



Brownsville Road Projects & Initiatives 2014

The purpose of this document is to highlight the concurrent activities underway along the Brownsville Road corridor in Brentwood, Carrick, Mt. Oliver, and Knoxville. Approximately \$300,000 will be invested in projects and initiatives that will support the following economic and community development activities.

The Carrick Dairy District

EDS, in partnership with the Carrick Community Council, Colteryahn Dairy, and more recently the Design Center of Pittsburgh is working collaboratively to identify development concepts for a proposed Dairy District around the business district that flanks the current Colteryahn Dairy location. This project will help revitalize a blighted portion of their neighborhood while enhancing an important local business as a regional destination. Initial support for this program was secured through Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak via Carrick Community Council and the Design Center of Pittsburgh. Additional support has been provided by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.

Brownsville Road Commercial Node and Implementation Study

Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development (PPND) awarded funding to EDS to develop a more unified, efficient, and effective strategy for redeveloping and revitalizing the Brownsville Road Corridor. This includes analyzing important commercial nodes, establishing a comprehensive and feasible approach to revitalizing each of those areas, and establishing infrastructure for the City and County to collaborate around a shared interest in the redevelopment of this key commercial corridor. Implementation priorities are currently being explored.

URA Main Street Planning Grant

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) secured funding from the PA Department of Economic and Community Development to provide planning and analysis along the Carrick nodes that will supplement the abovementioned commercial node and implementation study and will be used to explore planning for a future Main Street designation along Brownsville Road in Carrick.

Sankey Avenue Business District Redevelopment

EDS is working with a property owner to realize nearly \$120,000 in façade and structural improvements to a key property at the corner of Brownsville and Churchview. Additionally, EDS has created a local business task force for this commercial district. The task force is working on public safety issues, façade reinvestment, better marketing, and providing a forum for area issues and concerns. Most importantly, it has provided a way for EDS to engage the local business community (who have been historically uninvolved with other business organizations in the area) and create a sense of hope for the future of the area.

Neighborhood Partnership Program Development

EDS was one of three recipients of the Allegheny Conference's Strengthening Communities Partnership Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP.) This partnership will result in up to \$3,000,000 in investment in Mt. Oliver Borough and the Knoxville neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh over a 6 year period. EDS will be providing executive director services for the NPP tax credit grant, and will be managing all of the associated projects and initiatives funded by this investment.

The intent for the multiple levels of analysis and planning is to provide a true, comprehensive view of the current and future opportunities and potential threats facing the corridor. As importantly, these efforts will help EDS leverage additional planning and implementation funding and will also help EDS be strategic as possible in its redevelopment decisions.



Route 51 (Saw Mill Run) Projects & Initiatives 2014

The purpose of this document is to highlight the concurrent activities underway along the Route 51 Corridor in member neighborhoods – Baldwin, Brentwood, Whitehall, Mt. Oliver, Pleasant Hills, Jefferson Hills, Carrick, Overbrook, and Brookline. Over \$150,000 is currently being invested in projects and initiatives that will support the following economic and community development activities in 2014.

Route 51/88 Multimodal Transit Center

EDS was successful in securing \$40,000 from the City of Pittsburgh through Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak to pay for a concept plan to identify the potential for creating infrastructure to access the light rail line, the South Busway, and to build a new park and ride lot. Concept planning is complete. EDS is working with regional stakeholders and developers on next steps.

Overbrook School Project

EDS is working with a development team to redevelop the Overbrook School Site as a senior campus development. This will include the rehab of the existing building as an assisted living facility and the construction of approximately 65 new independent-living senior units on the ball fields adjacent to the school building. This project will also include transit-oriented development as EDS worked with the developers to include a pedestrian bridge to the South Bank (rail/bus) Station on the Blue Line. EDS is also working to have the developer include green infrastructure solutions to storm water issues created by the development (both on site and, potentially, adjacent to Route 51). Total investment after development is projected to be between \$25 and \$30 million.

Saw Mill Run Watershed Plan

EDS is working on a large-scale restoration of the Saw Mill Run watershed. EDS and a team of community partners will develop a scope of work for this anticipated multi-year effort. This effort will address issues associated with impaired waters and daily loads, sanitary and combined sewer overflow, stormwater management, green infrastructure, natural channel design, and policy issues associated with each of these issues. Ideally, this effort will result in a new multi-municipal partnership around remediating these issues. EDS will partner with PWSA and Alcosan for this initiative. It is our hope that it will result in approximately \$15 million in short term investment in stream/flood remediation projects and, in the long term, will result in the creation of a watershed association (supported by watershed-wide impact fees) to implement annual projects.

Route 51 Zoning Overlay District

EDS is working to facilitate a Zoning Overlay District to address blight along the Route 51 corridor in Brentwood and Whitehall. The result will be a zoning overlay district that is consistent and effective along the corridor and will address blight by addressing landscaping, sidewalks, and parking standards. EDS has received \$42,000 in grant funding for this planning effort. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development contributed \$25,000 and the Local Government Academy contributed \$17,000. The remaining \$8,000 needed will be earmarked from the participating municipalities. This project is currently underway and is expected to be completed in early spring 2014.

Comprehensive Transportation Node Study

EDS is working to identify and invest in key transit nodes along Route 51. The goal of the study will be to improve public safety, increase transportation accessibility, and beautify the corridor by designing and installing bus shelters that incorporate green infrastructure, public art, and other beautification standards. The goal for this project will be to partner with several like-minded entities to develop a comprehensive plan transportation and green infrastructure plan for the Rt. 51 corridor. Partnership opportunities are currently being explored.

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