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Letter from the Executive Director

If you were out on the trails this summer you might have been thinking you'd never seen so many people before. And you'd be right. Since the pandemic started, we've seen a 20-30% increase in use on trails throughout the network. With safety on the minds of so many, the trails and our region's abundant parks, public lands and preserves became a place of strength and refuge. Throughout the spring and summer, we've heard from many that trails were the balm they needed and the respite they sought. Trails provided a place people could go for healing, hope and happiness, and a purpose that kept them centered and helped them find the strength they needed to meet the challenges they faced.

This year it is crystal clear that trails are so much more than asphalt and boardwalk. They are the connections to each other and the places that we love. Trails are the physical manifestation of the great things we can achieve when we work together. With the challenges 2020 has thrown at us, let's take this opportunity to be bold and visionary. Rethink and reimagine our communities and focus on priorities — our health, families, community, and environment. Trails thread through and support them all. What could a connected network really look like? What opportunities await a family whose kids are just a bike ride away from a trail that could connect to Peshawbestown or Elk Rapids? Or one day Interlochen and Blair? How about to our schools and parks on the west and east sides of town? There are so many who are so close in distance to a park, school, workplace or shopping center, but so far apart in safety and services.

So, let's make every house a trailhead. TART is working to ensure that for both today and tomorrow we have better, safer access to our region's fantastic resources — our parks, schools, businesses, neighborhoods, and our people. With your support, we believe no matter your age, income or ability, everyone can safely move around our communities, finding and making the connections we so desperately need with each other, even if, for now, that's still 6 feet apart.

Stay strong, stay healthy, stay active,

Julie Clark, Executive Director

Boardman Lake Loop Trail

- Good things come to those who wait...

This spring and summer highlighted the critical need for safe, comfortable and convenient access for pedestrians and cyclists to make their way around the region. And thanks to your support, this summer we got to work on



an important piece of community infrastructure with the groundbreaking of the first phase of the Boardman Lake Loop Trail. Late July, construction began on the first mile of the Loop between 14th Street and the

NMC University Center with Team Elmer's building the retaining wall between the railroad and Cass Road. The outpouring of community support this past winter and solid partnerships with the City of Traverse City, Garfield Township and Grand Traverse County helped keep this project moving forward during a challenging year. While there's still some heavy lifting to do as we finish design on the final leg between Medalie Park and NMC, we're heading into 2021 with high hopes of celebrating completion of the Loop.



TART Transformation

Thirty years after its construction in 1990, portions of the TART are now in need of significant upgrades and replacement. This summer, thanks to 88 donors and funding from Grand Traverse County, Traverse City, East Bay Township and Traverse City Light & Power, we raised the funds needed



to replace the pavement and widen the trail to 10' along the section between Three Mile Road and Airport Access Road. This pending reconstruction will improve the overall trail experience and ensure quality transportation and recreation for another 30 years.



Leelanau Trail

- For the Community, From the Community

The Leelanau Trail is the only trail within the TART Trails network entirely owned and operated by TART Trails. It was born from a passionate community that continues to support it today.



As the crown jewel of the TART Trails network and a designated Pure Michigan Trail®, keeping it a world-class trail experience for all is a point of pride. We were thrilled to work

on several major trail improvements this year. To the north, Team Elmer’s wrapped up a construction project replacing a culvert and laying new asphalt between 4th Street and 1st Street in Suttons Bay. There have been beautiful landscaping efforts along the trail in Suttons Bay, led by the ever-talented Kate Thornhill, caretaker of Leo Creek Preserve. The Fouch Road Trailhead was also improved and reoriented to provide additional parking.

“Trails showcase their community in a positive light and provide a space for community bonding and social cohesion.”

– TART Trails Benefits Study

Another exciting development is that Bingham Township unanimously voted to support amending the land use permit for the trail to allow the addition of a new parking lot along the Leelanau Trail at Shady Lane. Thanks to volunteer Garth Greenan’s professional engineering of the project, the parking lot will provide improved accessibility to Leelanau Trail users for decades to come. We look forward to seeing construction underway next spring.



Leelanau Trail Crew

Dave Monstrey, founding member of the Leelanau Trail Association, leads the volunteer maintenance ‘Leelanau Trail Crew.’ This passionate and dedicated team of Ambassadors provides an invaluable service through their volunteer efforts. Their annual maintenance and trail improvements include 150+ miles of mowing, tree removal, trimming, snow plowing, crack sealing, intersection clearing, edging, grading, signage and more. And this year was no exception. Equipped with all the proper safety gear, masked up, and ready to hit the trail running this spring — these essential workers didn’t skip a beat. They got right to work getting the trail in shape for heavy use, keeping it safe and operational just when so many of us needed it most.



Nakwema Trailway

- Connecting Charlevoix, Traverse City, and the places in between and beyond!

TART Trails and Top of Michigan Trails, together with Networks Northwest and in cooperation with local and state governments, are collaborating to close the 45+ mile gap between the Little Traverse Wheelway



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in Charlevoix and the TART Trails network in Acme. The Nakwema Trailway will travel through Traverse City, Acme, Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood, and Charlevoix.



The Nakwema (nah-KWAY-mah) Trailway will provide a vital, non-motorized connection between pristine freshwater shorelines, rolling dunes, and pastoral farmlands. The Trailway will provide critical foundational infrastructure for happy, healthy, resilient individuals and communities that make up the quintessential towns, villages, and rich cultural heritage that define northwest Lower Michigan.

Community benefits and trail user experience will drive the design of the trail. Trail development will ensure the goals of elevating our region’s rich cultural and natural resources, and providing important access in harmony with the natural environment. Sign up for our Nakwema newsletter to stay up-to-date as the trail develops!

“The economic benefits of a trail system go far beyond simply bringing visitors to our area to enjoy, spend money, etc. Having a place to live with quality recreational opportunities and amenities is a critical component that helps our area companies attract and retain great employees. It’s a pretty simple formula: Great employees make great companies; great companies make great communities. The Nakwema Trail is a terrific addition to our area that will help employers create and retain jobs.”

– Andy Hayes,
President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance



More Pathways Around Sleeping Bear

We have exciting updates for the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail! Plans are underway to extend the trail north from Bohemian Road (CR 669) to Good Harbor Trail (CR 651). This new five miles of trail will wind through



conifer forests, wetlands, golden meadows, rolling dunes, and historic farmsteads. This section will feature both a paved trail and boardwalk pathway separated from the roadway, promoting safe access for all ages and abilities to



explore the unique history, culture, flora, and fauna of the Lakeshore and surrounding communities.

In addition, Glen Arbor Township is moving forward with trail design for the Glen Arbor Connector. Working from their feasibility study completed in 2017, the Township

“We enjoy biking on the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail! There is so much to see. The great weather and the gorgeous sights make us feel glad to be alive. We appreciate seeing the trail ambassadors out and about, too! We cherish memorable moments from time spent on the trails.”

– Sarah Redeker Jackson

is exploring the design of a separated trail along M-22 that will join Glen Arbor to the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail just north of the Homestead.

Designated a Pure Michigan® trail, the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail continues to promote health, environmental, social, and economic benefits and provide a safe place for walking, biking, running, and cross-country skiing.

Stay tuned for more details as we work with our partners to create meaningful transportation and recreational connections in Leelanau County!



The Year of the Virtual Event

In the spring of 2020, businesses, nonprofits, individuals and organizations across the United States scrambled to figure out what to do with their events in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. TART Trails was no exception, and during the first two months of the pandemic, we cancelled many of our events. We missed celebrating our groomers at the Annual Grooming Appreciation Party. Our Ambassador Training and Spring Workbee events got bumped. The beloved Recycle-A-Bicycle Bike Swap was shut down and we pushed pause on our annual Smart Commute Week event the first week of June.



As social distancing and mask mandates began to flatten the curve of COVID-19 and we learned more about the virus, we began experimenting with virtual events. Starting with our Virtual Tails to Trails 5K Fun Run/Walk, we invited folks to support TART Trails by registering to run or walk their own 5K with (or without) their furry friends. The event was a huge success. We saw our highest number of registrations ever and had participants



across five different states joining the fun. Along with humans and dogs, this year 3 chickens and 2 cats joined the fun.

In July, we got creative with our largest fundraiser of the

year. The 2020 Tour de TART, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of Michigan, became a true tour of the TART Trails network. Participants were invited to experience nearly 100 miles of trail by running, walking, biking, skating and/or roller skiing their way across the TART Trails Bingo Card.



Most recently, in September, we held our rescheduled Smart(er) Commute Week. This annual celebration reimaged consisted of activities that promoted getting around using your own two feet in a smart, safe and healthy way. While we missed our daily breakfast gatherings and the Smart Commute Week challenges, we were happy to connect through social media and focus on community, not competition.

“The Tour de TART was a fun event and encouraged me to get out and ride other trails that I hadn’t tried. We are looking forward to the continuation around Boardman Lake. We are so lucky to have an organization that maintains such high quality trails in northern Lower Michigan.”

– Deb Korreck

During the past few months, virtual events have connected and motivated us. They remind us that we’re not alone — that we’re still all in this together, and are united in supporting strong, healthy, resilient communities.

A Smart(er) Commute Story

- Lake Effect's adventures as told by Jonathan Campbell

Lake Effect Digital was thrilled to participate in the virtual Smart(er) Commute Week. Led by our Social Media Coordinator, Lexie Cerk, Lake Effect walked and biked around Traverse City and documented our stops along the way and encouraged others to do the same. During a year that has been far from normal, it was nice to get out and explore our town safely during one of the best weather weeks of the Fall!



"It was fun getting involved in the community and supporting local in a time when businesses need it most!"

- Lexie Cerk, Social Media Coordinator

Though many of us have been working from home, we approached the Smart Commute Week Challenge as a team to encourage each other to get outside and enjoy our region safely. Though it was a bit different this year, we really enjoyed the week and look forward to next year!



"I look forward to Smart Commute Week every year, but even more so this year. Like many, I am primarily working from home at this time, so a little incentive to alter my daily routine was something that I welcomed wholeheartedly. The extra fifteen or so minutes on my bike every morning gave me back that buffer between home and work that I'm currently missing. It was really nice having that time to wake up, reflect, brainstorm, problem solve, or simply just take in this beautiful place that I get to live in."

- Brandon Jenkins, Creative Director

Bell for Every Bike Campaign

Since the pandemic began, TART Trails has encouraged folks to get out and enjoy the trails and outdoor spaces safely and responsibly. Proper trail etiquette is always at top of mind and forefront of our messaging. We kicked off our 'Bell for Every Bike Campaign' this year, as a way to increase awareness of the importance of trail etiquette and help promote positive interactions between all trail users and encourage social distancing.

Bells are available for purchase at local bike shops and our online store.



Boardman River Trail

- More Ways to Explore Just Outside Your Door

This spring had many of us looking for safe places to explore that were near to us and new to us. Thanks to the vision of hiker, runner, trail builder and TART Ambassador Richard (Dick) Naperalala, the Boardman River Trail was available and awaiting our exploration just outside the city limits. The Boardman River Trail will create a roughly 46-mile loop from downtown Traverse



City that follows the banks of the Boardman River as far as Ranch Rudolf before using state land through Muncie Lakes and then

the North Country Trail all the way to the Vasa Pathway to the TART Trail at Bunker Hill back into town.

This year, thanks to the completion of the Jaxon Creek bridge through state lands in Hoosier Valley, Dick's longtime leadership and volunteers' hard work, the entire route is navigable. While there's more to be done — signage to be posted, better road crossings to be designed, and improvements along the way to be made – today there's a new trail that awaits you in all four seasons.

Be sure to check it out! This natural surface trail just to the south of town is ideal for backpacking, bike camping, trail running, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, birding and more. And when you do, lose yourself in the beauty of nature around you and maybe give a nod to Dick and the volunteers that helped clear the path for your next adventure.

Vasa Bike Park - A MUST RIDE

Last spring, a powerful partnership between the Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association (NMMBA) and TART Trails combined to bring something new and exciting to our area: a bike park that offers two one-mile beginner mountain bike loops and a new



BMX jump line. The Bike Park is nestled in the Vasa Trailhead at Bartlett Road, county land administered by the Grand

Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department, and home to the Vasa Pathway. Work this summer, led by NMMBA board member Tim Jenema and contractor Reith Riley, transformed the Vasa Skillz Loop into an immensely popular destination for kids and families looking for safe, affordable and fantastic outdoor experiences. Features along the loops include rock gardens, berms, jumps and table tops giving riders the option of challenging themselves to become better riders and preparing them to take on bigger obstacles and adventures. The new Vasa Bike Park is a brilliant new addition to our community mountain bike trails and will help continue to make the Traverse City area a destination for mountain bikers of all ages and abilities for generations to come.



Trailside Chat

From berms to jumps, we sat down with TART volunteer and NMMBA board member Tim Jenema to hear what it's been like for the crews building the Vasa Skillz Loop in the Vasa Bike Park.

TART: CAN YOU SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO AT THE VASA BIKE PARK?

TJ: We have been finishing up the trail beds for the small cross-country loops and started adding features like small rollers, berms and rock features. With awesome volunteer help, we have reworked the old BMX track at the Bartlett Road Trailhead. The old one was a great addition to the trailhead but erosion and lack of maintenance made it difficult and dangerous to ride. We decided to redesign and rebuild it with more of a downhill flow feel. We made sure each jump had different options for difficulty or an option to go around jumps to suit all abilities.

TART: HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU SPENT OUT IN THE WOODS ON THIS PROJECT?

TJ: On average, we spend between 6-10 hours a week working on various parts of the trail.

"I like to ride my bike and dig in dirt."

– Tim Jenema, Trail Champion, Trail Architect and Trail Builder

TART: WHAT ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS TRAIL PROJECT?

TJ: We have such a great network of mountain bike trails in Traverse City but we are pretty limited on smaller marked loops that are geared towards families, kids and beginners. TART Trails and Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association (NMMBA) teamed up to collaborate and add more of this style of trails. The Bartlett Road Trailhead location made sense as the ideal spot for shorter marked loops because it's close to town, has the warming hut right there and it's on Grand Traverse County Park property. It's a great spot to take your kids or ride as a beginner because the loops are short and it's all contained so it's hard to get lost. We are adding small features to add challenges for riders to have fun with and gain confidence.



TART: WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL?

TJ: One of the great things about the Vasa Bike Park is the number of volunteers who came out to help, often putting in long hours after their workday. We have been building the trails on a pretty limited budget so the volunteers have really helped make this project come to life.

A few volunteers to give special thanks to are Brad Gerlach for helping with trail layout and design, Dan Ellis for his machine work on the new BMX flow track area and Joel Wedel who was at every work bee helping with the cross-country loops. We also have to give thanks to Chris Kushman and his son Mathew. Mathew was a big help with dirt work and testing all the jumps and berms.

TART: WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW AND WHAT'S PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE?

TJ: Currently, we are getting more signage in place and making exciting plans for next year such as working to add more skill-based features on the cross-country loops. We'd also really like to add more jump line options to the BMX flow trail area.

Trails in the Time of COVID

- As Shared by Dad and Trail Enthusiast, Ryan Wainwright

Sometime in late May, I got on my bike and headed out onto the TART Trail. I had no idea at that time that I would end up riding 600+ miles and that this invaluable regional asset would completely transform my life. I was just looking

for a healthy way to relieve the stresses of living through a global pandemic, and to refocus and recondition my physical health. As it turns out, that

ride in May never really ended and continues to this day. I completely transformed and strengthened my physical and mental health. I look different, feel different, and think differently. The

TART Trail ended up being a conduit for personal growth and change. I definitely found something inside myself I hadn't seen in quite some time and won't soon be complaining about rediscovering it. I am also rather proud of spending over 100 of those miles doing a little

father-son bonding with my son. The trail is a perfect place for us to go slow things down a bit. We get to talk, stay in tune with each other, laugh, smile and also go fast while cruising through the absolute beauty of this area. Trails do more than connect places — they connect people and keep you connected to yourself.

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More Great Places for People

While we work to connect the trail network, we are also working hard behind the scenes to support community initiatives that make our neighborhoods and cities more walkable and bikeable. This summer we partnered with

the City of Traverse City on their Shared Streets Initiative, an experiment to dedicate specific city streets as optimal for cyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles to coexist safely. Two city streets, Washington and

Ninth Streets each were part of this experiment and feedback from neighbors was very positive. We are now working with the City to take lessons learned from these experiments and weave them into an active transportation plan.



We also were happy to support the DDA's closure of Front Street this summer with our very own TART Trails Parklet providing planters and seating to add to the park-like feel of the street when it was opened for pedestrians only.

Celebrating a Circle of Giving

Sustainer’s Circle donors are those who contribute \$1,000 or more to TART Trails annually. Sustainers provide core funding for TART Trails to work towards our long-term vision of happy, active people making connections through a world-class trail network.

We’re delighted to share that 44 new Sustainers joined our amazing group of 200 Sustainers to help support TART’s core values, mission and vision.

Each year, we celebrate our Sustainer’s Circle of Donors by holding exclusive events meant to celebrate, educate and inform this core group of donors. This year we were able to gather together on a very snowy Saturday in February to cross-country ski and snowshoe through the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The day wrapped up with a trip to the wonderful Cherry Republic Public House in Glen Arbor.



In March, indoor events were off the table, but as the summer progressed and we learned we could still gather safely outside in small groups — we got to celebrate with some hearty folks for our annual Bike & Boat adventure! Unfortunately, due to heavy rainstorms we canceled the boat portion of the day (we’ll see you next year, Inland Seas!), but were able to enjoy a Leelanau Trail ride and a tour and tasting of the new Farm Club just off the trail.

The decision to cancel our in-person Oktoberfest gathering this year was not an easy one, but were able to enjoy a Leelanau Trail ride and a tour and tasting at the new Farm Club gathering place just off the trail. Instead of our annual

fall gathering, we joined together via Zoom to express gratitude, share the announcement of the Jim Mudgett Trail Pioneer Award and learn about TART Trails projects and programs.



In these uncertain times, we have learned that our community truly values active living and outdoor recreation. The trails have been there for community — and TART Trails Sustainer’s Circle of Donors have been there for the trails.

TART Trails’ Core Values

 Access Promote safe, comfortable, convenient and affordable ways for everyone to move around our communities	 Collaboration Work with community partners to develop and maintain a world class trail network
 Connection Foster enduring relationships to nature, people, places and ourselves	 Health Encourage active transportation and outdoor recreation to improve personal well-being and community health
 Recreation Support year-round trail activities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy	 Sustainability Contribute to a healthy environment, thriving economies, and resilient communities

Art on the TART

Trail users can look forward to several new art installations on multiple trails in the TART network. Through Art on the TART, we work with community partners to enrich the user experience through thoughtful aesthetic expression. We have several projects in the works including a transformation of the 10th Street Trailhead, the Boardman Lake Loop Trail donor recognition installation, and more.



The Boardman Lake Loop donor recognition sculpture being created by local artist TJ Carroll will commemorate the community-led effort to complete the loop around Boardman Lake. The sculpture, which will be constructed primarily of corten steel, is designed in a leaf motif inspired by the natural beauty of Medalie Park. The placement of

leaves will also act as a rain diverter and shade structure, providing a comfortable haven for trail users and visitors to the park.

The 10th Street Trailhead project along the Boardman Lake Trail will transform this underutilized public space into an enriching environment for everyone to enjoy — placemaking is at the very heart of it. We are working with community partners including the City of Traverse City Arts Commission and Oryana Co-op to turn a simple access point on the trail into a destination, and make the area safe, comfortable, and accessible.



Together with Northwest Michigan Arts and Culture Network and other community partners, we are transforming the TART Trail into a distinct space, including installing public art. Look in our e-news for a forthcoming call for artist proposals for this exciting project.

Get on the Snow to Free Your Soul

When the snow flies, it's a busy time on the trails. Out in the woods on the Vasa Pathway, and along some of the Leelanau Trail, TART has a fleet of volunteers and staff out creating fantastic winter trail experiences. We call these winter wizards Groomers.

"I feel so grateful to have easy access to so much beauty in this beautiful region. It is truly life-giving."

– Margaret Pierson

The Grooming Badge program is a way we help support their magic. Last winter, our grooming badge program saw yet again another season of record support. Even



with the snowfall spotty at times, the groomers on the Vasa Pathway and Leelanau Trail continued to exceed expectations with their amazing ability

to harvest snow and pack it into place for trail users to enjoy late into the season — even after snow was almost all but completely melted away in town.

With a nip in the air, the changing of the leaves and our hands around warm mugs of cider, we know winter is not too far off. TART Trails staff



and groomer crews are busy preparing for another season on the trails to bring us all the joys of winter! We are looking to you to support a great winter where we can enjoy time outside on some fabulous winter trails.

A Commitment to Community

- George and Carol Quarderer receive the 2020 Jim Mudgett Trail Pioneer Award

Carol and George Quarderer play an important role in recreation and transportation opportunities in Glen Arbor, and have been paramount in the success of the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail.

Since community partners quite literally gathered around a kitchen table in 2001 to talk about a trail in the National Lakeshore, Carol and George have been a part of the conversation. Nineteen years later, they continue to lead the charge for the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail and pathways in and around the Lakeshore. In her second tour of duty, Carol currently co-chairs the campaign cabinet with Kerry Kelly, leading the effort to raise over \$3 million in private funds for the next section of trail.



Avid outdoor enthusiasts with a personal passion for community projects, Carol and George are the perfect partners to have on the team. We thank Carol and George for their incredible energy and enthusiasm they have shared with us and all they've invested in the Heritage Trail, and all of the work they have done for trails in our region.

Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors and Partners

- We're grateful to the following businesses and organizations who sponsored, supported, or hosted events in the past year

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Volunteering During COVID

Springtime on the trails is typically a busy time for our robust volunteer force. This year, the world was different, and most of us were under a Stay-at-Home Order. Other than our Ambassador maintenance crews who were deemed essential to keep our trails safe and accessible, we had to briefly suspend our volunteer efforts. While much of life as we knew it shut down, the trails remained open and well used. With COVID-19 safety policies in place, as soon as the order lifted, our volunteers were ready to get back out there. Well-equipped with masks, hand sanitizer, and tools, they made sure the trails were in tip-top shape so everyone could enjoy their time on the trails.



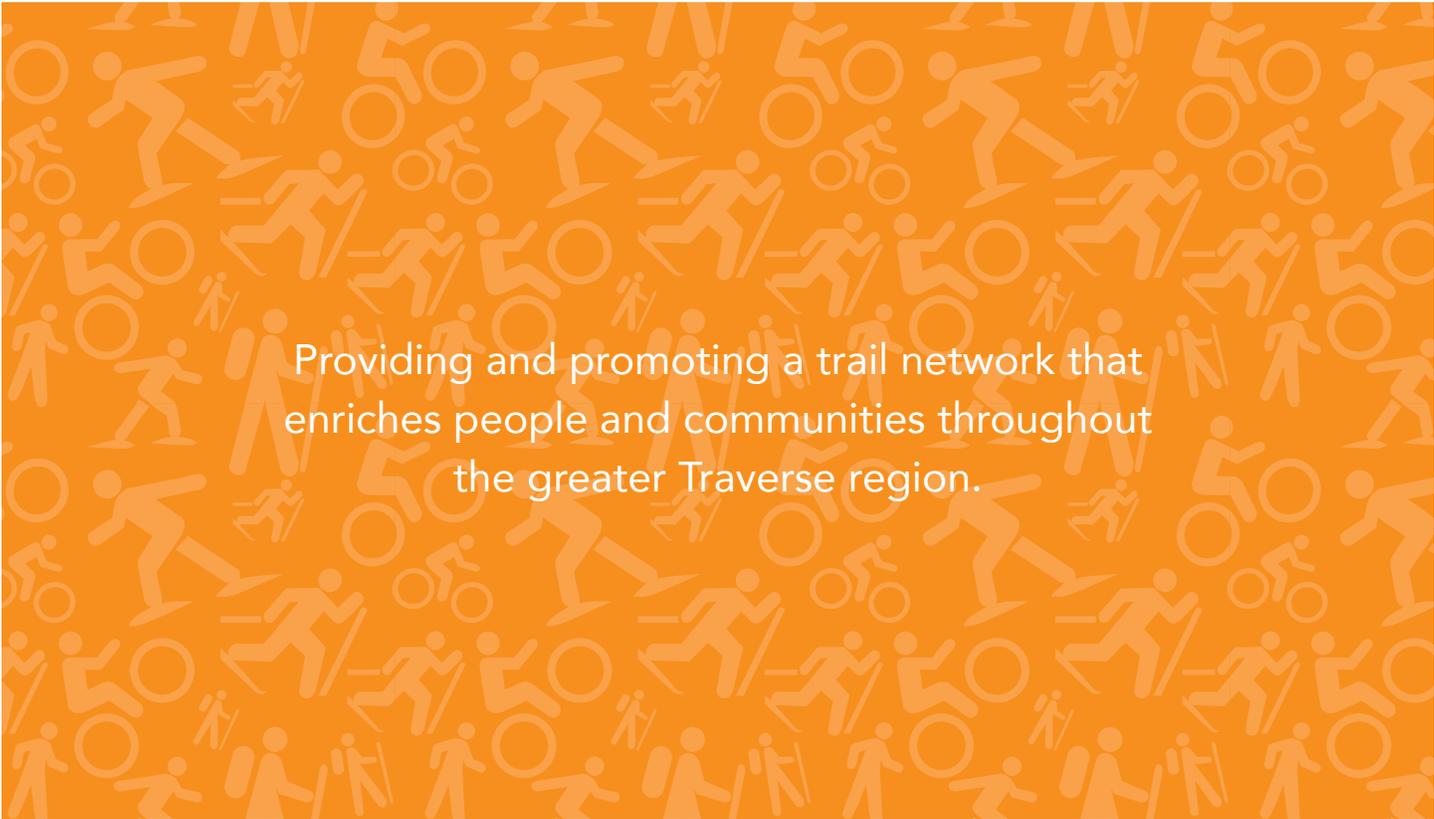


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