

YHCC Completed Project List

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Angel Mounds State Historic Site

- Reopened existing trails and established new trails after tornado and ice storm damaged portions of the site.
- Removed trees between temple field and Mound A to restore vista as it was during occupation.
- Removed invasive plant species on Mound G.
- Planted new trees in front of the interpretive center.

Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area

- Replaced the one-mile-long west boundary of the waterfowl resting area, including removal of old posts and wire and replacement with new locust posts and a single strand of barbless wire.
- Constructed five PVC shooting stations for the shotgun range

Brookville Lake / Whitewater State Park

- Hay Barn – Constructed Hay Barn at Whitewater Saddle Barn
- Quakertown Causeway – Cleared trees and brush from the Quakertown Causeway
- Fairfield Causeway – Cleared trees and brush from the Fairfield Causeway, 30% completed
- Invasive Species – Cleared 2.5 acres of Autumn Olive

Brown County State Park

- Lower shelter CCC stone repairs
- New Roof on the Nature Center
- Invasive removal in high use areas around the property
- Mowing
- Painting of the interior of three shower houses
- Staining of the exterior of family cabins
- Nature center display painting
- Roadside drainage improvements
- Roadside brush clearing
- Installation of lighting along the walks at the nature center
- New Abe Martin display at the Abe Martin Lodge

Chain O'Lakes State Park

- Painting/staining of 7 property buildings, 16 Pit Toilets and complete property sign system
- Trails (10 miles) - Cleared brush and trees; corrected and installed new erosion control water bars; repaired 2 bridges and their approaches
- Invasive species removal – removed approximately 22 acres of invasive species and also assisted in various tree removal projects
- Assisted in the maintenance of all property facilities

Charlestown State Park

- Clear 1.25 miles of property boundary line, built fence and firebreak.
- Provided labor to assist Park Staff with building new park entrance sign.
- Park trails have been repaired and cleared of storm damaged trees.

- Invasive plants have been chemical treated on 15 acres.
- Ten Park signs have been repainted.
- Boat Ramp courtesy dock was enlarged and re-decked.

Clifty Falls State Park

- Railroad tunnel “closed” as White-Nosed Bat Syndrome control measure. Fence was erected and signage posted at tunnel, trail heads and around the property. A cage and shelves were built for supplies and products in our coin laundry building. Gates are being rebuilt for use when snow and ice require closing canyon road. Sign structure and new picture Information signs were erected around property.
- Pit toilet structural repairs were made before YHCC paint crew addressed them all with new coats of paint.
- Laundry building was painted inside and out. All electric posts and boxes were prepped and repainted in the campgrounds. North, South and Campgrounds’ gatehouses were totally prepped and repainted. Clifty Restroom and Shelter house were painted. All bulletin boards and campground site post were repainted.
- Large flat stones were carried from creek bed and used to build stairs at the base of trail 1-2-3 where it meets the creek bed. Erosion control, water bars, and mulch were added on several trails. A new bridge was made from fallen trees left by Hurricane IKE, this original design and built in place structure spans the Hoffman branch just up stream of the Hoffman falls and is part of trail 3. The southern most bridge on Trail 8 was also rebuilt after it too had been damaged in Sept. 2008 by hurricane IKE.
- Nearly 3 miles of boundary fence line were cleared of over growth of vines and trees making a safer ‘fire-lane’ along the inside of our boundary with the city’s Dolly Madison subdivision, Indiana Avenue, Flint Street and along the county’s “Black Road.”
- Invasive plant removal, roadside clearing, and tree trimming efforts have addressed three miles of roadway and an additional six acres of plant cutting and herbicides application has begun. This is just scratching the surface at this big problem area here at Clifty. Vista’s at the Hoffman falls and Big Clifty have received some much needed trimming as did the Riverview lawn behind the Inn these still require more work.

Falls of the Ohio State Park

- Constructed Hale Wetland overlook
- Constructed trail at Hale Wetland, including two bridges
- Constructed trail at the Willow Woods improving visitor access to the fossil beds
- Erosion control-placed rip rap and stone in washed out areas to curb erosion in the outer bed parking lot which will also improve visitor access
- Invasive species control-pulled garlic mustard and purple loosestrife along the Woodland Loop trail
- Landscape maintenance of flower beds around the Interpretive Center

Fort Harrison State Park

- Fort Harrison State Park Inn - Cleared brush and small trees from Canal Area behind the Kendall Inn. (picture)
- Resource Management - Ongoing clearing of Bush Honeysuckle. Currently managing 3 acres.
- Trail repair and clearing - 3/4 mile of Fall Creek has been cleared and re-stoned.
- New Playground - Staff and YHCC prepped and planted playground with native plants and grasses. (picture)
- Fort Branch Shelter - Complete remodel of Fort Branch Shelter including reroofing and painting. (picture)

- New Bridge on Fall Creek - Removal of large culvert from Fall Creek Trail, and are in the process of building a new bridge (picture)

Gene Stratton Porter State Historic Site

- Lined garden and trail paths with field stone
- Installed new signs throughout to improve visitor way-finding.

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

- Hundreds of acres of invasive plant control
- Constructed 15 parking areas

Hardy Lake

- Extended Beach Frontage 400 feet
- Eradicated Autumn Olive 15 Acres
- Painted Storage Barn
- Set 20 Grills for Picnic Areas
- Installed Seating and New Benches at the Family Fire Rings

Harmonie State Park

- Rehab campsite pads and fire rings
- Installed new flower planters at family cabins
- Rehab drainage basins at drinking fountains
- Painting all park signs
- Installed new doggie waste stations in campground
- Removed autumn olive along roadsides, about 2 miles completed
- Rehab of park storage building, including reorganizing and painting, interior and exterior
- Pruned trees in campground and along park roadsides
- Wabash river picnic area restoration, and river bank vista clearing
- Installed new interpretive signs.
- Maintaining Mountain bike trail after storms and heavy rainfall
- Installed two new culverts on new horse trail in river flood plain area
- Service area clean up, and removal of old junk and equipment.

Indiana Dunes State Park

- Merriam grass transplanting 0.5 acres
- Construct storm water control at main gate parking area see picture 936
- Firewood packaging project supplying two parks
- Building people mover trailer see picture 012
- Resource management invasive spraying and removal road right of ways 5.5 acres
- Rehabilitation of garage structure
- Repairing ice damage shop overhang picture 295
- Wilson road shoulder improvements
- Paint interior of primitive comfort stations
- DNR Annex rain garden brick ringing
- Trail 10 - 0.5 mile new surface material
- Tremont Rd. ditch clearing .75 mile picture 959

Jackson-Washington State Forest

- Remodeled stage at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area
- Remodeled property office/service building

- Completed trail work

Lieber SRA

- Pruned 3 miles of fire trails
- Applied mulch throughout property
- Continued removing debris of 2008 flood
- Pruned entire sewage lagoon perimeter
- Worked with interpretive programs at the beach and other events/projects
- Applied herbicide and cleared opening on trail to overlook
- Assisted on all gate operations

Lincoln State Park

- Property – 8 acres of invasive removal and chemical treatment
- Fire Lanes - completed 60 % of boundary fire lanes
- Col. Jones Home - YHCC staffing of site has increased visitation by 400% from 2008.
- Nature Center - YHCC staffing of facility has increased visitation by 250% from 2008.
- Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza - prepped and sod site; set up tents and seating for dedication.

Limberlost and Loblolly Wetland Restoration

- Mowed nearly 350 acres to prep for restoration of the native vegetation
- Mowed 122 acres of 2008 and 2009 tree plantations
- Helped plant 3000 native grasses and forb plugs
- Helped cleanup trash from a newly acquired property
- Removed cottonwoods from 25 acres to prep for sedge meadow plugs.

McCormick's Creek State Park

- Rebuilt approximately 6 miles of roadside shoulder throughout the park
- Replaced nearly one half mile of fence at the Saddle Barn
- Fenced about 5 acres of new pasture at the Saddle Barn
- Removed approximately 30 acres of invasive species from throughout the park
- Cleaned fire rings and grills each week
- Removed roadside trash daily
- Removed abandoned storage areas from throughout the park
- Split and bundled approximately 6,000 bundles of firewood
- Repaired erosion problems on trails and campsites
- Created an electronic building inventory to track repairs/maintenance needs
- Provided landscaping throughout the park
- Assisted daily housekeeping tasks
- Assisted with Nature Center programs
- Trimmed 13+ miles of hiking trails

Minnehaha Fish & Wildlife Area

- Removed brush and trees from Green Valley Dam and cleared debris from the spillway
- Removed, painted and reinstalled all area signs at Chinook, Fairbanks Landing, Green Valley, Hillenbrand and Minnehaha fish and wildlife areas.

Mississinewa Lake

- Youth Tent Camp - Created two new sites for youth tent camping, which will accommodate 150 individuals.

- Campground - Painted 400 campsite roadway numbers and removed 400 posts.
- Erosion control - Stabilized 8000 square feet of soil bank with matting and seed.
- Lost Sister Trail - Two miles of this trail was stoned, cleared, and treated for erosion.
- Triathlon - Created 70 furniture quality plaque awards for the 2009 Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon.
- Seasonal Campground - Cleared and cut 90 trees for firewood in preparation for a new campground.

Monroe Lake

- Paynetown SRA:
 - Replaced three foot bridges on Whitetail Hiking Trail
 - Painted Camp Store
 - Painted Paynetown Service Building
 - Painted three Pit Toilets
- Fairfax SRA:
 - Replace foot bridge on Big Oak Hiking Trail
 - Replaced roof on Big Oak Shelter
 - Painted Pit Toilet
- Pinegrove SRA:
 - Painted Pit Toilet
- Cutright SRA:
 - Painted Pit Toilet
 - Painted and lettered all signs
- Property:
 - To date 348 effective acres of invasive removed and chemically treated.

Morgan-Monroe State Forest

- Renovated pit toilets
- Painted fire tower and replaced stairs and landing
- Renovated 25 miles of trails

Mounds State Park

- Resource Management - Actively managing over 7 acres of Bush Honeysuckle. This is an ongoing job. (removal picture included)
- Trail Maintenance and Repair - 6 miles of trails have been widened for EMS entry and have been repaired where there were erosion and standing water issues. This job is completed (picture attached)
- Nature Center Boardwalk - Complete replacement of the lower deck and power washing of entire boardwalk (picture included)
- Trailer Repair - Work trailer was repaired. Welding, rewiring, grinding rust, repainting and re-boarding was done by YHCC staff.
- Fence line - Fence line cleaning was completed
- Tree trimming throughout park - this is to remove low hanging trees for visitor safety. This is an ongoing project.

New Harmony State Historic Site

- Assisted with archaeological excavation at Community House 2 prior to installation of HVAC unit. Included excavation of early to mid-19th century trash pits.
- Worked with the University of Southern Indiana archaeological field school to excavate, process and catalog materials from the Harmonist pottery kiln site.
- Assisted with archaeological excavation of kitchen addition to the Fauntleroy home. The footprint of the structure and a partial construction sequence have been recorded. Some

architectural drawings of the standing structure have been made to allow interpretation of the archaeological data.

- Cataloged 10-plus boxes of artifacts.
- Made a floor plan of the Shoelle house to aid exhibit development.

O'Bannon Woods State Park

- Six miles of mountain bike trails completed. Three miles of rehab and re-route and three miles of completely new trail.
- Work continues on new Universally Accessible Trail at the Nature Center
- Cleared CCC foundations of overgrown vegetation at the Group Camp
- 4+ Acres of invasives removal and chemical treatment
- Completed painting of stage, shelter house and pit toilets at primitive horse camp
- Gravel parking lot at Pine Pond improvements made to improve accessibility
- acres of lawn mowed weekly
- acres of roadsides and campsites weed-eated weekly
- established a two year supply of firewood processed and stored for sale in our campgrounds
- Assist with cleaning of all park facilities and comfort stations

Ouabache State Park

- CCC Shelters and Lodge - YHCC paint crew recoated many facilities throughout the summer. Completed.
- Interpretive Naturalist Helper - 1 YHCC worker assigned to map exotic species, research CCC camp history, revamp bulletin boards, and assist where needed for interpretive programs. On-going .
- Trail Rehab - YHCC workers trimmed and cleaned trails of over-grown vegetation. Completed.
- Rustic Oak Shelter - YHCC workers helped with disassembly of rotten timbers from this CCC structure. Project is ongoing at this time.

Patoka Lake

- Historic Cabin Reconstruction- Logs erected, cedar wood shingle roof completed on 8/17/09.
- Hiking Trails- 8.5 miles of trails maintenance and log removal.
- Fire Lanes/Access Roads- 12 miles of road side trimming and maintenance.
- Invasive Plant removal- 600 Mamosa trees and 15 total acres removal and chemical herbicide applied.
- Vehicle Repair- Two heavy duty trucks body repaired and painted, two passenger trucks collision repair/painted.

Pokagon State Park

- Group Camp-Installation of 1200 tons of glacial stone to curb bank erosion
- CCC Shelter drainage and erosion control using glacial stone
- CCC shelter historic Lake James vista maintenance through the removal of invasive trees and plants
- Resource Management involving hundreds of acres throughout the property including removal of invasive plants in the Potawatomi Nature Preserve through cutting and applying herbicide and the clean up of dead White Pine in a plantation original planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's.
- Lake James shore line stabilization and protection near the main beach area using glacial stone including the removal invasive plants.

- Painting of the exterior of the Potawatomi Inn was completed with YHCC crews as well as interior painting in several areas through out the Inn.
- Boundary fence clearing along the Lone Tree point addition on the western boundary of the Park.
- Trine State Recreation Area-Demolition of surplus buildings is on going as well as cleanup of the grounds in preparation of opening for public visitation.

Potato Creek State Park

- Painted park wide signage/replacing 4X4 post as well
- Restored 145 campsite pads with #53 Limestone
- Landscaped 17 cabin walkways, seeded, mulched and installed split rail
- Rehabbed Interior/Exterior 17 Vault toilets
- Applied stone to the base of new 4X4 park signage
- Weed control throughout park and parking lots
- Assisted INDOT with patch work in parking lots
- Removed several acres of Autumn Olive invasive species
- Painted WWTP fencing and pipes
- Resurface 6 miles Hiking and Horse Trails
- Trimming roadsides and trails
- Ongoing restoration of Old Spring House

Prophetstown State Park

- Oak Ridge Bluff Restoration: Removal of non-native and invasive trees and shrubs from an oak ridge bluff to re-establish native plant and oak tree regeneration
- Painting: The park office and service area barn will be painted.
- Greenhouse Repair: Replace the plastic on two greenhouses
- Boundary Signs: Install Boundary signs on approximately 3 miles of boundary.
- Landscaping Office and Historic Prophetstown: Landscape around a wayside sign at the park office and the entrance to Historic Prophetstown
- Tree row/Fence Row Removal: Remove approximately 2 miles of fence rows throughout the property
- Demolition of two houses: Cleanup from the demolition of two houses that will take place later this fall.
- Seed Harvest: Starting in one week and continuing throughout October, we will begin harvesting wildflower and grass seed to use for prairie establishment

Raccoon SRA

- 6+ acres of invasive removal and chemical treatment
- 2.5+ miles of trails lined with aggregates and/or mulch
- Assisted in renovating or rebuilding 9 bridge structures
- Assisted in planting 3+ acre food plot in resource management unit #5
- Rehabbed Harden vault toilet.
- Assisted in painting Bill Hill shelter and 4 vault toilets
- Assisted in removing debris from the 2008 flood
- Assisted in maintenance of the Historic Mansfield Roller Mill

Roush Lake

- Repaired roof and placed new shingles on Little Turtle Shelter House.
- Renovated and painted beach bathhouse.
- Painted, installed or repaired property signs.
- Cleared road side and shooting range entrance of invasives.

- Cleared fishing access points at several property wildlife ponds.
- Placed dirt on slopes next to major roadways that will be seeded this fall to prevent water run off and erosion.
- Removed and chemical treatment of invasives throughout the property 25+ acres.
- Rehabbed Mountain Bike and Hiking Trails - 7 miles

Salamonie Lake

- Constructed two new playgrounds
- Rebuilt one pit toilet
- Repainted 4 pieces of heavy equipment
- Painted inside of mechanic's garage
- Rebuilt a shelter house
- Re-cleared 20 miles of Salamonie trails
- Cleared over a mile of roadside brush in recreation areas
- Installed 316 fire rings
- Put in 2 new campsites
- Helped weld metal storage frame for service area
- Assisted mowing in recreation areas
- Invasive Bush Honeysuckle removal and right-of-way trimming at Salamonie River State Forest (in progress with 1.7 miles of right-of-way cleared 12 acres of bush honeysuckle)
- Repair and repaint 3 wildlife management implements (before and after pictures of 2 of the implements are attached).
- 1.5 miles of right-of-way cleared on reservoir access lanes (before and after pictures of Lost bridge east road clearing attached)

Shades State Park

- Lovers Leap overlook completed
- extensive work completed on trail #10 extension/new parking lot - downed trees removed, sectioned, limbs chipped into mulch, mulch used to beautify park, remainder salvaged for logs or firewood.
- Approximately 200 to 300 yards of new trail construction completed in Pine Hills Nature Preserve area - downed tree removal, firewood salvage, grade work, aggregate base installed, culvert installation underway.
- Construction of Maidenhair falls structure - now underway, demo begun on very remote structure on very popular trail.
- Important Shades Item - Shades experienced a very severe storm on Aug 4. All hands including available YHCC workers worked extensively during Aug 5,6,and 7 working to open roads, clear campsites, open trails, and clear debris
- YHCC have also been completing duties such as mowing, cleaning, litter, weed eating, and other general items all summer.
- YHCC crews have also completed invasive exotic removal work at the property along the trail #10 corridor (some area as second item above) concentration has been on multiflora rose.

Shakamak State Park

- Pole Barn – Rehab pole barn with new barn metal and rock floor.
- Lenape Boat Rental Dock – rebuilt Lenape boat rental dock.
- Property - 5+ acres of invasive removal along roadsides.

Spring Mill State Park

- assisted in repair of porch and balcony of the upper residence in the pioneer village

- assisted with replacement of rotten logs in the main entrance gate building
- graded, leveled and widened narrow sections of trail 4
- installed gabion baskets along creek bed of trail 4 to control erosion and widen the trail
- removed steps and observation deck at the entrance of Donaldson Cave
- repaired steps to Hamer Cave
- graded and resurfaced eroded sections of trail 1
- maintenance work on all trails – 9 miles
- cleared and repaired boundary fence around park perimeter
- invasive species removal along trail 7, trail 2 and in the campground
- inventory and catalog artifacts in the pioneer village buildings
- digitized 6000 photo slides
- painted murals in the nature center to depict native plant species
- assisted with traffic and parking control for Grissom Memorial rededication
- weekly mowing of campground and other public areas
- painted buildings throughout the property
- painted chain link fence at the service area and sewage treatment plant
- painted stairwells in Spring Mill Inn
- drywall repair and repainted four guest rooms in Spring Mill Inn
- replaced drop ceiling in inn game room
- staffing several operational positions – office clerk, gate attendants and camp store

Summit Lake State Park

- Trail Rehab- Trails were cut back and brush removed for four trails totaling about 8 miles. Fire Break trails were cut back and widened allowing for prescribed burns in the spring. The wader breaks require less man power while burning. These breaks total about 4 miles.
- Building painting- Eight park buildings were painted and two shelters waterproofed. All park signs were given a fresh coat of background stain along with all directional wording repainted bright yellow.
- Fence Clearing-The crew cut back brush and trees along all park roads and about a mile of closed road within the interior of the park. They cut a clearing along the interior and exterior of the boundary fence for about a half mile so far. About a half mile of REMC utility line was cleared to protect our power supply during the next ice storm. Our crew did a good job while being less invasive then the REMC clearing contractor.
- Exotic removal- This crew has worked on about 200 acres of property. The job included cutting and removing the exotic plants and spraying the stumps. Other plants were identified and only sprayed.
- Tree transplanting- Around 10 years ago we began replanting barren areas in the property. We used seedlings from the state nursery. Fearing the mortality of the small trees, we planted a variety of each in a nursery setting to give them a little better protection until they were larger. The crew this summer replanted many of these trees into areas needing shade trees. They have continued to water them daily through the summer.
- Firewood- The property sustained several winters of damaging storms requiring the removal of damaged trees from high use areas. Most of the removal was done with park staff and our prison offender crew. Most of the splitting and bundling of this wood was then done by the HYCC group. We have sold this wood to our campers as a park vending service. This has allowed us to sell all summer without purchasing any wood from a vendor which we have had to do in past years.

Tippecanoe River State Park

- The Tippecanoe crew has bat proofed 65% of the buildings in the group camp area and we anticipate having the rest completed by the end of the season. We are considering placing bat boxes in the area to offer alternative living habitat for the displaced bats.
- Landscaping was reworked in front of the park office. This involved adding new flower beds and stone edging. In addition to the landscaping a new fence was erected along the parking area. This fence followed the design of the old WPA fencing and blends in nicely with the park decor. A new lamp post was added that also resembled the old heavy timber look. One thing that makes this project unique is a YHCC is constructing a metal frame light from scratch that will resemble the old style that once existed.
- The parking lot in front of the office was seal coated and looks great.
- Landscaping and stone was added to the Tipicon beach area trail. This area was subject to erosion and was becoming damaged. This project received a great deal of compliments.
- We have cleared encroaching branches and limbs from over 22 miles of hiking trails in the park. We have also started doing the same on horse trails. So far we have hit close to five miles of horse trails.
- We have painted 71 buildings at Tippecanoe this summer. This included all vault toilets, the park office and several other buildings. We hope to complete all of the buildings and structures by the end of the YHCC program.
- The area near the water fowl resting area has been cleared of brush. This increased visibility of the area and improved visitor appreciation and usage. This included trimming and cutting brush in a three acre area that was only a few feet wide but several hundred feet long. The area looks great.
- Several miles of roadway in the park were cleared of encroaching limbs and branches. This does not sound like much but it involved a great deal of pole saw, and chain saw work.
- Several areas of the horse trail system were experiencing problems with erosion. The YHCC have added stone and dirt to help prevent and control this.
- Exotic removal included 3 acres of autumn olive on the east side of the park. This should cut down on or prevent the spread to other areas of the park.

Turkey Run State Park

- Eradication crew cleared 11 acres of honeysuckle & autumn olive.
- Reorganized the Nature Center's storage areas.
- Cleaned and assisted in staffing Nature Center.
- Weeded and enhanced appearance of Nature Center's landscaping & gardens.
- Assisted with visitor programs and have presented some programs.
- Assisted with major repairs on two trail structures on trail # 4.
- Assisted with major erosion structure on trail # 9.
- Spent numerous hours assisting with storm related damage and clearing in the park and on trails.
- Assisted in maintenance of the park trails.
- Employees have painted all the campsites marker posts, trail markers, and many trail signs.

- Employees have painted pit toilets and several other park buildings.
- Assisted in installing new wooden fence in the park, Cox Ford Canoe Access, and horse barn.
- Employees have removed weeds and enhanced the overall appearance of the Inn's landscaping.
- Employees have painted many areas at the Inn; entrance doors, stair wells, trim.
- Assisted in installing twelve wayside signs.

Versailles State Park

- Group Camp – Painted exterior of two sleeping cabins
- Shelters – removal and installation of new roof on four shelters, fifth one currently in progress.
- Property Structures – Painted exterior of 14 structures
- Property Trails – Constructed over 2 miles of new mountain bike trails
- Property – Finish cleanup from Sept. 14 wind even

Wilbur Wright Fish & Wildlife Area

- Cleanup around old maintenance buildings; removed building contents and cut woody vegetation around buildings
- Constructed a covered firing line at the public shooting range.

Yellowwood State Forest

- Re-roofed shelter house
- Rebuilt deck at forest office building
- Built 3,100-square-foot storage building