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OKI Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Receives National Award
American Discovery Trail Society awards planner with Happifeet Award

Cincinnati, OH – Don Burrell, Senior Planner and Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator at the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), has received the American Discovery Trail Society's *Happifeet Award* for his involvement with the American Discovery Trail.

“We are extremely proud of Don and his work to advance alternative transportation modes throughout the OKI region and beyond,” said Campbell County Judge Executive and OKI Board President Steve Pendery. “His work on the initial route selection through Cincinnati in 1992 helped start this tremendous national asset.”

The American Discovery Trail stretches more than 6,800 miles across 15 states and is the only coast-to-coast, non-motorized, recreational trail. Following low traveled roads and available trails, it connects Point Reyes near San Francisco to Cape Henlopen in Delaware and it allows individuals to hike, bike or ride horses on the trail.

“*Happifeet*” was the trail name for Bill and Laurie Foot who were among the first people to hike and bike the entire trail between 1997 and 1998. In commemoration of Bill Foot, the *Happifeet Award* was established in 2000. The award is not given annually but when a volunteer displays exceptional actions, enthusiasm and commitment to the American Discovery Trail and serves as an inspiration to others. Burrell coordinated the re-routing of the trail in Lawrenceburg, Indiana to connect with the Dearborn Trail upon its completion and he keeps a section of the designated route labeled with vinyl American Discovery Trail markers identifying the route.

“Don is a great motivator and a stellar example of how to incorporate cycling into one’s day-to-day activities,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “He rides his bike with as much confidence as I drive my car.”

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and the economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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