

INDOT and City of Mount Vernon partner to complete trail project

The Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana will partner to complete their newest trail project that will go from the City's riverfront on the Ohio River in Southwest Indiana through the heart of the community. The trail is one of many quality of place projects on tap for the City through 2017.

The City of Mount Vernon in partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced today the continued development of the City's trail system that weaves throughout key sections of the City. With a total investment of over \$6 million, the new phases of the Riverbend Trails will extend from Mount Vernon's newly developed riverfront to Brittlebank Park, a total of two miles including streetscapes and a neighborhood pocket park.

The Riverbend Trails project was recently submitted to INDOT and received the highest rating in a statewide competitive round of funding. The city was earlier prevented from seeking INDOT funding for the project as it was in competition for Indiana's Stellar Communities designation.

"Investing in our community is vital to compete in today's market place so as to attract new investment and talent," said John Tucker, Mayor of Mount Vernon. "Over the past two years, Mount Vernon has seen multiple projects take place because of strategic partnerships like that we've forged with INDOT; and today we celebrate another success of moving our community forward."