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Bluestone Trail to Officially Open

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg invites members of the community to an upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony.

On **Wednesday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m.** members of the community will celebrate the grand opening of the newest shared-use path in Harrisonburg.

The Bluestone Trail is a shared-use path that connects people between James Madison University; Port Republic Road and Hillside Avenue; Purcell Park and the surrounding neighborhood; Sentara RMH Wellness Center; and businesses along Stone Spring Road.

This shared-use path is 10 feet wide, hard surfaced, and will be used for transportation and recreation by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.

Construction on this project started in April 2014 and was completed more than two months ahead of schedule. There are future phases of this project, to extend it south to Ramblewood Park and north to Downtown Harrisonburg, which will be completed as funding becomes available.

The ceremony next week will be held in Purcell Park, where Bluestone Trail crosses Blacks Run. If driving, guests are encouraged to park in the large parking lot at the end of Hillside Avenue and plan for a five minute walk from the parking lot to the ceremony.

In case of rain, the ceremony will take place in Shelter #2 at Purcell Park.

More information on the project is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Bluestone-Trail.

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