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DOWNTOWN LOCK HAVEN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

In 1998 the City of Lock Haven engaged the services of the Community Resource Center at SEDA Council of Governments, Lewisburg, to prepare a comprehensive master plan for Downtown Lock Haven. A series of reports were prepared by the Center, and The Master Plan For Downtown Lock Haven was adopted by City Council in September 1999.

Identified in the Downtown Master Plan is a priority entitled The Main Street Promenade. The Main Street Promenade encompasses the most highly used segment and the most visible expression of the downtown, primarily focusing on East Main Street between Henderson and First Streets and cross streets including Vesper and Grove Streets. Although traffic in downtown Lock Haven is less than that on the U.S. 220 Bypass, there is nevertheless a significant volume of daily car traffic in and out of downtown Lock Haven. The downtown streetscape improvement project is designed to enhance the appearance of the downtown and make it more appealing for consumers. The improvements are meant to build on existing physical assets and encourage changes that are compatible with the commercial area's established characteristics.

Phase 1 – East Main Street from Jay to West Main Street

The City completed Phase 1 of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project in November 2000. The improvements were made to a three block area on East Main Street and included new curbing, nine foot brick style sidewalks, decorative low mounted street lighting, new trees, new meters, storm sewer inlet repairs and an 8" water main along East Main Street , from Jay Street to West Main Street . The total cost for Phase I was \$992,706, utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Commercial Reinvestment Program funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and City Water and Sewer funds to upgrade underground utilities, including the replacement of an eight inch water main. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation also resurfaced East Main Street in the spring 2001 to complete Phase 1 improvements.

Phase 2 – Bellefonte Avenue from Mill to Church Streets

With the assistance of \$300,000 in PennDOT Transportation Enhancement Program funds, Phase 2 streetscape improvements along Bellefonte Avenue, from Mill to Church Streets, were completed in the fall 2002. The included new nine foot brick style sidewalks, curbing, decorative low mounted street lighting, new trees, new meters, and storm sewer inlet repairs. The contract was awarded to Wolyniec Construction Company, Williamsport at a total cost of \$493,339. Utility work including the replacement of an 8 inch water main and related sanitary sewer work was completed in September 2001 at an additional cost of \$61,500 using local funds. An additional \$226,621 in 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used to assist with engineering design, construction and inspection costs for Phase II. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) resurfaced Bellefonte Avenue in the Fall 2002.

Phase 3 – Vesper Street from East Church to East Water Streets

In 2002, the City of Lock Haven was awarded \$500,000 in Transportation Enhancement Program funds to assist with Phase 3 along two blocks of Vesper Street. The improvements included new 9 foot brick sidewalks, concrete curbing, low mount ornamental street lights, new parking meters, and new trees and tree grates. The lighting design for Vesper

Street is a three rather than five globe light to provide continuity of design for the secondary streets. Total streetscape improvements costs were \$709,998, of which \$184,998 in 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used to assist with engineering design, construction and construction inspection costs. Liquid fuel funds were used to pave Vesper Street and underground water and sanitary sewer utilities were upgraded using City water and sewer funds. The project was completed in the fall of 2005.

Phase 4 - Grove Street from East Church to East Water Streets

In 2004, the City was awarded \$500,000 in PennDOT Transportation Enhancement funds to implement Phase 4 of the Streetscape Improvement Program along two blocks of Grove Street, from Church to Water Streets. The City has also committed \$304,377 in 2003-2006 CDBG funds to assist with this project. The improvements are a continuation of the streetscape improvements designed for Phase 1 through 3, however, the lighting will be consistent with the three globe light proposed for Phase 3 to provide continuity of design for the secondary streets. Upgrading underground water and sanitary sewer utilities were completed using City water and sewer funds. The total cost to complete Phase 4 is estimated at \$796,031. Construction is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2006.

Phase 5 - Bellefonte Avenue from West Church to Commerce Streets

The City of Lock Haven was awarded \$802,440 in PennDOT Hometown Streets funds to implement Phase 5 of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Program. The scope of work proposed in Phase 5 will include engineering design, and construction of streetscape improvements along a three block area on Bellefonte Avenue, from West Church Street to Commerce Street. The improvements include: new brick and concrete sidewalks, concrete curbing, ornamental street lights, parking meters, trees and tree grates. Construction inspection services and PennDOT District 2 oversight of the proposed project will also be completed. The City further anticipates upgrading underground water and sanitary sewage utilities as necessary however, this work will be done using local water and sewer funds. The estimated cost to complete all aspects of Phase 5 is \$911,215. The project is currently under design and the City anticipates construction to begin in the spring of 2007.

Phase 6 – Bellefonte Avenue from Commerce Street to North Jones Street

In 2006, the City was awarded \$350,000 in PennDOT Transportation Enhancement funds to implement Phase 6. The scope of work proposed in Phase 6 will include engineering design, and construction of streetscape improvements along a two block area on Bellefonte Avenue, from Commerce Street to North Jones Street. The improvements include: new brick and concrete sidewalks, concrete curbing, ornamental street lights, parking meters, trees and tree grates. Construction inspection services and PennDOT District 2 oversight of the proposed project will also be completed. The City further anticipates upgrading underground water and sanitary sewage utilities as necessary however, this work will be done using local water and sewer funds. The estimated cost to complete all aspects of Phase 6 is \$589,659. The project is currently under design and the City anticipates construction to begin in the spring of 2008.

Phase 6 of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project represents a continuation of the City's long term commitment to providing streetscape amenities in the entire 20 block Downtown Target Area. The City believes that these amenities will create, foster and maintain a unique downtown environment that will generate economic vitality.

For more information about the City of Lock Haven's Downtown Streetscape Improvement Program, contact the City Planning Office at 570-893-5903 or email hannagan@kcnet.org.

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