

Newark Downtown Renovation Project



“Downtown is a unique place that is vital to the community and a quality project like this one will encourage a better understanding of the value this place has to the overall health and welfare of the area.”

-Roger Loomis, City of Newark Loan Application

Challenge

The city of Newark is in the midst of the Newark Downtown Renovation Project, aimed at upgrading utilities and improving quality of life in the downtown area. Part of this project includes separating sewer and wastewater line to reduce sewer overflows. Project goals include utilizing green infrastructure for a cost-effective, long-term solution for the area. New stormwater structures reduce the volume of and improve the overall quality of water entering the system.

Solution

Collaboration of the city of Newark with the Ohio Development Services Agency and Ohio Water Development Authority allowed the city to receive a low-interest loan and a supplemental loan for project completion. Rather than making minimum adjustments to comply with required standards, officials decided to update utilities, provide a cost effective, sustainable stormwater management system and improve the overall infrastructure of the area.

Since 2015, the city has been undergoing construction to complete the project. It focuses on downtown, the vibrant center of city living, social and cultural experiences and memorable, positive images of Newark. The reclaimed brick, new curb and gutters, pavement, green planting areas and shade tree bumper islands are all part of the updated streetscape that make the area attractive to residents and visitors and will spur further private redevelopment. At its completion, the project will result in improved water quality for the area, reduced amount of combined sewer overflows and a welcoming downtown area.

For more information visit:

development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_altstormwater.htm

Alternative Stormwater Infrastructure Loan



\$24,700,000
TOTAL COST



\$3,833,633
INCENTIVES



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
Anticipated 20 to 40% reduction in pollutants to the river from stormwater

Ohio

Development Services Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor

David Goodman, Director