

CEDS Project Proposal – INITIAL PROJECT BRIEF -- 2004

Project Sponsors: Complete and return this form by Friday, May 21, 2004 by MAIL, FAX, or E-MAIL:

To: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, 1 Fenn St., Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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This INITIAL PROJECT BRIEF is intended to provide an introduction to the project or project idea, and will be followed up by other requests for more detailed information, as necessary. Fill in or check off, as indicated.

PROJECT NAME: Lenox Historic Streetlights

Community: Lenox

Project Sponsors: Town of Lenox

Project Sponsor(s) Contact Person: Gregory T Federspiel, Town Manager

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Municipality Sponsor (Contact): (See above)

Phone:

E-Mail:

Location of Project (Street Address): Walker/Main/Church, Housatonic and Franklin Streets

TYPE OF PROJECT:

(Check boxes to specify type in rows below)

Physical:

Building

Site

Infrastructure

Public & Private Institutions & Programs:

Workforce

Business Assistance

Other

Public Sector Policy

PROVIDE A BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION OR STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSED CONCEPT:

THE ORIGINAL STREETLIGHTING OF THE HISTORIC VILLAGE DATES BACK TO THE EARLY 1900'S WHEN GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE ERECTED ONE OF THE EARLIEST ELECTRIC STREETLIGHT SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY. THE HISTORIC LIGHTS HAVE SINCE BEEN REPLACED WITH MODERN POLES AND LIGHTS THAT DETRACT FROM THE AESTHETICS OF OUR HISTORIC VILLAGE. THE GOAL IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING STREETLIGHTS WITH REPLICAS OF THE ORIGINAL LIGHTS. THE HISTORIC LIGHTS HAVE BEEN NAMED A TOP TEN ENDANGERED HISTORIC RESOURCE BY THE MASSACHUSETTS' PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS: READINESS TO PROCEED (check as appropriate)

Ready for Construction

Site Control: check:

Public

Private

Non-Profit

Planning Stages

Completed

Underway

Needed

Feasibility or Planning Studies:

Preliminary engineering plans:

Financial & Cost estimates:

Marketing study:

Permitting:

Organizational/Management Plan:

Partners and project sponsors:

Identified

Committed

Concept or Early planning stages

COMMENT ABOUT PROJECT STATUS:

Briefly summarize what's been done (actions taken; studies completed) and what the next steps are:

The project has the support of the Lenox Historical Society, the Lenox Chamber of Commerce, the Historic District Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Studies have been completed on the history of the original Westinghouse lights. A preliminary lighting plan utilizing replicas of the historical lights has been completed as well. A more detailed engineering plan is needed before new lights can be installed.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

Required local/regional funding match identified: YES NO

Funding partners: Amount:

Amount: \$350,000

EMPLOYMENT & WAGE EFFECTS:

Number of full-time (FTE) (non-construction) Jobs created: Jobs retained:

Skills or education level required for new jobs created:

Labor Force expected to be drawn primarily from: (list below)

Communities: Number:

Sub-Regions (North, Central, South) Number:

Wage levels (range):

PROJECT BENEFITS:

Explain how this project will create or retain jobs, improve the economic conditions of the region, or meet a goal of the regional economic strategy.

Historic Lenox Village is a major draw to visitors to the region. Maintaining and improving on the historic look and feel of the Village is important if the economic vitality of the area is to continue to improve.

Please briefly describe factors which make this project of regional significance (a regional priority?), and other project benefits not previously discussed.

Lenox plays an important role in the economy of the Berkshires. Home to some of the largest attractions in the region, Lenox draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to the region annually. In addition to major venues like Tanglewood, The Mount and Shakespeare and Company, the historic Village attracts visitors as well.

Will this project meet Massachusetts Sustainable Development Principles?
(See enclosed/attached sheet from the Office for Commonwealth Development).
Name/Signature of Applicant: Gregory T Federspiel **Date: 5/21/2004**