Jeffersonville/Clarksville Flood Control District Announces Land Dedication for ORIGIN Park

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Jeffersonville Mayor Michael Moore, Chair of the Jeffersonville/Clarksville Flood Control District, announced today that the District Board has granted 16 acres of Flood Control property at the intersection of Croghan Street and Emery Crossing in Clarksville, Indiana to River Heritage Conservancy, Inc. to be included as part of ORIGIN Park.

Moore added, “The District is pleased to continue advancing its partnership with River Heritage Conservancy, Inc. through this land dedication. The District’s provision of this land to the future park is focused on delivering three measurable benefits to the region and our rate payers:

• First, the land will absorb flood waters from the Ohio River, thus helping protect our levees and our communities.
• Second, the land will be conserved as a hardwood wetland in perpetuity. This type of habitat functions as sanctuary for over 50 species of migratory songbirds that pass through our region annually.
• Finally, by joining with the non-profit Conservancy, the District is helping leverage finite public and private resources necessary to bring a world-class and iconic public park to the Ohio River’s North Shore communities.”

“We are so thankful for the partnership with the Jeffersonville/Clarksville Flood Control District that made this contribution of lands possible. These lands contain some of future ORIGIN Park’s most dynamic natural resources. Peregrine falcons, barred owls, beaver, and mink all call this land home. It has also been the site of human habitation for over 10,000 years. We are honored to sustain conservation of these special lands as part of ORIGIN Park.” Scott Martin, Executive Director, River Heritage Conservancy.

ORIGIN Park is a 600-acre park plan developed by River Heritage Conservancy Inc, a 501c (3) organization dedicated to the creation, maintenance, and preservation of an exceptional, world-class, public landscapes on the North Shore of the Ohio River in Southern Indiana. For more information on the park, visit www.originpark.org.

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