

Historic Hoosier Hills

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USDA Rural Development Awards Grant

Historic Hoosier Hills has received a \$50,000 Rural Business Opportunity Grant from USDA Rural Development to fund a feasibility study for a marketing facility for horticultural and other specialty crops for southeastern Indiana. The project is an outgrowth of the “Ways to Grow” Alternative Enterprise Development Program carried out by Purdue University staff in cooperation with Historic Hoosier Hills as a pilot in southeastern Indiana.

The marketing facility is being carried out as a project of Southern Indiana Rural Development Project (SIRDP), of which Historic Hoosier Hills is a member. The feasibility study will suggest a best location, what kinds of markets exist and which ones have to be developed, potential suppliers, potential buyers, and what kinds of support enterprises the marketing facility might support. The Request for Proposals will be sent out by the end of July with the hope to award a contract by the end of September.



USDA Rural Development State Director Bob White, second from left, presents “check” to Historic Hoosier Hills Vice President Bill Corning. Joe Steele, Director of Rural Business Programs for Rural Development, is at left, and Historic Hoosier Hills Coordinator Gary Conant at right.

State Representative Cleo Duncan Honored by Historic Hoosier Hills

Representative Cleo Duncan was presented a “Tenacity Award” from Historic Hoosier Hills at her town meeting on June 19 at Deutsch Pride Restaurant in Versailles. Representative Duncan was recognized for her key role in helping the Versailles State Park Inn Project Committee work with the Division of State Parks, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, to try to bring a resort to the park. She has been an active supporter of the project committee as long as she has been state representative. There has been real progress in the past year on the inn initiative, and much of the success is due to Representative Duncan’s determination and persistence in working with

the state to set up meetings and move efforts forward.

New JPG Heritage Partnership Brochure, Note Cards Available

The Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership has recently printed an attractive four-color brochure explaining their purposes as an organization, and seeking membership support. The committee developed the brochure to help inform more people about their goals to capture and tell the history of the Jefferson Proving Ground area, before the proving ground came into existence, and during its 55-year service to the country. The group is also seeking much needed donations to help keep them moving forward collecting and recording oral histories from former residents and former employees of the proving ground. They have almost 70 histories so far with the help of the Hanover College History Department. The information is being entered into a database which will eventually be available to the public over the Internet and in print.

The group has also recently printed sets of note cards with four line-art sketches of historic structures on the former military test facility: the Otter Creek triple-arch stone bridge, Oakdale School, Old Timbers Lodge, and Headquarters Building 100. The note cards are available in sets of 4 with envelopes for \$4.00 or sets of eight for \$7.00. They can be purchased from the Partnership office on the proving Ground or from the Historic Hoosier Hills office. They can also be ordered on-line from the Historic Hoosier Hills website (www.hhhills.org).



Ripley County Partnership members Marilyn Browning and Bill Corning look over the historic photos in the new brochure.

Red Wolf Sanctuary Staffing Grant Funded

A grant application to the Dearborn County Convention, Visitor and Tourism Commission for a \$30,000 Support Grant to fund part-time staff for Red Wolf Sanctuary for a year has been approved, according to Debbie Smith, CVTB Executive Director. The funds will be administered by Historic Hoosier Hills and used to employ part-time staff to help with care of the animals and with construction of fencing and cages. Sanctuary owner Paul Strasser will supervise the employees and provide day-to-day guidance on what they do. Their work will help Strasser complete some of the perimeter fencing and cages needed to qualify for federal permits. Once the permits are secured, he can house and display certain animals he cannot have now, and he can charge admission to the facility to help generate revenue to support the Sanctuary. He currently depends on donations, gifts, bequests, and grants to develop and upgrade the Sanctuary, and on volunteer help to get the work accomplished. Paid staff will allow Paul to move forward on developing Red Wolf Sanctuary to its potential as a major education center and wildlife attraction in southeastern Indiana.

Historic Hoosier Hills Executive Committee Approves New Project

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors approved a request for assistance from the Ohio County 4-H and Extension to help with the planning and development of an outdoor classroom on a 65-acre farm recently donated to the 4-H Board. They have put together a steering committee of teachers, governmental officials, community leaders and Extension personnel to plan, develop, and operate the outdoor classroom. The farm, to be called the Denver Siekman 4-H Environmental Park, is to be developed as a community resource for life-long learning opportunities, using the out-of-doors as a teaching tool. The committee is already active and is developing community support for the facility.

Funds for the Future....The Historic Hoosier Hills Endowment Fund

Our Friend, the Codicil *by Louise Markel, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County*

The codicil, as you probably know, is an appendage to a will that adds to or modifies something in the will. For example, if you want to change the personal representative named in your will, you can do so with a codicil. If you want to add the name of someone to receive a bequest, you can use a codicil. If you want to delete the name of someone, a codicil will work fine.

1. Codicils are effective.

They do the job. They are just as legal and binding as the main document. Some of you may want to add Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D's endowment in the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County to your wills and others may want to adjust the amount they had previously decided to give. In either case, this can be done effectively through a codicil.

2. Codicils are inexpensive.

You would probably be surprised to learn the relatively low cost of a codicil. It is considerably less than the expense of drafting an entire will. A quick call to your attorney will tell you just how reasonable this service is compared to other estate planning documents.

3. Codicils are easy.

The codicil presents an easy way for you to include Historic Hoosier Hill's endowment in your estate plans. It's not necessary to go through the time and expense of redoing the entire will; all it takes is the creation of a brief legal document that is then stored in a safe place with the will.

Here's an example of a codicil:

"I give, devise and bequeath 10% of my estate to the Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Endowment in the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County, Inc." (Be sure to use the exact legal name of the charity so that there is no confusion when your estate is probated.)

If you would like more information about wills and codicils and other ways you can include your favorite charities in your estate plans, contact Louise Markel at the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County-812/265-3327.

(The information provided is for illustrative purposes only. We encourage you to contact your attorney for professional advice.)

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Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Council meets on the 4th Monday of every other month. The Executive Committee meets on the 3rd Friday of every other month that the Council does not meet. All meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend will certainly be welcome.

Vision Statement:

“Workable economic climate in harmony with natural resources developed to their full potential for a higher quality of life.”

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Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D

Mission Statement:

“Serve as a catalyst to empower local people to solve the overall economic and natural resource problems of the