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**West Boardman Lake Trail Public Input Session Thursday May 19, 2016
6-8 PM at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City**

Traverse City, Michigan – Following extensive public input comprised of interviews, focus groups, a public open house, and an on-line public comment period, design alternatives for the completion of the West Boardman Lake Trail are ready for their debut.

Prein & Newhof, the firm hired to produce preliminary design for the completion of the trail, has been busy working on conceptual design options which will be presented at the public input session this **Thursday, May 19 from 6-8 PM at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City**. A preferred option has emerged and will be shared, along with a presentation of how this preferred option aligns with the community input received to date.

The formal program will begin at 6:15 PM with a half hour presentation by Prein & Newhof, followed by a chance for participants to speak directly with the project design team and TART Trails staff in an open house format.

Following the presentation, participants will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, ask questions, and provide feedback on the preferred option.

Based on feedback received, the design team will work out a final draft to be presented to the Traverse City Commission and Garfield Township Board of Trustees in July. Proposals for funding trail development and maintenance will accompany the final preliminary design concept in July.

Anyone with questions about the process or event can contact TART Trails' office for information at [\(231\) 941-4300](tel:2319414300) or stay tuned on the project website: <http://traversetrails.org/boardman-lake-trail-project/>.

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