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**MIBOR Awards Placemaking Grants to Help Improve Communities**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – The Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR) has received two \$2,300 Placemaking micro-grants from the National Association of REALTORS® to help make the communities of Fortville and Historic Meridian Park better places to live and work by transforming two unused public spaces.

The Placemaking grants are intended to help REALTOR® Associations partner with others to plan, organize, implement and maintain placemaking activities in their communities.

MIBOR will use the funds to aid in the construction of a shelter in Historic Meridian Park's pocket park, on Indianapolis' northside, and to transform a pedestrian alley walkway in downtown Fortville, with the help of Fortville Action Inc.

“REALTORS® live, work and volunteer in their communities and take immense pride in working to improve them,” said Janet Jernigan, president of MIBOR. “Placemaking can help foster healthier, more socially and economically viable communities by addressing areas in need of improvement or redevelopment.

“It creates places where people feel a strong stake in their neighborhood and are committed to making things better,” she continued. “As these destinations becomes more attractive and welcoming, nearby properties may also increase in value.”

Both projects will be completed by the end of 2014. Construction of the shelter in Historic Meridian Park is set to begin this fall. Work on the pedestrian walkway in Fortville will begin August/September.

For more information on Historic Meridian Park, visit [www.historicmeridianpark.org](http://www.historicmeridianpark.org). For more information on Fortville Action Inc., visit <http://fortvilleaction.wordpress.com>. To find out more about National Association of REALTORS® placemaking grants visit, [realtoractioncenter.org/Placemaking](http://realtoractioncenter.org/Placemaking).

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