



Cole Camp Community Betterment Association, Inc.

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Cole Camp Community Betterment Awarded TAP Grant for Rock Island Trail Development

Cole Camp, MO – Cole Camp Community Betterment is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to support the development of up to 1.77 miles of the Rock Island Trail, including the construction of a new trailhead. This grant is a major step toward enhancing outdoor recreation, connectivity, and economic opportunities in the region.

The new trail segment and trailhead will serve as a vital access point for residents and visitors, providing opportunities for walking, biking, and outdoor activities. This project aligns with the statewide vision of the Rock Island Trail State Park, which aims to create a continuous recreational corridor that benefits local communities and boosts Missouri tourism.

The project timeline is estimated to take two to three years, covering phases of planning, engineering, and construction. While the TAP grant provides significant funding, it requires a 20% local match. To meet this goal, Cole Camp Community Betterment is launching fundraising efforts, including a Trails Day Walkathon, a Benton County composite bike ride, a trivia night, a dessert auction, and other community-driven events.

“This grant is a huge win for Cole Camp and the surrounding area,” said Marge Lumpe, President of Cole Camp Community Betterment. “The Rock Island Trail will bring new visitors, support local businesses, and improve quality of life for our residents. We are excited to move forward and work with the community to make this project a reality.”

How to Support the Project

Community members, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to get involved. More details on fundraising events and project updates will be shared in the coming months.

◆ For more information or to contribute, contact:

✉ Marge Lumpe – margelumpe@gmail.com

◆ Donations can be made payable to:

Cole Camp Community Betterment (*please note "Rock Island Trail" on contributions*)

✉ Mail to: PO Box 403, Cole Camp, MO 65325

About Cole Camp Community Betterment

Cole Camp Community Betterment is dedicated to enhancing the community by supporting projects that promote economic growth, recreation, and civic engagement. Through strong partnerships and grassroots efforts, the organization is committed to creating a thriving and welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.