



DETROIT: Urban Trails and Economic Development

2010 Oakland County Trail Summit
Todd Scott
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance

Detroit Greenways Coalition

- **Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (including staff position)**
- **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan**
- **Community development corporations**
- **Other Non-profits**
 - **Greening of Detroit**
 - **City Year**
 - **Gleaners Food Bank**
- **City of Detroit staff**
 - **Traffic Engineering**
 - **City Planning Commission**
 - **Planning Department**
 - **Health and Wellness Promotion**
 - **Councilman Ken Cockrel Jr.**
- **MDOT**
- **SEMCOG**
- **Wayne State and others**



Public-Private Partnership

	City of Detroit	Coalition Members
Estimated non-motorized staff	~1 FTE	30 FTE
Off-road trail funding, development, operation, programming, and maintenance	*	√
Off-road trail security	√	√
On-road bike lane development	√	√
On-road bike lane maintenance	√	?

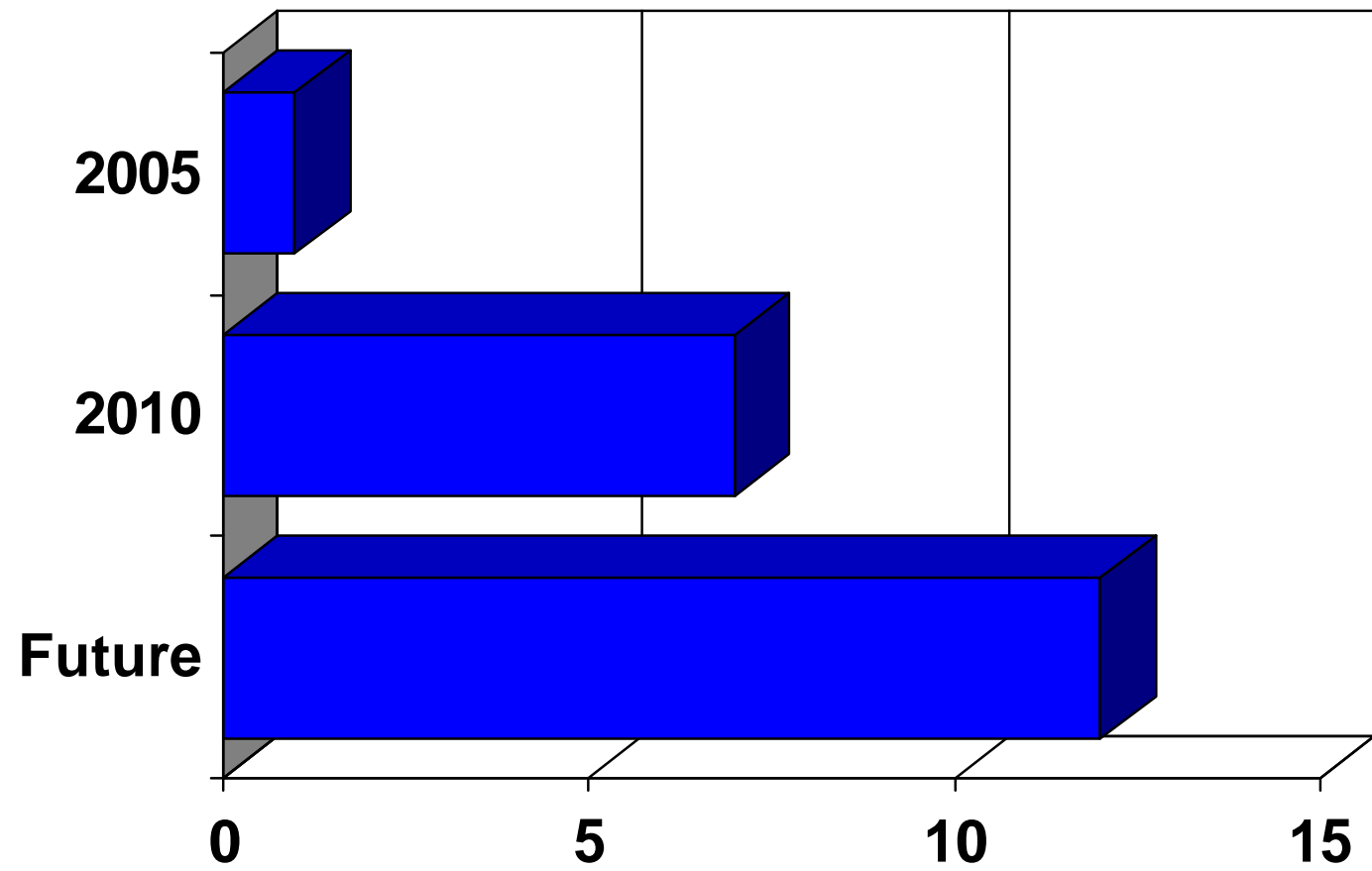
Detroit Greenways Coalition Accomplishments



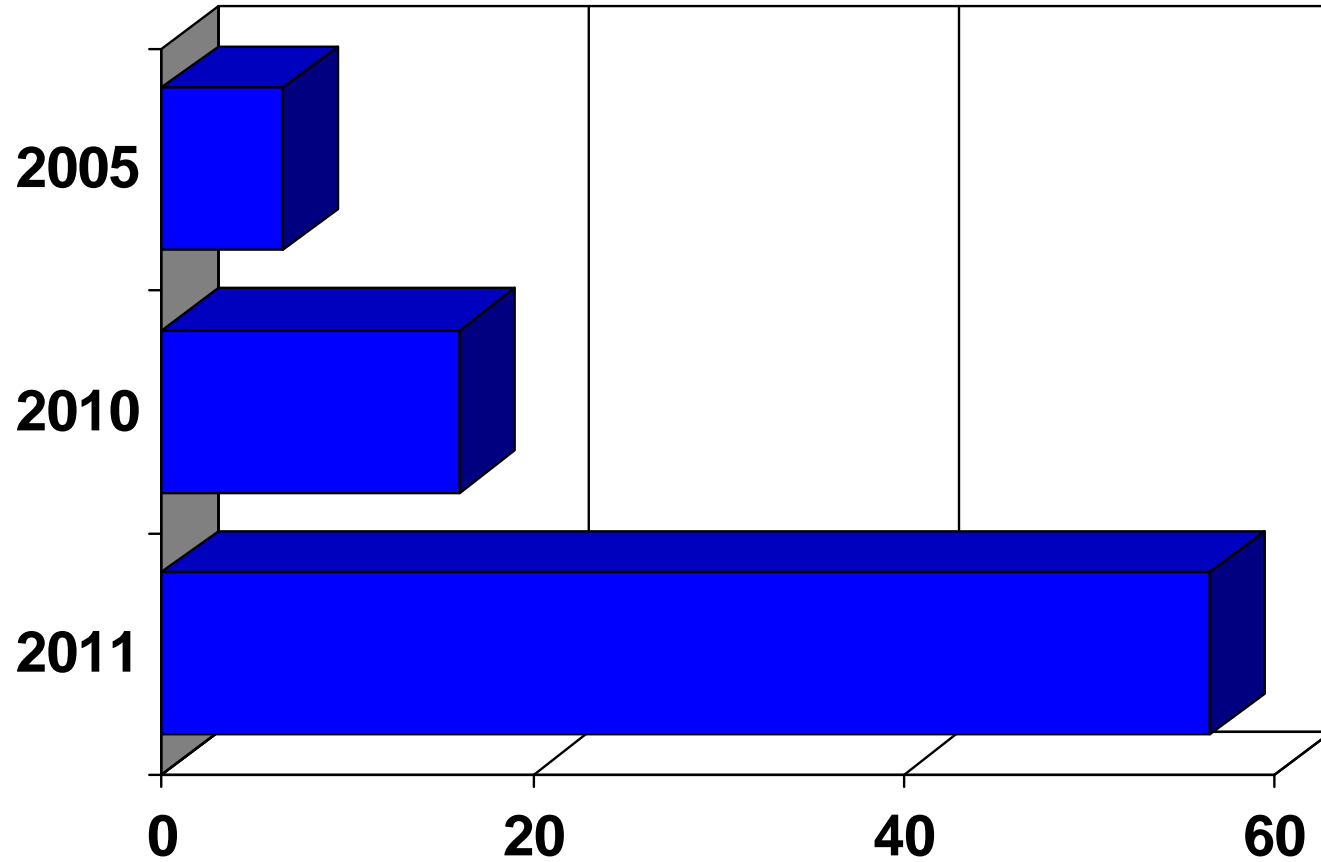
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Number of Greenways



Miles of Bike Lanes



On-road bike facilities are critical (& cheap!)

“Shared use paths should not be used to preclude on-road bicycle facilities, but rather to supplement a system of on-road bike lanes, wide outside lanes, paved shoulders, and bike routes.”

**1999 AASHTO
Bicycle Design Guide**



Trails are just one piece

Complete Streets, mixed use/compact development, and mass transit are key ingredients for walkable, bike friendly communities -- more so than trails.



Plan for Gen Y, Boomers, and \$5/gallon gas

“The suburbs have lost their sheen: Both young workers and retiring Boomers are actively seeking to live in densely packed, mixed-use communities that don’t require cars—that is, cities or revitalized outskirts in which residences, shops, schools, parks, and other amenities exist close together.”

Havard Business Review



The multi-million dollar challenge...

SUSTAINABLE?



We Hope For Better Things; It Shall Rise From the Ashes

