Introducing the Silver Creek Blueway
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River Heritage Conservancy, Inc., the creative team behind ORIGIN Park, announced today the park’s first project is underway with development of the Silver Creek Blueway. The 4.5-mile Silver Creek Blueway is the first component of ORIGIN Park, a 600-acre master planned park designed by OLIN Studio, designers of the Washington Monument grounds, Bryant Park (NYC), Apple Computers Corporate Headquarters and the Getty Museum. Project management is being provided by Ecosystems Connections LLC, and Joseph & Joseph + Bravura Architects.

Vice Chair Madison Hamman, “One of our Conservancy’s core values is increasing public access to the local waterways and shorelines that make our region so special. Activating the Silver Creek Blueway is a perfect first project for ORIGIN Park.”

The new Silver Creek Blueway will be activated for public use through four components:

• Thanks to the Sam Shine Foundation, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Indiana Department of Natural Resources, a dangerous low head structure at Providence Mill will be removed this summer. Removal will aid sportfish spawning and eliminate a hazard to paddlers.

• A new paddling access will be constructed at Blackiston Mill. This will be the “put in” for individuals paddling downstream on Silver Creek. Support for this element is made possible by the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana’s “Pathways to Progress” grants program and an anonymous Indiana donor.

• A new public access will be built just upstream of Silver Creek’s terminus at the Ohio River. This will allow paddlers to exit the stream before reaching the Ohio River. During summer months, it will provide paddlers with access to the Ohio’s lower Falls. This element is made possible by the Sam Shine Foundation, the Ogle Foundation, the Town of Clarksville, the Blue Sky Network, and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority through their CreatINg Places program.

• Noted naturalist Michael Gaige will author an interpretive guide for the stream that can be used by area educators as a teaching resource to support field trips.

River Heritage Conservancy, Inc, is a local non-profit dedicated to the creation, maintenance, and preservation of world-class public landscapes on the Ohio River. For more information, visit www.originpark.org. For more information, or to arrange a site visit to the property site, contact RHC Communication Coordinator, Vern Eswine - veswine@marketingcompany.com