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NIRPC to Hold Listening Sessions Will Gather Public Comments in Anticipation of Greenways + Blueways 2020 Plan

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will be holding a series of listening sessions in preparation for creating the *Greenways + Blueways 2020* plan. This plan will combine the 2007 *Greenways + Blueways* plan and the 2010 *Ped & Pedal Plan*. It will be the first time that the areas of conservation, transportation, and recreation have all been combined into a single document for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties.

The public is invited to attend these listening sessions and provide input to guide NIRPC in this process. These sessions will especially be of interest to those interested in conservation of natural areas and open lands and non-motorized transportation such as walking, biking, hiking, and paddling.

A total of six listening sessions will be held at locations throughout the region. They are:

- May 27: LaPorte County Solid Waste & Water Conservation District, 2857 W. State Road 2, La Porte, IN, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 4: Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 16: Crown Point Public Library, 122 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- June 18: Valparaiso City Hall, 166 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 23: Gary Public Library Woodson (Miller) Branch, 501 S. Lake Street, Gary, IN, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- June 24: Construction Advancement Foundation, 6050 Southport Road, Portage, IN, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend any and all of these public meetings. Comments may also be submitted to comments@nirpc.org, or by calling NIRPC at 219-763-6060, ext. 160, or by mailing

to NIRPC at 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368. Individuals with hearing impairments may contact us through the Indiana Relay 711 service by calling 711 or (800) 743-3333. Additional information, including the full schedule of meetings and draft documents may be found at www.nirpc.org. These documents will also be available at local libraries throughout the region.

Requests for alternative formats may be directed to Mary Thorne, 219-763-6060, ext. 131, or mthorne@nirpc.org. Individuals with hearing impairments may contact us through the Indiana Relay 711 service by calling 711 or (800) 743-3333.

NIRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and regional council of local governments for the three counties of Northwest Indiana. NIRPC provides the forum for local elected officials, regional, leadership, and citizens to address regional issues relating to transportation, the environment and community and economic development. NIRPC seeks to develop consensus solutions with the broadest participation.

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