The City of Fishers represents one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana. During this boom, the city leaders have recognized the value of trails, and have been working diligently to bring this community amenity to their residents.

Their prime focus has been the development of the Nickel Plate Trail, which extends 5.46 miles from 96th Street to 146th Street. The City has already funded and completed work to construct 3.8 miles of trail from 106th street to 146th Street, including a grade-separated tunnel under 116th Street for safe pedestrian crossings.

The City is currently identifying funding sources for the last 1.2 miles of Nickel Plate Trail. This segment would include a separated grade bridge over 96th Street. Once fully constructed, the Nickel Plate corridor will be the link that connects the Midland Trace Trail and the Monon Trail to create a 41-mile active transportation loop in Central Indiana.

One of the unique programs Fishers has provided to property owners directly adjacent to the trail is called “Nickel Plate Trail Neighbors.” For those who live in a single-family home on property directly adjacent to the trail, the City offers a grant that may go toward installing screening, privacy, or buffering through landscaping or fencing on the resident’s private property, up to $2,000 per private property.

Fishers has also developed a permitting process that allows adjacent properties to connect directly to the trail. Since offering these direct connections, the city has received over 20 requests for direct connection.

For their significant accomplishments in advancing trails now and into the future, the Greenways Foundation is proud to award the City of Fishers as our Outstanding Local Government for 2022.