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**LOCAL GROUPS SEEK PUBLIC SUPPORT TO FUND RELOCATION OF HISTORIC KINCAID HOUSE**

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (August 22, 2014) – Nickel Plate Arts and the Noblesville Preservation Alliance have teamed up to create “Help Move the Kincaid House,” a crowdsourcing campaign, to raise funds to relocate the historic Kincaid House in Fishers, Ind., so it can begin a new life as a focal point along I-69.

“The Noblesville Preservation Alliance is making history by saving history,” said Ailithir McGill, Nickel Plate Arts’ director. “After partnering with them to save the Judge Stone House in Noblesville, we’re excited to work together again to give this Hamilton County historical landmark a new home.”

The total cost of moving the house is estimated at \$115,000, which includes site preparation and transportation for the 0.4 mile journey across 106<sup>th</sup> Street to two acres of land on the west side of Navient’s Fishers campus. Navient donated the parcel of land August 15 as a permanent location for the house if funds could be raised to relocate it.

Tax-deductible donations will be accepted at <http://movethekincaidhouse.org> beginning August 22. The campaign ends September 30.

To kick off “Help Move the Kincaid House,” Thompson Thrift, the owner/developer of the house’s current home, provided a lead gift of \$20,000. As additional incentive, Hamilton County Tourism announced it will match new public donations up to \$45,000.

If the fundraising campaign is successful, the concrete footings for the historic home will be poured and the move planned for later this fall. An early architectural sketch of how the house could be located on the Navient property is attached. In addition to its role in saving the Kincaid House, Indiana Landmarks provided a \$2,500 grant to determine landscaping and construction options for the property once it is relocated. Peterson Architecture of Noblesville donated additional in-kind hours for the architectural rendering.

Hamilton County Tourism is teaming up with Nickel Plate Arts and the Noblesville Preservation Alliance to lead a feasibility study to determine the best use of the house and land once the move has taken place. During the fundraising campaign, the public can provide ideas for the future use of the house at the “Help Move the Kincaid House” [website](#).

“We’re grateful for the community support that is rallying behind the house,” said Mike Corbett, Noblesville Preservation Alliance treasurer. “Without involvement from Nickel Plate Arts, Hamilton County Tourism, Navient, Indiana Landmarks and Thompson Thrift, Hamilton County would have lost a major piece of history.”

The final ownership, management and development of both the property and the house itself will be determined once the feasibility study is completed.

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#### **About Nickel Plate Arts**

Nickel Plate Arts is an art initiative created by Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. that supports, promotes and provides outstanding arts experiences in six communities along the Nickel Plate Railroad in Hamilton County. Learn more at <http://www.nickelplatearts.org/>

#### **About Noblesville Preservation Alliance**

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes the preservation of historic homes, neighborhoods and resources to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville. Learn more at [www.noblesvillepreservation.com](http://www.noblesvillepreservation.com)

#### **About Indiana Landmarks**

Indiana Landmarks revitalizes communities, reconnects us to our heritage, and saves meaningful places. With eight offices located throughout the state, the non-profit organization helps people rescue endangered landmarks and restore historic neighborhoods and downtowns. People who join Indiana Landmarks receive its bimonthly magazine, Indiana Preservationist. Learn more at [www.indianalandmarks.org](http://www.indianalandmarks.org)

#### **About Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.**

Hamilton County Tourism is a not-for-profit tourism economic development organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and community development initiatives to provide hospitality to more than 3 million visitors who come to Hamilton County, Ind. each year. Learn more at [www.visithamiltoncounty.com/](http://www.visithamiltoncounty.com/)

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