

Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway



Primary
Route



Loop
Routes



East Fork
Loop



Oldenburg-Batesville
Loop



Dearborn-Ripley
Loop



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June 16, 2008

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman
Indiana State House
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Subject: State Byway Designation of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway

Dear Lieutenant Governor Skillman:

Byways in Indiana are officially designated by order of the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation with the support of the Lieutenant Governor. Following considerable local discussion and effort in the Counties of Wayne, Union, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley and Dearborn and an extensive application process that produced an application reviewed in detail by the Indiana Byway Review Committee, representatives of the proposed byway are positioned to take the next step.

The Indiana Byway Review Committee recommends that the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway using portions of SR 38, SR 1, SR 121, US 52 and Old US 52 and US 50 in Indiana, from Hagerstown in Wayne County to Lawrenceburg in Dearborn County, be designated a State Scenic Byway. In addition to the primary route, three loop routes are identified that may enhance the primary route but are not part of the byway designation. These are noted as follows: The "East Fork Loop" is located in Wayne, Union and Franklin Counties. The "Oldenburg - Batesville Loop" is located in Franklin and Ripley Counties. The "Dearborn - Ripley Loop" is located in Dearborn and Ripley Counties.

Based on the scenic, historic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational intrinsic qualities exhibited within the proposed byway corridor, I favor designation of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway as a state byway. I ask your concurrence in this designation.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the application, the mission statement for the byway, the byway designation "Order of the Commissioner" that I will issue and a byway designation concurrence form for you to sign and return to demonstrate your support for this byway. A copy of the review comments in e-mail form is available if you are interested. The reviewers were Brian Blackford with the Office of Tourism Development; Malia Savarino with the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology in the Department of Natural Resources; Joyce Newland from the Indiana Division of the Federal Highway Administration; Andrew Berger, Deputy

Legislative Director with the Association of Indiana Counties, Inc.; and Randall Walter, Byway Coordinator with the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Please contact Randall Walter the INDOT Byway Coordinator with any questions you may have at RWalter@indot.in.gov or at 232-5650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karl B. Browning", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Karl B. Browning
Commissioner

STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INDIANAPOLIS

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Department of Transportation is urged to designate portions of certain highways under state jurisdiction as a State Byway to be known as “The Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway”; and

WHEREAS: The Indiana Office of Tourism Development, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Transportation have worked cooperatively to achieve this designation; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

SECTION 1: Beginning in Wayne County on SR 38 at the stone monument in Hagerstown and proceeding east on SR 38 to SR 1 before continuing south on SR 1 to Delaware Street in Cambridge City. Then traveling west Delaware Street to Green Street before turning south on Green Street to meet US 40. Traveling east on US 40 in Cambridge City to the intersection with Boyd Road before proceeding south on Boyd Road to meet SR 1 between Cambridge City and Milton.

SECTION 2: Still in Wayne County from the intersection with Boyd Road and SR 1 travel south on SR 1 through Milton and Connersville in Fayette County to Western Avenue and then proceeding south on Western Avenue to meet SR 121 at the south edge of Connersville. Travel south on SR 121 through Nulltown and Alpine before entering Franklin County and proceeding south through Laurel and continuing south to the intersection of SR 121 and US 52 west of Metamora.

SECTION 3: Still in Franklin County travel east on US 52 from the intersection with SR 121 and proceed southeast through Brookville passing SR 252 and proceeding southeast on US 52 through Cedar Grove and New Trenton to meet I-74 before proceeding onto Old US 52 to the Indiana – Ohio State Line.

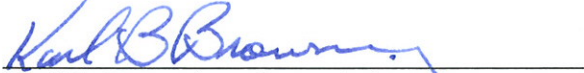
SECTION 4: Byway Route within the State of Ohio is the responsibility of Ohio units of government to obtain the designation as a byway.

SECTION 5: From the Indiana – Ohio State Line on US 50 entering Dearborn County and traveling on US 50 and a small section of SR 1 through Greendale and on US 50 to Lawrenceburg and ending at Walnut Street in Lawrenceburg.

SECTION 6: Appropriate signs shall be designed and installed in accordance with current standards as determined by the Department of Transportation.

In testimony whereof, and with the concurrence of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Indiana Department of Transportation this 23rd day of June, 2008.


INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION


Karl B. Browning, Commissioner

INDIANA STATE BYWAY DESIGNATION

CONCURRENCE FORM

I, Karl B. Browning, do hereby officially designate the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway, as defined in the March 2007 application, as an **Indiana State Byway**. This byway is recommended for designation by the Indiana Byway Advisory Committee for its archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities.

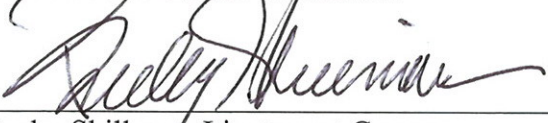


Karl B. Browning, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation

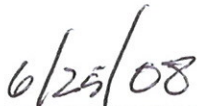


Date

I, Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby concur in the designation of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway as an **Indiana State Byway** on behalf of the residents of the State of Indiana.



Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor
State of Indiana



Date