



RUSSEVILLE PARK & TREE BOARD



2014 Accomplishment Report

Below is a list of what the Russiaville Park and Tree Board accomplished in 2014.

- Completed web site for Jeff Stout Community Center to advertise/assist with online rentals of the property.
- Installed signage for Jeff Stout Community Center on 750 W.
- Purchased “Event Parking Only” sign for Community Center renters.
- Planted, staked, mulched and maintained 66 trees on Community Center lot and completed tree survey/inventory through the IDNR grant.
- Planted 4 free trees (1 at town hall, 1 at Town Park, 2 at Interurban Station) through the NeighborWoods Grant.
- Installed new landscaping at Town Hall with Western seniors on Community Day (through private donation from Jeff Stout).
- Laid down new mulch in Town Park/Brady Park on Community Day (volunteer help from Park and Tree Board and Western seniors).
- Organized/utilized 3 fundraisers (Chili’s, Orangeleaf, Fitness Express).
- Installed new basketball goal/bench at Town Park (through Gene Parks fund).
- Completed agreement with Summerfest/Tractor Pull Association for grading/seeding assistance in 2015.
- Acquired grant \$ from Howard Community Foundation for Community Center circle landscape project for 2015.
- Completed 5-year plan for 2015-2020.



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2015 Project Plans

#1: Provide Seed for the Regrading and Seeding of Community Center Lot.

- This project is part of our five-year plan for improving CC.
- Estimated cost of seed=\$1,250 (Adler's Seed).

#2: Finish Tree Planting/Removal at Interurban Station.

- This project is tied to the IDNR grant which expires June 30, 2015.
- Estimated remaining cost=\$2,500 (part of which will be matched by IDNR).

#3: Install landscaping at Circle area in front of Community Center

- This project is tied to \$3,000 Howard Community Foundation matching grant.
- Estimated cost=\$3,000 (we hope to receive matching money from private donors or Gene Parks fund).

#4: Install landscaping at Police Station

- We hope to use Western seniors on Community Day for the labor costs on this project.
- The cost of plant materials=\$1,250 (Backyard Gardener's).

#5: Maintenance plan for Community Center landscaping/weeds

- This would include shrub trimming/rose pruning/regular weed spray/maintenance
- Estimated cost=\$500 (Travis Wyrick)

#6: Install concrete connecting walk on SE corner of Community Center

- We hope to use rock from CC circle to create a new landscape bed around SE corner of the CC. Our eventual plans are to connect sidewalk to future gazebo area. We'd like to install approximately 20 feet of sidewalk here to act as a natural landscape border for rock.
- Estimated cost?

**Total approximated costs=\$9,000

**The costs for these projects can be supplied from multiple sources: \$ from state budget, Gene Parks fund, IDNR and Howard Community Foundation grants, 25% admissions from tractor pulls as well as volunteer labor and private donations.

Additional plans: we hope to work on more grant-writing this year to help with raising more money for walking trail and/or park area by 2016 and are working on a fundraiser.



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Planning Questions for Council: will any proceeds from the IN-AM water sale be applied to parking lot or walking trails at the Jeff Stout Community Center (this is our biggest priority to improve rentals)? Will IN-AM water be making a donation/grant to help us in building the new park (this has been previously mentioned in oral conversations)?