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CRDC waiting for details about funding for second phase of streetscape improvements

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CURWENSVILLE — Curwensville Regional Development Corp. announced at its recent meeting it is still waiting for specifics concerning funding for the second phase of Curwensville’s streetscape project.

Last week, U.S. Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson announced \$628,155 would be awarded to the Borough of Curwensville to improve infrastructure, public safety, and accessibility through its Streetscape project.

The investment for the second phase will provide funds for renovating sidewalks and crosswalks, improving street lighting for both pedestrians and vehicles and enhance the visual value of the business district with street trees and benches on a one-block section of State Street between Thompson to Walnut streets.

“The streets in the Borough of Curwensville are the lifeline to the town’s businesses and residents. They signify the public life of the community. This encompassing state Route 879 are used by pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike,” Thompson said in a statement. “By revitalizing Curwensville’s streetscape, we are able to work toward a safer, more vibrant community that will be enjoyed for years to come.”

Chairman Hildred Rowles said CRDC is very excited about the earmarked federal funds.

“We are still waiting to hear the details,” he said.

Rowles announced the first phase of the streetscape project on State Street from Filbert to Thompson streets got underway last week.

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Last month, Curwensville Borough Council, on behalf of CRDC, approved moving ahead with the pilot portion of the streetscape project by awarding the bid for the block of State Street between Thompson and Filbert streets.

Council unanimously authorized a resolution accepting the low bid for the work from Dave Roman Excavating Inc., Reynoldsville. The company's proposal was \$512,261 to replace curbs, sidewalks and vehicle and pedestrian lighting on one block section.

The work will make the block compliant with Americans with Disabilities standards and improve the overall aesthetics of the street increasing its appeal to both residents and visitors.

Curwensville Borough received a grant for \$525,000, on behalf of CRDC, from the state Department of Community and Economic Development's Commonwealth Financing Authority, to pay for the initial phase of work.

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