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Councilman Smith To Host Towpath Walk From Summit Lake To Kenmore

On Monday, June 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Summit County Councilman Cazzell Smith (District 5) will head a walk on the Towpath Trail between Summit Lake and Kenmore. Smith has invited several City of Akron and Summit County elected officials and community leaders to join him on the route. The purpose of the walk is to draw attention to the blighted neighborhoods in that area along the towpath, and to spur discussion on ways to use federal stimulus funds to revive the area.

“As this county applies for and receives funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, it is important that we recognize neglected areas of this community that sorely need help. It is one thing to get data and statistics that give an overview of the problem, but there’s more impact when you can actually get out there and see it for yourself first hand,” said Smith.

Possible projects to consider for that area would include:

- The development of a comprehensive housing program that serves both homeowners and renters;
- Initiating infrastructure improvements;
- Supporting existing businesses, possible commercial development and the promotion of new jobs;
- Creating safer neighborhoods; and
- Initiating a major greening and aesthetics program

Participants will meet at Summit Lake Community Center at 9:00 a.m. and will board a bus that will take them to the Wilbeth Road area of the Towpath Trail. The walk will commence from there back to Summit Lake (approximately a mile and a half).

As District 5 Council Member, Cazzell Smith represents Southwest Akron, West Akron, the City of Fairlawn and Copley Township.

For more information, please contact the Summit County Council Office at (330) 643-2725.

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