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# Kentucky Rails to Trails Council, Inc.

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## CSX MAKES OFFER !!!

**A**t the urging of Bob Strosnider, KRTTC has received detailed mapping information showing the current status of the abandoned CSX RR line from Mt. Sterling to the Fayette Co. line.

These maps list the remaining properties not yet transferred to adjacent property owners, and in a letter, proposes to **place all these parcels together in one package for possible sale to our group!** Granted, at first look, the RR row is broken up into numerous segments, however, it is hard to imagine our goal (Lex. to Ashland trail) ever being reached without obtaining this land.

Volunteers have agreed to assist in consolidating the information on to one map to get the "big" picture. Thanks!

**Next Meeting Date!** The KRTTC will have it's next meeting on April 16 at the usual place and time, 5pm, 5th floor conference room. 200 E.Main. **Be there!**



**VOLUNTEER TO DEFEND AND PRESERVE THE BLUEGRASS FOR ALL OF US!**

## Mark Q. Lee speaks.....

or should I say spoke to the members and guests at our Rails to Trails February meeting. Mark is the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for the Division of Multi-modal Programs in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (whew!). (502-564-7433)

Mark spoke to us about new State legislation such as, proposed Rails to Trails Legislation, Helmet laws for children under 14, and revising Hand Signals laws. Mark is an energetic person and a great contact person for our group at the state level. He needs our support!

Mr. Lee also remarked how the use of the Internet is helping to connect bicycle groups all across the state. His Internet address is [mqlee@mis.net](mailto:mqlee@mis.net).

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## RAILS TO TRAILS WORKSHOP IN MAY

Plans are coming together for a **Rails to Trails Workshop** to be held on May 18. Speakers include Terry Berrigan, Director of the Rails to Trails Conservancy for the mid-east (Ohio region), Marty Wyrick and Kent Spellman from West Virginia, who will discuss how they helped the North Bend Trail (55 miles) become a reality..

The event will be held at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky . Box lunches are included in the \$20 registration fee. Tom Camargo is heading the efforts to organize the Saturday workshop and will also lead a 25 mile fun ride on Sunday May 19 in the beautiful Georgetown, KY area.

Many thanks to **John's Running Shop** for being the main sponsor.

### Volunteers Needed!!!

As momentum, and interest builds for Rails to Trails, Open Space etc., the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council will need help in the following areas:

1. Fund Raising
2. Public Information
3. Newsletter/publishing
4. Legal help
5. Membership drive
6. Photography

If you or anyone you know, would like to become involved in the Ky. Rails to Trails Council, please give Tom Camargo (266-6020), Doug Greene (258-3160) , or Bob Strosnider (606-744-0019) a call.

## Kentucky Rails to Trails Council, Inc. A Meeting In Morehead .....

**W**as held at the Cave Run Lake Ranger Station on March 5th and interested citizens showed up from Ashland, Grayson, Morehead, Winchester, and Lexington. Doug Greene, Tom Camargo from Lexington, and Bob Strosnider from Winchester spoke to those attending on what our group is, and what we are doing.

Bob Strosnider explained what the Ky. Rails to Trails Council was all about. Tom Camargo gave an update on the Rails to Trails workshop, and Doug Greene briefed the guests as to the initial pilot trail here in Lexington. The participants were interested in creating a new Foundation and indicated they would consider the a Foundation after they get more information. Much interest was shown, and everyone agreed to keep in touch and encourage others in their respective areas to come to our Rails to Trails Workshop in Georgetown on May 18.

### FRANKFORT MEETING LOOKS AT COALITION OF BIKE GROUPS.

On February 3, representatives from various bicycle groups met at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort to discuss organizing a state wide bicycle coalition. Groups from Louisville, Bowling Green, Lexington, Owensboro, and the Land Between the Lakes were present as were members of the

State Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission. Guest speakers included Chuck Smith from the Ohio Bicycle Coalition, and Steve

Cambron, a bike patrol officer from the Louisville Police Department. His enthusiasm was unbridled! Some of the other issues discussed were: the need for a coalition various Bicycle groups, regional planning of bike routes, lobbying for bicycle friendly laws, safety for pedestrians and bicyclists on the roads, helmet laws, Rails to Trails, Tourism and more. What do you think?

## WANTED!!!!

people who want to join together with other interested in making our community, county and state, one that can offer safe pedestrian, bicycle, walking, and other non-motorized transportation. The Rails to Trails Council of Kentucky supports not only the transformation of abandoned rail corridors into multi-purpose trails, but also utilizing other possibilities for multi-use trails. Things like greenways, roads that are designed for both cars and bikes (where applicable). These connections can help connect people, neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties, regions and hopefully the Bluegrass that we all cherish so much.

If you want to do something, get involved with our group, and call one of the following:

#### Lexington:

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