

**MAYOR'S SUMMER REPORT
AUGUST 2010**

YELLOW CREEK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The City of Struthers, Mahoning County and Millcreek Metro Parks have been awarded \$300,000 for the rehabilitation of the bridge in Yellow Creek Park, including sidewalk, railing upgrades and lamp post lighting. (Eastgate MTE FY2012, \$240,000 and local match is \$60,000).

Other grant sources have (Downtown Façade), and will be used, for additional sidewalk replacement and storefront façade renovations which help attract and sustain businesses that benefit the overall revitalization of downtown Struthers. This opportunity to partner with Mahoning County and Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District will serve as a model for regional collaboration.

CENTER STREET & FIFTH STREET RESURFACING

Administration and City Council members surveyed these streets to gather information for Low Moderate Income (LMI) surveys. This will offset the cost in resurfacing through the RLF Fund.

The above project has been selected by 2010 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Center Street/Fifth Street; resurfacing of Center Street from Lowellville Road South to City Limits, Fifth Street from Midlothian Blvd., South to City Limits. Total construction costs are \$500,000 and Local Cost \$100,000.

The above projects were sent to Ohio Department of Development for final approval and planned for FY 2011 pending authorization.

FRANK STREET RESURFACING

Plan and specifications are being prepared for the FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant Formula (CDBG) to resurface Frank Street from SR 616 to Snyder Street.

CASTLO 2010 JOB READY SITES PROGRAM

On Friday, July 30th a presentation was held to inform that Castlo Industrial Park has been awarded a 2010 Ohio Job Ready Sites Program Grant in the amount of \$3.4 million. This grant will be utilized to extend the roadway and utilities into the Industrial Park's materials yard, demolish Building "I" and replace its very outdated lift station.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate CASTLO on this very exciting news; their dedication to our community and surrounding communities does not go unnoticed.

MAPLEWOOD STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT & CLINGAN ROAD SAFETY UPGRADE PROJECT

The Clingan Road Safety Upgrade Project was selected in the grant amount of \$304,400 (CDBG); and the Maplewood Street Culvert Replacement Project was selected for a loan (\$143,350 OPWC; 20 year).

The Clingan Road Safety Upgrade Project will include improvements to Clingan Road from the intersection of Center Street South to the City Limits, just pass Babic Street. The purpose of the project will be to improve the drainage of the roadway to prevent the formation of ice in the winter and eliminate a dangerous situation. The work will include the installation of curb and gutter, catch basins, storm sewers, new driveway approaches and an asphalt overlay. The roadway is approximately 1,250 feet in length and the road will be widened by 2 feet on each side due to the new curb and gutter.

The Maplewood Street Culvert Replacement Project is located on Maplewood Street between Fifth Street and Garfield Street. The project will include the removal of the existing culvert, installation of a new concrete box culvert, removal and replacement of the existing sanitary sewer, and roadway repair. This is a continued effort by the City to replace culverts to better control storm water runoff. This is the last culvert to be replaced along the stream from State Street South and West to Youngstown-Poland Road.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The second round of homes are being demolished through a grant through the Ohio Department of Development; with Mahoning County identified as the lead entity for this effort. This round - 16 homes are being demolished; homes vacant for years, condemned by Chief Harold Milligan Jr and Safety Service Director Ed Wildes. The next package consists of approximately 11 homes for demolition. This is all in the efforts to clean up the city by eliminating blighted homes and areas that cause property value to decrease and also to restore pride and the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

I would like to thank Safety Director Ed Wildes for his effort and hard work in the tedious paperwork and footwork it took to bring these blighted structures down. I would also like to thank Fire Chief Harold Milligan Jr. for his assistance in condemning the structures.

MRCO BRIDGE UPDATE

J.D. Williamson is making progress on the bridge; the bridge beams are in place to extend across the Mahoning River. This project extends off of Bob Cene Way and will begin at the end of the existing roadway in the City of Struthers with a new bridge across the Mahoning River and connect with an unnamed road in the City of Campbell. No existing road closures are anticipated and the construction should be complete by the end of the year.

METHANE GAS GENERATOR UPDATE

The following is an update of the project: the masonry block buildings which will house the generators and the sludge thickener; the rubber roofs are being installed. Work that has already been performed to the anaerobic digester: the lid has been removed and the piping has been inspected, prices are being obtained for a new compressor that has more horsepower to mix the digester, this will allow production of more gas. The gas scrubber equipment has been installed and the piping to the gas scrubber will also be installed. University Electric has been installing conduit and wiring to the generators and have also installed new lighting and wiring to the gas scrubbers.

The project has been moving along, the new lid for the digester has been installed.

STATE STREET RESURFACING

This was a fully funded ARRA Project and is complete. The resurfacing of State Street is a continued effort by the City to provide a safe and efficient transportation network for industrial users in the Mahoning River Corridor Initiative and CASTLO Industrial Park.

The project included pavement planning and installation of asphalt concrete surface course on State Street from SR 616 West to the City Limits near Walton Street.

SOUTHEAST SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT COMPLETE

The Southeast Sanitary Sewer Rehab is complete. This project was funded through an OPWC Grant to allow further development. It included the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers in the Parkcliff, haywood, Oakland, Schenley, Clingan Road and Wetmore Avenue areas. The work included approximately 2,400

feet of pipe bursting, 1,200 feet of pipe slip lining, 300 feet of sanitary sewer replacement and connection of 20 sanitary laterals.

5TH STREET PARK/PHASE II

In an effort to maintain this park; we are removing foliage to grant the opportunity for citizens to travel more easily through the park for their enjoyment and to allow for a place for dog lovers to play with their animals.

THANK BUSINESS OWNERS

I would like to extend my gratitude to local business owners whom have trimmed the weeds around their businesses in an effort to beautify and maintain an attractive business.

C's WAFFLES

I would like to welcome C's Waffles into the City of Struthers. The City is fortunate in these economic times to obtain a business of the magnitude of C's Waffles. I wish them well and ask citizens to patronize this establishment as well as all City establishments.

Respectfully,

Terry P. Stocker
Mayor