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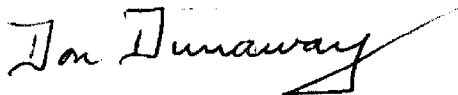
Whitewater Canal Trail
P.O. Box 126
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Dear Mick:

As one who has visited most of the locks and supporting facilities along the old Whitewater Canal, I am very much in support of establishing a Whitewater Canal Trail. It was very enjoyable to "discover" these lost works of engineering from the previous century when I was a much younger man more than thirty years ago.

I endorse the statement on the Canal Trail website: "The 15 mile stretch of historic property tells the story of Franklin County's canal and trail history. It also showcases the beauty of the county's hills and river. By using this land for county citizens to exercise and enjoy nature, the history will be enjoyed and appreciated." This says very well my feelings of my experience so long ago. The only thing that I would add to the statement is that preserving this eight mile stretch of the canal trail will add to the interest of the adjoining Whitewater Canal State Historic Site. Citizens of this and neighboring states can view firsthand an important chapter in the history of the Midwest. This is a rare opportunity to save an important part of Indiana's history. We have already delayed too long in drawing proper attention to saving our history.

Sincerely,



Don Dunaway, Franklin County Historian