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Harrisonburg Celebrates Trail Community Designation

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Harrisonburg VA – On March 5, 2011, the City of Harrisonburg was designated an Appalachian Trail Community by the Regional Partnership of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC).

On Friday June 10, the city will host a dedication ceremony for this honor on Court Square. The ceremony will be held at 6:30 in the evening, immediately preceding Fridays on the Square.

From the ATC website:

The Appalachian Trail Community™ program is designed to recognize communities that promote and protect the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Towns, counties, and communities along the A.T.'s corridor are considered assets by A.T. hikers and many of these towns act as good friends and neighbors to the Trail. The program serves to assist communities with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation, while preserving and protecting the A.T.

“We are excited to be recognized as an Appalachian Trail Community,” said Ande Banks, Director of Special Projects for the City of Harrisonburg. “It is easy to forget the vital role that the trail plays in our region, and we hope to not only give hikers and other trail users more incentive to visit Harrisonburg, but to remind our community that the trail is there for their recreation as well.”

The public is encouraged to attend the dedication.

*More information about the Appalachian Trail conservancy can be found online:
<http://www.appalachiantrail.org/>*

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