



# Trenton Trail Town Analysis

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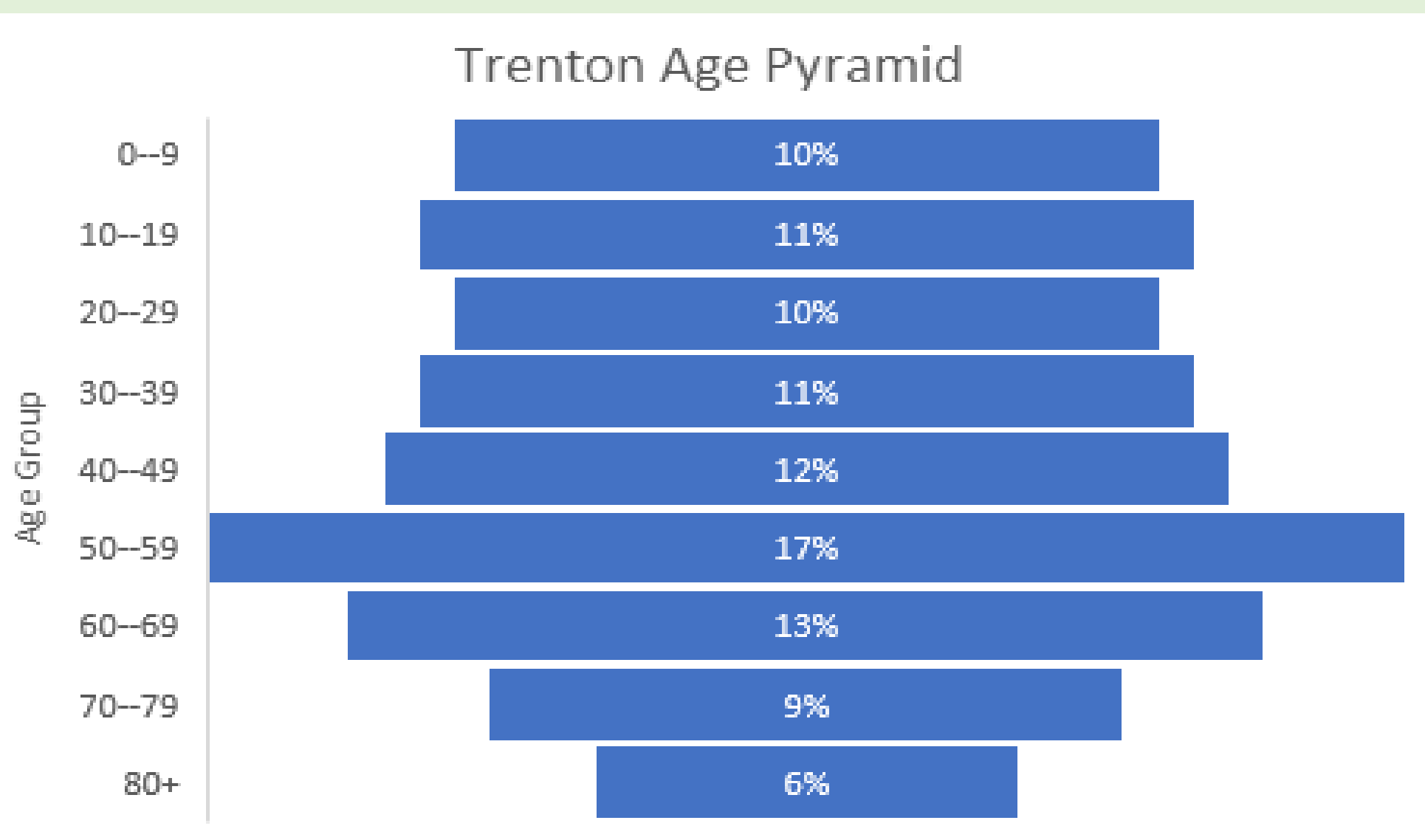
## Introduction:

The purpose of this project was to promote Trenton as a Trail Town, identify the assets of the City of Trenton and provide recommendations that would enhance their connectivity to the downtown area of the city.

## Methods:

The team used a variety of primary and secondary data as a basis for their recommendations. They also incorporated input from a variety of community stakeholders from the Trenton Rotary Club, property owners, and the Trenton Trail Town Advisory Committee.

## Socioeconomic:



Trenton Population by Age Range table (Source: Census data: ACS 2019 1-year table)

The average age of the Trenton population in 2019 was about 47.5, (15% - 20% higher than the Michigan average). More than 46% of the population in Trenton is over 50 years old.

The median household income in the Trenton area has a small increase every year reaching \$64.2K in 2018, higher than the median household income in Michigan/US during the same period.

**Retail and Businesses:** Manufacturing and medical care industries are the largest industries in Trenton and accounted for 15.9% and 15.4% of Trenton's local industry.

## Community Assets:

### Trail Town:

Runs along Detroit River and connects to DRIWR and Elizabeth Park via roadways and non-motorized pathways.



Businesses along West Jefferson



Downriver Linked Greenways Trail and Iron Belle Trail Extension

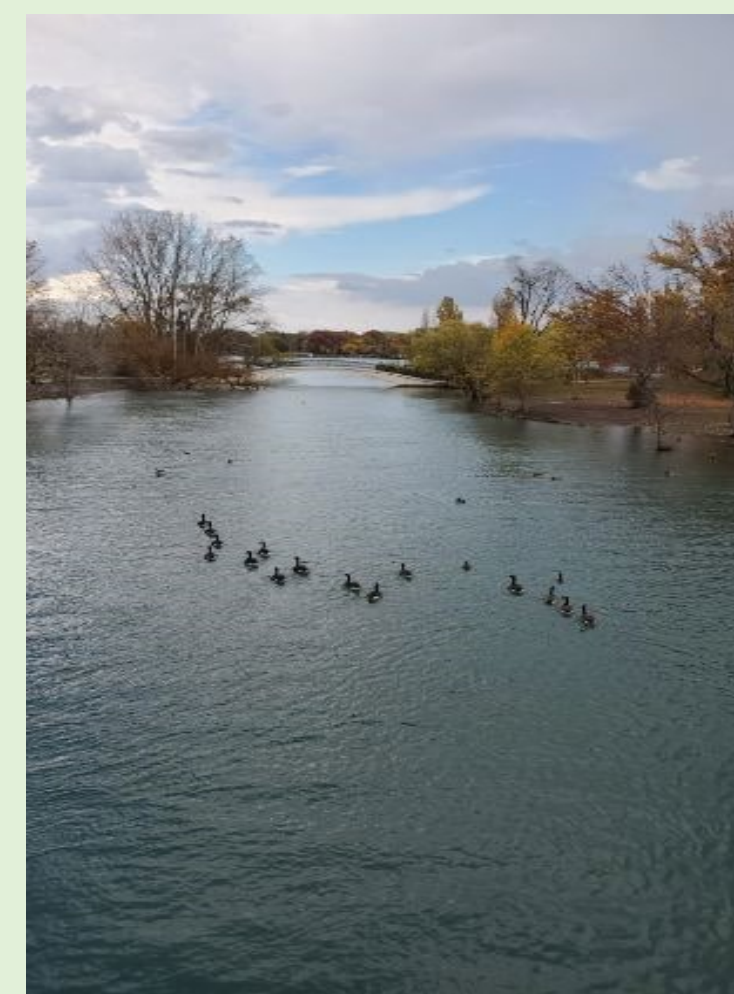
### Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge:

Natural area along the Detroit River with walking trails. Aimed to be a catalyst for economic activity.



View from Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

**Elizabeth Park:** The oldest park in Wayne County. Connects to the Downtown Area of Trenton and provides a location supporting outdoor recreation.



Elizabeth Park

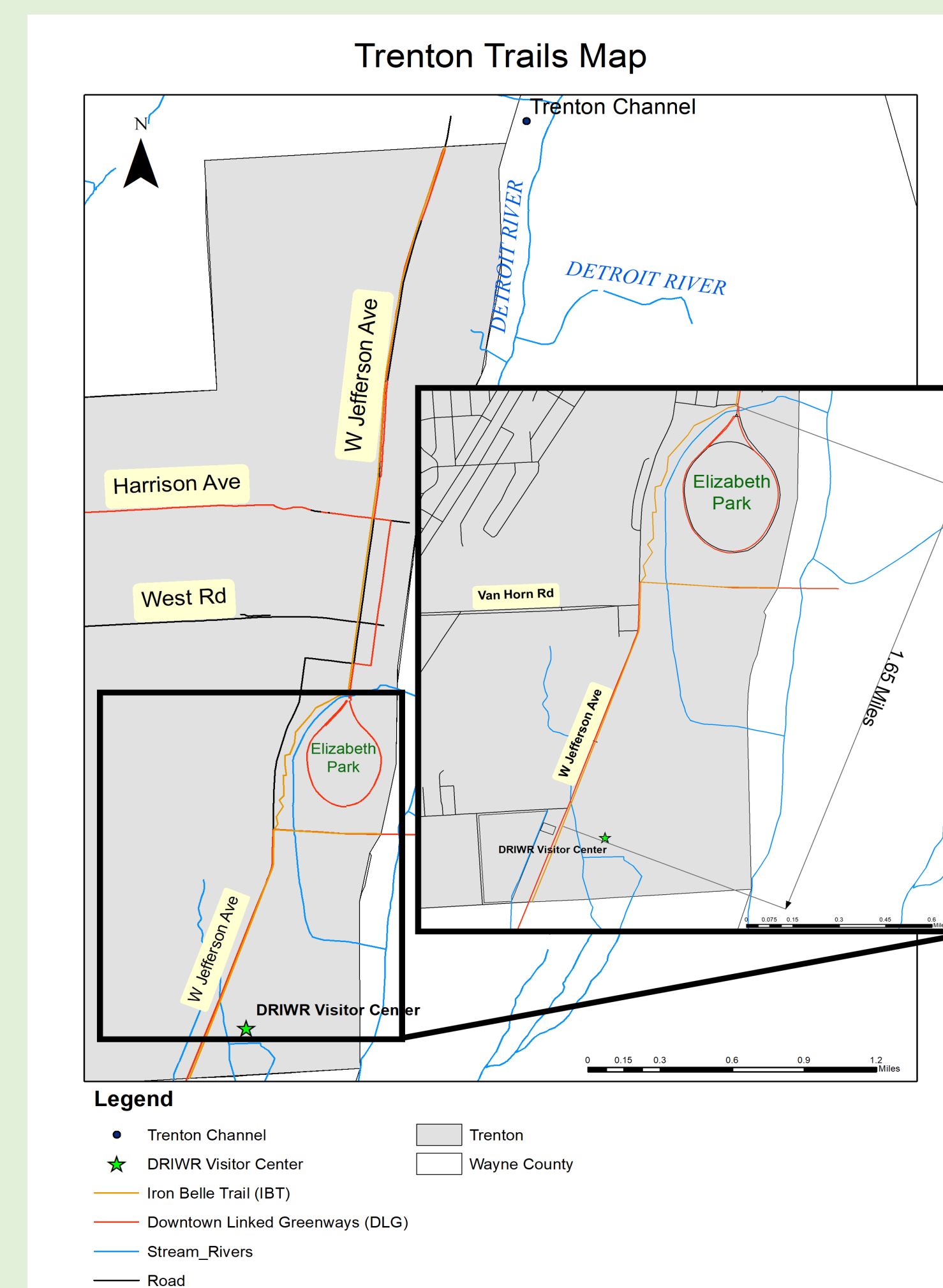


Elizabeth Park boardwalk

**Trails:** There are three main trails that connect to Trenton: a portion of the Downriver Linked Greenway Trail System, the Iron Belle Trail and the Detroit Heritage River Water Trail.

## Key Findings:

The team's findings show there is a lot of potential in Trenton. The key to improving the economic development of the city is to promote Trenton as a Trail Town along with its community assets. This means developing a better connection between the Central Business District and the trail system.



Map of Trail Systems running through the City of Trenton.

## Recommendations:

The basis for our recommendations are our initial and secondary data, site analysis and visits, as well as client and property owner meetings.

### Downtown Non-Motorized Travel

- Revisit Healthy Trenton Bicycle Rack Initiative
- Add bike fix-it station, bike rental station and protected bike lanes

### Downtown Walkability

- Fix sidewalk conditions
- Add more benches, a pergola

### Dog Park

- Establish a dog park in Elizabeth Park

### Downtown Businesses

- Fill vacant buildings
- Create Trail Town merchandise
- Food trucks

### Trail System

- Add electric scooters, trail signs, a trail kiosk
- Naming trail competition

### Events

- Kids' recreation passport event
- Kayak/Biking event



Current Bike Racks in Trenton



Example of a trail kiosk Trenton should incorporate at the head of Elizabeth Park