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Chinese Delegation to Visit Evansville

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A group of Chinese engineers and environmental officials is set to visit Evansville Wednesday. The delegation hopes to learn about soil and groundwater cleanup projects at the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage.



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News Release

Evansville, Ind. -- Mayor Lloyd Winnecke will welcome a Chinese Delegation while visiting Evansville, tomorrow, April 18, 2012, at 3 p.m. at Mead Johnson Trailhead, 1501 W. John Street, on the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage. The Chinese visitors will be inspecting the park and the Shirley James Gateway Plaza on the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage. The delegation is being brought by Apex Companies, LLC and Hunsucker Goodstein and Nelson, PC, (HGN). Apex prepared the remediation plan and conducted the total cleanup of the former General Waste site, and HGN managed the financial and administrative duties of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Trust Fund. The Chinese Delegation will consist of:

North Engineering Design Academy of Research (NEDAR)

Mr. Ruijie Li, Director, Municipal Environmental Engineering Design Institute

Dr. Jianlei Zhang, Senior Engineer, Municipal Environmental Engineering Design Institute

International Fund for China's Environment (IFCE)

Dr. Ping He, President, Washington D. C. Office

Dr. Xudong Xiong, New Technology Development Supervisory, Beijing Office

Ms. Danfang An, Foreign Affairs Communication Manager, Beijing Office

NEDAR is an engineering design company and research academy that specializes in design, construction and construction management of industrial, commercial and residential projects. IFCE is an international environmental organization based in Washington, D.C., with offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Wuhan. The delegation from China is on a fact finding mission to see the results of the successful design and implementation of significant soil and groundwater remediation projects. Apex is showing the delegation a number of projects throughout the United States which Apex has designed and implemented successful remedial approaches. The Chinese guests have chosen Evansville to



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look at the completed work at the Mead Johnson Trailhead on the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage.

"I will welcome our Chinese guests and will show them how the Department of Parks and Recreation, Apex and HGN collaborated to transform an environmental eyesore into a beautiful park," said Mayor Winnecke. "The creation of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage through our historical Industrial Corridor has revitalized our community and continues to bring visitors from all over the world. The Shirley James Gateway Plaza was the shining star on this environmental tree combining transportation with recreation for residents and our visitors."

The remediation of the General Waste site was done in 2005 – 2006 and removed 35,750 tons of contaminated soils, 59,580 gallons of contaminated water, 3,000 gallons of oils and over 700 tons scrap steel and debris. Over 25,000 of clean soils have been placed on the site. The original remediation of the site cost over \$3 million and was paid by a trust created by HGN from the insurance held by the owners of the property and run by Indianapolis attorney Kathleen G. Lucas.

The City of Evansville, along with the Indiana Department of Transportation constructed the Mead Johnson Trailhead with over \$2 million of Federal Transportation Enhancement funds, Riverboat taxes and a donation from Mead Johnson Nutritionals. The trailhead and Phase 1 of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage was completed in 2007. The Shirley James Gateway Plaza was added to the site in 2009 from a \$500,000 historical remediation grant from INDOT as part of the razing of the former Orr Iron Building for the new Fulton Avenue/Lloyd Expressway overpass.

Source: City of Evansville

  
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