

I-69 COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM

Final Grant Report**Date Submitted: June 14, 2010****Local Public Agency: *Town of Ellettsville*****District: Seymour****Grant EDS Number: *A159-8-I69CCP-011*****Project Name: *Community Planning Grant*****Contact Person: *Connie Griffin*****Phone Number: *812-876-8008*****Email Address:***connie_griffin@bluemarble.net*

This report is the final report on the I-69 Community Planning Program Grant from the Town of Ellettsville, respectfully submitted to INDOT and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Narrative Section

The Town of Ellettsville, Indiana will benefit from this grant project in several ways. The project has strengthened our commitment to serving the greater good of our community. It is our social responsibility to utilize the findings of these reports and implement the ideas into a sustainable plan.

The Town will work toward developing new ideas and approaches for economic development and seek public input from local business organizations and social/civic groups in the development of a strategic plan to see Ellettsville into the next twenty five years.

It will take more than just a few individuals to plan and implement the needed changes in the community. Through community involvement, commitment and support from the Plan Commission and Town Council, the Town of Ellettsville will continue to see growth and improved services.

The reports that have been produced as a result of the Community Planning Program will assist the Town in seeking additional funding sources to promote the quality of life and small town atmosphere that members of this community have come to know and appreciate. New funding sources for park projects, ADA transition plans and the implementation of new services, activities, and facilities will make the community an even more desirable place to raise a family, to live, work and enjoy.

Several changes occurred in the Ellettsville Planning Department during the summer of 2009, and the grant project was on hiatus for several months, which basically affected the

timeframe of the grant deliverables and required a request for a time extension in the grant deadline.

The Town, due to these changes and transitional aspects of the department struggled in the early phase of the project until the grant itself was re-organized and a new plan was developed to hire professional consultants to work on three of the main grant deliverables: the Capital Improvement Plan, the Green Space Inventory and the Wishing Well Site flora and fauna inventory.

If the Town were to apply today for a similar grant we would focus on a limited number of projects tailored toward a specific goal. Even though all of these items, reports, plans and inventories are or were needed, the result of the multi-faceted studies created some confusion in the beginning and may in fact have hindered the timeframe.

The Town now realizes the importance of having a technical advisory grant committee established prior to grant application to assist in the decision making and overall grant planning process. With the organization of a technical advisory committee for our current Heritage Trail project we have found that the project has input from various Town boards and non-profit agencies, which are working toward the same goal; to improve the social, physical and environmental concerns of our community.

The grant project has produced multiple positive impacts for the Town of Ellettsville. We now have a Capital Improvement Plan, which provides information to the Town and its citizens, which helps both to better understand and plan for community needs, expenditures, assets, as well as informs both parties of our use of tax payer money.

The green space/open space inventory has helped the Town and community members to realize the significance of our limited open space resources. New goals are being discussed by our Parks Board, Main Street Inc., the Town Council and the Planning Department, as well as the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department to develop plans for preservation and sustainability of these limited areas.

New Town ordinances have been created and passed as well as a new zoning classification to protect the limited Town owned properties and to establish a nature preserve area for educational use by the Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation and other members of the community that share similar interests.

The Ellettsville Parks Board, with the assistance of the Planning Department, are updating their Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to seek future funding with an approved plan from the Department of Natural Resources for 2011.

Other code reviews and revisions have been implemented through the Planning Department. Several municipal codes needed to be updated or revised to better serve and protect our local businesses and citizens, with a goal to promote the community as a viable economic location for future businesses and developments.

The Town of Ellettsville is ready to establish, implement and develop a strategic plan to improve our marketability and sustainability. The Town's current Comprehensive Plan needs updated and evaluated based on community desires and goals, and to review the Town's economic potential for future development and infrastructure needs.

The Town needs to work with local business owners, organizations and not-for-profit groups to expand its resources; whether in the form of grants, donations, and or volunteers. It will be through the efforts of many citizens, the Town Council and organizations to make the necessary changes to keep our community growing and viable; now, and into the future.

Grant Elements

Training of Elected and Appointed Town Officials

On January 26, 2009 an agreement was entered into with K.K. Gerhart-Fritz, AICP, from The Planning Workshop for a planning training session. The event was held on March 23, 2009 at McCormick's Creek State Park. Seventeen people attended the workshop: 9 Town supervisors/staff members, 4 Plan Commissioners, and the President of Main Street, a reporter with *The Ellettsville Journal* and 2 residents of Ellettsville.

As a result of the training session two motions were passed by the Plan Commission on June 4, 2009. The Plan Commission established a developmental review committee and added the American Planning Association's Ethical Principles in Planning to their operating procedures.

The training workshop focused on why a community should plan, and what happens if it doesn't. The workshop discussed Plan Commission member and planning process responsibilities and the importance of seeking support and commitment from the community as change and growth can be somewhat painful and challenging.

The training session also focused on the importance of developing rules and regulations and following Indiana law to avoid planning pitfalls as a result of poor planning, therefore the importance of establishing a technical advisory committee is crucial. The process of planning requires the establishment of public trust, so the importance of adhering to a code of ethics, and being fair and consistent in the planning and enforcement process will and can impact how the citizens judge the local governing body's decisions not for just today, but well into the future.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

On October 26, 2009 an agreement was entered into with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. and the Town of Ellettsville to complete a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). On November 17 and December 3, 2009 a Maximus representative met with the Town's supervisors for an interview to gather documentation for future equipment and material needs.

All Town supervisors and departments have submitted capital requests, and as of February 8, 2010 the draft copy of the CIP was distributed for one final review by the Town's supervisors and the Ellettsville Town Council. No corrections were submitted to the Planning office by Town supervisors, so on April 8, 2010 a final printed copy and digital file was mailed to the Planning Department and is now ready for INDOT review.

The Ellettsville CIP was prepared through the assistance of the Ellettsville supervisors and represents a schedule of improvements, construction, technology, land acquisitions, and equipment needs for 2010-2014. The CIP's purpose is to coordinate community planning and financial capacity, with anticipated growth and expansion of the town.

The report's objectives were to prioritize plans and purchases and to be accountable to the community by providing a financial picture of the anticipated expenditures we face to support town needs, facilities, road and bridges, technology and operating projects in the future.

Green Space Inventory

On October 13, 2009 an agreement was entered into with Schneider Corporation and the Town of Ellettsville to inventory, document and map existing green space within the community. On November 3, 2009 a representative from Schneider met with the Director of Planning and a member of the Ellettsville Parks Board to tour the Town of Ellettsville, green space areas and to take photographs and gather information.

On January 6, 2010 Schneider met with the Planning Department to review the mid-point design and receive feedback and comments prior to the project's completion. Schneider requested that the Town compare the consultant supplied green space maps for a cross comparison and verification of map and Town information. The Planning Department met with Schneider on February 16, 2010 to discuss any necessary changes. No changes were necessary, so on March 12, 2010 Schneider provided digital and print copies of the project deliverables for the Town and INDOT's review.

The maps show Ellettsville town limits, existing open space, proposed open space, school property and township property, as well as proposed trails and the current Heritage Trail project with future connections.

Nature Preserve of the Wishing Well Park

On January 13, 2008 Connie Griffin, Administrative Assistant, Judy Morran Richland Bean Blossom School Corporation science teacher, and Thomas O. Swinford, Regional ecologist IDNR, to assess the Wishing Well Park parcel.

Mr. Swinford sent a letter on February 15, 2008 stating his findings. He explained the 20 acre site does not meet the criteria of a State Dedicated Nature Preserve status. He categorized the site as a southern flatwoods with large areas of wooded wetlands. The site includes many large diameter oaks, American Beech, green ash, as well as wetland grasses (*Cinna arundinacea*). He noted the site to be important to local amphibian conservation based upon the observed characteristics.

Even though the site is small he believes that it possesses inordinate conservation value; especially site context. It is a high quality forested stand and wetland complex that occupies an important place at the absolute headwaters to McCormick's Creek. Most importantly, he added, if the site was to be converted or lost it would likely effect both the quantity and quality of the water in McCormick's Creek, as well as the function it serves in groundwater recharge for the area.

Note: #5, Exhibit A, Scope of Work: The Ellettsville Planning Department will work to protect the Wishing Well Park Nature Area by establishing its boundary area, inventory its plant and wildlife, and take action to have it recognized by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Wishing Well Park Nature Area, a Town Park, is the headwaters of

McCormick's Creek. (The contract was signed on 5/28/2008 by Frank Nierzwicki-former director and Dan Swafford-Town Council member)

On October 13, 2009 an agreement was entered into with Eco Logic and the Town of Ellettsville to inventory flora and fauna present at the park. A mammalian inventory will be conducted using animal sign and visual sightings.

A time extension for the project was requested from the Ellettsville Director of Planning on October 9, 2009 for a new completion date of April 2010 to inventory spring ephemerals. A four month extension was granted by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs Amendment #1 on October 14, 2009.

Rachel Powers of Eco Logic nominated a few outstanding trees in the Wishing Well Park for the 2010 Big Tree Register in Indiana. Town Council President, Dianna S. Bastin approved of the nomination submission. The nomination was considered for the 2010 edition of the register, but our largest Oak placed 4th, with the largest Oak being located in Bloomfield, Indiana.

On December 16, 2009 Eco Logic met with the Director of Planning to deliver completed work to date. A site map of the Wells Park area features its geographic proximity to the local school system as well as its close proximity to area neighborhoods. The inventory was conducted using current Global Positioning Units (GPS), observation, field collection and field notes.

The Red Headed Woodpecker was the only endangered, threatened, and rare species observed at the Wells Park and is considered near threatened, which means that they are likely to become endangered in the near future. Shagbark Hickory Trees are located in the park and are used by the Indiana Bat to raise young and roost. The Indiana Bat is both federally endangered as well as listed as critically endangered in the state. The diminishing amphibian population also benefits from the habitat provided by the park.

Six invasive plant species were identified on site and marked with a GPS unit. The invasive species included Garlic Mustard, Purple Winter Creeper, Privet, Bush Honeysuckle, Reed Canary Grass and Multiflora Rose.

A Strengths, Weakness, Threats, and Opportunities review of the park noted the fact that the site has several different species of large old trees on site as strength, since trees of this caliber are in decline. A weakness of the park area is its lack of clearly delineated property lines,

which has in fact led to misuse of the park. The park has now been gated as a result of vandalism and encroachment concerns. Threats were identified as land use border concerns from other types of adjacent land use, such as agriculture and degraded forest communities. The threats section also includes natural threats from weather damage, which can allow other species to invade and repress tree regeneration.

The Wishing Well Park study, conducted by Eco Logic, stressed the need to identify the boundary area of the Town's property to prevent potential encroachment concerns by adjacent property owners, as well as to approach the Ellettsville Parks Board and Town Council with options to protect the natural area. An opportunity to acquire adjacent land to assist in the protection of the property is recommended.

On Feb. 1, 2010 the Department of Planning met with the Ellettsville Parks Board to discuss protecting the Wishing Well Site Park through a protective zoning overlay classification. They made a motion for the director to continue on to Plan Commission for approval of a new zoning classification.

The new zone classification, Municipal Public District 1, 2 and 3, was approved by Plan Commission on April 1, 2010 and moved on to Town Council on April 12, 2010 for a unanimous vote. The Municipal Public District 1 is the most protective class of the district zoning classification and was reserved specifically for the Town's nature preserve; Wishing Well Nature Preserve.

- February 1, 2010- Discuss with Parks Board establishing some form of protection for the Wishing Well Park area.
- Feb. 22, 2010- Judy Moran brought students before Town Council to request protection of the Wishing Well Park.
- March 1, 2010-Discussed boundary area to be established and fencing to prevent encroachment at the Ellettsville Parks Board meeting.
- Wishing Well Park was protected through ordinance by Town Council on April 12, 2010.
- May 2010 vehicle maintenance road secured with gate to prevent non approved vehicular traffic.

Subdivision Ordinance Revisions

On February 3, 2010 a review of the Ellettsville 2002 Comprehensive Plan (CP), Ellettsville Municipal Code, and the Ellettsville Area Rural Community Plan (EARCP) was conducted to determine if these reports and code documents have references or codes in place to protect our natural resources in regards to future development.

Chapter 153, Subdivision Regulations, states the subdivision regulations must implement the quality development policies found in the Comprehensive Plan, the Ellettsville Area Rural Community Plan, and zoning ordinance. The review process found Ellettsville's current codes are sufficient to protect our natural resources; cultural or natural, and that we have codes in place which grants the Plan Commission the ability to require higher standards where and when necessary to accommodate for the particular needs of the development under review, as well as, the particular needs of the community outside of the proposed development that will be impacted by the development.

In addition, Ellettsville has codes, which state, compliance with these provisions shall not exclude other provisions of the Comprehensive Plan or other conditions favorable to health, safety and convenience, and the harmonious development of the territorial jurisdiction of the town.

In Chapter 153: Subdivision Regulations, the established codes either: protect, preserve, establish, prevent, or promote natural resource protection or are combinations of these. Code 153.003, General Provisions, grants the Plan Commission the right not to further subdivide property for flooding concerns, karst features, marketable natural resources, cultural significance, endangered species and or habitat, and environmental condition of the site.

Additional provisions in Chapter 153 provide for the basic needs of green space, trails, pathways, parks and playgrounds, as well as encourage walkability for residents, which could grant density bonus of units within the subdivision if provided by the developer and furthers economic investment quality, health, safety and welfare of the overall community.

Pre-application for subdivision approval requires the project scope and intent of the proposed subdivision project, as well as the present use and configuration of the land. And finally, 153.051 (C) where necessary to accommodate the particular needs of the development plan the Plan Commission may include higher standards and greater requirements, which by code grants them the right to review plans on a case-by-case basis. Code 153.056 also allows for modifications of development plans where evidence may support a petitioner's challenge to these regulations, and may allow for innovative concepts.

Additional Code Changes

Several Town codes have been updated since July 2009, such as the sign ordinance, wireless communication facilities, abandoned and salvage vehicles, and new codes currently being reviewed by the Plan Commission include a landscape ordinance. Other codes that are in consideration are animal codes and rental property codes.

Multiple checklists and procedures have also been developed to assist with better planning protocol to better prepare for future development, which shall assist the Town in being proactive versus conducting reactive planning.

The compilation of development site checklists will ensure site developers maintain erosion control, compliance with current ordinances and a checks and balance on the approved plan as compared to unapproved revisions and modifications.

Parks and Recreation Plan five year plan

The Department of Planning met with the Ellettsville Parks Board on January 4, 2010 to discuss a revision to the Ellettsville Parks and Recreation Plan that was never officially adopted by the Town in 2003/2004.

On February 1, 2010 the Department of Planning met with the Parks Board and submitted a draft copy of a parks and recreation five year master plan and discussed the need to have the Park's board determine the goals and objectives to be added to the revised plan and the need to hold a public hearing to receive input from the community. The president of the Park's Board suggested that we post a public hearing notice before the next meeting on April 5, 2010; meeting dates and actions are provided below:

- January 4, 2010 Parks Board to provide goals and objectives for the revised master plan.
- February 1, 2010 Parks Board will review the draft proposal of the five year master plan
- February 2010 Revise Parks and Recreation Plan as suggested by the Parks Board.
- May 5, 2010 Parks Board Meeting- Present revised copy of the master plan.
- May 3, 2010 distribute park and recreation surveys to Fire Station, Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation, Town Hall and *The Ellettsville Journal* as advertised in *The Ellettsville Journal*.
- May 15, 2010 pickup park survey from distribution points.
- May 20, 2010 compile survey results from 60 collected surveys.
- June 2010 Add findings to parks and recreation plan.
- 2010 Research funding sources to conduct an ADA transition plan.
- 2010 Seek assistance to conduct an ADA transition plan in the Town of Ellettsville.
- 2010 Submit completed plan to the DNR for review, make necessary changes.

- 2010 Seek Public Input.
- 2010 Parks Board Meeting- Present revised copy of the master plan and request approval from the Parks and Recreation Board to submit the plan to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- 2010 Make necessary changes to the plan, as requested from the DNR.
- 2010 Town Council First Reading to adopt master plan.
- 2010 Town Council Second Reading to adopt master plan.
- 2010 Take the approved parks and recreation plan to the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2011 Seek grant funding in 2011 from the DNR.

The actual requirement of the grant was to complete a revision to the original 2003 parks and recreation plan, which has been completed, but the five year parks and recreation plan as required by the DNR for future grant funding consideration will require a signed Assurance of Compliance Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and inspections and reviews of our current park system for ADA compliance.

The Town of Ellettsville has been in contact with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) for assistance in conducting an income survey, which would allow us to submit an application for funding assistance through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the development of an ADA transition plan. This process will begin in the summer of 2010.

The parks plan provides an inventory of current facilities and their locations, as well as future goals and objectives of the parks board. The report discusses the town's service areas, historical and cultural features, lack of current programs, budget, history and results of the 2003 and 2010 public survey.

The need to complete and receive DNR approval and support of the five year plan is crucial, since the park budget has been reduced by 49% in funding from 2009 to 2010. Survey participation may have been small in comparison to the total population of the town, but the results are still valid in finding that the survey respondents see Ellettsville's public parks and recreation facilities, activities, and services to provide fun for participants and observers, are an accessible place to enjoy nature, provide picnic areas and help to improve physical and mental health.

Expected or Potential Effects of the New I-69 Corridor

The Town of Ellettsville is a small community located along State Road 46. State Road 46 is an east-west highway located in the southern half of Indiana, which runs through the Town of Ellettsville from the western side of Indiana through Terre Haute, Bloomington and Columbus and continues on to the eastern side of the state where it intersects I-74 and U.S. Route 52 west of Cincinnati, Ohio. State Road 46 intersects with almost every road that passes close to in this area.

Changes in November of 2002 brought an extension from the intersection of SR 46 with SR 37 to the intersection near Smith Pike near Ellettsville. Prior to this, the majority of traffic that wanted to get from Bloomington to Ellettsville and beyond had to leave the bypass at SR 37 and go north to an off-ramp at Arlington Road, which was SR 46 at the time. Since Arlington Road is just a two-lane road, increased traffic caused major traffic problems and led to the development of an extension.

State Highway 37 runs from the northeast corner of Indiana down through the southwest corner of the state. State Highway 37 runs through Bloomington on the west side and connects with State Road 46. Highway 37 was completed west of Bloomington in 1969. In recent years, State Road 37 has been rebuilt in many places between Indianapolis and Bloomington, which is possibly early preparation for the Interstate 69 extension.

One of the primary goals of a small community is economic development, which under most circumstances leads to employment growth, and with an increase in employment options and jobs local residents have more money to spend at local businesses, which increases housing demand, and generates more tax revenue for local government. Therefore, job growth has the likelihood of expanding and improving local services, availability of consumer goods, which leads to an improved quality of life and future employment and population growth.

The Town of Ellettsville is fortunate to have several established companies in the community and local area: The Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation, Indiana University, Ivy Tech, Smithville Telephone Company, Bybee Stone, Cook, and the Town itself employees approximately 100 people.

Other local businesses that contribute to the livelihood of our residents are primarily personal service oriented, health care offices and care centers, auto sales and repair, retail businesses, food establishments and home and farm supply stores.

The Town of Ellettsville supports I-69 and we believe the interstates close proximity to the community will spur economic development, create jobs, stimulate the regional economy and expand our local transportation routes. Travel will improve for the community, businesses and visitors to this area with an anticipated safer, quicker and easier route of travel. We consider it to be an infrastructure asset.

Effects of I-69 on Natural Resources- Natural Resource Protection

The Town of Ellettsville is surrounded by moderately sloping hillsides in the 6,000 acre drainage basin of Jack's Defeat Creek, a tributary of the White River in the Bean Blossom watershed.

Ellettsville is located in the rolling uplands of the limestone Mitchell Plain of southern Indiana, and features thin clay soils, such as Burnside silt loam and Bonnie silt loam that are easily eroded, and which frequently or are occasionally flooded. Much of the surrounding physical area is open marginal farm group with intermittent woodlots of mixed deciduous hardwoods of second growth forest trees.

Limestone, an upland wetland, and local water resources are three natural resources that are present in the Town of Ellettsville. The Town recently protected the upland wetland, "Wishing Well Site Park", by establishing a municipal public owned zoning classification to protect the 20 acre woodland site for educational and passive recreation purposes.

Jack's Defeat Creek is subject to severe flooding, but at the same time is considered an important asset to the environment and community of Ellettsville. The creek has the potential to act as a prime promotional element by pulling people, business and various recreational activities to the district.

Jack's Defeat Creek has suffered impacts throughout its course and is in need of restoration for both water and stream bank quality, and through these efforts will have a positive impact on the quality of life for the community and environment. Jack's Defeat Creek flows through downtown and along the proposed Heritage Trail route and holds many educational and passive recreation opportunities for the community.

Jack's Defeat Creek is subject to flooding, as well as, poses a hindrance to certain site development along its corridor. Historically, the creek has suffered from development

encroachment due to its proximity along State Road 46, which is lined with commercial land uses, including gas stations and auto repair shops.

The Jacks Defeat Creek watershed encompasses essentially the entire Ellettsville area rural community, with the headwaters reaching near the western edge of the City of Bloomington. Narrow sections of floodplain adjoin much of the creek as it traverses the Ellettsville area, and provides scenic views as it passes by farms and along stone outcroppings.

Other waterways include portions of the headwaters of McCormick's Creek and several unnamed tributaries. Much of the area is also dotted with sinkholes that retain water. Portions of the Jacks Defeat Creek floodplain and unnamed tributaries and the Flatwoods area contain wetlands of various sizes and types, though many have been significantly altered through agricultural practices and urbanization.

Forest resources for economic development in the community are limited, although the 20 acre Wishing Well Site Park property is a small forested area of natural resource significance, but not of substantial economic importance. The Well Site includes a mix of hardwoods including: oak (pin, red, white and bur), hickory (shellbark), ash, beech, elm, maple (sugar and silver), hackberry, tulip tree, black gum, cherry, black locust, pawpaw, sassafras, and ironwood.

Interstate 69 is not directly adjacent to the community of Ellettsville, therefore the effects of I-69 on our natural resources is projected to be minimal; except for potential damage to the watershed with the increase of vehicular emissions, oil and fuel leaks, and solid particles through traveling and braking getting into our stormwater runoff, which could affect the local watershed and downstream watersheds.

Protective measures are anticipated to reduce non point source pollution from I-69 through the proper maintenance of structural controls. Although the use of pesticides, herbicides and deicing salts and chemicals will enter the local watershed, we believe we have more potential for environmental damage due to stormwater runoff from local parking lots, streets, gas stations and local residents not following best management practices and over use of chemicals, fertilizers and illegal dumping.

The Director of Planning for the Town of Ellettsville is the educational outreach coordinator for stormwater. The Planning Department, in conjunction with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District has conducted surveys and have worked with the Richland

Bean Blossom School Corporation on educational outreach programs and have received various training from attending seminars, workshops and annual conference meetings.

These programs are anticipated to increase with frequency as staffing increases in the Planning Department. In addition, The Director of Planning works on town code revisions and along with the Stormwater Manager conducts inspections, reviews development plans and coordinates repair work with the Ellettsville Street Department, and identifies potential or problem stormwater areas. Therefore the Planning Department, Street Department and Stormwater Manager are first in the line of defense against environmental and natural resource protection and preservation with the assistance of the Plan Commission and Town Council.

I-69 Community Planning Grant Expenditures

Based on the Clerk Treasurers grant expenditures table, as provided to the Planning Department, The remaining grant balance is \$13,028.46. One additional time sheet submittal will be filed by the Planning Director for hours worked from mid April to June 14, 2010 in the amount of \$2096.14. If the last reimbursable is added to the Clerk's breakdown table the actual remaining balance is projected to be \$11,273.27 in remaining grant funds.

Two items need to be verified at the time of the grant submittal, as well as receiving copies of Frank Nierzwicki's submitted time sheets to accompany the close out report. The first item for verification is a difference of \$112.67 in the training line. The invoice totals available in the Planning office reflect charges of \$2,760.00; as compared to the training line in the clerk's table (\$2,872.67). The information will be verified and appropriate documents submitted for clarification purposes during the final filings from the clerk's office.

The remaining balance represents an area in which the project struggled to accomplish its goal of using all grant funding. Consultants were hired mid way in the project, so if the consultants would have been hired in the beginning and if the project had been more tailored for the community's needs other items could have been added to the scope of the project.

Other potential reports consist of a 25 year strategic plan. A strategic plan would organize economic development and infrastructure goals, as well as view remaining developable land areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Ellettsville, as well as identify properties west of Ellettsville that are currently in Monroe County's land area jurisdiction.

The Town continues to receive petitions of land owners west of the corporate limits of town for voluntary annexation. One area that was recently annexed will be the site of a new

Smithville office, warehouse, and service area, so as the community grow along SR 46 potential future infrastructure needs become relevant to the community and Town. If the Town of Ellettsville was determined to be low to a moderate income community, additional funding sources may be obtainable through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs - Community Development Block Grant Program, which could yield larger grants for economic development and downtown revitalization projects.

Summary

The I-69 INDOT and Office of Community Affairs Planning Program Grant has served as a catalyst for the community of Ellettsville and the Department of Planning to develop and implement a strategic plan to accompany the reports produced from this grant. The Town is positioning itself to be more competitive and marketable for future economic development.

Even though the grant struggled in the beginning, the project managed to overcome and produce valuable documents and spurred new thoughts, goals and objectives for the community and municipality to work toward; which will have the positive return of improving services, facilities, income and business opportunities and quality of life.

With change, a community can anticipate some growing pains and adjustments. New municipal code ordinances, and policies and procedures will take time to get used to, but the transition is needed and necessary in order for the Town to efficiently and thoughtfully plan for its future; especially for economic development, sustainability, natural resource protection and community needs. It will take the commitment and efforts of many citizens, civic and social groups, Town supervisors, council and various governmental agencies to take Ellettsville's future generations into the 21st century.

BUDGET

The following information represents a breakdown of the I-69 grant expenditures.

Clerk Treasurer's I-69 Accounting of Grant Expenditures

Vendor	Reimbursement	Balance-(\$49,410.75)
Nierzwicki's Time	\$10,137.47	\$39,273.28
Schneider	\$8,606.20	\$30,667.08
Eco Logic	\$4,428.00	\$26,239.08
Maximus	\$5,000.00	\$21,239.08
Training, K.K. Gerhart-Fritz	\$2,872.67	\$18,366.41
Connie Griffin	***\$7,093.14	\$11,273.27

*** With last time sheet submitted for reimbursable, this is the anticipated remaining balance.

Planning Department I-69 Accounting of Grant Expenditures

Training Invoice

<i>K.K. Gerhart-Fritz, AICP</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Work Conducted</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
1	3/23/2009	Training	\$2,516.86
	3/23/2009	Food	\$243.14
		Total Amount	\$2760.00

CIP Invoice

<i>Maximus</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Work Conducted</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
102903.01.01.01-01	4/12/2010	CIP	\$5,000.00

The Schneider Corporation Invoice Submittal

<i>Schneider Corporation Invoice Number</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Work Conducted</i>	<i>Amount</i>
140989	September 27 to October 31, 2009	Landscape Architecture	\$570.00
141456	November 1 to November 28, 2009	Landscape Architecture	\$1,356.95
141719	November 29, 2009- January 2, 2010	Landscape Architecture	\$2,370.28
142392	January 31 to February 27, 2010	Landscape Architecture	\$1,554.72
14062	January 3 to January 30, 2010	Landscape Architecture	\$2,568.00
142772	February 28 to March 27, 2010	Landscape Architecture	\$186.25
		Total Invoice Submittal	\$8,606.20

Eco Logic Invoice Submittal

<i>Eco Logic LLC Invoice Number</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Work Conducted</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1479	12/10/2009	Natural area assessment	\$3,986.00
1507	4/13/2010	Natural area assessment	\$442.00
		Total Invoice Submittal	\$4,428.00

Frank Nierzwicki- Former Ellettsville Director of Planning Hours Submitted

****Information taken from available information in the Planning Department. Time sheets for Frank Nierzwicki will be requested from the Clerk Treasurers office for proper posting, based on her reimbursement filings.*

Dates	Hours	Rate \$35.21	Total Billing	80% Reimbursement
March 13-26, 2009	8	\$35.21	\$281.68	\$225.34
March 27-April 9, 2009	28	\$35.21	\$985.88	\$788.70
April 10-23, 2009	10	\$35.21	\$352.10	\$281.68
April 24-May 7, 2009	10	\$35.21	\$352.10	\$281.68
May 8 - 21, 2009	6	\$35.21	\$211.26	\$169.00
May 22 - June 4, 2009	12	\$35.21	\$422.52	\$338.01
June 5 - 18, 2009	6	\$35.21	\$211.26	\$169.00
Total Hours	80	Total Submittal	\$281.68	\$2253.41

The Clerk Treasurers Breakdown for Frank Nierzwicki, based on I-69 accounting records is listed below.

Dates	Amount
	\$589.25
	\$859.32
	\$1,546.91
	\$1,198.55
	\$1,464.74
	\$788.70
	\$1,521.07
	\$1,154.89
	\$1,014.04
Total Requested Reimbursable Amount	\$10,137.47

Connie Griffin- Ellettsville Director of Planning Hours Submitted

Dates	Hours	Rate- \$26.30/33.70	Total Billing	80% Reimbursement
August 2009	4	\$26.30	\$105.20	\$84.16
September 2009	36.25	\$26.30	\$953.37	\$762.70
October 2009	14.5	\$26.30	\$381.35	\$305.08
November 2009	12.5	\$26.30	\$328.75	\$263.00
December 2009	45	\$26.30	\$1183.50	\$946.80

2009 Summary	112.25	\$26.30	\$2952.17	\$2361.74
January 2010	19.5	\$26.30	\$512.85	\$410.28
February 2010	46.25	\$26.30	\$1216.37	\$973.10
March 2010	41.5	\$26.30	\$1091.45	\$873.16
April 2010	18	\$26.30	\$473.40	\$378.72
2010 Wage Change Subtotals (26.30)	125.25		\$3,294.07	\$2,635.26
April 2010	22	\$33.70	\$741.40	\$593.12
May 2010	18	\$33.70	\$606.60	\$485.28
June 2010	37.75	\$33.70	\$1272.17	\$1017.73
2010 Summary (\$33.70)	77.75	\$33.70	\$2620.17	\$2,096.14
Total Hours	315.25	Total Submittal	\$8,866.41	\$7,093.14

Summary of Expenditures

Name of Consultant or Town Employee	Amount of Total Billing
K.K. Gerhart-Fritz, AICP	\$2760.00
Maximus	\$5,000.00
Schneider Corporation	\$8,606.20
Eco Logic LLC	\$4,428.00
Frank Nierzwicki	\$10,137.47
Connie Griffin	\$7,093.14
Grand Total	\$38,024.81