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News Release

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New Pavilion at Sac River Mountain Bike Trail

Ozark Greenways and the Midwest Off-Road Cyclists (MORC) will co-host a ribbon-cutting for the new Sac River Mountain Bike Trail Pavilion Friday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m.

Since the Sac River Mountain Bike Trail opened in 1996, it has become increasingly popular with riders new to mountain biking as well as advanced riders. The volunteer-built trail is a safe, family-friendly, close-to-town opportunity for fun physical fitness and skill improvement. Several annual events and races take place on the trail throughout the year, showcasing the its growing value and popularity.

Mountain bike enthusiasts from MORC recently volunteered through Ozark Greenways to tear down a decaying barn on the trail property. Volunteers also salvaged the materials, including wood, steel well casings and native rock from the site, to build the new pavilion at the trailhead. The pavilion provides a much needed structure to host events from as well as outdoor shelter for trail users. Other recent improvements include completion of a trail redesign, erosion control and marked color-coded loops rated for skill levels. Installation of a bike washing station is in the works for the trailhead's future.

Partners on this project include:

- Midwest Off-Road Cyclists (MORC)
- Ozark Greenways
- Springfield-Greene County Park Board
- Jason Faegans / Cycles Unlimited
- Matt and Ashley O'Reilly / TrailSpring
- James Ouellette / Toth Associates
- Bruce Adib-Yazdi / Butler Rosenbury & Partners Architects & Engineers
- Ryan Thompson / Bob Thompson Construction
- Bryan Bevel
- City of Springfield Public Works
- Ron Barrett / Build LLC

Directions: Sac River Mountain Bike Trail is north of Springfield, off of State Highway 13 (Kansas Expressway.) Take Highway 13, three miles north of I-44. Turn left (west) one half-mile north of the Carpet Barn (Farm Road 88) at the entrance of Northwest Water Treatment Plant. Trailhead is on the north side of the road before reaching the plant.

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