

# *rollin' on the river*

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## What's *rollin'?*

### MRCI /CASTLO Meeting

The joint MRCI General Membership meeting and CASTLO Open House held and hosted by CASTLO on November 19, 2009 went very well. Over seventy people attended representing various segments of the community. Attendees had the chance to be updated on MRCI activities, opportunities at CASTLO and in the river corridor and network with others. Mahoning Valley Enviro and Aesir Metal also brought the group up to date on their businesses and plans. Special thanks to CASTLO and the CASTLO Program Committee for arranging the event.



The MRCI is planning to hold its next general membership meeting in a Trumbull County community. Any suggestions as to where are welcome.

### Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association

The Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association met on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in the Village of McDonald. Among the agenda items addressed was a review of MRCI activities in 2009, setting of goals for 2010 and a discussion with Congressman Ryan about corridor activities and the Community Regeneration, Sustainability and Innovation bill. The bill, he and Senator Brown have introduced in Congress, would establish a pilot demonstration program to assist older industrial cities that have lost population since 1970 and have sustained prolonged periods of unemployment. Funding would be available for planning as well as implementation of specific projects that would address urban redevelopment.

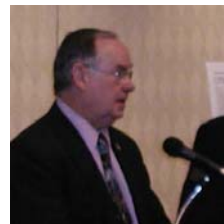
The MRCI is collaborating with the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative in enlisting support and promoting passage of the bill. Phil Kidd, from the MVOC, attended the meeting and discussed with the mayors the strategy to be used. On November 16, 2009 the Corridor Manager was invited to join the MVOC in Washington DC to meet with various Congressional staffs and other interest groups to solicit support. The MRCI will be working with the Corridor Mayors' Association to promote support for the bill.

Thanks to McDonald Mayor Glenn Holmes for hosting the meeting and Congressman Ryan, his staff and Phil Kidd for participating.

### Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association 2010 – 2011 Officers

**Chairman - McDonald Mayor Glenn Holmes**  
**Vice Chair – Girard Mayor James Melfi**  
**Secretary - Warren Mayor Michael O'Brien**  
**Treasurer – Struthers Mayor Terry Stocker**

### Special Thanks and Recognition to.....



Campbell Mayor John "Jack" Dill who left office effective December 1, 2009 after serving five terms (ten years) as Mayor of the City of Campbell. Mayor Dill served his community well under very difficult economic circumstances. Under his leadership,

Campbell secured significant state and federal funding to address community problems and promote economic development. Mayor Dill was also instrumental in the formation of the MRCI and the Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association, serving as the Corridor Mayors' Association's first Chairman.

Special thanks for his service to his city and the region and best wishes to him and his family.

### Corridor Projects Update

Through the efforts of various Corridor Initiative partners the following identified corridor projects have recently secured additional funding to move forward.

- Campbell/Casey Roadway (\$591,726)
- Campbell/MRCO Sanitary Project (\$1,055,560)
- Brier Hill Works Office Bldg. Remediation (\$630,000)
- Youngstown Wean Bldg, Phase II Assessment (\$296,000)
- Brier Hill Works (V&M) Project (\$27,000,000)

In 2009, final funding was secured by corridor communities and partners for ten corridor projects with estimated costs of over \$39,500,000. Still pending is the nine community/two county Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 grant filed by Youngstown for \$33,000,000.

Congratulations to all on their efforts to revitalize the river corridor.

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