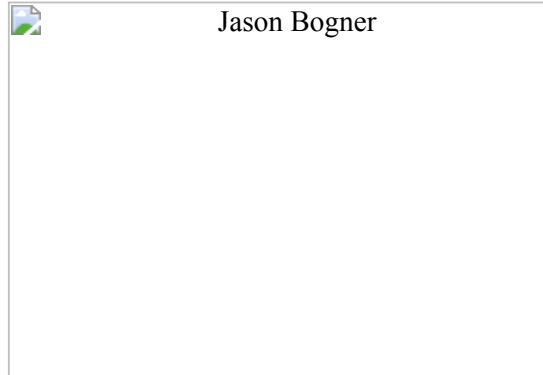


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Making The Trail A Little Safer



During the fall of 2011, the Milford section of the Upper Charles Trail was made a little safer by the efforts of Jacob Bogner, a Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School student and Milford resident. Jacob, who is a frequent user of the bike trail, wanted to focus his school capstone project, a community service project requirements, on enhancing the trail. Jacob presented a few ideas to the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail and settled on the creation and installation of a disability barrier near the Louisa Lake section of the trail. Jacob worked closely with the Milford Disabilities Commission who provided a list of requirements, reviewed Jacob's design plan and made recommendations to ensure the proposed barrier would meet disability requirements for safety. His next steps involved the purchase or donation of materials and tools to create the barrier. Local businesses that helped with supplies or materials included 495 Rental Center, Lowe's, Home Depot, Gerry's Paintland and the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail.

When asked what some of the lessons learned during the course of this project, Jacob said he learned how much time it takes to get needed committee approvals from the beginning of the idea to the actual project approval by his school. Jacob's dad, Tony, assisted his son with the technical aspects along with the actual installation while mom, Lisa, kept track of project deadlines. They expressed excitement in watching their son take great pride in his final accomplished product, even after having to rework a section to make an adjustment. Thank you, Jacob for making our trail a safer place for everyone!