



Hoosiers on the Move, the Indiana State Trails, Greenways & Bikeways Plan – Progress Report April 2016

Hoosiers on the Move, The Indiana State Trails, Greenways & Bikeways Plan was released in 2006. The plan set a goal of having a trail within 7.5 miles or 15 minutes of all Hoosier residents by 2016. The plan also established a visionary system of statewide interconnected trail arterials. Following is a summary of the trails plan progress made over the past ten years.

Before getting into measures of the trail plan goals, it is important to understand how trail development is being tracked. In 2006, Hoosiers on the Move reported 2074 miles of trail open to the public. Post 2006, it was deemed more accurate to use trail miles calculated from actual geography as opposed to reported/estimated trail mileage. Also, boating/water trails have since been removed from the trails inventory to make the inventory more amenable to analysis and reporting. Using the current reporting methods, trail miles open to public in 2006 would have been 1542 miles. As of April 2016, the Indiana Trails Inventory was showing 3654 miles of trail open to the public. This reflects an increase of 2112 miles of open trail. However, almost half of the trails added to the trail inventory during the past ten years were actually in existence before 2006, so it is estimated that approximately 1100 miles of new trail have been added since 2006. An additional 106 miles of trail are in the process of acquisition and/or development. It should also be noted that a new category of trail, potential trails, is now being tracked within the trails inventory. See the trails inventory maps for 2006 and 2016 on the following pages.

Ultimate Goal: A trail within 7.5 miles or 15 minutes of all Hoosiers

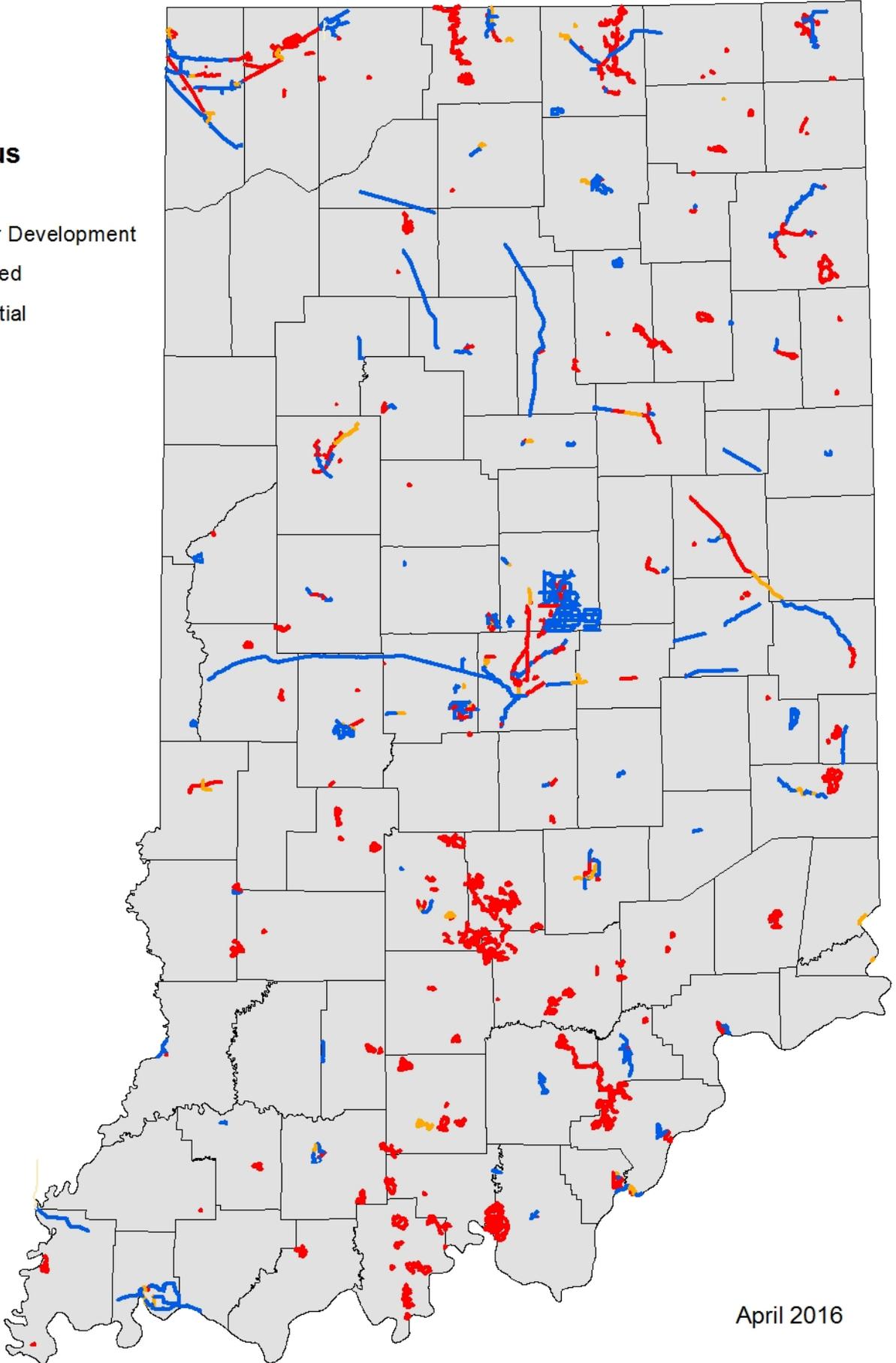
In 2006, when Hoosiers on the Move was released, 82.9% of Indiana residents had a hiking, biking, or equestrian trail available within 7.5 miles of their home. As of April 2016, Indiana now has a trail within 7.5 miles of 98.2% of all Hoosier residents. By 2015, we expect to get closer to the 99% mark toward this goal. These results indicate a 15.3% increase over the 82.9% of residents being within 7.5 miles of a trail in 2006. This analysis excludes boating/water trails and trails open for use by motorized vehicles. See chart below and map on page 4.

HOOSIERS SERVED BY TRAILS (within 7.5 miles)		
POPULATION 2010		SERVED
2006	6,483,802	82.9%
2016	5,374,344	98.2%
2017	6,370,808	98.2%
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Indiana Trails 2006

Trail Status

- Open
- Under Development
- Planned
- Potential

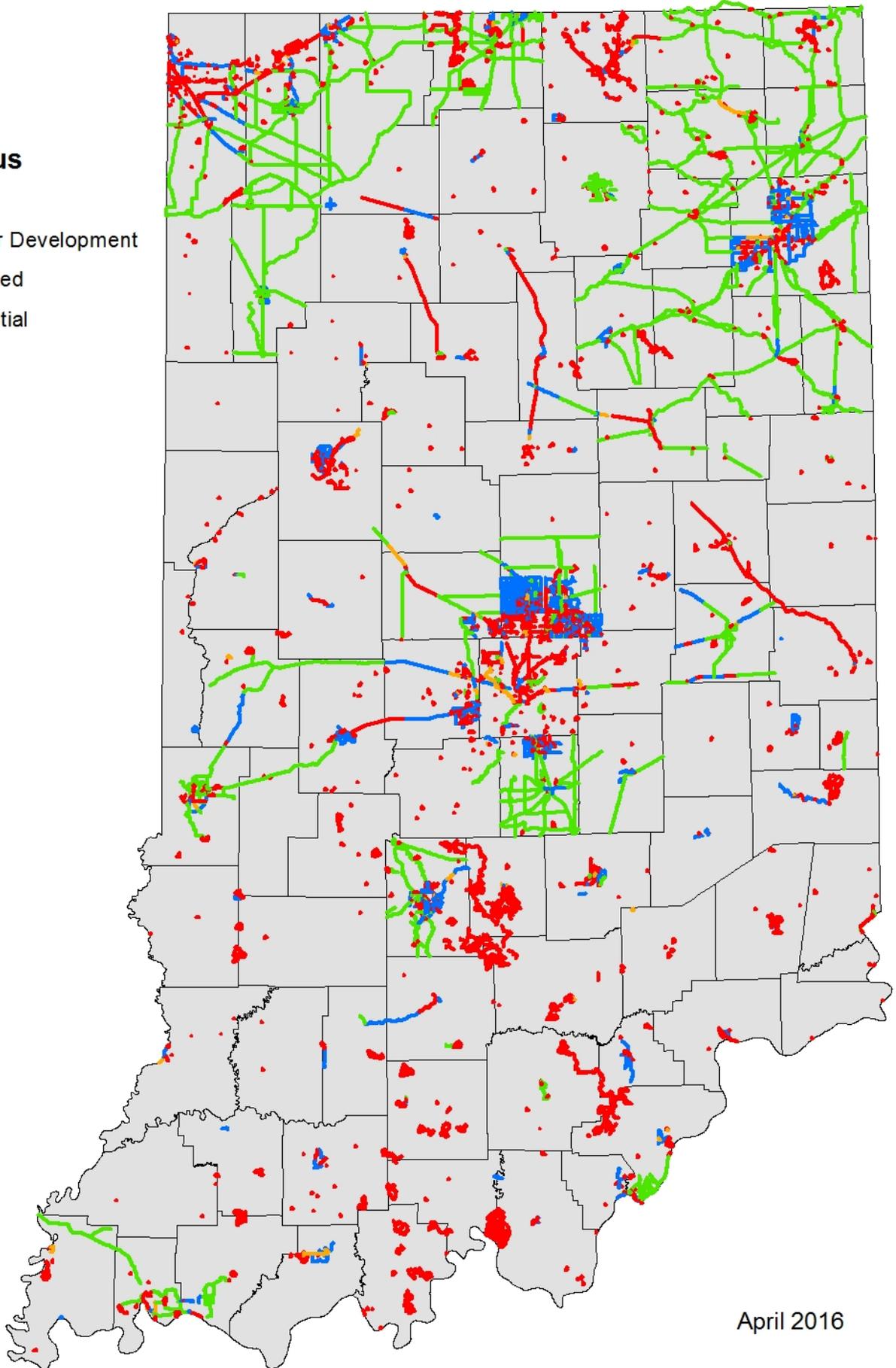


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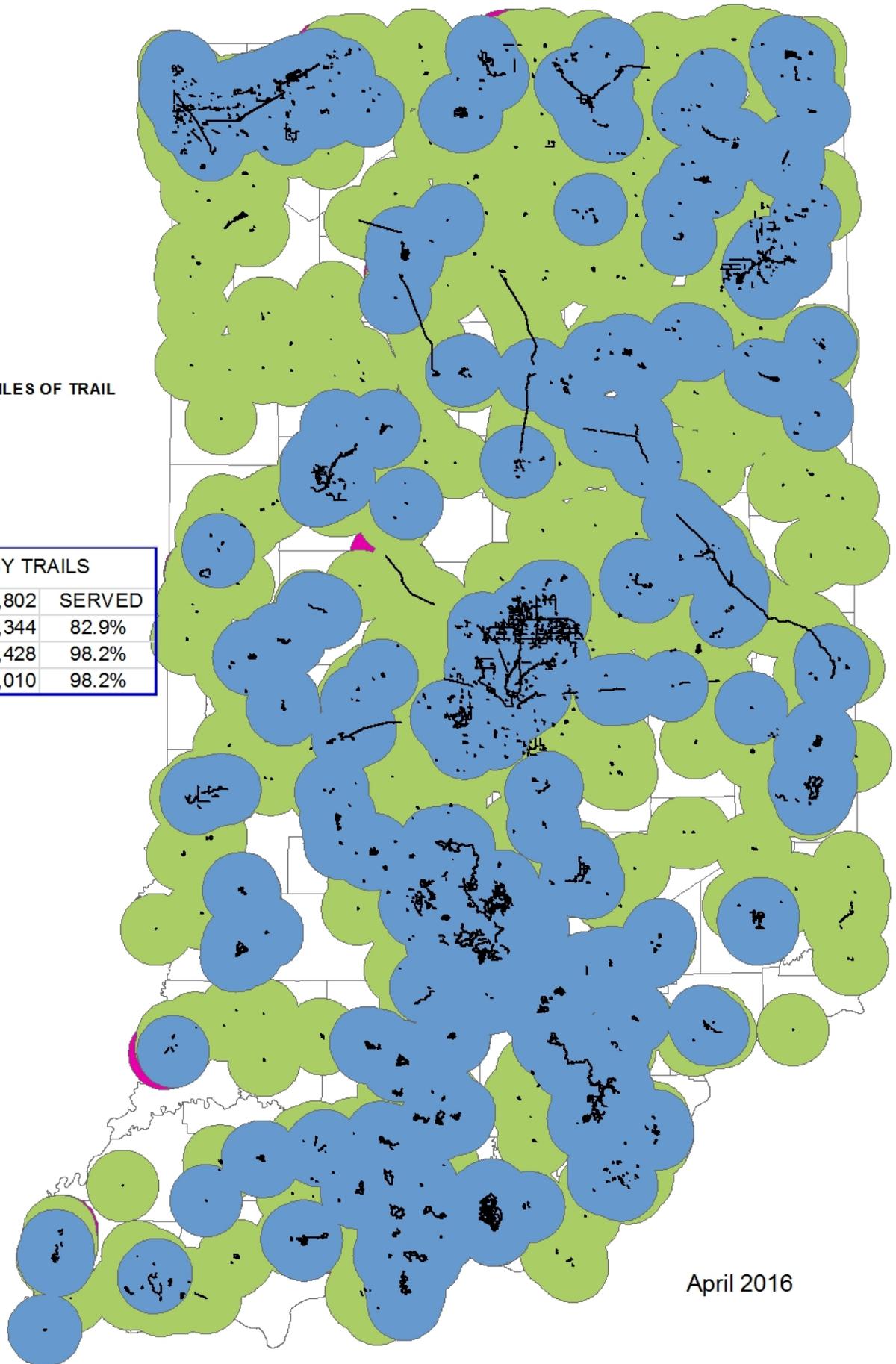
Indiana Trails 2006-2017

POPULATION WITHIN 7.5 MILES OF TRAIL

- Trails
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- 2016 Open Trails
- 2017 Projected Trails

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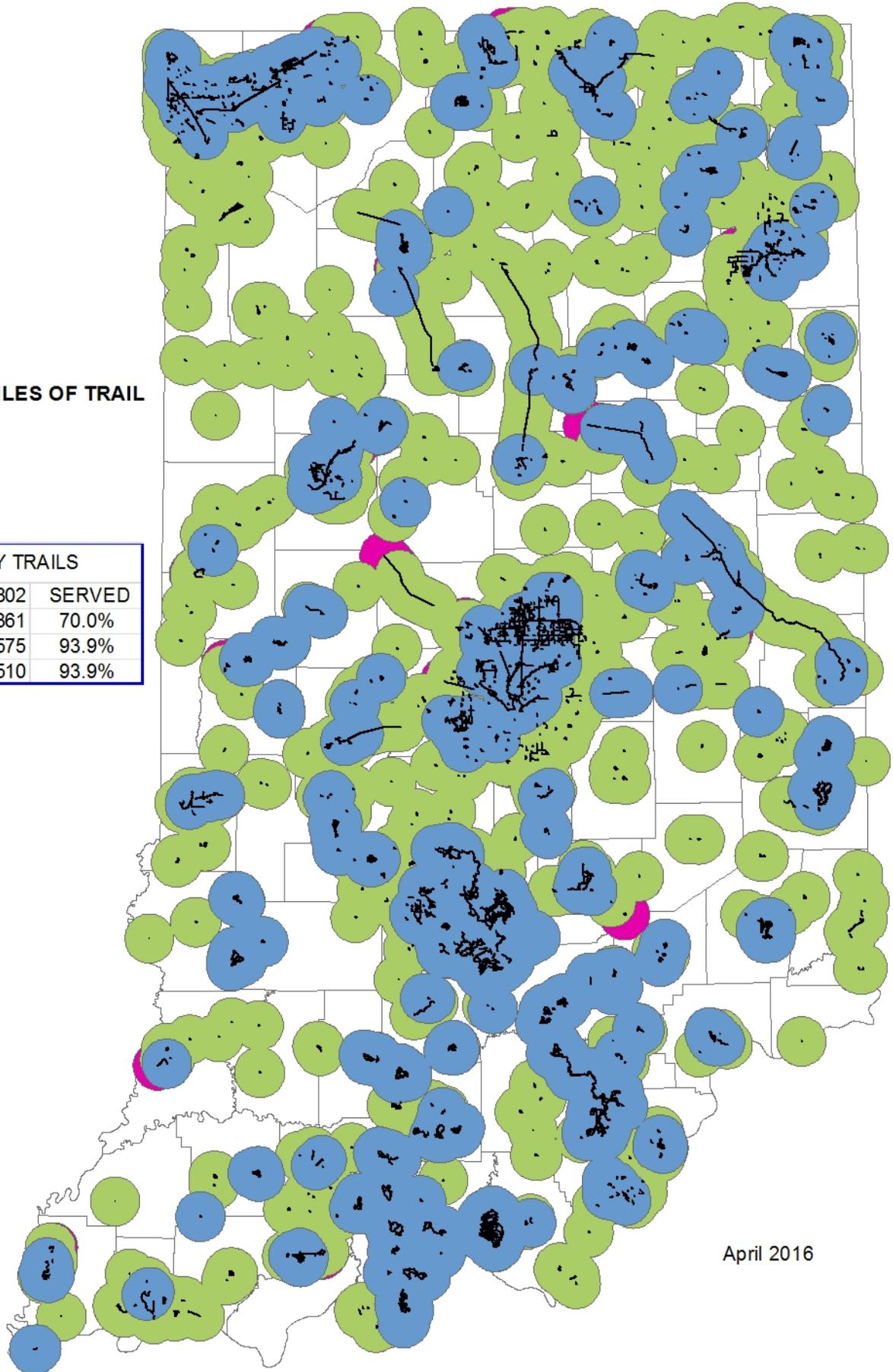
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Indiana Trails 2006-2017

POPULATION WITHIN 5 MILES OF TRAIL

- Trails
- 2006 Open Trails
- 2016 Open Trails
- 2017 Projected Trails

HOOSIERS SERVED BY TRAILS		
POPULATION 2010		SERVED
2006	4,536,361	70.0%
2016	6,085,575	93.9%
2017	6,089,510	93.9%



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Visionary Trails Progress

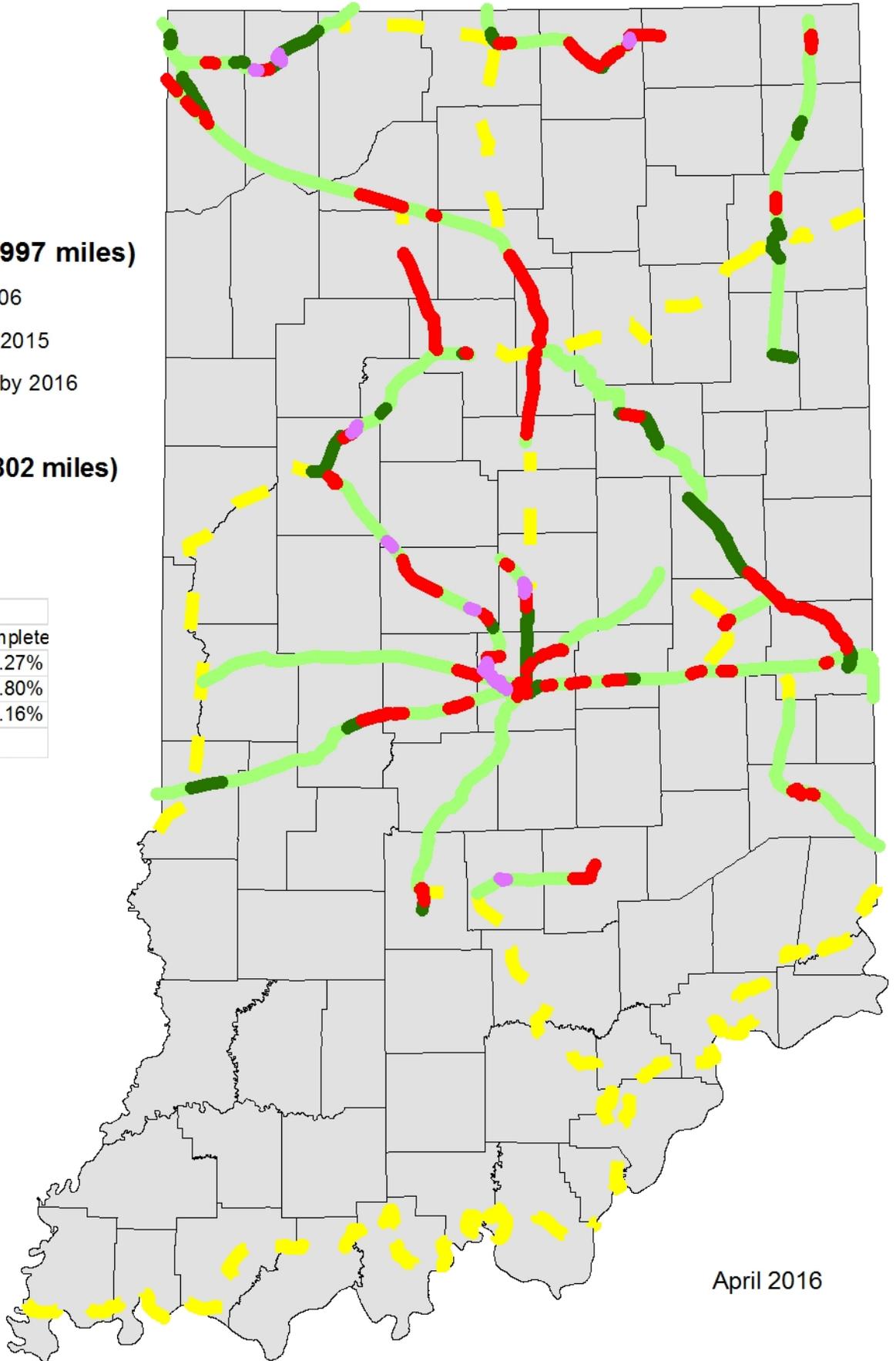
Visionary Status (997 miles)

- █ completed by 2006
- █ completed 2006-2015
- █ to be completed by 2016
- █ Priority planned

Potential System (802 miles)



Visionary Status		
Year	Trail Miles	% Complete
2006	132.33	13.27%
2015	214.86	34.80%
2016	23.47	37.16%
total	370.66	



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Good to Great Goal: A trail within 5 miles or 10 minutes of all Hoosiers

In 2014, with the ultimate goal of the trail plan virtually achieved, Governor Mike Pence officially raised the bar on this goal. Governor Pence set a new goal of having a trail within 5 miles of all Hoosier residents. As of April 2016, Indiana now has a trail within 5 miles of 93.9% of all Hoosier residents. By the end of 2016, we expect to get closer to the 94% mark toward this goal. These results indicate close to a 24% increase over the 70% of residents being within 5 miles of a trail in 2006. Again, this analysis excludes boating/water trails and trails open for use by motorized vehicles. See chart below and map on page 5.

HOOSIERS SERVED BY TRAILS (within 5 miles)

POPULATION 2010	6,483,802	SERVED
2006	4,536,361	70.0%
2016	6,086,342	93.9%
2017	6,090,233	93.9%

State Visionary Trails

Hoosiers on the Move established a visionary statewide system of interconnected arterial trails. The priority visionary system of trails would be close to 1000 miles in distance when complete. In 2006, 132 miles of this visionary system were complete. As of April 2016, an additional 215 miles of this system has been completed, more than doubling the miles of completed visionary trails since 2006. At least another 23 miles are expected to be completed by the end of 2016, which would put the priority visionary trail system at over 37% complete. It should be noted that Hoosiers on the Move did not propose a timeline for completion of the state visionary trails. See map of visionary trails progress on page 6.

Noteworthy State Visionary Trail projects that have been completed in recent years include:

- **Cardinal Greenway:** Addition of 20 miles of trail to the existing 30 miles of the section between Muncie and Richmond making this the longest contiguous rail-trail in the state.
- **Nickel Plate Trail:** Extended by 20 miles from Peru to Rochester
- **Panhandle Pathway:** 20 miles of trail built from near Logansport to Winamac
- **Farm Heritage Trail:** Acquired land for 15 miles of trail and built 10 miles of trail in Boone County.
- **Erie Trail:** 9 miles of trail built from North Judson to U.S. Hwy 35 in Starke County.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The ultimate goal of Hoosiers on the Move, a trail within 7.5 miles of all Hoosiers, has virtually been realized. In going from good to great, the bar has been raised and a new goal established of having a trail within 5 miles of all Hoosier residents. In addition, the build out of the nearly 1000 miles of the State Visionary Trails has progressed quickly by completing several extensive trail corridors that had already been acquired. Continued progress toward development of the State Visionary Trails will require a more strategic approach to fill in gaps and make connections between these trails. By completing several of the longest rail-trails in the state, Indiana can boast of having many more destination trails that will enhance tourism, promote healthy lifestyles, and help boost economic development along those corridors and in surrounding communities.