The Marquette Greenway

The National Lakeshore Connector Trail

The balance of this poster-plan aims to highlight a critical segment of the proposed Marquette Greenway – the near 10-mile stretch from Portage to Ogden Dunes – where a number of immediate benefits will be seen. The following represents a look at one view of the corridor as described in the Marquette Greenway Trail Plan:

1. **Burnham/Pensy Greenway Corridor**
   - **Start:** East Side of Lake Michigan
   - **End:** Kennedy Avenue
   - **Distance:** 2 miles
   - **Purpose:** Provides direct connections to Burnham Park and Pensy Park.

2. **Lakefront Trail**
   - **Start:** East Side of Lake Michigan
   - **End:** Whiha Lake County Park
   - **Distance:** 4 miles
   - **Purpose:** Continues the Lakefront Trail into Ogden Dunes to the south of US 12.

3. **Portage Park Trail**
   - **Start:** US 12/Laporte County Line
   - **End:** Grand Avenue
   - **Distance:** 3.5 miles
   - **Purpose:** Provides direct access to the Marquette Greenway and the Portage Park Trail.

4. **Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**
   - **Start:** Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
   - **End:** Lincoln Memorial Trail Corridor
   - **Distance:** Various
   - **Purpose:** Provides recreational access to the Little Calumet River and the National Lakeshore.

**Implementation**

To realize the development of the MGCLT, which may happen through a combination of public and private funding, the following elements will be essential:

1. **Public Support**
   - **Description:** This involves engaging the public in activities that promote the development of the Marquette Greenway Corridor.

2. **Funding**
   - **Description:** This includes securing public and private funding for the development of the Marquette Greenway Corridor.

3. **Marketing**
   - **Description:** This involves promoting the benefits of the Marquette Greenway Corridor to the public.

4. **Parking and Trail Access**
   - **Description:** This involves providing accessible parking and trail access points.

5. **Public Art**
   - **Description:** This involves incorporating public art into the development of the Marquette Greenway Corridor.

**Funding**

The successful establishment of an IA (Interagency Agreement) between the USFS and the National Park Service is necessary to provide a stable source of funding for the development of the MGCLT. The following sources may be available to local entities by working with these stakeholders:

1. **Federally funded programs**
   - **Description:** Programs funded by the Federal government.

2. **State-based programs**
   - **Description:** Programs funded by the State government.

3. **Local-based programs**
   - **Description:** Programs funded by local governments.

**Marketing**

The successful establishment of an IA (Interagency Agreement) between the USFS and the National Park Service is necessary to provide a stable source of funding for the development of the MGCLT. The following sources may be available to local entities by working with these stakeholders:

1. **Promotion of the Marquette Greenway Corridor**
   - **Description:** Promoting the benefits of the Marquette Greenway Corridor to the public.

2. **Public Support**
   - **Description:** Engaging the public in activities that promote the development of the Marquette Greenway Corridor.

3. **Funding**
   - **Description:** Securing public and private funding for the development of the Marquette Greenway Corridor.

4. **Parking and Trail Access**
   - **Description:** Providing accessible parking and trail access points.

5. **Public Art**
   - **Description:** Incorporating public art into the development of the Marquette Greenway Corridor.

**Conclusion**

The Marquette Greenway is a critical component of the National Lakeshore Connector Trail and will provide a significant benefit to the lakefront and surrounding areas. Working with local officials on educating the public about the benefits of the Marquette Greenway is essential to the success of the project.