



**Meeting Agenda
September 4, 2015
9:00 AM**

**Madison County Community Development
130 Hillsboro Ave.
Edwardsville, IL 62025**

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (August 7, 2015)
2. Public Comment
3. Review Current Financials
4. Loan Status Report
5. Review Status of PEP Grants
 - Alhambra Resolution
6. PEP Loans
7. Madison County Park Project
 - Presentation from Heartland Conservancy
8. PEP Project of the Year Award
 - Small Park options
 - Big Park options
9. New Business

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**Madison County Parks and Recreation
Grants Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 7th, 2015**

Members:	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
Kelly Tracy	X	
Jamie Goggin	X	
Mark Rosen	X	
Ron Parente	X	
Bob Barnhart		X

Others present: James Arnold and John Herzog of Madison County Community

Mr. Goggin opened the meeting. He then asked for approval of the minutes from the March meeting. Ms. Tracy made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Mr. Rosen. All in favor; minutes approved.

Mr. Arnold gave the financial report. The beginning balance of the year (12/1/2014) was \$2,584,783.98; the total revenue to date is \$560,523.42 from sales tax revenue and investments. The total expenses to date are \$782,347.81. The current balance in the PEP account is \$2,362,959.59. There is \$1,836.95 encumbered (2013 PEP). There is \$176,422.75 encumbered (2014 PEP). There is \$1,144,742.61 encumbered (2015 PEP). The available balance is \$1,015,853.12.

Mr. Arnold reported on the PEP Revolving Loan Fund that there was as of 12/1/2014 a balance of \$982,246.95. Revenue to date is \$41,338.36 from loan repayments and interest from investments. Expenses from the loans during this period are \$26,667.54. The PEP Loan Fund balance as of 8/6/2015 is \$996,917.77. There are four encumbered loans (Livingston, Bethalto, Maryville, Venice) totaling \$541,472.00. This leaves an available balance of \$455,445.77.

Edwardsville Parks and Recreation made a request for an extension until October 30, 2015 in order to finish their 2014 PEP grant trails down at the Watershed. Mr. Rosen motioned in favor with a second motion from Ms. Tracy.

Alhambra requested that their 2015 funds be bumped up to \$15,000.00 which would be an increase in \$4,200.00 to their initial request of \$10,800.00. The committee requests a letter stating why they need more money for a mower purchase. Mr. Parente motioned in favor of the request with a second motion from Ms. Tracy contingent upon the letter documenting the request comes in.

Mr. Arnold presented an idea for PEP project of the year. The committee entertained the idea and would like options at the September meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Tracy with a second from Mr. Parente. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on Friday, September 4th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Madison County Community Development, 130 Hillsboro Ave., Edwardsville, Illinois 62025.

METRO EAST PARKS & RECREATION FUND FY 2014 (12/01/2014-11/30/2015)

beginning balance on 12/01/2014		2,584,783.98
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REVENUE

Metro East Park & Rec Sales Tax	644,529.42	
Interest from Investments	8,844.45	
Gain/Loss on Investments	(8.94)	
Interest from MMDA	57.47	
misc interest revenue	6,052.00	
total revenue		659,474.40

EXPENSES

Alton (13)	2,760.63
Wood River (13)	18,560.14
Hamel (13)	972.93
Alton (13)	1,023.00
Alton (13)	16,220.00
Alton (13)	7,155.00
Madison (13)	15,228.11
Collinsville (13)	4,685.00
sal & ben 12/01-12/12/2014	2,124.93
sal & ben 12/15-12/26/2014	2,106.71
Alhambra Township (12)	9,761.50
Edwardsville Township (13)	8,750.00
Village of Glen Carbon (13)	51,637.35
Chouteau Township (13)	12,345.46
sal & ben 12/29/2014-01/09/2015	2,106.70
Highland (12/13)	38,688.51
Wood River (13)	24,067.86
Pontoon Beach (13)	23,344.00
Alton (13)	1,718.91
Alton (13)	227.50
Alton (13)	5,145.00
Collinsville (13)	32,242.20
Granite City (12/13)	97,107.00
Edwardsville Township (13)	6,250.00
sal & ben 01/12-01/23/2015	1,919.29
Alhambra Township (12)	421.39
sal & ben 01/26-02/06/2015	2,346.13
Alton (13)	9,999.40
Venice (13)	1,245.00
sal & ben 02/09-02/20/2015	2,154.58
health insurance	165.00
sal & ben 02/23-03/06/2015	2,154.58
Tri-Township Park District (12 \$5,206.00/13 \$59,390.00)	64,596.00
Wood River Township (13)	2,384.80
Wood River Township (13)	491.40
St. Jacob (13)	15,000.00
Alton (13)	5,169.52
Alton (13)	8,870.00
sal & ben 03/09-03/20/2015	2,154.58
Granite City (13)	5,760.00
Granite City (13)	11,513.00
Wood River Township (13)	2,000.00
mileage	16.22

Wood River Township (13)	295.80	
sal & ben 03/23-04/03/2015	2,154.58	
South Roxana (14)	14,180.00	
Foster Township (14)	16,127.25	
Livingston (13)	559.70	
Collinsville (14)	8,600.00	
sal & ben 04/06-04/17/2015	2,154.58	
Collinsville (14)	4,986.00	
payroll 04/20-05/01/2015	1,651.70	
benefits 04/20-05/01/2015	502.88	
Collinsville (14)	2,986.72	
Alton (13)	1,840.00	
payroll 05/04-05/15/2015	1,651.69	
benefits 05/04-05/15/2015	502.89	
Wood River Township (13 \$389.00/14 \$1,448.00)	1,837.00	
Worden (14)	15,000.00	
South Roxana (13)	14,915.89	
Nameoki Township (14)	21,326.88	
Wood River Township (14)	8,500.00	
payroll 05/18-05/29/2015	1,651.70	
benefits 05/18-05/29/2015	502.88	
health insurance	165.00	
Collinsville (14)	42,274.40	
Collinsville (14)	3,695.00	
Collinsville (14)	735.75	
payroll 06/01-06/12/2015	1,651.70	
benefits 06/01-06/12/2015	502.88	
payroll 06/15-06/26/2015	1,651.69	
benefits 06/15-06/26/2015	502.88	
New Douglas Township (14)	6,438.99	
payroll 06/29-07/10/2015	1,651.69	
benefits 06/29-07/10/2015	502.88	
Hartford (14)	15,000.00	
Alhambra Township (12 \$1,179.59/13 \$15,000.00/14 \$5,782.39)	21,961.98	
payroll 07/13-07/24/2015	1,245.50	
benefits 07/13-07/24/2015	237.89	
Collinsville (14)	24,360.00	
Hamel (14)	15,000.00	
Madison County Historical Museum (12)	490.00	
Wood River (14)	18,560.14	
Collinsville (14)	12,057.00	
Granite City (13)	5,024.40	
payroll 07/27-08/07/2015	1,245.50	
benefits 07/27-08/07/2015	367.72	
Alton (13/14) pending	12,755.00	
Collinsville (14) pending	8,074.00	
total expenses		840,669.46
balance as of 08/27/2015		2,403,588.92
<u>encumbered</u>		
Round 12 (2013)		(1,836.95)
Round 13 (2014)		(165,588.31)
Round 14 (2015)		(1,099,106.51)
Admin (2014)		(22,253.05)
available balance		1,114,804.10

METRO EAST PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND FY 2014 (12/01/2014-11/30/2015)
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beginning balance on 12/01/2014	982,246.95
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REVENUE

Loan payments	53,247.53	
Interest from Investments	3,695.67	
Gain/Loss on Investments	(13.57)	
Interest from MMDA	24.09	
misc interest revenue	3,230.00	
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total revenue		60,183.72

EXPENSES

	26,667.54	
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total expenses		<hr/> 26,667.54

balance as of 08/27/2015	1,015,763.13
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encumbered loans

Bethalto	39,472.00
Maryville	72,000.00
Venice	400,000.00
Livingston	30,000.00
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	541,472.00

available balance	474,291.13
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METRO EAST PARK & REC
 ROUND 13
 FY 2014
 Date Authorized 03/19/2014
 as of 08/27/2015

COMMUNITY	GRANT AMOUNT	AMOUNT EXPENDED	REMAINING BALANCE
Alhambra Township	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Alton	111,460.00	111,460.00	0.00
Bethalto	38,084.00	0.00	38,084.00
Chouteau Township	16,780.00	16,780.00	0.00
Collinsville Park District	132,160.00	132,160.00	0.00
East Alton	25,204.00	8,513.98	16,690.02
Edwardsville	97,172.00	0.00	97,172.00
Edwardsville Township	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Foster Township	16,108.00	16,108.00	0.00
Glen Carbon	51,736.00	51,637.35	98.65 *
Godfrey	71,928.00	71,928.00	0.00
Granite City Park District	119,396.00	119,396.00	0.00
Hamel	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Hartford	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Highland	39,676.00	36,202.51	3,473.49
Livingston	15,000.00	14,308.15	691.85
Madison	15,564.00	15,228.11	335.89
Marine	15,000.00	14,327.52	672.48
Maryville	18,044.00	18,044.00	0.00
New Douglas Township	15,000.00	13,685.18	1,314.82
Pontoon Beach	23,344.00	23,344.00	0.00
Roxana Park District	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
South Roxana	15,000.00	14,915.89	84.11
St. Jacob Park District	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Tri-Township Park District	64,596.00	59,390.00	5,206.00
Venice Park District	15,000.00	13,235.00	1,765.00
Wood River	42,628.00	42,628.00	0.00
Wood River Township	26,556.00	26,556.00	0.00
Worden	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
	1,090,436.00	924,847.69	165,588.31

* balances that will not be used \$98.65

Category		Project		
		Credits	Debits	Balance
	Totals	1,344,745.00	245,638.49	1,099,106.51
Alhambra Township		10,800.00	5,782.39	5,017.61
Alton		138,655.00	6,944.96	131,710.04
Bethalto		47,900.00	0.00	47,900.00
Chouteau Township		20,975.00	0.00	20,975.00
Collinsville Park District		165,200.00	107,768.87	57,431.13
East Alton		31,480.00	0.00	31,480.00
Edwardsville		133,155.00	0.00	133,155.00
Edwardsville Township		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Foster Township		20,135.00	16,127.25	4,007.75
Glen Carbon		64,790.00	0.00	64,790.00
Godfrey		90,625.00	0.00	90,625.00
Granite City Park District		150,950.00	0.00	150,950.00
Hamel		15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Hartford		15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Highland		48,820.00	0.00	48,820.00
Livingston		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Madison		19,575.00	0.00	19,575.00
Marine		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Maryville		22,555.00	0.00	22,555.00
Nameoki Township		21,700.00	21,326.88	373.12
New Douglas Township		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Pontoon Beach		28,825.00	0.00	28,825.00
Roxana Park District		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
South Roxana		14,180.00	14,180.00	0.00
St. Jacob Park District		13,579.00	0.00	13,579.00
Tri-Township Park District		80,745.00	0.00	80,745.00
Venice Park District		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Wood River		53,150.00	18,560.14	34,589.86
Wood River Township		31,951.00	9,948.00	22,003.00
Worden		15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PEP FUNDS FOR
ALHAMBRA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS; the Park and Recreation Grant commission has been created by the Madison County Board to implement local Park and Recreation Grants under the Illinois Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act; and,

WHEREAS; the Madison County Board has budgeted Park and Recreation sales tax funds for the FY 2015 Park Enhancement Program (PEP) Grant; and,

WHEREAS; Alhambra's request has been received and has been reviewed by the Park & Recreation Grant Commission; and,

WHEREAS; the Park & Recreation Grant Commission recommends that the following request is awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of the County of Madison, Illinois that it hereby authorizes for fiscal year 2015 for the Park Enhancement program, Alhambra Township will receive \$4,200.00 increase in their budget from \$10,800.00 to \$15,000.00.

Total: \$4,200.00

Respectfully submitted

GRANTS COMMITTEE

**PARK & RECREATION GRANT
COMMISSION**

September 16, 2015

HEARTLANDS

CONSERVANCY

Investing In The Nature Of Southwestern Illinois

**Proposal to Madison County, IL:
Establishment of the First and Only National Historical Park
and/or National Monument in Southern Illinois – Cahokia Mounds
and Thematically-connected Satellite Mississippian Culture Sites**

OVERVIEW: Over 563 mounds have been documented in the St. Louis region, once connected through trade, trails, and culture to Cahokia and to the Mississippians it was the “Center of the Universe”. Furthermore, Madison County, Illinois is home to the largest earthen man-made mound in North America—Monks Mound. It ranks highest in significance along with the Great Pyramids of Egypt and the Mayan ruins in Mexico and yet it is not part of our National Park system, unlike less significant mounds throughout the country.

Since 2013, HeartLands Conservancy prepared a feasibility study (including an Economic Study by Development Strategies) that makes the case for the establishment of National Historical Park and/or National Monument honoring the Mississippian Culture that once thrived in our region. After many public meetings, surveys, and outreach efforts to the archaeological, civic, business, and Indian tribal leaders, tremendous public support for this effort has been documented in participation, social media, and letters.

HeartLands Conservancy continues to lead this effort through the establishment of a noncontiguous National Historical Park and/or National Monument that would thematically connect Cahokia Mounds (a national landmark, state historic and UNESCO World Heritage Site) with other significant mound sites in the region. Establishment of such a park/monument adds to the economic vitality of the region and provides for National recognition for a world significant cultural feature and puts the region including Madison Co. on the world stage. Opportunities like this do not present themselves often and we have a unique window of opportunity to establish the first National Historical Park and/or National Monument in Southern Illinois. (see attached Feasibility Study and Economic Study).

Parks come in all shapes and sizes and serve many audiences. Madison County is uniquely positioned to have a world class national monument and/or historical park that will benefit local residents while at the same time being able to add to the tourism opportunities that will benefit the local businesses such as restaurants and hotels and motels not to mention the other dollars that are spent in the region as a result of an additional stay. Madison Co. will benefit from another park without the burden of operating and maintaining another park. The opportunity exists to link the vast network of trails in Madison County to these cultural sites and to encourage visitors to get out and explore the wonders of Madison County.

HeartLands Conservancy has been leading the effort to gain this designation for the region and ensure that is owned and managed by local, state, and federal agencies also spreads the costs and benefits of offering such facilities in the region. In order to continue our tasks to establish a National Historical Park and/or National Monument that would include Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site (including Monks

Mound), a few select others in the region and the interpretation of Mitchell as well as other mound sites in Madison County, we are in need of support to move this effort to completion.

BACKGROUND: We could not have achieved so much, by so few, in such a short amount of time without the support of the region's communities and generous donors. As Heartland Conservancy stated when the Mounds Project Team undertook this effort, this is a world class resource worthy of national recognition and that the effort will be daunting, but achievable. The large community outreach, individual letters of support, and social media call for this elevated National Park Service designation and feel it is very much overdue. We are very close to seeing the completion of what we set out to do 3 1/2 years ago. When the entire initiative is complete, its success will ensure that the epicenter of America's pre-Columbian Mississippian civilization will be protected. It will secure the story of our ancient heartlands - both built and unbuilt - to be shared within our community and with our global neighbors. This is a win-win for the region, Illinois, and the story of our national contribution.

Throughout the history of humankind, certain episodes and events stand out as particularly important in the evolution of societies - human adaptations, social organization or cultural florescence. Students of world archaeology easily recognize the importance of the Ancient Civilizations of the Near East, Egypt, Greece, Rome and China. When attention is turned to the western hemisphere, great achievements in the archaeological record are often limited to the Inca, the Maya and the Aztecs. In North America four archaeological complexes stand out: Poverty Point (Louisiana), Hopewell Culture (Ohio), Chaco Canyon (New Mexico), and Cahokia Mounds (southwestern Illinois).

This area, the American Bottom and along the Mississippi River was the first known organized settlement, agriculture, and government north of Mexico at that time. Some of the mounds built between AD 1000-1400 stand as earthen monuments and remnants of Mississippian - North America's greatest ancient culture and ancestral to many of today's great Indian nations. Southwestern Illinois represents one of the most important cultural landscapes of this ancient continent. The two largest Mississippian Mound Cities were in our immediate region, situated at the country's crossroads along the Mississippi River: East St. Louis and Cahokia.

Our initial ***The Mounds: America's First Cities Feasibility Study*** was completed in early 2014 and has been fully vetted with agencies, legislators, community leaders, Native American Nations, the general public and extensively within the archeological community. Regarding successfulness: we have essentially achieved 100% support from all sectors for moving forward the recommendations provided within the report. The benefits of a national designation are plenty, and with collaboration with the Native American Tribes, partnerships with institutions and expanded outreach, implementation of the next steps is paramount. There is a groundswell of support to elevate Cahokia Mounds and thematically connected non-contiguous sites. There is a sense of healing the bond, land and the cultures who harken from or migrated though the fertile lands of the American Bottom.

The generous support of our funder's and partnering communities has been leveraged to expand the project team's ability to do the following over the last 5-6 months simultaneously, while achieving positive results thus far:

- The Project Team's focus remains on simultaneous fundraising, growing support, and advancing the national designation; to that end, the team has been working with the assigned Technical Advisor from National Park Service (NPS) and congressional staff in Springfield and Washington DC on pursuing both the National Monument designation through the Antiquities Act with President Obama as well as pursuing introducing a bill through Congress.

- The Mounds: America's First Cities Feasibility Study was awarded the OLGA Award for Leadership in Planning and Design Innovation. The Outstanding Achievement in Local Government awards, known by their acronym as the OLGAs, are presented yearly by East-West Gateway to the local governments or individuals who have demonstrated a special commitment to their community and the region.
- The National Park Service was in town May 6-8, 2015 with a team of specialists conducting the Reconnaissance Study of The Mounds as requested By Senator Durbin. With them was Tim Good, NPS (The Mounds Technical Adviser) and Bob Bryson, NPS- the Midwest Archaeology Center's Director. It was a positive visit. Our team will continue to implement the Next Steps and keep them apprised of any developments or provide data collected. This study should be completed within 12 months. In the meantime, the project team will continue to work with legislators and the community at large to move the project forward and towards the elevated national designation.
- Current development pressure is threatening the integrity of the archeological record and footprint. During the construction of the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge, a major discovery uncovered a previously unknown Mississippian Village, culturally connected to Cahokia Mounds. This find will help to understand daily life and history of the Mississippian people. Since this significant find, there have been renewed calls for the establishment of the Mississippian Culture National Historical Park and/or Mississippian Culture National Monument inclusive of Cahokia Mounds. Pursing this site as a Welcome and Interpretive Center for Illinois, Mississippian Culture, Stockyards, and Transportation hub.
- Regarding successfulness: we have essentially achieved 100% support from all sectors for moving forward the recommendations provided within the report. The project also included: extensive mapping components, identifying 563+ locations of existing or previously destroyed sites: correlated cultural assets with the extensive natural assets found within this region: prioritized protection of multiple natural resources; and advanced community outreach and education about sites.
- Executive Order Legislation has been drafted and is being reviewed by staff; integrally, the Project Team are developing boundaries via GIS for the designation of multiple non-contiguous sites.
- Protection of individual sites (ESTL) has been raised again with legislators and funders. We are seeking appropriate funding channels once again. This includes \$2-3 million for the East St. Louis mound site acquisition as a new site to interpret Native American arts, culture, and the history of settlement, as well as operating as a new gateway and welcome center for the state of Illinois.
- Kept the communities, agencies, and legislators engaged and informed during Pullman's process of becoming a unit of the National Park Service (NPS). We re-engaged our timeline to take full strategic advantage of any opportunity that may arise. Our Technical Advisor from the National Park Service is still very confident in our recommendations and in our strategic approach. He says, "we are batting 1000".
- We received our second challenge grant from The Grand Victoria Foundation for \$50,000 if we raise \$150,000. These monies allowed the team to continue working on implementation whilst also fundraising to meet the challenge grant. We have met 100% of the first year's match of \$75,000. Madison County, The William A Kerr Foundation and The Crown Family, as well as other donors, enabled us to meet our challenge grant requirement through the Grand Victoria Foundation to receive the first payout of \$25,000. We have already begun fundraising in order to receive the second \$25,000 next year.
- We continue to apply for grants to organizations and foundation in both Illinois and Missouri. We have requests out to multiple foundations, private donors, and grant opportunities. We have found that that many Missouri funders are already committed to the CityArchRiver project in St. Louis.
- Gained support from Native American Tribes and Nations, who ancestrally herald from here

(Absentee Shawnee Tribe - Shawnee, OK; Cherokee Nation - Tahlequah, OK; Chickasaw Nation - Ada, OK; Eastern Shawnee Tribe - Seneca, MO; Loyal Shawnee Cultural - White Oak, OK; Miami Tribe - Miami, OK; Osage Nation/Tribe - Pawhuska, OK; Ottawa Tribe - Miami, OK; Peoria Tribe - Miami, OK; Ponca Tribe – White Eagle/Red Rock, OK; and Quapaw Tribe - Miami, OK.), organizations and the archaeological communities. We continue to reach the diaspora through Facebook, social Media, and info tables.

- To date the effort to elevate the National designation for the Mississippian Culture Historical Park and/or National Monument has developed GoFundMe crowdfunding online campaign raising \$1,135 from individuals at <http://www.gofundme.com/The-Mounds>, and achieved 3,153 Facebook followers <https://www.facebook.com/TheMound>, 940+ letters of support, 760 surveys, and many resolutions adopted. We encourage individuals to share and spread.
- Continued outreach to Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. IHPA has stated and will put into writing their support for this project.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

National Parks Conservation Association's "Made in America Report" states, America's national parks are huge economic generators for the local communities that surround them. In 2013, national parks were visited by more than 273 million people who supported nearly \$27 billion in economic activity and over 237,000 private-sector jobs. Each federal dollar invested in the National Park Service generates \$10 in economic activity, a tremendous return on investment to local economies. There is a clear and direct correlation between the establishment of a National Historical Park and/or National Monument to our local, regional and state economic benefits. During The Mounds – America's First Cities Feasibility Study, an economic feasibility report was completed by Development Strategies. It outlines a modest, yet robust outlook to our local economy, below.

Currently Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site generates:

- \$12.2 million in economic activity,
- \$3.4 million in household earnings and
- 133 jobs are supported.

Elevated National Designation will increase visitorship to and viability of the site, thus the benefit to Metro-east is an additional:

- Add +\$9 million in economic output,
- Add +\$2.2 million in household earnings and
- add+101 direct and indirect jobs

The benefit to the St. Louis region, there is an additional:

- add+\$12.6 million in economic output,
- add+\$3.6 million in household earnings and
- add 131 direct/indirect jobs for the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The benefit to the State of Illinois, there is an additional:

- Add +\$16 million in economic output - According to the 2013 National Park Visitor Spending Effects, National Resource Report, this would be 133% of Illinois' NPS visitor current spending effects of \$12 million (1 National Park Site – Lincoln Home).
- Add +\$4.7 million in household earnings and
- Add +144 direct/indirect jobs for the St. Louis metropolitan area.

FUNDING REQUEST:

Heartlands Conservancy has now moved the Mounds Project Team forward with the implementation of the recommendations in the study. To support this effort and see the creation of a National Monument/National Historical Park for the Mississippian Culture, the Grand Victoria Foundation has, once again, stepped forward with another challenge grant of \$25,000 if the Mounds Project Team is able to match it and raise \$75,000. Heartlands Conservancy is seeking \$25,000 from Madison County to continue to support the establishment of this National Historical Park and/or National Monument. We will meet with St. Clair County and MEPRD to ask them to be equal in this ask to secure the challenge grant.

PROPOSED DELIVERABLES:

- **Quarterly report on progress of attaining appropriate national designation for Cahokia Mounds as well as thematically connected, publically-owned, sites within the greater St. Louis region.**
 - List of Presentations to bring awareness to the significance of the Mississippian Culture and provide an interactive forum for discussion;
 - List of Outreach with Information Tables, Presentations, & Exhibits (outreach opportunities, traditional and nontraditional venues and special events. Mobile exhibits placed in community venues, libraries, and schools, etc.);
 - Update on Funding;
 - Update on Legislative Outreach and Draft Legislation; and
 - Update on Project Timeline and developments.
 - Update on The Native American Indian Tribes/Nations Outreach
- **Study Report to include:**
 - **A parcel list of recommended tracts for inclusion in the national designation**
 - Develop MOU/MOAs to develop a diverse partnership, whose purpose shall be to provide technical leadership, to identify projects, and to leverage financial resources and focus public and private investment in a manner which best advances the initiative.
 - List of Potential Partners in recreation, educational, cultural institutions to develop interpretative, service teaming and programming opportunities.
 - Develop priority linkages to other efforts to preserve and promote the Mississippian Culture along the Mississippi River and the Mississippi Watershed.
 - Study on preferred sites (parcels) for opportunities for voluntary protection of remaining mound sites and/or future selected open space for interpretation of the Mounds; including lands in both public and private ownership.

MORE INFORMATION:

Crowdfunding campaign: <http://www.gofundme.com/The-Mounds>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMounds>

Home Page: <https://www.heartlandsconservancy.org/the-mounds-americas-first-cities/>

PEP Project of the Year 2014 (Award in 2015)

Big Parks:

Granite City Park District:

Amount Requested: \$119,396.00

Scope of Project: Wilson Park – Ice Rink

- Purchase a Zamboni
- Installation of backstop on diamond 5
- Purchase portable pitching mound
- Purchase playground equipment and engineered wood fiber fall protection

Collinsville Area Recreation District

Amount Requested: \$132,160.00

Scope of Project:

Woodland Park

- Addition of bin blocks at the maintenance building to reduce gas usage/employee time
- Upgrade of tee signs for disc golf course
- Renovation of Lions Restroom in Woodland park including painting inside and outside, new fixtures and a new roof

Arlington Golf Course

- Upgrades to the driving range that are ADA compliant
- Purchase park benches
- Purchase of lightning detector

Pleasant Ridge Park

- Addition of concrete to the road at the maintenance building

Splash City Water Park

- Replacement of the pump at Monsoon Mountain
- Installation of three new cabanas
- Purchase of lightning detector

Willoughby Farm

- Repair of Gindler Barn Roof
- Installation of electric service at Gindler Barn
- Construction of loafing shed for animals and equipment
- Installation of gutters on barns and pavilion
- Painting of barns

Small Parks:

Village of Hamel

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

Scope of Project:

Hamel Community Park/Building

- 2 ADA compliant parking spaces and an ADA compliant pathway
- Adding an ADA compliant wheel chair swing
- Purchase LED lighting for north and south pavilion
- Replace chain link fencing at basketball hoop
- Electrical upgrades which include a new service panel, switches, outlets and breakers
- HVAC upgrades by adding booster fan to the community center
- New Spring Rider to replace some broken playground equipment

Village of Hartford

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

Scope of Project:

Seventh Street Park

- Standard fence guard, 7 sections, 8 foot long sections
- Burke contemporary 2 leg End swing-powder coat finish
- Rubber mulch, 2000 pounds worth
- Recycled 8 foot plastic tables with 2 ADA approved units
- 20x21x8 steel pavilions x2 and walkways to units
- 4 foot steel lawn swing and frame x2
- 2 park style charcoal grills

Village of Livingston

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

Scope of Project:

Veterans Memorial Park

- Install electronic scoreboard
- Install surfacing and striping on basketball court
- Purchase materials for gazebo repairs