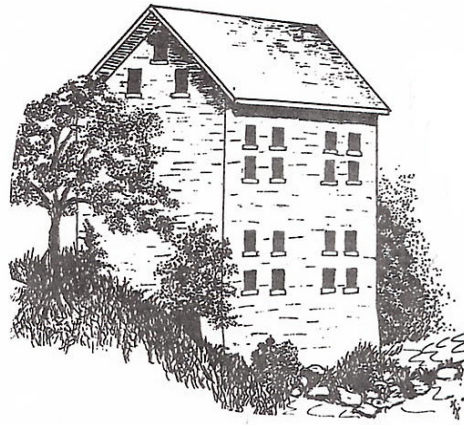


A newsletter from
The Motor Mill Foundation
of Clayton County

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Milling Around



Join us:

The Motor Mill Foundation is made up of dedicated volunteers from diverse backgrounds. They meet regularly for planning or work projects.

Nested within the foundation is our Friends of Motor Mill group (FMM). Our friends share information, gain support for and help on various endeavors. To sign up:

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Milling Around is available electronically. Email addresses are welcomed to save postage. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.

Look for photos and current happenings at:
www.claytoncountyconservation.org
& www.motormill.org

Capital Fund Campaign

The Motor Mill Foundation and the Clayton County Conservation Board have been working together since 2002. The partnership have developed long range plans and have steadily worked toward their goals for the past 9 years using mainly volunteer labor to complete the projects listed on the next page.

The partnership has been planning to replace the bridge at Motor Mill since the start. We are now in a position to do just that. Funds have become available to pay for nearly two-thirds of the nearly \$1.6 million project to replace the bridge and roofs on three of the buildings.

The MMF is launching a major capital fund campaign to solicit the remaining \$577,00 needed. Your help is vital.

Succession to Success

The following is a list of accomplishments of the Motor Mill Foundation with project years:

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| Motor Mill Advisory Committee- | 2002 |
| Continued Motor Mill Research - | On going |
| Feasibility Study- | 2004 |
| Motor Mill Foundation- | 2004 |
| Robert Grau Memorial Savanna- | On going |
| Mill Open for Tours- | 2005 |
| Establish a Newsletter | 2005 |
| Received 501c3 status | 2006 |
| Established a website | 2006 |
| Long Range Visioning Plan- | 2007 |
| Replace Joists and Flooring- | 2007-2009 |
| Replace Mill and Inn Roof- | 2009 |
| Replace Mill Windows- | 2007-2010 |
| Long Range Education Plan- | 2010 |
| Replace Mill Stone Floor- | 2010-2011 |
| On Facebook- | 2011 |

Additionally, the Conservation Board replaced the campground and made improvements to the well and water system after the 2008 flood. The Conservation Board also completed the Turkey River Water Trail Project and dedicated the trail in 2011.

In the past 9 years, volunteers have donated an estimated 9,134 hours toward Motor Mill Projects and have raised \$208,000 in grants and private donations.

Motor Mill Bridge

The Clayton County Conservation Board received \$432,427 from FEMA for the replacement of the north half of the Motor Mill Bridge that was destroyed in the 2008 flood.

The work includes cleaning and tuck pointing the joints on the north, center and south abutments and pier. The funds also include purchase and erecting the north span of the bridge which was destroyed in the 2008 flood. Additionally, they included funding to raise the bridge by four feet which would take it above the high water mark one foot.

The Conservation Board and the Motor Mill Foundation have started the process to raise additional funding to complete the south span and make the bridge open to cars, pickups, and pedestrian traffic.

The preliminary design has been completed and is in the process of review. Our plan is to design a pin connected Pratt through truss bridge using modern materials and raise it four feet. This will give the bridge the same look as the original iron bridge.

Fund raising efforts have secured \$20,000 from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation and \$463,000 from REAP which is still pending.

Currently we are estimating a completion date in the summer of 2012.

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Motor Mill Basement Project

Funding has been received from FEMA for the removal of silt in the mill basement and tuck and point masonry joints on the mill damaged from the flood of 2008. Currently, plans are being developed to move forward with this project.

Roofs and Windows

Motor Mill Foundation members conducted a survey of the roof on the cooperage in the fall of 2011 and determined it was in very poor condition and needs replacement soon. It has since been covered with a temporary tarp to protect the rafters and second floor.

The Motor Mill Foundation has been collecting donations to replace the windows in the cooperage already. They have collected \$1,800 to thus far and still need \$600.

It has also been determined that the two remaining roofs, the stable and the icehouse roofs will need replacing. These projects are planned for the spring and summer of 2012. The Foundation is raising funds for these projects as well.

The cooperage and icehouse will receive a wooden shingle roof and the stable will receive a corrugated tin and asphalt shingle roof according to State Historical guidelines and best practices.