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Public Workshops Scheduled to Discuss City's Master Trails Plan

Bentonville, AR – December 7, 2010....The City of Bentonville's Parks and Recreation Department plan to host two public workshops to gather opinions and ideas for the future growth and development of the City's extensive bike and pedestrian trail system. The public workshops will be held on December 14th and December 16th, at 6:00 pm, in the Wal-Mart Room at the Bentonville Public Library, which is located at 405 South Main St.

The information collected at these workshops will be the first important step in updating the City's Master Trails Plan. All citizens are encouraged to attend. The Parks and Recreation staff is interested in hearing the thoughts and suggestions of commuter and recreational bicyclists, runners and pedestrians, and those citizens who frequently use the City's extensive bike and pedestrian trail system. Public opinion is central to the City's efforts toward creating and maintaining a trail system which will be utilized and enjoyed by Bentonville's recreationally-minded enthusiasts for years to come.

The Bentonville Master Trail Plan is a comprehensive trail network that consists of local trails integrated into a regional network. It consists of primary trails that follow the natural drainage system enhanced with spur trails. Some of the trails travel through natural areas with connections provided by the sidewalk network. Trails within parks are also part of the overall network. They range in construction from natural paths to asphalt to concrete. The purpose of the plan is to identify trail routes, establish design standards, prioritize trail development, create a plan for budgeting, operations, and maintenance, and identify and address safety issues.

Both workshops will feature structured brainstorming activities, a silent gallery presentation of the current trail system, and a question and answer period. Attendees will have an opportunity to be included in a citywide contact list to receive updates on pertinent topics throughout the Trails Master Plan update process. Jamie Mastro, the City of Bentonville's new bicycle and pedestrian planner, will be on hand to talk about her goals and responsibilities and to answer questions and concerns. David Wright, the Director of Parks and Recreation said "we are prepared for and hope to see an impressive turn-out at this event."

For more information and to see a copy of the current Master Trails Plan, visit the City's website at www.bentonvillear.com, or call 464-PARK (7275).

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