

BYLAWS
Oakland County Trails Advisory Council

ARTICLE I

Name

- Section 1. Name.
The name of his organization shall be the Oakland County Trails Advisory Council (the “Council”).

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Activities

- Section 1. Purpose of the Council.
The Council exists to assist public and private groups to develop non-motorized trails in their area of interest, to encourage the connection of individually managed trails, and to initiate actions that result in the continued planning, development, and maintenance of a complete, countywide non-motorized trail network for Oakland County residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Section 2. Restrictions on Activities.
- A. The Council will hold no funds or assets.
 - B. The Council will not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office and will not publish or distribute statements relating to political campaigns.

ARTICLE III

Council

- Section 1. Governance.
The Council is self-guiding.
- Section 2. Powers and Duties of the Council.
- A. Being composed of trail stakeholders, the Council makes recommendations regarding best non-motorized trail development strategies.
 - B. The Council may establish committees as the Council deems appropriate. Committees will report to the Council.

Section 3. Membership and Officers.

The voting members of the Council shall be composed of representatives of the following organizations: Paint Creek Trail; Polly Ann Trail; Clinton River Trail; West Bloomfield Trail; Lakes Community Trail; Huron Valley Trail; Headwaters Trails, Inc.; Woodward Corridor Trail; Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services; Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office; Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission; Road Commission for Oakland County; Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and Michigan Department of Transportation. The addition or removal of voting members shall require an amendment to the Bylaws by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting.

The Council may also have non-voting advisory members, which, as of February 2011, include representatives from the following organizations: Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance; Michigan Mountain Biking Association; League of Michigan Bicyclists; Oakland Equestrian Coalition; Highland Equestrian Conservancy; Hiking Michigan; Oakland County Board of Commissioners; Oakland County Business Roundtable; Oakland County Sheriff's Office; Pontiac Lake Horseman's Association; Shiawassee River Task Force; and local land conservancies.

The voting members of the Council shall elect from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson at the first meeting of the year, who shall serve twelve (12) month terms.

Section 4. Meetings.

Council meetings will be held quarterly throughout the calendar year.

Section 5. Special Meetings.

Special meetings will be held as needed.

Section 6. Quorum and Voting.

Except as noted in Article IV, the presence of five (5) voting members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the members present at a meeting shall be sufficient to approve or deny a motion.

ARTICLE IV

Amendments

Section 1. Amendment of Bylaws.

An amendment to the Bylaws shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present at a meeting. The Bylaws shall be reviewed at the first meeting of the year.