



Daviess County Fiscal Court

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RESOLUTION No. 07-2008

DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT SUPPORTING THE OWENSBORO PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION'S BRONZE BUFFALO TRACE PROJECT

WHEREAS, a community's present and future are inextricably linked to its past;
and

WHEREAS, Daviess County's past stretches back hundreds of years to a time
when it was the habitat of roaming buffalo herds and the Native Americans who
hunted them; and

WHEREAS, a celebration of those days of the buffalo and the hunter is an
appropriate way to honor the county's past, to build upon its present sense of
community and to enhance its artistic character; and

WHEREAS, the Owensboro Public Art Commission and the Owensboro Museum
of Fine Art are taking leadership roles in moving the project forward; and

WHEREAS, many communities of distinction throughout the country have
signature projects that serve as hallmarks as this project will do for Daviess
County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Daviess Fiscal Court resolves to encourage
corporations, individuals and organizations to join in forwarding this project and
does hereby embrace and endorse with great enthusiasm

THE BRONZE BUFFALO TRACE PROJECT

a three to five year project designed to commemorate the buffalo trail that ran
from the wilderness to the Ohio River. Just as the Ohio River is a major factor in
the community's current life, so was it essential to the well-being of the vast
buffalo herds that watered there in the past.

The trace originated at a salt lick located near the meeting of the north and south
forks of Panther Creek and likely followed paths along what are now Highways

231 and 431, eventually converging near midtown Owensboro on what is now Frederica Street.


The project will celebrate this part of the community's heritage by placing bronze buffalos (male, female and calves) and Native American hunters in myriad locations on Frederica Street between 10th Street and the Ohio River. The first phase of the plan will be completed in September 2008 at Owensboro Museum of Fine Art's Ryan Park at 10th and Frederica Streets. A magnificent twelve-foot-tall bronze bull will be installed as the featured sculpture in this new community green space. Later additions, funded by public and private sources along Frederica Street and in the surrounding area will create a critical mass of frontier-themed artworks that will have infinite merit for tourism, economic development and educational concerns.

Approved this 1st day May 2008.



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Judge/Executive Reid Haire

ATTEST:



Jennifer C. Warren
Daviess County Fiscal Court Clerk