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Shaping The Columbus Bike Plan

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"There are no prices attached yet to the 12 ideas packed into Columbus' proposed new Downtown plan. And there really aren't plans in the plan, either, its author insists. "Ideas are not proposals," said Keith Myers of MSI Design, the company hired to shape the document that will guide Downtown development efforts for the next 10 years.

"The new plan comes with no firm timetables, either, but that hasn't stopped city leaders and Downtown development officials from creating their own lists of priorities. The plan won't be official until it's approved by the Downtown Commission, which will consider it in June, and then the City Council.

"Based on interviews with Mayor Michael B. Coleman and a half-dozen others - people who helped shape the plan or who will help make its ideas a reality - here's a possible ranking of items on the emerging to-do list: ... Read more...

More Details On Porposed Towpath Route Through Harshaw Site

Michael Scott, who penned a previous article on this subject, provides more details on the complexities of the proposed route. Read more...

Morgana Run Greenway Expansion Project

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"The project implements one piece of the Vacant Land Reutilization Plan for Slavic Village, which was developed by Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC). The project calls for an extension of the Morgana Run Trail using existing City Land Bank lots. The goals include providing a wider swath of greenway parkland into the Model Block, while simultaneously decreasing the City's carbon footprint involved with vacant lot maintenance." Read more...

31 New National Recreational Trails Designated

"Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today announced the designation of 31 trails in 15 states as national recreation trails, adding more than 716 miles of trails to the National

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New Hiking

Trails System. The announcement comes in anticipation of National Trails Day on June 5, when trail dedications and other activities will take place at new and existing trails.

"From coast to coast, the National Trails System helps connect American families with the wonders of the great outdoors," said Salazar. "These new national recreation trails, built through partnerships with local communities and stakeholders, will create new opportunities for fitness and stewardship while creating a lasting legacy for our children and grandchildren." Read more....

Report Says Trail Dispute Settled

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"There has been a sudden change in the dispute over ownership of a portion of the Great Guernsey Trail.

"Judge David Ellwood of the Guernsey County Common Pleas Court ruled earlier this month that a section of the trail was not the property of the Community Development Corporation, but became the property of a private landowner when the CSX Railroad pulled up its rails around 1994.

"Now, the C-D-C and the property owner have reached a settlement, with the property being sold to the C-D-C for an undisclosed price.

"There are no other deeds in question regarding the new section of the trail, which runs from East Cambridge to Lore City."

A related article that provides more details can be found here.

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Developers Plan 'Bicycle City'

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"Soon there will be a subdivision where your car is not welcome. Developers plan to build a bicycles-only community in Lexington County, near Gaston [South Carolina]. Those developers — from Ohio and the Lowcountry — think their Bicycle City will be the first subdivision of its kind in the nation.

"It will have no asphalt. It will have miles of trails and ponds for boating. It will have eco-friendly homes. And residents and their visitors will have to park their cars outside the community and bike — or walk — to their homes.

"Developers have spent nearly $1 million to buy 140 acres about 15 miles south of Columbia, according to land records. They also have hired community designer Ozzie Nagler, planner of Harbison and the Three Rivers Greenway.

"It could become an eco-tourism destination," said Joe Mellett, a Cincinnati-based Internet marketer and one of the developers. Mellet and one of his co-developers will present their concept to Lexington County Council at a meeting tonight." Read more...

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Regional Trail Link Envisioned Along Ohio River

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"...I rode the Montour Trail frequently, and I rode the trails in Ohio, and I had been thinking that we ought to connect the two," Dr. Troia said.

"As planned, the trail would trace the riverfront from the Montour's trail head in Robinson through Coraopolis, Moon, Crescent, South Heights, Hopewell and Aliquippa to Monaca. It would cross the Rochester-Monaca bridge, go north along the Beaver River through Rochester Township in New Brighton, cross the historic Fallston Bridge and go down the far bank of the Beaver through Fallston, Bridgewater and Beaver. It would then follow the north bank of the Ohio through Vanport, Industry, Midland, Ohioville and Glasgow.

"The council has gotten supportive resolutions from most of the municipalities involved and has the support of the Beaver County Planning Commission. A grant from the state Department of Community and Natural Resources helped fund a feasibility study of the southern part of the trail - from the Montour Trail through Monaca.

"That study is about two-thirds done, and the council is applying for a grant to study the rest. The involved communities also contributed toward the study, as did private individuals." Read more...