

IRON BELLE TRAIL

LOWER HURON METROPARK PHOTO SURVEY



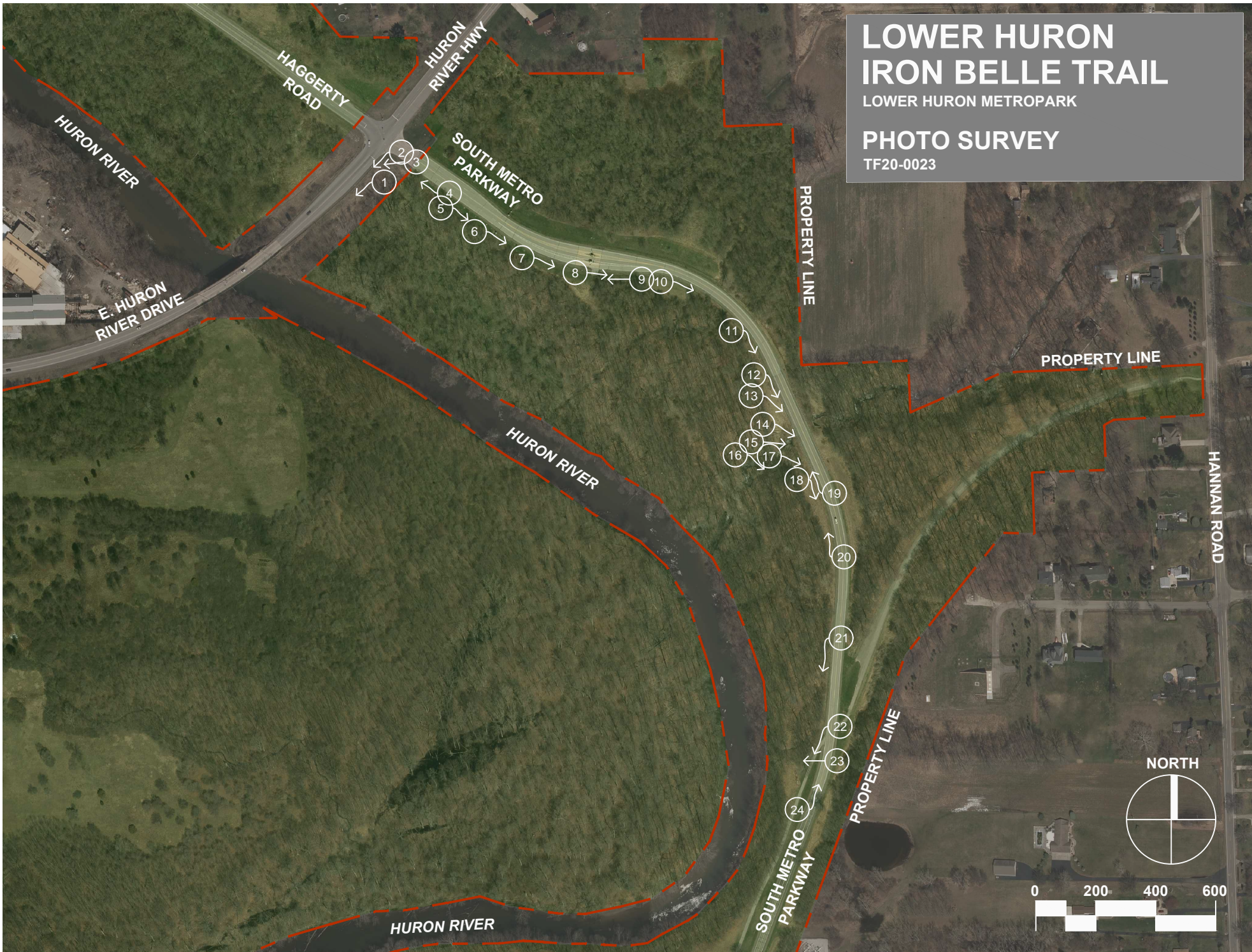
The 25 miles of Iron Belle Trail connecting Lower Huron, Willow, Oakwoods, and Lake Erie Metropark are popular with a variety of trail users. The addition of another half mile of trail can only add to its popularity.

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PROPERTY LINE

HANNAN ROAD

NORTH

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View west along Huron River Drive. Future bridge work “by others” will include a concrete sidewalk on the south side of road.



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The ground slopes towards the river as the trail approaches the Intersection of Huron River Drive and Haggerty.



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The IBT within Lower Huron Metropark will begin / end near the intersection of Haggerty and Huron River Drive. Other agencies are responsible for trail construction off Metropark Property.



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View looking north at the lighted intersection at Haggerty and Huron River Drive. The proposed IBT segment will end at the edge of Metropark property.



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The IBT trail will be located +/-5' from the existing road to limit earthwork operations on the adjacent hillside.



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Existing park gate and split rail fence (not shown) to be removed. New gate and fence to be installed in new locations.



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The trail will be located close to the park road reducing disruption to the existing drainage swale. Stones to be relocated.



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The parking space for toll booth operators will be removed and relocated. Parking space to be constructed parallel to the road to make room for the proposed trail.



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Viewing looking south of swale / ditch along the edge of road. The trail will be located +/-11' from the road shoulder.



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Viewing looking north of swale and adjacent hillside. Trail separation of +/-11' will continue from the road shoulder.



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View approaching the county drain crossing. The guardrail on the east side will remain. Swale and hillside on the right.



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The west guardrail will be removed and reconstructed further east to create space for the trail. The roadway alignment needs to shift east requiring new pavement and resurfacing.



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The guardrail above will shift to the east. Wood safety fencing will be constructed between the trail and drop-off in its place.



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A lengthy bridge / boardwalk will be required if the trail is moved any further to the west.



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Other features to contend with if the trail does not hug the edge of the roadway.



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Moving the trail further west would lengthen a bridge and increase grading requirements near the county drain. This option is no longer being considered.



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Guardrail to be replaced and shifted closer to the road creating room for the trail and wood safety fencing above the box culvert.



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Resurfacing and restriping will be required on the segment of road being shifted.



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A strip of new pavement is needed adjacent to the east guardrail in order to realign the park road for the new trail.



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View looking south. +/-11' of separation is proposed between the trail and road shoulder at this location. Earthwork and tree removal operations will be required along most of the corridor.



Existing crosswalk location to be moved. Crossing to be 90 degrees to road to improve safety. New signs to be installed.



Portion of existing trail will be reconstructed. The segment near the crossing is too steep and does not meet ADA requirements.



A new bench, minor trailhead, and dog waste station are proposed. All three will be located in accessible locations. The proposed trail work will end just past the existing bench.



Viewing looking north as you approach the existing trail crossing. The crossing is being moved north and will be aligned 90 degrees to the park road.