

I went to Edgewood high school. It was only 2 miles away but there was no safe route and I didn't have a car so it was a huge disadvantage for me. I want better for my sons. The city says it wants better too.

Alternative Transportation & Greenways System Plan

City of Bloomington, Indiana

PUBLIC REVIEW
October 12, 2001



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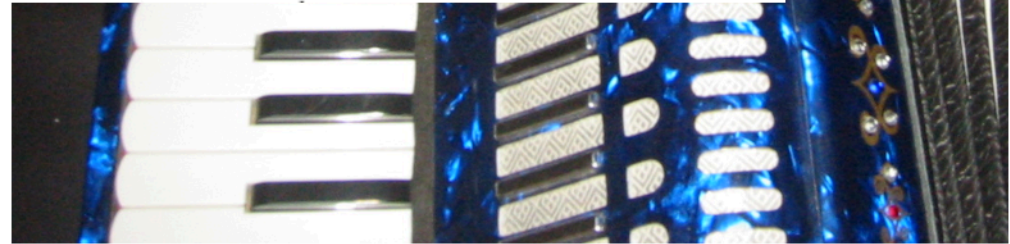


In 2001, I had just graduated from IU, and the council passed the first greenways system plan.

2007



2007 Bicycle/Pedestrian Feasibility Study: Cascades Park - Miller Showers to Griffy Lake -
This \$44,900 study evaluated the proposed network into 18 segments (A-R), which were grouped into 11 priority improvement phases. The highest identified priority was the segment between Miller-Showers Park and the central portion of Lower Cascades Park.



In 2007, the Cascades path feasibility study identified the segment south of the playground as the most important segment. And I was learning accordion.



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION
&
GREENWAYS SYSTEM PLAN

March 2008



2008



The 2008 greenways system plan called for Cascades path again, because it's a route to a school. The word "school" appears 20 times in this document. I was 28 and struggling to figure out how to take a photo of myself to upload to a dating website.

Redefining Prosperity

Energy Descent and Community Resilience

2008



Report of the
Bloomington
PEAK OIL
TASK FORCE
October 2009



The 2009 peak oil task force report calls for a network of greenways extending all the way to the edge of the city within 15 years. It calls for "bold" implementation. I had just met the woman I would marry.



Transportation Improvement Program

Fiscal Years 2010 through 2013

Adopted
June 26, 2009
Amended
August 12, 2009,

2010

In 2010, parks and rec started spending federal transportation dollars on the Cascades path, but they started with the low priority segments. That's not what priority means, guys. And my girlfriend made a face at me.

BREAKING AWAY: JOURNEY TO PLATINUM



BLOOMINGTON PLATINUM BICYCLE TASK FORCE
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
FINAL REPORT: NOVEMBER 30, 2011

The 2011 Journey to Platinum report again called out the Cascades trail as essential connectivity for North high school. This was supposed to be completed by 2016. And I got married.



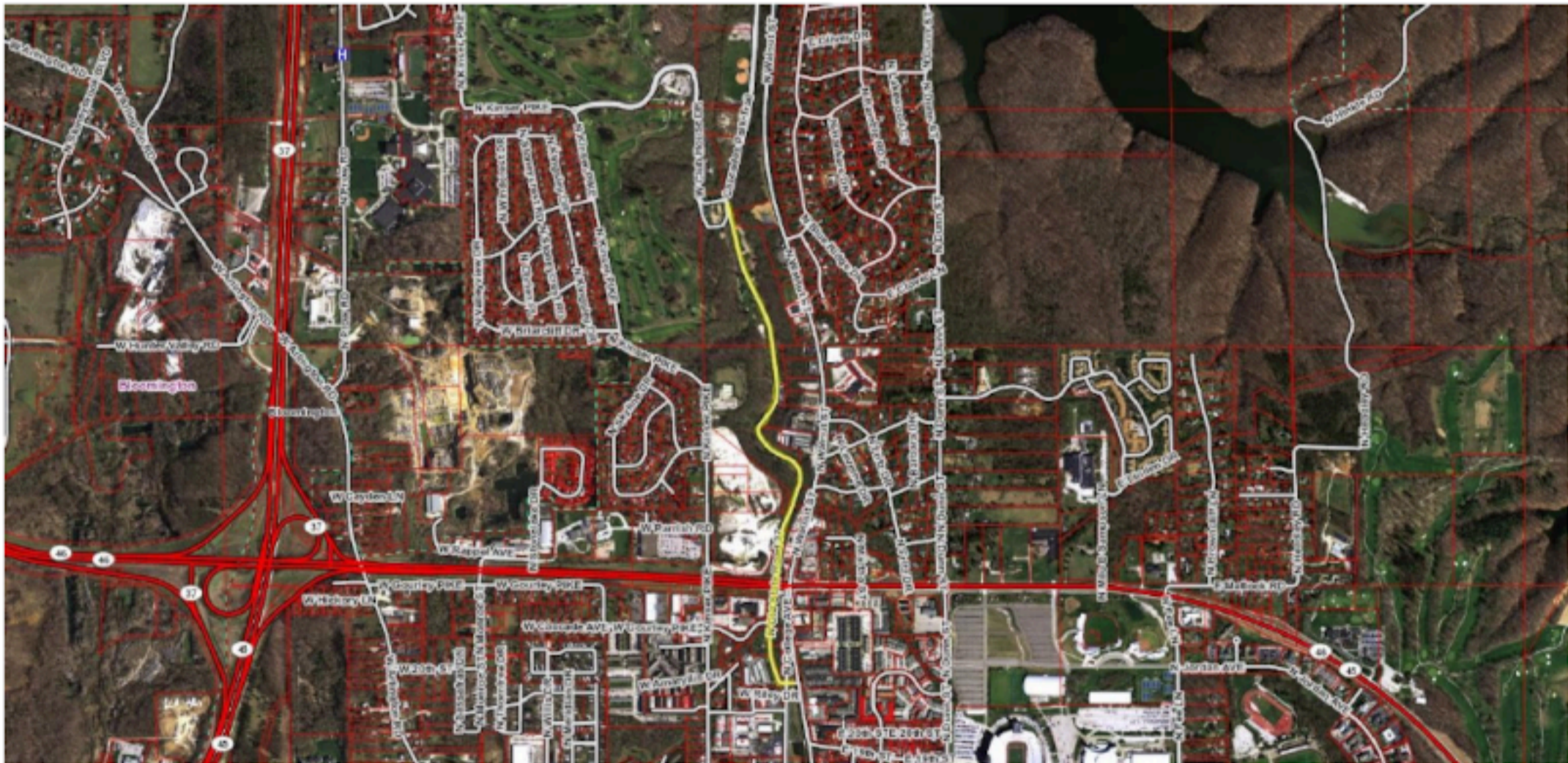
During this time, parks and rec continued to build out the low-priority phases of the Cascades path, and my family grew.

CASCADES TRAIL – PHASE 5 – CLUBHOUSE DR. SOUTH TO COLLEGE AVE.

LENGTH: ~ 1.2 Miles

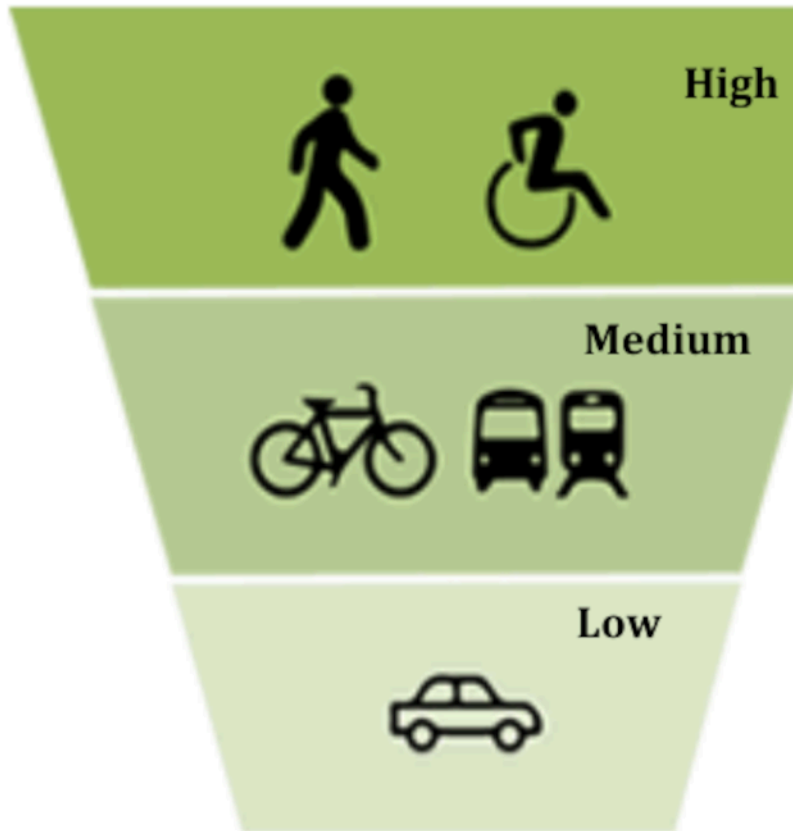
ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$2.1 M

An on-road option with vehicle and bicycle/pedestrian facilities from Clubhouse Dr. in Lower Cascades Park to the intersection of Lower Cascades Park Road (Old SR 37) and College Ave. where an existing sidepath provides a connection to the north end of Miller-Showers Park. Related infrastructure improvements would include creek erosion mitigation, one road bridge repair/replacement, new parking area and access to the Sycamore Shelter (south shelter), resulting in closure of the vehicle stream crossing and crushed stone parking area. Some impacts to existing CBU infrastructure in this area of Cascades Park are anticipated. No determination has been made as to the road/trail alignment, or which direction of vehicular travel would be maintained.



In 2018, the council finally appropriated money specifically for the high priority segment, but PARKS STOLE THAT MONEY. And my 6 year old ate a sausage.

Figure 18. Modal Priorities



The 2019 transportation plan has this ground-breaking principle: pedestrians come first. So why are we still waiting, when driver needs are already met? And by then my youngest was going to school.

2020



In 2020, there was a pilot project to open the Cascades path for bike and ped. It was amazing.



Then they took that away. They also installed this crash attenuator, and someone has already crashed into it. Do you want to share the road with the kind of driver that crashes into guardrails? People tell me this route is good enough because the Middle Aged Males In Lycra riding three thousand dollar racing bikes love to post this route on Strava. Come on! This is a park. Is this good enough for kids?

My kids are now 10 and 12. In just 2 years, my oldest will be a student at North high school. How many more generations are going to wait on this urgent priority?