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City to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Deckers Creek Pedestrian Bridge

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Officials from the City of Morgantown will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Deckers Creek Pedestrian Bridge on Friday, July 6 at 11 a.m. The event is open to the public and will take place on the Greenmont side of the Deckers Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

The pedestrian bridge is located at about mile .5 of the Deckers Creek Rail-Trail, near Stanley's Spot Dog Park. The bridge will connect the Greenmont and South Park neighborhoods to the Deckers Creek Rail-Trail and will provide residents in those neighborhoods with additional recreation and transportation opportunities. They will now be able to walk or bike to about 80 percent of the city. Developing the non-motorized infrastructure at this location will help improve properties and encourage private investment in the area.

For Morgantown Mayor Bill Kawecki and others, the opening of the pedestrian bridge is something that has been years in the making.

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“I have been actively involved in the effort to build a pedestrian bridge over Decker’s Creek near Kingwood Street since 2013, but the quest for the pedestrian bridge began well before that date,” said Mayor Kawecki.

“Our state legislators, WVDOH, the City Administration, Monongahela River Trails Conservancy, Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center, the Green Team, the Pedestrian Board, the Bicycle Board, the Morgantown Historic Landmarks Commission are just a few of the people and organizations involved and deserving of our appreciation.”

Mayor Kawecki and other local and state officials will be on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony. The Mayor said that the bridge has not been named yet and City Council is turning to the community for suggestions. The name will be voted on at a July 28 Neighborhood Celebration that is being planned at the new pedestrian bridge.

The pedestrian bridge project, totaling \$458,216, includes funding from the Federal Highway Administration’s Transportation Alternative Program, or TAP, administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. The total cost to the City of Morgantown was \$90,000. The design and inspection work were done by Alpha Associates, Inc. and the preliminary work and installation of the bridge were completed by Green Rivers Group, LLC.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, July 6 to officially open the new Deckers Creek Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge is located near Stanley's Spot Dog Park on the Deckers Creek Rail-Trail.