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An Architectural Spin through Trenton’s Central Core Starts Three Trenton Walks! Scheduled for March

Trenton, N.J. – Three very different **Trenton Walks!** events will captivate Trenton enthusiasts walking through the past and the future of city streetscapes as well as trekking along a key waterway in the capital city this March. The architecture/ planning firm Clarke Caton Hintz will host the first walk, on March 5, the Watershed Institute will pick up hosting duties on March 13, and Mercer County Executive Dan Benson will lead the final walk of March on the 29th.

Downtown Trenton Architecture

First, at lunchtime on **Thursday, March 5**, highly respected Trenton architect John Hatch, FAIA, principal at Clarke Caton Hintz, will host an outdoor classroom experience that will be both educational and fun through the central core of Trenton. Starting at noon at the Old Barracks, which is the only surviving French and Indian War barracks in the U.S., walkers will learn about significant architectural contrasts within a one-mile walk that Hatch says makes Trenton “uniquely engaging.” A variety of architectural styles will be featured including Romanesque Revival, Italianate, Victorian, Beaux-Arts and Modernist.

Join this **Trenton Walks!** event to learn which description applies to each of several buildings along West State Street, including Thomas Edison University, the New Jersey State House, State Museum and State Library. The tour will emphasize both distant views and close-up architectural details, allowing participants to appreciate craftsmanship and design elements.

Discover Trenton’s Assunpink Creek

On **Friday, March 13**, our walk starts at 4:30 p.m. at Artworks, at 19 Everett Alley, Off South Stockton Street. This walk will offer an environmental focus on the Assunpink Creek as it winds through East Trenton before joining the Delaware River. The route will follow the Assunpink through Mill Hill Park to Clay Street Park and back.

Watershed Institute scientists will talk about the health of the waterway and how they are working with members of 11 communities, including Lawrence and West Windsor, to develop and implement a plan to improve water quality and reduce flooding. This 1.2 mile-walk will also serve as a chance for working group partners, students, and community members to connect around shared goals for cleaner, more resilient waterways. The walk is expected to end around 6:30 p.m.

Streetscape Improvements in South Broad Street Area

On **Sunday, March 29**, Mercer County Executive Dan Benson will share exciting plans to create a welcoming and connected streetscape in the South Broad Street area that brings people together, supports local businesses and capitalizes on civic and cultural spaces. His revitalization plans will also improve the pedestrian and cycling experience. Planned stops on the 2.1-mile walk include the Eagle Tavern, Clinton & Roebling Lofts, Millyard Park and Casa Cultura.

Attendees will meet at the main entrance of the Mercer County Administration Building, 640 S. Broad Street at 1 p.m. Plenty of free parking is available in the county lot off South Broad Street for those who drive to the event. The meeting place is also accessible by public transit. The expected end to the walk is 3 p.m.

This walk was first scheduled to take place on Feb.8, but severe winter weather forced its postponement.

About Trenton Walks!

Since June of 2024, **Trenton Walks!** has completed 65 Trenton Walks, with a total of 790 people covering 1,837 person-miles (which is the distance from Trenton to Key West, FL plus the distance from Trenton to Augusta, ME).

The Trenton Green Team is **Trenton Walks!** executive sponsor, and the Mercer County Action Team of the Circuit Coalition is the other key supporter. To learn more about the walks, including maps and the very latest updates, please visit the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association's "Trail Happenings" webpage:

<https://gmtma.org/trail-happenings/>

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