



**About 60 present:** "This trail is being built in fellowship and trust," said organizer Mick Wilz at the Metamora dedication of a 2.6-mile section of the Whitewater Canal Trail Oct. 15. Present at the ribbon cutting were adjacent land owners (above). One of them, Mary Lou Hertel (right in left photo), was presented with a walking stick, symbolizing a special volunteer award, by committee member Thad Ariens (left) for her work in grooming land near a portion of the primitive trail for hikers and bikers. Committee member Tom Cooney looks on. In addition to volunteers and community service workers, the National Park Service; Indiana Department of Natural Resources; Franklin County community foundation, historical society, convention, recreation and visitor commission and chamber of commerce; Historic Metamora; churches; and Boy Scouts helped with the project.

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