

Woodburn Streetscape Improvements – Phase 2

In 2012, with the construction of the US 24 Project, “Fort to Port”, nearing completion just north of the City of Woodburn, residents planned to influence how this new asset would impact growth in their community. It was determined important to preserve the vitality of the existing downtown as growth on the outskirts occurred. A Main Street organization was formed and in 2014, an IOCRA funded Downtown Revitalization Plan was completed. Phase 1 of streetscape enhancement occurred in 2015 along Main Street and Bull Rapids Road, also assisted through IOCRA funds. Improvements complement the ‘vintage’ character of the downtown. These improvements served as a catalyst for a new meat market and town square improvements which occurred shortly after completion of the streetscape work.

Woodburn desires to expand the ‘vintage’ character and improved streetscape throughout the rest of their downtown core. Phase 2 of streetscape improvements would be along Main Street to the west and east of the existing streetscape and would extend northward on Bull Rapids Road and southward on College Street. Similar to the first phase of improvements, features will include new sidewalks, new signpost, street trees, decorative planters, improvements to on-street parking, improvements to necessary utility infrastructure, and new LED lighting with banner arms. To expand the feel of the downtown environment and to provide gateways into the nearby neighborhoods, new LED lighting poles with banner arms will also be installed along Main Street, Bull Rapids Road, Carl Street, College Street, Center Street, and Core Street.

Impact:

- Expansion upon the success of the first phase while creating a more vibrant downtown that often translates to a community that is healthy both economically and socially.
- Address an area in need of redevelopment through replacement of deteriorated sidewalks and stormwater infrastructure.

Readiness:

- Local match funding over 10% of estimated project costs committed by City of Woodburn resolution.
- Preliminary engineering completed.
- Red flag survey conducted. No major environmental issues identified.
- Permits Needed: INDOT permit and potentially a Rule 5.
- No acquisition anticipated, within the public right-of-way.

Budget: \$599,015

Possible Funding Partners:

City of Woodburn

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs – Stellar CDBG Funds