

WHITE RIVER

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PROVIDING LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL CONCERNS



livable communities



Development pressures and sprawling growth are currently threatening the historic, natural, and economic resources of these cities, towns, and villages. Promoting more livable communities is key to maintaining the unique quality of life in the rural, suburban, and urban communities of southern Indiana.

DRY HYDRANTS

In many rural areas, the lack of water mains and domestic fire hydrants can sometimes impair a fire department's ability to do its job quickly and efficiently. Tanker trucks must be used to carry large amounts of water to the fire scene. The success of the operation hinges on the distance the trucks must travel to water "fill-up" points around the county. Unfortunately, the fill-up points are often a long distance from the fire and, in many cases; fire-fighters are unable to maintain an uninterrupted water supply at the scene. The White River RC&D Council installed **twenty four dry hydrants** in the White River RC&D area to assist local fire departments in their fight against fires.

ORANGE COUNTY MAIN STREET

Local Main Street programs are structured in a variety of ways. Most often, they are freestanding, nonprofit organizations. Others are part of an existing organization, such as an RC&D. Regardless of where the community's Main Street program is housed; it must be a volunteer-driven effort that has support and participation from a variety of stakeholders in the revitalization effort. As White River's RC&D's newest Project Committee, **Orange County Main Street, Inc.** is dedicated to enhancing the growth and sustainability of downtown business districts and Orange County's cultural and architectural heritage through concentrated efforts focused on design, economic restructuring, promotion and organization. Orange County Main Street hopes to accomplish their goals by capitalizing on Orange County's best assets including historical buildings and downtown businesses while creating an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere through window displays, signage, sidewalks, parking areas, and other elements that convey a message about what Main Street is and what it has to offer. Likewise, they will work to establish programs that promote the preservation of downtown architectural design and heritage while assisting in the expansion of existing downtown businesses, recruiting new businesses and converting unused space into productive properties.

