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Hoosier Millennium will continue to focus on local initiatives, goals

120 Indiana cities, towns recognized as national millennium communities

Indiana's use of the millennium to strengthen local initiatives has made it a unique example on the national level and resulted in the state having the largest number of cities and towns being named to the list of national millennium communities.

"Indiana is unique in the great amount of statewide support for the millennium program," said Jennifer Ballen, spokesperson for the White House Millennium Council. "Hoosier Millennium has gone above and beyond in its number of participating communities and the level of their involvement."

The White House's list of 550 National Millennium Communities includes 120 Indiana cities and towns. Additionally, Indiana is one of four Millennium States. The cities and towns on the national list ~~are ones that~~ have formed a committee to plan and organize community-enhancing events and programs that include people and organizations from all aspects of the community. These programs also must relate to the White House Millennium Council's theme of "Remember the Past - Imagine the Future."

According to First Lady Judy O'Bannon, Indiana's use of the millennium as a way to put momentum behind community initiatives made Hoosier cities and towns a natural choice for this recognition.

"Many wondered why we were talking about the millennium in 1997, even before the national initiative was launched," Mrs. O'Bannon said. "But our vision was for a program of substance. One that would add momentum to what Hoosiers were wanting to do in their own hometowns and we knew that would take time."

In December 1997, Governor Frank O'Bannon created the 25-member Hoosier Millennium Task Force and asked his wife to serve as its chair. At that time, Governor O'Bannon asked the task force members to look for opportunities to strengthen local communities and support their goals for the future. With this vision, the task force adopted the theme of "Communities Building Community" for the Hoosier Millennium initiative.

In the beginning the task force members asked Hoosiers to consider four questions: What is our past? Where are we today? What do we want our communities to be in the future - specifically at the state's bicentennial in 2016? and How will we make that vision for the future a reality?

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Since 1997, more than 160 local Hoosier Millennium committees have been convened at the county, city, town, neighborhood and organizational level to identify and work toward achieving local goals. Some of these initiatives include:

- **East Chicago** – the city is focusing on five major projects that include millennium murals throughout the city, "Faces of East Chicago" photography contest and acquiring two city buildings for a community center.
- **Jeffersonville** – where the millennium committee partnered with city officials and the Main Street program to strengthen community policing efforts. The partnership has resulted in the creation of a bicycle patrol in the downtown district and surrounding neighborhoods.
- **Kokomo** – citizens have focused their efforts on their environmental and natural resources, including clean up along Wildcat Creek and the development of a bicycle and pedestrian trail.
- **Spiceland** – a town of about 800, where citizens raised \$90,000 on their own and then received another \$475,000 in Community Focus Fund grants to renovate the historic Hoover Hall into a community and youth center.
- **Tell City** – the Schergens Learning Center will include an Ivy Tech State College facility and the Step Ahead program, in addition to serving as a community and youth center.
- **Terre Haute** – using its location on the National Road and the historic Wabash River to help focus resources on downtown revitalization. The community applied for and received a \$317,000 ISTEA grant from the state to redevelop and improve downtown sidewalks and streets (state highway through downtown).

Several local millennium committees in Indiana represent organizations rather than cities or towns. Because of that these committees were not eligible to be named to the national list.

In addition to the local efforts, the Hoosier Millennium Task Force has coordinated a number of statewide initiatives, including: ideas exchanges between local communities, educational enrichment resources for teachers and other organizations, *Letters to the Third Millennium* distributed to newspapers throughout the state, an evening focusing on Indiana's agricultural heritage, and the *Sunset on the Millennium Ceremony and Family Festival* at the Statehouse on New Year's Eve.

"All along, the task force has felt that we should be a resource and supporter for local communities," Mrs. O'Bannon said. "Because of that, we have made it a point to participate in local programs, direct communities to private and public resources and to continue to connect them with each other to discuss best practices."

On July 4, the Hoosier Millennium Task Force will dedicate the state's millennium time capsule in the White River State Park. The capsule will become a part of the interactive Future's Gallery in the new state museum to be completed in 2002. This gallery, along with the contents of the time capsule will give Hoosiers the opportunity to consider what they want Indiana to be in the year 2016 and what role they as individuals in their communities can play in making that vision a reality.

"Hoosier Millennium is not finished," said Mrs. O'Bannon. "There is real momentum throughout the state to see that goals are met and to make sure that we all wake up in 2016 and say 'this is our Indiana and we wouldn't live anywhere else.'"

For more information on Hoosier Millennium and local community initiatives, visit www.Indiana2016.org.

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TALKING POINTS FOR HRC BUFFALO MILLENNIUM COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

- I am pleased to be here today to announce the designation of Buffalo as an official White House Millennium Community.
- In 1997, the President and I established the White House Millennium Council in the hopes of harnessing the inevitable excitement and enthusiasm over the approaching millennium to use it as a force for positive change. We established the national theme of "Honor the Past – Imagine the Future" and challenged all Americans to give "gifts to the future" and to establish a lasting legacy for our children. From the start, we knew that involvement and enthusiasm at the local level would be essential in the attempt to promote a truly national commemoration. And for that reason, I couldn't be more pleased to honor and celebrate Buffalo's efforts.
- I want to congratulate Mayor Anthony Masiello (and Erie County Executive Joel Giambra?) for all that you are doing to "Honor the Past – Imagine the Future." Your leadership will make this unique moment in history a meaningful one for all the citizens of your community and our nation.
- Buffalo is one of the more than 400 communities that have received the official designation – and among the 12 communities that have been designated in New York State. (See attached list) Both the President and I have been energized by the seriousness with which communities like Buffalo are approaching this historic milestone.
- I was also quite impressed to learn about the projects your community is undertaking. It is truly inspiring to see how you are interpreting the theme "Honor the Past – Imagine the Future" in ways that reflect your own community's history and vision for the future.
- For example, I know that your millennium communities program will honor the past and look to the future by celebrating the centennial of the Pan American Exposition of 1901.
- The Exposition attracted 8 million people who came to witness the technological advance over the past 100 years, to be entertained, and to view the imagination of the new century. Crowds were awed as the night sky was illuminated by the new technology of the electric light. Thomas Edison roamed the crowd and chronicled the event in moving pictures – leaving a record for those who would come later. A president was shot and another was inaugurated – one who would redefine the image of the 20th century presidency.
- To honor the centennial of the Exposition I understand that you have plans underway for several major events with a goal of attracting upwards of 10 million people. The themes of the original exposition – the future of business, trade, technology, medicine, education,

cultural diversity, the arts – are as relevant to Buffalo today at the turn of the century as they were 100 years ago.

- Some planned projects include a collaborative effort underway to digitize the original site of the Pan American Exposition in a computer-generated three dimensional model and a public documentary project recently recognized with a grant from the Imagining America. A Women's Virtual Pavilion has been set up mirroring the Women's Pavilion of the 1901 Exposition to celebrate 100 years of women's accomplishments while looking forward to a world in which gender and race no longer present barriers to global citizenship for all.
- In July of 1998, I was just east of here in Seneca Falls for the 150th Anniversary (sesquicentennial) of the Women's Rights Convention that was held there in Seneca Falls in 1848. It was an honor to participate in commemorating those brave women and the men who supported them. That is a heritage we can all be proud of.
- I arrived in Seneca Falls after three days and 11 stops on our first "Save America's Treasures" tour. Five of those stops were in New York and included George Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh, New York. That state historic site was the first public preservation site in our country and will be celebrating its 150th anniversary as a publicly protected site this year. That's another heritage New Yorkers can be proud of. The other sites I saw in New York show what a microcosm this state is of our nation: I saw African-American leader Harriet Tubman's House in Auburn; the home of suffragists Mary Ann and Thomas McClintock in Waterloo; Irish immigrant labor leader Kate Mullaney's House in Troy, and the Ganondagan (GA-NON-DI-GAN) State Historic Site in nearby Victor.
- I remember it was a searing hot summer day when I visited Ganondagan and toured the Bark Long House, viewed an impressive collection of Iroquois artifacts and historical documents, and learned so much about the rich traditions that help carry this Native American heritage on from one generation to another. And I learned about the high status women enjoyed in Iroquois culture and the influence that had on the early advocates of women's rights whom we honored in Seneca Falls. I was honored to announce that the Ganondagon site had been designated an official project of the White House Millennium Council's "Save America's Treasures" program.
- I was pleased to learn that you are participating in the Save America's Treasures program – and have committed to working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve 3 city landmarks:
- Launched in May 1998, "Save America's Treasures" is a national effort that the President and I created to protect America's threatened cultural treasures, including significant documents, works of art, maps, journals, and historic structures that document and illuminate the history and culture of the United States.

- Today, I am pleased to announce that "Save America's Treasures" has designated over 450 official projects across the country, 47 of which are located in New York State, with three of these treasures located right here in Buffalo.
- In May 1999, "Save America's Treasures" designated The Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Lafayette Square; the President William McKinley Monument; and the east and west sandstone friezes (FREEZES) on Buffalo's fabulous art deco City Hall...official "American treasures."
- This year the theme for the White House Christmas decorations was "Holiday Treasures at the White House," and included a display of miniature "Treasures" sites from around the nation. All three of Buffalo's sites were represented.
- The Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts submitted a miniature McKinley Monument, as did students from the Nardin Academy Montessori Oishei Campus.
- The Soldiers and Sailors Monument and City Hall's sandstone friezes were created in miniature by artists from the Buffalo Arts Commission.
- A great thank you to the students and artists from Buffalo who made these miniature treasures and shared these pieces of the city's history with the thousands of visitors that toured through and/or visited the White House this holiday season.
- I am so happy that I had a chance to be here with you today to announce your official designation as a Millennium Community. Your projects show us that by looking to our past and creating a common vision for the future, we can use the approaching millennium as a challenge to strengthen those aspects of our communities that will carry us into the future. They show us that "honoring the past and imagining the future" means engaging friends and neighbors in activities that promote a sense of community and leave a meaningful legacy. You have all answered this call and should be proud of your status as a Millennium Community.

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NEWS RELEASE

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ANNOUNCES 50 MILLENNIUM LEGACY TRAILS

**National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Bill Ivey
Presents New Initiative to Link the Arts with Trails**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 21—First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater today announced at a White House ceremony 50 Millennium Legacy Trails representing 47 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The Millennium Trails initiative is a collaborative effort of the White House Millennium Council, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC). The First Lady serves as honorary chair of the Millennium Trails Celebration Committee. American Express Company has contributed \$500,000 and is a cornerstone in the Millennium Trails public-private partnership.

"Millennium Trails is a national initiative to create, enhance and celebrate more than 2,000 trails as part of America's legacy for the new millennium," the First Lady said. "These 50 Millennium Legacy trails symbolize the spirit of our efforts to connect our nation's culture, heritage and communities."

Transportation Secretary Slater said, "The designation of the Millennium Legacy Trails is a significant step toward the goal of establishing a nationwide network of trails. These trails represent the diversity of America, including long distance trails, rail and water trails, greenway systems and historical and cultural trails. The Millennium Legacy Trails reflect the essence and spirit of the states they represent."

At today's ceremony, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Bill Ivey announced that the NEA has joined the Millennium Trails partnership by contributing \$520,000 to support

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community-centered arts projects linked with the Millennium Legacy Trails. The Arts Projects on Millennium Trails will be carried out in cooperation with the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.

Ivey said, "The National Endowment for the Arts is pleased to provide opportunities for artists to work with recreation and environmental groups, trail managers and public officials in creating high quality art on the designated Legacy Trails for the next millennium. These works will enhance America's communities and strengthen each state's cultural heritage."

RTC President David Burwell noted that approximately one-third of the Millennium Legacy Trails are rail-trails. He said, "America is an enduring story. We need trails to connect, protect and honor our natural environment. Every marsh, wilderness, meadow or trail we chose to protect is an act of community storytelling. It is our way of saying to future generations 'this land, event or structure is something we as a community cherish—remember it and honor it.'"

Examples of the Millennium Legacy Trails announced today are:

The **California Coastal Trail** runs more than 1,200 miles along the scenic California coast, connecting the state's urban areas to the many natural, scenic and historic features controlled by state and federal parks as well local communities.

The **Florida National Scenic Trail** runs the length of Florida from Gulf Islands National Seashore to Big Cypress National Preserve. Along the way, it passes through three national forests, two national parks, a national wildlife refuge, six state forests, two state parks, 15 cities and the University of West Florida.

Massachusetts' **Norwottuck Network** is a system of trails, rail-trails, bike paths, waterways, greenways and urban walks within the Connecticut River Valley. The network allows trail users to experience the state's urban and rapidly urbanizing areas as well as rural farmland, scenic mountainous areas and protected river basins.

Wisconsin's **Hank Aaron State Trail** is named after the legendary Home Run King. This six-mile urban trail passes through a historic industrial, ethnically diverse section of Milwaukee. By providing a green buffer strip along the Menomonee River, the trail is at the center of a redevelopment plan for one of the most densely populated areas in the state.

The three categories of trails recognized by the Millennium Trails initiative are National Millennium Trails, Millennium Legacy Trails and Community Trails 2000. Governors from all 50 states and chief elected officials from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were invited to submit nominations to a Green Ribbon Panel of national trail leaders convened by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The recommendations were submitted to Transportation Secretary Slater for official designation.

A complete listing of the 50 Millennium Legacy Trails is attached.

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MILLENNIUM LEGACY TRAILS

State	Trails
Alabama	Pinhoti National Recreation Trail
Alaska	Chilkoot Trail
Arizona	Arizona Trail
Arkansas	Trail of Tears Routes
California	Californian Coastal Trail
Colorado	America the Beautiful
Connecticut	Connecticut Impressionist Art Trail
Delaware	The Coastal Heritage Greenway
District of Columbia	Metropolitan Branch Trail
Florida	Florida National Scenic Trail
Georgia	Coastal Georgia Greenway
Hawaii	Hana-Pi'iliani Highway
Idaho	North Idaho Centennial Trail
Illinois	I&M Canal Trail
Indiana	Monon Rail Trail
Iowa	American Discovery Trail: Iowa Route
Kansas	Kanopolis State Park Multi-use Trails
Kentucky	Pine Mountain Trail
Louisiana	Tammany Trace
Maine	Acadia National Park System
Maryland	BWI Trail/Baltimore & Annapolis Trail/Colonial Annapolis Maritime Trail
Massachusetts	Norwottuck Network
Michigan	Southeast Michigan Greenways Trail
Minnesota	Willard Munger State Trail
Missouri	Katy Trail and The Rock Island Extension
Montana	Route of the Hiawatha Rail-Trail
Nebraska	The Cowboy Trail
Nevada	Tahoe Rim Trail
New Hampshire	Franconia Notch State Park Recreation Park
New Jersey	Highlands Trail
New Mexico	El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro
North Carolina	Blue Ridge Heritage Trail
North Dakota	Bismarck/Mandan Trail
Ohio	The Buckeye Trail
Oklahoma	Standing Bear Native American Memorial Park & Trail
Oregon	Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh to Harrisburg
Puerto Rico	The Rio Camuy Cave Park
Rhode Island	Rhode Island State-Wide Greenway System
South Carolina	The Palmetto Trail
South Dakota	George S. Mickelson Trail
Tennessee	Cumberland Trail State Park
Utah	Bonneville Shoreline Trail
Vermont	Lake Champlain Bikeways
Virginia	New River Trail State Park
Virgin Islands	St. Croix Heritage Trail
Washington	John Wayne Pioneer Trail
West Virginia	Greenbrier River Trail
Wisconsin	Hank Aaron State Trail
Wyoming	Wyoming Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail