

GAPP project to be completed in September

ANDERSON TWP. – An informal ground-breaking ceremony for the Greater Anderson Promotes Peace pole sculpture will be 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the peace pole site, Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Ave.

The Peace Pole Project is a grassroots initiative that began in 1999 as a response to hate incidents and to hate literature distributed in the Greater Anderson area.

A seven-piece granite sculpture, created by artist Joel Selmeier and selected by residents through popular vote, will stand as a symbol of the richness that diversity brings to community life.

The sculpture site will provide established space for quiet reflection. The site is also envisioned as a place of celebration encouraging cultural storytelling, art projects and other activities that express the community's desire to live in

unity.

The community has contributed more than \$41,000 toward the project. A financial arrangement with David Vogel Landscape Co. has made it possible to begin construction on the project immediately.

The final funds collected will be used toward the landscape plan designed by landscape architect David Whittaker.

Contributor forms can be

found at the GAPP Web site at <http://home.fuse.net/gappeace> or by calling GAPP voice mail at 588-8391.

Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP) is a nonprofit organization serving Mount Washington, Anderson Township, Newtown and western Clermont County since 1999, providing community-building activities and programs that honor diversity and promote inclusion.