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Subject	Pat White, Mayor of Bolivar
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Interviewer	Jeff Bennett
Special Notes	Canal Corridor

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- 0 introduction and documentation of interview
- 1 born in 1929, Metz, West Virginia, moved to Bolivar in 1967
from a small town, moved to Bolivar for work, supporter of the canal, cooperate with Dick
- 2 Lebold
she got involved in the project through Dick Lebold, met Dan Rice (Stark County) and he
- 3 got people involved in the project
- 4 open space, towpath, new bridge (connecting Bolivar to Zoar), pros outweigh the cons
cons: cost of bridge doubled, as mayor she supported the project by going to meetings,
- 5 give opportunities for people to travel
- 6 good for business, "Yesterday" a new restaurant on the canal, bike shop near the towpath
changes: more people in the area, project slow to start, hurdles: money, cooperation
- 7 through ODOT
- 8 has not taken part in fundraising, 1998 Dan Rice came to Bolivar to talk about the canal
- 9 efforts: help businesses, enjoy the park, efforts are slow because of finances
expectations: project is not moving as fast as she had hoped, bridge is a step forward,
- 10 10 years hope the project is finished
enthusiasm, agrees with Dick Lebold it will be a great thing, Renaissance Project-
- 11 modeled after Main Street Association in Dover/New Phila
Main Street Association gave their stamp of approval, fund raising: Strawberry Festival,
- 12 Car Show, Christmas on the Canal
sold bricks etched with names of supporters to be used somewhere in the park, repeated
- 13 about fundraising
- 14 future plans of the Renaissance: just keep on going
- 15 Renaissance meets once a month, explained in detail about the Strawberry Festival
- 16 Car show brings in many people, few grants
- 17 first grant bought land for park
- 18 Landfill impact on housing and canal
Landfill turned down by EPA to add another 300 ft. to its height, EPA set regulations Gary
- 19 Franks plays a key role
- 20 odor of landfill not as bad as it use to be
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