# Bicentennial Endorsement Process Launched

Bicentennial Legacy Projects are those generated by community partners and organizations and approved by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission through an endorsement process.

“From the day we were tasked to lead this important project, we have encouraged communities and groups from across the state to think about ways they can contribute to our state’s Bicentennial. These projects will strive to leave a lasting legacy in honor of Indiana’s 2016 Bicentennial,” said former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, former Congressman Lee Hamilton and First Lady Karen Pence in a joint statement.

Projects are required to meet one of the following criteria: Culturally inclusive; Creating a legacy for the future; Celebratory; and Engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults.

A downloadable application can be found on the recently launched website [www.indiana2016.org](http://www.indiana2016.org)

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*Thanks Katie Terrell and Dave Cain of Magnitude for giving the state this gift of an engaging website.* [*www.marketmagnitude.com*](http://www.marketmagnitude.com)

**Building Bicentennial Connections** October visits: Porter County: Barb Young, Porter County Community Foundation; Larry Clark, County Historian and Rick AmRhein, Chief of Staff, Valparaiso University. Posey and Warrick Counties: Connie Weinzapfel, Historic New Harmony, Leslie Townsend, Historic Southern IN, Shari Sherman, Warrick C of C, Beverly Minto, Perry County CVB.

Owen County: Mark Rogers, Bicentennial Committee

**Bicentennial BIZ** October: Great month for Indiana 2016. A few highlights:

9 Cope Environmental Center land acquisition dedicated by Governor and Mrs. Pence. Becky Skillman, Tony George,

Jim Merritt, Mary McConnell and Chris Jensen enjoyed this well-attended event.

11 Indiana2016 team visits Porter County, NW Indiana.

15 IBC Board Meeting held at the Indiana State Archives. Thanks to Ellen Rosenthal, Jim Madison, Mark Becker and Mark Newman for their respective updates. Guest, Andy Canada spoke about fundraising.

22 TEDx Indianapolis inspired Indiana2016 team to explore cultural issues at its innovative venue.

25 Indiana2016 team in Posey and Warrick Counties, SW Indiana.

30 Governor and First Lady Pence dedicated Lincoln State Park addition. In celebration, Chris Jensen joined others in a Walk a Mile with Mike as part of this Bicentennial Nature Trust Project in Spencer County.

Executive Visits

 Indiana Historical Society, Arts Council of Indy, Eiteljorg, Arts for Learning, International Center, Madame Walker Theater, Freetown Village and GASI.