

Illinois and Michigan Canal NHC Core Activity Project Descriptions

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Project:	Annual "Canal Day" with state government offices

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Institute an annual "Canal Day" with various offices of the IL state government in order to raise awareness of the Canal Corridor and to discuss management issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify key offices of IL govt that should be involved in Canal mgmt, funding, maintenance, support 2. Coordinate with selected offices for a one-day visit, i.e. a "Canal Day." 3. Identify partners who will be advocates for specific issues 4. Secure partner financial support for travel to Springfield 5. Identify talking points for "Canal Day." 6. Collect success stories and emphasize the economic stimulus benefits of the Canal 7. Examine successes of other NHCs include them as examples of what could be here in Illinois 8. Develop a united message and specific, consolidated requests for action/funding 9. Give local partners a compelling reason to participate and assemble participants 10. Contact Jerry Adelman (Ana?) and IDNR senior leadership (Chris) 11. Complete travel and visits 12. Follow-up with points discussed during visits as appropriate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selected municipalities (will vary with issues) 2. Historical societies 3. HCCVB 4. NTHP 5. IHPA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCA Board/CEO 2. Mgmt Plan partners 3. 	<p>Travel costs: Amtrak = \$36 Per diem and incidentals = \$60</p> <p>Appox \$100 per person making trip</p> <p>Printing costs: \$20-\$100</p> <p>*Trip should be arranged so that no overnight travel is involved; if overnight travel is required, add \$150 per person to costs</p> <p>Reception?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding levels increase 2. Cooperation between agencies improves

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Project:	Promote Inter-governmental agreements (IGA) between IDNR and municipalities

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<p>Several municipalities have expressed interest in contributing to or assuming all maintenance responsibilities for the Canal within their jurisdictions. The IDNR, with few exceptions, maintains the Canal, and IDNR has been reluctant to allow municipalities to assist with maintenance. IDNR should be approached about cost-savings and improved maintenance that may result from local control over Canal maintenance, and a model IGA should be developed for use.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine level of interest or commitment of Canal municipalities and park districts in Canal maintenance. 2. Approach IDNR about possibility of maintenance IGA with communities. 3. In conjunction with IDNR, develop draft IGA. 4. Coordinate approval of IGAs with interested municipalities and park districts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interested municipalities 2. "Friends of" organizations 3. Park districts 4. Attorneys willing to work pro bono. 5. NTHP 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal fees for drafting/review of model IGA = \$1,000 – 5,000 2. 	<p>When first IGA is approved by both IDNR and a community, and when that success is repeated.</p>

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<p>This project can fulfill this goal as well as the goal "Improve awareness of Canal Corridor within Illinois state government." See that goal sheet for project description, steps, etc.</p>					

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Project:	Improve / re-examine role of IDNR

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<p>The IDNR is responsible for Canal maintenance, but the Canal suffers from IDNR budget cuts, lack of personnel, and the agency's ostensible low priority of Canal maintenance. The relationship between IDNR, the CCA, and Canal communities should be examined, and opportunities to improve the relationship and Canal stewardship should be explored</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with IDNR to discuss stewardship, priorities, constraints 2. Discuss IDNR issues with Canal partners 3. In consultation with IDNR and Canal partners, develop options for improved stewardship 4. Evaluate options 5. Pursue options as appropriate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 		<p>Travel to meetings</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint efforts between CCA and IDNR 2. IDNR institutes "CANAL-CAT"

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Goal:	Increase Historic Preservation capacity in communities
SMART Goal:	
Project:	Workshops

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Hold workshops in NHC communities to educate and advise on HP toolbox, especially tax incentives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine appropriate subjects for workshops 2. Gain commitment from communities to host and help coordinate workshops 3. Identify and secure speakers and experts for workshops 4. Set date and publicize 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nat'l Trust for Historic Preservation 2. IHPA 3. Canal communities 	NTHP has bank of experts and speakers	Printing materials—minimal cost (\$100) and possible cost of securing venue. Marketing of the workshops (print ads): \$500	Postive feedback from a series of workshops received

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SMART Goal:	
Project:	Circuit rider

Project Description	Project Steps	Who will we have as Partner(s)?	Known Resources	What is the cost range estimate?	How will we know we succeeded?
Hire a "circuit rider" who would service the 8 major towns along the Canal, advising those towns on historic preservation / downtown revitalization efforts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain cooperation of all or major portion of the eight major communities along the Canal 2. Secure grant to do initial hire of circuit rider, with understanding the 8 communities would later pick up costs 3. Hire expert to be circuit rider 	Lemont, Lockport, Joliet, Morris, Seneca, Ottawa, LaSalle, Channahan	NTHP	\$60,000 - \$120,000	Circuit rider position continues past initial period of grant seed money

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Goal:	Inventory public and private resources
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Project:	Compile photographic and text inventory of all public and private resources of the Canal Corridor

Project Description	Project Steps	Who will we have as Partner(s)?	Known Resources	What is the cost range estimate?	How will we know we succeeded?
<p>Update the 2005 inventory of public resources within the Canal Corridor to include all resources, public and private. The inventory will include GPS data, brief text descriptions of the resource, and photographs of the resource.</p> <p>Inventory will allow indexing by geographic location, type of resource, age, etc</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create database from 2005 inventory, eliminating those resources that are known to no longer exist. 2. Develop template for resource pages and system for indexing resources 3. Develop format for submissions of updates, e.g. GPS location, photos must be TIFF 4. Forward updated, draft inventory to partners and communities for input and additional updates 5. Compile new database from partner/community input. Database shall include means to readily transfer data to GIS 6. Send teams to spot check and verify selected information 7. Revise database as appropriate 8. Publish database 	<p>Plan Partners, agencies, communities within the Canal Corridor</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2005 inventory 2. Plan Partners 		<p>When database is deemed accurate, complete, and is published as part of larger study or as a stand-alone document</p>

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Project:	GIS mapping of Canal resources

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The inventory of all Canal Corridor resources will be mapped using GIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete inventory of Canal Corridor resources (separate project) 2. Select consultant or partner for GIS mapping and maintenance of GIS data and maps 3. Select data to be mapped 4. Map data 5. Publish maps 6. Assign / determine point of contact for upkeep of databases and maps 	GIS consultant Govt partner with GIS capability		\$4,000 - \$15,000 for initial mapping effort; \$2,500-\$7,500 for periodic updates	When GIS maps are published as part of larger document or as stand-alone documents

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Project:	Institute "CANAL-CAT" with IDNR

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<p>IDNR's "ECO-CAT" is a system that enables people to ask questions or raise issues with IDNR. This system provides a direct and timely form of communication with IDNR, and enables IDNR to direct the issue to the proper office or person. IDNR responds in a timely manner. A similar "CANAL-CAT" should be instituted. An appropriate range of responses for requests to conduct some activity under IDNR jurisdiction might be: (1) objection; (2) approval with conditions; (3) conduct activity under IDNR monitoring; (4) have fun.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow-up on discussion with IDNR 2. Decide how/if CCA should be involved in CANAL-CAT 3. Establish timelines and goals for institution of CANAL-CAT with IDNR 4. Publicize CANAL-CAT and encourage management partners and other to use it 	IDNR	IDNR personnel	Staff time? Consultant time to establish CANAL-CAT?	When CANAL-CAT is established, and people and organizations use it

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<p>This project is a sub-project for the “Canal Day” with IL state legislature (see separate sheet). The collection of success stories is meant to provide state decision makers with examples of positive influence of CCA and I&M Canal NHC on town, organizations, businesses within the NHC. For example, a story of how business at a local restaurant increases when the Canal boat is operating is told to demonstrate the economic benefit of CCA activities within the NHC.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact partners and ask them to provide success stories 2. Offer to assist partners in identifying and writing success stories 3. Obtain data and/or photographs to illustrate success stories 4. Select a variety of success stories deemed most appropriate for re-telling at Canal Days. 5. Incorporate the success stories into websites (HCCVB, CCA, NTHP, municipal websites) 	<p>Mgmt Plan partners, NTHP</p>		<p>Minimal costs for collection; some costs associated with printing documents relating success stories and possibly IT management of websites</p>	<p>When success stories are compiled for distribution at Canal Days and included on websites</p>

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Core Activity:	Heritage Development
Goal:	Increase accessibility to Canal Corridor towns
SMART Goal:	
Project:	Support passenger rail projects that would benefit communities within the Corridor

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<p>The RTA, CN, and mayors of communities in the southwest suburbs have discussed additional commuter passenger train service along the Heritage Corridor line (Chicago-Summit-Willow Springs-Lemont-Lockport-Joliet). Additionally, high-speed rail is being considered for Amtrak trains travelling this route. (Note that the high-speed portion of the Chicago-Joliet-Springfield corridor will be limited to areas south of Joliet.) The CCA and partners will support efforts to secure increased and improved rail service to the Heritage Corridor</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in on-going efforts to secure additional Metra service and discussions on high-speed rail 2. Send letters to RTA, CN, and legislators supporting increased commuter service and high speed rail along the Heritage Corridor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mayors of Lemont, Lockport, Willow Springs, Summit, and Joliet 4. RTA 5. HCCVB 6. Midwest High Speed Rail Association 	Partners		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Metra increases service along Heritage Corridor line 2. The Heritage Corridor line selected as Joliet-Chicago portion of the high speed rail project in Illinois