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Plan commission presents plaques for walking path plans

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DOWAGIAC - The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission on Tuesday presented plaques to a number of municipalities and agencies for work on "Connecting Communities and People: the Southwest Michigan Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Map."

The project won the Graham Woodhouse Intergovernmental Effort Award. The plan and map is aimed at coordinating and planning walking and bicycling trails and paths in a nine-county area of Southwest Michigan.

Plaques were presented to representatives of: the counties of Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph; Southwest Michigan Planning Commission; Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Planning; Michigan Department of Transportation, Southwest Region; Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study; Macatawa Area Coordinating Council; Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance.

The awards were presented at the Mathews Conference Center at Southwestern Michigan College near Dowagiac.

The award was established in 1987 to honor former Dowagiac mayor Graham Woodhouse. It is presented annually for projects that exemplify intergovernmental cooperation by local units of government.

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