



Borough of Chambersburg

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CHAMBERSBURG AWARDED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR RHODES DRIVE GREEN STREET PROJECT

Chambersburg – On June 29, 2016, the Borough of Chambersburg was awarded a \$115,269 grant from the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant Initiative, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland’s Department of Natural Resources.

The Borough’s G3 grant was the highest of seventeen projects awarded. The funds will be used for the Rhodes Drive Reconstruction and Stormwater BMP Implementation Project. The Project, which has also received grant funding support from the Franklin County Conservation District, will include the complete reconstruction of Rhodes Drive, which is a one-way emergency access road in the Borough. It will further incorporate a bio-retention area, storm inlet structure replacement and the installation of pervious sidewalks.

This is the same project that the Borough recently voted to submit to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Multi-Modal Transportation Improvements Grant to complete.

The Project is being spearheaded by the Borough’s Storm Sewer System Manager, Andrew Stottlemeyer. “We’re very excited. Once this is complete, it will be the Borough’s first truly “green street,” Stottlemeyer commented.

Borough Manager, Jeffrey Stonehill, remarked “This project is a win-win. We’ll repair a key emergency roadway, while incorporating stormwater best management practices, which sets a good example for our community.”

The G3 Program awarded five projects in Pennsylvania, and twelve others in Maryland, Virginia, Washington D.C. and West Virginia. The program was “created in 2011 to advance watershed protection and economic vitality by developing green stormwater management techniques that....make communities more livable” according to the Chesapeake Bay Trusts’ press release dated June 28, 2016.

“The G3 Program was very competitive. We’re so thankful to our grassroots supporters and partners.” commented Council President, Allen Coffman. Supporters of the Project include Downtown Chambersburg, Inc., the Franklin County Library System, the Borough of Chambersburg Fire Dept., the Franklin County Watershed Association and Homes for America/Tower at Falling Spring.

The total cost of the Project is estimated at approximately \$315,000. The Franklin County Conservation District also provided a \$50,000 grant from its Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program toward the Project.

Please send any questions or comments to Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager, at jstonehill@chambersburgpa.gov

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania’s only municipality supplying electric & gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater. Chambersburg currently has 20,360 residents (2012). www.chambersburgpa.gov