HISTORY OF THE AMATEUR TRAP ASSOCIATION, SITE, DEVELOPMENT, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE AREA

WORLD SHOOTING & RECREATION COMPLEX
ATA – BRIEF HISTORY

- Founded 1900
- Vandalia, OH – Home 1924
- Final Grand at Vandalia, 2005
- First Grand at the WSRC 2006

- Famous Members
  - Annie Oakley
  - John Philip Sousa
  - Roy Rodgers
TRAP SHOOTING

- Gem of the sport is the handicap which is held at the Grand American each year.
- Participants shoot 5 targets from each of 5 stations on 4 trap fields.
- Depending on skill level, participants shoot from yardages ranging from 16 yards to 27 yards.
CHANGE IN VANDALIA

- The home grounds of the ATA are located on the property of the James D. Cox International Airport.

- Airport expansion and 911 security impacts end the lease of grounds to the ATA.

- Search for new home begins.
LIFE IN SPARTA

- The future location of the WSRC is farm ground and timber in the earlier part of the 20th century.
- Coal mining is a major industry in Southern Illinois, and occupies the future location of the WSRC from the early 1960’s – 1993.
- Decline of the coal mining industry resulted in the loss of 1,000’s of jobs in the Southern Illinois region.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Negotiations between governmental leaders in Illinois, IDNR officials, and leadership of the ATA resulted in a 10 year lease agreement between the ATA and the IDNR.
- A market study revealed that the Grand American could lead to an influx of $50 million per year to the local economy.
- A master plan for the facility was developed and revealed that other shooting sports should be added to the complex. Included in the planned development are skeet shooting, sporting clays, 3-d archery range, and rifle/pistol range. Also included, would be support facilities, a campground, and vendor buildings.
PROJECT LOCATION

300 MILE RADIUS

60 MILE RADIUS
ATA DEMOGRAPHICS

- Average age – 51.
- 90% male.
- 30% professional
- 26% are retired.
- 69% have annual household incomes higher than $50,000.

Camping Data – 2006 Grand

CAMPERS - 47 STATES, AND 3 CANADIAN PROVINCES
WSRC - UNDEVELOPED

3 ½ miles
1600 acres
CONCEPTUAL PLAN
DEVELOPED PLAN
PROJECT COORDINATION

CITY OF SPARTA

COUNTRY

DEPARTMENT

OF NATURAL

RESOURCES

WSRC

CONCESSIONAIRE

CAPITAL

DEVELOPMENT

BOARD

VENDORS

AMATUER TRAP

ASSOCIATION

LOCAL TOURISM

GROUPS
EVENTS – 2006/2007

- **2006 Events**
  - ATA – U.S. Open
  - SASS Cowboy Shoot
  - ATA – Grand American
  - ATA – Fall Handicap
  - Gamaliel Sporting Clay Cup
  - Fall/Winter Trap League

- **Scheduled 2007 Events**
  - U.S. Open
  - SASS Cowboy Shoot
  - Briley Bluegoose Skeet Shoot
  - ATA – Grand American
  - ATA – Fall Handicap
  - Spring/Summer League