

CITY OF XENIA, OHIO

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## Two Stimulus Projects Are Under Construction in Xenia

**April 8, 2010:** Two construction projects are underway in the City of Xenia. The first project is the Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Improvement on South Detroit Street. The second project is the continuation of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project on East Main Street between Whiteman Street and Collier Street. Both these projects are being fully funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

According to City Manager Jim Percival, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project is intended to make the crossing on South Detroit Street between Xenia Station Hub and Ohio Erie Trail entrance on Hill Street safer. The sidewalk along the east side of South Detroit Street will be widened to accommodate both pedestrians and bicycles. Accessible ramps will also be upgraded. CDA Construction Company of Celina, Ohio was awarded the bid for this project. Total cost of actual improvement is \$27,429.75, which is significantly under the estimated and funded cost of \$56,000.00.

Another ARRA funded project that will allow the City of Xenia to continue the improvement it is making in the downtown area is the streetscape project on East Main Street between Whiteman Street and Collier Street. Jim Percival stated this project will replace deteriorated sidewalks and curbs, install ornamental lighting fixtures, street trees, benches and trash receptacles. This project, which was awarded to Durst Brothers Excavating, Inc. of Tipp City, will save the City a total of \$196,906.

These two projects are a result of the aggressive and creative efforts of City Staff to seek alternative funding to improve the physical appearance of our downtown area, which is considered a priority by our residents in a recent community survey.

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