

## **January 31, 2008 Streetscape Sketches Q&A**

What are prices of bike racks, waste receptacles, benches? Depends on style, material, construction, typical metal bench expected to last 20 years costs about \$900-\$1,100.

Could we consider artistic alternatives to traditional trash receptacles (ex. Concrete with recycled glass as used in Canton)? Yes; possibly in just a few locations; try to maintain overall historic look in revitalized area.

What portion of costs can be covered by grants vs. local funding? Typically 30% local, 70% grants (ODOD, OPWC, other)

Who writes grant applications? E.G.&G.

How have private owners responded in other areas? Positive response and efforts to keep up with improved look.

Will private owners be charged for upkeep? Usually by choice of the local government; however, that is considered an option in Mantua due to existing financial burdens of many businesses and residents.

If utility wires are moved underground, where will the work start? First phase area; often dictated by available grants.

Whose name is on the grants? Project sponsor – the Village

What about cost overruns; typical in construction? Only if unforeseen; rare because budget anticipates 10% over bids.

How will the project address the floodplain area south of town, east of St. Rt. 44? The project addresses public areas, specifically the street right-of-way areas; the floodplain is private property.

Will there be dealings with the Army Corps of Engineers? Unlikely, due to the focus on public/street areas and not wetlands.

What about annual maintenance costs? E.G.&G. will provide a summary of anticipated costs for upkeep. Revitalized areas often see savings in the long-run because less “band-aid” maintenance is required.

How long will each phase take and who will pay for future phases? Each phase should take 1½ construction seasons and the same funding/grant sources will be approached for each phase; they expect and welcome future requests as they like to give money to successful endeavors.

Will businesses be wheelchair accessible after project? Depends on threshold of each building; sidewalks will be brought as close as possible to level with entrances.

How will traffic be re-routed during construction? One lane will always be open and access to businesses will be maintained. The goal of the project is to improve business, so every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience for everyone.

