

Central Ohio Greenway & Trail Forum
February 16, 2006
Battelle Darby Metro Park
Cedar Ridge Lodge

1. Roundtable Sharing of Projects
 - a. Delaware County
 - i. Trails are going out to bid and will connect to CD&M.
 - ii. They want to acquire CDX and create five miles of loop
 - b. Knox County
 - i. Three trail boards
 - ii. Engineering bridges for Heart of Ohio Trail
 - iii. They had a problem with ODOT and possible eminent domain
 - iv. Want to railbank
 - v. Have a grant for repairing trail to Danville from commissioners
 - c. Madison County
 - i. Ohio to Erie Trail paved to London
 - ii. Path 6.5 miles east of London – grant to pave to Wilson Road with 2008 dollars, starts July, 07.
 - d. Worthington
 - i. Bikeway on east side of Olentangy – want to connect to west side
 - e. Ohio to Erie Trail
 - i. Working with active rail lines
 - ii. Ohio Rail Development Commissions wants legal immunity if injured on active rail lines
 - f. New Albany – Updating master plan and doing a loop
 - g. Dublin
 - i. Filling in the gaps on existing trail system
 - ii. 60 miles of trails and all developments have to put in bike trails
 - h. Metroparks – lots in Big Darby
 - i. Orange Township – New High School and mile path along Orange Road
 - j. Hayden Run
 - i. Conservation easement
 - ii. Natural stream restoration
 - iii. Partnering with Columbus Recreation and Parks
 - k. Elaine Marsh

- i. Last round of Clean Ohio
 - ii. Environmental zoning – what communities can do to implement zoning
 - l. Sunbury – working on trail through Sunbury
 - m. Fairfield County
 - i. Covered bridge move
 - ii. Interurban
- 2. Greenway Streamside Setbacks Panel
 - a. Maureen Lorenz - Columbus Recreation & Parks – 15,000 acres along streams
 - i. Take advantage of streams with parks along them
 - ii. 1974 – acquired parkland and corridors
 - iii. 1973 – Columbus comprehensive plan revised in 1993 to city plan to preserve river corridors
 - iv. Acquisition methods
 - 1. Fee simple purchase – most expensive and use as last resort
 - 2. Easement – purchased, donated or negotiated
 - 3. Donations – focus on being philanthropic
 - 4. Restrictive covenants – deed restricted in property
 - 5. Mandatory dedication of parkland on riverfronts for all new subdivisions and neighborhood parks
 - 6. Parkland dedication ordinance – 1000 residents, 5.5 acres of parkland to city, want to move to 10 acres per thousand
 - v. Riparian floodway control
 - 1. Use big buffers with 120’ setbacks both sides of streams
 - 2. Use 50’ setbacks on small streams
 - 3. Different parts of Columbus have different plans
 - vi. 2003 – Linkups and trails –
 - vii. Buildings and Greenways – used grants a lot
 - b. Frances Beasley – Columbus Utilities
 - i. 1974 Watercourse plan
 - ii. Greenways plan for Franklin County using amenities that could be provided along corridor
 - iii. Franklin County Metroparks and others put together greenways plan
 - iv. Managed corridors – need a toolbox of strategies. Preserved open space.

- v. 2000 – Central Ohio Regional Forum led to Darby Creek Environmentally Sensitive Development Area with riparian buffers and Darby Creek Accord
- vi. Stormwater Drainage Manual and Stormwater Advisory group balance environmental protection and economic development
- vii. Stream Corridor Protection Zone
- viii. Utility Department has \$20 Million for restoration projects and one is at the Big Darby headwater.
- c. Joan Hug Anderson – Summit County Soil & Water Conservation District
 - i. Summit County has 11 commissioners and home rule
 - ii. Presentation in PowerPoint (Erin, can we get these to put online?)
- d. Jim Gillis – Lake County Engineer
 - i. Serves 250,000 people
 - ii. Formed stormwater utility in 2003
 - iii. Co-administrator of flood damage prevention
 - iv. Presentation in PowerPoint (Erin, can we get these to put online?)

3. Trail Maintenance Costs, Partnerships and Safety

- a. Jim Schneider, Greene County
 - i. Long-term maintenance, in operation since 1981
 - ii. Need to last longer than 10 years
 - iii. Good drainage is essential
 - iv. Periodic maintenance
 - 1. Mowing
 - 2. Trimming
 - 3. Edging to prevent plant encroachment
 - 4. Crack sealing and seal coating
 - 5. Jim has saw cut specifications
 - v. Trail sentinel program Volunteer Bike Patrol Handbook Presentation in PowerPoint (Erin, can we get these to put online?)
- b. Bob Butts – Five Rivers Metroparks
 - i. Presentation in PowerPoint (Erin, can we get these to put online?)
 - ii. Bike, hike and horse patrols
 - iii. Have gear ready for volunteers before they start
 - iv. Develop social opportunities
 - v. MVP – Metroparks Volunteer Patrol
 - vi. Why?

1. about public relations – citizens advocates for your agency
2. Eyes and ears for law enforcement
3. Recruitment for future volunteers
- vii. Where do you find volunteers?
 1. Existing programs
 2. Bike for the health of it
 3. Local cycling organizations
 4. Advertise
- viii. How do you know you have the right volunteers?
 1. Unpaid staff
 2. Create job descriptions
 3. Interview candidates with a panel interview and do background checks
- ix. Training classes
 1. Bike safety
 2. CPR
 3. Radio
- x. Sponsorships - Bike shops and other can help sponsor by providing
 1. Radios
 2. Jerseys
 3. Components
- c. Wayne Roberts – Madison County Friends of the Trail
 - i. Problem – people think you will take TV's
 - ii. Sheriff overloaded – be the eyes and ears of local law enforcement
 - iii. Madison County Park District and City of London
 - iv. Volunteer Trail Sentinels
 1. Developed a manual
 2. Had a town meeting
 3. Developed a leadership Group for program
 - v. Training
 1. Basic bicycle repair
 2. First Aid
 3. CPR
 - vi. Clothing
 1. Helmet liner
 2. Vest
 3. Trail sentinel tools
 - vii. Funding – United Way and WalMart funding
 - viii. Radios – used cell phones to call dispatcher
 - ix. Sign in and sign out
 - x. Make notes of trash dumps

- xi. Have forms to use on a Web site
- d. Larry Peck – Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District
 - i. Metroparks in seven counties
 - ii. Extending trails from Madison County
 - iii. Have 22,000 acres
 - iv. Formed in 1945
 - v. New to linear parks
 - vi. Decentralized decision making
 - vii. Have trail volunteers under auspices of each park manager
 - viii. Maintenance standards and approach by park
 - ix. Safety – strong ranger program with 39 full and part time rangers
 - x. High visibility
 - xi. Worked with Heritage Trail
 - xii. Have emergency trail access routes
 - xiii. Have community crime patrol on Olentangy Trail
- e. Questions and Answers
 - i. Materials to use – pervious concrete and pervious asphalt – these are new products and Cleveland State is a demonstration site
 - ii. If original was less than 2.5” of asphalt, remove and re-lay it
 - iii. Seal Coat every five years in summertime, it should be usable in an hour. New soy-based product dries in a half hour.
 - iv. GSP88 sealer is on government contract
 - v. Do 50 hours per volunteer each season, others did four hours/month
 - vi. Metroparks – half the parks in Franklin County, half straddle counties or are in other counties
 - vii. Clearcreek Park was donated and can make improvement in Fairfield County
 - viii. It is possible to develop a relationship in outside counties like Fairfield
 - ix. Metroparks secured money for Madison County trail
- 4. Next Steps – asked for topics for future meetings (sorry, I did not get anything else)