



The Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy
GREENWAY NEWS

Winter/Spring 2013

Message from the President:

Dear Friends,

It's been a snowy winter this year – but even on the coldest days, I see Ann Arbor's most dedicated bicycle commuters bundled up from head to toe (some even wearing ski goggles!) to brave the wind and the snow. Their dedication to sustainable transportation in Ann Arbor inspires us at the Conservancy to work even harder because we know, rain, shine or snow, everyone in our community deserves a safe place to bike, walk, blade, skate and skip to wherever they're going. Safe transportation and sustainable development in the Allen Creek floodway is what we're all about.

Since we launched our newsletter and membership program last November, we have welcomed almost 100 members to the Conservancy. To all our new members – thank you for leading the way! We are so grateful for your generous support and as a sign of our appreciation, we're sending you an "I support the Allen Creek Greenway" sticker – please display it proudly. If you are not already a member and would like to become one, consider joining today with the enclosed envelope or online at AllenCreekGreenway.org and we'll send you a sticker of your very own.

In this newsletter you'll find information about the progress we are making towards the realization of a greenway and related news stories in our community. Plus, a short poem about winter cycling, a list of 3 reasons why Ann Arbor needs a greenway and an interview with our newest board members, Steve and Janine Easter.

Until next time, happy reading and happy spring!

See you on the (future) trail,

Bob Galardi
 President

What is the Allen Creek Greenway?

The proposed Allen Creek Greenway is a pedestrian and bike-friendly path, located along the historic alignment of Allen Creek, to provide a safe, healthy and sustainable transportation corridor through the heart of Ann Arbor and an opportunity for responsible environmental stewardship of one of Ann Arbor's oldest geological features - the Allen Creek and its surrounding floodway.

Winter Cycling by Kristin Baja

*One glove, Two glove, Maize glove, Blue glove
 Michigan hat, Blue hat, Old hat, Moosejaw hat
 This bike has a little pedal
 This bike has a little metal
 Say! What a lot of cyclist there are.
 Yes. Some wear Maize, and some wear blue.
 Some feel really old and some are brand new.
 Some wear helmets, and some use lights
 And some wear vests that are very very bright.
 Why do they use helmets, lights and vests?
 Because a combo of all three is certainly best.
 Some ride fast, and some ride slow
 Some ride all winter, even in the snow!
 From there to here,
 From here to there,
 Ann Arbor cyclists are everywhere.
 Here are some who commute in the cold
 The ride in the cold makes them very bold.
 Oh me! Oh my! Oh me! Oh my!
 What a lot of Ann Arbor winter cyclists go by.*

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Become a member today! Your membership is an investment that allows us to:

- Develop partnerships that will truly make this a community-led effort.
- Keep you and the rest of the Ann Arbor community up-to-date on our progress.
- Assist in the pursuit of an informed and comprehensive master plan design process

Visit us online at www.AllenCreekGreenway.org or call (734) 223-8247 to learn more about membership opportunities or give today with the enclosed envelope and membership form.



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Reasons Ann Arbor needs a Greenway:

- 1) **A Greenway is open space with a purpose** — whether commuting by bike or taking a weekend stroll, the greenway will be a safe corridor through the heart of Ann Arbor.
- 2) **Water needs a place to go in heavy rain events** — sustainable development in the Allen Creek floodway means healthier rivers and streams.
- 3) **Connectivity gets us moving** — 2.3 miles of urban trail means uninterrupted access to hundreds of miles of recreation trails and a healthy, active community.

What's happening around Tree Town?

We are very excited for 2013 and believe it holds many great opportunities for us and Ann Arbor as a whole. In fact, the construction of a greenway in Ann Arbor was featured on AnnArbor.com as one of the "5 things to watch on the city beat in the new year." Here's what's happening around town:

- ◆ The Washtenaw County Parks and Rec. Commission approved a grant for \$150,00 for the development of 721 N Main.
- ◆ Watco Railroad Company Holdings purchased the Ann Arbor Railroad in late December, 2012.
- ◆ The City of Ann Arbor approved a study to explore the feasibility of a tunnel under the RR tracks between Depot St. and Argo Pond.
- ◆ The Michigan Department of Transportation hired a consulting group to study the economic and community benefits of bicycling and bicycle tourism in the state.

Read more at AnnArbor.com

Get to know the Easters!

We started off 2013 by welcoming two new members to our Board of Directors, long-time greenway supporters Janine and Steve Easter. We sat down with Janine last month:

Q: Why did you join the Conservancy?



I felt honored to be asked to join the Board of Directors because of its distinguished members. I felt they were on the right track, going slow and steady toward an achievable goal. I am enthusiastic about the Greenway and hope I can contribute to its success.

A Greenway with open space, walking and biking lanes close to downtown and Main Street would enhance outdoor living in our town and at the same time, turn a blighted area into something fun, useful and green that brings people together. The fact that it would connect to Border to Border Trails is invaluable.

Q: What do you love most about the greenway?

I am excited that something concrete will happen this year at 721 N. Main St. I'm also interested in helping increase the number of ACGC supporters by contacting friends and others to join our new membership program, and finally, I'd like to host a Friend-Fundraiser at my home at some point this year—so that is all very exciting!

Q: What are you most excited about for 2013?



THANK YOU

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To all of our members: Thank you for your generous support and commitment to the Conservancy and the Allen Creek Greenway!

- ◆ Wesley Allred
- ◆ Peter Cokinos and Alice Ralph
- ◆ Jiao Haosong
- ◆ Joe and Karen O'Neal
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- ◆ Francesca Cassara
- ◆ Fred and Iris Gruhl
- ◆ Kent Newman
- ◆ Brian and Lee Talbot
- ◆ Rachel Chalot
- ◆ David Wang

We would like to thank the following local businesses and organizations for their membership and support!

- ◆ Allen's Creek Watershed Group
- ◆ Mighty Good Coffee
- ◆ Peter Allen & Associates
- ◆ Quinn Evans Architects

How can YOU support the greenway?

Become a member!

Your membership helps the Conservancy facilitate collaboration amongst key stakeholders, conduct necessary research to inform decision-making, and provide opportunities for community participation in planning and building the greenway.

Does your business or organization want to become a member? We have just launched a new membership program for businesses, non-profits and community organizations. Interested? Please contact membership@AllenCreekGreenway.org.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our records. If we have mistakenly included, omitted or otherwise incorrectly displayed your name, please accept our apologies. Corrections may be sent to info@AllenCreekGreenway.org