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2011 Annual Report

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Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator

Project Name: Ohio River Greenway

Reporting Period: December 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011

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1 Introduction

1.1 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, 2010 to December 31, 2011. 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 Todd Young, Senator Dan Coats, Senator Richard Lugar, State Senator Ron Grooms, State Senator Jim Smith and Indiana House Representatives Steve Stemler and Ed Clere.

1.2 Background

The mission of the Ohio River Greenway Development Commission is to provide opportunities to preserve and enhance the unique natural and historic attributes of the seven miles of riverfront area that includes New Albany, Clarksville, and Jeffersonville, promoting passive and recreational use while allowing individually funded projects to proceed within each of the communities involved. The Commission was chartered by the State of Indiana in 1993 and began meeting in 1994. Using mostly Federal funding administered through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), master planning and environmental studies were conducted in the mid to late 1990s, and detailed designs were completed for three demonstration projects. One of these projects, the Terraced Lawn in Jeffersonville, became the first segment of the Greenway to be constructed in 2000/2001, using State and local funding. In 2000 after Congressional authorization, the "Ohio River Greenway Public Access Project" was conditionally approved for construction as a Federal project, with its focus limited to the "access features" (i.e. trails, roadways, bridges, levee modifications) within the Greenway corridor. Additional conceptual-level design and environmental studies were conducted in 2000-2002 to meet Federal requirements, and the first federally-funded segment of the Greenway (Mill Creek Bridge in Clarksville) was completed in 2003/2004. Since 2004, five more project segments have been constructed, focusing mostly on the non-vehicular "multi-use path" that will eventually link the three communities. Through 2011, approximately 3.8 miles of new multi-use path have been constructed, in addition to roadway/sidewalk improvements, lighting, landscaping and bank stabilization. As these infrastructure improvements are completed, the local communities and State of Indiana have invested in recreational features within the Greenway corridor, including an expanded boat ramp and new park in Clarksville, the floating RiverStage in Jeffersonville, and a restored amphitheatre in New Albany.

For an overview map showing the Greenway corridor boundaries and completed segments please access the project map at www.ohiorivergreenway.org

2 Project Status Report

2.1 Project Funding

2.1.1 Previous Funding Utilized in 2011

Project segments in active design and/or construction during the December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 reporting period continued to operate with funding provided in prior years.

The Ohio River Greenway Federal Access Project continued to make use of the \$3.4 Million in ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds authorized in 2009. These ARRA funds, administered through the USACE, were to be used only for construction projects and required matching dollars. The local match required for the ARRA funds is 100%. The Town of Clarksville's 2010 match to the ARRA funds allowed for the completion of the Ashland Park segment in 2011. The Town's contribution was provided by the Redevelopment Commission and the Clarksville Parks Board. The City of New Albany's 2010 match to the ARRA funds allowed for continued construction on the Silver Creek to 18th Street segment. The City's local contribution was provided by the Redevelopment Commission.

The City of New Albany continued to work with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to allocate the \$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 to be used for the Ohio River Greenway in New Albany from 18th Street to Scribner Place. Construction is expected to begin in 2012, and will require local matching funds.

The Town of Clarksville continued to utilize previously awarded Transportation Enhancement funding through INDOT for archeological studies required for the design of "The Lewis and Clark Trail," a segment of the Ohio River Greenway multi-use trail that will link Clarksville to New Albany. Detailed design will proceed in 2012.

The City of Jeffersonville continued to utilize previously awarded Transportation Enhancement funding through INDOT for the final design and permitting of the Indiana approach to the Big 4 Bridge.

1.1.2 New Funding Authorized or Received in 2011

The City of Jeffersonville was awarded \$8 Million in Transportation Enhancement funding through INDOT in February of 2011 to construct the Indiana approach to the Big 4 Bridge. The City of Jeffersonville's Redevelopment Commission will provide the required \$2 Million match. Construction is to begin in 2012.

The Ohio River Greenway Project received a \$500 donation from the Family Health Centers in Louisville Kentucky, a \$1,500 donation from the Fat Boys' Bikers (a local bicycling club) and a \$500 donation from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana.

2.2 Construction Efforts Continuing

2.2.1 New Albany – Multi-Use Path from Silver Creek to 18th Street

The USACE continued 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 multi-use 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 reached approximately 90% completion by the end of 2011.

2.3 Construction Efforts Completed

2.3.1 Clarksville - Ashland Park Segment

The USACE completed construction of the multi-use path and other improvements within the existing Ashland Park and Falls of the Ohio State Park. 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 included replacing the parking area and entrance at the east end of Ashland Park, and adding approximately 0.5 miles of multi-use 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 were improved, with one area also converted to an overlook near the Penn Central Railroad Bridge. Upgraded lighting, new landscaping, park benches and tables were installed throughout the length of the project. Construction began in September of 2010 and was completed in September 2011. The Commission worked with the Town of Clarksville to provide funding to add center line striping of the multi-use path after construction was complete, as this was not included in the original design.

2.4 Design Efforts Initiated, Continuing or Completed

2.4.1 Clarksville - Multi-Use Path from George Rogers Clark Homesite to Silver Creek

The Town of Clarksville continued working through the INDOT process to utilize Transportation Enhancement funding to complete the "The Lewis and Clark Trail." The section of The Lewis and Clark Trail from the George Rogers Clark Homesite traversing west toward New Albany crossing over Silver Creek and ending at its western bank is a section of the Ohio River Greenway. This section includes an abandoned railroad bridge at Silver Creek that will be restored for bicycle/pedestrian use. The Lewis and Clark Trail remained in the design development phase in 2011. Plans to begin construction in 2011 were delayed by Phase I archeological results, which necessitated that Phase II and III archeological studies also be conducted. Detailed design will proceed in 2012 after completion of the archeological field studies and reporting.

2.4.2 Jeffersonville - Big 4 Bridge Connector

The Big 4 Bridge is an abandoned railroad bridge spanning the Ohio River from downtown Jeffersonville to Louisville, Kentucky. The bridge is being restored as a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists. A future ramp leading up to the Big 4 Bridge located in Jeffersonville, Indiana ("Big 4 Connector") 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 Transportation Enhancement funding 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. Detailed design, environmental, cultural and historical studies and permitting progressed through 2010/2011 and the project was issued for bidding in December 2011. Property acquisition and a portion of the required demolition work were also completed in 2011. Construction is expected to start in 2012 and be completed in 2013.

2.4.3 New Albany – Multi-Use Path and Water Street Improvement from 18th to E. 9th Street

The USACE completed design work in 2010 on a segment of the Greenway in New Albany along Water Street from 18th Street to the eastern end of the previously completed Scribner Place segment of the Greenway (approximately E. 9th Street). The City of New Albany proceeded with property research and acquisition efforts in 2011, and cultural resources documentation. The design documents were modified and converted to meet INDOT requirements in order to utilize the CMAQ and STP funds that will be administered through INDOT to the City of New Albany. Final design and permitting will proceed in 2012 with bidding planned by the summer.

3 Commission Actions

3.1 Commission Members and Staff

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. The citizen appointees serve four year terms as volunteers, without compensation. The voting members of the Commission as of December 31, 2011 are listed below:

Clarksville - Town Council President Greg Isgrigg, Jim McCoskey and Samuel Gwin
New Albany - Mayor Doug England, Anne Banet and Pat Leist-Stumler
Jeffersonville - Mayor Tom Galligan, Philip Hendershot and David Boome
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 Office of Tourism (Jim Keith); the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (Larry Gray); the Indiana Department of Transportation (Jim Ude); and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (Michael Dalby/Matt Hall). The attendance record for the monthly Commission meetings in 2011 is included as **Attachment A**.

The Commission utilizes a part-time independent contractor in the position of "Ohio River Greenway Project Coordinator" to administer Commission and project activities, promote the project, and support the individual communities. In January of 2011, the Commission renewed its contract with Shaunna Graf as Project Coordinator.

3.2 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 2011 in the accounts held for its operating funds. The 2011 Operating Budget with actual expenses incurred through December 15, 2011 is provided as **Attachment B**. December 12, 2011 is the last date of the year the Commission held a business meeting to approve expenses for 2011, therefore there were no further expenditures in 2011.

During 2011, the State Board of Accounts completed an audit and issued a report for the Ohio River Greenway Commission for 2007, 2008 and 2009. The report can be found online at www.ohiorivergreenway.org.

3.2.1 2012 Operating Budget

The Commission approved the 2012 Operating Budget on December 15, 2011, provided as **Attachment C**. Due to fiscal restraints the Commission reduced the regularly occurring budgeted items by approximately 20%. When comparing the 2011 and 2012 Operating Budgets, line item 18 is not included in the 20% reduction because fees for the Wayfinding Signage Plan are planned only for the 2012 Budget and have not been included in any previous years.

[Note: Design and construction expenditures for the 2011 work completed on the Greenway project were administered through the USACE, the Town of Clarksville, City of New Albany, City of Jeffersonville and INDOT.]

3.3 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 progress and the need for ongoing support and funding. 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 Jeffersonville Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Southern Indiana Botanical Society, Develop New Albany, Mid America's Trail Conference, Kiwanis and Leadership Southern Indiana. A personal tour of the project was also conducted with newly-elected U.S. 9th District Congressman Todd Young and his local staff. 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 Run/Walk and New Albany's Harvest Homecoming.

3.4 Monuments and Memorials Policy Adoption

The City of New Albany and the Town of Clarksville formally adopted the Monuments and Memorials policy recommended by the Commission. The policy serves to provide a process to gain approval for placing monuments or memorials along the Greenway corridor.

3.5 Wayfinding Signage Plan

The Commission signed a contract with Mind's Eye Creative to develop a Wayfinding Signage Plan.

3.6 Erosion of Riverbank in Clarksville and New Albany

Along the shores of Clarksville and eastern end of New Albany, erosion is occurring due in-part to the operation of the McAlpine Lock & Dam at the Falls of the Ohio. The Commission supported efforts within Clarksville and New Albany to address the erosion.

3.7 Brownfield's' Grant Application for Clarksville

The Commission supported an application Clarksville submitted for an area along the riverfront requiring major environmental cleanup in order to be utilized for the Greenway as well as a historic park.

3.8 Vision Session

The Commission held a Vision Session with the leaders in the community. The following is a list in order of priority of agreed up on goals for the Ohio River Greenway Project:

- a) Get people on the Greenway
- b) Identify and capture unique physical and thematic community connections to the Greenway
- c) Identify and seek private funding sources
- d) Identify timely sources of financing for construction, operations and maintenance
- e) Build stronger partnerships with community organizations
- f) Identify need and sources for operations and maintenance of Greenways, operations plan
- g) Define long-term role and responsibilities for the Commission
- h) Identify and promote multiple benefits of Greenway
- i) Improve communications between Commission and local governments
- j) Identify sources and pursue operation dollars for Commission
- k) Identify possible dedicated state funding stream to support Greenway and Commission activities

3.9 Events

3.9.1 River Sweep

The Commission provided support in getting volunteers 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. Flooding caused the cleanup date to be pushed further into the calendar year. On July 23rd volunteers cleaned the riverbanks of Clarksville and New Albany.

3.9.2 Ribbon Cutting – Clarksville Ashland Park

In May of 2011, the Commission celebrated the completion of the Ashland Park segment in Clarksville by hosting a Ribbon Cutting officially opening the ½ mile multi-use path leading to the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center.

3.9.3 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 13th at St. John's Church Activity Center in Starlight, Indiana, and the scenic rolling hills of the "knobs" area. Cyclists chose the planned routes according to mileage (50, 30, 20 or 4). A BBQ dinner awaited participants upon completion. The Fat Boy Bikers plan to host the Tour de Pork annually to support the Ohio River Greenway.

4 Other Greenway Related Activity

4.1.1 Friends of the Ohio River Greenway

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.

4.1.2 5K Run/Walk

The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway partnered with 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 5th Annual Run/Walk on September 24, 2011. The 5 K Run/Walk was funded mostly through sponsorships from area business owners. There were 100 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 under construction as well as the completed Scribner Place segment.

4.1.3 Turf Party on the Greenway

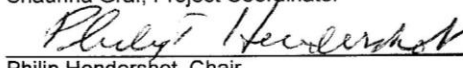
The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway organized an event on the riverfront during the celebrations leading up to the Kentucky Derby. However, due to high water the event had to be postponed to take place for the first time in 2012.

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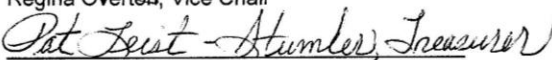
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Pat Leist-Stumler, Treasurer

ATTACHMENT A

P=Present A=Absent BP=By Proxy N/A=Not applicable

Commission Attendance Record

December 2010 through December 2011

Commission Member	2010 December	2011 January	2011 February	2011 March	2011 April	2011 May	2011 June	2011 July	2011 August	2011 September	2011 October	2011 November	2011 December
Greg Isgrigg, Clarksville	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	BP
Jane Sarles, Clarksville Through December 2010	BP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sam Gwin, Clarksville Starting January 2011	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	BP	P
Jim McCoskey	P	P	P	P	BP	BP	P	P	P	P	P	BP	P
Tom Galligan, Jeffersonville	A	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	BP	A
Philip Hendershot, Jeffersonville	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wayne Estopinal, Jeffersonville Through July 2011	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Boome, Jeffersonville Starting July 2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	A	P	P
Doug England, New Albany	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	BP	P	BP	BP
Pat Leist-Stumler, New Albany	P	BP	P	P	P	P	BP	P	P	P	P	P	P
Anne Banet, New Albany	A	P	P	BP	A	P	P	P	P	BP	P	P	P
Regina Overton, Clark County	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Gary Libs, Floyd County	A	BP	BP	P	BP	BP	P	A	P	P	P	BP	P
Shaunna Graf, Project Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matt Schueler, USACE Project Manager	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	P	P	N/A	P	A

ATTACHMENT B

2011 - Ohio River Greenway Commission Operating Budget				
Item	Budgeted Line Item	Income	Expenses through 12/15/2011	Claim Balance
Balance Carryover from 2010		\$13,000.00		
Incoming from Municipalities total \$36,000		\$36,000.00		
1 Contractor Service Fee	\$37,860.00		\$37,860.00	\$0.00
2 Travel Expenses for Independent Contractor	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$0.00
3 Mileage for Independent Contractor	\$900.00		\$523.23	\$376.77
4 Travel expenses for Commission members	\$96.00		\$0.00	\$96.00
5 Commission Meeting Expenses	\$350.00		\$85.07	\$264.93
6 Professional Service Fees (CPA/Legal)	\$1,000.00		\$70.00	\$930.00
7 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$722.97	\$277.03
8 Website	\$1,000.00		\$332.00	\$668.00
9 Advertising/Marketing	\$4,000.00		\$1,379.82	\$2,620.18
10 Postage	\$250.00		\$86.79	\$163.21
11 Fundraising/Project Awareness ¹	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$5,000.00
12 Business Development Expenses	\$1,500.00		\$342.21	\$1,157.79
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	\$554.00		\$554.00	\$0.00
16 Bank Service Charges	\$100.00		\$0.00	\$100.00
17 One Southern Indiana Membership	\$300.00		\$275.00	\$25.00
Totals	\$54,510.00	\$49,000.00	\$42,831.09	\$11,678.91
Carry Over to 2012	\$6,168.91			
<small>¹. Used for deficits from any fundraising event. Each proposed event requires an approved budget charged from this line item.</small>				

ATTACHMENT C

2012 Ohio River Greenway Commission Operating Budget		Approved 12/15/2011	
Item	Budgeted Line Item	Income	
Balance Carryover from 2011			\$6,168.91
Incoming from Municipalities total \$36,000			\$36,000.00
Fundraising Disbursement from Friends of Greenway			\$1,500.00
Grant Awards			\$500.00
Transfer of Funds from Reserve Money Market Account			\$34,600.00
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1 Contractor Service Fee	\$37,260		
2 Travel Expenses for Independent Contractor	\$200		
3 Mileage for Independent Contractor	\$300		
4 Travel expenses for Commission members	\$0		
5 Commission Meeting Expenses	\$100		
6 Professional Service Fees (CPA/Legal)	\$0		
7 Office Supplies	\$1,000		
8 Website	\$500		
9 Advertising/Marketing	\$3,500		
10 Postage	\$200		
11 Fundraising/Project Awareness ¹	\$2,500		
12 Business Development Expenses	\$1,000		
13 Insurance for Commission	\$0		
14 Temporary Staffing (Fundraising Events)	\$0		
15 State Board of Accounts Fee (Next Audit Due in 2013)	\$0		
16 Bank Service Charges	\$100		
17 One Southern Indiana Membership	\$300		
18 Wayfinding Signage Contract	\$31,725		
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Totals	\$78,685	\$78,768.91	

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