Kenston Community Trails

"Nature itself is the best physician." -Socrates

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1. How did the trails begin?

1. How have the trails been used?

1. What's next for the Kenston Trails?

Kenston Trails - The Beginning

October 2011

Began researching possibilities of a trail on the land between Timmons Elementary & Kenston High School.

Began identifying experts in the community with the passion to help.

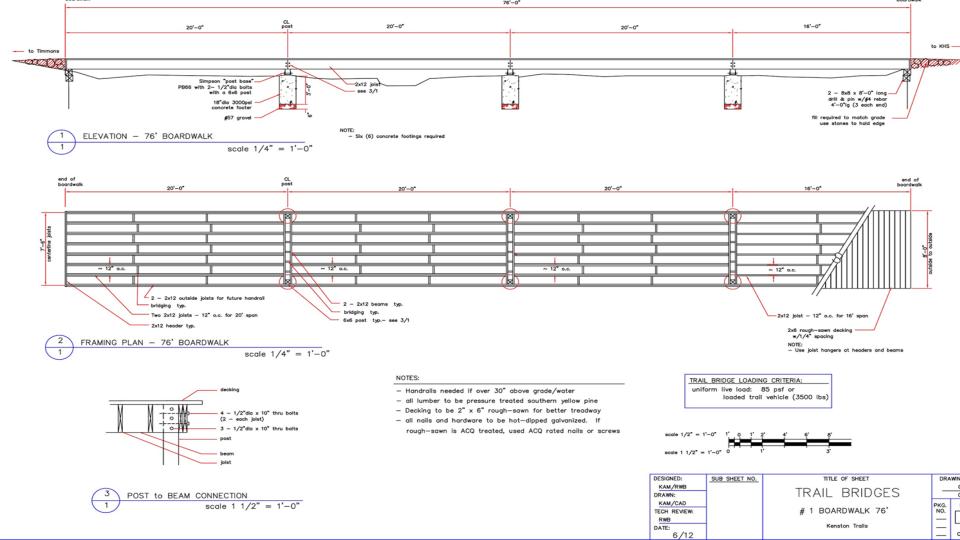
Kim Norley, a landscape architect for Cuyahoga Valley National Park led the design of the trail.

GOALS:

"Green", eco-friendly trails with little impact to the natural environment

Multi-purpose trails to be used by many in the school and community

Quality construction designed to require little maintenance and to last a long time





How Were the Trails Constructed

Volunteers!

Over 200 volunteers donated their time to clear trees, leaves & debris as well as spread trail mix & construct heavy duty wood bridges

Donors!

Over 120 generous donors pledged money, equipment & labor to create the trails

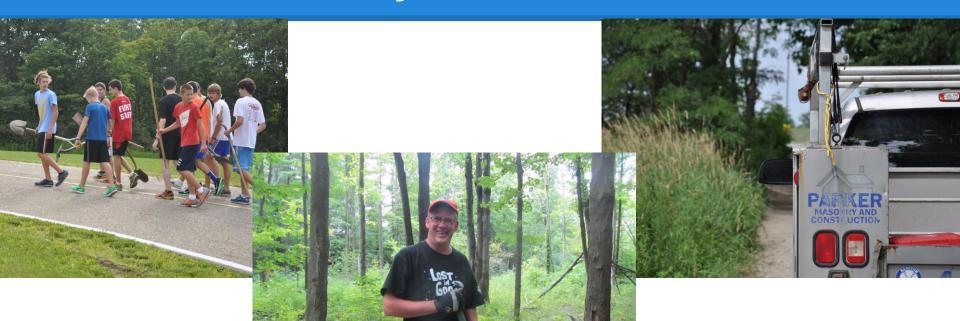
100% Funded by our COMMUNITY!







In the cold Winter...



And in the Summer too







A Few of Those That Helped...

Jeremy McDevitt & Tom Gabram

Tom Byich

Doni Kav

David & Debbie Kay

Dave & Patricia Brandt Formanek Family Eric & Janice Hoffman Barry & Maribeth Robinson Pam Hughes Timothy & Cheryl Spehar Nellie Spacek Jill & Bill Glubiak Bruce and Patti Perlmuter Harry & Marylyn Stone Craig & Robin Filkouski Scott & Tracy Shell Barbara & John Mellott Julian & Kim Norley Todd & Dawn Kestranek Kenston Community Education Mark & Lisa Bennett Richard Slaten Family Kenneth & Allison Kure In Memory of Carroll & Bradley Nelson Ronald Yoho Family Ken & Lisa Lance Kevin & Laura Graham Dr. Robert E. Lee Sharon Schnall & R. Drew Sellers Tony Blatnik Family Ron Guarnera Painting **Bob Ford Family** Terry & Debbie Goldhamer **David Parker Family** Jim & Kammie Althans Dave & Laura Fisher John & Barb Clark Chris & Whitney Ickes Kirk Rogers Family Peggy & Henry Grendell

Claude & Lynn Gotthardt

KMS Athletic Department

Fairmount Minerals

Nancy Santilli

Jim & Grace Henry Rick & Kathy Liston Therese & Bob Porter Mark & Leigh Anne Vogley Deb & Duane Plewacki Glen & Laura Latimer Jim & Melissa Smith Sue & Don Bagley Pilgrim Village Womens Club Larry & Mary Verbic Jill Nelson Family Brian & Teresa Bester Ray & Pam Shaw Sandy Kinney Family Marty & Laura Palumbo Norm & Lisa Sowards Frank & Laura Legan Greg & Alice Munn Byrnes Family Seth Taylor Family Kenston Indoor & Outdoor Track

Jen & Jer Jeromin

The Austin Frank Family The Forney Family Mike & Katy McGrath Family Farrell Family GurgulFamily Carl & Jeanette Dibernardo Family Mellott Family KCE Girls Lacrosse Anne Randall Jeff & Denise Lechak Family Kenston Football Team Pete & Beth Krause Family Kareen & Jerry Kovach Family Mark & Cheryl Murphy Family Kathy Hyrb Family Chagrin Valley Jaycees Breezewood Gardens Hoehnen Landscaping **Buckeye Excavating** Parker Masonry Kenston Cross Country Teams Many more!

Kenston Arboretum

Emma Larkin-Gero began by identifying many tree species along the trail. Rachel Sauder identified & GPS mapped 47 tree varieties

31 Trees have physical identification plaques



How are the Trails being used?

The Trails Are Seeing Lots of Use

Environthon Club

Environmental Science

Class

Biology Class

English Class

Creative Writing Class

Gym Class

Health Class

Walkers

Runners

Cross Country Skiers

Sports Teams

Community Members

Elderly

Bird Watching

Tree Identification

Kenston Trail Events

Environthon
Community 5k

Kenston Frank Gibas Cross Country Invitational Soil Sampling Labs

Water Testing Labs

Biology Labs

Population Studies

Creative Writing Labs

Outdoor Reading

Play Blue

Go Green

Strong Community

King Family Legacy

The King Family Bequest

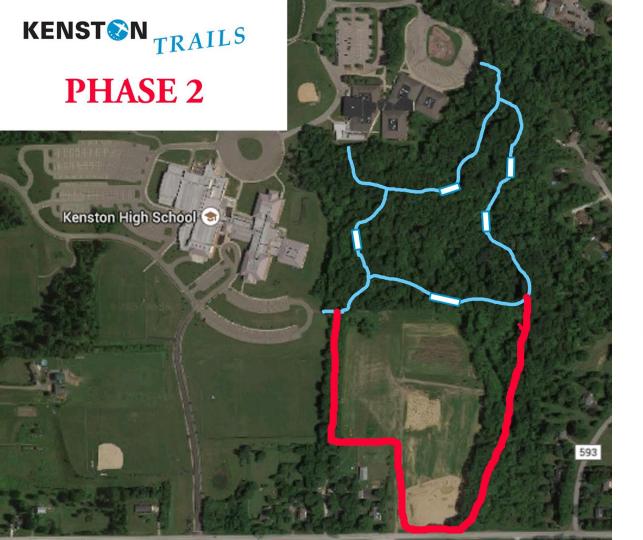
Benjamin King and his wife, Jane, worked to add to the natural beauty of their surroundings.

Their legacy will live through Kenston Trails and honor their seven grandchildren, Christine Hepker, Susan Hepker, Bart Hepker, Rachel Hepker Crandall, Ryan Hepker, Mike Hartman and Lindsay Hartman who attended the Kenston Schools.

Mr. Benjamin King's Favorite Quote

"Society grows richer when old men plant trees under whose shade they may never sit."

Ancient Greek Proverb



Be a Part of the next phase!



Thank You to Everyone That Made the Kenston Trails Possible