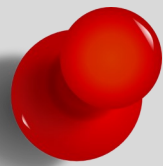


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Muncie Action Plan 2



MAP Reading

MAP Moves Forward as Muncie Celebrates 150 Years

PHOTO SPOTLIGHT

MAP has five primary action areas: (1) early childhood education and overall community health; (2) neighborhood revitalization; (3) community image and pride; (4) aesthetics and art; and, (5) community infrastructure. MAP encourages you to send in photographs like the one below that show things you would like to see in Muncie. These can then provide stimulus to future MAP endeavors.



The photograph above is of a neighborhood library nook in Petoskey, Michigan. People can stop by, take out books, or put books into it. It is a convenience to neighbors and a fun project for anybody looking for something to build. All you need is the approval of your neighborhood association and possibly ensure it is ok with City Code. See below for a street feature in Milwaukee.



TASK FORCE 5 SPOTLIGHT - BIKE MUNCIE

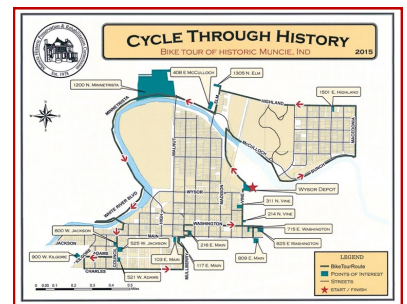
Bike Muncie is the Education and Outreach program for the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee for cycling advocacy in Muncie. The Committee was formed in 2014 as an ad-hoc group to help guide and promote cycling and pedestrian-friendly activities, infrastructure, and education in the community. One of the Committee's first initiatives was to update Muncie's bike ordinance which was completed and adopted by City Council in the spring of 2015. The Ordinance included official recognition of the Committee which is administered through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Muncie Urbanized Area. Bike Muncie utilizes social media and printed materials to provide valuable information on the proper safety, local laws, and benefits of cycling, as well as promoting cycling related events.

The Committee also completed and submitted an application for Bike Friendly Community status to the League of American Bicyclists in February of this year. Muncie received an Honorable Mention and suggestions for achieving a Bronze Bike Friendly status. Since the submittal in February, several activities have occurred in line with the suggestions dealing with outreach/events and education. Biking events included a Ride with the Mayor in May, an historic tour in cooperation with the Muncie Historic Preservation Commission and the Great (Cardinal) Greenway Tour at the end of July. An educational brochure was created by Intersection, an advertising agency located in Downtown Muncie and copies were distributed to all elementary school kids before the end of the school year.

Future activities will be centered around a Complete Streets Policy and creation of a bike share program including the installation of bike stations at strategic locations throughout the City. The Mayor continues to pursue additional bike lanes where conditions permit and the Committee is also working on a city-wide bike map that will

feature the bike lanes and other bike-friendly routes identified by local cyclists.

Educational messages are also under development and will be used in various mediums for distribution – brochures, Facebook, etc. The Committee is hoping to utilize a Ball State Graduate Assistant this next academic year to assist in carrying out needed activities and in anticipation of submitting a second application for a bronze level Bike Friendly Community designation for 2016.

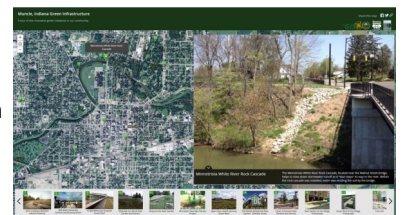


TASK FORCE 5 SPOTLIGHT- SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Did you know there are green infrastructure projects being implemented throughout the City for both public and private developments. If you visit the on-line mapping site available through the County's GIS Department, located at <http://delcogis.maps.arcgis.com>, you will be able to take a photographic tour of 18 examples on the Muncie, Indiana Green Infrastructure map project.

When visiting the on-line mapping site, there are many projects that might be of interest. There's a Greenmap site, done a few years ago by Kyle Johnson, GIS Coordinator, highlighting a wide range of sustainable and/or green space facilities and sites occurring throughout the City. Instituting models of sustainable design is an on-going effort as evidenced by just two recent projects: rain gardens installed by Burger King on

McGilliard when they re-built and energy efficient lighting and motion detectors installed by the Commissioners in the Delaware County Building.



Get information about MAP at <http://muncieactionplan.org>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Anthony-Northside - Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Kennedy Library.

Blaine/Southeast - Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 1218 S. Brotherton.

Cowing Park - Thursday, August 27 at 6 p.m. at Gesthamane United Methodist Church, 1201 E. McGalliard Rd.

East Central - Sunday, August 2 at 6 p.m. at the Emily Kimbrough House, 715 E. Washington.

Forest Park - Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Delaware County Senior Citizens Center, 2517 W. 8th.

Grove Park - Thursday, August 13 at 7 p.m. at Munsee Lanes at 601 E. 25th.

Halteman Village - Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 N. Wheeling.

Industry - Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Price Hall, 704 S. Madison.

Ludingwood - Tuesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at Ludingwood/Woodlands Nursing Home, 3820 W. Jackson.

Minnetrista Central Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, August 4 at 7 p.m. at Minnetrista.

Northview - Monday, August 24 at 7 p.m. at Northview Elementary School, 807 W. Yale.

Old West End - Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dining Room, Friends Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams.

Riverside/Normal City - Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Hazelwood Christian Church Fellowship House (Mansion), 1400 W. University.

South Central - Tuesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at Urban Light Education Center, Corner of 9th and Madison.

Thomas Park/Avondale - Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Ross Center, 1110 W. 10th.

Westridge - Thursday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Bracken Library, Ball State University.

Western Woods, Wednesday, August 5 at 6 p.m. at West View Elementary, 3401 W. Gilbert.

Whitely - Monday, August 10 at 5:30 p.m., Muncie Area Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin.

Please check with your neighborhood association to confirm the time and date of the meeting as they sometimes change.



Community gardener Nick on the left and Irish Artichoke at Maring-Hunt Community Gardens on the right

MUNCIE SESQUICENTENNIAL

“Muncie in the 1920s (Sesquicentennial Moments...)”

The “Roaring Twenties” brought much social and political change to America. It was an age of wealth and consumerism, the emergence of jazz, women’s right to vote and an increase in women joining the workforce.

The growing popularity of the automobile made it possible for Muncie Public Library to have a motorized bookmobile provide travelling library services to neighborhoods and parks in the 1920s. In 1924, Robert and Helen Lynd began their famous sociological study of Muncie as the typical American small city. Muncie earned the nickname “Middletown” when the Lynds’ study was published in 1929 as “Middletown: A Study in Modern American Culture.” Shortly after the Lynds began their study of Muncie, a young woman named Jesse Nixon became the first African-American student to graduate from Ball State Teachers College when she graduated in 1925. That same year the eldest of the five Ball brothers, Edmond B. Ball, passed away. His will established the Ball Brothers Foundation which funded the construction of Ball Memorial Hospital. The hospital opened in 1929, and it was built across from the college in order to serve as a teaching hospital.

The 1920s was also a decade of Prohibition and cultural civil war. The resurrected Ku Klux Klan that claimed to be a patriotic organization supporting Prohibition and fighting against moral corruption in America also targeted Catholics, immigrants, African Americans and Jews. The KKK emerged in Muncie around 1922. Several who joined the Klan held positions of authority and political influence. One of the notable Muncie voices who spoke out against the local Klan was feisty newspaperman George R. Dale. Dale had moved to Muncie in 1915 and worked as an editor for the *Post* before starting his own newspaper, the *Muncie Post-Democrat*. He was threatened by Klansmen and arrested several times for charges brought about by Klansmen such as libel. There was some debate and confusion in Muncie as to what the Klan’s real purpose was, and local membership dropped dramatically after a Klan parade in Muncie in 1923. Another nail in the Klan’s coffin was when Dale was elected Mayor of Muncie in 1929. His first official act as mayor was to replace the entire police force.

Text and photos were provided by Sara McKinley, Local History and Genealogy Specialist, Muncie Public Library.



The photo above shows a Muncie Public Library traveling library in the early 1920’s. On the right is Jesse Nixon, the first African-American of Ball State Teachers College in 1925.

