

## Illinois and Michigan Canal NHC Core Activity Project Descriptions

<b>Core Activity:</b>	Education				
<b>Goal:</b>	Increase K-12 learning experiences in the Corridor				
<b>SMART Goal:</b>	Increase K-12 learning experiences in the corridor by 20% in the next 5 years				
<b>Project:</b>	Develop & distribute curriculum				
<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Steps</b>	<b>Who will we have as Partner(s)?</b>	<b>Known Resources</b>	<b>What is the cost range estimate?</b>	<b>How will we know we succeeded?</b>
Develop curriculum at several different grade levels which can be used throughout Illinois by elementary and middle school teachers using the I&M Canal story to enrich the American history stories. Distribute the materials in ways which make it accessible to all teachers, youth leaders, and parents.	1. Establish teacher committee. 2. Review existing I&M curriculum. 3. Establish best opportunities for inclusion in public schools. 4. Review opportunities for field trips. 5. Review home-schooling opportunities. 6. Consider after-school opportunities such as scouts.	School districts in HC? In Illinois? History teachers in HC? Illinois foundations that support education. US Department of Education.	Commission Curriculum (1990s). Origins Park Curriculum. Portage Curriculum (check with Gary Mechanic). I&M Canal & Lincoln Activity book.	\$15-40k depending on distribution.	Count the number of student experiences in the corridor the first year and also each year after and strive to have a 20% increase by the fifth year. Track teachers who use curriculum and ask them to report # of students taught.