



Louisville Metro



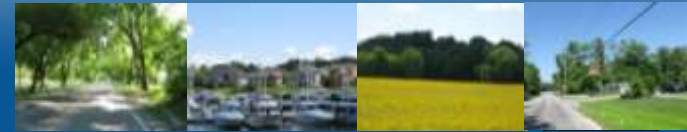
River Road Scenic Byway Corridor Improvement Study

Corridor Advisory Group Meeting

May 20, 2009



Welcome and Introductions



Louisville Metro Government

Public Works and Assets

Metro Parks

Planning and Design



River Fields, Inc.



City of Glenview

Consultant Team

Gresham, Smith and Partners

Corn Island Archeology

Environs, Inc.

Jones and Jones

Scenic America



GRESHAM
SMITH AND
PARTNERS



Meeting Agenda



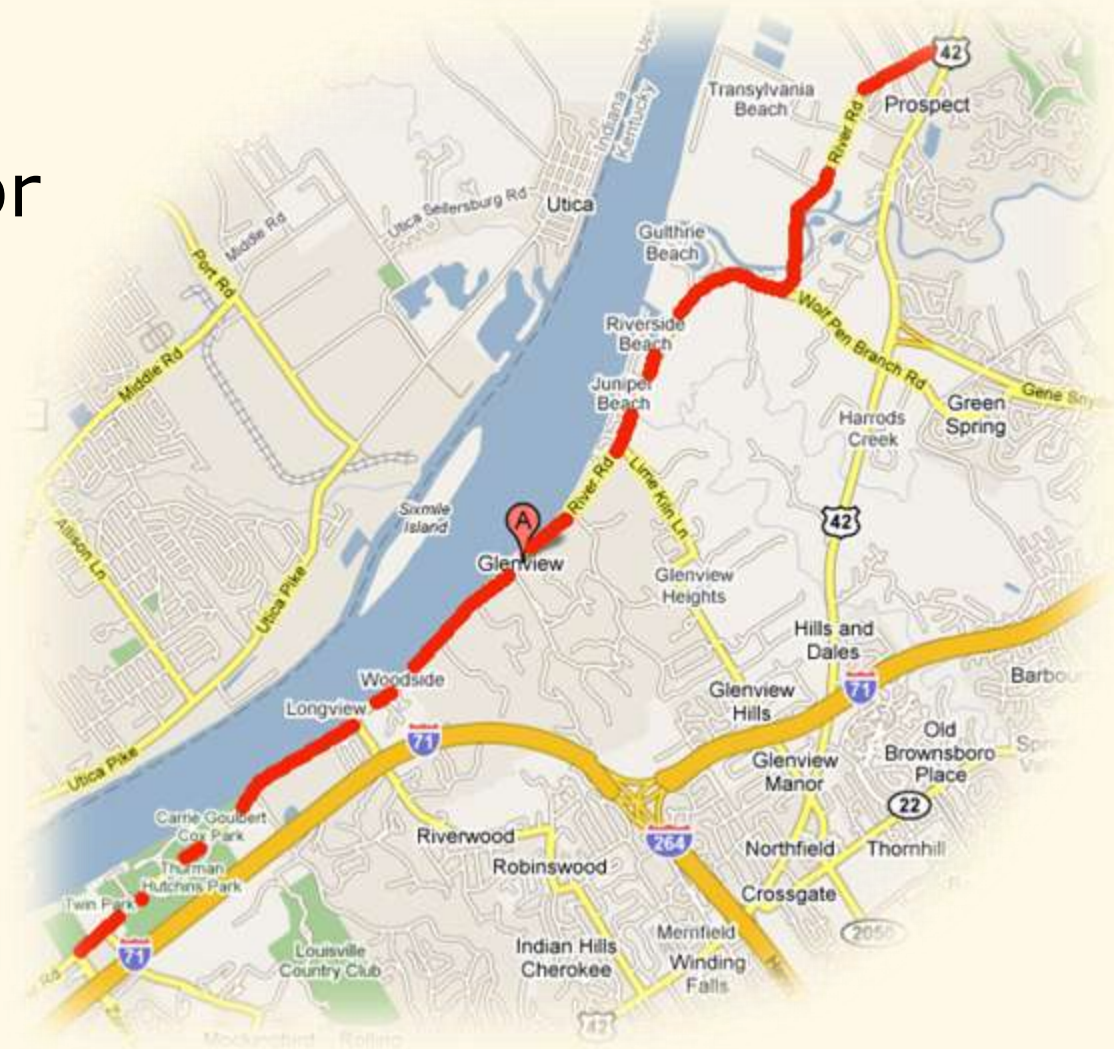
- Project Overview
- Planning Process summary
- Review & Assessment Phase summary
- Understanding the Corridor
- Next Steps
- Adjourn



Project Overview



~7 miles of the
River Road corridor
from Zorn Avenue
to US 42



Project Overview



A Louisville Metro project, funded through the Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) Discretionary Grants Program to support and enhance National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads and State-designated byways.

River Road is a State-designated byway.



Purpose



Develop a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) to:



strengthen and promote the corridor's scenic, natural, cultural, and historic resources while providing safe access for all users including consideration for bicyclists and pedestrians



produce implementation strategies addressing visual character, compatibility of future land uses, interpretive opportunities, and roadway safety and operational improvements to accommodate all users

What this study isn't



- a Neighborhood Plan
- a Future Land Use study
- a part of the “East End” Bridge or Harrods Creek Bridge work
- Already determined

Project Context



● Cornerstone 2020 Comprehensive Plan

- Ohio River Corridor Management Plan

● Community Efforts

- Ohio River Bridges Project
- Louisville Loop
- Bicycle Summit
- Prospect Improvements
- LWC "Riverbank Filtration" project

● Neighborhood Plans

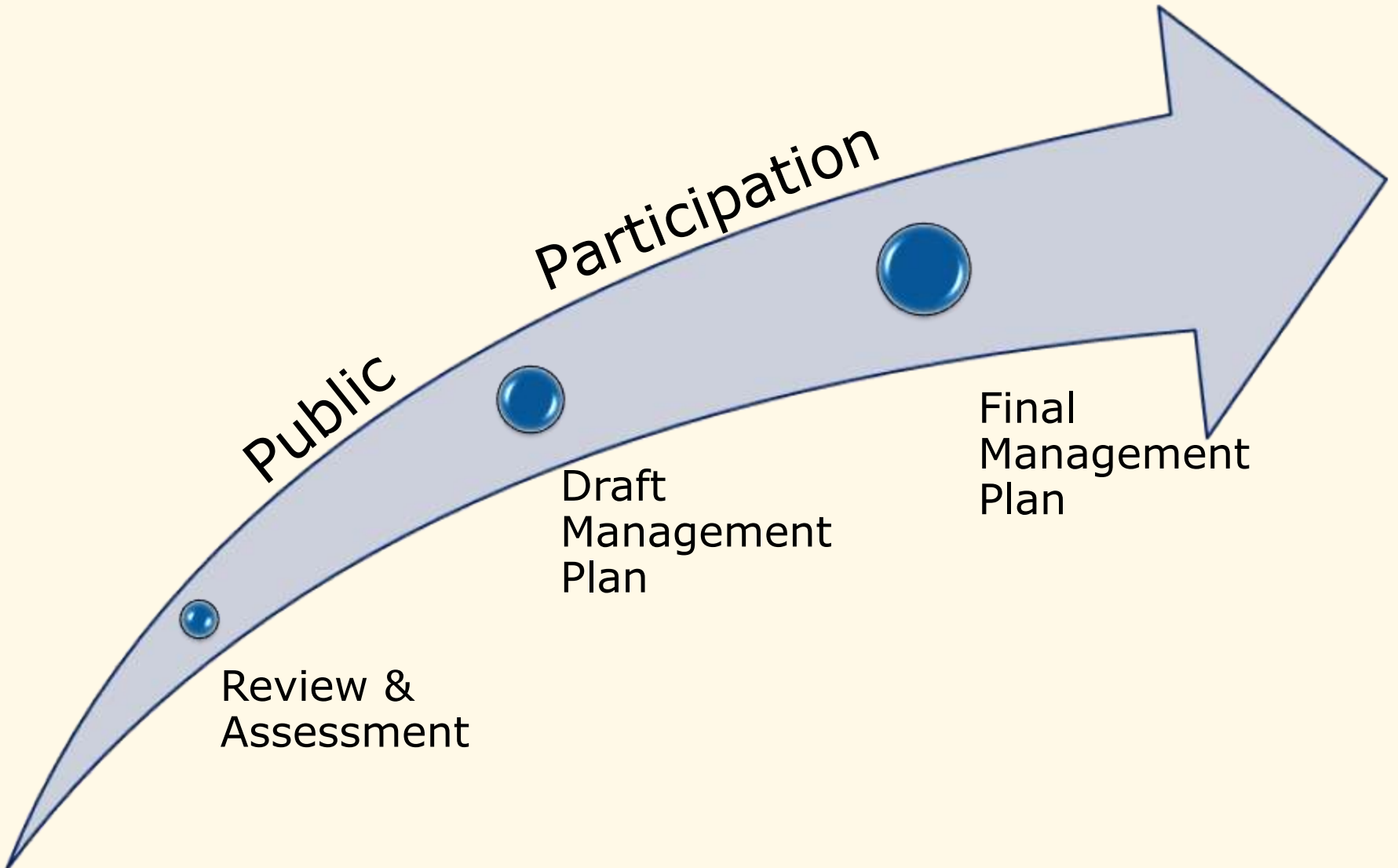
- Glenview Neighborhood
- Mockingbird Valley

● Special Districts

- Country Estates of River Road Historic District



Planning Process summary



Public

Participation



Review &
Assessment



Draft
Management
Plan



Final
Management
Plan

Why You're Here...



Corridor Advisory Group

- Neighborhoods/Residents
- Businesses
- Municipalities
- User Groups
- Environmental/ Cultural
- Special Interests

- ↗ Advise and inform Project Team (sounding board)
- ↗ Help engage the larger community
- ↗ Represent a broad base of interests
- ↗ Participate throughout the planning process
- ↗ Stay informed of community issues and priorities



Technical Advisory Group

- Official Interests
- Service Providers

- Advocacy Groups

- ↗ Technical advice on projects and programs
- ↗ Participate at critical milestones in the planning process
- ↗ Input on what utilities they have there
- ↗ Provide guidance and input on future plans for area
- ↗ Advice on implementation methods
- ↗ Establishment of evaluation tools
- ↗ Technical evaluation of plan options



Stakeholders

- Specific people or groups who have a stake or an interest in the outcome of the project.
- Represents a specific interest (i.e., local business)
- Limited participation in the planning process
- Determine important program elements (as users, what do they want or need?)

Public

Planning Process cont'd



ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

| | 2008 | | | | | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan |
| Discovery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Initiation | █ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inventory and Assessment | | █ | █ | █ | █ | | | | | | | | | |
| Stakeholder Interviews | | | | | | | █ | | | | | | | |
| Resource Analysis | | | | █ | █ | █ | | | | | | | | |
| User Surveys | | | | | | | █ | █ | █ | | | | | |
| Communication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corridor Advisory Group Mtg 1 | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | |
| Corridor Advisory Group Mtg 2 | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | |
| Corridor Advisory Group Mtg 3 | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Corridor Advisory Group Mtg 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | |
| Community Meeting 1 | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | |
| Community Meeting 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● |
| Technical Advisory Group Mtg 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technical Advisory Group Mtg 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technical Advisory Group Mtg 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Management Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draft Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Hearing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Legend

■ Jones and Jones in attendance

● Community Meeting

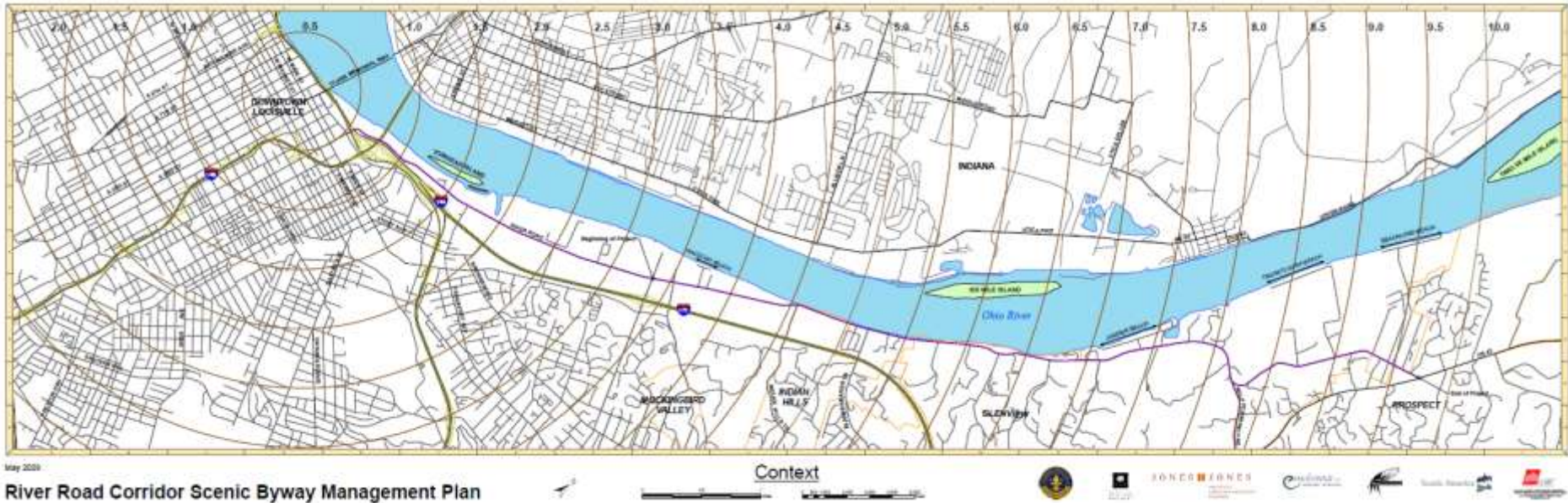
● CAG Meeting

● TAG Meeting

Review & Assessment Phase



- Context



- Starts at Zorn Ave. and ends at US 42

Review & Assessment Phase



- Natural Resources

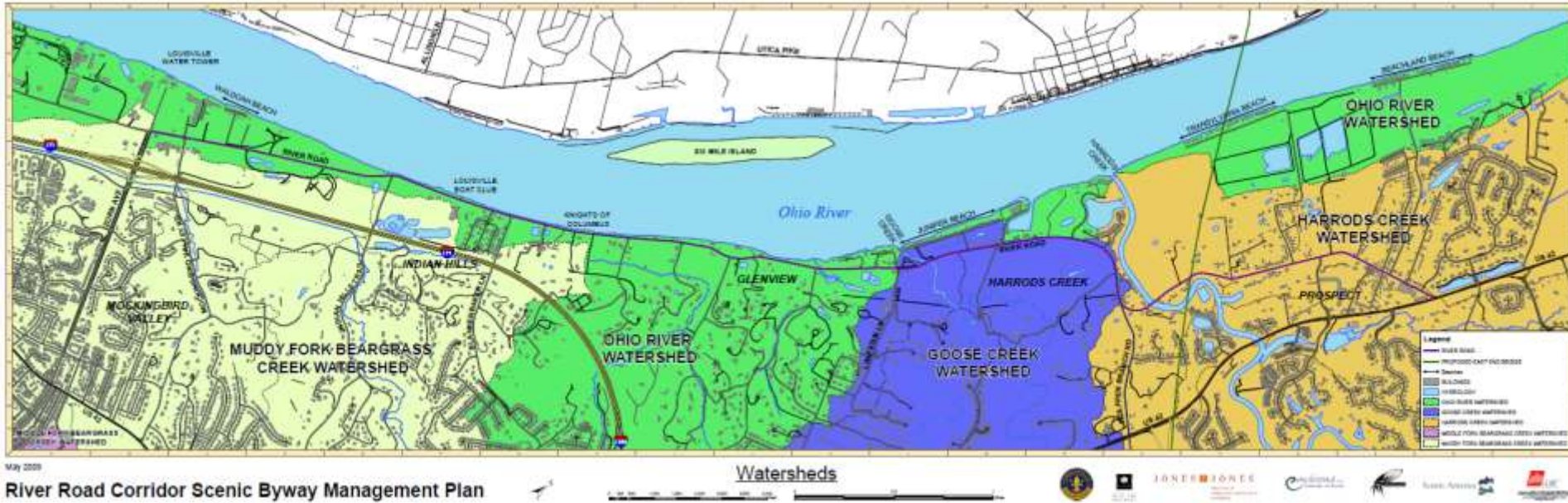


- Topography
- Floodplain
- Hydrology
- Vegetation
- Wetlands

Review & Assessment Phase



- Watersheds

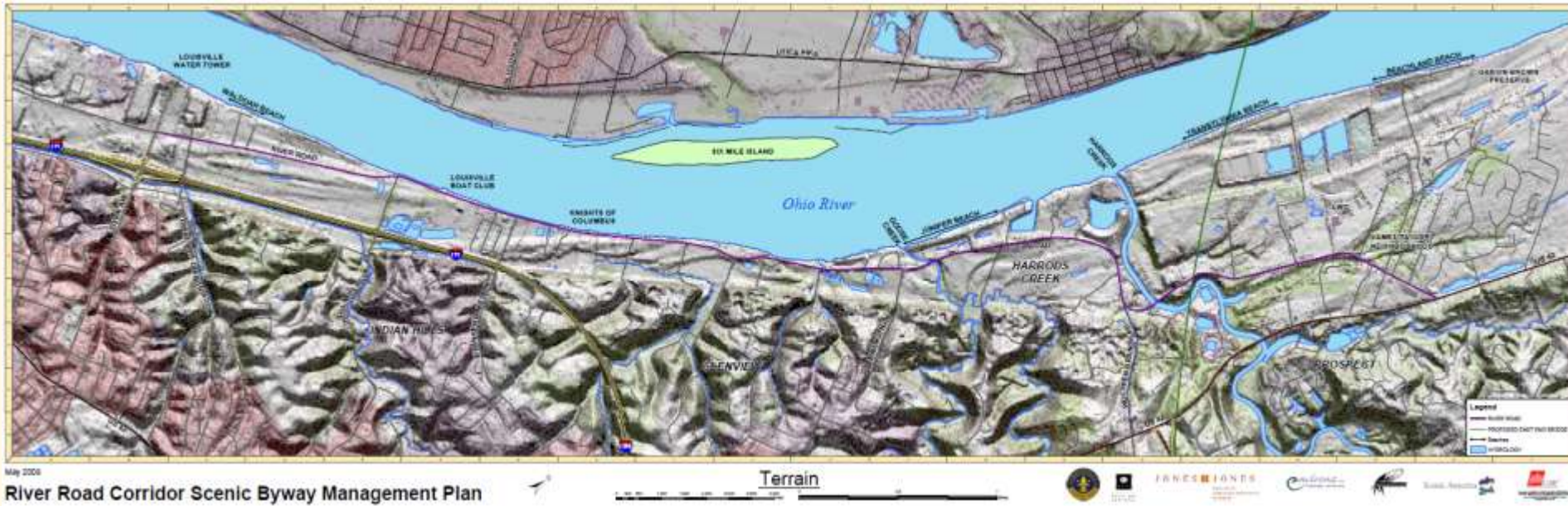


- Harrods Creek
- Goose Creek
- Muddy Fork
- Ohio River

Review & Assessment Phase



- Terrain



Review & Assessment Phase



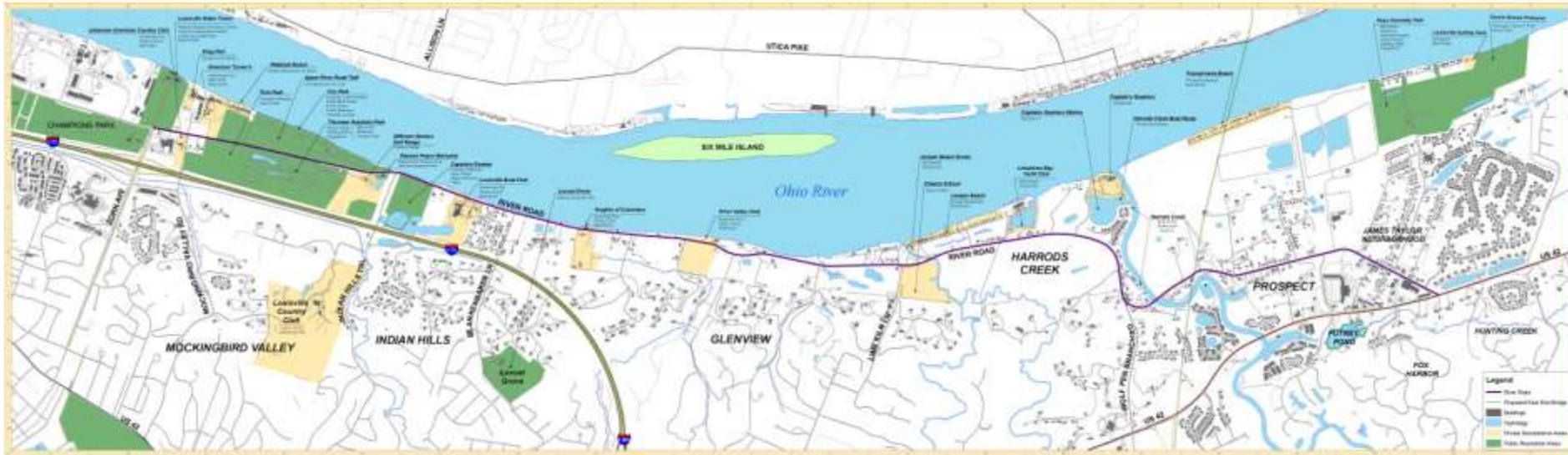
- Bluff
- Floodplain
- Stream Valleys



Review & Assessment Phase



- Recreation



May 2010
River Road Corridor Scenic Byway Management Plan

Recreational Facilities

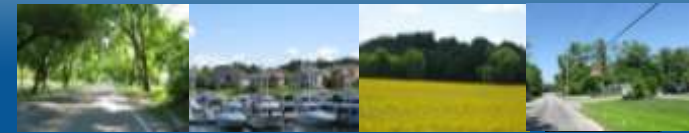


- Public
- Private

- Parks
- Clubs

- Camps
- Marinas

Review & Assessment Phase



- Landscape Units



Review & Assessment Phase



- Landscape Units



Park Gateway

- wider bench between river and bluffs
- river access and views from Cox Park
- mostly open lawn with scattered trees
- water tower marks "gateway" to corridor
- variety of recreational activities in parks

Review & Assessment Phase



- Landscape Units



Riverside

- narrower bench between river & bluffs
- expansive views of river from road with access at Boat Club (private)
- mix of open areas, scattered trees and dense vegetation (Caperton Swamp)
- light residential development

Review & Assessment Phase



- Landscape Units



Glenview

- narrow bench between river & bluffs
- intermittent views of river from road
- pastures & fields bordered by trees
- rural character to resid. development
- garden estates on upland bluffs



- Landscape Units

Goose Creek

- wider bench between river & bluffs
- Goose Creek & tributary delineated by riparian vegetation
- broad open fields & pasture
- river-oriented residential development
- garden estates on upland bluffs



Review & Assessment Phase



- Landscape Units



Harrods Creek

- broad floodplain terraces dissected by major creek channel
- river access via private marinas
- open rolling pastures; riparian vegetation along creek and sloughs
- light, scattered residential development; small businesses along road



- Landscape Units



Prospect Center

- level terrain above floodplain
- no physical or visual connection to river
- mostly ornamental landscaping associated with businesses; tall hardwoods in background
- major commercial development defines town center

Review & Assessment Phase



- Landscape Units



James Taylor/ Jacob School

- upper terrace above flood elev.
- no direct physical or visual connection to river
- large lawns with scattered trees
- historic residential community



- Landscape Units



River Terrace

- lower floodplain terrace
- river views from shoreline and river access at small marina/boat launch
- open parklands and forest remnants around basins
- shoreline homes, park athletic fields, water treatment basins

Review & Assessment Phase



- Protection
- Interpretation
- Planning Tool For Implementation Decisions



Review & Assessment Phase



- Land Use



- General Commercial & Office
- Industrial
- Multi Family Residential
- Parks, Cemeteries, etc.

- Institutional
- Single Family Residential
- Open Space/Agriculture

Transportation Assessment



- General
 - 35 and 45 mph
 - 10'-11.5' lanes; not shoulder
 - ROW varies; several narrow spots
- Crashes
 - Mostly "rear end"
 - 75% property damage only
- Capacity
 - 2009 LOS (D)
 - 2029 LOS (E)
 - Slower speeds, more delays
- Multi-Modal
 - Bike/pedestrian facilities limited
 - Conflicts with motorized traffic
 - Existing TARC service
 - Low ridership, balanced use (east/west)



Who Uses The Corridor...



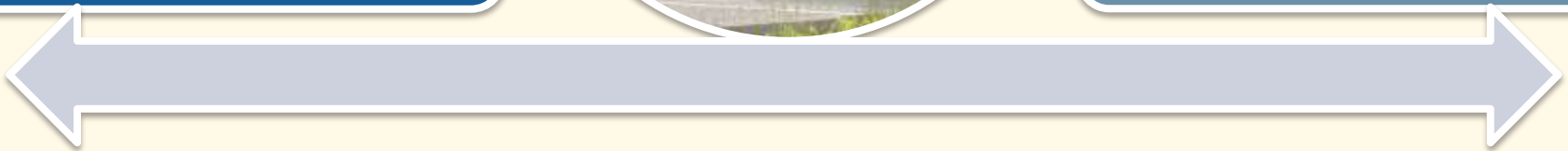
Consumers



Residents



Commuters



Who Uses The Corridor...



Institutional



Social/Civic



Recreational



Why They Use It...



Necessity

Convenience

Choice

How They Experience It...



Travelling
Through or
Along



How They Experience It...



While at a destination

Actively



Passively



What Qualities Are Important To Preserve and Promote The River Road Corridor As A Scenic Byway?

- Functional
- Natural
- Cultural
- Scenic
- Historic
- Recreational

Known Issues



- **Limited ROW**
 - Walls/fences
 - Utility poles
 - Stream crossings/wetlands

- **Multiple agendas**
 - Auto vs. bicycle
 - Visitor vs. land owner
 - Special interests

- **Presence of historic/cultural resources**

- **Interface with other initiatives**
 - Utility projects (LWC)
 - Louisville Loop
 - Bridges

Next Steps



- Future Meeting Time
- Contact Information
- User Survey
- Project Website
 - <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/PublicWorks/>