

## Rt66 Trail Update - Feb 2010

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Letter to the Editor Historic Route 66 Recreational Trail Macoupin and Montgomery Counties in Illinois Chapter Three  
Let us start out with the Bad News, first! The Northbound Route 66 roadway, from Staunton, through Mt.Olive, to Litchfield, is still barricaded, abandoned, and an eye sore. It is not contributing to the Health and Welfare of our Community, nor our Region. Enough of that! Now the Good News!! We are gathering over whelming support for the Historic Route 66 Recreational Trail that is right in our own back door. In addition to many individuals, and the ITS Trail Committee, now, the Route 66 Trail - Southern Region Committee has unanimously endorsed the Trail at their January, 2010 meeting. Also at this meeting were Representatives of Tourism and Economic Development Agencies from Springfield, Litchfield, and Southwestern Illinois in Collinsville, Representatives of various City Councils, and School Districts, etc, I am also very grateful for the support of this Trail as demonstrated by Senator Demuzio, who also attended this meeting. Various City Councils, School Districts, Chambers of Commerce, Community Organizations, Business&rsquo; and health Organizations have or are in the process of endorsing this trail. The response of the entire community and Region has been overwhelming in support of this trail. I want to thank each and every one of you for making all this possible. You have responded from Oklahoma, Missouri, and the Great State of Illinois, from St. Louis to Chicago and points in between. This has truly become a concerted effort, of the people, by the people, and for the people. We still have a lot of work to do. If you would like to endorse this trail as an individual or as an organization, please send your endorsement and name, via email to the following: [Hroute66rectrail@gmail.com](mailto:Hroute66rectrail@gmail.com) Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 8th, 2010, if you would like to ride your bicycle from Litchfield through Mt.Olive to Staunton on route 66. More details on that later. To Be Continued Sincerely John Fritsche 618-656-0700