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UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Call Out & Dinner
Thurs., Feb. 16, 6:30 pm
Canal Interpretive Center

Join us for a free ham and bean dinner, and find out about how you can get involved at Canal Park!

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Project W.E.E.D (Wabash & Erie Earth Day)
Sat., Apr. 21, 9:00 am
Canal Park

Celebrate Earth Day by pitching in around Canal Park

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- New additions to two existing trails

Our Smokehouse Becomes...A Crafter's Cabin



Our M-W-F volunteers have taken advantage of the unusually mild winter to work outside in Canal Park's Pioneer Village. Here is the latest re-build of an old cabin we used to call the Smokehouse. With the enlarged roof and new location, we will likely use this as a crafter's cabin, especially in the summer. Al, Vern and Roy are "chinking" the logs in preparation for daubing with mortar when the weather warms up in the spring.

and related sites. Individuals and groups welcome.

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Mark Your Calendar...
Annual Meeting of the Canal Association
Tues., Apr. 17

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BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!



Another mild day gave our M-W-F crew the opportunity to cut lumber on Rollin Graybill's portable sawmill. This clean and bright stack of freshly cut boards will be used to complete the roof of the little log craft shop.



By our next M-W-F workday after cutting the rafters, the roof was ready to shingle with cedar shakes. Working outdoors these nice "winter" days makes the crew happy.

New Features Planned For Two Existing Trails

Interactive Exhibit Slated for VanScoy Towpath Trail

[Noble Bikes at the Canal](#) is now open by appointment only until spring of 2012, when normal hours will resume.



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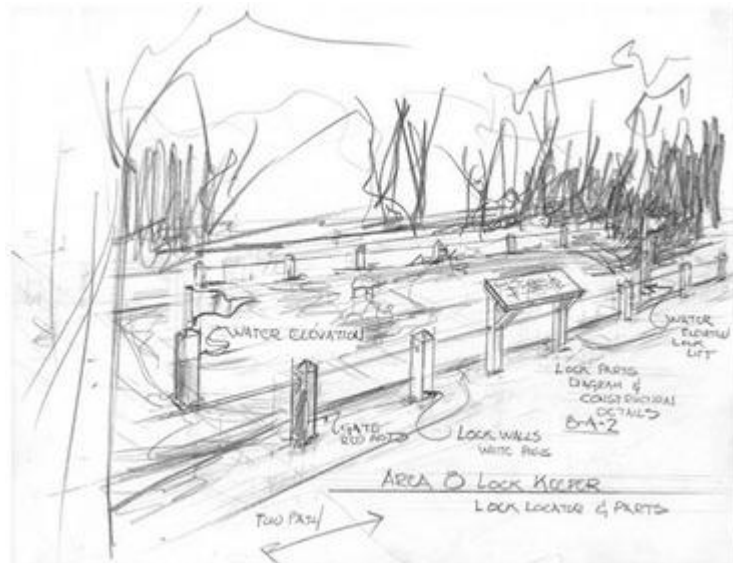


We have many volunteer opportunities to suit your skills and time!

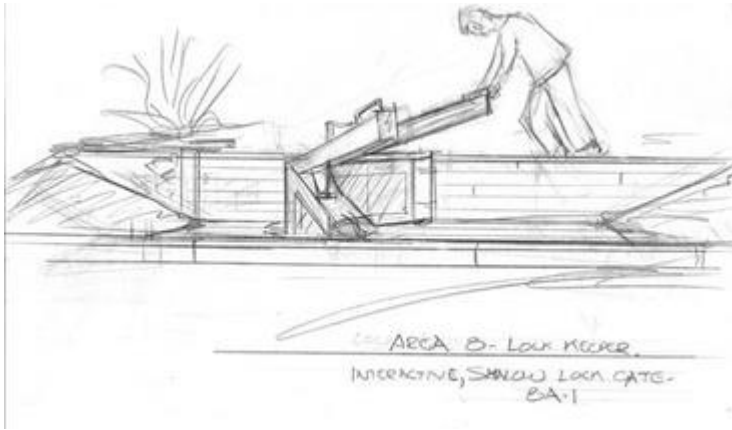
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This site along the VanScoy Towpath Trail contains historic Lock #33. We have planned a trailside interactive exhibit here, which will allow hikers to experience what it is like to walk through a lock chamber and experiencing a four foot rise or fall, just as canal boats did when using the the locks long ago.



In the exhibit, the chamber beside the trail will be marked with posts to illustrate the size and position. Additionally, there will be an interpretive panel explaining how locks work.



It will feature a moveable lock gate at the end of the four foot descent in the pathway, which will create a truly unique and interesting experience for visitors.



These massive cut stones from Huntington, Indiana will become the lock wall on one side of the trail in the exhibit.

New Ideas for the Monon High Bridge Trail

Although the Hoosier Heartland Highway will cut through the current trail, volunteers (and a relocated bridge) will add interest and new views for hikers.



Purdue Professor Bernie Dahl (center), and two students from his landscape architecture class, came to Delphi to study development possibilities on the Monon High Bridge Trail. They will study potential trail extensions and development of a trailhead near the new four-lane Hoosier Heartland Highway to be constructed in 2012 and 2013.



Several former area residents are helping with the study of the Monon Trail landscape where it extends east of Delphi. With their assistance, we are gathering trailside references about the Pioneers who settled here long ago. Here, the Pyle family reminiscence. Son Mike, father Ken and son Larry, who lived here 40 years ago, are on the trail behind their former home.

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