

*Vermillion County Park and Recreation Board
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Vermillion County Economic Development Council
2250 N Main Street
Clinton, IN 47842

LETTER OF INTENT

The Wabash River is Vermillion County's greatest natural resource. The Vermillion County Parks Department is supportive and welcomes the opportunity to network with the Banks of the Wabash organization, the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, as well as the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department in acquiring the NECD property that is adjacent to the river and includes the wells, particularly well #1.

How will Vermillion County, as a whole, Benefit?

- *Provide citizens a perfect place to camp by the river.
- *Provide an access point via the access road to the river. This access would be public but would also provide an additional point for emergency situations. (Currently, the only public access point to the Wabash River on the Vermillion County side is in Clinton.)
- *This could provide an additional training opportunity and site for water-rescue teams.
- *Increase tourism to/through the county. Folks could "put in" at Eugene, Covington, or Sugar Creek and this could be a designated pick up point. Folks could also "put in" at this point and canoe/boat to Montezuma or Clinton (hopefully, Clinton to increase tourism in Vermillion County!)
- *It would be a project that, once approved, could be taken slowly, advertised that this point of access is available, and folks could enjoy the beautiful, historic Wabash River!

The Wabash River is Indiana's State River and is the entire eastern county line of Vermillion County, running the entire length of the county. Let's protect and promote OUR river, the Wabash!

Sincerely,



Ira Jones, President

Vermillion County Park Board