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**Subject:** Great Trails Training Opportunities  
**Attachments:** Flyer for 2010 workshops.pdf

Local Agencies,

A series of one-half day workshops are being planned for specific trail and greenway topics. There are a series of 4 workshops, (funding, liability and maintenance, connecting the dots, and getting started on a trail project) being offered twice each, once in Southwest Michigan (Lawrence) and once in West Michigan (West Olive). They are being offered in March, June, August, and October and each workshop is only \$10 or \$30 for the set of 4. The flyer is attached.

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# 2010 Workshop Series Connecting Communities & People with Trails

## Session Topics

1. Getting Your Trail Project Onto the Ground
2. Funding Your Trail Project
3. Liability & Maintenance for Trails
4. Connecting all the Dots

## Times

All workshops will be held from 9:00am-12:00pm. Registration will be at 8:30am.

## Two Convenient Locations

### West Michigan

Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission  
12220 Fillmore Street,  
West Olive, MI 49460

### DATES

- Session 1-March 4, 2010
- Session 2-June 17, 2010
- Session 3-August 12, 2010
- Session 4-October 14, 2010

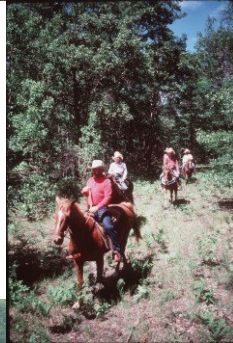
### Southwest Michigan

Van Buren Conference Center  
490 S. Paw Paw Street  
Lawrence, MI 49064

### DATES

- Session 1-March 30, 2010
- Session 2-June 30, 2010
- Session 3-August 23, 2010
- Session 4-October 27, 2010

More details on the back



## Who Should Attend?

This workshop series is for trail enthusiasts, community and county government leaders, community planners, and anyone who wants to develop their communities' natural, cultural, and historic assets and provide healthy lifestyle, recreation, and alternative transportation options.

We encourage everyone with an interest in trails, wildlife habitats and wetlands, land preservation for the future, and enhancing communities and property values to attend these workshop sessions.

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition are teaming up to offer a 4-part, 1/2-day workshop series in Southwest and West Michigan. A variety of trail-related topics will be covered, including getting your trail project underway, funding options & where to find them, dealing with liability & maintenance issues, and making connections to other trails & networks.

The workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. (registration) and end at 12:00 noon, with time for networking with other attendees, and Q&A sessions with speakers.

Each workshop series will be offered in both Southwest and West Michigan, and each is scheduled at the same site throughout the series.

**Registration is required.** The fee is: \$10.00 for individual workshops; \$30.00 for the entire 4-part workshop series. No refunds will be issued.

## SESSION 1-Getting Your Trail Project Onto the Ground

- How do I plan for and get my trail project started?
- Who to communicate with, and when do I form a friends group?
- Engineering & Accessibility (ADA, etc)

## SESSION 2-Funding Your Trail Project

- State/Federal programs
- MDNR Trust Fund
- MDOT
- Process for Federal Funds/Grants
- Foundations and Corporate Partners

## SESSION 3-Liability and Maintenance for Trails

- Liability for Bike Routes
- Maintenance Part 1
- Maintenance Part 2

## SESSION 4-Connecting All the Dots

- Michigan Airline Trail
- US Bike Route Systems
- Rails-to-Trails
- Safe Routes to School & Complete Streets



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### Registration Form

(Please copy for your records & mail with payment)-No refunds will be issued

Mail Registration Form and Payment to **WMTGC -- P.O. Box 325 -- Comstock Park, MI 49321**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop:  #1-\$10.00  #2-\$10.00  #3-\$10.00  #4-\$10.00  ALL -\$30.00

Check Amount:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Location:  Location A  Location B  
(A = (Southwest Michigan) (B = West Michigan)

*Location A*  
Southwest Michigan Location  
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