

Shiawasse River

Local Treasure Seeks National Water Trail Designation

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-  Shiawassee River Water Trail

120 miles from headwaters in Oakland County to the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge where it joins the Saginaw River



Shiawassee River—A Patchwork of Advocates

- Recreation, Conservation, Education and Promotion
 - Headwaters Trails, Inc
 - Keepers of the Shiawassee
 - Friends of the Shiawassee River
 - Shiawassee Conservation District
 - Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
 - County and Local Governments
 - Downtown Development Authorities
 - Regional and Local Chambers of Commerce

Friends of the Shiawassee River

- Based in Owosso, 1 full time staff
- 501(c)3 Membership Organization
- Water Trail Project coordinator
- Environmental Education
- Volunteer Network
- Benthic Monitoring
- River Cleanups
- Obsolete/Dangerous Dam Removals
- Water Trail Development- launch sites



Headwaters Trails, Inc.



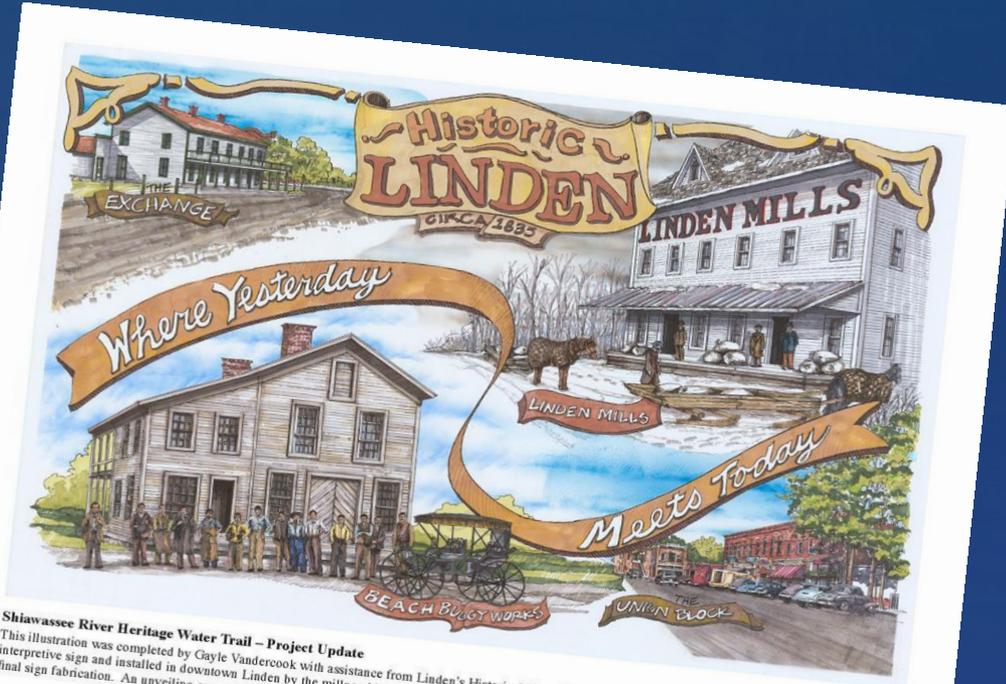
- Based in Holly, Northern Oakland County
- All Volunteer non-profit
- Nonmotorized transportation
- Mile Markers & Interpretive Signage
- River Cleanups & Woody Debris Management
- River Events & Education

Saginaw Bay WIN was one of many partners that invested in the development of the miles 0-8 of the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail.



Keepers of the Shiawassee

- Based in Fenton
- All Volunteer Group
- Cleanups and Woody Debris Mgmt
- Interpretive Signage
- Water Trail Development: Launch
- Brochures
- Paddling Events



Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail – Project Update

This illustration was completed by Gayle Vandercrook with assistance from Linden's Historical Committee. The illustration will be incorporated into a wayside interpretive sign and installed in downtown Linden by the millpond boat launch. Text about each building, sponsor logos, and project logos will be added prior to final sign fabrication. An unveiling ceremony is planned for May 2010.

Fenton Community Fund



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Local Governments & Business Organizations

- Focus on Economic Development
- River Events (Cleanups and Festivals)
- Raising Awareness of the River
- Best Management Practices
- DDA's taking a lead role



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Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition

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Coalition Wins Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network Grant to Continue Work on Water Trail

Water Trail designation would improve public access and promote outdoor recreational experiences on Shiawassee River from Holly to Chesaning and St Charles.

July 6, 2016, SHIAWASSEE RIVER, MI - The Friends of the Shiawassee River is happy to announce that it was just awarded an important grant by the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) to further the work of the so many river advocates as we pursue national water trail designation. The \$21,400 grant will support coordination of a regional coalition's work with trail development experts from the National Park Service. Work has already begun to conduct an inventory of public access sites and amenities along the 120 mile stretch of river. This information will

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