

ACCESS TO BLUE WAY TRAILS

“FEASIBILITY OF A CANOE AND KAYAK LAUNCH SITE”

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WHAT IS A BLUE WAY TRAIL?
 - EFFORT BY COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND PROTECT THEIR RIVER AND SURROUNDING LANDS.
 - INCREASE ACCESS TO WATER-BASED OUTDOOR RECREATION.
 - EXAMPLES : CANOEING, KAYAKING, AND FISHING



BLUE WAY TRAILS PROJECT OBJECTIVES

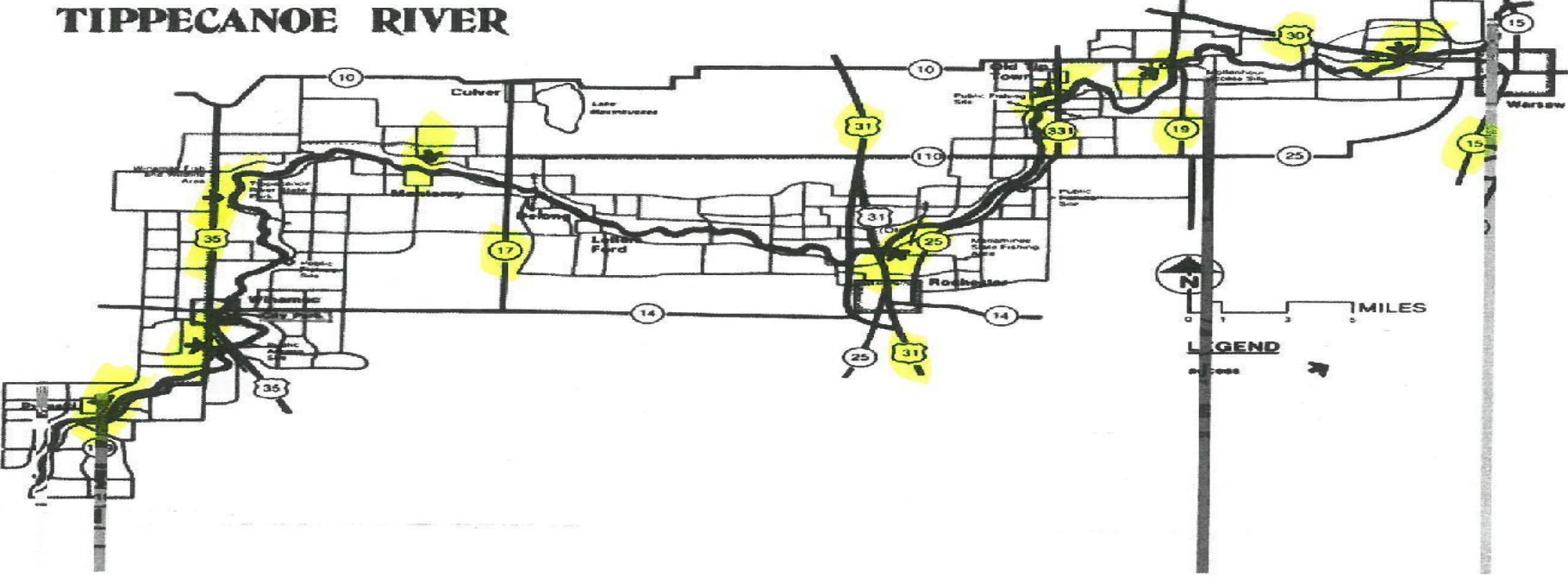
- ACCESS POINTS FOR CANOES & KAYAKS ON THE RIVER
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
- PROPOSED LOCATION
- FEASIBILITY AND FUNDING

ACCESS POINTS FOR CANOES AND KAYAKS ON THE RIVER

- ACCESSING THE TIPPECANOE RIVER
 - LIMITED ACCESS
 - CURRENT ACCESS SITES CONSIST OF LONG HOUR TIME FRAMES
 - PROPOSAL TO ADD ACCESS POINT IN WARSAW ITSELF TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY A BOATING EXPERIENCE THAT MAY ONLY REQUIRE 2-3 HOURS.



MAP OF CURRENT LAUNCH SITES ALONG THE TIPPECANOE RIVER



ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- ENDANGERED SPECIES OF CLUBSHELL MUSSELS
- PROTECTION OF WETLANDS
- PUBLIC POLLUTION : TRASH, CANS, BOTTLES, ETC.



TIPPECANOE RIVER CLEAN-UP EFFORTS

- PADDLERS FOR CONSERVATION (P4C) HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK TO HELP CLEAN UP LOG JAMS AND REMOVE TRASH FROM THE TIPPECANOE RIVER.



PROPOSED LOCATION

- LONES DITCH LOCATED CLOSE TO SMITH TIRE AND HIDDEN LAKE
- STATE OWNED PROPERTY
- PROPOSAL TO ADD ACCESS AT THIS LOCATION IN THE TOWN OF WARSAW

LONES DITCH LOCATION



FEASIBILITY AND FUNDING

- FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROJECT WAS TO DO REASONABLE RESEARCH TO DETERMINE IF THE IDEA WAS POSSIBLE, FIND A LOCATION FOR THE SITE, AND POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT
- NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUP TO OWN THIS PROJECT
- GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND UPKEEP OF SITE THROUGH DNR PROGRAM

IPAP/DNR EXAMPLE OF WHAT THEY WOULD DO



EEL RIVER LAUNCH SITE (WABASH COUNTY AT SR 15)

