

Streetscape, BSSP and NBRT Projects Status Report for Town Council September 17, 2024

STREETSCAPE

Next Committee Meeting: 9 am Thursday 9/19, Town Conference Room

Phase V Construction contract:

- Contract was awarded on Aug 27, 2024 to First Fruits Excavating, Inc of Ridgeley, WV. Contract amount is: \$533,982.50.
- Pre-Construction (virtual) meeting set by DOH (D5) for Thursday (9/19) from 10:30 to 11:30 am
- List of Town's concerns (especially coordination with Apple Butter Festival) provided to DOH Charleston and District 5
- Next Steps (based on 9/19 meeting: Establish Start Date, Decide on Apple Butter Work-Around, Inform adjacent business/property owners, Start Work, Complete Work.
- I'll provide this timeline after the Pre-Construction Meeting.

Phase V lighting grant application: Awaiting news on Grant Award Schedule. Town's #1 Priority

WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI design grant:

- Thrasher preparing cost estimate for Town Task Order
- Next Steps: Draft Thrasher Task Order, DOH and Town Funding Agreement, DOH & FHWA authorization and DOH Notice to Proceed. (these are weeks or months away)
- A \$14,000 match will be required at the signing of the Funding Agreement, which has not yet been received for this design contract.

WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI construction grant application: Awaiting news on Grant Award Schedule. Town's #2 Priority

BERKELEY SPRINGS STATE PARK PROJECT

Current Status of DEP Consent Order:

- Town Check and proposed Corrective Action Plan were formally (and also via e-mail) sent to DEP on September 4th, within the DEP 30-day requirement. DEP is reviewing the plan now.
- Continuing to verify with DOH programs office that all of the Funding Agreement funds of \$653,950.21 have been spent and none are available to recover the DEP Fine costs. Recent DOH letter did not include a specific funding value.
- Still to come: Mayor must sign a U.S Army Corps of Engineers "Compliance Certification Form" that certifies that the work authorized by the Permit has been completed in accordance with the permit. This will wait until DOH has formally announced "Completion" – Item #22 on Final Inspection covers the environmental issue and Consent Order
- At Susan's request, sent Dan James (Morgan County Prosecutor) the files from the Town's response to the DEP Consent Order, from its initiation, the Town's meeting with DEP, the final Order and the final response sent to DEP on Sep 4th. This is in support of the County's response to a Consent Order received from DEP regarding the fish-kill that occurred (but was not related to the work in the State Park) around the same time as the spill related to the Park work.

NBRT

- Awaiting DOH information on the program plans going forward. Gary Graley is no longer leading this effort. Have asked DOH to update their strategy.
- Planting continues in the storm water management system at the Depot
- Next Meeting would normally be 9-25-24 – will confirm if info will be available for this

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Streetscape Committee