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2009 Annual Report

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Project Name: Ohio River Greenway

Reporting Period: November 1, 2008 – December 1, 2009

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This report serves to provide a summary of the actions completed and/or coordinated through the Ohio River Greenway Development Commission (the Commission) from November 1, 2008 to December 1, 2009. This report will be distributed to the executive office of each of the following: State of Indiana, City of New Albany, Town of Clarksville and City of Jeffersonville. It will also be distributed to ninth district Congressman Baron Hill, Senator Evan Bayh, Senator Richard Luger, State Senator Connie Sipes, State Senator Jim Lewis and Indiana House Representatives Steve Stemler and Ed Clere.

1 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

1.1 Project Funding

Project segments in active design and/or construction during the November 1, 2008 to December 1, 2009 reporting period continued to operate with funding provided in prior years.

In March 2009, the Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project was awarded \$957,000 as allocated through the Federal Water and Energy appropriation, for use in the 2009 Federal fiscal year (October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009). The local match required for these funds is 100%.

The Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project was awarded \$3.4 Million in ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds in April of 2009. These ARRA funds are earmarked only for construction projects through September 30, 2010, and require matching dollars to be utilized. The local match required for the ARRA funds is 100%.

In October 2009, the City of New Albany contributed \$200,000 to begin design work which will be used as local match to the Federal funds allocated to the project.

In November 2009, the Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project was awarded \$969,000 as allocated through the Federal Water and Energy appropriation, for use in the 2010 Federal fiscal year (October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010). The local match required for these funds is 100%.

1.2 Construction Efforts Initiated or Completed

1.2.1 New Albany – Scribner Place Segment

The United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) finalized bank stabilization plans in September of 2008 and completed stabilization of a 350 linear feet segment of riverbank in December 2008. The bank stabilization allowed USACE to proceed with Phase III construction of the New Albany “Scribner Place Segment”. Approximately 800 linear feet of roadway and multi-use trail were constructed. The new 12-ft wide asphalt multi-use trail and improved and rebuilt 18-ft wide roadway over this area were completed in April of 2009. Funding for completion of the bank stabilization effort, the Phase III roadway/trail construction, and future design efforts in New Albany was provided by \$983,000 in Federal fiscal year 2008 funds, and \$600,000 in local funds contributed by the City of New Albany in September 2008.

1.2.2 Multi-Use Trail: Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center to Clark Cabin in Clarksville

The Town of Clarksville substantially completed construction of the multi-use trail on top of the earthen levee from the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center to the George Rogers Clark Cabin in December 2009. Finishing details will continue in 2010. The design and construction of this 1.5 mile multi-use path took place in 2009 due to the Town of Clarksville receiving a \$900,000 trails grant from the Governor of Indiana in 2008.

1.2.3 Rehabilitation of the New Albany Amphitheatre

The City of New Albany completed a \$700,000 rehabilitation of its existing amphitheatre, in conjunction with the Phase III construction of the Scribner Place Segment. The amphitheatre was rededicated during July 4 festivities. Reconstruction of this recreational feature was not funded-through or administered-by the Commission, but this project represents a major investment within the Greenway Corridor.

1.3 Design Efforts Initiated, Continuing or Completed

1.3.1 Multi-Use Trail: Clark Cabin to Silver Creek in Clarksville

The Town of Clarksville continued working through the INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) process to utilize a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant to complete the "The Lewis and Clark Trail." The section of The Lewis and Clark Trail from the George Rogers Clark Cabin traversing west toward New Albany crossing over Silver Creek and ending at its western bank is a section of the Ohio River Greenway. The Lewis and Clark Trail remained in the design phase in 2009. This phase included an archeological study with test pits documenting the historical and cultural resources of this area. Design work will proceed in 2010, with the intention of construction in 2010/2011.

1.3.2 Big 4 Bridge Connector in Jeffersonville

The Big 4 Bridge is an abandoned railroad bridge spanning the Ohio River from downtown Jeffersonville to Louisville, Kentucky. The intended use of this bridge is as a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists. A future ramp leading up to the Big 4 Bridge located in Jeffersonville, Indiana is a feature identified in the Ohio River Greenway master plan. The City of Jeffersonville began design work on the Big 4 Connector at the end of 2008 utilizing a TE Grant and matching funds secured through the Aegon/TransAmerica Foundation and the Southern Indiana Tourism Bureau. A citizen's advisory group worked with City planning staff and designers during 2009 to refine a conceptual design which was completed and presented to the Jeffersonville City Council in October 2009. Finalized design plans are currently underway, with the intention of construction in 2011.

1.3.3 THE USACE Design Contract Awarded

The USACE awarded a design contract to HNTB on November 2, 2009. This is for design of the remaining work on the Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project. The contract is divided into five segments (two in New Albany, one in Clarksville, and two in Jeffersonville). Authorization to proceed with individual design segments is dependent upon the availability of local funding as a match to pre-authorized Federal funding.

1.3.4 Scribner Place Segment to Western Bank of Silver Creek in New Albany

Design work began immediately on the two design segments in New Albany after the USACE contract was awarded. The design area includes the eastern end of the newly constructed Scribner Place Segment to the western bank of Silver Creek, a total of approximately 1.5 miles. The design will include the multi-use path and improvements to the existing roadway. Also included in the design is the K&I Bridge Connector, a connective ramp from the Greenway multi-use trail to the eastern lane of the existing K&I Bridge.

1.3.5 Middle Connector Ramps in Jeffersonville

Two connecting ramps, the Middle Connectors, were options eliminated from the 2006 construction of the "Restaurant Row Segment-Phase I" in Jeffersonville. The Middle Connectors were essentially "shovel ready" which deemed them eligible for Federal and State stimulus funds. The approximately \$1.2 Million construction project will be funded with a combination of ARRA funds and stimulus funding through the State of Indiana. Construction will be administered through the USACE in 2010.

1.3.6 Improved Boat Ramp at the Falls of the Ohio State Park

The Falls of the Ohio State Park received funds to dramatically improve an existing boat ramp and access point to the Ohio River. This access area is in the Greenway Corridor. The current access to the Ohio River is impeded by the force of the water being released from the dam across the River. The Falls of the Ohio State Park staff worked diligently to secure State and Federal funds to construct an auxiliary ramp costing \$750,000. This auxiliary ramp will provide safe access for visitors. Construction will be administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in 2010.

2 Commission Actions

2.1 Strategic Planning Session – February 2009

The Commission held a ½ day strategic planning session in February 2009. Future plans for the Greenway were discussed, and goals were set for 2009. The Commission agreed to continue “Connect the Dots.” “Connect the Dots” focuses on connecting the three communities with the multi-use trail in areas where a roadway currently does not exist. The main efforts continue to be the design and construction of a pedestrian and bike trail across Silver Creek. The Commission recognized that the design efforts for the unimproved areas may not include all Greenway features. The design of the roadway is to be included if effective design of the multi-use path deems the roadway design necessary. This continued effort to complete a multi-use path for users to be able to travel from New Albany, to Clarksville and Jeffersonville is going strong.

2.2 Grants

2.2.1 TE Stimulus Funds – Middle Connector Jeffersonville

The Commission helped coordinate with the City of Jeffersonville, The USACE and INDOT to apply for INDOT TE Stimulus funds to complete two ramps along the Jeffersonville segment of the Greenway.

2.2.2 Private Foundations

The Ohio River Greenway Commission applied for grants through the Humana Foundation and The Ogle Foundation. These grants were not awarded.

2.3 Monuments and Memorials Policy

In December of 2008, the Commission adopted a Monuments and Memorials Policy for accepting monuments and memorials along the Ohio River Greenway. It is the intent of the Commission to encourage memorials, monuments, and public art in and along the Ohio River Greenway. It is also intended that such placements be of significant quality in order to reflect the design excellence of the Ohio River Greenway and to respect the citizens of our communities. The policy was submitted to each of the communities for ratification in January 2009.

2.1 Attendance Policy

In the interest of maintaining a meeting quorum and therefore having the ability to take action; as well as to support the full contribution of the local communities in the Ohio River Greenway Project, the Commission adopted an attendance policy regarding the monthly meetings.

2.2 Original Town of Clarksville Historic Designation

The Commission supported the Clarksville Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation to the Clarksville Town Council to take action declaring the establishment of the original Town area as a historic area needing to be preserved. This area is roughly bound by Silver Creek and Bailey Avenue. The Town of Clarksville approved the recommendation as the first Clarksville historic preservation district in its 215 years. Historic preservation allows for more controlled land use in the area, which will greatly improve upon the open space zoning this area had previously.

2.3 Commission Members

The Ohio River Greenway Commission consists of 11 voting members: the chief executive of each municipality (Mayor or Town Council President); two citizens appointed by each chief executive; and representatives from Clark and Floyd counties appointed by the Governor. All appointments are for four year terms. The voting members of the Commission as of December 1, 2009 are listed below:

Clarksville - Town Council President Greg Isgrigg, Jane Sarles and Gilbert Campbell
New Albany - Mayor Doug England, Anne Banet and Pat Leist-Stumler
Jeffersonville - Mayor Tom Galligan, Philip Hendershot and Wayne Estopinal
Floyd County- Gary Libs
Clark County- Regina Overton.

The Commission is also supported by the participation of non-voting members. These non-voting members include local representatives (in parentheses) of the following State agencies: the Director of the Office of

Tourism (Jim Keith); the Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (Steve Knowles); the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation (Jim Ude); and the President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (Michael Dalby).

2.4 Marketing the Ohio River Greenway

The current marketing campaign continues to promote “Connect the Dots”. As decided at the strategic planning session the focus is to “Connect the Dots” which are the existing improved areas in each of the three communities along the Greenway. The marketing slogan for the project is “I am Ready for the Greenway.”

2.4.1 Brochures

The Commission worked with volunteer designers, John Gilkey and Marie Billings to create a full color brochure for the Ohio River Greenway, which will be distributed within the communities in 2010.

2.4.2 Public Displays

The Commission worked with volunteer designer, Marie Billings to create Ohio River Greenway informational displays to be placed in each of the communities’ city halls, libraries and the Falls of the Ohio parking lot.

2.4.3 Signage Marking the Route of the Greenway

The Commission began overseeing the installation of temporary trail markers in March. The Community Outreach Committee put forth a plan to mark the future path of the Ohio River Greenway based on line-of-site along the unimproved areas of the Greenway corridor. The markers have been placed along the earthen levee, the existing roadway, the riverfront and existing sidewalks. The intent of this plan is to clearly indicate to the community the route of the Ohio River Greenway as a continued effort in community outreach and marketing. Fifty of the 70 markers have been installed. Installation is complete in Clarksville and Jeffersonville; 20 remaining markers are to be installed in New Albany.

2.4.4 Community Outreach

The Commission presented to groups such as the New Albany Rotary Club, Audubon Society, IUS Founders and Louisville Kiwanis. Offering personalized presentations throughout the communities is an effort to inform community leaders of the need for funds for the Ohio River Greenway Project. The presentations also allow the Commission to garner a greater awareness of the project throughout the community. The Commission also setup display booths for One Southern Indiana’s Profit Meets Non-Profit Expo, The Falls of the Ohio Earth Day Celebration and New Albany’s Harvest Homecoming. The Commission elected to send Shaunna Graf, project coordinator, to attend the class of 2010 Leadership Southern Indiana as another means for Community Outreach.

2.4.5 Friends of the Greenway Established

The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway, Inc. was established in July by citizens of the communities interested in supporting the Ohio River Greenway. The nonprofit group consists of local volunteers who seek to increase public and private awareness of, and support for, the Greenway through advocacy, educational outreach, social networking and fundraising. More information can be found at www.friendsofgreenway.com.

2.5 Events

2.5.1 2-Mile Run/Walk

The Commission again partnered with Congressman Baron Hill to promote awareness of the Ohio River Greenway Project via the 3rd Annual Run/Walk on September 26, 2009. The 2-mile Run/Walk was funded mostly through sponsorships from area business owners. There were 150 participants. The event garnered media attention and allowed the Commission to showcase the newly completed Scribner Place Segment. The run/walk route featured both improved and unimproved areas of the New Albany riverfront, which engaged the communities’ with the work needed to complete the Ohio River Greenway Project. Photos of the event can be found online at www.ohiorivergreenway.org . The event continued to use the marketing slogan “I Am Ready.”

2.5.2 River Sweep

The Commission organized a volunteer team to aid in the annual cleanup efforts along the banks of the Ohio River. The annual Ohio River Clean Sweep, organized by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation

Commission (ORSANCO), includes the entire Ohio River (1,962 miles). The Ohio River Greenway encompasses 7 of those miles. On June 19th the Commission team cleaned up the area around the Mill Creek Bridge in Clarksville.

2.5.3 Loop Island Wetlands Website and Clean up

The Loop Island Wetlands located in the New Albany segment of the Ohio River Greenway received a great makeover due to volunteers. This area was ravished during the wind and ice storm in 2008 and 2009. Samtec, Inc. funded and organized two crews to remove downed trees on the existing nature trails after each of the storms. Samtec, Inc. also revived the Loop Island Wetlands website by giving it a brand new look and funding the website hosting fees. The Commission expressed gratitude to Samtec for performing this community service. Wildlife photos, maps, and the history of the wetlands can be found online at www.loopislandwetlands.com.

2.5.4 Tour de Pork

A local cycling group, The Fat Boy Bikers, led by Steve Wilkinson and Paul Dunsford hosted a bike tour to support the Ohio River Greenway. The event was held on September 12 at Stumler's Orchard in Floyd County. Cyclists chose the planned routes according to mileage (50, 30, 20 or 4). A BBQ dinner and live band awaited participants upon completion. The Fat Boy Bikers are planning to host another Tour de Pork to support the Ohio River Greenway in 2010.

2.5.5 Ribbon Cutting and Ground Breaking

The Commission celebrated the completion of the Scribner Place Segment in New Albany and the beginning of the Levee Trail in Clarksville by hosting a Ribbon Cutting and Groundbreaking on the same day in May. The Commission also partnered with the Clarksville Historical Society to commemorate the Town of Clarksville's designation of the Clarksville Historic Preservation Area surrounding the proposed Levee Trail.

2.5.6 Event Planner

Maria McGary, New Albany resident, volunteered to serve as the chair of the Ohio River Greenway Events Committee. Maria's qualifications include working for Leadership Louisville organizing events such as the Mayors luncheon and activities in New Orleans. Maria McGary has volunteered to aid in coordinating and planning events in 2010.

2.6 Long-term Staffing Needs for Commission

The Commission entered into an annual contract with the current project coordinator in November of 2008. In December of 2009, the Commission renewed the contract with the part-time independent contractor for the position of, "Ohio River Greenway Project Coordinator."

2.7 Fiscal Expenditures of Greenway Commission

The Commission maintained a positive balance for 2009 in the account held for its operating funds. The 2009 Operating Budget with actual expenses incurred through December 17, 2009 is attached for reference. The Commission approved the 2010 Operating Budget on December 17, 2009. [Note: Design and construction expenditures for the 2008/2009 work completed on the Greenway project were administered through the USACE, the Town of Clarksville, City of Jeffersonville and INDOT.]

3 ANNUAL REPORT APPROVALS

Prepared by Shaunna Graf
Shaunna Graf, Project Coordinator

Approved by Philip T. Hendershot
Philip Hendershot, Chair

Jane Sarles
Jane Sarles, Vice Chair

Pat Leist-Stumler
Pat Leist-Stumler, Treasurer

Attachments:

- 2009 Attendance Report
- 2009 Operating Budget with expenses realized
- 2010 Operating Budget

Ohio River Greenway Commission

Attendance Record

2009 January through December

P = Present; BP = Proxy; A = Absent

Commission Member	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Greg Isgrigg, Clarksville	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP
Jane Sarles, Clarksville	P	P	P	BP	BP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gil Campbell, Clarksville	BP	BP	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Tom Galligan, Jeffersonville	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	BP
Phil Hendershot, Jeffersonville	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wayne Estopinal, Jeffersonville	P	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	P	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP
Doug England, New Albany	BP	A	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP
Pat Leist-Stumler, New Albany	BP	BP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Anne Banet, New Albany	BP	A	P	P	BP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Regina Overton, Clark County	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	BP	BP	BP
Gary Libs, Floyd County	BP	P	P	P	BP	A	P	P	BP	P	BP	P
Staff												
Shaunna Graf, Project Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matt Scheuler, USACE Project Manager	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P

2009 - Ohio River Greenway Commission Operating Budget				Final	
Item	Budgeted Line Item	Income	Actual Expenses Through 12.17.09	Claim Balance	
	Balance Carryover from 2008		\$26,708.38		
	Incoming from Municipalities total \$36,000		\$36,000.00		
	Fundraising Proceeds		\$6,085.00		
	Miscellaneous Income (Grants/Web sales/Rebates)				
1	Contractor Service Fee	\$36,000.00		\$36,000.00	\$0.00
2	Travel Expenses for Independent Contractor	\$600.00		\$3.00	\$597.00
3	Mileage for Independent Contractor	\$900.00		\$0.00	\$900.00
4	Travel expenses for Commission members	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
5	Commission Meeting Expenses	\$350.00		\$282.77	\$67.23
6	Professional Service Fees (CPA/Legal)	\$1,000.00		\$780.00	\$220.00
7	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$987.99	\$12.01
8	Website	\$1,000.00		\$367.50	\$632.50
9	Advertising/Marketing	\$8,000.00		\$4,862.99	\$3,137.01
10	Postage	\$250.00		\$88.50	\$161.50
11	Fundraising/Project Awareness ¹	\$5,000.00		\$11,012.03	-\$6,012.03
12	Business Development Expenses	\$1,800.00		\$1,521.82	\$278.18
13	Insurance for Commission	\$600.00		\$0.00	\$600.00
14	Temporary Staffing (Fundraising Events)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
15	State Board of Accounts Fee	\$150.00		\$0.00	\$150.00
16	Bank Service Charges	\$100.00		\$0.00	\$100.00
17	One Southern Indiana Membership	\$300.00		\$250.00	\$50.00
	Totals	\$58,050.00	\$68,793.38	\$56,156.60	\$1,893.40
	Carry Over to 2010	\$12,636.78			

¹. Used for deficits from any fundraising event. Each proposed event requires an approved budget charged from this line item.

2010 - Ohio River Greenway Commission Operating Budget				FINAL	
	Item	Budgeted Line Item	Income	Actual Expenses	Claim Balance
	Balance Carryover from 2009		\$12,600.00		
	Incoming from Municipalities total \$36,000		\$36,000.00		
	Estimated Fundraising Proceeds		\$6,000.00		
	Estimated Income (Grants/Web sales/Rebates)				
1	Contractor Service Fee	\$37,260.00		\$0.00	\$37,260.00
2	Travel Expenses for Independent Contractor	\$600.00		\$0.00	\$600.00
3	Mileage for Independent Contractor	\$900.00		\$0.00	\$900.00
4	Travel expenses for Commission members	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$500.00
5	Commission Meeting Expenses	\$350.00		\$0.00	\$350.00
6	Professional Service Fees (CPA/Legal)	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
7	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
8	Website	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
9	Advertising/Marketing	\$4,000.00		\$0.00	\$4,000.00
10	Postage	\$250.00		\$0.00	\$250.00
11	Fundraising/Project Awareness ¹	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$5,000.00
12	Business Development Expenses	\$1,500.00		\$0.00	\$1,500.00
13	Insurance for Commission	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Temporary Staffing (Fundraising Events)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
15	State Board of Accounts Fee	\$150.00		\$0.00	\$150.00
16	Bank Service Charges	\$100.00		\$0.00	\$100.00
17	One Southern Indiana Membership	\$300.00		\$0.00	\$300.00
	Totals	\$53,910.00	\$54,600.00	\$0.00	\$53,910.00
	Estimated Carry Over to 2011	\$690.00			
	¹ . Used for deficits from any fundraising event. Each proposed event requires an approved budget charged from this line item.				