

# rollin' on the river

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## What's *rollin'* ? Corridor Initiative Wins EfficientGovNow competition.

The Mahoning River Corridor Website- "rollin' on the river" was selected by the residents of northeast Ohio as one of three projects to receive funding. The Mahoning County/Youngstown Regional Information Sharing Project (MYRIS) was also selected.

Congratulations and thank you to all who responded to support our regional collaboration efforts. Special thanks to the Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association, Corridor Initiative partners, Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, Regional Chamber and YSU for their GOTV efforts.

The \$57,451 grant from the Fund for Our Economic Future and the \$10,000 match being provided by the corridor initiative communities will enable the MRCI and YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies to design and implement an interactive web site to promote the river corridor and market properties available for economic development in the corridor communities. The Outreach/Marketing Subcommittee will be working with communities to identify the best available prospects.

In addition to the funding, the EfficientGovNow program enabled us to promote the Initiative and brought favorable attention to the valley's collaborative efforts.

## Brownfields

On July 27, 2009, the Corridor Initiative and McDonald Mayor Glenn Holmes met with US Steel officials in Pittsburgh to discuss the US Steel property in McDonald. We are working with US Steel on an agreement to gain access to the seventy acre site.

The Corridor Initiative is continuing to work with the City of Girard to

secure the former Leatherworks site and Newton Falls in pursuing access to the Direct International site. In the near future, the Initiative will be meeting with the respective communities and parties involved with those sites and the Lowellville Sharon Steel East site.

## Environmental / Recreational Enhancement

A landscape architectural group from Penn State University has selected three corridor sites to design environmental / recreational enhancement projects. The Covelli Center/Woodland Ave., RSA (former Republic site east of South Ave. Bridge) and Girard Lowlands sites will be the focus of the design studio.

The PSU group will be in town on August 28th and 29<sup>th</sup> to meet with the MRCI and visit the sites.

## Transportation and Infrastructure

The following projects were added to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) non-ranked priority list required by the US Economic Development Administration for possible future funding consideration;

McDonald Steel Bridge Rehab  
Intermodal Facility Project

The City of Campbell has resubmitted the L-shaped corridor roadway for Appalachian Regional Commission funding and has received an extension on 629 funding from the ODOT for the project.

## Site Plans

Work continues on defining and refining various corridor site inventories and plans. Special thanks to the Villages of Lowellville and McDonald and the Cities of Campbell and Niles, Jim Pirko and CASTLO for providing information relative to various sites.

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**Reminder: Joint MRCI Steering & Environmental / Recreational Committee meeting Friday, August 28, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Eastgate Regional COG. All are welcome.**

## Mahoning River Corridor Initiative

### Financial partners

CASTLO - CIC  
Mahoning River Consortium  
Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association  
Village of Lowellville  
City of Struthers  
City of Campbell  
City of Youngstown  
City of Girard  
Village of McDonald  
City of Niles  
City of Warren  
City of Newton Falls  
Greater Mahoning Valley Common Wealth, Inc.  
Ohio Department of Development\*  
YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies

### Community partners

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments  
Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber

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