



Best Practices: Critical Infrastructure

The Green Valley Drive Project in the City of Heath, Licking County combines CDBG Critical Infrastructure and CDBG Allocation funding with local public funds to design and reconstruct the street, curbing and new sidewalks.



PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Street improvements were made to Green Valley Drive in the City of Heath, including the rehabilitation of 1,515 LF of street and the replacement of 3,030 LF of curbing. In addition, 325 LF of new sidewalk was installed where there was previously no sidewalk. The new sidewalk enabled a couple of wheelchair bound residents to access local businesses more easily. Nine catch basins were replaced. This project was not only significant in scope but the cost to replace the existing infrastructure was over \$265,000. The improvements made a positive impact on the lives of a significant number of residents, as this is an area of multi-family housing. This project also served as a catalyst for other area improvements. Some of the previously poorly maintained apartment complexes began much needed driveway and parking lot maintenance.

One of the initial concerns was getting cooperation from the residents during construction since parking on the street would be eliminated for several months. Landlords and apartment owners were notified of the impending construction and asked to notify the tenants. This street also had a reputation for having a lot of illegal drug activity. However, during construction we had the cooperation of the residents and no issues.

“This is the worst street in our city.”

FUNDING SOURCES:

- Licking County provided \$186,800 in **CDBG Critical Infrastructure** funds and \$30,000 in **CDBG Allocation** funds from ODSA
- City of Heath provided \$46,100 in street funds

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Licking County Planning & Development
- City of Heath
- Jobes Henderson & Associates
- Law General Contracting

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

**March
2015**

- Income Survey Conducted by Licking County and City of Heath to determine CDBG eligibility.

**May
2016**

- Construction completed in November 2016.

- Request for consideration to upgrade street, curbs and sidewalks on Green Valley Drive

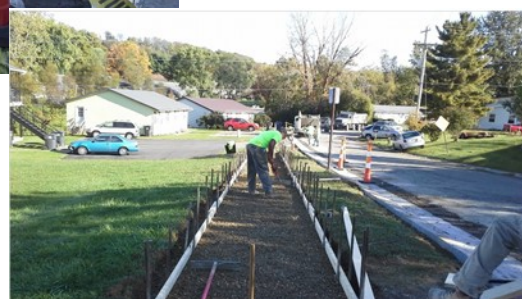
**April
2015**

- Engineering and design for the roadway completed Heath City Engineer. The improvements included street, curb replacement and new sidewalk.

**Nov.
2016**

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICABILITY

- The Community Development Program provides a flexible community development resource that can be used to address locally identified needs that are eligible CDBG activities. The program includes competitive set-aside funding for Critical Infrastructure.
- Local public funding through general funds, street funds, enterprise funds, etc. may be utilized to cover costs associated with critical infrastructure and/or match to grant dollars
- Income survey conducted by the Licking County Planning & Development Department with the City of Heath. Area includes 99 multi-family units and some subsidized units. The LMI was 92%



Construction Project Photos:



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