



*Historic Hoosier Hills
Resource, Conservation & Development*

2018 Annual Report

Helping You Help Your Hometown

A non-profit organization serving Southeast Indiana since 1968.



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Friends of Historic Hoosier Hills,

2018 was a special year at Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. It's an important milestone for us to reflect upon as we gather on May 17th to celebrate in Rising Sun at our annual meeting. Many things have changed in 50 years but our focus has stayed the same. Historic Hoosier Hills has continued to work to help communities preserve and improve their natural resources and quality of life.

As we prepare to gather to celebrate another successful year for Historic Hoosier Hills, we ask that you as committee members and supporters remember HHH in your charitable giving plans for 2019. While preparing for another year of hard work with the committee or organization that you serve, it's important to stop and reflect on the ways that Historic Hoosier Hills has helped your group prosper. Please consider setting aside part of your budget to support the work of Historic Hoosier Hills with a tax-deductible charitable donation.

Historic Hoosier Hills provides a number of greatly needed services to its committee's and members, including payroll services, grant writing and the use of the 513C umbrella. In 2018, we provided assistance to numerous committees with over 200 members and volunteers. Our work has a powerful impact not only on the people that we work with directly, but also on the larger community as a whole. We are completely reliant on grant funding and charitable donations in order to be able to continue to provide these services. That is why we ask you to remember Historic Hoosier Hills with a charitable gift in support of our important work during 2019. Any amount you can share will be greatly appreciated and put to good use right here in Southeastern Indiana.

If your committee as a whole, or you as an individual would like to support Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D please send a check of \$10, \$25 or more to P.O. Box 407, Versailles, IN 47042. Your generosity will have a positive impact on not only within your area of interest but also the larger community. Every gift matters and will help you help your hometown!

Sincerely,

Katie Collier
President



Half a Century

by: Terry Stephenson, Projects Director

It was 1968 when Historic Hoosier Hills (HHH) first came into existence, and like any organization that's been around for half a century there's been a lot of changes. Transformations in technology, programs, and funding over the past 50 years have been necessary and beneficial, but unsettling at times.

However one thing hasn't changed – the certainty that with a good plan, proper implementation, and persistence, a group of individuals can take their idea and turn it into a reality. This annual report, as well as reports from the past, are full of examples of successful groups around Southeast Indiana that have done just that!

Where does Historic Hoosier Hills go from here? The board of directors and staff are currently going through a strategic planning process to answer that very question. The plan will set the direction for the organization over the next 5 years. Those of you that have been through this process know it can be a tedious process and can test your patience. However, it can reveal ideas and approaches that an individual might never have dreamed of on their own. The next 50 years will serve up additional challenges and opportunities for Historic Hoosier Hills to be sure.

We invite you to learn more about our organization. If your group has a particular need that Historic Hoosier Hills might be able to help with why not give us a call at 812-689-4107 or email us at hkhills@seidata.com Chances are good that we might be the connection you need, and if not we'll try to point you in the right direction. Please give HHH the opportunity to "Help you Help your Hometown".

Mission & Vision of Historic Hoosier Hills

The mission of Historic Hoosier Hills Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) Inc. is committed to serve as a catalyst to motivate local people solve the overall economic and natural resource problems of the area and to properly develop, utilize and conserve our natural and human resources.

The vision of Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D is a non-profit organization that is continually working to create a workable economic climate in harmony with natural resources developed to their full potential for a high quality of life.

Historic Hoosier Hills Celebrating 50 Years 1968 - 2018



Local Partnership with LifeTime Resources

A partner Historic Hoosier Hills has been working with since 2016 is Lifetime Resources *Catch-A-Ride* program. The *Catch-A-Ride* program provides public transportation in six counties: Dearborn, Ohio, Ripley, Jefferson, Switzerland, and Decatur. The program serves anyone, for any purpose, with no restrictions and have affordable fares. *Catch-A-Ride* also serves as a Medicaid/Managed care provider, serving those who qualify for non-emergent medical transportation.

Historic Hoosier Hills serves as sponsor for the grant which, allows for operating & capital funding of the service, and performs an annual compliance review of the program.



If you're not familiar with *Catch-A-Ride*, here's what "The Arc of Dearborn County" has to say:

*"Another option to getting around on your own is Catch-A-Ride services, with locations in Dearborn, Ripley, Jefferson, Decatur, Ohio and Switzerland counties. Catch-A-Ride is like other public transportation systems in that they are available to individuals of all ages, they have scheduled pick up and arrival times, and they are a shared ride service; however, **Catch-A-Ride provides a more personal transportation service** because they pick up customers and deliver them to their destination with either a door-to-door or curb-to-curb type service. Limited bus stops are a thing of the past! The Catch-A-Ride vehicle may make additional pickups and stops before you reach your destination, but we will get you to your destination."*

In 2018, *Catch-A-Ride*, served 2,226 individuals and provided 82,147 one-way trips! *Catch-A-Ride* provides a convenient, personalized, and affordable method of travel within the area. To learn more or to schedule a ride contact *Catch-A-Ride* at 812-432-3960 or 800-330-7603.

community development

Community development projects seek to empower groups by providing their groups with the tools they need to affect change in their own communities. Community development groups must understand both how to work with individuals and other groups within the community to affect positive change.

A wide variety of projects can fall under this category which can range from some fairly simple events to larger –scale efforts which may require significant funding and technical expertise.

- ◆ **Project Phoenix**
 - ◆ **Little Grand Theatre Company**
 - ◆ **Southeastern Indiana Media Arts Center**
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Project Phoenix

by: Tim Harmon

In 2018 Project Phoenix continued along with its mission to provide free temporary housing to families who had been displaced from their homes due to fire or other natural disasters. Over the course of the year we hosted 2 separate families in the Phoenix House in Madison. This came after a long stretch of over a year with no one living in the house. Changes in leadership at the local Red Cross office had largely taken us out of awareness for a period of time and we had not done much in the way of new publicity. A renewed push to keep up-to-date with our referral contacts led to the opportunities we had this past year to help out the families who needed us.

As an on-going part of that renewal we have dropped our website and are in the process of making our Facebook presence more active and looking into opportunities for increasing donations and awareness including plans to have a promotional video produced in 2019 and expanding our social media outreach.

With our recently revised policy of providing one month of temporary housing per family we hope to be available to more who may need us during any given year.

We invite you to check out our Facebook to find out more about us and our current activities. If you would like to get involved just contact us and we will be glad to get you some more information.

Find us on Facebook by searching, "Project Phoenix, Inc."



education

Many project committees of Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D work in the area of youth and adult education of one form or another during different phases of the project.

Some project committees of Historic Hoosier Hills have a primary focus of teaching individuals about topics ranging from natural resources conservation to historic events of Southeast Indiana. Below is a list of project committees that are using many unique approaches to provide educational opportunities and events within the HHH area.

- ◆ Friends of Muscatatuck River Society
- ◆ Red Wolf Sanctuary
- ◆ STEM+ Alliance
- ◆ Rivertown Quilter Guild
- ◆ Versailles Historical Society
- ◆ SEI Community Gardens

STEM+ Alliance

by: Ted Fowler

HHH has engaged with organizations, agencies, schools, colleges, and businesses to focus on STEM education, training, and careers. "STEM" stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The work of the Alliance will help students study and prepare for careers in everything from advanced manufacturing and agriculture to health care to information systems and computer programming to various fields of engineering and science. We are coordinating with the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative <http://greatercincsystem.org/> to find ways to bring opportunities to students with initial after-school offerings of the 3D Printers Club and the STEM Bicycle Club. Community/School Gardens and food production and distribution are emerging as focus areas involving both schools and community organizations. Using activities like these, students explore technologies and their applications, developing a variety of problem solving skills along the way. They see how technical fields overlap with everything from art, writing, or music to addressing societal needs. This is the plus in the STEM+ Alliance. Most importantly students and parents will be able to explore possible careers and understand what students need to do in school to prepare for future training or college study. The Alliance will be a partnership of existing organizations: Ivy Tech, nature centers, government agencies, and a variety of community organizations.



Why focus on STEM education? STEM is everywhere, shaping our everyday experiences. Science is in nature and our everyday lives, Technology is in our phones and food supply, Engineering is in our cars and homes, and Math is in everything. Like it or not we are a technology driven society and those with STEM skills can negotiate challenges, have a higher quality of life, and a stronger earning potential. STEM careers are truly "helping" professions that solve the complex problems facing our communities and provide rewarding life work. 80% of jobs in the region over the next decade will require math and science skills. STEM job opportunities are growing twice as fast as other areas of work. STEM jobs pay more because of the extra training and general shortage of qualified women and men.

Join us as we work together to provide new opportunities for the region.

Rivertown Quilters Guild

<http://rivertownquilters.com>

The purpose of the Rivertown Quilters Guild is to promote a community based interest in the art of quilting and to perform an important community service by supplying homemade quilts as comfort to those in need. In 2018, membership in the Rivertown Quilters Guild remained strong after fourteen years of continual progress. During 2018, members reported 1096 volunteer hours spent on making quilts that went to veterans and displaced children. We awarded 23 Quilts of Valor to WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans. Guild members also donated homemade quilts to a local neo-natal unit and the Ronald McDonald House.



The guild monthly meetings provided an opportunity for members to learn about new ideas in quilting through outside speakers and member presentations. In May, nationally known Indianapolis quilt shop owner and Windham fabric designer, Heather Givans, presented a trunk show of her own modern quilts, made with patterns and fabrics she designed. Several Guild meetings were group participation events including two quilt challenges, a mystery quilt sew-along and annual holiday party. The monthly Show N Tell portion of the meeting in which members displayed their creations was a popular way for experienced and new quilters to gain ideas for future projects. In 2018, members continued to use our closed Facebook page to share their creations, ask opinions and inform others of upcoming quilting events. Fellowship and fun opportunities such as the annual retreat and Soup N Sew days were well attended and

reinforced bonds among members.

The guild participated in a Quilters Day Out event at the Boone County Extension Office in March. This event was another opportunity to promote the guild and to network with other guilds in the tristate area. Two local quilt shops continued to support the guild with fabric donations and we are extremely thankful to Home Grown Home Sewn Quilt Shop and Quilters Garden for their generosity. Rivertown Quilters Guild also supported the final Rising Sun Quilt Show by donating \$100 dollars as prize money for one of the winning quilts.

Three of the most memorable events of the year occurred this Fall. On Friday, September 28, 2018, at the Lawrenceburg IN Fall Festival, Guild members presented three Quilts of Valor made by Guild members to two veterans and one active service member. The QOV presentations followed the presentation of plaques to each of the five honorees by Paul "PG" Gentrup and Lawrenceburg Mayor Kelly Molluan. Nearly 10,000 festival attendees applauded the honorees. On October 4, 2018, Guild members presented 7 Quilts of Valor to veterans at the Aurora Farmers Fair. On Wednesday, November 14, 2018, the Guild presented 12 Quilts of Valor to veterans at a QOV Awards Ceremony at Tanner Valley United Methodist Church, in Lawrenceburg.

With the advice and guidance of Historic Hoosier Hills, Rivertown Quilters Guild, Inc., received official 501c (3) status in 2017. In 2018, the Guild used our non-profit status to promote our work in the community and obtain additional funds for ongoing outreach projects. The Guild applied for and received for a one-time only Dearborn County Foundation City of Lawrenceburg grant, and in November 2018, the Guild received the Grant which will help us achieve our goal of making 25 Quilts of Valor in 2019.

"The Dearborn County Foundation, Inc. awarded \$2,260.00 to Rivertown Quilters Guild, Inc. from the City of Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program Phase 1 for purchasing of fabric and batting to be used to make Quilts of Valor for Dearborn County veterans."

Please check our website at www.rivertownquilters.com to find out more about us. We are always open to new members and we welcome sewers at all skill levels.

Red Wolf Sanctuary

by: Paul Strasser, www.redwolf.org

This past year has been one of those that makes you think that raising Hippopotamuses' would be an option for the Red Wolf Sanctuary. What seems like never ending rainfall and flooding has hindered our ability to complete major projects.

In September, our annual 5K/ 10K trail run had to be rerouted to higher ground because our prairie was still flooded. This during a typical dry season carried on through out the remainder of the year.

Plans for construction of a large outdoor flight center has been on hold. Until we can position rented equipment to enclose the frame with wire 20 feet high we are left staring at a project that should house BALD EAGLES by now.

This past Veteran's Day we were able to return in to the wild a juvenile BALD EAGLE dubbed "Freedom". Released in front of a large group of Veterans seeing the majestic symbol of our nation's freedom it was quite a spectacle to see him unfurl his 6-foot wings and soar over the grounds of the Red Wolf Sanctuary.

Thanks' to Historic Hoosier Hill staff we are able to maintain a small group of college and high school aged students to help do all the work that I can no longer physically do by myself.

Thank you to all that have helped reach our goals and I look forward to joining forces with other groups to HELP SAVE THE LIVING PAST FOR THE FUTURE TO ENJOY.



SEI Community Gardens

by: Shyra Tedesco, stedesco@ivytech.edu



In our second season, the Southeast Indiana (SEI) Community Gardens had a significant impact on the community and grew dramatically. We increased the Community Garden Action Team from a contact list of 70 to nearly 100 individuals representing the general public, Ivy Tech students and staff, and 30 community organizations. Toward the end of last season we received funding from the Dearborn County Foundation and were adopted by Lowe's Heroes as their annual community project. With this support, our pilot community garden next to Beecher Presbyterian church in downtown Lawrenceburg grew from 19 to 40 individual plots and from seven to 12 different gardeners, including Ivy Tech faculty and students, local businesses and organizations, and local families. We also received funding from Oxbow, Inc. to build a school garden at Central Elementary school, maintained by the Dearborn County ACDC Program, and introduce an indoor tower garden in the New Horizons Friendly Bean Café at the Lawrenceburg Public Library. The library also received funding to add a patio garden and purchase a mobile kitchen to offer cooking classes. In addition, we added a traditional community garden in Greendale with the support of the city of Greendale and local businesses and community members. The Greendale site houses 16 plots for 10 Greendale gardeners, including two plots for the Senior center next door. We also received funding from an Ivy Tech Student Life grant to begin "From Garbage to Garden: The Service Learning Compost Trail", collecting over 400 gallons of food scraps from local businesses for our compost pile, promoting zero waste and the production

of natural fertilizer. We held three major community garden events, bringing diverse members of the community together to prepare the gardens at our Earth Day Celebration, celebrate and share healthy food at our Party in the Garden, and prepare for the next season at our Harvest Festival. At the end of the growing season, over 200 pounds of vegetables and herbs were donated to the Clearinghouse Food Pantry, improving the diversity of vegetables from last season. We also received funding from Giving Trees to plant fruit trees at the Beecher and Greendale sites, Trinity church, and South Dearborn Middle School. In addition, we hosted a Spring Break and Fall Break lunch and learn at Beecher church, feeding families in need and teaching them about gardening and healthy eating. Beyond the gardens, we participated in the Lawrenceburg Main St. weekly

Farmers Market where we provided produce from the garden for free will donation, spread awareness of our organization, provided education on the benefits of gardening and composting and hosted children's activities once a month. We also hosted a table at the annual fundraising event for the Clearinghouse Food Pantry. We especially enjoyed the mutually beneficial opportunity for local students to give back to their community through community service, increasing our number of volunteers from 15 in our first season to 88 in our second season spending ~400 hours of service. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated individuals working towards healthy food security and awareness in our region and look forward to continued collaboration on this important initiative.



The SEI Community Gardens provides a collective impact model for cultivating the community. Our future endeavors include a collaboration with the Purdue Extension and the Soil and Water Conservation District to expand community garden development in Dearborn County. The goal of this partnership is to identify appropriate funding mechanisms for sustainability and growth. We will also be expanding the implementation of indoor tower gardens in our local schools and exploring the Green Bronx Machine tower garden curriculum. In addition, we will be adding another garden site at the Community Mental Health Center in Lawrenceburg for their clients, providing "garden therapy" on multiple levels. We are excited to see what the future brings and appreciate the support of HHH helping our community "grow".

Aurora High School Museum



The Aurora High School Museum (AHSM) continued to grow in 2018 thank to the support of increased membership, the community and volunteers. While a wide assortment of memorabilia from all the Aurora schools remains the highlight, AHSM branched out with a gift shop offering ball caps, visors, shirts, ornaments, decals, license plates (featuring the Red Devil mascot), along with Aurora bricks, AHS notecards, and copies of Tom Ward prints of the schools.

As spring approached, the AHSM sponsored a Dearborn County Girls Softball team and prepared for a fundraiser rummage sale. The weather cooperated, helping to make the function a success. Throughout the year, AHSM participated in Main

Street Aurora Wined and Dined, which brought in many local visitors as well as some from surrounding towns.

August ushered in the second AHSM Beach Party Dance. Local entertainers Bob & Lisa Bennett of "Almost Live" supplied plenty of Rock n Roll, making all the guests feel young again. AHS continues to host the Devil's Den during the Aurora Farmers Fair in October each year.

On-going projects, such as a video library containing interview illustrating days-gone-by in Aurora, as well as the development of a roster of AHS veterans of the US Armed Forces. Current records indicate participation of alumni dating as far back as the Spanish American war in 1898.

AHSM has begun offering the facility as a venue for meetings, parties and reunions, which can be scheduled by contacting Tom Lorton at (775) 379-0298. In addition to regular hours on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday, 10am-4pm, personal tours are also available upon request.



tourism

Southeastern Indiana offers a vast vacation opportunity for folks visiting the area for the first time or back for a return visit whether it is for leisure, business or other purposes. The area is rich with historic locations whether it be a walking trail along a canal used in the late 1800's or a driving tour of the route of the only Civil War action to take place north of the Ohio River back in 1863.

HHH committees dealing with tourism not only provide a valuable service by educating both visitors and residents of local historic events and locations in Southeastern Indiana but also provide a source of economic stimulus by bringing dollars in from outside the community.

- ◆ 5 to the 5 Vintage Hydros
- ◆ Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership
- ◆ John Hunt Morgan Trail
- ◆ Southeast Indiana Historic Film Project
- ◆ Conductors of Southeastern IN Model Trail Club

5 to the 5 Vintage Hydros

by: Ron Harsin, rharsin@seidata.com

Madison Indiana has long been known for its history of hydroplane racing. The first recorded boat racing in Madison dates back to 1911, however, there are unverified stories of boats racing on the Ohio River at Madison in years prior to that. These were "wildcat" boat races that usually had no official sanctioning organization overseeing the racing rules.

Dave Johnson of Madison assembled a group of hydroplane enthusiast called "5 to the 5".

As everyone within the hydroplane circles are aware, 5 to the 5 is a term used during the start of a race. It means 5 minutes until the 5 minute gun, or in layman's terms "10 minutes until the race starts".

Working as a non-profit organization under Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, the "5 To The 5" group have been working out the details to start a Historic Hydroplane Museum in Madison. Along with the September Vintage Thunder event, the group has plans to purchase other older hydroplanes and refurbish them to working condition for museum displays, static displays at various business locations, and to have the hydroplanes available to place on the water for various vintage events within the United States and Canada. The group hopes that they can share information about the older hydroplanes and provide education to others concerning the history of hydroplane racing.

Come to see these refurbished hydroplanes that raced over the years and are now on the water again with the roar of the engines, and water "roostertails" flying high in the air. There will be Unlimited hydroplanes, and several classes of vintage limited raceboats on display and providing action on the water.

Everyone is invited to Madison, Indiana on both Saturday and Sunday, September 21st and 22. In the past, admission was free to the public. This year due to additional costs in putting on the event, admission will be \$5 for those individuals over 14 years of age.

For additional information: <http://www.5tothe5.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/5tothe5vintagehydros/> or by calling 812-571-0330

Here is an online 30 second video that was created for last year's event which ended up being cancelled due to the Ohio River flooding. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqckEwdzhIA&feature=youtu.be>



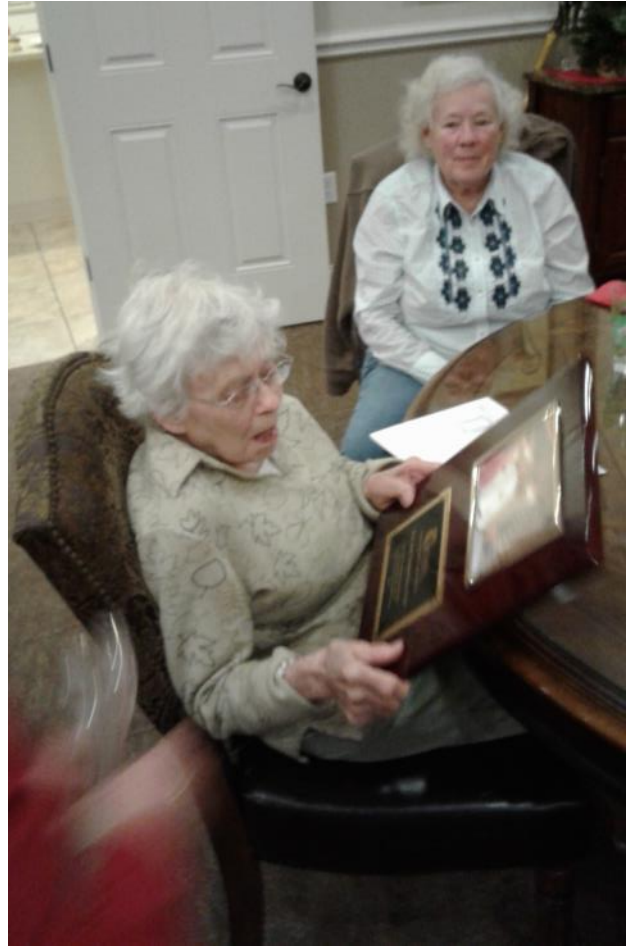
Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership

by: Norma Lou Irwin, President

It's hard to believe that the JPGHP has been around for nearly 23 years. This close knit group was formed shortly after the closure of Jefferson Proving Ground in 1995 and still meets monthly throughout Jefferson, Ripley, Jennings, Decatur, and Bartholomew Counties. The mission of the project has always been twofold: to ensure that the public is aware of (1) the installation's munitions testing history and value of JPG to the nation and (2) the sacrifices made by Hoosier families when they were hurriedly forced to sell their farms in 1941 and leave their lives behind. Entire communities vanished, and it is this story that must be preserved. Over the past 20 plus years, the committee sponsored seminars, published and sold a number of new books and reprints, developed a DVD on JPG's history, initiated a web page, and funded and designed a permanent exhibit on JPG at the Jefferson County Historical Society in Madison. The group also helped to develop an interactive display at the Indiana State Historical Society in Indianapolis.

In 2018 the partnership in conjunction with the Jefferson County Historical Society applied for and was selected to receive a \$2,500 grant from the Jefferson County Genealogical Society for equipment to convert old JPG VHS tapes and cassette discs into a more useable format. This will be an ongoing effort. In addition, the historical society would like to see the permanent JPG exhibit updated so we will be working on that. And we ended the year with the Big Oaks Conservation Society honoring our president Norma Lou Irwin for her generous donation that hopefully will start the process in building a new visitor contact station on Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge.

At this point, the JPGHP is considered a graduated committee very proud of accomplishing most of what it intended to achieve. However, the glue that keeps the group meeting is its ties to the former Jefferson Proving Ground. In various ways, the installation changed all of us, and a bond has formed that motivates us to stay close. We should all be so lucky, and a huge thanks to HHH for its continued support and encouragement.



Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Club

Facebook: *The Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Club*



Each year during the Christmas Season downtown Rising Sun has an influx of visitors from around the Tri-State to witness the magic and wonder of the Model Railroad Christmas Show. The show has been a favorite of all ages for several years now, and has on average drawn over 2000 visitors per year to the downtown area.

The Railroaders do many different functions throughout the year and always has the welcome mat out for new members with a passion for model railroading. ALL ABOARD!!



watersheds

A watershed is simply the geographic area through which water flows across the land and drains into a common body of water, whether a stream, river or lake. Much of the water comes from rainfall and the storm water runoff. The quality and quantity of storm water is affected by all the alterations to the land--agriculture, urban development and the activities of people within a watershed.

Listed below are three projects sponsored by Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D and two that are project committees of HHH.

Sponsored by Historic Hoosier Hills

- ♦ **Central Muscatatuck Watershed**
 - ♦ **Indian-Kentuck Watershed**
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Central Muscatatuck Watershed

by: Casie Auxier, casie.auxier@hhhills.org

The start of 2018 begin with \$177,737 to spend on best management practices that will be installed from 2018 through 2021 to landowners in the Central Muscatatuck Watershed area. Landowners are encouraged to participant in the cost-share program.

Practices available for cost-share include cover crops, spring developments, well and pumping system, watering tank for livestock, heavy use area protection both concrete and gravel, buffers, stream crossing, roof runoff system, fencing, access roads, and animal walkways. Brochures regarding the cost-share program are available at your local soil and water conservation district.



If you are interested in learning more about the cost-share program or are interested in applying for funding please contact Steve Franklin at 812-689-6410 extension 3.



**Central Muscatatuck
Watershed**

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

by: Casie Auxier, casie.auxier@hhills.org

What an exciting year for the Indian-Kentuck Watershed. Over \$200,000 cost-share funds have been spent on the installation of best management practices in Jefferson, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties. Landowners have been taking advantage of this program to update their current operations to better their livestock and the water quality in the watershed.



The steering committee is also excited to announce that a second implementation grant was submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and was approved through them and sent to EPA for overall approval. We are hoping to hear that the grant will be approved and funding would start in the fall of 2019. If you are interested in applying for cost-share please contact the Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District at 812-689-6410 extension 3 or Switzerland County Soil and Water Conservation District at 812-427-3126 extension 3 to have your farm added to the waitlist.





forestry

Forestry projects generally concerns itself with managing forests to provide timber as raw material for wood products; wildlife habitat; water quality; recreation; erosion control; and more recently has been recognized as a reservoir for atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Current projects are working to educate landowners and those involved in the timber industry with the planting, management and harvesting of time in Southeast Indiana.

- ◆ **Woodland Committee**

Woodland Committee

For more information on the Woodland Committee email hills@seidata.com

The Historic Hoosier Hills Woodlands Committee is a volunteer non-profit organization made up of landowners, professional foresters, and others interested in woodland conservation in southeastern Indiana. The goal of the committee is to provide leadership for enhancement of economic opportunities with HHH's counties through conservation, improvement, and wise use and development of the area's woodland resources. We service Clark, Scott, Jefferson, Jennings, Ripley, Switzerland, Ohio, Dearborn, and Franklin Counties.



In 2018, the Woodland Committee held 6 different meeting with exceptional speakers at each event. Of the meetings held included discussions on forestry ecology, harvesting, tour of Napoleon Hardwood, wildlife, power line safety, and invasive species.

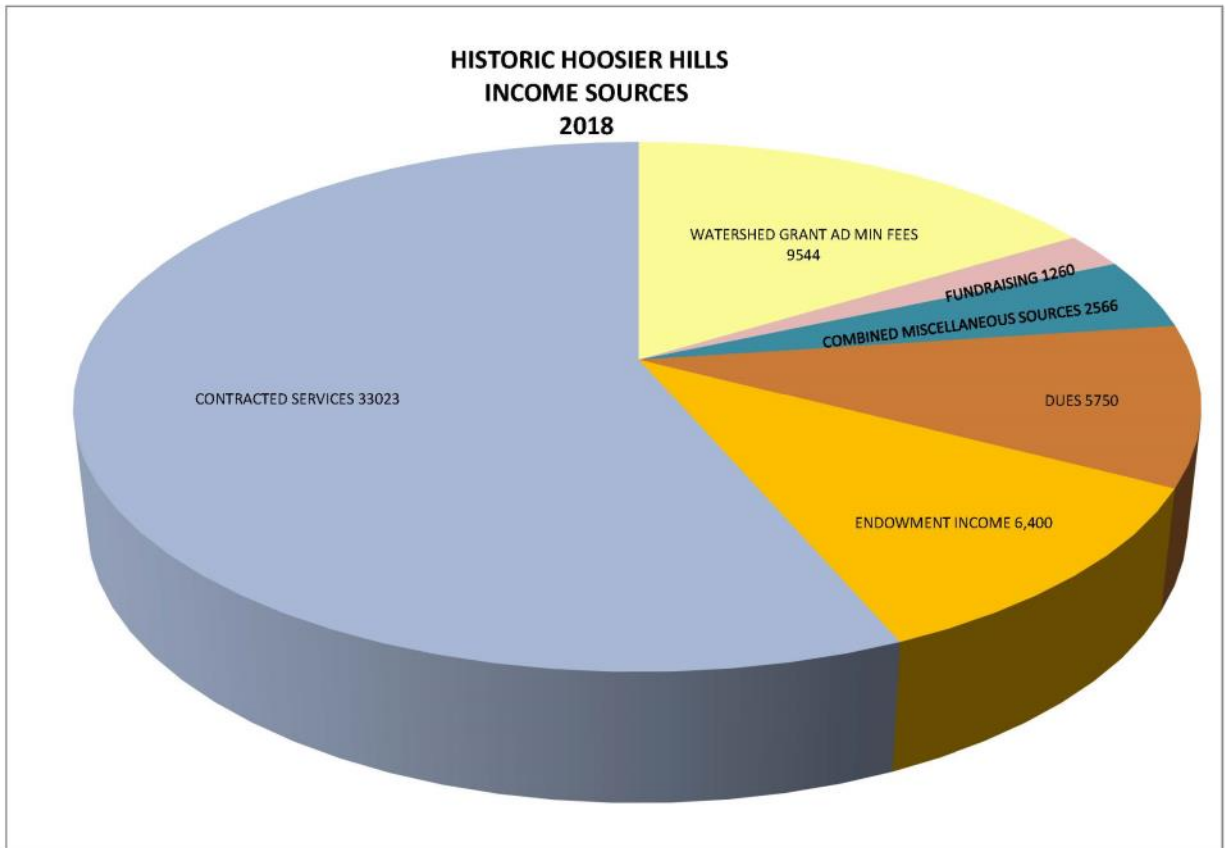
The Woodland Committee is always looking for new landowners. Membership is always free and is open to anyone who has an interest in natural resources. If you would like to be included in the Woodland Committees' mailing address or if you have any ideas on workshops or field days that you would like to see held please email your information to hills@seidata.com.

rural opportunities

According to USDA Economic Research Service the beginning of the 21st century had rural America comprising 2,305 counties, containing 80 percent of the Nation's land, and being home to 56 million people.

With these statistics comes challenges and opportunities in the arenas of agricultural production and marketing; education; development of rural infrastructure and conservation within the rural landscape. Several of the current HHH project committees are addressing these very issues.

- ◆ **George Rogers Clark Land Trust**
- ◆ **Madison Growers Association CSA**
- ◆ **Regional No-Till Committee**



Historic Hoosier Hills (HHH) is a non-profit organization serving the counties of Dearborn, Clark, Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott and Switzerland Counties. Funding for HHH is provided by donations, dues, administration and service fees. HHH receives no other funding. If you are interested in giving a donation to HHH your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please mail a check to Historic Hoosier Hills at P.O. Box 407, Versailles, IN 47042 or drop it off at our office. We hope that you will take the time and consider HHH now and in the future.



Helping you Help your Hometown!!!

grant monies received in 2018

<i>5 to the 5 Vintage Hydros</i>	
Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County	\$10,000.00
<i>Aurora High School Museum</i>	
PBS	\$1,000.00
<i>Catch A Ride - LifeTime Resources</i>	
INDOT Grant	\$1,175,094.00
<i>Central Muscatatuck Watershed - Phase 3</i>	
IDEM - 319 Grant	\$115,475.00
<i>Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Club</i>	
United Community Bank.....	\$250.00
<i>Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D</i>	
Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County (Endowment Return).....	\$6,500.00
Dearborn County Community Foundation (Endowment Return).....	\$389.50
Jennings County Community Foundation (Endowment Return).....	\$195.30
Ripley County Community Foundation (Endowment Return).....	\$100.00
Community Foundation of Switzerland County (Endowment Return).....	\$200.00
<i>Indian Creek Watershed Project - Phase 2</i>	
IDEM - 319 Grant.....	\$122,269.00
<i>JPG Heritage Partnership</i>	
JCG	\$2,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT MONIES RECEIVED AS OF December 31, 2018.....	\$1,433,472.80

donations received in 2018

<i>Aurora High School Museum - Various Funders.....</i>	<i>\$3,253.00</i>
<i>Historic Hoosier Hills - Various Funders.....</i>	<i>\$1,260.00</i>
<i>5 to the 5 Vintage Hydros - Various Funders.....</i>	<i>\$22,836.00</i>
<i>Southeast Indiana Community Gardens - Various Funders.....</i>	<i>\$466.00</i>
<i>Regional No-Till Committee - Various Funders.....</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF December 31, 2018.....	\$27,865.00



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Dear Committee Members and Supporters:

We would like to take a minute to thank you for taking interest in Historic Hoosier Hills. HHH, as we like to call it, has been around for many years and not only are we a not for profit organization full of diverse individuals, but we are a close group built from the grassroots of Southeastern Indiana. Committees from our nine sponsoring counties come to us for assistance in grant writing, payroll services, administrative support, technical support and much more. We provide a safe haven for organizations and committees that are trying to accomplish goals that benefit our communities. These groups in most cases are working towards their own 501(c)3 status but for now fall under our umbrella. Through partnerships in our committees we touch thousands of people each year in our rural area of Indiana. We could not do this without the support of everyone.

HHH, like any organization, has had its growing pains but the past few years have been full of promise and growth. When I was younger my father told me to understand where you are going you must know about your past. It is on this concept that we acknowledge our past, rejoice in our triumphs and learn from our mistakes. In 2018 we still feel that HHH is stronger than we have ever been and we are very excited about our future.

Our tag line is Helping You Help Your Hometown, this is the grassroots concept that has lead our organization since the beginning. To continue this philosophy of building from the ground up requires support and backing from the residents and landowners of our nine county area. So today we ask you to please JOIN US! Help us Help you Help your Hometown!!! You can do this in many different ways. You can volunteer to be on a committee, you can ask to be considered for the Board of Directors, and you can also bring ideas or projects you have in mind that fits our mission. Finally, you can also give monetary donations. These donations are one of the many ways we stay self-sustaining. Please consider contributing to our cause, supporting the organizations and committees that are working for the greater good in your backyard. Mother Teresa once said "it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving". I invite you to give graciously, give with a loving heart, give what you can and if you can't that's okay!!

I want to leave you with this, we are a great organization, we have great goals, we know where we have been and we know where we are going...but we can always use some help along the way. So please join us in Helping you Help your Hometown.

Thank you,

Kimberly S. Jolly
Treasurer

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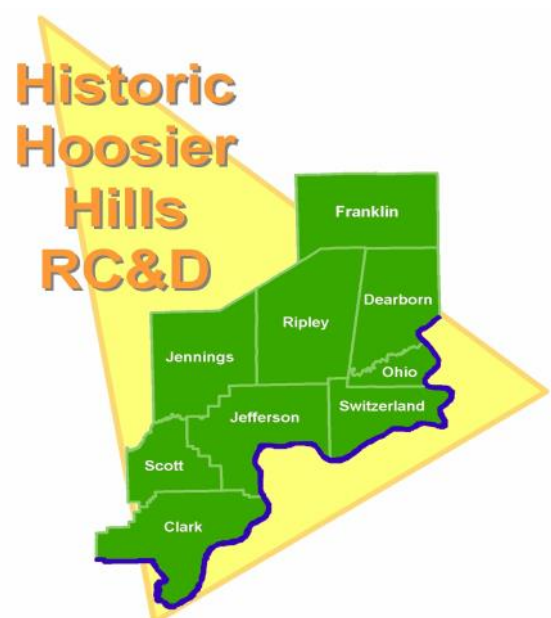
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