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## **LABYRINTH WILL RECEIVE NEW DESIGN**

*Harmonist Labyrinth in New Harmony will become a true labyrinth*

NEW HARMONY, IN (May 13, 2008) – When the Harmonist Labyrinth was created by the New Harmony Memorial Commission in 1939, the decision was made to create a maze instead of a true unicursal, one path meditative labyrinth, as the Harmonie Society had originally built around 1820. The work being done now will re-create the Harmonist Labyrinth design with the Amoor River privet planted by the New Harmony Memorial Commission.

The current maze design has many blockades constricting visitors free access to experience a true Labyrinth as the Harmonists intended. Additionally, the many blockades created by the current maze design have worked to destroy several of the Amoor River privet that was planted in 1939. Often visitors simply cross through the hedges rather than returning to an open pathway.

The changes require removing the Amoor River privet currently blocking the pathways, the realignment of the pathways, reconfiguring some hedges at the entryway, and planting some new Amoor River privet to create the original Harmonist design. Historic New Harmony is using private funding to complete the reconstruction of the Harmonist Labyrinth.

### **About Historic New Harmony:**

Historic New Harmony is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve New Harmony's utopian legacy by inspiring renewal and fellowship between people and communities through its programs and collections. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. For more information on Historic New Harmony, please visit [www.newharmony.org](http://www.newharmony.org).

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