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Projects, Inc.**

Making Muncie Beautiful

2023 Annual Report





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Cover photo: CEP updated the plantings surrounding the "Passing of the Buffalo." The new landscaping will provide beautiful color in multiple seasons.

Photography by Jenny Smith

Friends,

It is with pleasure that **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS, INC. (CEP)** provides you with our 2023 Annual Report. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to the beautification and renewal of Muncie and Delaware County by partnering with other organizations and local government to provide a more aesthetically pleasing, sustainable, and livable community. We just experienced one of our most exciting years to date, and CEP is eager to share our activities with you in this report.

Not only did CEP celebrate the unveiling of two new projects this year, the Muncie Memory Spiral at Heekin Park and Rainbow Garden at Canan Commons, but we also worked to revitalize some past projects to keep them looking fresh and inviting. This work would not be possible without the Sherman and Marjorie Zeigler Foundation which provides funding for major projects and operational expenses. In addition, community partners, charitable foundations, and local government help to support our new projects and ongoing maintenance.

Contributions from businesses and individuals are also an integral part of our financial viability, and every dollar donated goes toward projects, not operations. Strong support from and hard work on the part of our board members have led to many successful community beautification projects.

Please join us in our goal of **Making Muncie Beautiful** by contributing to CEP today.

John M. Craddock, *President, 2023*
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Rainbow Garden



The eight walkway lights at Canan Commons needed to be replaced, and CEP secured funding for new lights from Ball Brothers Foundation, the City of Muncie, and the Sherman and Marjorie Zeigler Foundation.



Flatland Resources executed Jeanne Zeigler's design concept for the Rainbow Garden at Canan Commons. During the day the sun illuminates the colorful acrylic cylinders while at night they glow with color and provide ambient lighting for the walkway.



CEP hired design firm Rundell Ernstberger's Kyle Koger to develop Rick and Jeanne Zeigler's ideas into an 800' spiral walkway and garden in Heekin Park. One of Muncie's leading historians, Chris Flook, headed the committee to write text and select the photos.



The Muncie Memory Spiral

Along the spiral walkway, 23 pedestals display pictures and tell stories of Muncie's history. The spiral was designed to achieve five goals:

- 1) to become a beautiful and meaningful addition to Muncie's park system;
- 2) to highlight Muncie's history with visual and textual presentations;
- 3) to offer an educational opportunity that appeals to both children and adults;
- 4) to be an outstanding amenity on Muncie's Southside;
- 5) to promote healthy living by encouraging walking to Heekin Park's several amenities

Funding for this major project was provided by American Lawn Mower Company and Robert Kersey; Ball Brothers Foundation; Boyce Systems; The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.; First Merchants Corporation Charitable Fund; the George and Frances Ball Foundation; the Hamer D and Phyllis C Shafer Foundation Charitable Trust; IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Foundation; the Land Conservation Fund at The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.; Magna Powertrain; Meeks Mortuary; MutualBank Foundation; Old National Bank Foundation; and the Sherman and Marjorie Zeigler Foundation. In-kind funding came from Jay-Crew Landscaping, the Delaware County Historical Society, and Versatile Metalworks.



CEP Projects 1991-2023

Airport Roundabout—landscaping
 “Appeal to the Great Spirit”—landscaping
 Bethel/Chadam Lane—landscaping
 Bicentennial Park—landscaping
 Canan Commons Stage—design/construction (with others)
 Canan Commons “Rainbow Garden”—new lighting
 Central Avenue—tree trimming and landscaping
 Cornerstone Park—landscaping
 Delaware County Building—landscaping
 Downtown Merchant Planters—spring, summer and winter
 East Jackson Street entry—landscaping
 East Memorial Drive median—landscaping
 Emerson Park—tree planting
 Fireman’s Park—redesign and landscaping
 Gilbert/High Street triangle—landscaping
 Gilbert/Mulberry Street triangle—landscaping
 Guthrie Park—Ray Lanum and Marjorie Zeigler memorial tree and benches
 Heekin Park Vietnam Veterans Memorial—landscaping
 Kitzelman Trailhead Bridge—financing (with others)
 McCulloch/Bunch Boulevard medians—landscaping
 McGalliard Road—tree planting
 McGalliard Road median at Cardinal Greenway—landscaping
 Meeks Avenue/White River Boulevard—landscaping
 Morrison Road Roundabout—new design and landscaping
 Muncie Memory Spiral (Heekin Park)
 “Passing of the Buffalo”—landscaping
 Police Officers’ Park—landscaping

Riverbend Park—Earl Williams and Marjorie Zeigler memorial benches
 Riverbend Park—design/build and landscaping
 Storymap Stories—at www.cepmuncie.org
 Tillotson Overpass median—landscaping
 Tuhey Park—landscape maintenance
 Walnut/High Street Planters
 Walnut Street Roundabout (at Canan Commons)—re-landscaping
 Washington Park—tree planting
 Washington Street Bridge—hanging flower baskets

West Jackson Street triangle—landscape maintenance
 White River—dams removed

White River Greenway Projects

White River Greenway—trail design (with others)
 White River Greenway bridges—landscaping
 White River Greenway overlooks—landscape maintenance

Current/Upcoming Projects

Heron Overlook—renovations
 West End Overlook—renovations

Community Enhancement Projects, Inc.

Income and Expenses, Year Ended December 31, 2023

Balance on hand as of 1/1/2023	\$ 762,741.28
INCOME	
The Community Foundation —	
Endowment Income	\$ 37,496.00
Individual, Business, and other Contributions .	178,236.00
Interest Income	147.54
Total Income	\$ 215,879.54
EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 36,929.42
Projects	546,422.54
Project Maintenance	127,642.72
Misc. Expenses	22,444.63
Total Expenses	\$ 733,439.31
Balance on hand as of 12/31/2023	\$ 245,181.51

In the 30-plus years of its existence, CEP has invested \$7.7 million in community beautification efforts.

One-third of CEP’s support must come from contributions from the general public (including The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.)

PLEASE join our efforts to help beautify and enhance the quality of life in Muncie and Delaware County by considering a contribution today! You can use the enclosed envelope, click the QR code below, or visit www.cepmuncie.org to donate online.





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If it's worth doing, we'll find a way!