

RESOLUTION NO. 1, 1998

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE PARTICIPATION OF WABASH COUNTY IN THE WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

WHEREAS, I.C. 14-6-36 establishes the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, and pursuant to said statute Wabash County is an eligible county to participate in said commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County believe that the development of the Wabash River has been and will be beneficial to all citizens of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission can assist and act as a mechanism to develop the Wabash River Corridor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Wabash County hereby appoint / re-appoint to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission as its appointed member C. Robert Elrod and _____ as an alternate member.

This resolution shall be effective for a two year term beginning the first day of January, 1998 and will expire on the thirty-first day of December, 1999.

Lester D. Templin Lester D. Templin
Darle Dawes Darle Dawes
Brian Hauptert Brian Hauptert
Wabash County Commissioners

ATTEST: Carol Stefanatos
Wabash County Auditor

DATED: 1-5-98

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission was formed when a new section IC 14-6-36 was added to the Indiana Code. House Enrolled Act No. 1382 was a result of the 1991 General Assembly; the applicable Indiana Code was amended by the 1997 General Assembly (HB1251).

VISION -- The vision of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission is to help local communities preserve, enhance, and interpret for educational and inspirational benefit the unique and significant natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor; promote public/private partnerships; create a corridor identity; expand a variety of opportunities and linkages; and encourage a broad range of economic development improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

MISSION -- The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, representing the Wabash River Heritage Corridor, shall protect and enhance the natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources and encourage sustainable development of the corridor.

This will be accomplished by stimulating public interest, encouraging the exchange of information, and supporting the establishment of common goals and cooperative actions of people and communities within the Wabash River Heritage Corridor.

CORRIDOR DEFINITION -- As defined by IC 14-6-36, the "Wabash River Heritage Corridor means that strip of land in Indiana abutting the Wabash River, the Little River, and the portage between the Little River and the Maumee River." Corridor counties are the nineteen counties containing any portion of the defined Corridor.

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Goals for WRHCC as Defined by Indiana Citizens in Public Meetings in 1992/93

- To promote the improvement of the natural environment of the corridor.
- To promote the improvement of recreational opportunities in the corridor.
- To increase public awareness of the corridor as a whole.
- To encourage that recreational areas and trails are acquired and developed in the corridor without the use of eminent domain.
- To promote the development of a better environmental ethic in the citizens and communities of the corridor.
- To promote better cooperation between all of the groups and individuals with an interest in the corridor.

Accomplishments of WRHCC include:

- *Wabash River Heritage Corridor Plan* published (public input meetings held in 1992/93)
- *L'Esprit de Ouabache* Newsletter distributed annually
- Brochure designed
- WRHCC website initial design proposed
- Worked with State Legislature in 1995 on State River designation
- List made of owners of property adjacent to the river to add to Newsletter mailing list
- Inventory of significant sites as proposed by local residents included in Corridor Plan
- Lesson unit designed for 4th graders
- Identification of funding sources developed and shared
- Grants workshop held for WRHCC Commissioners
- Other funding sources identified
- Information about environmental/conservation programs provided to property owners
- Logo and letterhead designed
- Revised grant rating formula to more broadly disperse grant funds
- Meetings held outside Indianapolis in Wabash, Miami, Huntington, Knox, Miami, Cass, and Carroll Counties
- Worked with State Legislature in 1997 to clarify governance issues and membership
- Assisted DNR Grants Staff in the awarding of \$2.123 million in WRHC grant funds for projects totaling \$3.427 million

Projects Funded by the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Grant Fund

County	Sponsoring Park Board & Projects	W.R.H.C. Grant Funds Awarded	Total Project Cost
Carroll	Delphi: Wabash River Heritage Trail & Trailhead Park <i>Land acquisition, trail & park development, canal restoration, slope stabilization, interpretive signage</i>	\$343,330	\$464,640
Cass	Logansport: Little Turtle Waterway <i>Land acquisition, park & trail development</i>	\$175,000	\$233,334
Cass	Cass County: France Park Wabash River Trail / Picnic Site <i>Park improvements & trail development</i>	\$75,000	\$100,000
Fountain	Attica: Wabash Heritage Trail at Ouabache Park & Crow's Point <i>Land acquisition & easement, trail & park development</i>	\$72,479	\$98,879
Fountain	Fountain: Covington Riverfront Park <i>Park improvements & trail development</i>	\$71,723	\$95,630
Knox	Vincennes: Kimmel Park Restoration <i>Rehabilitation of WPA stoneworks & bas-relief murals, campground development, access improvements, and other park repairs</i>	\$100,000	\$135,000
Tippecanoe	Tippecanoe: Wabash Heritage Trail including the Ross Hills Park Acquisition <i>Land acquisition, park, campground & trail development</i>	\$286,472	\$511,660
Tippecanoe	Lafayette: Wabash Heritage Corridor Trail <i>Trail development</i>	\$150,000	\$200,000
Tippecanoe	West Lafayette: Wabash Heritage Corridor Trail, Phases I-V <i>Trail development, re-forestation, interpretive signage & displays</i>	\$436,803	\$1,030,092
Vigo	Terre Haute: Fairbanks Park Improvements <i>Trail development, facility rehabilitation, handicapped access, interpretive signage</i>	\$100,000	\$133,000
Wabash	Wabash: Paradise River Walk <i>Trail development</i>	\$100,000	\$137,630
Warren	Warren: Cicott Trading Post Park <i>Land acquisition, archaeological research & interpretation, artifact preservation, park & trail development</i>	\$212,236	\$287,147
State Total		\$2,123,046	\$3,427,012