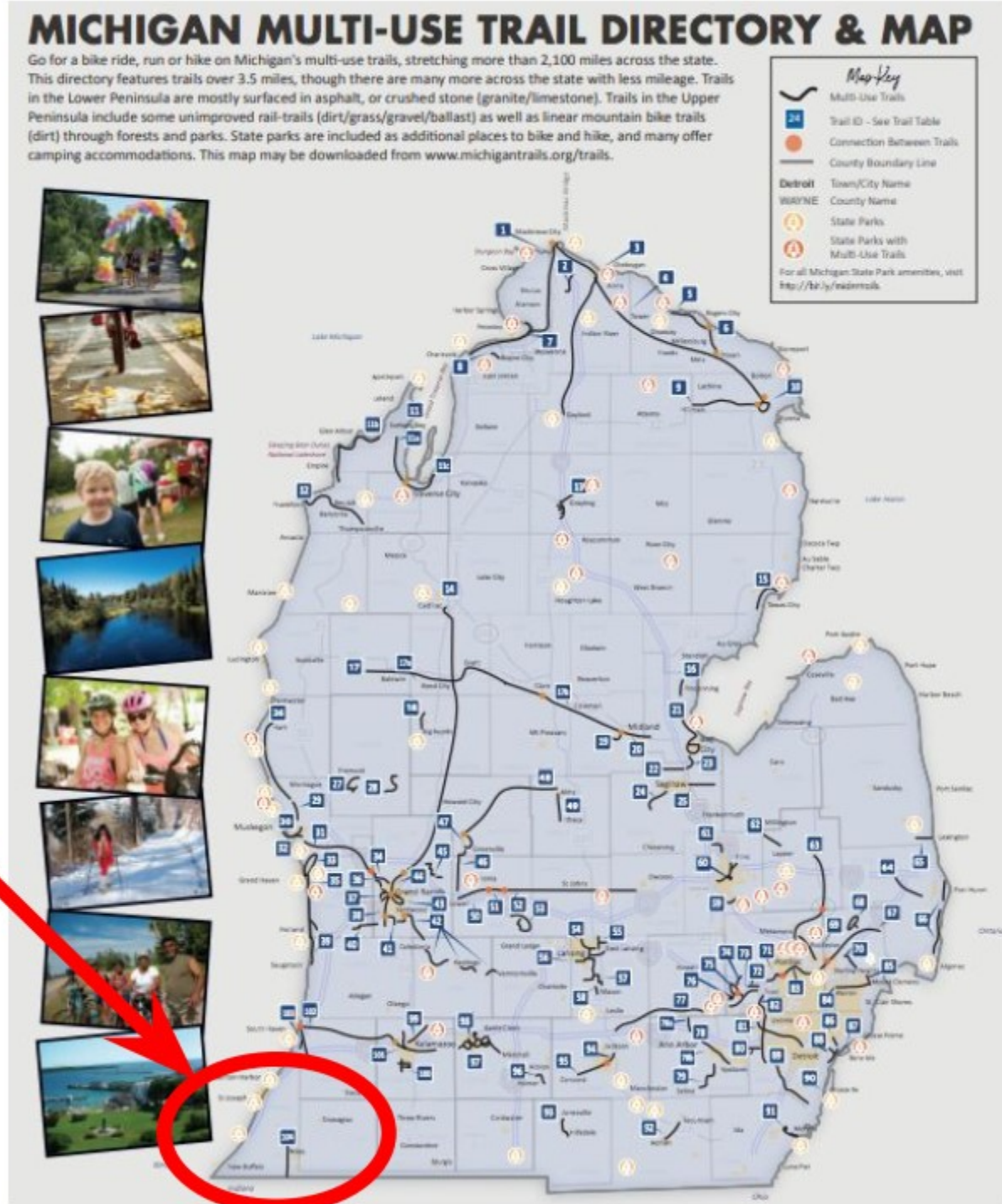
- Michigan's Great Southwest is a vibrant and prosperous region to live, learn, work, invest, grow, play and retire for everyone!



- a citizen based non-profit striving to connect Berrien County with a network of trails (pedestrian, bicycle and waterway) and encourage their use

MICHIGAN HAS SEVERAL TRAIL NETWORKS

SW Michigan is noticeably absent



Bike, Hike and Paddle Trails Master Plan

- To promote trail connectivity, alternative transportation, safety for all users, recreational opportunities and economic development.
- Engage the entire County, local governments, community groups, and citizens in developing a robust trails master plan that will connect cities, villages, townships, parks and major destinations.



Bike, Hike and Paddle Trails Master Plan

- Plan purpose and process
- Existing and planned trail inventory
 - Existing conditions report
 - Analysis of current system gaps
 - Inventory of key travel demand generators (destinations)
- Summary of public engagement input
 - Community Survey
 - Key Stakeholder Interviews (bikers, walkers, joggers, hikers, paddlers, commuters, students)
 - 5-6 community engagement meetings
- Recommendations for future trail investments (upgrades/maintenance for existing facilities and planned/future facilities)
- Listing of potential funding resources for future trail system improvements



Trail Facilities

- Shared Use Paths
- Paved Shoulders/Bike Lanes/Sharrows
- US, County, Local Bike Routes
- Water Trails
- Parks with
 - Hiking Trails
 - Mountain Biking Trails
 - Cross Country Skiing Trails
 - Equestrian Trails



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- A resource for governments and agencies to secure grant funds to implement the county wide vision for trails.



Marquette Greenway Proposed Trail Project

Friends of Berrien County Trails

- Questions?
- More information

www.BerrienTrails.org

