



QUALITY OF LIFE
HERCULANEUM TODAY AND TOMORROW

About Us

Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow (HT&T) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a long-term vision and support for a healthy community and growth. The organization plans and implements projects designed to improve the community's health, protect the environment, enhance the future for residents, and ensure a positive legacy for the community of Herculaneum, Missouri. HT&T is comprised of residents, representatives of City government, the school system, the faith community, and the business community.

Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow has engaged residents in several activities designed to: increase public participation in the visioning process; develop understanding of the revitalization opportunities before the City; and build partnerships to address Herculaneum's environmental wellness and revitalization challenges. Through the process, HT&T has created hope, excitement, and a growing vision for the future of Herculaneum.

Activities of "Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow" include but are not limited to:

Community interviews with residents to better understand community concern and aspirations about the future of the buyout zone and other affected properties and their ideas for best use of the natural resources. Questionnaires were mailed to residents and responses were requested so even those who could not attend meetings could have input.



City Equipment at Entrance to Herculaneum

A cross section of residents convened to discuss the results of the interviews and surveys and plan the next steps for addressing the concerns and aspirations of the community. Public meetings are regularly held to include all who wish to be a part of the planning and implementation process.

HT&T's leadership team worked to shape the organization's purpose, vision, and identity including the development of a logo and website which has since been donated to the City.

HT&T drafted and filed the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and is incorporated in the State of Missouri as an exempt organization and has a 501(c) (3) non-profit status. Hence, any donations made to HT&T are tax deductible.

HT&T developed a White Paper of critical questions related to the buyout zone, truck routes through the City, a new bridge over the Joachim Creek, Doe Run's



Joachim Creek

long-term plans for the lead smelter and future use of property, and the City of Herculaneum's plans and priorities for health and growth of the community.

This white paper report was presented to the State of Missouri, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, The Herculaneum City Government, and the Doe Run Company

In early 2004, the HT&T Revitalization Committee began to recognize that there were a number of critical issues that needed to be clarified in order to conduct effective visioning and planning for the future of Herculaneum. These issues were far-reaching in regard to current activities and planned future events and decisions that would impact how the City grows and the nature of the community. In the White Paper HT&T posed a series of very specific questions to the State of Missouri, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Herculaneum City Government, and the Doe Run Company to get insight into how these issues would be resolved. A detailed letter was sent to these groups in April, 2004, and all have responded.

Summary of Key Issues Related to Community Visioning:

- Doe Run anticipates that the Herculaneum facility will operate for the unforeseeable future.
- Missouri DNR anticipates that the redeposition of lead will prevent houses in the buyout zone from being used for residential purposes.
- Missouri DNR anticipates that commercial use of the buyout area is acceptable.
- Renters will need to vacate the buy-out zone by December 31, 2005. Empty houses will not be reoccupied due to recontamination.
- The City is pursuing funding for a new bridge 2000 feet south of the existing bridge and funding to renovate the existing bridge which has since been condemned.
- The City is committed to pursuing development of Highways 55 and 61/67 as well as Scenic Drive.
- The City will be developing a professional strategic plan which includes citizen participation.
- Current haul routes are unlikely to change until a new bridge is constructed. Barges and trains are not feasible alternatives at this time.
- Doe Run owns about 600 acres of property in Herculaneum, including baseball fields, adjacent parade grounds, and the golf course. That is about one fourth of the total aerial extent of the town. Items covered in the White Paper include the following:

Truck Routes To and From the Doe Run Facility:

Trucks transporting lead ore concentrate and other materials to and from the Doe Run facility must travel through residential areas of Herculaneum. Lead contamination has historically been higher in yards along these haul routes, affecting both property values and the



health and welfare of residents. Under the voluntary purchase agreement with the state, Doe Run was to propose haul routes for approval by the state and the City. The agreement further stated that Doe Run could propose to revise the haul routes at any time. It is not likely that this can be dealt with until the old bridge is replaced or the new south bridge is completed.

HT&T:

- has organized and implemented a yearly Ferry Road and Mississippi Riverfront clean-up in partnership with the City of Herculaneum through the donation of equipment and service.
- has adopted a section of McNutt School Road as part of the Missouri Clean Highway program.
- is forging new relationships with residents, the city and county government, local and regional nonprofit organizations, the State of Missouri, and national organizations whose goals are compatible with those of Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow.
- sees that there are many opportunities and challenges. The development of a broad and complex plan to support the vision for the riverfront and greenway connected to parks and trails will require hours of thoughtful preparation, decision-making, and the pursuit of funding to bring it to fruition. This is a long-term goal. Another long-term goal is for a community center that would provide a place for senior citizens, a teen zone, child-care facility, walking track, fitness room and meeting place for civic groups, such as Chamber of Commerce, etc.
- is filled with promise and gratitude for the dedicated people who have demonstrated that they can and will make a difference in the future of the community. Membership in Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow is open to anyone who would like to become part of this forward-looking community group.

Recommendations

- Get more citizens involved. The City is divided by two highways. It is difficult to pull all areas together to work toward common goals.
- There should be lighted signs to announce up-coming events at all entrances of the City.
- Continue to work with all agencies to insure a healthy place to live.
- Continue to monitor the lead level in children, air and ground.
- Capitalize on the Mississippi River for purposes of tourism and industry.
- Work with Doe Run, the largest landowner, insuring quality development in the City.
- Get the trucks out of the residential area as soon as possible due to recontamination.
- Make the clean-up campaign an annual event and add Joachim Creek to the clean-up campaign.
- Include student groups in continued cleanup of this and other areas.
- Work with Festus, Pevely, Crystal City and Jefferson County to connect hiking/biking trails and encourage tourism in the area.

- Build and equip parks with benches, tables, trash containers, and playground equipment.
- Create trails for hiking, biking and family activities.
- Build a civic center with facilities for group meetings, child-care, senior citizens, health and fitness equipment, a nutrition center, and an indoor walking track
- To talk with communities who have successfully completed recreational complexes that meet the needs of a growing community. (Farmington and Ste. Genevieve have great facilities to serve their residents.)