

PORTER PARK STORYBOOK TRAIL

GRANTEE

**BLUE RIVER COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

MIBOR INVESTMENT

\$7,000

NAR INVESTMENT

\$4,500

Project Overview:

A linear park, behind the historic Porter Center in Shelbyville, will be constructed to encourage trail users to utilize the west section of the Shelby County trail system. Despite the current attractions at this location, the historic Porter Center and public art sculpture, the section of the trail immediately to the west is very unattractive and unwelcoming. The large area of deteriorated asphalt will soon become a destination for all trail users alike. With a new gateway, landscaping, rain garden, rest area and a Shelby County history storybook trail the area will be transformed.

With the help of the MIBOR ECDC grant of \$7,000 and the additional \$4,500 from the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Placemaking Grant, Shelbyville will have the opportunity to enhance and revitalize a space that can be used to foster a healthier, more social and economically viable community.

External Articles:

[Shelby News - REALTORS help turn eyesore into welcoming gateway with Porter Park project](#)

[REALTORS® Join Community Effort to Create Linear Park](#)

- + Improves Quality of Life
- + Improves Community Livability
- + Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- + Creates Greenspace Improvement
- + Advocates for Expanding Green Spaces and Beautification Efforts
- + Encourages Historic Preservation
- + Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- + Increases Public Arts
- + Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- + Creates Walkable Communities
- + Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- + Increases Infrastructure Connectivity to Fuel Community and Economic Development
- + Increases Connectivity
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- + Promotes Active Living
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- + Promotes the Preservation and Celebration of Unique Natural Features and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

