

# rollin' on the river

An e-publication of the Mahoning River Corridor Initiative

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What's *rollin'* ?

***EfficientGovNow Program selects Corridor Initiative project as finalist. Winners to be decided by public vote.***

The Mahoning River Corridor Mayor's Association application to implement an interactive Mahoning River Corridor Website – 'rollin' on the river' - to market properties in the nine river corridor communities has been selected as a finalist for funding consideration by the Fund for Our Economic Future. Corridor Initiative partners in the project are the cities and villages of Lowellville, Struthers, Campbell, Youngstown, Girard, McDonald, Niles Warren and Newton Falls.

The Mahoning County Auditor's proposal to implement a Regional Information System was also selected. Partners include the Mahoning County Auditor, Youngstown, Boardman, Austintown and City of Canfield. The projects are two of nine in Northeast Ohio selected for final consideration.

Up to three projects will be funded by the Fund for Our Economic Future **based on public voting which will take place from July 1 to July 31, 2009**. Announcement of the winners will be on August 3, 2009.

**You can vote by one of three methods:**

- On line at [www.efficientGovNow.org](http://www.efficientGovNow.org)
- By phone at 1-877-771-5206
- By mail-in paper ballot.

**VOTE and forward this information to colleagues, employees, friends, and relatives urging them to vote, too. It's easy – DO IT!**

**Vote Now!**

Make a difference!

## **Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2**

On June 9, 2009, at the request of the City of Youngstown, the Initiative convened a meeting of the Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association, the Community Development Directors of the Cities of Youngstown, Warren and Mahoning County to discuss the possibilities of filing a regional application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 funding. The application would include selected neighborhoods in the nine river corridor communities that best meet the criteria for funding.

Eligible activities include acquisition and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties, land banking properties, demolition, redevelopment of vacant properties and establishment of financing for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes.

On June 18, 2009, Bill D'Avignon and Mike Keys, Community Development Directors of Youngstown and Warren, respectively, held a meeting with government officials and non-profit agencies to further explore the possibilities.

As a result, the City of Youngstown will be the lead agency in filing for a \$33,000,000 NSP2 grant on behalf of the nine river corridor communities in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties and administering the grant, if funded. Grant applications are due July 17, 2009.

Special thanks to the City of Youngstown for initiating this opportunity and the Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association for its support and collaboration to improve the river corridor communities.

***Mahoning River Corridor Initiative combined meeting of the Steering Committee and Sub-committees***

***Tuesday, July 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Eastgate Regional COG***

***Purpose: To review and collect additional project information, identify potential funding sources and define next steps.***

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