

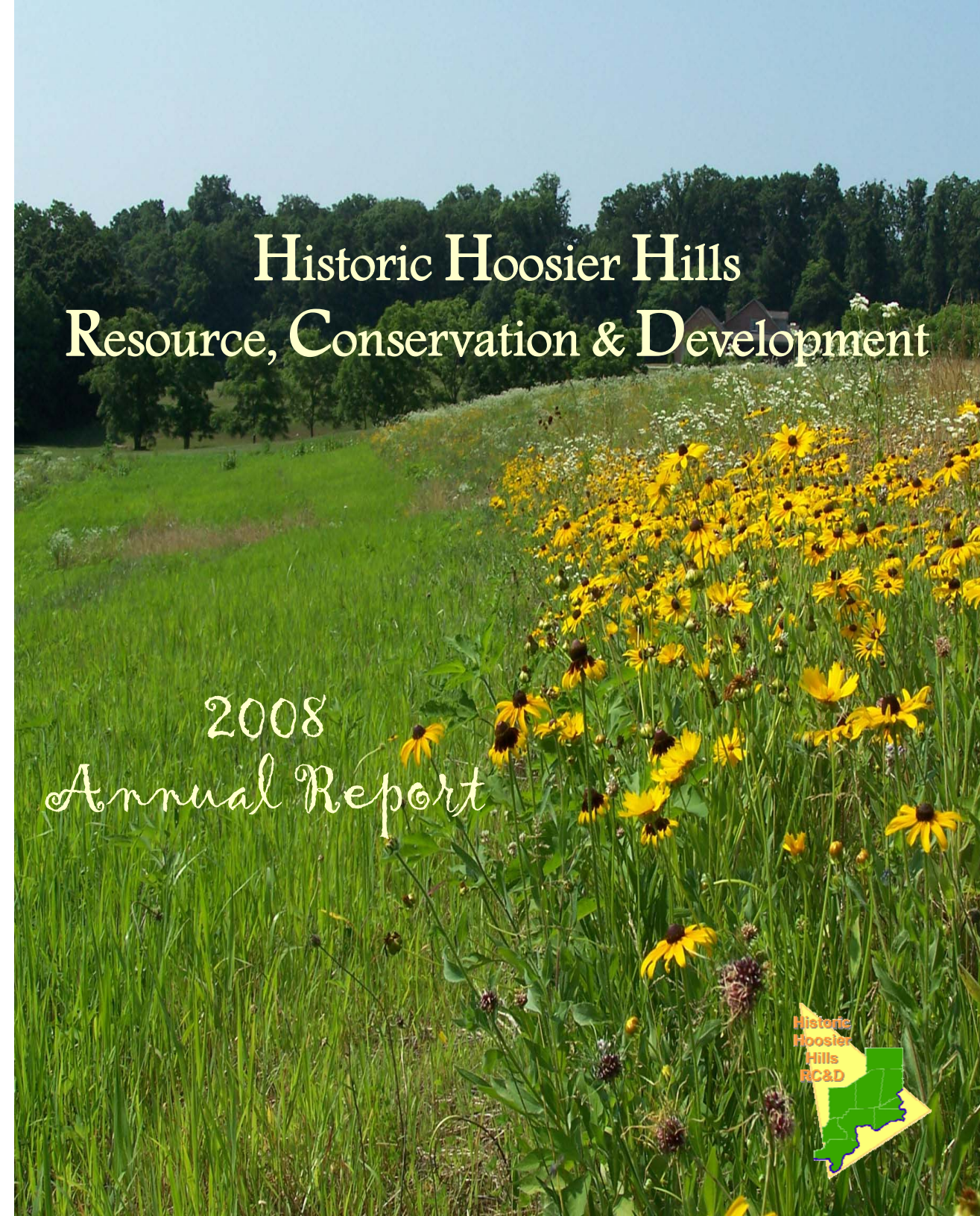
## PROJECT COMMITTEES OF HISTORIC HOOSIER HILLS:

In the Annual Report you will have read about many of Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Project Committees but due to space limitations not all committees were featured in this report. Below is a list of all the project committees in the Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Area:

- Franklin County Water Main Extension
- Lake McCoy Project
- Napoleon Fire Department
- Osgood Community Homes
- Southeast Indiana Media Arts
- Versailles State Park Inn
- Akers Cemetery
- Hayden Waste Water Treatment
- Bennington/Moorefield Waste Water Treatment
- Conservation Education Committee
- Denver Siekman Environmental Park
- Geneva Oaks Project
- Leadership Development
- Red Wolf Sanctuary
- Ripley County Youth Archery Club
- WAVES
- Laughery Valley Fish & Game club
- Tri-State Woodland & Wildlife Committee
- Woodland Committee
- Plant a Tree for You & Me
- Batesville Wastewater Project
- Versailles Historical Society
- Project Phoenix
- Horse Feathers Therapeutic Farm
- Branded Beef Project
- Clark/Floyd Landfill Methane Recovery
- Clark/Jefferson/Scott Grazing Land Committee
- Laughery Valley Food & Growers Association
- Lake Santee Sediment Control
- George Rogers Clark Land Trust
- Forage & Livestock Committee
- Jennings County Growers Cooperation
- Regional No-Till Committee
- Switzerland/Ohio Solid Waste Project
- Ways to Grow & Beyond
- Historic Sternwheeler Preservation Society
- Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership
- John Hunt Morgan Trail
- Madison Heritage Trail
- Versailles State Park Nature Center
- Whitewater Canal Trail Project
- Indian Creek Watershed
- Friends of Muscatatuck
- Sand Creek Watershed
- South Laughery Creek Watershed
- Tanners Creek Watershed
- Central Muscatatuck Watershed
- Hogan Creek Watershed

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Our mission is to serve as a catalyst to motivate local people to 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 to create a workable economic climate in harmony with natural resources developed to their full potential for a higher quality life.

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Dear Friends,

We are ready to take some big steps in Southeast Indiana. The Historic Hoosier Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council is in an excellent position to impact the quality of life in this region of the state. The work of the people that make up the many project committees of HHH contributes greatly to the quality of life for all our citizens. New projects and additional volunteers come forward every month.

All that we need now are additional resources: people, ideas, and funding. If you have the time to work for a project and if you know of others you can bring along, please join a project committee and get involved. If you have an idea for a project that will benefit others in the region, please contact the office or a council member and explain what you have in mind. If your willing to contribute financially to HHH projects or to specific projects in your county, please contact us to find out about ways to support your community.

Coming this fall there will be a tour of several HHH projects. Join us for a pleasant day of education and involvement. See what your friends and neighbors are doing in the HHH counties. And, become an active member of your regional community.



*Ted Fowler*  
 Ted Fowler  
 President

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AT-A-GLANCE:

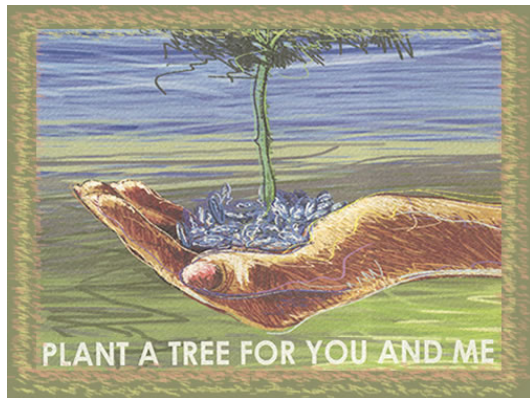
## Plant a Tree for You and Me

by: *Melanie Davis, melanie.davis@in.nacdnet.net*

Plant A Tree For You And Me (PAT), project committee of HHH, enjoyed a busy and successful year in 2008. Three new partners were welcomed to the project: Crawford, Harrison, and Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). Partners promoted PAT throughout the year with tree sales, news media, and other outreach activities. As a result, total trees planted for the project reached 20,077 at the end of the year. This realized a personal goal of the project partners of planting 20,000 trees each year of the five-year project.

PAT received much attention last fall when the Clark County SWCD received a District Showcase award from the Indiana State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This award showcases the work Districts are doing to put conservation best management practices on the ground on agricultural and non-agricultural lands. As part of this recognition, representatives of the Indiana Conservation Partnership, along with the National Association of Conservation Districts, visited Clark County in November to tour highlights of the project.

PAT partners are planning an exciting year for 2009, which will include workshops, more tree sales, expanded educational focus, and hopefully, more new partners!



## Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership (JPGHP)

by: *Ken Knouf, www.jpgheritage.org*

The JPGHP was formed in 1996, after the former Army munitions testing facility closed, in order to promote and foster an understanding and appreciation of Jefferson Proving Ground and its impact on the lives of the people in the area. Over its 13 years as an HHH committee, the 25-member organization has hosted a variety of historical seminars, conducted tours on the proving ground (now Big Oaks NWR), and has developed and marketed a number of publications, both reprints and brand newly published books. Books available from past efforts include "Old Timbers" by Chilton Thomson, "A History of Saint Magdalene Catholic Church" by Barbara R. Jachimiak, Jean McClellan's "Come Visit," and "Jefferson Proving Ground-Assorted Newspaper Clippings." Highlights of the 2008 operating year included completion of a permanent JPG exhibit at the Jefferson County Historical Society Heritage Center, the 3<sup>rd</sup> reprinting and distribution of Chilton Thomson's "Old Timbers," and hosting a 7th successful seminar at Old Timbers Lodge. We also maintain a very popular web page that can be accessed at [www.jpgheritage.org](http://www.jpgheritage.org). In 2009, the JPGHP will publish a new book containing oral histories, seldom seen photographs, and other JPG material and conduct a spring tour of the property. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and rotate among Versailles, Madison, and North Vernon.

# LEAVING A LEGACY:

In 1995, Historic Hoosier Hills set-up their first endowment fund with the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County. After 13 years the endowment has grown to \$110,930.68 from contributors who are interested and believe in what Historic Hoosier Hills has to offer the southeast area of Indiana.

In 2008, Historic Hoosier Hills Board of Directors decided to expand their endowment locations and the following endowment funds were added at the Switzerland County Community Foundation, Jennings County Community Foundation and the Ripley County Community Foundation.

The Board of Directors plans to have an endowment set-up in all 9 counties within the next few years.

If you are interested in learning more about the endowments the RC&D has set-up please phone 812-689-6410 extension 5.

### Leaving a Legacy

If you share our commitment to wise stewardship of our natural and economic resources, please consider joining us to ensure that this work carries forward into future generations. Contact the Historic Hoosier Hills office to discuss planned giving options. Always consult your advisors about philanthropic gifts. If you have already included us in your estate planning, please let us know so we can thank you.

If you just can't wait to help.....

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Enclosed is my gift of:    \_\_\_\_\_\$25    \_\_\_\_\_\$50    \_\_\_\_\_\$100    \_\_\_\_\_\$500    \_\_\_\_\_Other

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**Jennings County Community Foundation**                      Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Ripley County Community Foundation**                      Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to the desired Foundation and include a note in the memo area

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# NATIONAL RC&D WEEK:

Please see back page for list of all project committees in the HHH area.

## HHH Holds 1st Annual Projects Committee Tour

by: Casie Auxier, [casie.auxier@in.usda.gov](mailto:casie.auxier@in.usda.gov)

In September, during National RC&D Week, Historic Hoosier Hills Council took the opportunity to educate area residents about HHH and their current projects. The day began with participants meeting at the HHH office, boarding a bus and traveling to the Madison Heritage Trail (MHT). Bob Greene and Jim Olson, members MHT project committee, informed participants of the history of the trail area and the plans on how the trail will be expanded over the next few years from downtown Madison to the hilltop (approximately 5.2 miles long).

Next the group journeyed to the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum to visit the new Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership (JPGHP) display where Ken Knouf, member of the JPGHP committee, showcased the new exhibit and gave a brief overview of the history of the proving ground and of the JPGHP committee. Also, while at the museum, Elbert Hinds, member of the John Hunt Morgan Trail (JHMT) gave a brief presentation on the JHMT. Elbert informed the participants of the materials that are for sale at the HHH office. The JHMT committee was gracious enough to give all tour goers a cassette tape and guidebook.

Then it was off to Vevay for lunch at the Ogle Haus and the participants got a chance to learn more about endowments. Pam Acton and Melissa Andrew from the Switzerland County Community Foundation educated tour goers on the benefits of setting up endowments and how they can give to area groups.

Finally, the day ended at the Red Wolf Sanctuary at their new location in Rising Sun. Paul Strasser, owner of the sanctuary, gave the group a tour of the new location and went over their goals. Red Wolf hopes to start moving animals to the Rising Sun location in early 2009.

Historic Hoosier Hills Board of Directors plans to make the tour an annual event each September. If you are interested in attending the next tour or would like more information please phone the office at 812-689-6410 extension 5 or email [hhhills@seidata.com](mailto:hhhills@seidata.com).



## Denver Siekman Environmental Park

by: Janie Eldridge, [denversiekmanep@yahoo.com](mailto:denversiekmanep@yahoo.com)

In 2008, the Denver Siekman Environmental Park (DSEP) hosted 46 educational events. Which include first through fifth grade fieldtrips, girls scouts, cub scouts, preschoolers, homeschoolers, and Project Shine for our youth and 5 trainings for adults. A total of 1250 youth and 371 adults. The DSEP has 95 volunteers at this time. Individuals share their time and or talents in many ways. A total 6869 volunteer hours have been recorded since January 1, 2008.

Our major goals for 2008 was to add more educational programs for adults, to offer and encourage the teachers of the Rising Sun/ Ohio County School System to use the park for fieldtrips and to begin the initial planning for the homestead project.

DSEP hosted the National Wildlife Federation Habitat Stewart Training. Eight individuals became certified Backyard Habitat Stewards after 25 hours of training. Larry Bailey and Janie Eldridge local Wildlife Habitat Steward Certified Trainers with a number of guest speakers conducted the trainings. Participants received information which assisted them with certifying their wildlife habitat area. We now have 11 Certified Backyard Habitat areas and nine home sites.



We began the process of having an assessment and evaluation done of the homestead area our next goal for the Denver Siekman Environmental Park is to save the English style barn & stave silo and renovate it into a theater barn. The frame of the original barn is capable of being conserved and developed. The process of stabilizing and reinforcing the barn's frame will entail using fabricated anchors and cables to slowly draw the



members back into plumb and level positions; lifting columns and providing new pier foundations to support and anchor the building; and replacement of missing structural components. Following stabilization of the barn frame, the weakened and collapsing additions may be carefully removed. The stave silo, constructed as a free standing and self-supporting structure, has lost its original shape and leans toward the barn. Its stabilization and restoration will be accomplished in much the same process as the barn, by the use of fabricated anchoring devices and cables to right the assembly. It should be anticipated that the correction of the silo will be much slower a process. Small incremental adjustments to the silo can be implemented only after the tongue and grooved staves have responded to the previous adjustments.

If you are interested in learning more about DSEP stop by the park at 3334 Walston Road in Rising Sun or phone 812-438-1230.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AT-A-GLANCE:

## Red Wolf Sanctuary

by: Jane Strasser, [www.redwolf.org](http://www.redwolf.org)

It had been the goal to relocate the entire facility to its new home during the past year. Most of the major structures have been completed all that was left was the seemingly endless list of small projects that might prevent first time approval upon inspection.

As is the case everywhere the economy has forced a reduction in our work force causing these projects to take longer to complete. These efforts took us through the summer and fall months and by early winter the bears were settling in for their hibernation and the wolves breeding season was approaching.

We have made an appointment with the USDA inspector to visit both our sites in the first week in March and if all goes well by April animals should reside in their spacious new digs in Rising Sun, Indiana. In order to allow them to settle in and to work out the kinks of maintaining a site 20 times larger, we project an opening to the public by early summer.

Because of the early assistance from Historic Hoosier Hills the 100 acres of prairie are now mature, drawing in unique wildlife including a golden eagle. Pairs of bald eagles are utilizing the 6 acres of wetlands now in its second season.

This does not mean that we are anywhere near complete. The raptor center needs to be built allowing the public the opportunity to see some of the magnificent birds of prey that live in this region. The construction of the outdoor cat and bear enclosures will take a sizeable workforce and the old sanctuary must be dismantled and usable materials will be recycled in to the new facility. The shell of the bear barn serving as a photo and art studio must be erected and the funding for the education center must be secured.

In order to achieve these goals we must depend upon the continued support of organizations such as Historic Hoosier Hills so that we can all help in saving the living past for the future to enjoy.



## Woodland Committee

by: Alan Bolenbaugh, [abolen@att.net](mailto:abolen@att.net)

The Woodland Committee held various meetings, programs and workshops for interested woodland owners in 2008. Topics included Forest Roads: Construction and Maintenance; Best Management Practices and Forest Management; International Use of Indiana Hardwoods; Agriculture in Iceland; Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge; Forestry Management for Wildlife Preservation; Emerald Ash Borer; Invasive Plants and a Timber Industry Meeting.



Our membership is not large but we are united in our concerns for the health of our woodlands. We welcome woodland owners to our events, usually held the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in more information about the Woodland Committee or would like to be added to our mailing list contact the HHH office at 812-689-6410 extension 5 or via email at [hills@seidata.com](mailto:hills@seidata.com)

# 2008 FINANCE SUMMARY:

## Project Committee Balances as of December 31, 2008

Branded Beef.....	\$5,699.15
Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project.....	(21,171.25)
Conservation Education Committee.....	1,025.31
CSP Workshop.....	140.44
Denver Siekman Environmental Park.....	3,986.41
Forage & Livestock Committee.....	10,537.13
Friends of Muscatatuck.....	2,200.00
Grazing Lands Water Quality.....	304.55
Heritage Trail of Madison.....	3,331.52
Indian Creek Watershed Project.....	1,192.67
John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail.....	668.38
Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership.....	10,711.91
Laughery Valley Fish & Wildlife Association.....	5.00
Laughery Valley Food & Growers (Farmers Market Funds).....	3,243.14
Laughery Valley Food & Growers.....	2,885.78
Leadership 20/20 Program.....	1,819.73
Leadership Institute.....	299.47
Phoenix House.....	536.36
Plant a Tree for You and Me.....	1,459.92
RC&D Council.....	27,897.00
RC&D Council (Reserve Fund).....	4,640.00
Red Wolf Sanctuary.....	1,831.57
Sand Creek Watershed.....	3,792.94
South East Indiana Media Arts Council.....	593.81
South Laughery Creek Watershed.....	(18,981.24)
State Park Nature Center.....	167.22
Switzerland County Watersheds.....	16,828.23
Tanners Creek Watershed.....	1,118.09
Televillage Executive Committee.....	31.45
Tourism Resource & Development.....	46.32
Tri-State Woodland & Wildlife Workshop.....	820.00
Versailles Historical Society.....	39,305.86
W.A.V.E.S. for Kids.....	13,775.16
Ways to Grow.....	24,656.74
Woodland Committee.....	4,511.76

**TOTAL PROJECT COMMITTEES BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008.....\$149,910.53**

## Project Committee Reserve Funds Balances as of 12/31/08

Forage & Livestock Committee.....	\$1,300.00
Heritage Trail of Madison.....	3,100.00
John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail.....	3,630.00
Leadership Program.....	500.00
RC&D Council.....	17,170.14
Woodland Committee.....	6,729.12

**TOTAL PROJECT COMMITTEE RESERVE FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008.....\$32,429.26**

# GRANT MONIES RECEIVED IN 2008:

## Central Muscatatuck Watershed

IDEM - 319 Grant .....	\$42,833.29
Wal-Mart Foundation .....	\$1,500.00
Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County .....	\$1,000.00

## Denver Siekman Environmental Park

Ohio County Community Foundation.....	\$2,500.00
Indiana Humanities Council.....	\$200.00
Ohio County Community Foundation.....	\$100.00
Ohio County Community Foundation.....	\$3,000.00
Rising Sun City Council.....	\$15,000.00
Ohio County Council.....	\$15,000.00

## Friends of Muscatatuck River Society

Wal-Mart Foundation.....	\$1,000.00
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## Historic Sternwheeler - Barbara H

Indiana Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology.....	\$2,048.67
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## Indian Creek Watershed Project

IDEM - 319 Grant.....	\$10,276.23
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## Jefferson Proving Ground Heritage Partnership

Ripley County Community Foundation.....	\$100.00
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## Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D

Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County (Endowment Returns).....	\$5,960.00
Switzerland County Community Foundation.....	\$500.00

## Red Wolf Sanctuary

Salary Fund.....	\$71,000.00
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## South Laughery Creek Watershed

IDEM - 319 Grant.....	\$96,587.95
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## Southeast Indiana Llama & Alpaca Association

Ripley County Community Foundation.....	\$300.00
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## Versailles Historical Society

Tyson Fund.....	\$15,000.00
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## W.A.V.E.S.

Dewald Family Foundation.....	\$36,000.00
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## Ways to Grow

USDA Rural Development.....	\$30,403.76
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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT MONIES RECEIVED IN 2008.....\$350,309.90** 8

Please see back page for list of all project committees in the HHH area.

## Project Phoenix

by: *Tim Harmon, project\_phoenix@verizon.net*

Project Phoenix is a new project committee of Historic Hoosier Hills that was formed in 2008. We are based in Jefferson County and our mission is to provide compassionate support to families who have lost their home due to a tragedy by offering free temporary housing and by helping them connect with additional resources to help restore normalcy to their lives as quickly as possible. Our initial goal is to purchase or have donated a 3-bedroom home that we could fix up as necessary and then maintain fully furnished and ready at anytime to house a family who has lost their home or been displaced due to fire, flooding or other damage to their home or apartment.



In 2008, we established our board of directors and applied for the fall grant program with the Jefferson County Community Foundation but were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant. We have since continued work on our constitution, by-laws and are working with our attorney on filing for our not-for-profit status with the State of Indiana. We have also met with a local bank who has pledged to help us by donating a house or offering a

deeply discounted sale of a house to our group when they receive an appropriate property back. We will continue to seek out donations and other pledges of support our project in 2009 and are looking forward to a year of opportunities for our group. If you are interested in learning more about our project you can email us at [project\\_phoenix@verizon.net](mailto:project_phoenix@verizon.net).

## Laughery Valley Food & Growers Association

by: *Kathy Cooley, www.foodandgrowers.org*

The Food and Growers Association of Laughery Valley and Environs purpose is to promote a local sustainable food supply. Our action plan includes projects and encourage local producers to produce more products and our local consumers to buy from local farmers. We do this through seminars, web site, the farmer's market and supporting organizations with similar visions. We have a small leadership team made up of 9 people. We meet most months and are very appreciative of Historic Hoosier Hills for guidance and leadership. We can spend our time developing the organization without worrying about all the details of running a non-profit group.



# WATERSHED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN 2008



## Central Muscatatuck Watershed

by: Robert Miller, [rob.miller@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:rob.miller@in.nacdnet.net)

The Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project (CMWP) has experienced a full year of successes due to the helping people within the watershed community. The Federal 319 non-point source water pollution grant project which started in August of 2007 has been studying the health of the watershed.

The following is a list of activities that the watershed community accomplished in order to work towards the goal of a healthy watershed.

- Over 500 hours of Volunteer Water Quality Testing has been completed.
- 200 hours spent by Volunteer Committee Members to develop a watershed management plan.
- Hanover College and The Rivers Institute Internships spent the summer studying headwater water quality and the heavy metals in the streams within the watershed.
- Hardy Lake Cleanup—over 190 volunteers helped to pick up trash around the lake and along county roads.
- More than \$44,000 of Local Grants Received and volunteer hours have been accumulated.

Almost all of these accomplishments are planned to be repeated in 2009 with the grant ending in August of 2009. All of this work has led to the application for another 319 watershed grant of more than \$500,000 of which \$250,000 will go directly to farmers for cost share programs to improve farm management and watershed health on the ground. So the work is not done and we will still need more people taking the time to take action and care to make a healthier watershed for the present and future. If you would like to help with the Central Muscatatuck Watershed Project to help improve the health of the streams in your backyard call 1-812-273-2070 extension 3.



## Tanners Creek Watershed

by: Kris Vance, [kris.vance@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:kris.vance@in.nacdnet.net)

With the continuation of the cost-share and education programs, the Tanners Creek Watershed Project saw many successes in the year 2008 including:

- **2007 River Sweep** - more than 170 people joined forces to clean up Tanners Creek, Hogan Creek and the Ohio River.
- **Fourth Grade Water Festival** - Approximately 650 fourth grade students learned about key watershed issues such as wildlife and the water cycle.



- **Fifth Grade Arbor Day Presentation** - Students were educated on "Tree Needs" during this annual Greendale event.
- **Conservation Field Day** - Adults learned about pond management, tree management and wildlife habitat management practices.
- **Cost-share** - Paid out more than \$32,000 and reduced sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen loading in Tanners Creek.

In September of 2008, the project received another round of EPA 319 grant funding and will continue to support countless educational opportunities and install conservation practices within the watershed boundaries



## Hogan Creek Watershed

by: Kris Vance, [kris.vance@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:kris.vance@in.nacdnet.net)

In 2008, the Hogan Creek Watershed Project began its second EPA 319 grant phase. This grant allows the HCWP to provide various educational opportunities for watershed residents and install conservation practices on the land through a local cost-share program. The following is just a snapshot of the successes we've seen.

- HCWP joined forces with TCWP in presenting the 2008 Water Festival.
- The coordinator visited several classrooms and local events to give presentations on environmental issues throughout the year.
- Approximately \$12,000 were paid out in 2008 for conservation practices.
- Canoe ramp was installed at Waterways Park.



While we have seen many successes in 2008, we are welcoming in an even better 2009. Be on the look out for more great projects next year!

## South Laughery Creek Watershed

by: Kim Jolly, [kim.jolly@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:kim.jolly@in.nacdnet.net)

The South Laughery Creek Watershed Project is half way through the second phase of the EPA 319 grant. Many exciting things have happened over 2008. Some highlights over the past year include:

- A total of 133 projects have been planned and approved for cost-sharing assistance through SLCWP and an additional 16 through the federal EQIP program. Already 40 of those projects have been installed totaling in \$60,000 given to landowners.
- Partnered with Dearborn County SWCD and Best Way Disposal to cleanup Cole Lane with the help of many South Ripley Students and watershed residents to pick up over 1 ton of trash.
- Combined efforts with Ripley County SWCD to hold workshops such as septic system meetings and pond clinics.
- Teamed up with HCWP and CMWP to provide educational workshops and presentations to teachers and students.

A new grant has been funded that will begin in April 1, 2009 and commence on January 31, 2013. An additional \$250,000 will be allocated over the four year period. This is a project administered under Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D.