



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### November 21 Meeting Summary

In attendance: Sandy Shafer, Stuart Kearns, Tom Camargo, Bob Strosnider, and Doug Greene.

#### TOPICS DISCUSSED

##### Prioritizing Rails to Trails Goals & Objectives

1. Develop organization- focus on pilot program (Liberty Rd. to I-75).
2. Recruit members/ gain support for greenways and rails to trails.
3. Publicity for meetings.
4. Put together a slide show/presentation for various groups to gain support.
5. Identify and talk (one on one) to selected "important people".
6. Need lawyer who has experience with railroad law!

##### Future Meetings

- \* Discussed changing meeting place and time.
- \* March 5th at District Manager Office in Morehead, Ky. to discuss Ashland to Lexington Trail.
- \* April 20th- Workshop at Georgetown College. Discussed what to focus workshop on.

##### Strategies For Needed State Legislation

- \* Agreed we (RTT) are not ready to submit proposed changes nor have we identified a "sponsor" in the Legislature.

Discussed the need to further analyze the 2 mile beginning section of the Lex. to Ashland trail In addition, photos need to be taken, and a name chosen for the new trail.

## UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 19, TUES. AT 5:00 IN THE 5TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 200 E. MAIN ST.. PLEASE BE THERE!

BAD NEWS/GOOD NEWS-----The bad news is that our application for ISTE A funding was turned down. (\$42 million in applications and \$2 million in awards) Boo- Hoo! The good news (?) is that now we can move ahead with building local support and funding.

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### LATE NEWS!!!!

A prospective home-buyer of a new home in Timber Creek (property adj. to the proposed new trail), has made an inquiry to the developer and the Div. of Engineering about changing/removing the rail bed at the rear of the property. Every effort will be made to prevent this from happening, but this illustrates the importance of moving ahead with the trail!

The Urban County Government (Fayette Co.) is looking closely at new methods of acquiring parkland/open space. A committee has been formed (Park Acquisition Committee- chaired by our own SANDY SHAFER!!!!) to look into this situation. The L.F.U.C.G. has been unable to generate revenue to purchase much needed parkland and it would appear that the public wants more open space and parkland. The point to make is that RAILS TO TRAILS COUNCIL, INC. needs to join forces with the Park Acquisition Committee and the Greenspace Committee in order to get the support of the Parks and Recreation Dept. and the rest of the Urban County Government. It is to our benefit to be part of a coordinated greenspace/greenway plan and not just have "tunnel vision" for only the Lexington to Ashland Trail.

### Meeting Schedule

December 19th: 5:00p.m.~~~5th floor conference room  
Government Center

January 16th : 5th floor conference room

February 20th : 5th floor conference room

March 5th : Morehead meeting to discuss Lex. to Ashland  
trail

March 19th : 5th floor conference

April 20th : Workshop in Georgetown (more details later)

Questions or comments? Call Sandy Shafer @ 258-3200 or Doug Greene @ 258-3160