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Daniels announces \$19 million for new trails investment

INDIANAPOLIS (May 20, 2008) – Governor Mitch Daniels today announced \$19 million in new investment for trails development as a part of his *Hoosiers on the Move* statewide trails plan.

“By making Indiana a ‘State of Trails’ we not only create new recreational opportunities, but also show the people who can bring businesses here the quality of life that Hoosiers enjoy,” said Daniels.

The one-time distribution will be directed to 28 projects throughout the state by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and will result in 104 miles of new trails being built and the acquisition of land for an expected 26 miles of future trail development. Currently the state system includes about 400 miles of multi-use trails.

Projects were chosen based upon geographic diversity, readiness to build, connectivity to the trails system, and local support. These funds are in addition to the \$20 million the state invests annually as part of Daniels' Hoosiers on the Move trails initiative to connect communities throughout the state. The 10-year plan calls for every Hoosier to be within 15 minutes of trail.

“The governor's announcement truly marks an historic day for the future of trails and greenways in Indiana. We could not be more enthused or appreciative of his efforts,” said Matthew T. Klein, board president of the Greenways Foundation. “It really shows that Gov. Daniels embraces the many economic and health benefits of linear parks.”

DNR will manage both the new funding being allocated to local trails projects and the 150 miles of abandoned railroad corridor the state recently acquired for distribution to government entities and local trail groups for potential trail development.

Some of the projects that will receive funding are:

- Historic Collett Park Pathway in Terre Haute. This project will build a 1.6 mile segment of the National Road Heritage Trail Greenway System and will connect Terre Haute's trail and greenway system with the campus of Indiana State University and other community sites.
- Wabash and Erie Canal Towpath Trail in Fort Wayne. The funding helps construct a 5.5 mile multi-use trail constructed primarily along the former route of the Wabash & Erie Canal.
- Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage in Evansville. This section of trail will link the Middle Levee and Riverfront Corridors to create 6.5 miles of continuous trails in Evansville.
- Clarksville Levee Trail in Clarksville. The funds will be used to construct a 1.33 mile extension of the trail that will become part of the Ohio River Greenway linking Jeffersonville, Clarksville and New Albany.

- B-Line Trail in Bloomington. This project will build a section of the 3.1 mile multi-use trail being developed along the abandoned CSX Railroad corridor that runs through downtown Bloomington.

A complete list including brief descriptions and a map of projects that will receive additional funding are available here: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/12752.htm>.

More information on the Indiana State, Trails, Greenways and Bikeways Plan is available here: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/planning/trailsplan/trailsplan2006.pdf>

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