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Survey Seeks Community Input on Trails

Central Ohio Greenways wants to know how you utilize pathways

MOUNT VERNON, Feb. 15, 2022 – How do trails make a difference in your life and community?

The [Central Ohio Trail Community Survey](#), distributed by Central Ohio Greenways, wants your input to gain a better understanding of the value Mount Vernon residents place on the Ohio to Erie Trail, which extends from Cincinnati to Cleveland, as well as biking and walking trails generally.

Central Ohio Greenways, which is part of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), is asking residents and businesses in Mount Vernon, Centerburg, Sunbury and London to share their thoughts on what value they attach to trails, when they visit them, how well they feel local agencies maintain the trails, and whether trail connectivity across the region can be improved.

In addition to trail users, Central Ohio Greenways hopes members of various civic and youth groups, health and tourism organizations and education officials will take a moment to take the brief, 25-question survey as well.

The Ohio to Erie Trail covers 326 miles from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. Across central Ohio, it incorporates the Kokosing Gap, Heart of Ohio, Alum Creek, Roberts Pass, Prairie Grass and Downtown Connector trails.

Previous surveys have shown that these trails are heavily utilized, with users logging about 12 million miles annually on the trails in central Ohio alone. Regional planners have noted time and again that walking and biking trails add value to a community, have positive economic impacts and, not surprisingly, can improve the overall health of local residents.

The [Central Ohio Trail Community Survey](#) will be open until March 10. All answers will be kept confidential.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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