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Branch County Non-Motorized Summit to Focus on Connectivity

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) and Branch County Conservation District are hosting a Branch County Non-Motorized Summit on Thursday, June 20th, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. It will take place in the Council Chambers (2nd floor) of the Coldwater City Hall, 1 Grand Avenue, Coldwater, MI 49036.

This summit is open to the public and is free to attend. Refreshments will be provided. There will be a brief presentation on non-motorized facilities in Branch County and then a work session to gather input on desired facilities and priorities to help develop a vision. Non-motorized facilities include trails or shared use paths, bike lanes and paved shoulders that connect communities.

This free event is funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and is part of a larger effort to update the Southwest Michigan Non-Motorized Plan and Bicycling Guide for seven counties (Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren).

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