

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

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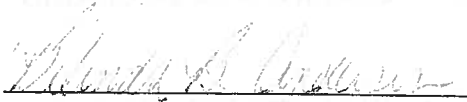
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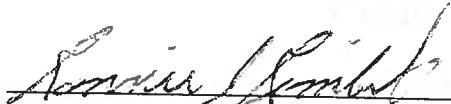
“in order to allow for the timely application for said grant funding in accordance with all applicable procedures, including the submission deadline of April 10, 2013”, and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading – April 1, 2013 (E)
2nd Reading –
3rd Reading –

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



RONNIE J. RIMBERT
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 04/02/2013

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/01/2013

Date Received: _____

BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Community Development Block Grant – Formula Program

FUNDING REQUEST CDBG FY13

Application must be received prior to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Lorain County Community Development Department Office: 226 Middle Ave. 5th Floor Elyria, Ohio 44035

1. The proposed activity must be able to be completed in its entirety by **December 31, 2014**.
2. All non-residential construction and improvements must meet or exceed State Building Codes.
3. Detailed cost estimates must be submitted and itemized, signed and provided by a qualified third party source (i.e. engineer, architect, county engineer, etc.)
4. Cost estimates for all construction projects **must** include federal prevailing wages.
5. Chip and seal or gravel-base road improvements are not eligible.
6. Requests for fire protection equipment must be discussed prior to submission of this request.
7. Only the County may enter into contracts for your project.
8. If you are committing other funds to the project and/or if other sources of funds are included in this project; copies of letters, resolutions, ordinances and other documentation committing these funds must be submitted at the time of this request.
9. If improvements are being mandated to meet state or local requirements, attach letter(s) from agency(s) requiring improvements.
10. Organizations (other than local governments) must submit a copy of their constitution and by-laws.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

11. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant: City of Oberlin Phone No.: 440-775-7218

Address: 85 South Main St, Oberlin, OH 44074

Contact Person: Jeff Baumann Phone No.: 440-775-7204

Address: 85 South Main St, Oberlin, OH 44074

Note: Are you a public service group or non-profit entity? Yes _____ No X
(If yes, you must attach a copy of constitution and by-laws)

12. **PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Describe Project activity and outcome in detail. **(Photographs and blueprints/drawings must be included-use additional sheets if needed)**. See Attached.

The City of Oberlin proposes to use FY2013 CDBG Formula Allocation funding to construct sidewalk and accessibility improvements in Census Tract Block Group 601-3. See attached Maps and Project Photographs. Sidewalk and accessibility improvements will be constructed as follows:

Sidewalk Installation and Replacement

64 Spring St.	24' of sidewalk replacement
56 Spring St.	14' of sidewalk replacement
Plum Creek Apartments – Spring St.	25' of new accessible sidewalk across the driveway entrance to Clark Ct.
¹ 118 East Vine St.	52' of sidewalk replacement
¹ 120 East Vine St.	52' of sidewalk replacement
¹ 124 East Vine St.	52' of sidewalk replacement
¹ 126 East Vine St.	52' of sidewalk replacement
23 Groveland St.	20' of sidewalk replacement
	20' of Type 6 curb installation
² 155 South Main St. (Groveland side)	118' of sidewalk replacement
	140' of Type 6 curb installation

³Curb Ramps and related Sidewalk Improvements

East Vine St. at Park St., NW & SW	Install (2) new accessible curb ramps
East Vine St. at Pleasant St., SE & SW	Install (2) new accessible curb ramps
Groveland St. at Main St., NE & SE	Install (2) new accessible curb ramps
Locust St. at Pleasant St., NW & NE	Install (2) new accessible curb ramps

¹118-126 East Vine St. are LMHA owned properties (single-family and duplexes) currently being reconstructed by LMHA. The existing 4' sidewalks will be replaced with standard 5' width sidewalks. This sidewalk will be extended west to South Pleasant St. under a Safe Routes to School grant the City is currently administering with ODOT.

²23 Groveland/155 South Main. There is no horizontal/vertical separation between the sidewalk and the street to separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic. The new curb is necessary component of the work to provide vertical separation to protect pedestrians on the sidewalk. This work would also include the construction of an accessible curb ramp across Groveland St.

³Curb ramp replacement includes sidewalk replacement necessary to ensure ADA compliant grade and cross-slope for each ramp at each intersection.

Who provided the project cost estimate? (This must be a third party estimate)

Name: **Randall Roberts, P.E.** Telephone No. **440-776-0037**

Address: **69 South Main St, Oberlin, OH 44074**

Labor (use federal prevailing wage)	\$ <u>13,601.50</u>
Materials	\$ <u>18,313.50</u>
Engineering	\$ <u>In-kind</u>
Total Cost of Project	\$ <u>31,915.00</u>

Note: Attach a copy of the cost estimate; see items 3 & 4 above.

CDBG money requested?

\$ 22,915.00

If you are not applying for the total cost of the project, what is the source of the remainder of funds?

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. <u>Income Tax Capital Improvement Fund</u>	\$ <u>9,000.00</u>
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____

Note: Commitment letters from the sources listed above must be attached (see item #8 above)

Will City, Village, Township, or County employees perform any work? Yes X No _____

If yes, will the employees be paid from the CDBG grant? Yes _____ No X

Describe the work to be performed by City, Village, Township or County Employees: _____

Design, Bidding & Award, Construction Administration

13. **PROJECT BENEFIT INFORMATION:**

What is the exact location of the project? City of Oberlin, Census Tract Block Group 601-3. Scattered site project, see above and project area map.

Note: Provide a map, which shows the location of the activity. (See attached)

What is the project service area? Census Tract Block Group 601-3

Note: Provide a map of the boundaries of the service area.

How many households are in the service area? According to the 2010 US Census, there are 547 Households and 608 Housing Units in Census Tract Block Group 601-3.

Who will benefit from this project? According to the 2010 US Census, there are 1,242 residents of Census Tract Block Group 601-3. 46.94% of this population lives below the Federal Poverty Level. Residents of this neighborhood will benefit from improved sidewalks and improved accessibility. By promoting active transportation, the City will encourage healthier lifestyle choices.

Have you completed an income survey? Yes _____ No X

What date were the households surveyed? _____

N/A

1. Number of households surveyed? _____

2. Number of low-moderate income households _____

3. % of low-moderate income households (line 2 divided by line 1) _____

4. Number of persons in households surveyed _____

If no income survey has been completed what is the % of low-moderate income households in the service area? According to the 2010 US Census, 46.94% of the population of Census Tract Block Group 601-3 lives below the Federal Poverty Level.

14. **SITE INFORMATION:**

Does your project affect a historical property or does your project occur in a historical district?

Yes _____ No **X**

If yes, explain: _____

Is your project located in a floodplain? Yes _____ No **X**

Will any access fees be charged? (i.e. sewer or water line hook-up, membership fees, entrance fees, etc.)

Yes _____ No **X**

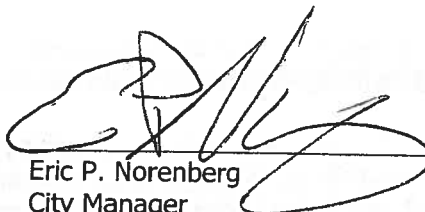
Is this property occupied?

Yes _____ No **X**

If yes, explain: _____

Will you need to acquire easements or property to complete this project? Yes _____ No **X**

If yes, explain: _____


Eric P. Norenberg
City Manager

4/9/13
Date

If you have any questions, contact
Linda Blanchette
Lorain County Community Development
5th Floor
226 Middle Avenue
Elyria, OH 44035-5641
Telephone Number (440) 328-2332

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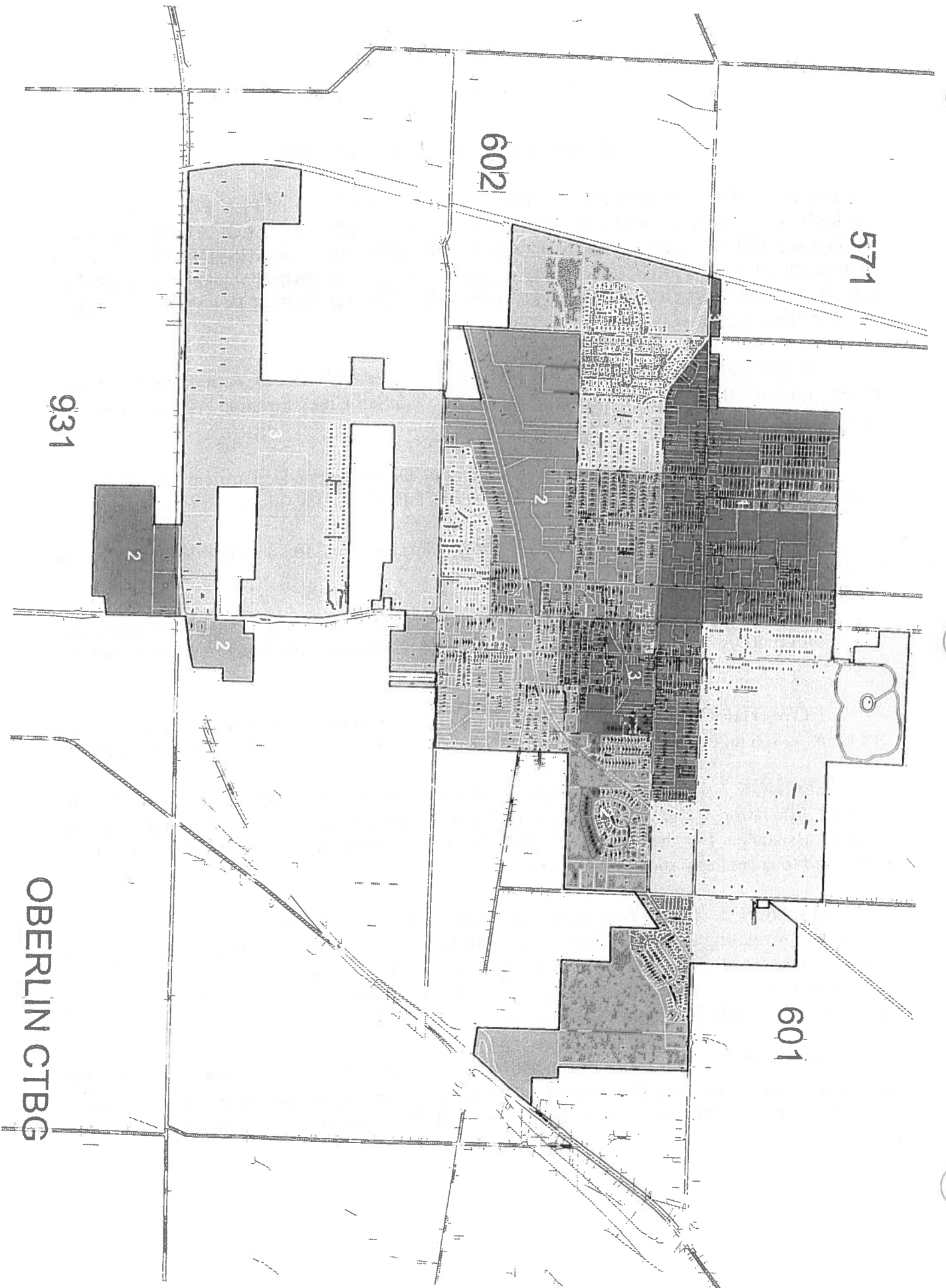
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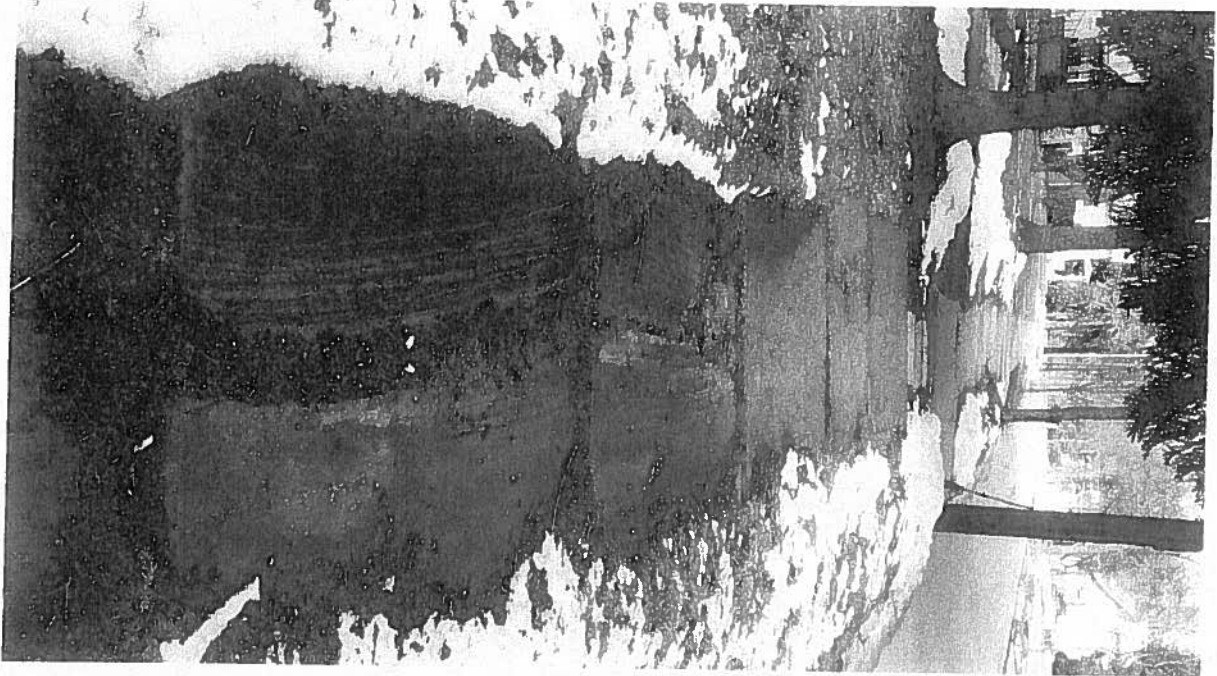
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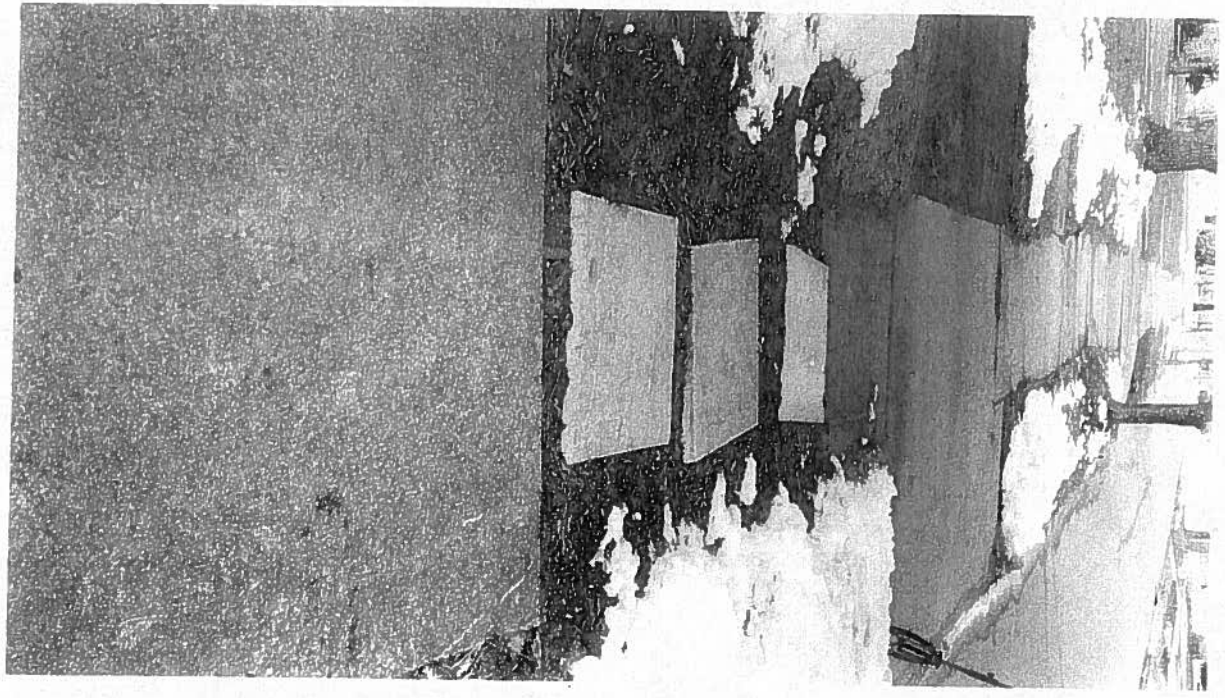


City of Oberlin
Sidewalk and Accessibility Improvements -
Census Tract Block Group 13

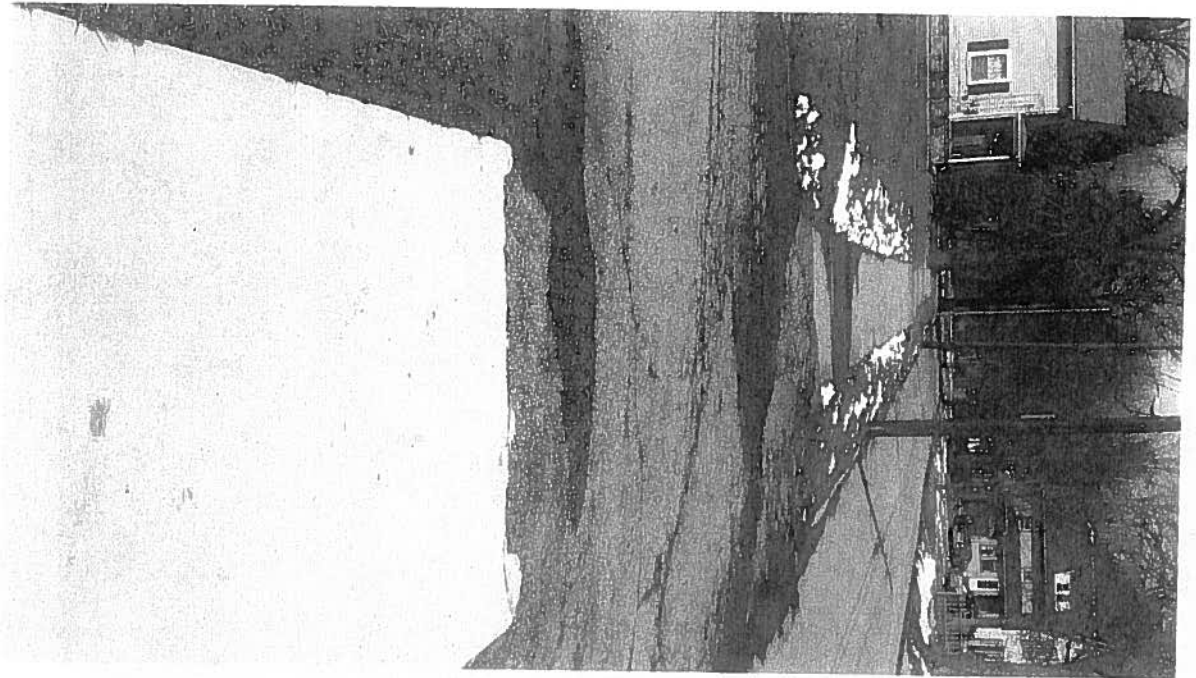
SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT
Broken and uneven
sidewalk at 64 Spring St.



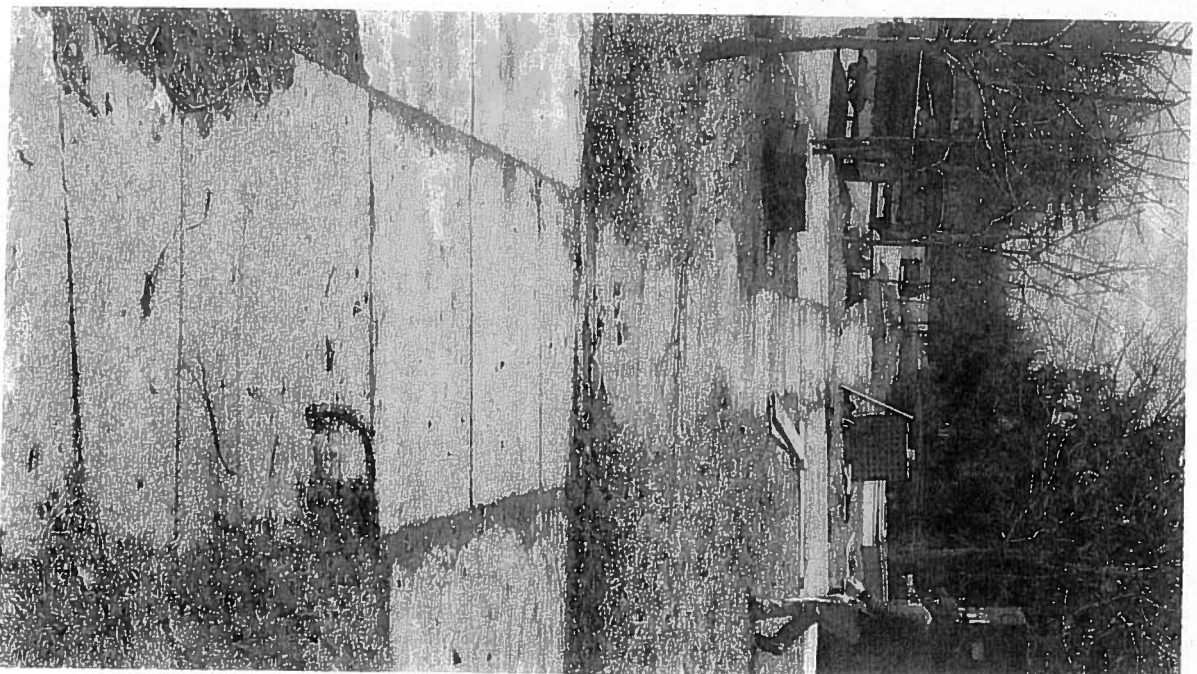
Sidewalk (landscape pavers) at 56 Spring St.



Uneven asphalt
No sidewalk across Clark Court driveway

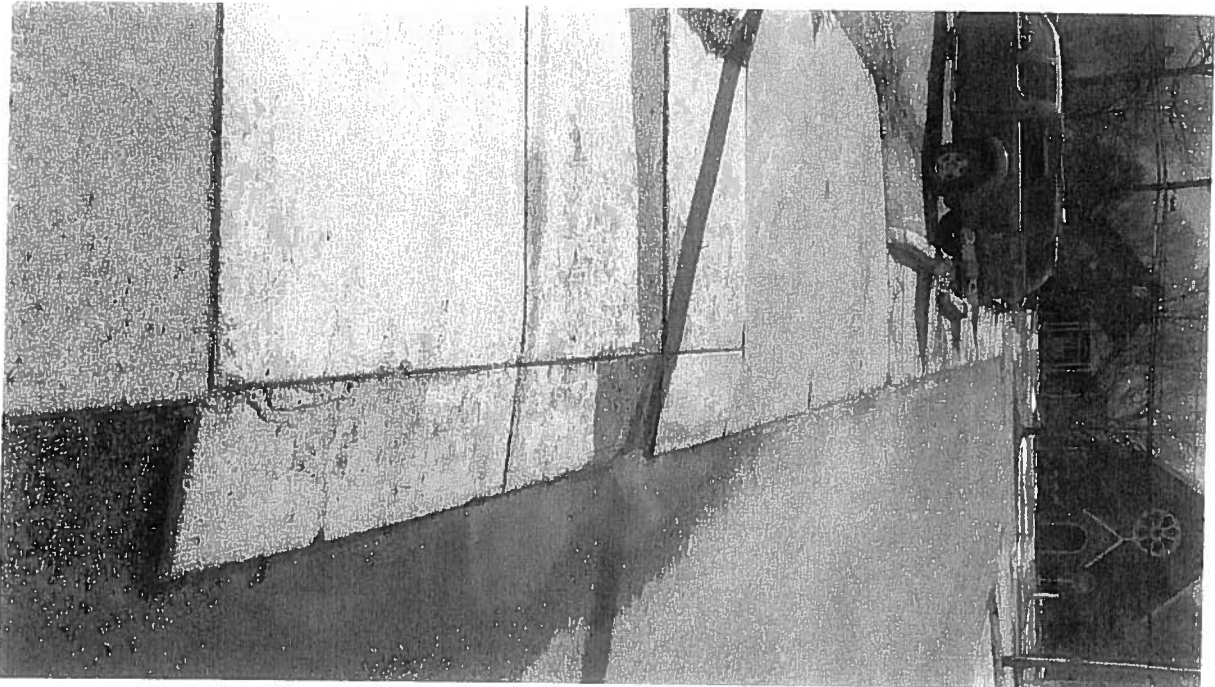


Cracked, broken, uneven 4' sidewalk
at LMHA 118, 120, 124, 126 E. Vine

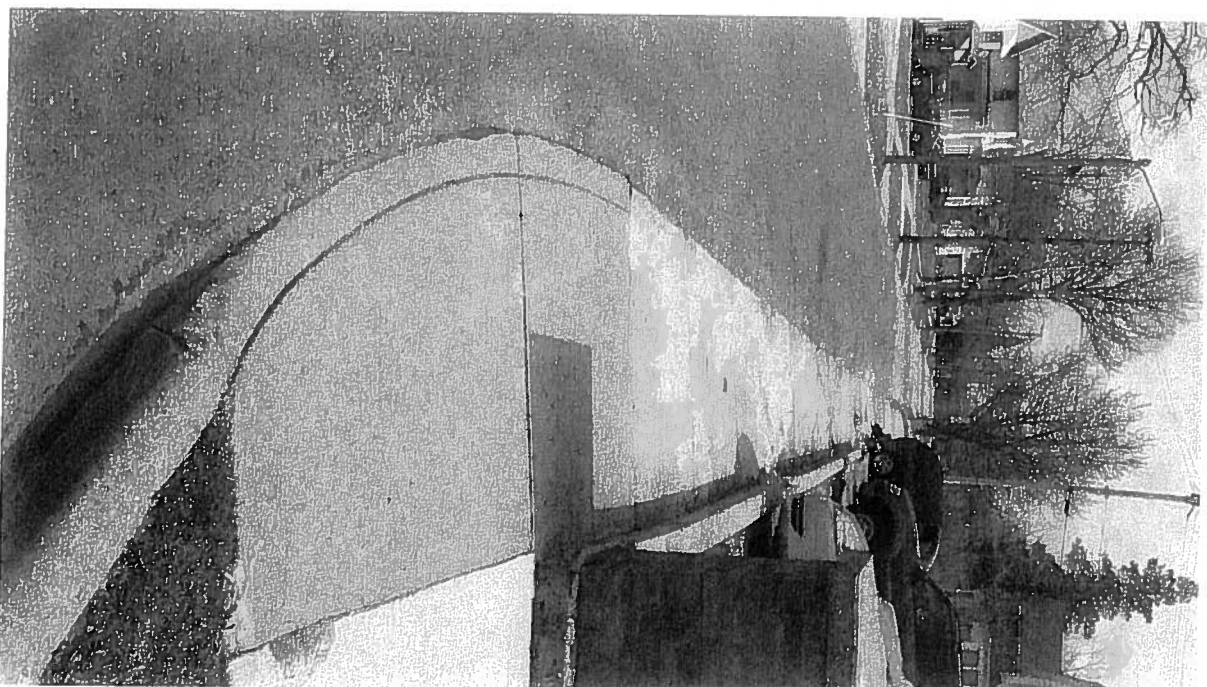


This sidewalk will be continued west to South Pleasant St. using
Safe Routes to School funding.

Sidewalk at 23 Groveland and 155 South Main St.
(Groveland St. side), looking west.
No curb, no vertical separation between
sidewalk and street.

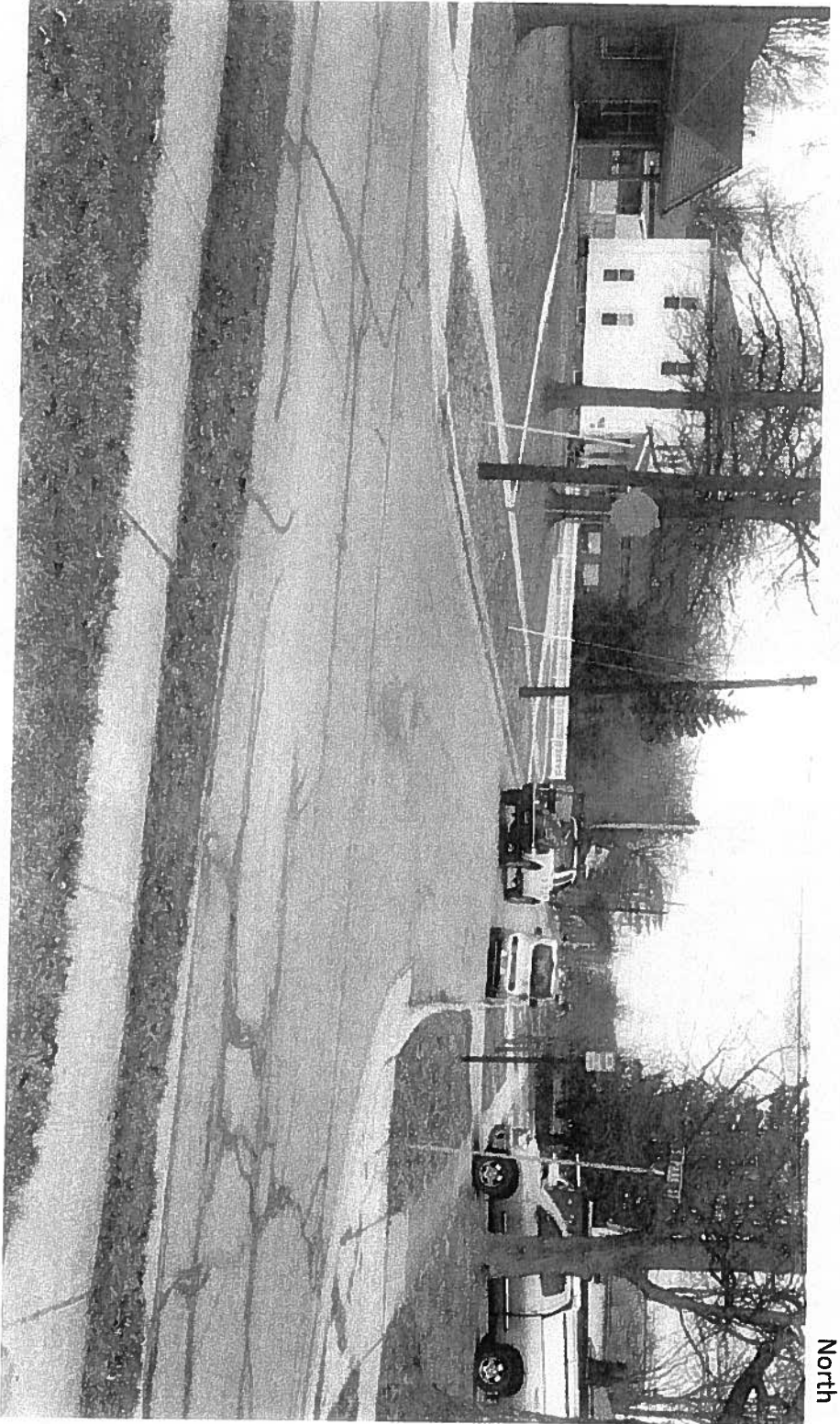


Sidewalk and Curb Ramp at 155 South Main St.
(Groveland St. side), looking east.
Non-compliant cross-slope. Ramp is too steep
with no truncated dome warning plate.

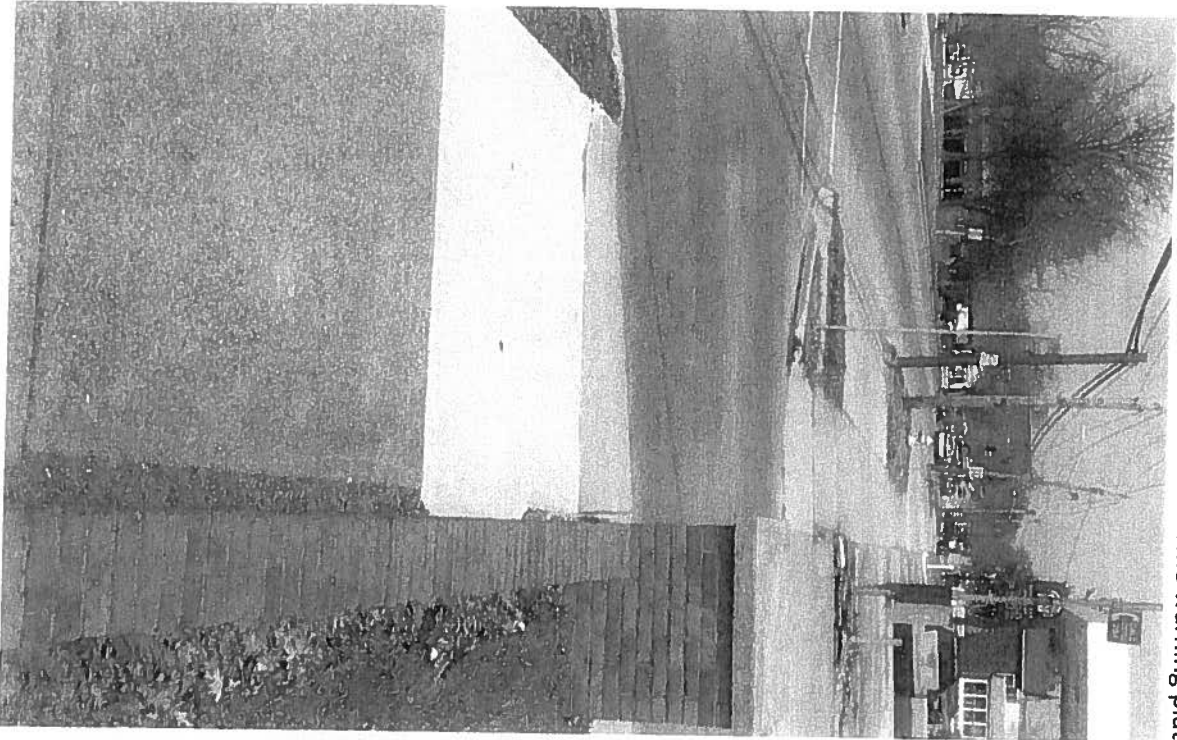


CURB RAMP AND RELATED SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

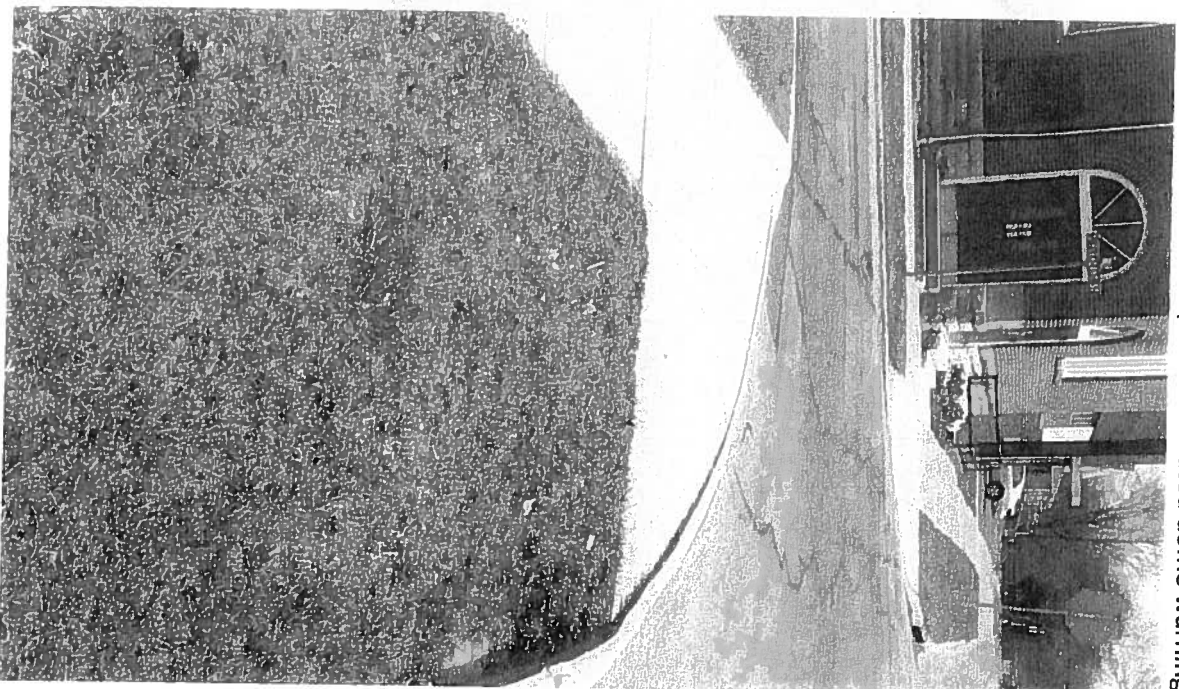
Curb Ramps. Southwest and Northwest corners of Park and Vine, looking west
Sidewalk to ramp and ramp are too steep. Ramps have no truncated dome warning plates.
South



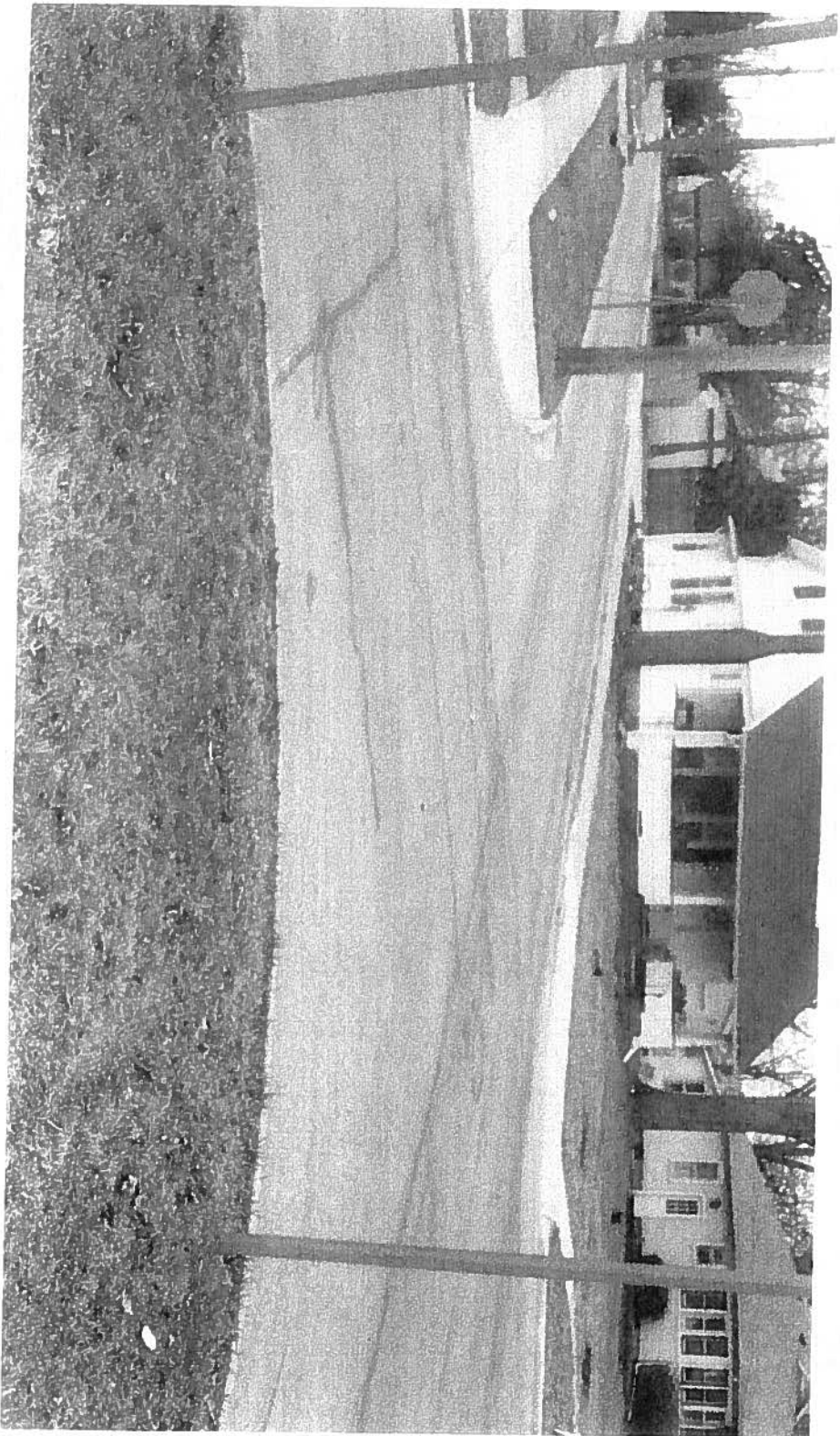
Curb ramps across Groveland St., east of Main St.
Approaches are too steep. No truncated dome warning plates.



Curb ramps across Pleasant, north of Locust
Approaches are too steep. No truncated dome warning plates.



Curb ramps at Vine and Pleasant, looking south.
Approaches are too steep. No contrasting truncated dome warning plates.

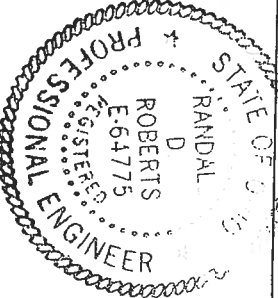


Engineer's Estimate of Probable Construction Cost
2013 CDBG Formula Allocation
Sidewalk and Accessibility Improvements
Census Tract Block Group 601-3

BID ITEM	LOCATION	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE MATERIAL*	UNIT PRICE LABOR*	TOTAL UNIT PRICE*	ITEM TOTAL
Sidewalk Installation and Replacement								
2120.431	64 Spring Street	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	120 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 780.00
2120.431	56 Spring Street	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	70 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 455.00
2120.441	Plum Creek Apts. Spring St.	6" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	125 SF		\$ 4.90	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,000.00
2120.431	118 E. Vine St.	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	200 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,300.00
2120.441	118 E. Vine St.	6" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	60 SF		\$ 4.90	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.00	\$ 480.00
2120.431	120 E. Vine St.	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	210 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,365.00
2120.441	120 E. Vine St.	6" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	50 SF		\$ 4.90	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.00	\$ 400.00
2120.431	124 E. Vine St.	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	210 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,365.00
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2120.431	126 E. Vine St.	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	200 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,300.00
2120.441	126 E. Vine St.	6" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	60 SF		\$ 4.90	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.00	\$ 480.00
2120.431	23 Groveland	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	30 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 195.00
2120.441	23 Groveland	6" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	70 SF		\$ 4.90	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.00	\$ 560.00
2124.101	23 Groveland	Curb Removal/Type 6 Replacement	20 LF		\$ 24.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 700.00
2120.431	Mickey Mart, Groveland	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	590 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 3,835.00
2120.441	Mickey Mart, Groveland	6" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	150 SF		\$ 4.90	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,200.00
2124.101	Mickey Mart, Groveland	Curb Removal/Type 6 Replacement	140 LF		\$ 24.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 4,900.00
Curb Ramps and related sidewalk improvements								
2120.460	Vine St. and Park St. SW Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.460	Vine St and Park St NW Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.460	Groveland and Main NE Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.431	Groveland and Main NE Corner	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	200 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,300.00
2120.460	Groveland and Main SE Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.431	Groveland and Main SE Corner	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	50 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 325.00
2120.460	Locust and S. Pleasant NE Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.431	Locust and S. Pleasant NW Corner	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	150 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 975.00
2120.460	Locust and S. Pleasant NW Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.431	Vine and S. Pleasant SE Corner	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	200 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,300.00
2120.460	Vine and S. Pleasant SE Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.431	Vine and S. Pleasant SW Corner	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	100 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 650.00
2120.460	Vine and S. Pleasant SW Corner	Handicap Ramp Construction (incl. excav. & removals)	1 EA		\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
2120.431	Vine and S. Pleasant SW Corner	4" Plain Concrete Sidewalk - Remove & Replace	100 SF		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 650.00
TOTAL:								\$ 31,915.00

Unit price includes overhead and profit.

* Unit price includes overhead and profit



Randall Roberts
 Randall Roberts, PE
 4/8/13

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

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The City of Oberlin may apply to the State of Ohio Development Services Agency for CDBG funding assistance under the State's FY 2013 program. Such funding requests may be filed under the State's proposed Community Development Allocation Program; competitive set-aside programs including Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure; and other related programs that may be offered by the State including Community Housing Improvement Program.

The public is encouraged to attend this important meeting and to provide comments or recommendations on the CDBG program.

Should the City intend to apply for grant funding under the CDBG program, a second "Public Hearing" on any such funding request will be advertised and conducted by City Council.

Further information is available from the City Planning and Development Department, 69 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio during normal business hours (i.e. Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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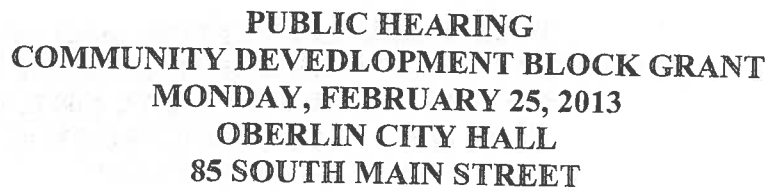
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**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013, 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #1
85 SOUTH MAIN STREET
OBERLIN, OHIO 44074**

The first of the required "Public Hearings" under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was held on February 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of City Hall. The purpose of this hearing was to explain the Community Development Block Grant Program to the public and to answer any questions that the public may have on the program.

Gary Boyle, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Oberlin, opened the "Public Hearing" at 4:10 p.m. An attendance sheet was passed around and signed by everyone in the room. This "Attendance List" sheet will be included in the City's CDBG files.

Boyle advised that notice of this "Public Hearing" had been advertised in the Lorain Morning Journal on February 14, 2013. It was also noted that the City Clerk also advertised this "hearing" on the City's website, and through a notice of City meetings published in the Oberlin News Tribune on February 21, 2013. The publication in the Lorain Morning Journal would satisfy the Ohio Development Services Agency's (ODSA) requirements with respect to providing the public with at least ten (10) days notice of the "hearing."

Boyle explained the history of the CDBG Program and described the program's national objectives. Those objectives are intended to provide benefit to low and moderate income persons, to assist in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight conditions, or to meet an urgent or unforeseen community need.

Boyle then proceeded to describe the CDBG Program. It was noted that this is a federally-funded program that is administered by the ODSA. ODSA administers the overall program, and in Oberlin's case due to our size, Lorain County administers some aspects such as the former Formula Allocation Program. Various programs provided for under the State's FY 2013 CDBG Program were then outlined including the State's proposed Community Development Allocation Program; competitive set-aside programs including Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure; and other related programs that may be offered by the State including Community Housing Improvement Program.

Boyle briefly described some of the past programs used by the City, and their benefits in improving the community in general as well as specific individuals that have been assisted by the

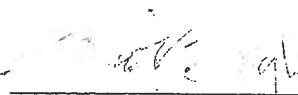
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Formula Allocation Program, the Economic Development Program, and the Community Housing Improvement Program. Boyle also advised that the City has successfully implemented two (2) Downtown Revitalization Grants which assisted building and business owners with building improvements. The City is now implementing a third Downtown Grant.

Lastly, Boyle noted that the draft Fiscal Year 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan will be posted for public review and comment on ODSA's website. Interested citizens can comment on this draft Plan which sets the stage from the future CDBG Program, and other important grant programs.

Boyle asked if there were any questions concerning the program. Comments were made on the need for the City to reapply for Community Housing Improvement Program and that economic development is important during this difficult economic period.

There being no further comments, Boyle declared the hearing adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



Gary Boyle, Director of Planning and Development



Date

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Belinda B. Anderson
City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING (Sign-In Sheet)
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2013 FUNDING Under Formula Allocation Grant Program
April 1, 2013 @ 6:45 p.m.

No.	Name	Address
1.	Belinda Anderson	358 Washington Ave
2.	Jon Clark	358 W. College St.
3.	Eric Norenberg	85 S. Main St.
4.	Tom Geller	94 EAST LORAIN
5.	Carrie Handy	69 S Main Street
6.	TONY MEALY	328 SO. PROFESSOR
7.	JEFF BAUMANN	85 SOUTH MAIN
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**DRAFT****Minutes of the Public Hearing**

Held on Monday, April 1, 2013

6:45 p.m.

President Rimbart called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 p.m., regarding a proposed request for CDBG funding under the Formula Allocation Grant Program.

Members Present: Charles Peterson, Bryan Burgess, Sharon Soucy, Elizabeth Meadows, Scott Broadwell, Aaron Mucciolo, and Ronnie Rimbart.

Others Present: Belinda Anderson, Clerk of Council; Jon Clark, Law Director; Eric Norenberg, City Manager; Sal Talarico, Finance Director; Gary Boyle, Director of Planning & Development; and Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director.

City Manager, Eric Norenberg offered introductory remarks and turned the discussion over to Gary Boyle, Director of Planning and Development, and Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director.

Boyle provided an overview of the CDBG Formula Allocation Program highlighting the following key elements:

1. The CDBG Program is intended to provide benefit to low and moderate income persons to avoid the creation of or assist with the removal of slum and blight conditions or assist with other urgent or unforeseen need of the community.
2. The City is required to conduct two (2) public hearing whenever a grant application for assistance is to be filed under the CDBG Program.
3. The City conducted the first public hearing to provide general information on the CDBG Programs on February 25th and this is the second required public hearing, Notice of this hearing was published in the Oberlin News Tribune on March 21st and that publication more than satisfies the HUD Ohio Development Services Agency Rule that a minimum notice of the hearing be provided 10 days prior to the hearing.
4. The City has been advised by the Lorain County Community Development Department that funding is potentially available under the CDBG Formula Application Program. The County has not, however, indicated the exact amount of funding that could possibly be available under this program. In the past it has ranged between \$25,000 to \$30,000, for sidewalk improvements in eligible neighborhoods, park improvements and for the installation of an elevator at old City Hall.
5. This is a "Competitive" program and other communities in the County may also be seeking grant funding.

6. Grant applications under this program must be submitted to the County by Wednesday, April 10th by 4:30 p.m.
7. After reviewing possible City projects under the grant program, the City has identified that the installation of sidewalks and handicap accessible ramps in the southeast quadrants Census Tract 601, Block Group 3 area, would be desirable to provide for safe pedestrian movements. Also, it would contribute to the City's overall planning efforts related to ensuring a complete and functional sidewalk system throughout the community. Approximately 8 Ramps will be installed and about 600 feet of sidewalks constructed. Such installations are considered to be an eligible activity under the CDBG Program Rules as the proposed sidewalks and ramp installations will benefit an area of low and moderate income persons.
8. The Public Works Director and the City Engineer have reviewed the proposed project and have identified the scope of the proposed work and the potential costs in this regard, the project is estimated to cost in the area of \$32,000.00.
9. If funded this would be work that the City would undertake in calendar year 2014.
10. Public Works Director Jeff Baumann will be able to provide information on any questions that Council may have related to the technical aspects of such a proposal.

Boyle provided a short list of alternative plans that were under consideration for the program. He noted that ultimately staff felt that the proposed program would benefit the City the most for this year's funding round.

Mucciolo asked what kind of shape were the sidewalks and ramps in and if staff was referring to existing ramps? Baumann noted that there were a couple of residential sidewalk sections along Spring Street on the east side that are in the subject Census Tract and Block Group that were in need of repair. They were also proposing to extend the sidewalk across the entrance to the Clark Court apartments, where there is no sidewalk and in order to make the location accessible to pedestrians. The biggest single area was located on the Groveland Street frontage of Mickey Mart, they are proposing to remove their deteriorated curbs and install a new curb along that edge, the sidewalk behind the curb would be replaced as well. There is also a section on East Vine Street in front of the four (4) LMHA houses that are currently under construction that would connect with the planned future sidewalk under Safe Routes to School Program that would go the rest of the way on East Vine Street between Park and Pleasant Streets on the north side of that street. It was further noted that the ramps, in all cases, did exist but they didn't currently meet the slope requirements for accessibility.

In response to Boyle's list of alternative plans, Soucy reassured members of the public who were visually impaired and have expressed an interest in the future "audible signals project" for traffic signals in the downtown that the City will be consulting with any number of them if the decision was made to go ahead with that project so that it could have their input. Boyle noted that it was his understanding that staff will be in contact with a group of individuals who have been identified from the visually impaired community for that input.

Being that there was no further business to come before Council at this time the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RONNIE J. RIMBERT
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

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