



Sons of American Revolution chapter OK with planned monument location

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The location for an Anthony Wayne monument in Defiance was agreed to during a brief visit to the site along the Maumee River late last week.

Mayor Mike McCann met with David Lupien of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Friday morning to discuss the monument's location on city-owned land on Fort Street, between the Rotary Walkway and the Maumee River, just west of the Defiance Public Library parking lot.

According to Lupien of the SAR's Northwest Territory chapter, the granite monument is being finished as approximately \$50,000 has been raised for its purchase and installation.

He said the chapter is planning to install the monument in the spring with a dedication ceremony in

August 2024. If the latter comes to fruition, it would coincide with the 230th anniversary of Fort Defiance's construction just before the Battle of Fallen Timbers near present-day Maumee.

Wayne's forces built the fort as they prepared for battle against a confederation of Indians aided by their British supporters.



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David Lupien (left) of the Northwest Territory Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Defiance Mayor Mike McCann look over the planned location for an Anthony Wayne monument on Fort Street, west of Defiance Public Library. SAR is planning to build the monument next spring.

Monument/from A1

As such, Lupien noted that a group of re-enactors for a unit within Wayne's Legion plans to be on hand for next year's monument dedication.

According to Lupien, the monument, which will include information about Wayne's campaign, will stand about eight feet high.

To make room for it, the city may have to remove a lilac bush or two, McCann indicated.

The monument's planned location has been something of an ongoing drama in the past year.

Initially, a Cincinnati businessman (Anthony Sansalone) who owns an empty lot at 315 Fort St., and a home next door, planned to donate the property to the city for the monument. A

possibility later arose of placing the monument on the foregrounds, but this was not supported by the Defiance Public Library board which owns the property.

Since then, Sansalone has decided to donate his lot at 315 Fort St. to the library for its plan to construct an annex (details appeared in Thursday's *Crescent-News*), causing the recent new search for the monument's home.