

MPMC Feasibility Study to help create Walkable/Bikeable Communities

What is this study?

- 1) Affordable planning – supported by a group of individuals, businesses and communities.
- 2) Knowledgeable planning – by a highly qualified team with experience in a variety of settings from rural to towns to cities.
- 3) Planning with input from the local community – with knowledgeable people on the study group, open community forums, and educational programs for all ages.
- 4) Planning that looks closely at community and local government concerns.

What are the economic benefits?

- 1) Having a feasibility study helps obtain County, State, Federal, large nonprofit and national foundation funding and support for short and long term projects.
- 2) MPMC has caught the eye of County and State groups, planners and government; having a feasibility study will help align us with greenways planning on county, state and national levels helping to insure continued financial support.
- 3) Walkable/bikeable communities are attractive to visitors who bring economic benefit to the community by shopping at local stores, eating at restaurants, and staying at bed and breakfasts – all businesses that value and preserve a rural community. And this helps keep local stores and restaurants vibrant and available to our residents.

Safety and security benefits:

- 1) Planning can improve the safety of our roads where people already are biking, jogging and walking, and preserve our rural roads from becoming thoroughfares.
- 2) Walkability/bikeability attracts responsible homeowners who want to protect the safety and vitality of their community.
- 3) Healthy, active families in a community keeps children involved and helps reduce boredom and criminal mischief.

Preserving our rural way of life:

- 1) The feasibility study can help preserve our rural way of life by encouraging families to enjoy and value the outdoors.
- 2) The study will help connect communities, schools, sports facilities, parks, historic sites with safe pedestrian walks, routes, paths and trails.
- 3) Walking, biking, being outdoors helps keep people in a community connected, and helps make a community active and vibrant