

Press Release

Hueytown Announces First Ever 'West Rock Mountain Preserve' Nature Park and Community Development Project

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Hueytown residents are invited to an innovative and interactive Town Hall meeting on Thursday, August 24th from 5-7pm at the City Hall Annex to discuss the city's new nature park.

The city of Hueytown is excited to announce the City's first ever nature park, the 'West Rock Mountain Preserve,' which will be built on approximately 400 acres of land. The Preserve will serve Hueytown residents of all ages and interests in providing 'something for everyone.' West Rock Mountain Preserve will serve as a traditional nature park, available for hiking trails, bicycling and enjoying through West Rock's natural landscape. An additional 450 acres of land will be the subject of future Town Hall meetings to discuss its suitability for single family residences, athletic fields, swimming pools, commercial venues or even houses of worship. The planning and development of this exciting project cannot move forward without the input and guidance of Hueytown residents. The really 'fun part' stated Mayor Steve Ware, 'will involve the citizens as they weigh in on the best way to develop this property, which will improve the quality of life in Hueytown.'

What: Town Hall Meeting - West Rock Mountain Preserve Plans & Development Project

When: August 24th 5pm-7pm

Where: City Hall Annex, 1320 Hueytown Road

The powerful impact of the West Rock Mountain Preserve cannot be understated for the Hueytown community. Not only do nature parks directly preserve wildlife, indirectly improve health outcomes and support all residents with new and different recreational benefits; the land's development may also have a positive economic impact for Hueytown. It is the hope of Mayor Ware and City Council that the West Rock Mountain Preserve will attract homebuyers, increase property values and of course, increase activity with local businesses, and generate municipal revenue through tourism.

Much credit involved with the purchase of the property lies with Hueytown residents who were vocal in contacting Mayor Ware after learning that land was posted for clearcutting timber. After many months of negotiations, Mayor Ware was able to reach an agreement on purchasing the land from the University of Alabama in part due to the 'City's excellent bond rating and extremely competitive interest rate,' which helped seal the deal.

Hueytown residents are asked to join town hall meetings to discuss the development of West Rock Mountain Preserve. The first town hall meeting is scheduled for August 24th at City Hall Annex (next to City Hall), 1320 Hueytown Road from 5pm-7pm. Questions regarding this media release? Please contact Debbie Kiker, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce at 205-491-7010 ext. 1005 or 205-440-0357 with questions.

About Hueytown

Hueytown is a vibrant and diverse city known for its friendly residents, proximity to recreational attractions and history in serving as home to NASCAR race car drivers, affectionately called, the 'Alabama Gang.' The City is located in Western Jefferson County, Alabama. Steve Ware, a Hueytown native born and raised, is Mayor and aims to keep Hueytown, a city of Pride, Progress & Patriotism. HueytownAL.com

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