THE STORY OF THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

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A MONUMENT TO HONOR THE PEOPLE OF THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

The Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to sustaining, promoting, and enhancing the Hank Aaron State Trail, creating a lasting legacy for present and future generations.

They have sent over 1000 neighborhood kids to Bike Camps along the trail; incorporated several artworks and led the $200,000 restoration and installation of three historic streetcar shelters on the trail; and organize several annual events to activate the trail and engage the community.

To donate or learn more, visit HankAaronStateTrail.org/
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PRESERVING THE LEGACY

One of the greatest railroads in history located their 160-acre shops property in Milwaukee from 1878-1985. Their tracks, spanning over 10,000 miles, took their employees and the Milwaukee name across the nation.

People of the Road, a five-sculpture artistic landmark will be a highly visible and powerful reminder of the Milwaukee Road and the thousands of workers who built rail cars in Milwaukee from 1878 to 1985—still remembered by their children and grandchildren, but soon to be memorialized with People of the Road.

INSPIRATION

Using archived photos, local artist Richard Taylor designed five sculptures that honor those who made the Milwaukee Road what it was and carried Milwaukee’s name across the country.

LOCATION

People of the Road will be installed in the Menomonee Valley Community Park, where the Milwaukee Road Shops were originally located, near the corner of Canal Street and W Milwaukee Road. This was also where the chimneys stood until 2010.

Inicialmente, las chimeneas estaban situadas cerca de la esquina de Canal Street y W Milwaukee Road. Esto fue también donde las chimeneas estaban hasta 2010.

Learn more at HankAaronStateTrail.org.

THE CONCEPT

WE NEED YOU to make this project possible.

Your support will help honor the people of the road.

Around 50% of the $250,000 necessary for this project has been raised from a variety of funders. We need your help to close the gap.

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GIVE TODAY at HankAaronStateTrail.org/give or by mailing a check to Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail.