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## **Vision to Action Meetings Planned on National Historic Trail**

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are planning three community involvement meetings to discuss revitalization along the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail. The Vision to Action meetings are opportunities for community members along the Trail to express their ideas, thoughts, or concerns about redevelopment and revitalization opportunities. The meetings are scheduled to be held in Selmont, Hayneville, and Montgomery.

ADEM and EPA are partnering to assess old petroleum storage tank sites along the National Historic Trail in an effort to protect environmental resources and to also promote redevelopment and reuse of these sites. The Vision to Action meetings will provide valuable information to the agencies on potential assessment locations and allow the agencies to focus their assessment efforts.

The meetings will allow local citizens to express their vision for the Trail through words and drawings, with a professional artist creating color images of the concepts and ideas that are expressed. The meetings will be facilitated by trained staff and will consist of a visioning session that will be followed by a visualization presentation. The graphic visualization of these ideas will give attendees something to take back to their communities and highlight possibilities for revitalizing these sites..

The first meeting will be held on March 31 in the Selmont Community at Beloved Apostolic Church, 700 Roosevelt Street. The visioning session will begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. The visualization presentation will take place at the same location on April 1 at 4:00 p.m.

The second meeting will be held on April 2 in Hayneville at the Hayneville Ballroom, 303 Hayneville Plaza. The visioning session will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The visualization presentation will take place at the same location on April 3 at 9:00 a.m.

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The final meeting will be held in Montgomery at Trenholm Technical College, Building D. The visioning sessions will be held on May 5 and May 6 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The visualization presentation will take place at the same location on May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

ADEM and EPA are working with various elected officials, other state and federal agencies, and local redevelopment officials in these communities through the ADEM Brownfields Program to enhance environmental resources and to also assist in the revitalization of these areas with high unemployment and low tax bases. In the event you would like additional information on this effort please feel free to contact:

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