



## TRAILS: BUILD IT-THEY WILL COME

### PLANNING~DEVELOPING~FUNDING

NOVEMBER 13, 2008

**New Location:** First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
5215 North M-37  
Middleville, MI

**12:30 to 1:00p.m. – Check-In, Refreshments and Networking**

**1:00p.m. - Welcome and Introductions – Phil VanNoord, Thornapple Trail Association**

**1:10p.m. – The Importance of Trails to Southwest Michigan – Jim Coury, Calhoun Conservation District**

### Trail Planning and Development in Different Community Settings

**1:20p.m. – Trail Planning**

**“Informed Choices-Right Trail, Right Place”– Norman D. Cox, The Greenways Collaborative, Inc.**

**1:40p.m. – Trail Development Panel**

1. Geoff Moffat, Village of Middleville-**“Our Part of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail”**

2. David Rachowicz, Kalamazoo County Parks-**“Developing trails in an urban area”**

3. Al Meshkin, Laketown Township-**“Creating a Trail in a Semi Urban Environment”**

**2:00p.m - Question and Answer for Panel**

**2:30-3:00p.m. - BREAK – Refreshments and Networking**

### Funding Your Trail

**3:00p.m.-“MDOT Transportation Enhancement Program Overview”-Matt Wiitala, Michigan Department of Transportation**

**3:15p.m.- “Recreation Grant Assistance available from the MDNR, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund”- Lisa McTiernan, Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

**3:30p.m.- “Planning, Funding and Implementing”-Toni Thompson, Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway**

**3:45p.m.-The Funding Quilt - Pulling It All Together - Nancy Krupiarz, Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance**

**4:05-4:30p.m. - Question and Answer with Funding Speakers**

**4:30 – Wrap Up**

**4:35- 5:30p.m. - Optional walk the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail - Bring your shoes to explore a half-mile paved and a one mile natural section of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. Guided tour by Jean and Cal Lamoreaux of the Thornapple Trail Association.**

Hosted by Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Southwest Michigan Alliance for Recreational Trails, and Thornapple Trail Association.

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