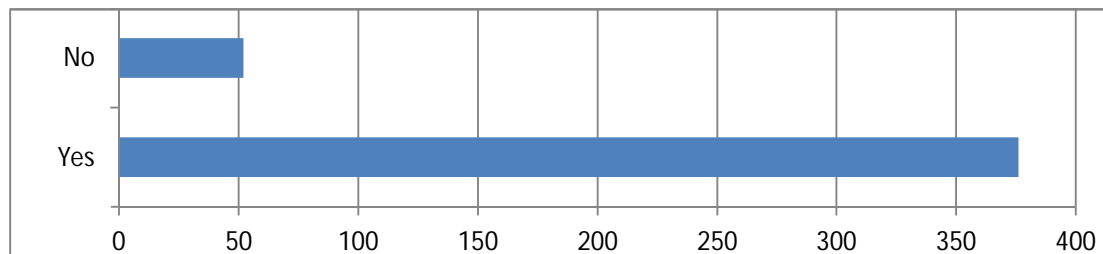
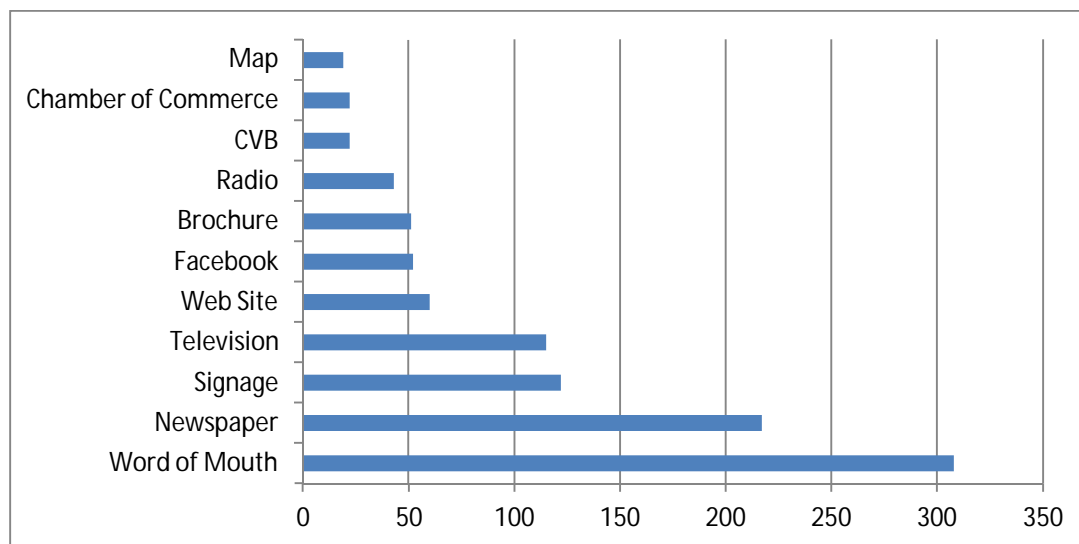


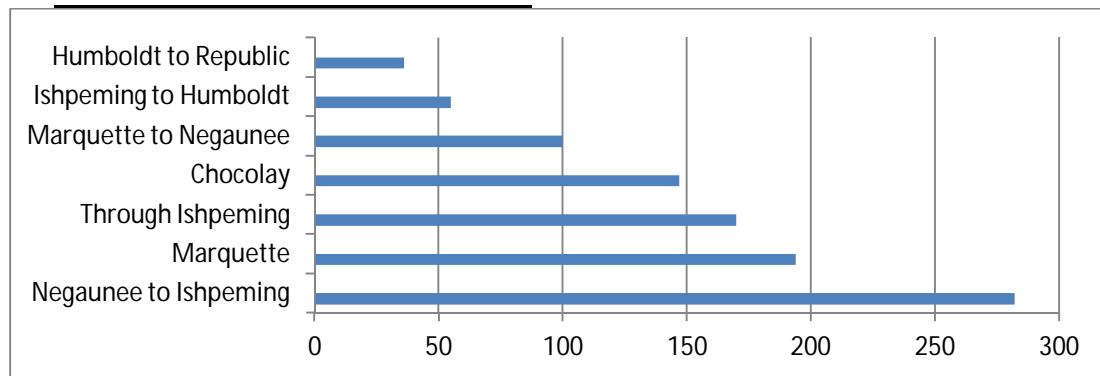
1. Have you have heard of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, please let us know how. (Check all that apply)

Word of Mouth	308
Newspaper	217
Signage	122
Television	115
Web Site	60
Facebook	52
Brochure	51
Radio	43
Convention/Visitors	22
Chamber of Commerce	22
Map	19
Other: Live near trail, Sorva DC Club, bike shop,	geoocache



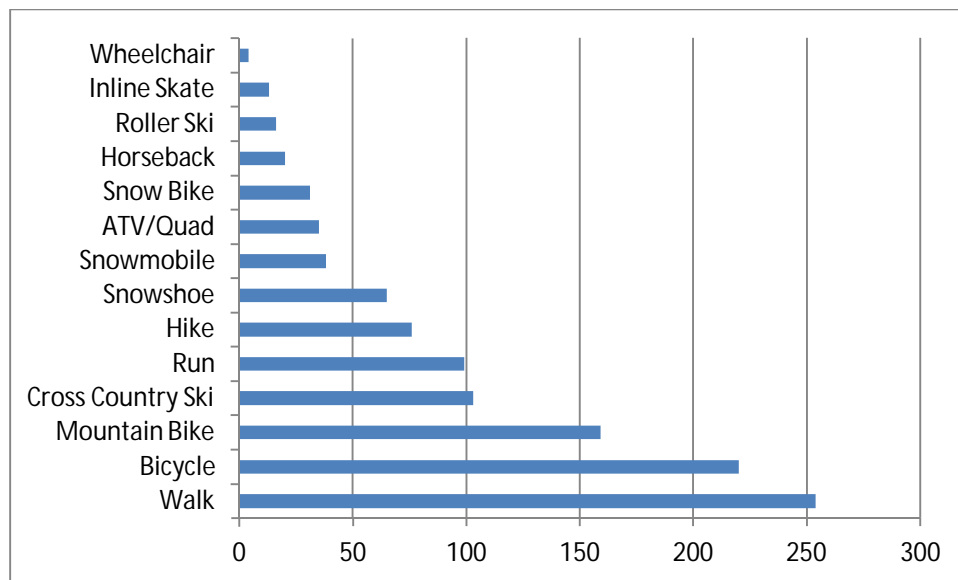
3. If so, which portions of the trail have you been on (please check all that apply)?

Negaunee to Ishpeming	282
Marquette	194
Through Ishpeming	170
Chocolay	147
Marquette to Negaunee	100
Ishpeming to Humboldt	55
Humboldt to Republic	36



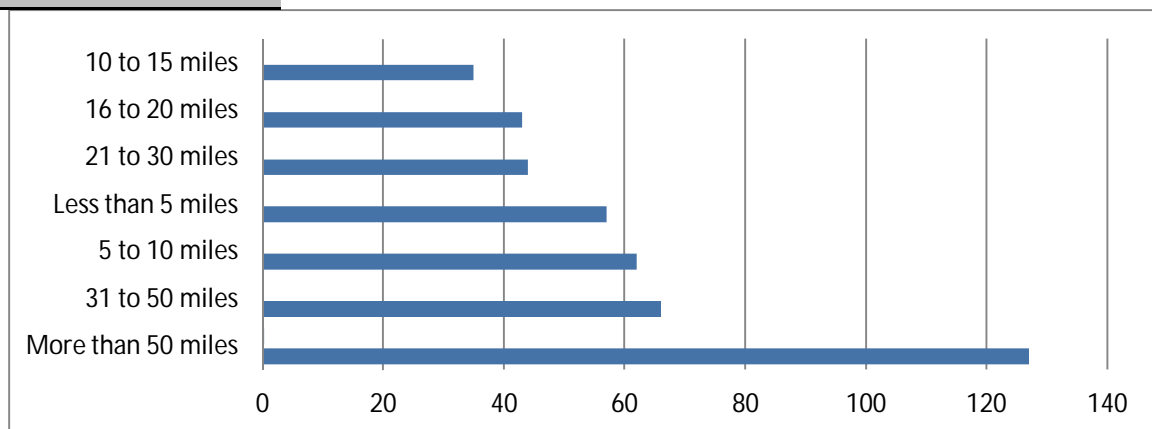
4. Please select your primary uses of trails. Please check all that apply.

• Walk	254
• Bicycle	220
• Mountain Bike	159
• Cross Country Ski	103
• Run	99
• Hike	76
• Snowshoe	65
• Snowmobile	38
• ATV/Quad	35
• Snow Bike	31
• Horseback	20
• Roller Ski	16
• Inline Skate	13
• Wheelchair	4



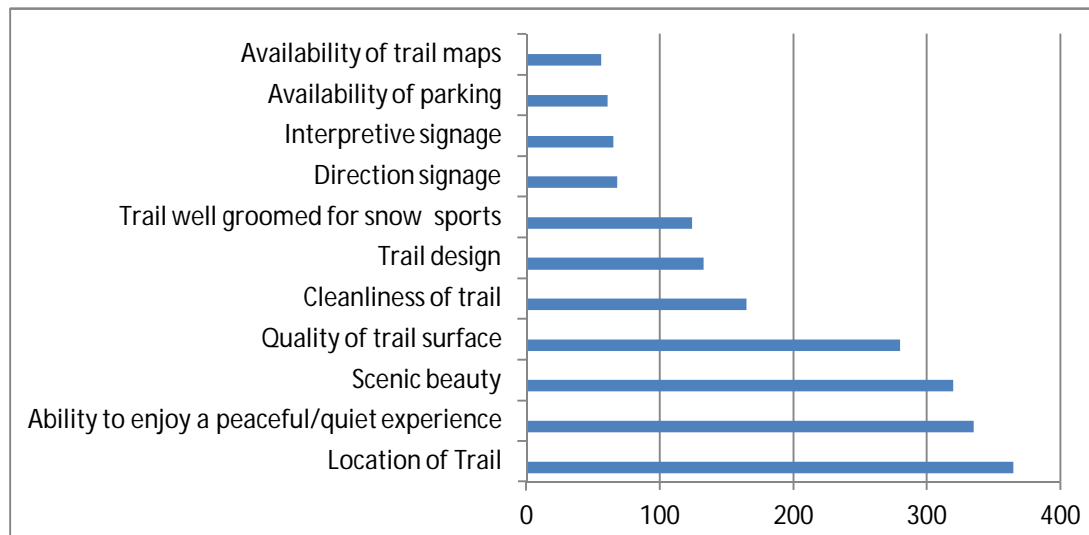
5. How long of a trail do you prefer?

More than 50 miles	127
31-50 miles	66
5-10 miles	62
Less than 5 miles	57
21-30 miles	44
16-20 miles	43
10-15 miles	35



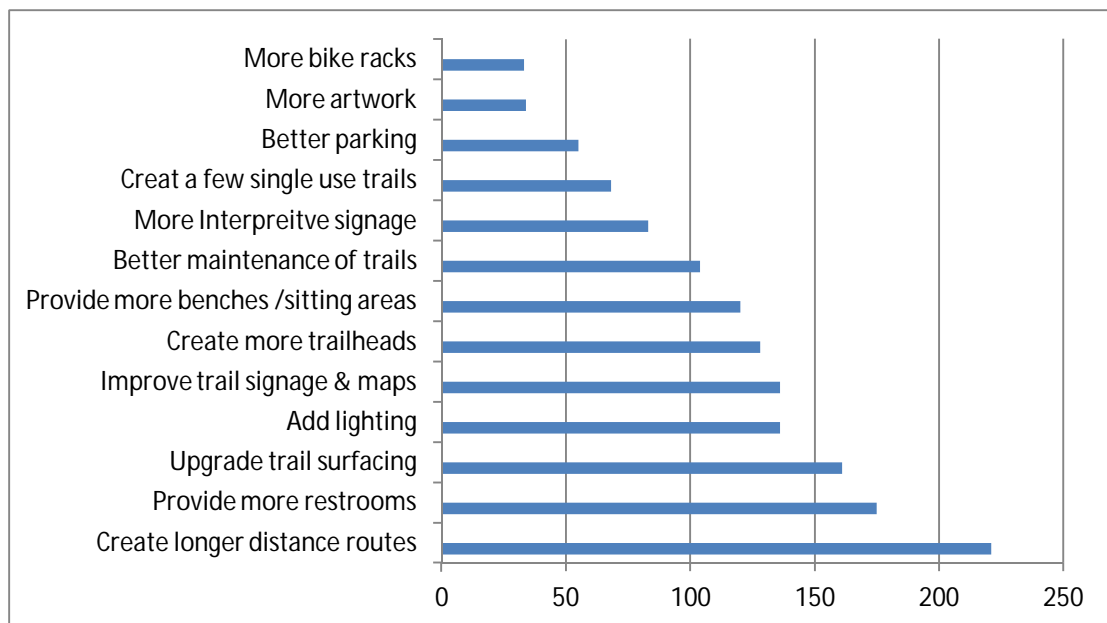
6. Please check your top **five** reasons for using the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

Location of trail	365
Ability to enjoy a peaceful/quiet experience	335
Scenic Beauty	320
Quality of the trail surface	280
Cleanliness of trail	165
Trail Design	133
Trail well groomed for snow sports	124
Directional signage	68
Interpretive Signage	65
Availability of parking	61
Availability of trail maps	56
Other: Historical significance, no snowmobiles, ATV use	



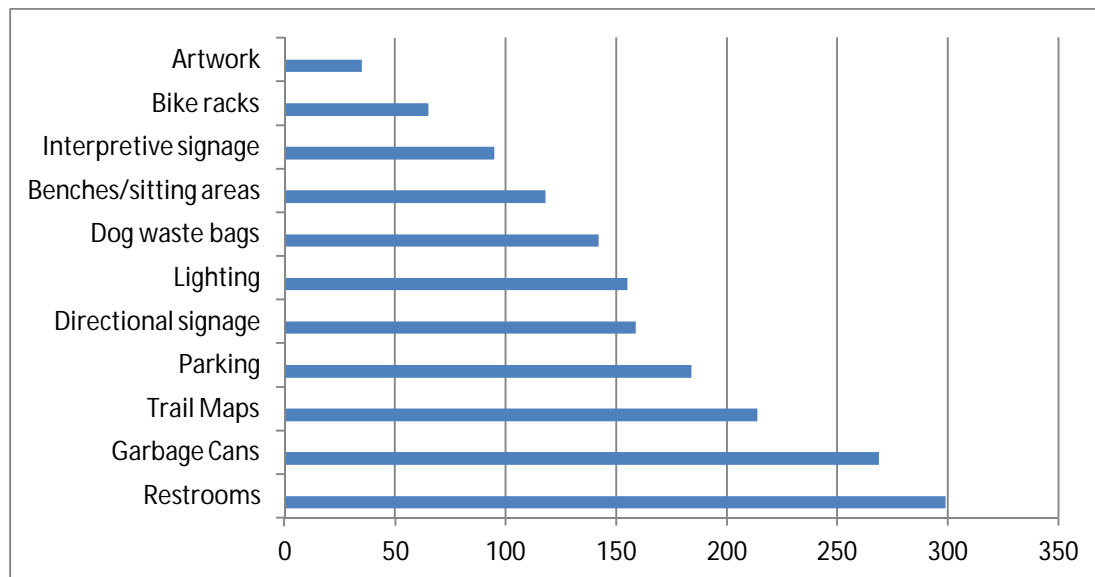
7. Please check the top **five** improvements you would like to see that would enhance your experience on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

Create longer distance routes	221
Provide more restrooms	173
Upgrade trail surfacing	161
Add Lighting	136
Improve trail signage and maps	136
Create more trailhead facilities	128
Provide more benches/sitting areas	120
Better maintenance of trails	104
Provide more interpretive signage	83
Create a few single use trails (ie equestrian only)	68
Provide better parking	55
Provide more artwork	34
Provide more bike racks	33
Other: Keep it simple and Natural. Surface from Ishpeming west very bumpy, access to recreation areas, Looping trails, No motorized vehicles. Dividing line in center of trail for two-way traffic	
Slow down signs	



8. Please check your top **five** priorities for items at Iron Ore Heritage Trail heads.

Restrooms	299
Garbage cans	269
Trail maps	214
Parking.	184
Directional signage	159
Lighting	155
Dog waste bags	142
Benches/Sitting areas	118
Interpretive signage	95
Bike racks	65
Artwork	35
Other: Park area @Negaunee trailhead original plan was awesome, water for drinking	



9. Please provide any additional comments.

Would like to see sections of trail paved near Marquette for roller skiing.

Like what is going on.

We should keep all motor, snowmobiles, ATV traffic off this trail.

Keep up the good work.

The trails are so pleasant to walk.

Do not build a bunch of benches or facilities or put up lights.

Wonderful progress in a relatively short time. Keep up the good work.

Thank you for great trail system in Marquette County! Makes a great attraction for Marquette County.

Open entire trail to ATV's.

IOHT great asset!

Keep shrubs trimmed and lights would be great. Awesome to have this in our community especially for families and we have a neighbor in a wheelchair that uses it quite often.

I love using the parts of the trail close to my home. No driving to get started. My compliments to all who brought this trail to fruition.

We are excited about the possibility of overnight rides to neighboring towns. Consider an "Adopt a trail" program where users could help contribute to upkeep of trail.

ORV rides and connections to gas, food, lodging.

Snowmobile speeding and leaving trails needs better control.

We just did the Crop Walk today and walked from Ishpeming. It was a great experience. Trail wonderful.

Trail is great for young people to bike on but there are still areas of concern. Great maintenance so far. Ishpeming benches perfect location. Broom intersections once a week.

This is a wonderful thing! Keep up the great work.

A lit trail that leads to a clearing with available star maps and info for night sky viewing and photography.

WE are looking forward to the completion of the Marquette-Negaunee section. We enjoying riding on paved & limestone trails.

ATV's pay fees that support this trail; their usage is too limited.

The only part of the Heritage Trail I know of is Ishpeming by Brownstone Building to Negaunee. Need more info on the trail.

I could not answer Question #5 because I will use the trail in a variety of ways once it has been improved. I'm most excited about able to ride my bike from home (on Northwoods Land) to downtown Marquette in safety. This will result in a decrease in my use of my car. I do a lot of bike riding (usually 20-30 miles per day but occasionally longer distances) and the improvement of the trail will allow me to do these rides without driving because there is no other way to do so without riding on the U.S. 41 corridor through Mqt Twp.

Hire me to work on the trail.

We are very fortunate to have these trails—thank you.

We moved to Mqt Twp 2 years ago. Before that we lived in Ishpeming for 20 years. We walked and biked the trail from Ish to Neg often, beautiful trail, enjoyed it lots. Excited to see it finished on the east end, looking forward to it. Thank you.

I know that a lot has been done and more to do, but I like the progress so far and can't wait for it to

be done.

The trails are great, but for better access for more users, better and more trail heads needed at points of highest potential use and visibility. Keep up the great work.

More single track trails off main trail.

Having a paved surface is of utmost importance to me. Also enjoy historical signage.

Glad it's coming to Marquette.

Many trails are not wheelchair accessible. Having a short trail with lookout or other scenic feature would be greatly appreciated by adults with disabilities as well as their care providers.

A smooth surface for biking would be nice.

We use the trails almost every day. They are great.

Love this trail (Ishp/Neg)!

I'm 80 years old with xxxx? And will not be using this wonderful trail but all my children and grandchildren will –lucky kids.

Trails are great – older so don't walk that longer distance but I am a "walker"

The longer the trails, the more they will be used.

I really don't know much about the Ore Heritage Trail, only what I heard from others

It's been awhile since I've been out but I answered as I remember. Now I'm looking forward to taking my dog out. Thanks.

Rock is too coarse or large between 492 and the Holiday Inn overpass. It is not enjoyable to run on it w/minimalist shoes.

I ant to use trail and will during winter this year and will ride bikes on it next year. Thanks for all of the hard work on the project. It adds to the quality of life in our township and the area.

I would like to see motorized (non-electric) vehicles using other trails; they disturb the wildlife and are usually going too fast for conditions, and are capable of jeopardizing the health of other users of the trail. Also horses should have an alternative trail as a skittish or runaway horse can be totally unpredictable regardless of the competence of the rider. In the future, when gas prices are around \$10 a gallon, the IOHT will be a wonderful route from the west to Marquette for bicyclists to get to Marquette for errands and enjoyment. Being prepared for such an eventuality with a paved access route for bicycles and skiers and snowshoers and walker/hikers makes the community look incredibly fore sightful. Best of luck. Thanks.

I would like to see snowmobiles using a different trail. They have a lot of trails already. Also ATVS and horses do not mix. Very dangerous. Just a matter of time before an accident happens. I would like to see the trail paved for biking, winter x country skiing a great way for seniors to get out and young mothers/fathers grandparents getting young children out in nature. Gravel is rough on bikes and people. Think long term. Snow machines on a separate trail. Please! So many people get on the Negaunee to Ishpeming trail because it is closed to ATVs and snowmobiles. That part of the trail is what people use the most. Thank you folks for making the trail possible.

The trail through Ely township borders my property. I have complained for two years about dust and vehicles of all kinds speeding past our home. If fear for the safety of our grandchildren. I called 911 twice for a jeep speeding past our house. He had to have been doing 60 mph. My wife has asthma. We can't cook on our back deck, the dust gets so bad. I guess by now you can tell what I think of the Heritage Trail. Don't get me wrong, I'm not against people having fun, but when it comes to the safety and well being of my family, I draw the line.

Only walked it once but we really like it. I'm sure we will use it more once the township trailhead is in place.

Apparently, you're looking for ways to spend the excess money you collected from taxpayers for the trail. Times are tough. Please give the excess money back to the taxpayers, rather than trying

so hard to find ways to spend it.

I had difficulty finding the trail in downtown Ishpeming. We asked some passersby, who directed us back two blocks to the trail. The sign was only visible from one direction

Need to stop cars and trucks from being on the trail, this would stop a lot of litter and vandalism to property next to trail

there are thousands of horses and owners in the UP. there are 3 federal trails and 1 state trail. we trailer out west and spend our money there where everyone (orv, hikers, horseback) share trails with no problems. makes me ashamed to live in the UP where everyone must have their own dedicated trails.

keep up the great work!

LEAVE TRAIL AS IS!! Groom when in need only!! ATV'S DO NOT want a paved trail...maybe contact your local snowmobile/atv clubs for their input as they have made and maintained trails for many, many years....PS..if you are maintaining these trails this summer/fall...have you been on them lately? They sure could be graded! Take a ride or a walk to check them...if I was a taxpayer I would be upset for sure! PLEASE do not ask for more when you can't maintain what you already have!

Please let us equestrians know what it would take to create a horse trail along side the surfaced trail!!

Once completed, and hopefully fully paved, the trail will attract many people looking for off street/road bicycling. It would be an ideal venue for point to point races such as time trials or half marathons. This would be a great draw for athletes as well as recreational runners/riders. The prospect of being able to ride such a great distance and connecting to several towns is a fun way to tour the area at a casual pace. I also wonder if at some time the trail could be extended east to Munising, that would be terrific also. I plan on riding on it frequently as a training/fitness run next year.

I absolutely love the trail. I use it frequently. I see many people on the trail, so I know it's well used. It's the main thing that keeps me going - physically and mentally. I'd walk/bike ride longer if there was a nice restroom available. Lights would be nice, too.

there are trails all over the US where multiusers are welcome...bikers, horses, hikers...who all work together to enhance comrodery and support each others special experiences on the trails. we all need to have a place to relax and enjoy the outdoors. there is a healing aspect to doing that, and it is important to all people, not just a choice few. thanks

Looking forward to going from Negaunee to MQT on trail

This trail will be an awesome addition to the communities along the trail Please allow horses on these trails; it will be one of the only ways we can ride horseback all across the UP. I think it would be a boon for tourism up there (you wouldn't believe how many riders are on the Shore to Shore all summer!).

I love this trail. Every day that the weather is decent I go out and walk it. It is a gem in this community and I wholly support any and all efforts to keep and improve it for future generations. I also would like to see trails up the bluffs improved and some scenic outlooks placed on watertank bluff and others nearby

This would bring more people to the U.P. to ride. as well as the income for local businesses

Make it truly horse friendly

Dog owners need to be reminded that dog waste is not appreciated by others on the trail

really enjoy the trail. You are doing an excellent job

As horseback riders, we tend to be less organized than some other groups such as biker and snowmobilers. We care deeply for the trails and the ability to share them with others. Thank you.

Please open the entire trail for equestrian use

I would love a parking area in Tilden township where the trail crosses Stoneville Rd. Many people use this area and have to park on the street. It's not safe. :)

Would love to see some equestrian only trails Please ensure that horses can go on trails, too!

Please look for grants / listen to other trail users who would like to ride horses on the trail

I like that this trail is being improved as a multi purpose trail to serve a greater audience. However as a mountain (general off road) biker I am concerned when trails that I have grown up with are paved with (with good intentions) but what often seems with little consideration of those who

already use the existing trails as they stand today

Excellent job so far on this trail, keep it up, can't wait for it to go from Republic to Marquette!

This trail is the best thing to happen in Marquette County

The sections that I have been on are clean and well-maintained. I love to bring my grandkids for a walk on the IOHT because they be free (no traffic) and it's a good experience for them. You are doing a great job

use edging, retaining walls, or plants to stop sand from washing across the trail at places like the hillside near the brownstone, and the hilly area east of junction. bikes tend to skid on the loose sand. replace the 3 posts at junctions with traffic with 2 posts spaced farther apart. current arrangement doesn't leave much clearance for handlebars. midland's rail to trail path seems to work well with 2. my husband snagged one of the posts on the ioht and had a traumatic head injury. yes, he was wearing a bike helmet. i'm impressed with the trail and hope to see it help turn the area into a destination for tourism,/mining history

definitely would like to see the Republic end of trail develop their acquired building into a trailhead and historical display area of surrounding related items

I am disabled and use a mobility scooter to get places and to get around and I use the trail to travel between Negaunee and Ishpeming with my mobility scooter a lot and over the years that part of the trail is starting to need some surface work done . It also could use some safety rails or stops where there are drop offs as it would make it more safer for people that are using electric wheel chairs or mobility scooters on it . There is also a need for signs to tell people that people that use mobility scooters are allowed on the trail as i am constantly being told that i am not suppose to be on the trail with the scooter

I am a naturalist/artist working on interpretive signage- I would love to help design signs in the future. qquiscula at gmail dot com

I would like to see the trail paved from Negaunee to Marquette, and have it groomed in the winter for ski use

I would like to see the trail paved to marquette and to have it groomed in the winter time for skiing use not snowmobile use. Thank you for your time

I love the trail can't wait for future extensions

The trail between Negaunee and Ishpeming is in desperate need of some lighting. The trail would be nice to use at night during the summer

tilden township pays milage for what blacktop from ish. to mqt atv riders would prefore gravel can we enforce dog clean-up?

continued motorized use

The trail is a gem of this community and we are very fortunate to have people volunteering and working on the project

Please make/keep it a multiuse trail for all seasons uses

This is going to be an amazing trail once finished! We personally live West of Ishpeming and can't wait for it! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Great start! Can we get a grant to repair the ATV / 4wd-pickup damage to the Ishpeming-Negaunee cross country ski / mountain bike / hiking trails which are as important as the IOHT in attracting tourists to the county

parts of trail sometimes not passable for ATVs

I am most familiar with the Negaunee to Ishpeming section. This should be the goal for all trail sections running through city properties. It is a top notch trail. Sections running through rural areas and townships could be unpaved surfaces, but still have mile markers, maps, and directional signage.

Great addition to our area

Better trail heads

48 I think a leash law needs to be invoked on these trails. There are way too many dogs off of leashes, sometimes out of sight of the owners. I have started to carry pepper spray when I use the trail on the Negaunee to Ishpeming section because I just don't feel safe anymore. It makes me sad because I love

everything about the trails other than that.

can't wait until it's completed, solid surface, want to do the whole distance on bikes.

I think this is a total waste of money and time. Should be like the ski hill. Buy a tag to use it, not force every homeowner to pay! Collect from the renters and tourists too. I never been on the trails, and never plan to. Total waste!!!!!!

As stated above...I am very disgruntled that there aren't any signs stating the trails used for snowmobiling are multi use. The trail through Tilden township runs right through my property, and I have enjoyed snowshoeing on the grade for over 15 years...since the trail went in, I can no longer enjoy myself as I find most of the snowmobilers are quite rude..maybe because the trails are not marked that it is multi use?? Also since the trail went in and people can drive whatever they want down the trail, we have been finding a lot of garbage dumped not only on our property, but throughout the trail...I feel some one should be responsible for picking up what is dumped, since you made it available to drive through.

I love using the trail; it is a great improvement and amenity to our community. I am concerned how the pavement is breaking up on the trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee; I hope the surface is able to be maintained. Thank you for your hard work on this project

The trail from West Ishpeming to Humbolt is used as a raceway for trucks, 4 wheelers, snowmobiles, and cars. You risk your life if you attempt to walk, bike, ride horses, or ski on the trail. The trail maybe be used by many different types of recreational users from Ishpeming to Marquette BUT this is not the case from

West Ishpeming to Humbolt. It is a hazard and someone will get killed on this section of the trail fairly soon

Impressive trail. Looking forward to a steady expansion and improvement of the concept

Would like to have as much paved as possible to allow rollerblading and road biking

I was involved in initially clearing the trail from Negaunee to Ishpeming and pulling up the rr tracks toward Marquette. I have my doubts that Smirh Paving was the proper company to finish the trail to Marquette. Thanks to all those who are involved in the trail construction.

Better trail conditions will result in higher usage

I live in Humboldt, would like to see it go all the way someday:)

Designate area of trail for cyclist only, or make trail wide enough so that when walkers will use it, they will not force riders to stop and get off

access to gas stations and restaurants would be nice

I have supported IOHT monetarily. I would like to see the Neg to Marquette section finished in a more timely manner

I love, love, love the trail and what it brings to our community

The asphalt surface between Ishpeming and Negaunee is beginning to have cracks in a few areas where vegetation is growing through the asphalt. These should be repaired to prolong the pavement life. life

64 It is so much better walking where there is no traffic and no slop on the path. Also maybe make available inexpensive bike horns or bells to alert the walkers when passing - too many times bikes go by without notification they are behind you

The Heritage Trail serves many diverse groups as noted in the informational material. For the most part the trail is well maintained. As noted above, I would like to see pets on leashes. Pet owners should not assume that everyone loves their pet or pets. Most people do not enjoy being inspected by someone's dog. Thank you.

Keep up the great work this is so needed. Don't be discouraged by vandals. The few vandals make a big mess for the masses

67 I'd like to see the section west of Junction location in Ishpeming completed

The progress the authority has made is inspiring. Keep it going!!

at extending the trail to the existing bike trail between Champion and Van Riper. Lots of mining history in Champion. Also lots of cool historic pits near Ishpeming and Negaunee, please think about overlooks (wooden elevated platforms) for better viewing.

enjoy the trails, mostly I would like more paved portions. Don't particularly want to run into atv or snowmobiles. More signage as to where trail leads and how far.

I love the heritage trail and think it adds a lot to our communities! Every time I'm on the trail, I see tons of people, all year long! I'm very happy we have it and would love to see it grow

would like to see this as a multi use trail. atvs and horse back riders would enjoy the trail as much

as bikers and hikers. thank you gear towards non motorized use and begin to push running, walking, biking, skiing, etc. races and local event in an effort to draw people to the area and help showcase the areas beauty and history while supporting local economies

I regularly walk the trails and think they are great. I would consider biking if the trail was extended from Negaunee to Marquette and there was access to the downtown areas

don't allow for more roads to be built through the middle of the trail, and have more garbage cans, dog waste disposal bags

walked this "trail" between Neg & Ish before it was a Paved trail. What an improvement !!!! Can still hear the many trains that used the area. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !!!

I think the trail is great and am happy that my tax dollars go toward something so unique and wonderful. The trail adds a lot to the Negaunee area and I look forward to the trail being paved further towards Marquette someday

I can't wait until the 48 miles is finished!! I hope it is all paved so I can use my road bike on it. future design should consider ability to accommodate summer and winter races...running...xcountry ski and snow shoe. Maybe an endurance 50 mile running race to help bring folks to the area

I saw many signs that asked you to report any vandalism or problems. It would be good to have mile markers or some type of sign to identify where you are if you were to have a problem or need to report an issue

would be nice to be able to read informational signs along the trail of the type of houses and pictures of the houses and the mines in the areas

We love to use the trails off of the heritage trail and the fact that there is little traffic on the trails. Now Ishpeming is ruining that!!

hi carol i ride the bike path from mqt to the limestone surface bike path in chocolay township. i have noticed a lot of dog crap on the limestone part of the trail any way we can get these slobes to clean up there mess. i gotta tell ya these dog owners are over running our trail system (beaches, mt bike trails, ski trails and the IOHT). all this crap is not healthy and what will people from out of town think of our trail systems. thank you jack lhuillier

I guess I don't see it being a true success until all aspects of the public are included in the trail system , funny that the folks that pay the largest share of money to the state , that being motor sports are excluded from the trail

we need to have more orv trails this trail should connect with all the twps; to get food ,hotel.and gas we need to work together the we are all part of the heritage of the great up.

86 The yellow pipes at road crossings are too close together to bike through safely

Bathrooms are extremely needed in Negaunee/Ishpeming area. Drinking fountains would be fantastic along this area, as they are in Marquette. The only bad part of the trail is the area through the parking lot of the rainbow bar in Ishpeming, because the garbage smells bad; and the area approx 400 meters

south of Serve Pro in Ishpeming. The river running under the trail is polluted and smells terribly of sulfur.

Please get it done! This will be a huge step towards making Marquette County a cycling destination.

love this concept/plan and enjoy using the existing trail

Nice Job!!!!!!

hard surface for wheelchairs and scooters

I haven't visited but have added my suggestions based on my experience with others. I'll check it out

love the trail keep up the good work

94 Great job so far! I tried to give my top 5 each time, but that doesn't mean all 5 are necessary. My biggest complaint has been ATV use on the trails and dog excrement

Keep up the good work

This trail is a treasure....I am from Ishpeming and come back to visit. I am so pleased to find such a beautiful trail to enjoy...my friends from Wisconsin enjoy it as well when we visit it after the Noke. There are always people making use of the scenic trail whenever I am on it.!

Promoting multi-use is fine but you need to educate the public on trail etiquette. Basics like "on your left" to pass. Recommended lanes for walkers vs bikers.

Zones for SLOW bike riding in heavier traffic areas. More TV and internet visibility on psychological benefits, pride in area, events hosted on trail.

This is very exciting, as the IOHT continues to improve. Living in Marquette, it will be nice to bike UP to the West end of the county on a better surface AWAY from car traffic. Also, paving the old train bridge across US-41/M-28 will connect us (in South Marquette) to the downtown of the city. IT WOULD BE VERY NICE TO HAVE A BRIDGE or TUNNEL (or a better system) TO GET SAFELY ACROSS McCLELLAN AVE (M-553)... This intersection is VERY dangerous, and my family and I have almost been hit on three different situations (run, bike, and walk).... Please consider these things, and THANK YOU!!!

the IOH is an awesome asset to the communities it services. The trail is a great outdoor experience and I would like to convey my personal gratitude to those responsible for making it happen.

I love using the Heritage Trail. Looking forward to using ALL of it.

be good to have the Mqt to Neg stretch open

More paved trail! Thank you, The trail brings many opportunities to our community

104 I love how it gives me access to places I've never been before...the backs of places I've only seen from the front

By far the biggest nuisance I have encountered on the trail is dogs off their leashes jumping on me or running into my path or defacating on the trail and not having their waste removed by their owners

Thank you for the wonderful trail system. Would love to have Chocoday's limestone changed to black top..how come this is the only piece that was stuck with limestone? Also would like to see the gates locked in the Chocoday trail in spring/summer/fall to keep vehicles off. MANY vehicles on limestone trail.

I am a professor at NMU. Among other management classes I teach research methods (including surveys) and do survey research. There are several potential improvements to this survey that that could get you more valid data. When I see a situation like this (and it is very common) and it's an organization I

like, I offer to help with the survey or ask that you let my class take it on as a small project. If you're interested, please contact me at gstark@nmu.edu ~ Gary

Thanks to Carol, Jim and Don for all your hard work to make the IOHT a reality

please complete the section from MQT to Negaunee

strongly want to see IOHT partnering with more localized trail networks (e.g. NTN, Range MTB) to function as a link between trail systems and develop additional trails to points of interest that are connected by the IOHT 'highway'

More regular sweeping of paved surfaces (esp. at ATV trail crossings) would be great for everyone & perfect for roller skiers & inline skaters. I am also wondering why the Heritage crosses the snowmobile trail coming into Ishpeming from the East (near the Oasis gas station). The two trails parallel each other,

then cross for no apparent reason, only to continue paralleling each other. That makes no sense and creates an unnecessary hazard.

doing a great job. Would love to see from harvey to Republic done in Limestone or paved!

Can't wait to see it built. My biggest priorities are: linking the trail together, having a good surface, and interpretive signage. Go Carol

Critical to address drainage issues when making trail improvements

Great project it should tell as story and allow for non motorized use

We are so glad to hear that the next section of the trail will soon be getting started. The option to utilize the bike racks on Marq Tran needs to be made given more public awareness

I think this is a great thing. I wish it could go to munising and past the camp grand into Michigamme and beyond. More publicity of the route small sections in detail And who can use the different sections. .

What has been done to date has been great. Thanks to all who have worked to bring this trail network to the area. Great Job!!!!!!

Thanks for all your great work!!

the length of the trail determines if I stay over night or not. a trail less than 50 miles and I drive over and home the same day as I bicycle the trail. A trail over 50 miles, I either return and bicycle

the rest of the trail on a different day or I spend the night in a hotel so I can do the entire length.
either way, I eat at least
one meal in the area and do some shopping. If I come twice to the trail in one season, I of course,
shop twice as much
