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ROWE Professional Services Company wins American Society of Civil Engineers Quality of Life Award

Flint, Michigan, Oct. 2, 2009 – The American Society of Civil Engineers-Michigan Section Quality of Life Award was presented to staff from ROWE Professional Services Company on September 18 for the Southern Links Trailway project. The award recognizes the impact the project has on the region, as well as the teamwork with all project stakeholders.

For the Southern Links project, ROWE Professional Services Company completed survey, design, and construction assistance for the Michigan Department of Transportation. The project is 10.2 miles of non-motorized path and equestrian trailway, with handicapped accessibility features, along an abandoned rail corridor in the areas of Columbiaville, Otter Lake, and Millington, Michigan. A trail from Columbiaville to Otter Lake (Phase I) was completed in October 2008; Phase II, from Otter Lake to Millington, is in progress.

The trailway is paved with asphalt for hiking and biking, with a separate path for those on horseback. It offers its patrons scenic views of open fields and wetlands, wooded forests, and farm lands.

Design elements included retrofitting two existing trestle bridges, new culverts, river bank stabilization, boardwalk, overlooks, trailheads, parking lots, road crossings, and signage.

ROWE employees who worked on the project include Director of Landscape Architecture Douglas Schultz, LLA, and Construction Engineer Jeremy Lynn, PE, who both work in ROWE's Flint office. The design engineer for the project was Craig Schripsema, PE, who works in ROWE's Mt. Pleasant office, and the project surveyor was Derek Hodges, PS, who works in ROWE's Lapeer office.

The trail is managed by the Southern Links Trailway Council, comprised of one member and one citizen from each of the government bodies of the Village of Columbiaville, Village of Otter Lake, Forest Township, Millington Township, and the Village of Millington.

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