



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION B RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Michigan, September 14, 2023. Van Buren Township is pleased to announce the completion of Section B of the Van Buren Township segment of the Iron Belle Trail. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on **Monday, October 9th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park, 50901 South Interstate 94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.**

Upon completion, the Iron Belle Trail will run all the way from Belle Isle to Ironwood, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula, running through hundreds of municipalities and crossing into 48 different Michigan counties. A portion of this recreational trail runs through Van Buren Township from the Lower Huron Metro Park Trail to the B2B Trail near Grove Street.

Section B of Van Buren Township's segment of the Iron Belle Trail runs from Rawsonville Road along I-94 Service Drive and through Van Buren Park.

"The Township has gained momentum on constructing the Iron Belle Trail within our community over the past few years, and we are proud that our gap is steadily, but consistently growing smaller. This project would not have been possible without the generous donations from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and DTE Foundation, in addition to the invaluable partnerships with the Michigan Trails Fund and Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative," stated Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud.

“The DTE Foundation believes that a healthy environment is an essential ingredient for thriving communities. Michigan offers a variety of trails and greenspaces that connect us to the natural beauty around us, and the Iron Belle Trail is a perfect example of this local luxury,” said Rodney Cole, DTE Foundation president. “We’re committed to preserving, protecting and improving Michigan’s treasured natural habitats and species, and this support builds on the 100+ year partnership between DTE and Van Buren Township, which has created countless, invaluable recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors.”

The Township invites the public and sponsors to the project to come out and celebrate this addition to the statewide trail.

To learn more about Van Buren Township’s involvement with the Iron Belle Trail, please visit [here](#).

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