



Open House Set for New Muscatatuck Trail

Time: April 9 at 5 p.m.
Location: Muscatatuck County Park Cafeteria
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Details about North Vernon’s new 1-mile long, multi-use trail will be presented at a public open house Monday, April 9 at 5 p.m. at the Muscatatuck County Park Cafeteria.

The trail – one of North Vernon’s Stellar Community projects – will also be discussed at the city council meeting at 7 p.m. that same evening in the Elsner Room at the North Vernon Education and Training Center (ETC).

The 10-foot wide asphalt trail will run from State Road 7 to Muscatatuck County Park, paralleling the former railroad right-of-way along Gum Street.

“This trail will be a wonderful addition to the quality of life in our city,” said North Vernon Mayor Harold “Soup” Campbell.

The trail will be designed this year and built in 2013, said Cory Whitesell, project manager for HWC Engineering. There will be trailhead parking areas at the north and south ends of the trail, and access points at both intersecting streets along the route.

Because the trail follows privately owned right-of-way, representatives from Associate Right of Way Services Co. will be at the open house to answer landowner’s questions.

After confirming ownership, the city will work with property owners on acquiring the right-of-way, following Indiana Department of Transportation guidelines.

The trail is just one of Stellar Communities’ projects to launch this year. North Vernon was selected as one of two cities in Indiana to win a new grant from the state called Stellar Communities in March 2011. Receiving the grant will amount to millions of dollars for roads, housing, storefront façades and other programs over the next few years.

Details about the Stellar Community projects can be found at www.northvernonstellar.com.

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