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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS ON LICKING RIVER PROJECT

COVINGTON, Ky. (November 30, 2021) – Over the past twelve months, Copperhead Environmental Consulting (“Copperhead”) has been analyzing 122 miles of the Licking River, the South Fork of the Licking River, and Stoner Creek, and its adjacent viewshed, from Paris, Kentucky, to its junction with the Ohio River for its potential to become an outdoor recreation and tourism asset for the region and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

On Wednesday, December 8th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Copperhead will make a public presentation of the Licking River Blue Water Trail Technical Report on Existing Conditions (“the Technical Report”) at the Fiscal Court Chambers of the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071.

On Monday, December 13th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Copperhead will make a similar public presentation of the Technical Report at the Fiscal Court Chambers at the Kenton County Government Center, 1840 Simon Kenton Way, Covington, KY 41011.

The Technical Report collects and harmonizes documentation and evidence of existing conditions along the Licking River, including geography, geology, zoology, history, hydrology systems and morphology, ecology, land use and development patterns, regulatory boundaries and frameworks, and infrastructure. As part of the study, Copperhead also conducted an on-ground evaluation of existing conditions along the Licking River, verifying the collected documentation with site reviews and video documentation.

Copperhead is using the Technical Report to analyze the potential of the Licking River for outdoor recreation and tourism and produce the Licking River Blue Water Trail Plan (“the Trail Plan”). The public presentations of the Technical Report are to share information gathered to date and solicit ideas and input for the Trail Plan.

The Trail Plan will be the connecting spine for future initiatives by articulating the potential for, but not limited to: water access and use (kayaking, fishing, etc.), connectivity for greenways and public access, conservation and parks, historical and archaeological education, ecological and environmental education and stewardship, and other ideas generated by community input.

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