



Historic Hoosier Hills Resource, Conservation & Development

2020 Annual Report

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Friends of Historic Hoosier Hills,

2020 was a year of uncertainty and trials and tribulations for all. Historic Hoosier Hills remained focused throughout the year on improving our natural resources and the quality of life in our region. We take this opportunity to thank you for helping us succeed and look forward to when we can gather safely to celebrate the challenges, changes and growth that HHH has seen over the last year. We ask that you as committee members and supporters remember HHH in your charitable giving plans for 2021.

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. 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 2021. Any amount you can share will be greatly appreciated and put to good use right here in Southeastern Indiana.

Your generosity will have a positive impact on not only within your area of interest but also the larger community.

Thanks for helping us help your hometown!

Sincerely,

Katie Collier
President



PARTNERS HELPING PARTNERS

by: Terry Stephenson, Projects Director

2020 has certainly been a challenge here at Historic Hoosier Hills, and as we enter our 53rd year of existence as a nonprofit in Southeast Indiana, we look back and see all the great partnerships that we've developed over the years. Although we've developed a great many affiliations in the past, we are on the constant lookout for new partnerships to develop. As you read through this annual report you'll notice that many of the HHH project committees have graduated over the years to become their own 501c3 non-profit. Having project committees' graduate and become independent is a principal goal of HHH, and even though these projects have moved into the position of becoming an independent non-profit, we consider them a new partner with Historic Hoosier Hills. Forming partnerships gives an organization a competitive advantage and an opportunity to access a broader range of resources and expertise.

What makes project committees of Historic Hoosier Hills successful enough to become an independent 501c3 of their own? Ask that question and you'll get a variety of answers; many would likely say "it's all about funding". While funding is certainly important, it means nothing without the leadership, dedication, and commitment from the individuals making up the project committee.

During its history, Historic Hoosier Hills has been host to many project committees involved in education, communications, economic development, conservation on the land, water quality and various other ventures that benefit individuals and their communities. In addition, many services were provided to the numerous project groups and partners that we've worked with, helping them to accomplish their mission. Through the interest and caring of countless individuals, people's lives have been enriched by way of people helping people.

We provide service to residents of Clark, Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, and Switzerland Counties and are ready to hear from you. Simply contact us at 812-689-4107 for more information or visit us at www.hhhills.org. HHH is about "Helping you to 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.

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.

- ♦ Aurora High School Museum
 - ♦ Project Phoenix - graduated
 - ♦ Little Grand Theatre Company
 - ♦ Southeastern Indiana Media Arts Center
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Aurora High School Museum

by: Deb Baron and Sandy Richey

The year 2020 was a very different and challenging year! The Aurora High School Museum (AHSM) board members began the year opening the museum three days/evenings a week. Throughout the year, there were many events planned which were enthusiastically looking forward to, including participating in Main Street Aurora's Wine(d) and Dine(d) in Aurora, hosting Aurora Public Library District's local historian and AHS Class of 1967 Roy Lambert's talk about the history of Aurora High School, Bucket Drive fundraisers, and as always, the Aurora Farmers Fair. Then, with the growing uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus-19, due to health and safety concerns and with abundance of caution, on March 18th, prior to Governor Holcomb's Stay-At-Home Order which went into effect March 24, AHSM board members made the decision to temporarily close the museum. The museum reopened on June 19th with safety measure in place (wear masks, social distancing, and gloves available for wear when handling memorabilia).

The Coronavirus could not keep us down! With some rescheduling efforts, we were able to hold, not one, but two, Bucket Drives! What is a Bucket Drive? Aurora's City Council permits members of organizations to stand at the intersection of George & Johnson Streets, with signs, flags, banners, etc, promoting their cause. While smiling and holding buckets, members of these organizations greet drivers near the intersection. People in their stopped vehicles have an opportunity to drop money in buckets. Bucket drives have been an easy and fun way to raise funds while seeing many people! The two bucket drives held on August 29th and October 10th netted a total of \$2666! We are so very thankful and appreciative for all donations! We especially thank an Alum, Lawrence "Larry" Lynn, AHS '60, for his one-time generous donation of \$5000. Truly, Larry is a Lifetime Devil!



The AHS Museum is looking for a place to call home. Due to the previous location's owner wanting to expand his business, we moved out of that space in September. Although we've looked at several buildings in downtown Aurora, we have yet to find a suitable location. In the meantime, we are 'operating' the museum from our homes! Deb Baron has a collection of AHS yearbooks, on display, some memorabilia, and extra copies of yearbooks available for purchase. Sandy Richey (on fb) has merchandise (T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, sun visors, decals, ornaments, key fobs) available to purchase.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Aurora High School Museum? We are always seeking more members and anyone interested in reminiscing with us and other alumni, assisting us with events, and working at the museum (when we find a place)!

We are grateful and thankful for our partners who support and/or share our desire to keep the memories of Aurora High School alive: Historic Hoosier Hills, Main Street Aurora, PFS Community Foundation, City of Aurora and Aurora City Council, Register Publications, Beacon News Inc, Modern Printing Solutions LLC, local businesses, restaurants, anyone who has donated items, and our members!

We're on Facebook, "Aurora High School Museum", OR contact any of us for more information: Deb (Nelson) Baron '77; Carol (Abbott) Beach '68; John Markwalter '75; Kathy (Harrison) Neary '70; Sandy (Schonegg) Richey '71; Steve Turner '69

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 - graduated
- ♦ Versailles Historical Society
- ♦ SEI Community Gardens

Red Wolf Sanctuary

by: Paul Strasser, www.redwolf.org



This past year is nothing to write about. Early on, the virus that would consume all, took control of most of our activities. Gone, was any public interaction, as we had to cancel all tours. The staff and the access to volunteers was also reduced out of safety concerns. Even without a source of tour revenue, we continued to provide care and sanctuary to animals in need.

As people lost their jobs, the “pets” that they paid several hundreds of dollars for, were dumped in the lap of a very non-profit organization. Housing and food drained our resources even further, none were denied sanctuary. Rescued injured babies kept us busy. A Bobcat kitten was pulled out of a dry well. After we were able to get it back to health we could not

release it into the wild as it was imprinted on his human caretakers. Now this “murder muffin” needs another outdoor, completely enclosed, area to live out its life.

An immature Bald Eagle (approximately 2 years old) was discovered by a young lady while she was driving with her family on a country road. His right wing that could span 3-4 feet was amputated at its tip leaving him unbalanced and unable to take



flight. After a brief chase and the assistance of Manchester volunteer firefighters, this “angry bird” was safely secured and is recovering at the Red Wolf Sanctuary. Our plan to build a Raptor Center has taken on greater urgency. Currently we have moved “JUSTICE” to share a large enclosure with “LIBERTY,” an adult bald eagle rescued from a similar fate last year.

Projects that required strong backs were also put off until we could reassemble a workforce. College age students are generally the most available group. Their need for experience and physical capabilities have historically greatly assisted our efforts. This past year with schools going virtual made it impossible to achieve our goals. It is our hope that, as we all become vaccinated, tours and volunteers can once again visit the Red Wolf Sanctuary.

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.



Rivertown Quilters Guild

<http://rivertownquilters.com>

The Rivertown Quilters Guild, which started in 2004, has continued to provide members opportunities for fellowship, education, and community outreach based on the art of quilting for the past seventeen years. From the start, community outreach was a part of the guild's mission. As an official registered guild, Rivertown Quilters Guild started their community outreach by making quilts for children housed at the YES Home. Eventually, the Quilters Guild expanded their outreach by giving high quality Quilts of Valor to local veterans to honor their service to the country. A warm quilt can make all the difference to someone in need! Guild members also donated homemade quilts to a local neo-natal unit and the Ronald McDonald House.

Rivertown Quilters Guild operated in a very limited capacity in the past year because Tanners Valley Methodist Church closed in March of 2020 and allowed very restricted usage throughout the year. Individual members have continued to work at home on personal projects and efforts related to the Quilts of Valor outreach with local Veterans groups. Members remained in contact through postings on our closed Facebook page and email updates. Three meetings were held outside in the summer and we encouraged members to participate in a challenge project and block making contests. The previously installed Executive Board continued in place even though new elections should have occurred. All dues collections were suspended.

We had received an additional \$1000 grant from the Dearborn County Community Foundation before the pandemic closures and we were able to spend that money on fabric and batting for quilt kits to make more Quilts of Valor. We also



received private donations for the Quilts of Valor cause and another \$700 donation from the national Quilts of Valor Foundation for our local efforts. Our Quilts of Valor Chairperson, Sheila Stevenson, was able to give out ten Quilts of Valor to veterans in the Southeast Indiana region. Many precautions were taken to give the ten quilts out in private homes, assisted living centers, and at the Lawrenceburg Fall Fest. Sheila has stayed in close contact with the local Veterans groups through PG Gentrup, who has continued to assist with all the awarding of quilts to Veterans. We were sad to learn that two of the Veterans who received quilts in recent years have passed during this time period. The guild continues to be committed to awarding quilts to as many Veterans as possible and we have several quilts ready for distribution.

As the pandemic eases and normal meetings resume, we will need to address the challenges of elections, dues, and membership. We also will have to reassess the possibility of a guild retreat in the Fall and whether members decide to return to full activity within the guild. We are

hopeful that in time members will continue to stand in support of our guild projects and community. Anyone interested in the Rivertown Quilters Guild can find out more about us at rivertownquiltersguild.com. We are always open to new members and we welcome sewers at all skill levels.



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.

STEM+ Alliance

by: Ted Fowler and Lexi Brown

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.

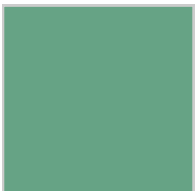
Why focus on STEM education? STEM is everywhere, shaping our everyday experiences. Science is in nature and our everyday lives, Technology is in our phones and food supply, Engineering is in our cars and homes, and Math is in everything. Like it or not we are a technology driven society and those with 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.

In August 2020, Historic Hoosier Hills partnered with Makers + Mentors Network, a Citizen Schools STEM initiative that provides STEM mentoring tools to underrepresented communities. Lexi Brown, AmeriCorps VISTA, is leading this initiative in supporting local students interested in STEM education and career pathways. Lexi has been collaborating among STEM educators in community colleges, such as Ivy Tech Community College, and local organizations to help strengthen community partnerships across the counties. Lexi has also been working to promote and leverage school programs in an effort to lower the barriers to underrepresented students. A key goal of this fellowship is to connect local students to maker-centered learning opportunities in the region. At the end of service, Lexi hopes to foster a program that provides resources, educational and career pathways, and community partnership among stakeholders for years to come.



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



SEI Community Gardens

by: Shyra Tedesco, stedesco@ivytech.edu (Director)

In our fourth season, the Southeast Indiana (SEI) Community Gardens had a significant impact on the community and continued to grow. We increased the Community Garden Action Team to a contact list of 119 individuals representing the general public, Ivy Tech students and staff, and over 30 community organizations. We increased the amount of produce for the Clearinghouse food pantry from ~500 pounds to ~700 pounds, also increasing the diversity of fruits and vegetables and providing greens year round with our indoor tower garden. We welcomed two new businesses to our Garbage to Garden Ivy Tech Service Learning Compost Trail and collected ~800 gallons of food scraps from local businesses for our compost pile, promoting zero waste and the production of natural fertilizer for our gardens.

We were very excited to add a new holistic program at the YES Home, Making Meals: A Gardening, Health, and Nutrition Program for Out of Home Adolescents. The overall objective of this program was to provide the YES home with a sustainable toolkit to improve overall physical and mental well-being for the YES home residents. Despite COVID restrictions, we met virtually with the residents biweekly for 6 months to demonstrate a variety of activities, including gardening in the greenhouse, outdoor raised beds and indoor tower garden, preparing and enjoying healthy meals with their produce, painting pots for indoor plants, physical activities, mindfulness and meditative activities, and goal setting. Residents also harvested blackberries for the clearinghouse food pantry at the Beecher community garden site.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, we were not able to hold community garden events. However, we continued to participate in the Lawrenceburg Main St. weekly Farmers Market where we provided produce from the garden for free will donation, spread awareness of our organization, and provided education on the benefits of gardening and composting. We were also limited in our ability to offer volunteer opportunities. However, Ivy Tech service learning students were able to assist in maintaining the indoor tower garden, outdoor gardens and compost trail and participate in the Farmers Market.



The SEI Community Gardens provides a collective impact model for cultivating the community. Our future endeavors include expanding the implementation of indoor tower gardens in our local schools and providing a Garden Inquiry curriculum for teachers and/or afterschool programs. In addition, we will be adding another garden site in Batesville near the schools with a learning center and handicap accessibility. We are also planning to develop gardens in Aurora and Milan. 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. We are excited to see what the future brings and appreciate the support of HHH helping our community “grow”.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SEICommunityGardens/>

Website: <https://www.seicommunitygardens.org/>



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.

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 the 2018 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: Ken Knouf

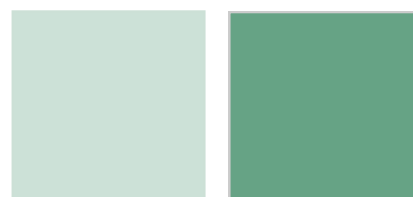
It's hard to believe that the JPGHP has been around for over 25 years. This close knit group was formed shortly after the closure of Jefferson Proving Ground in 1995, but unfortunately the Pandemic ended face-to-face meetings throughout 2020 and into 2021. The mission of the project has always been twofold: 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 25 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 2020 the partnership was asked by the Jefferson County Cemetery Board whether it might consider financing the broken crypt of Elizabeth Burns, wife of a Revolutionary War soldier and who lived on property that later was incorporated into Jefferson Proving Ground. When JPG was established, her grave was relocated to the new Craig Cemetery on Madison's hilltop. After 80 years in the new location, it was noticed that a nearby tree had fractured the crypt top and thus the interest in repairing it. The members of the JPGHP were canvassed, and all agreed that the estimate of \$500 would be a good use of the group's assets. Mark Tomprary, a contractor was hired, and after several weeks of strenuous effort, had the crypt repaired. JPGHP member Mike Moore, conducted historical research and published a story about Elizabeth Burns.



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. Hopefully we will again be able to meet.



Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Club



Except for this past 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 to the downtown area. They draw in outside visitors, which produce growth for local businesses and restaurants in downtown Rising Sun, and plan several other events throughout the year at nursing homes, senior apartment complexes, and even parking lots.

The train setups involve tons of animations; kids love to press the buttons

and make things come alive. One year, the volcano caught on fire and no one looked twice at it. The conductors build the trestles, bridges, and modular layouts from scratch.



The Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Association are currently seeking new active members or any volunteer help!

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. Any updates, information, and contact information can be found on the Facebook page. ALL ABOARD!!



The Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Association

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.

- ♦ **Central Muscatatuck Watershed**
- ♦ **Indian-Kentuck Watershed**
- ♦ **North Laughery Creek Watershed**

Central Muscatatuck Watershed



2020 was a challenge for everyone but the Central Muscatatuck Watershed is still going strong. With a grant total of \$349,133 the CMWP hit the ground running in 2017. In 2019 IDEM agreed to add an additional \$85,000 to the program due to the high demand of the cost share program.

Virtual style educational events and electronic web articles have allowed the Central Muscatatuck Watershed team the ability to still reach our educational goals. We have held virtual steering committee meetings, virtual septic workshops, drive-through cleanups and we have a virtual no-till event coming up on March 30, 2020.

This watershed covers five counties: Ripley, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Clark. As of today, all the cost share money has been allocated and waiting to be spent. Once practices are installed and bills are obtained by the watershed technician these funds will be out the door and forever in conservation practices.



This grant is scheduled to end on December 31, 2021. For more information please contact Steve Franklin or Kim Jolly at the Ripley County SWCD office by calling (812)689-6410 ext 3.

Indian-Kentuck Watershed

The 2nd phase of implementation on the Indian – Kentuck Watershed Project has been well received by landowners within the watershed.

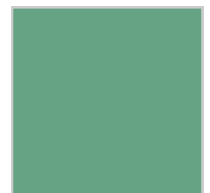
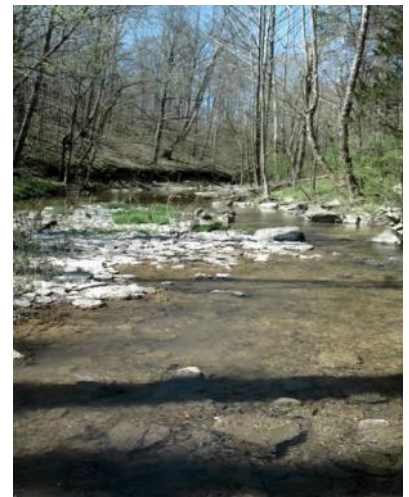
The Indian Kentuck Watershed consists of approximately 97,822 acres in portions of Jefferson, Ripley and Switzerland Counties in Indiana. The voluntary cost-share program is intended to provide landowners with financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices, also known as Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the watershed.

There are a variety of practices that continue to be implemented to improve the quality of water within the stream. Some of these practices include – cover crops, fencing, alternative watering systems, heavy use area protection, pasture and hayland seeding, riparian buffers, conservation cover and filter strips, grass waterways, critical area planting, stream crossings, roof runoff systems, waste utilization and comprehensive nutrient management plans.



To be eligible for this program you must tend crops or livestock in the Indian Kentuck Watershed and be interested in encompassing conservation practices into your operation. Received applications will be ranked based on proximity to a waterbody and potential for reducing sediment, E. coli, and nutrient pollution.

For more information on the cost-share program please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District in Jefferson, Ripley, Switzerland or contact Historic Hoosier Hills office at 812-689-4107.



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

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.



The Woodland Committee holds different meetings throughout the year with exceptional speakers at each event. Meetings can include discussions on forestry ecology, harvesting, tours, 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

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

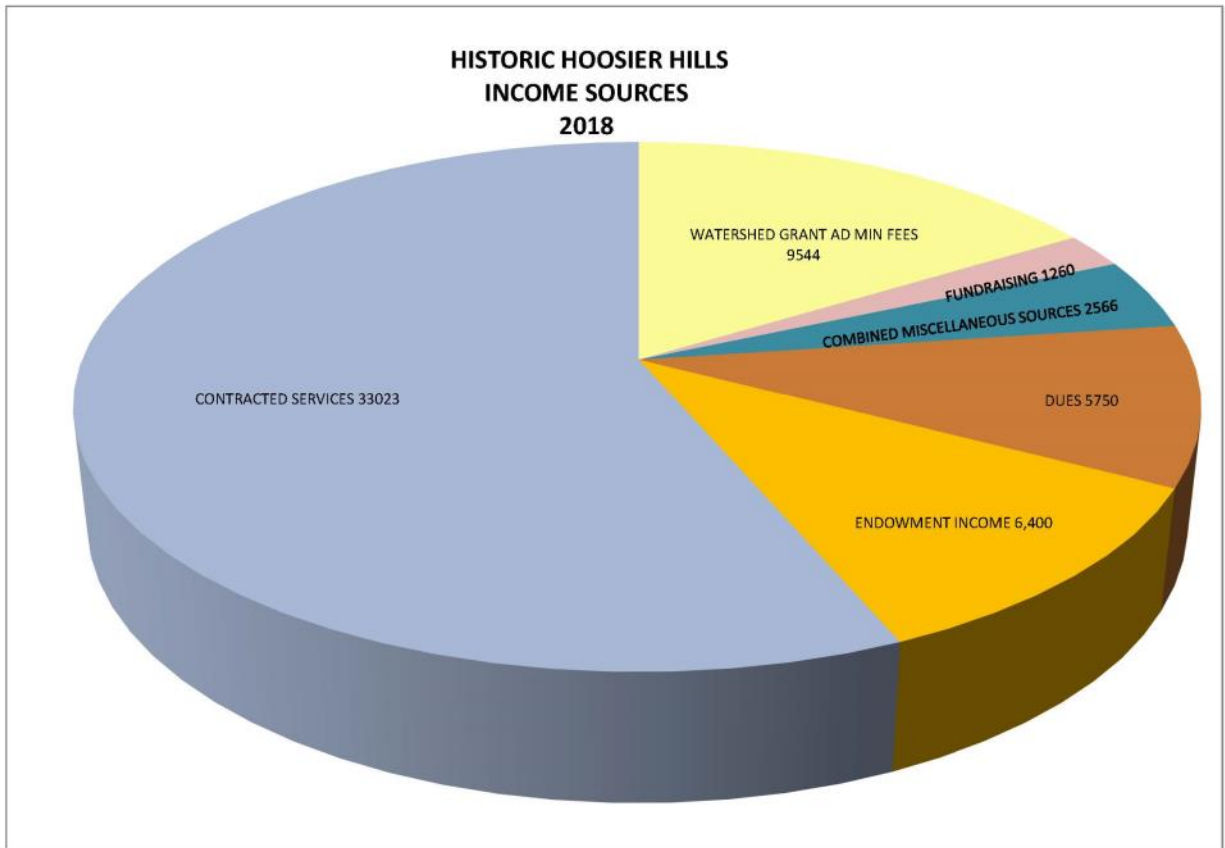
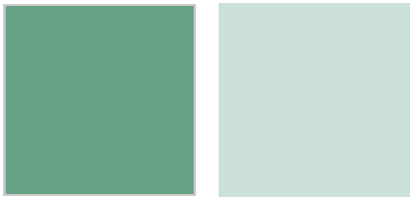
rural opportunities

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.

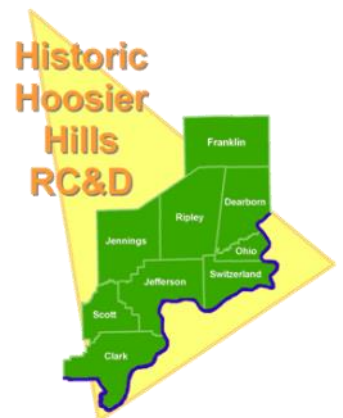
- ♦ **George Rogers Clark Land Trust - graduated**
- ♦ **Regional No-Till Committee**
- ♦ **Madison Growers Association CSA**





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 2020

5 to the 5 Vintage Hydros

Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County\$10,000.00

Aurora High School Museum

PBS\$1,000.00

Catch A Ride - LifeTime Resources

INDOT Grant\$1,175,094.00

Central Muscatatuck Watershed - Phase 3

IDEM - 319 Grant\$115,475.00

Conductors of Southeastern Indiana Model Train Club

United Community Bank.....\$250.00

Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D

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

Indian Creek Watershed Project - Phase 2

IDEM - 319 Grant.....\$122,269.00

JPG Heritage Partnership

JCG\$2,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT MONIES RECEIVED AS OF December 31, 2018.....\$1,433,472.80

donations received in 2018

Aurora High School Museum - Various Funders.....\$3,253.00

Historic Hoosier Hills - Various Funders.....\$1,260.00

5 to the 5 Vintage Hydros - Various Funders.....\$22,836.00

Southeast Indiana Community Gardens - Various Funders.....\$466.00

Regional No-Till Committee - Various Funders.....\$50.00

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.

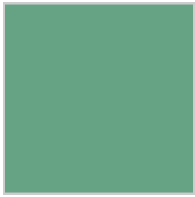
HHH, like any organization, has had its growing pains but the past few years have been full of promise and growth. When I was younger my father told me to understand where you are going you must know about your past. It is on this concept that we acknowledge our past, rejoice in our triumphs and learn from our mistakes. In 2021 we still feel that HHH is stronger than ever and we are very excited about the future.

Our tag line is Helping You Help Your Hometown, this is the grassroots concept that has pushed 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!!! There are many ways to get involved. 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 and support 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
Historic Hoosier Hills



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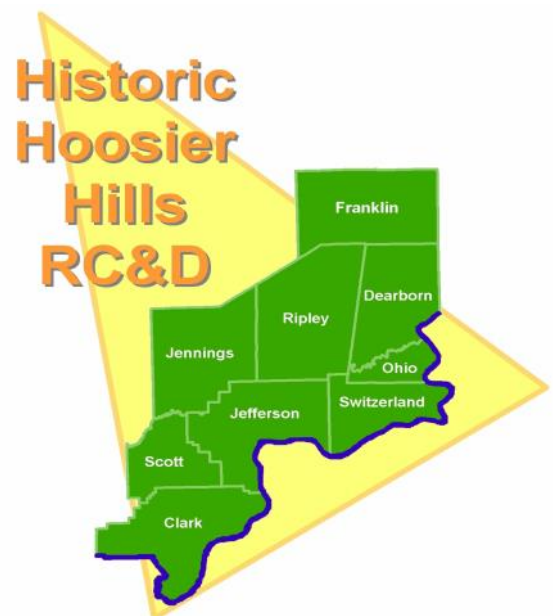
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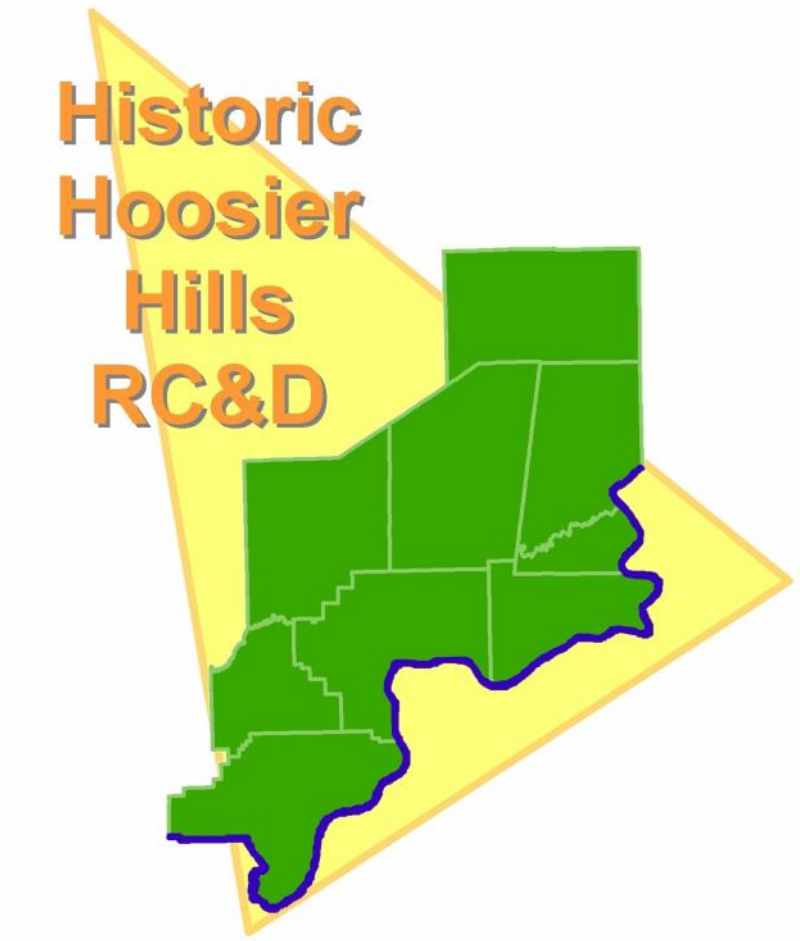
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