

About Our Paths

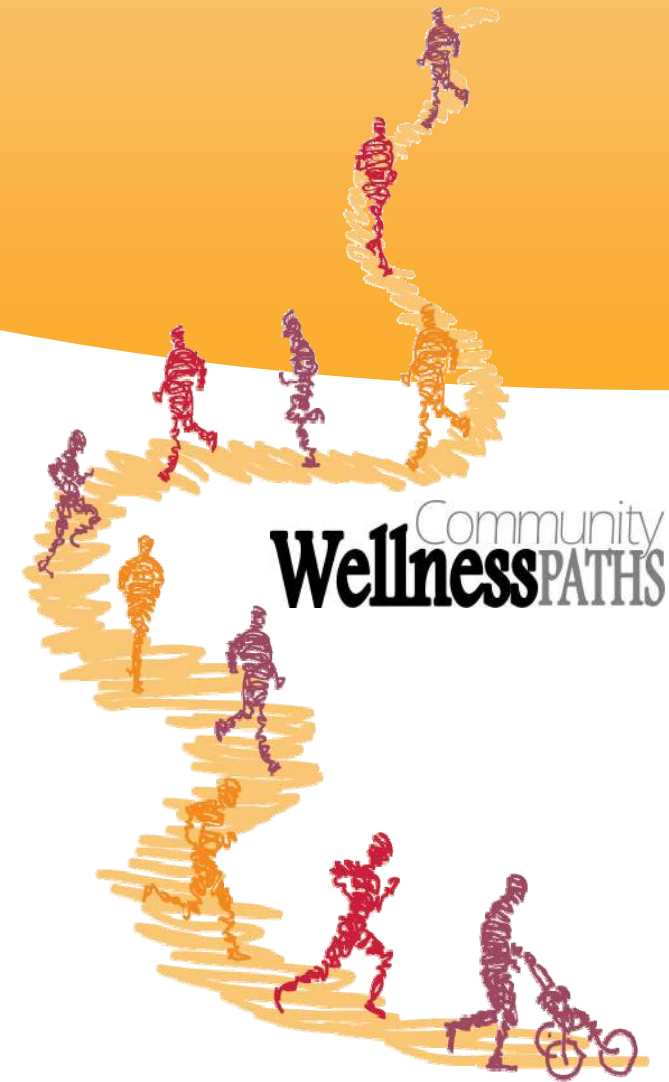
The Community Wellness Paths were created by Silver Maples through a generous grant from the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation. Through comprehensive partnerships, the Paths officially opened in May 2011. The main .8 mile loop circles Silver Maples, with legs to the Chelsea Senior Center and to Main Street, via the historic Interurban Rail Line.

History of the Interurban Rail Line

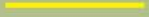




An electric interurban trolley was established in Chelsea in late 1901, connecting Detroit and Jackson with stops along the way in towns such as Ann Arbor, Lima Center and Grass Lake. Once in Jackson, travelers could transfer lines going either to Lansing or Kalamazoo or Grand Rapids. A station building was located on S. Main Street across from Federal Screw Works building. Interurban trains ran from early morning until midnight with at least one trolley running every hour in each direction, becoming an important transportation mode for area passengers. This section of the interurban track ran through Chelsea's peat factory which harvested the abundance of peat from what is currently the hospital grounds. The peat was transported by electric railroad cars through the peat marsh to the main Michigan Central Railroad tracks that run across N. Main Street.

A special thank you to all of our wonderful partners.

Silver Maples of Chelsea
Chelsea School District
Chelsea Community Hospital
St. Mary Parish
City of Chelsea
South Meadows 5th Graders
Eagle Scout Matt Mills



Be well, be active.

- Interurban Rail Leg: .75 mile 
- Senior Center Leg: .25 mile 
- Silver Maples Loop: .85 miles 
- Pierce Lake Boardwalk (in & out): 1.9 miles 
- Future Connection- Silver Maples to Wellness Center: .25 miles 



Etiquette for Multi-use Path

Regardless of whether you are bicycling, walking, jogging, or skating, if you follow the same set of rules as everyone else, your trip will be safer and more enjoyable.

Be Courteous

All trail users should be respectful of other users regardless of their mode, speed or level of skill.

Be Predictable

Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing positions on the trail.

Don't Block the Trail

When in a group or with your pets, use no more than half the trail so as not to block the flow of other users.

Keep Right, Pass on the Left

Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe. Pass others, going your direction, on their left. Yield to slower and on-coming traffic. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past. Remember: Kids and pets can be unpredictable.

Stopping

When stopping, move off of the trail. Beware of others approaching you from behind and make sure they know you are pulling over.

Give Audible Warning BEFORE Passing

Give the person you are passing time to respond. Watch for their reaction.

Be Respectful of Private Property

Trails are open to the public, but often land on the side of the trail is private property. Please respect all property rights. Don't deviate off the path

Pets

Keep pets under control and on a short leash. Walk pets on the right hand shoulder and be sure clean up pet waste.

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