

## Press Release

### Ribbon Cutting Event: Clinton River Trail Bridge over Telegraph Road

After years of planning and design work, the completion of a significant asset to the Clinton River Trail is opening to traffic, the Clinton River Trail Bridge over Telegraph Road in the City of Pontiac. On Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 10 AM, the Friends of the Clinton Trail, Pontiac's Mayor & City Council, trail enthusiasts, as well as a number of stakeholders will gather on the west side of the bridge to commemorate this momentous event. The public is invited to attend.

A few short years ago, a bridge over Telegraph to carry non-motorized users in a safe & efficient manner along the Clinton River Trail was a pipe dream. This dream has come to fruition as a result of individuals who had a mindset and a commitment to making it happen. The bridge crosses Telegraph Road just north of the Orchard Lake Road crossing. For the ribbon cutting take Orchard Lake Road westbound from Telegraph, an immediate right on Pontiac Drive and it's approximately 275 yards ahead on the right.

Great credit goes to the City of Pontiac's foresight and initiative to accomplish this construction. With a shovel ready plan and engineering design they were awarded money from the American Recovery and Investment Act to accomplish the actual construction of the bridge. Official ground-breaking took place August 12, 2010.

The Clinton River Trail is a 16 mile trail spanning five communities in Oakland County; Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Pontiac and Sylvan Lake. The trail has significant connections to the east with the Macomb Orchard Trail and to the west with the West Bloomfield Trail. It also has a northern connection through Rochester to the Paint Creek Trail. The Clinton River Trail and its neighboring trails are key links in the Great Lake to Lake Trail, a trail system which will cross Michigan from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan.

