

“PATHWAYS TO SUCCESSFUL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT”

Mote & Associates, Inc., Engineers and Land Surveyors, held their 4th annual informational program in May 2006, entitled “Pathways to Successful Trail Development,” to explore the concepts, plannings, and successes of bike and recreational trails.

The program focused on successful bike/recreational trail programs experienced in nearby counties, communities and municipalities. Through well-coordinated, multi-governmental planning strategies and skillful design, many communities are experiencing the numerous benefits and successes of a bike/recreational trail plan. These benefits include activities such as biking, walking, skating and running which contribute to the improvement of health, fitness and overall quality of life for the community. Recreational trails are family fun activities enjoyable for all ages. The trails preserve natural land and open space as well as enhancing local property values and economic development. In some instances, these successful bikeways and recreational trails link up to larger trails through multiple counties. Mote & Associates, Inc. has provided design services for several of these successful trail programs.

The following speakers contributed to our program’s success: Mr. Tim Pinnow, representing The Plastic Lumber Company; Mr. Jerry Eldred, Miami County Park District; Mr. Robert Shook, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Concord Township Trustee; Ms. Carrie Scarff of the Five Rivers Metro Parks; and Mr. Jim Schneider, Assistant Director/Trail Manager of Greene County Parks.

We appreciate those that traveled from Darke County as well as neighboring Auglaize, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Shelby, and Van Wert counties to participate and share in how sound goals and principles as well as regional teamwork are viable to development of successful trails in Ohio. A special thank you goes to the Darke County Park District for allowing us to use their fine Shawnee Prairie Preserve Nature Center facility.

One of the objectives of Mote & Associates, Inc. is to set high standards to support community involvement, promote education, and improve the environment. Services that are available from the firm include street improvements design, bridge design, water and wastewater treatment design, building design, stormwater management, bike path design, construction observation and layout staking, land development design, topographic surveys, property surveys, grant administration, and computer aided drafting.

