LASALLE TRAIL

Originating in Roseland, the LaSalle Trail is a 3.5-mile paved bike-pedestrian section of the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail (IN-MI RVT).

The town of Roseland maintains the portion within their town limits, and St. Joseph County Parks maintains the trail from Cleveland Road to the Michigan state line. Phases of construction included 1 mile in 2001 in Roseland; 5 miles in 2016; and 1 mile in both 2017 and 2018. Funding for the LaSalle Trail segment was obtained from a variety of sources including Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), St. Joseph County TEAM grant, St. Joseph County Parks Foundation, St. Joseph County Parks, Bike the Bend, Bike Michiana Coalition, Michiana Bicycle Association, and individual donors.

The trail was built on a section of abandoned rail corridor purchased by St. Joseph County Parks from American Electric Power (AEP), the adjacent landowner. The trail connects a school, an assisted living center, hotels, and restaurants located on State Road 933, that runs parallel to the trail. The IN-MI RVT extends approximately 17 miles from Mishawaka, Indiana to Niles, Michigan. The trail loosely follows the path of the St. Joseph River.

It is identified as a State Visionary Trail with the IDNR Division of Outdoor Recreation. Visionary Trails provide a backbone for connections to other trails in the area. The LaSalle Trail connects to the Darden Road Trail and the South Bend Riverwalk. Additional pathways in the County are linked along the IN-MI RVT providing access to over 30 miles of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Regional planning is underway to expand the IN-MI RVT to Elkhart, Indiana to the east, and Berrien Springs, Michigan to the north.