

Recently, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a long-awaited new recreation resource in the Town of Cheektowaga...the RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT.

The RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT is an approved federal grant program with a construction cost of \$1.4 million. When complete, it will feature a 5.5 mile trail, providing entrance to our parks without car use and connecting Stiglmeier Park with Raymond, Wrazen (Sloan) and Dingens Street Parks. Highlighting the benefits of the project is the fact that the trail be predominantly off-highway, restoring and beautifying railroad land and abandoned property while providing active recreation to all ages, including: bicycling, rollerblading, running and walking. The project also provides police access for car sweeps and call responses, as well as regular bicycle patrols, with 911 call boxes all along the trail for added security.

Al Blachowski, of the Cheektowaga Engineering Department, is project manager. The trail was designed by Architect Darryl Jones, of Wendel Duchscherer.