



Local, Regional and National Recognition Expected at May 9th Southern Gateway Nature Park Ceremony

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A host of local, regional and national partners of the Tuscarawas County Port Authority's Southern Gateway Nature project in Gnadenhutten will gather for a ribbon-cutting on Tuesday, May 9th, for the dedication ceremony. The event is being hosted by the TCPA, and will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the site, which borders the former AlSCO Aluminum facility (now the Southern Gateway Business Park). The public is welcome.

Comprised of nearly seven acres of land that host a variety of plants and animals native to the area, the project has already been endorsed by the Village of Gnadenhutten and Indian Valley Local Schools.

In addition to the existing partnerships, the TCPA has also collaborated with CD Tees to produce t-shirts for the event. The shirts will feature the newly unveiled Southern Gateway Nature Park logo. "CD Tees has been kind enough to donate customized t-shirts for students to wear to the dedication. We look forward to collaborating with them", said Eadon.

Prior to the ribbon-cutting, the Indian Valley High School band will perform the national anthem for the flag-raising ceremony. Speakers for the event include Joe Koncelik, Director of the Ohio EPA; John Magill, Director of the Clean Ohio Fund; Steven Elbert, BP Business Unit Leader of Global Environmental Management; and T.J. Justice, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. A tour of the nature park area will conclude the ceremony.

Those Eadon anticipates in attendance at the May 9th event include the Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners, Congressman Bob Ney, representatives from the nature park project partners, representatives from Indian Valley Local Schools and the Village of Gnadenhutten, various community leaders, and members of the local and regional media.

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