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2010 Annual Report

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Project Name: Ohio River Greenway

Reporting Period: December 1, 2009 – December 1, 2010

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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 December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2010. 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, Congressman elect Todd Young, Senator Evan Bayh, Senator elect Dan Coats, Senator Richard Luger, State Senator Connie Sipes, State Senator elect Ron Grooms, State Senator Jim Lewis, State Senator elect Jim Smith 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 December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2010 reporting period continued to operate with funding provided in prior years.

The Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project continued to make use of the \$969,000 allocated to the project through the Federal Water and Energy appropriations per the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. The local match required to utilize these funds is 100%. The Town of Clarksville contributed \$185,000 and the City of New Albany contributed \$345,000 in local matching funds. These funds were utilized to obtain design documents for construction on project areas in Clarksville (Ashland Park) and New Albany (Silver Creek to 18th Street).

The Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project had been awarded \$3.4 Million in ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds in 2009. These ARRA funds were to be used only for construction projects and required matching dollars. The local match required for the ARRA funds is 100%. In June 2010, the Town of Clarksville contributed \$515,417 to match the ARRA funds and begin construction on the newly designed Ashland Park segment. The Town's contribution was provided by the Redevelopment Commission and the Clarksville Parks Board. In July 2010, the City of New Albany contributed \$618,000 to match the ARRA funds and begin construction on the newly designed Silver Creek to 18th Street segment. The City's local contribution was provided by the Redevelopment Commission.

In May of 2010, The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) awarded the City of New Albany \$2.5 Million in a combination of funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Program (STP). The \$2.5 Million is planned to be used for the Ohio River Greenway in New Albany from 18th Street to Scribner Place. The final construction costs will be known in 2011.

1.2 Construction Efforts Initiated

1.2.1 New Albany – Multi-Use Path: Silver Creek to 18th Street

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) began construction of the multi-use path at the Western Bank of Silver Creek (adjacent to the Loop Island Wetlands) continuing to the 18th Street levee cut. The City of New Albany secured easements from a private land owner, and obtained environmental approvals from IDEM as required for the construction area. The construction includes approximately 0.8 miles of multiuse path leading up to and on top of the flood levee, as well as a parking and entrance area at 18th Street. A bicycle/pedestrian entrance plaza at the Loop Island Wetland entrance is also included, as well as lighting and landscaping throughout the length of the project. Construction began in October of 2010 and will be completed in April of 2011.

1.2.2 Clarksville - Ashland Park

The USACE began construction of the multi-use path beginning at the east end of Ashland Park and ending at the newly constructed multi-use path at the Falls of the Ohio State Park (see Construction Efforts Completed 1.3.1). The project is built on existing State property and/or local right-of-ways. The Town of Clarksville obtained environmental approvals from IDEM as required for the construction area. The construction includes a replacing the parking area and entrance at the East end of Ashland Park, and adding approximately 0.5 miles of multiuse path separated from the roadway up to the parking and entrance area at the Falls of the Ohio State Park. Three other existing parking areas are also being improved, with one area also converted to an overlook near the Penn Central Railroad Bridge. Lighting and landscaping improvements will be made throughout the length of the project. Construction began in September of 2010 and will be substantially complete in January of 2011. Landscaping will be completed during the spring of 2011.

1.3 Construction Efforts Completed

1.3.1 Clarksville - Multi-Use Path: Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center to Clark Cabin

The Town of Clarksville completed construction of the multi-use path on top of the levee from the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center to the George Rogers Clark Cabin in December 2009. Finishing details such as landscaping continued in the spring of 2010. The design and construction of this 1.5 mile multi-use path took place due to the Town of Clarksville receiving a \$900,000 Recreational Trails Program grant from the Governor of Indiana administered through the Department of Natural Resources in 2008.

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

The Falls of the Ohio State Park improved an existing boat ramp and access point to the Ohio River. This project was not funded-through or administered-by the Greenway Commission, but it represents a major investment within the Greenway Corridor. The access to the Ohio River was 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 completed auxiliary ramp will provide safe access for visitors by enlarging the turn around and adding articulated blocks to armor the riverbank. Construction was administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources beginning in June 2010. The work continues and will be completed in January of 2011.

1.4 Design Efforts Initiated, Continuing or Completed

1.4.1 Multi-Use Path: Clark Cabin to Silver Creek in Clarksville

The Town of Clarksville continued working through the INDOT 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 2010. Work completed included an archeological study cataloguing the artifacts found in the test pits, and documenting the historical and cultural resources of this area. A preliminary structural assessment of the existing railroad bridge across Silver Creek was completed, and conceptual design routings for the trail were prepared. Detailed design work will proceed in 2011, with the intention of construction beginning 2011.

1.4.2 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 in 2009 to refine a conceptual design. Final construction-ready documents were completed in November 2010. Efforts to secure construction funding continue.

1.4.3 New Albany: Silver Creek to Scribner Place

The USACE completed design work on a 1.75 mile portion of the Greenway Project in New Albany. The design area began at the western bank of Silver Creek (adjacent to the Loop Island Wetlands) proceeding to the end of the newly constructed Scribner Place Segment at approximately East 9th Street. The design includes the multi-use path, a trail head parking lot 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 path to the eastern lane of the existing K&I Bridge. The Commission, the City of New Albany, and the City of Louisville have conceptually agreed to pursue the rehabilitation of the eastern lane of the K&I Bridge previously used for automobiles to provide a multiuse path for pedestrians and bicycles to Louisville.

The portion of the completed design work from Silver Creek to 18th Street was advanced to construction in October 2010 (see section 1.2.1). The remaining segment from 18th Street to 9th Street is expected to be constructed in 2011 utilizing CMAQ and STP funds administered through INDOT and the City of New Albany.

1.4.4 Middle Connector Ramps in Jeffersonville

Two connecting ramps, the Middle Connectors, were not constructed during 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 Federal Highway State stimulus funds as administered by INDOT. The approximately \$1.2 Million construction project was to be funded with a combination of ARRA funds and stimulus funding through INDOT. Due to congressional limitations of the Federal Highway State stimulus funds, the State and Federal funding could not be used together, therefore, the Middle Connectors were not constructed. They are still within the overall plans for the Ohio River Greenway Project as viable funding options become available.

2 Commission Actions

2.1 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, 2010 are listed below:

Clarksville - Town Council President Greg Isgrigg, Jane Sarles and Jim McCoskey
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). The attendance record for the monthly Commission meetings in 2010 is included as **Attachment A**.

2.2 Fiscal Expenditures of the Greenway Commission

The Commission receives an annual contribution from each of the three communities to cover its operating expenses and the subcontracted services of a part-time project coordinator. Private fundraising is pursued to augment the operating budget. The Commission maintained a positive balance for 2010 in the accounts held for its operating funds. The 2010 Operating Budget with actual expenses incurred through December 16, 2010 is provided as **Attachment B**. The Commission approved the 2011 Operating Budget on December 16, 2010.

The 2007, 2008 and 2009 accounting records were turned over to the State Board of Accounts on October 5, 2010 for auditing. The State Board of Accounts is due to issue the results of the audit in January of 2011.

[Note: Design and construction expenditures for the 2009/2010 work completed on the Greenway project were administered through the USACE, the Town of Clarksville, City of New Albany, City of Jeffersonville and INDOT.]

2.3 Marketing the Ohio River Greenway

2.3.1 Brochures and Public Displays

The Commission worked with volunteer designers, John Gilkey and Marie Billings to create a full color brochure for the Ohio River Greenway. The brochure was printed in December 2009 and distributed throughout the communities in 2010. Temporary public displays showing the proposed Ohio River Greenway route were designed by Marie Billings and placed in the libraries and government centers of Jeffersonville, Clarksville and New Albany.

2.3.2 Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee encouraged presentations regarding the Ohio River Greenway to be offered to groups interested in learning more about the project. 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, region and state. Presentations were given to groups including the Rotary, Optimist Club, Jeffersonville's Neighborhood Leadership Program, Evansville Trails Summit, Purdue Cooperative Extension and The Louisville Sail and Power Squadron. The Commission also set up a display booth at The Falls of the Ohio Earth Day Celebration, The Tour de Pork, The Ohio River Greenway 5K and New Albany's Harvest Homecoming.

2.4 Events

2.4.1 Bulb Planting at the New Albany 6th Street Entrance of the Greenway

The completed Scribner Place segment included a sign at the 6th Street entrance to the Ohio River Greenway in New Albany. This sign is located on the levee; therefore, regular landscaping including plants with deep root structures could not be installed. As a cost saving measure, the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway volunteered to plant bulbs at the sign. The low key event allowed community members to be actively involved in improving the Ohio River Greenway.

2.4.2 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 (981 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.

2.4.3 Tour de Pork

A local cycling group, The Fat Boy Bikers, led by Steve Wilkinson and Paul Dunsford hosted the second annual bike tour to support the Ohio River Greenway. The event was held on August 14th 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 plan to host the Tour de Pork annually to support the Ohio River Greenway.

2.4.4 Ribbon Cutting – Clarksville Levee Trail

In May of 2010, the Commission celebrated the completion of the Levee Path in Clarksville by hosting a Ribbon Cutting officially opening the 1.5 mile multi-use path on top of the levee connecting the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center and the George Rogers Clark replica cabin.

2.4.5 Ground Breaking - Silver Creek to 18th Street and Ashland Park segments

In October of 2010, the Commission celebrated the start of construction of two new segments with ground breaking ceremonies. The first groundbreaking ceremony was held at the New Albany 18th Street entrance on the Greenway to celebrate the start of the Silver Creek to 18th Street segment. The second ceremony was held in Clarksville at the Falls of the Ohio State Park parking area along the Greenway to celebrate the start of the Ashland Park segment.

2.4.6 5K Run/Walk

The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway partnered with Congressman Baron Hill, the YMCA of Southern Indiana, Purdue Extension Services and the New Albany Floyd County Parks Department to promote awareness of the Ohio River Greenway Project via the 4th Annual Run/Walk on September 25, 2010. The 5 K Run/Walk was funded mostly through sponsorships from area business owners. There were 150 participants. 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. The event garnered media attention and allowed the Commission to showcase the Silver Creek to 18th Street segment ready to begin construction as well as the completed Scribner Place segment.

2.5 Staffing Needs for Commission

In January of 2010, the Commission renewed the contract with the part-time independent contractor for the position of, "Ohio River Greenway Project Coordinator."

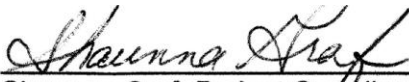
3 Other Greenway Related Activity

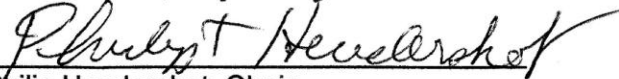
The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway was granted nonprofit status per the 501c3 guidelines by the IRS in April 2010. The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway exists to support the Commission and the Ohio River Greenway Project. The nonprofit group consists of local volunteers who seek to increase public and private awareness of, and support for, the Greenway through advocacy, educational outreach, social networking and fundraising.

3.1.1 Sledding, Walking, Star Gazing and Bird Watching on the Greenway

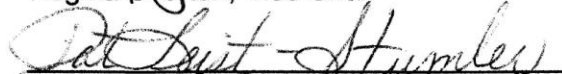
The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway organized walks with pets, star gazing, bird watching and sledding to encourage use of the completed segments and highlight the unimproved areas along the Ohio River Greenway corridor. These activities brought together longtime supporters as well as citizens interested in learning more about the potential improvements along the Ohio River Greenway.

4 ANNUAL REPORT APPROVALS

Prepared by 
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Approved by 
Philip Hendershot, Chair


Regina Overton, Vice Chair


Pat Leist-Stumler, Treasurer

Attachments:

A: 2010 Attendance Report

B: 2010 Operating Budget with expenses realized

Enclosures:

The Ohio River Greenway Commission brochure was mailed with this annual report.

ATTACHMENT A

Ohio River Greenway Commission Attendance Record

2009 December through November 2010

Commission Member	2009 December	2010 January	2010 February	2010 March	2010 April	2010 May	2010 June	2010 July	2010 August	2010 September	2010 October	2010 November
Greg Isgrigg, Clarksville	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	A	B P	B P	B P	B P	BP
Jane Sarles, Clarksville	P	B P	P	P	P	B P	B P	P	P	P	B P	BP
Gil Campbell, Clarksville thru June 2010	P	A	A	P	P	P	A	P	N A	N A	N A	NA
Jim McCoskey starting October 2010	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	P	P
Tom Galligan, Jeffersonville	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	A	B P	B P	B P	BP
Phil Hendershot, Jeffersonville	P	P	P	P	P	P	B P	B P	P	B P	P	BP
Wayne Estopinal, Jeffersonville	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	BP
Doug England, New Albany	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	B P	BP
Pat Leist-Stumler, New Albany	P	B P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	B P	B P	P
Anne Banet, New Albany	P	P	B P	P	P	B P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Regina Overton, Clark County	B P	B P	B P	B P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	BP
Gary Libs, Floyd County	P	B P	B P	P	B P	P	B P	B P	A	B P	P	BP
Shaunna Graf, Project Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matt Schueler, USACE Project Manager	P	P	P	P	P	P	B P	P	P	P	P	P

ATTACHMENT B

2010 - Ohio River Greenway Commission Operating Budget			FINAL	
Item	Budgeted Line Item	Income	Actual Expenses 12.16.10	Claim Balance
Balance Carryover from 2009		\$18,580.38		
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		\$37,260.00	\$0.00
2 Travel Expenses for Independent Contractor	\$600.00		\$355.03	\$244.97
3 Mileage for Independent Contractor	\$900.00		\$447.50	\$452.50
4 Travel expenses for Commission members	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$500.00
5 Commission Meeting Expenses	\$350.00		\$47.11	\$302.89
6 Professional Service Fees (CPA/Legal)	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
7 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$611.15	\$388.85
8 Website	\$1,000.00		\$361.00	\$639.00
9 Advertising/Marketing	\$4,000.00		\$105.16	\$3,894.84
10 Postage	\$250.00		\$200.85	\$49.15
11 Fundraising/Project Awareness ¹	\$5,000.00		\$41.59	\$4,958.41
12 Business Development Expenses	\$1,500.00		\$791.11	\$708.89
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		\$250.00	\$50.00
Totals	\$53,910.00	\$54,580.38	\$40,470.50	\$13,439.50
Estimated Carry Over to 2011	\$14,109.88	(includes YEAR expenses for line item 1)		
¹ . Used for deficits from any fundraising event. Each proposed event requires an approved budget charged from this line item.				