



Project Intake Form

Project Title Curwensville Borough Transportation Safety Impreovements

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All counties in the North Central region are currently transitional.

Select all counties the project will serve. Clearfield

Project Type Transportation

Primary Funding Agency Federal Highway Administration

Select Primary Objective to Set the Goal Supporting Objective

Objective 4.1: Invest in the development of vibrant Appalachian downtowns and provide support for Appalachian placemaking.

Building Regional Culture and Tourism

View North Central's [2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy here](#).

Does your project align with the goals of North Central's 2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy?

Yes

The CEDS Investment Priorities include the following:

- Expanding and strengthening employment and education opportunities that provide stable family wage jobs.
- Investments in entrepreneurship and home-grown business development to build a sustainable, diverse economy.
- Preserving and investing in the region's natural and cultural assets to strengthen economic potential.
- Creating and/or improving reliable, consistent access to critical infrastructure in North Central Pennsylvania.
- Providing sufficient availability of right-sized, right-priced housing throughout each county within the North Central Pennsylvania region.

Check the box if you'd like this project to be considered for inclusion in North Central's forthcoming CEDS and Resiliency Plan.

Yes, please consider this project for inclusion in the forthcoming CEDS and Resiliency Plan.

Project Funding


Please enter the project funding amounts for each below. Totals and Percent will calculate automatically. Do NOT include the "\$."

#	Non Construction	Equipment	Construction	Total	Percent
1			63687257	63687257	99.99981157961648
2			100,000	100	0.0001570169862702934
3			20,000	20	0.00003140339725405868
4				0	0
5	0	0	63687377	63687377	100

Funds Status

	Funds Status
Federal	Applied For
State	Applied For
Local	Committed
Other	

Please upload an Engineering Cost Estimate, if applicable.


NCRPDC_CRDCStreet.pdf

Period of Performance

Start and End Date

Start Date: 03/01/2023 End Date: 11/01/2024

Purpose of Project

The Curwensville Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) in partnership with the Borough, business community, school, property owners, and residents are working together to foster economic development, improve the business corridor, and enhance the quality of life in the community. Based on a current PADOT traffic survey, more than 10,000 vehicles travel through the 5-block business district daily. Our goal for the Curwensville streetscape project is to improve mobility and convenience for non-drivers, reduce parking congestion, increase pedestrian safety and provide citizen preference for alternative modes like walking and cycling. CRDC has also been working with Northcentral PA Regional Planning and Development Commission (NPDRPDC) on community development efforts. NPDRPDC's recommendation was to complete the full engineering with the capital campaign funds and apply for Transportation Alternative Program. The full engineering for the streetscape project was completed in 2019 and has recently been updated with more recent construction costs.

Project Description

This project is to address the phase 2 of the streetscape effort which includes Walnut Street to Thompson Street on State Route 879. This section is in the center of town in the business district. Stahl Sheaffer engineering completed the initial cost estimate in 2020 and recently updated the cost estimate due to changing factors in today's economy. This section will have new sidewalks with a paver's border, energy efficient streetlights, benches, street trees, new handicap highway crossings and a bike rack.

Explain the following for the Strategic Rationale:

- Identify the problems and/or opportunities the project will address.
- Explain the existing conditions or critical circumstances that would compel the funding of this project.
- Describe how the project supports a regional strategy or plan.
- Explain how this project will contribute to sustainable economic development in the service area impacted.
- Identify the types and numbers of jobs to be created or retained.
- Explain any Leveraged Private Investment because of this project.

Strategic Rationale

State Street (SR879) is literally the "front porch" for the community. It's a place where residents and visitors connect and engage to support our local economy. In 2016 a survey of businesses, residents, elected officials and shoppers indicated very strong support for streetscape development. CRDC additionally used several methods to evaluate the walkability of town taking into account geographic distribution of medical services, shops, the school, restaurants, recreational facilities, the library, historical museum and churches and determined that the need for pedestrian accessibility was high. The accessibility rates were further heightened when the needs of residents with disabilities, children and the elderly were considered.

Collaborative Partnerships

The Curwensville Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) in partnership with the Borough, business community, Curwensville School District, property owners, and residents are working together to foster economic development, improve the business corridor, and enhance the quality of life in the community. Curwensville Borough is strategically located connecting many assets in our region such as the Bilgers Rocks, Curwensville Lake, West Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail and the David S. Ammerman Trail. The future economic, cultural, and social health of Curwensville will be based on many things, but perhaps the most important of these is the aesthetic appeal of the community and its desirability as a place to work, live and play. The downtown streetscapes

set the stage for our community life. While buildings and other elements do change over time, the streetscape forms the root of Curwensville's sense of place tying together all of the other elements within the downtown forming a common landscape.

Project Sustainability and Capacity

Headwaters Charitable Trust as a member of the Curwensville Regional Development Corporation (CRDC). Has significant experience with managing federal funds. Recently the Trust was awarded a 2022 federal transportation and Infrastructure award for a transportation project in McKean County. Headwaters and also worked with federal funds through EPA and the US Department of Interior.

CRDC was formed in 1937 to promote economic development as the Curwensville Development Corporation. In 2018, the Development Corporation expanded its footprint and became the Curwensville Regional Development Corporation supporting 5 municipalities encompassing the Curwensville Area School District. CRDC will continue to support and work with the Borough on the sustainability of the project and future endeavors.

Output and Outcome Measures

Stand-Alone Output Measure

linear feet

Stand-Alone Outcome Measure

jobs created

leveraged private investment

jobs retained

Congressional and Legislative Districts

Glenn Thompson (US House, 15th)

Tommy Sankey (PA StateHouse, 73rd)

Bob Casey (US Senate)

Wayne Langerholc (PA StateSenate, 35th)

Miscellaneous Notes

Headwaters on behalf of the Borough and CRDC submitted a 2023 appropriation through the Federal Transportation Administration request under Congressman Thompson's office for a separat street scape block which includes the widening of the SR453/879 intersection on behalf of the Borough and CRDC.