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## **Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan Visits Northwest Mississippi**

*Inviting input on connecting communities for our future*

(Memphis, TN) – A regional consortium of community organizations and cities is diligently working on a “Greenprint” that creates greater access to green space and alternate transportation opportunities all around the Mid-South. This effort takes vision, careful planning, and valuable public input to assure the community’s values, needs, and desires are met. Please join us at our second of four region-wide public meeting to “Express Yourself!” and add to the Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at the Landers Civic Center located at 4560 Venture Dr. in Southaven, MS. It begins at 5:30 p.m. with Greenprint 101, a chance to explore more about the plan and connect with others from the region. From 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., an interactive program will provide an update on the process and allow members of the public to share their ideas and values for how the region’s future can look.

The Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan is designed to enhance regional livability and sustainability by establishing a unified vision for a region-wide network of connections and accessibility to green spaces. The plan will consider connections to housing and land use, improved resource conservation and environmental protection, promotion of community health, increased transportation alternatives, and equitable access to parks, fresh food, and infrastructure in communities throughout the region. These connections will extend throughout DeSoto County, Shelby and Fayette Counties in Tennessee, and Crittenden County, Arkansas. “This plan is a great opportunity for us to reach across county and state borders and work collaboratively to connect community resources to move our region forward,” said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

“We enthusiastically stress the regional aspect of this Greenprint plan,” explains John Zeanah, Program Manager for the Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan. “We want the people of DeSoto County and the rest of the region to come out and participate in this meeting to create recreational opportunities, improve personal health, increase access to jobs, schools and make neighborhoods walkable.”

The public’s participation, suggestions and feedback are necessary to create the best Greenprint possible. To find out more information, please visit [www.midsouthgreenprint.org](http://www.midsouthgreenprint.org).

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