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Cumberland paves way for trail art

Proposed project would include scale models of 8 planets and Pluto on Cumberland Pennsy Trail

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Depending on your perspective, Cumberland may or may not be the center of the universe.

Thanks to a planned conceptual art piece along the Cumberland Pennsy Trail, the town soon may be a place where walkers and joggers can travel to Mars and back within a three-mile corridor.

The proposed project, set to begin construction in 2007, will include scale models of the eight classical planets in addition to Pluto, the newly classified "dwarf planet," with large background photos of the planetary surfaces and informational text.

"This project really gives us the opportunity to partner not only with the schools who want to take field trips and bus trips to the area, but it also gives us the opportunity to partner with NASA, whose photography work will be credited as well," said Mark Reynold, vice president of the Town Council.

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"We are just really excited about the possibility and fitting it into the current plans for the trail."

Artist Parker King initially conceived the display for the Monon Trail. Later, he planned it for Pogue's Run Trail near 21st Street and Emerson Avenue after Indy Parks officials decided to limit art projects directly on the Monon.

As those efforts slogged along slowly, Cumberland officials stepped in to offer a home for the model and authorize \$6,000 for the planning and design phase of the project after receiving some federal grant money.

King jumped at the chance.

"I worked this idea up in 2001 (to) 2002 when I was doing some volunteer work for fifth-graders at Allisonville Elementary," King said. "The school posters of the solar system were horribly out of scale and created no sense of awe or wonder among the pupils."

Reynold said the final cost of the project, expected to be in the tens of thousands of dollars, would be determined once the Town Council receives bids from contractors. He anticipates funding the construction costs through outside grants, he said, rather than local monies raised from taxpayers.

Some residents already skeptical of the Pennsy Trail project now also are worried they will wind up helping fund this amenity.

"I think they could use that money elsewhere," said Carolyn Flynn, who lives in the Glen Oaks neighborhood.

Flynn said she is not opposed to seeing Cumberland become a walkable community, but she opposes the Pennsy Trail because she would rather see money spent on bike lanes and sidewalks.

Reynold said most residents who have attended public meetings support the trail concept, and he thinks the solar system model also would be popular when residents realize federal grant money would cover a large portion of the cost.

The model would begin at German Church Road near the Meijer entrance with the sun at 41/2 feet in diameter. The planet Earth would be the size of a dime a block away. According to the plan, Jupiter would be at County Line Road, and Saturn would be placed coincidentally within a block or two of Saturn Street.

"There are about 20 such scale models around the country but none in Indiana and none on any of the rail trails in the U.S. that I know of," said King, noting he hopes schools would take field trips to see it.

A similar model in Oregon inspired King to try to replicate the idea in the Indianapolis area, he said.

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"I think in an increasingly secular world, it is good for people to be awed by something vastly larger and more important than they are, if for no other reason than to put their problems in perspective," King said. "I also hope that the model gets the nerds, video game players, bookworms, couch potatoes and anyone with some interest in science out walking the trail."

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