

## **Mantua Downtown Revitalization Project**

### Public Input and Comment

The following comments were recorded during the Mantua Downtown Revitalization Project community input meeting held on June 11, 2009 in the Mantua-Shalersville Township Fire House. Participants were asked to review and share their opinions regarding concepts for street corridor capital improvements.

#### **View of Improvements along Main Street looking North from Prospect Street**

Comments:

- Add window boxes to buildings
- Consider using less brick in sidewalks; accent only
- Consider using Slippery Rock style lights
- Make sidewalks wheelchair accessible
- Install a Slippery Rock style rock/water feature in the mini park (see sketch)
- Install Chagrin Falls style planter walls at steps to mini park (see sketch)
- Install a wall along the Main Street steps to create a terrace
- Make the Main Street steps handicap accessible
- Install a sidewalk connecting Main Street to First Street along south wall of The Hole
- Flower baskets are high maintenance; install flowers at ground level
- Use great care when selecting trees for Main Street
- Make sure tree pits are generous in size
- Install plantings rather than grates at base of trees

#### **View of Improvements along Prospect Street looking East from Main Street**

Comments:

- Relative to the parking lot at the corner of Prospect and First; install a wall and plantings along the north side of Prospect Street, reconfigure the parking lot to make more spaces, make access from First Street only
- Install a decorative arch on Prospect Street
- Include bike racks
- Consider using less brick in sidewalks; accent only
- Consider using exposed aggregate concrete for sidewalks

#### **View of Improvements along South Main Street looking North from Mats Road**

Comments:

- Do not block view of the grain elevator
- Show grain elevator on the drawing
- Add lighting to the grain elevator
- Consider grain elevator as signature image for historic downtown Mantua (i.e., Wooster)
- Sidewalk and landscape buffer along east side as shown is a good idea
- Landscape buffer may be too large; be careful not to reduce the number of parking spaces
- Revise driveways to be more safe and efficient
- Consider adding bike lane

### **View of Improvements along South Main Street looking North from Cuyahoga River Bridge**

#### Comments:

- Arch does not fit with our historic architecture; consider alternatives
- Keep the arch but replace poles with stone or brick columns
- Provide means of hanging banners across the street
- Cover the concrete bridge parapets with stone and install decorative railings
- Provide a means of pedestrian access to the river
- Sidewalk not needed along east side of bridge; start sidewalk at a point north of bridge

### **View of Improvements along North Main Street looking South from Woodford Street**

#### Comments:

- Move gateway sign to Village limits (north of high school); add lighting
- Use more flowers to add seasonal color
- Flower baskets are high maintenance; ground level flower beds are much easier to maintain.
- Consider using carriage-style lights
- Use more ground cover and less grass (less mowing for Village)