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BLACK RIVER TRAIL WESTERN EXTENSION PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The City of Watertown will conduct a Public Information Meeting to discuss the proposed Black River Trail Western Extension – From Marble Street Park near Eastern Boulevard to Factory Square Park (PIN 7807.88).

The meeting will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday January 31st, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the 3rd Floor at 245 Washington St, Watertown NY. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date of Wednesday February 7th, 2024 has been identified for the same time and location.

The meeting will be an open house style event, so people can come and go throughout the hour and a half.

The City of Watertown, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the New York State Department of Transportation, is developing preliminary design plans to construct approximately 1.5 miles of multi-use trail along Marble Street and along the former New York Central Railroad corridor, including the conversion of two former railroad bridges on Sewall's Island to fill in a critical gap with the existing Black River Trail within the City of Watertown.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain comments on the proposed project from interested individuals, stakeholder groups, local officials, and involved agencies. This public informational meeting is part of the continuing efforts by the City, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration to encourage public input into the development of federally funded multi-modal transportation projects. Representatives from the City of Watertown and Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., will be available at the meeting to answer questions and obtain comments on the proposed project.

Questions regarding this meeting may be addressed to Jennifer Voss, Senior Planner, City of Watertown Planning and Community Development Department at <u>jvoss@watertown-ny.gov</u> or (315) 785-7724. Please advise the City if a sign language interpreter, assistive listening system, or any other accommodation will be required to facilitate your participation in this public meeting.

Further information on the project may be obtained from Keith Ewald, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., 443 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool NY 13088; <u>kewald@bartonandloguidice.com</u>. Written comments on the project should be forwarded to Keith Ewald at the mailing or email address indicated above.

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