

This segment of the Washtenaw County Greenway Trail provides the critical first link in the overall County Greenway network east of Ann Arbor. For this reason, it will be used as a model in the design and construction of future segments of the overall County Greenway network.

Understanding and responding in a creative manner to the natural features found along the route alignment was paramount to the success of this project. In particular, soils, hydrology, vegetation, geo-morphology, and ground water, particularly at the Shanghai Prairie area and its adjacent woodlands, had a great influence on route selection.

The topography of the site conditions at the south east end of the study area presented a significant challenge to achieve a trail design that does not exceed a 5% grade.

The final plan for this greenway trail linking Dixboro Road to Hewitt Road was based on a sound decision-making process responding to site conditions and addressing the needs of the property owners and the county. Construction of this trail segment was completed in 2005.



Washtenaw County Greenway Segment J

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