

hollidaysburg streetscape (north juniata street)

Location: Hollidaysburg Borough, Blair County, District 9-0

Completion Date: 11.19.04

Construction Cost: \$1,992,432

MPMS #: 50500

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Themes: Build towns not sprawl

Project Overview: The project area is adjacent to the Hollidaysburg Historic District which possesses an exceptionally rich collection of late 19th century architecture. Land uses in the project area included single-family residential, two-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial and public/semi-public. North Juniata Street was in poor physical condition--the sidewalks were deteriorated, trees were overgrown and residents were parking on the sidewalks due to the lack of sufficient designated parking, which in turn restricted the free flow of pedestrians in the area. Upon completion of the project, residents and commuters traveling through the area can enjoy the aesthetic improvements ranging from the removal of the overgrown trees which were replaced by native plant species, benches, brick pavers, designated parking spaces, new sidewalks, curbs and period lighting. In addition to streetscape improvements, the water and sewer lines were improved as well as drainage updates, roadway reconstruction, signal enhancements and the addition of a turning lane.

A Citizens Advisory Committee was formed to act as a sounding board for project ideas and concepts. Information was reviewed by those on the committee to get periodic feedback on the ongoing project. Several public meetings were held for the project with attendance being over 30 residents at each one. During the meetings, the project team discussed and addressed some of the residents' interests including concerns about the length of construction period and parking both during and after construction was complete. The residents were very pleased with the completed project.

Lessons Learned: Early coordination between PennDOT and the Sponsor prior to any request for consultant proposals is essential to the success of these projects. Constant communication is a must to ensure that the Department and the project sponsor understand the goals and objectives of the project and each stakeholder's project expectations. Also, it is important to keep the public involved and incorporate their input.

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