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FOR RELEASE TO PUTNAM COUNTY MEDIA OUTLETS (TV, RADIO, PAPER)
PRIOR TO MARCH 12, 2008

Public Information Open House for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Kanawha and Putnam Counties

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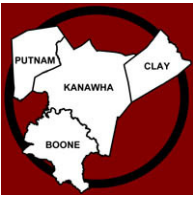
RIC, with their consultant Michael Baker Jr., Inc., is holding a Public Information Open House for Putnam County Residents on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hurricane Valley Community Center, 1 Valley Park Drive, Hurricane, W.V. Residents are invited to attend and provide feedback on bicycle and pedestrian issues in the County. Comment cards will be provided to document feedback.

The Open House will provide an opportunity for residents to view the findings of the study to date, including online survey results, and provide valuable feedback on potential issues and opportunities for enhancement. All are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Stop by any time between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to tell us what you think!



**Comments Received From the
Putnam County Public Information Center
Hurricane Valley Community Center
March 12, 2008**

- I would certainly like to see bike/walking trails developed. We live in Springdale Est/Com CK area and would like to see a trail into Hurricane City and east to Teays Valley area.
- I'm a cyclist who rides about 4000 miles/year, much of it in Putnam, Lincoln, Jackson, Kanawha counties. I'd like to see a (ongoing, repeated) public education campaign to teach drivers about the rights (and responsibilities) of cyclists on public roadways, and to advise dog owners of their responsibility to maintain control of their animals or risk legal liability for injuries caused by dogs. Bicycle lanes in town would be nice. I'm absolutely not in favor of restricting cyclists to multiuse trails or off-road riding.
- I would like to see a bike path from the Hurricane exit to the St. Albans exit along Teays Valley Road (either on sidewalks or an added bike lane to the existing road). There is no place to walk or ride safely in Scott Depot.
- From subdivisions to YMCA
 1. No sidewalk on Teays Valeey Rd. to YMCA, stops short going west
 2. Biking on Teays Valley Rd. to park
 3. Poca River Rd. – Dogs are a problem
- We would love a bike/walking trail connected from Hurricane (it's already there) thru Scott Depot and also continuing to Winfield. A lot of people walk Teays Valley Road/Crooked Creek/Hickory Road area. The main road – Teays Valley Road – is dangerous to walk or ride bikes on.
- Are developers required to include green areas in their plan? I think 10-15% of the dev. should be pedestrian & bicycle friendly.
- There is a big problem with irresponsible dog owners, i.e. free ranging packs to simple non-restraint of individual dogs. Walking without a big stick or some large rocks can be a hazard. This is a big problem for cyclists. They may cause a wreck or actually bite a biker. Owners do not think they have a responsibility, but the dogs have a right to roads, etc.
- I live in Teays Valley and I like to ride roads and trails. Route 34 and Route 60 are 2 roads that I would like to see become a more bike friendly. Ed Ford, 601 Hawthorne Lane, Hurricane, WV (304) 757-3481.



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RIC, with their consultant Michael Baker Jr., Inc., is holding a Public Information Open House for Putnam County Residents on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the West Teays Elementary School in the cafeteria, 3676 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, W.V. Residents are invited to attend and provide feedback on bicycle and pedestrian improvements for areas identified with barriers to access and mobility. Comment cards will be provided to document feedback.

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West Teays Elementary School
May 21, 2008**

- Consider pedestrian/bicycle route between Mimi's and South Poplar.
Consider school locations in terms of pedestrian/bicycle routes.
Consider adding sidewalk/bicycle facility along Cow Creek Road from WV34 to I-64
grade separation => Hurricane City Park is close resource to many subdivisions.