

## **MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL COMMISSION**

**OVERSEEING COMMITTEE:** Planning & Economic Development

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**CONTACTS:**

**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY:** Board Vote

\*Note the only appointment the Board is concerned with is the one commissioner member from Macomb County\*

**ORIGIN:** The Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail were formed in 1998, to purchase the abandoned Canadian National Railroad corridor running through Macomb County for \$5.4 million. The Friends rallied the support of communities along the route and the Board of Commissioners. In 2001, the Commissioners secured a \$3.5 million grant from the Trust for Public Land and the "Macomb Orchard Trail Commission" was formed.

**LOGISTICS:** Applicants should submit Application for Appointment and Criminal History Form to:  
Macomb County Board of Commissioners  
Attention: Director of Board Services  
1 S. Main St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

**COMPOSITION:**

**Members:** 5 members of participating communities

**Tenure:** Indefinite

**Membership** One representative from each: 1 Commissioner from each County

**Designation:** Board, Huron-Clinton Metro Parks, Shelby Twp, City of Richmond, Washington Twp.

**FUNCTION:**

The Macomb Orchard Trail Commission, formed in July 2002, is charged with acquiring and converting the abandoned railroad into a 24 mile equestrian, bicycling and walking trail. The Commission is composed of Macomb County, Huron-Clinton Metroparks and the communities along the trail. Each organization has a representative on the Commission who is actively involved in the development and maintenance of the trail. The Commission, along with the support of the Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail and Michigan Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, research, plan and direct further development of the trail.