

WABASH HERITAGE TRAIL WINS CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

West Lafayette's trail singled out by concrete association

West Lafayette, IN – February 4, 2013 – The only trail project recognized by the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association, the Wabash Heritage Trail in West Lafayette's Happy Hollow Park recently was awarded a 2013 Concrete Achievement Award for Excellence in Concrete Construction.

According to West Lafayette's Parks Superintendent Joe Payne, the City's four-mile portion of the Wabash Heritage Trail network recently was completed with the new trail constructed along North River Road through Happy Hollow Park to Rose Street, as well as to the existing trail segment connecting with Indian Trail Drive.

“The City's award was the result of a nomination by Purdy Concrete, the provider of hundreds of concrete blocks used to make the trail construction feasible, particularly to get the trail from the bottom of the hollow up to the top of the slope at Rose Street with switchbacks allowing trail grade to meet ADA requirements.

“Accessibility to all of our recreational amenities always plays an important role in our planning efforts, with ADA compliance an important factor so that everyone can navigate and enjoy our trails,” Payne said.

City officials are planning a celebratory event this spring to commemorate the completion of the Wabash Heritage Trail in West Lafayette.

A new trail section also was constructed in Tapawingo Park to connect the Wabash Heritage Trail through the Park with the existing trail segment along Tapawingo Drive South (to South River Road).

New trail segments also were constructed along Yeager Road and Cumberland Avenue as part of road renovation projects. Reconstruction of the Ravine Footpath, between Salisbury Street and the Wabash Heritage Trail in Happy Hollow Park, is underway with work continuing through this year.

Happy Hollow Park stretches from Happy Hollow Road (IN 443) to Salisbury Street.

West Lafayette boasts nearly 19 miles of paved trails and five miles of footpaths. An informational brochure and map of the entire 17-mile Wabash Heritage Trail network between Tippecanoe Battlefield and Fort Ouiatenon is available at: <http://www.homeofpurdue.com/pdfs/2011wabashtrailbrochure.pdf>

City officials were on hand at the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association's annual state meeting to accept the award.

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