

# StoryWalk®

Great Start Livingston is offering the opportunity to gift a StoryWalk to parks and trails in Livingston County. This project aims to enhance literacy and physical activity among families in Livingston County. This initiative, funded by the State of Michigan, is a response to support literacy in our county.

## **Project Objective:**

Increase access to books and literacy materials for children and families.

## **Proposed Solution:**

Implement StoryWalks throughout Livingston County.

## **Plan of Action:**

Create partnerships, establish process, set installation dates, and promote the project. Each StoryWalk will have 16 free standing permanent display posts.

- Families will be encouraged to explore the StoryWalks and local area while reading the story.
- Local park and Great Start Livingston will determine schedule for StoryWalk and can select books based on inventory available from Great Start Livingston.
  - Once installation happens, Great Start Livingston will include location on StoryWalk page of Great Start Livingston website.
- Volunteers will help with the placement and removal of the story panels.
- Great Start Livingston will help promote the StoryWalks to Livingston County families.

## **Expectations:**

- Local park / trail - Accept the StoryWalk gift, Provide a path no more than 1/2 mile long, Determine layout of StoryWalk path of 16 posts, Install display equipment.
- Great Start Livingston - Fund project (StoryWalk panels and display equipment), Work with local park / trail and Volunteers to install and remove panels, Provide an inventory of StoryWalk books.

## **Funding Sources:**

The project is funded by Great Start Livingston through a grant from the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential.

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**Great Start Livingston would like to gift two StoryWalks to Hamburg Township.**

A StoryWalk is a literacy-boosting project which places an illustrated children’s book, taken apart and displayed spread-by-spread, along a walking route. The StoryWalk also encourages physical activity. Families will enjoy various parks throughout the community and will find various activities you can do as you move from page to page.

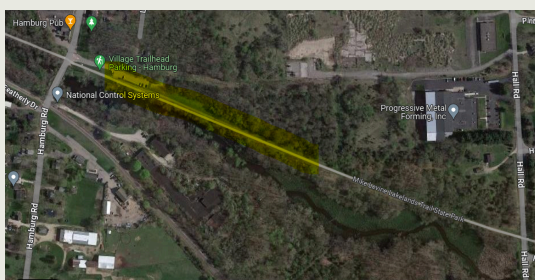
A StoryWalk includes 16 posts with display frames which are installed in the ground. The posts are permanent. The frame allows us to switch out books as needed and determined by the host location. Each panel will be a couple pages from a children's story book with an activity below. The 16 panels will be one complete children's book.

Great Start Livingston will purchase the equipment, maintain a StoryWalk book panel library, help with the changing of the book panels and provide replacement equipment if needed.

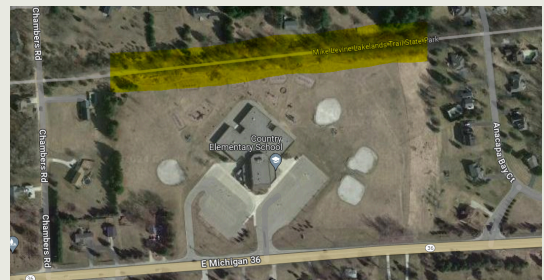
We need an accessible path approximately 1/2 mile or less in length to accommodate the 16 posts, spaced approximately 100 feet apart. This can be adjusted based on the space available.

Options:

**Village Trailhead - either direction**



**Lakeland Trail behind Country Elementary**



The StoryWalks will be found on the [GreatStartLivingston.org/storywalk](http://GreatStartLivingston.org/storywalk) page. We will promote the StoryWalks in Livingston County and encourage families to take advantage of our local parks/trails and StoryWalks.

