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Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Project to Help You “Break the Complaint Cycle” on June 20

Carlisle, PA (June 12, 2018) –

Are you a municipal official, municipal staff member, or community organization representative who is looking for constructive ways to break the complaint cycle? Then the free “Breaking the Complaint Cycle: Municipal Planning and Community Engagement” workshop on June 20 from 8 to 10 am at the Cumberland County Historical Society, Todd Hall (21 N. Pitt St., Carlisle) is for you!

The Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Project, the Cumberland County Historical Society, and the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative have partnered together to provide ways of engagement that break the complaint cycle and positively connect community members and organizations to the municipal land use and community planning process. The focus will be to show the importance of public input early in the planning process for economic development and redevelopment projects.

Panelists from the region, including those from planning firms, municipal planning agencies, county government, and state government, will share lessons learned and strategies to benefit your community and make the planning process more efficient.

To register for this free event, go to: <https://www.historicalsociety.com/event/june-20th-panel/>.

The Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Project was formed in 2015 as a resident-driven approach to land use and community planning and development, through grants from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) and the [South Mountain Partnership mini-grant program](#). Heart & Soul engages people from all segments of the community to share what makes their communities a great place to live and what they value. To learn more about the Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Project, go to <http://greatercarlisleproject.dickinson.edu/greater-carlisle-heart-soul> or contact Dr. Lindsey Varner at greatercarlisleproject@gmail.com.





About the South Mountain Partnership

The South Mountain Partnership is a public-private partnership is led by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and has grown into a coalition of citizens, businesses, non-profits, and government agencies and officials. Together, these partners collaborate in conserving the South Mountain landscape to enrich the quality of life and sustain the sense of place of the region's citizens and communities.

The South Mountain landscape covers portions of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and York counties. The South Mountain ridgeline, the northern terminus of the Blue Ridge Mountains, lies at the heart of the landscape, but equally important are the surrounding valleys. Communities in the 400,000-acre region have thrived off fertile limestone agricultural lands, the timber that fed iron furnaces, the plentiful game and wildlife, and abundant, pure spring water that is captured by the mountains' permeable soils and released into the valley.

For more information, visit: www.southmountainpartnership.org

About the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

The primary mission of the DCNR is to maintain, improve, and protect state parks; to manage state forest lands to assure their long-term health, sustainability, and economic use; to provide information on Pennsylvania's ecological and geological resources; and to administer grant and technical assistance programs that will benefit rivers conservation, trails and greenways, local recreation, regional heritage conservation, and environmental education programs across Pennsylvania.

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About the Appalachian Trail Conservancy

The ATC was founded in 1925 by volunteers and federal officials working to build a continuous footpath along the Appalachian Mountains. A Unit of the National Park Service, the Appalachian Trail (AT) ranges from Maine to Georgia and is approximately 2,185 miles in length. It is the longest hiking-only footpath in the world. The mission of the ATC is to preserve and manage the AT – ensuring that its vast natural beauty and priceless cultural heritage can be enjoyed today, tomorrow, and for centuries to come.

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