

Downtown project to be funded by sale of brick pavers

Bedford streetscape beautification starts second phase

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streetscape project to improve and enhance the features of the county seat, including benches, planters, more lightposts, landscaping, new sidewalks and seating walls featuring a map inlay of the borough. Bedford — Downtown Bedford will be an even more beautiful place for people to visit by this summer. Downtown Bedford Inc. is about to start the second phase of a

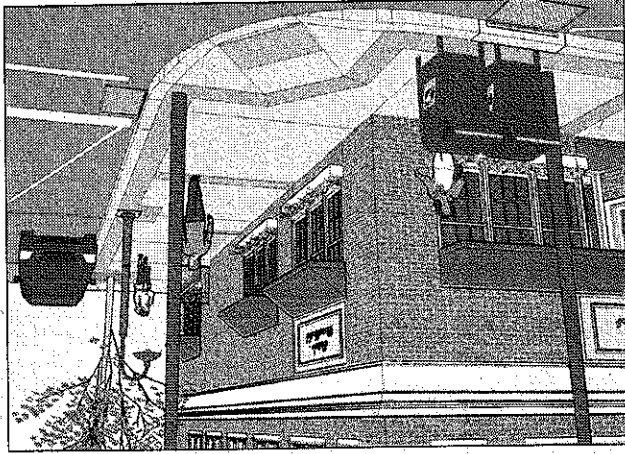
from B&C Stone.

"It's going to benefit the whole those streets and was funded by Community and Economic Development, \$852,000 for construction from PennDOT's Transportation Enhancement program, \$10,000 in from the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor and posts sold as a fundraising venture for \$3,000 each.

The first phase of the project received \$25,000 for design from and it will attract visitors, too." The second phase has already

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Courtesy drawing

The drawing shows what the streetscape in downtown Bedford will look like with commemorative brick pavers people can purchase for \$50 each.

To help fund the remaining \$100,000 in design costs, brick pavers to line the sidewalks in downtown Bedford will be on sale. The bricks can have up to three lines of 14 characters each inscribed for a \$50 donation. "Since it's the year 2010, we want to sell 2,010 bricks," Dull said. "This is our time to get this done now. Bricks are a lot more affordable. It could be a good gift for somebody."

In the future, higher-price items like benches and additional lightposts will be available for sponsorship to help offset design costs, Dull said.

Smaller engraved inlays will be placed throughout the town as well, featuring guidelines for a self-guided historic walking tour with replicas of the Fort Bedford flag marking different locations.

The project is expected to be completed by June or July. Bedford Borough Manager John Montgomery said of making the different

"Hopefully we can take care that," Montgomery said. "The project is expected to be completed by June or July."

"There have been a lot of advances made in the downtown Bedford area and pushing some businesses to stay open later. For more information or to order a brick, visit www.downtownbedford.com and click on "Purchase a Commemorative Paver."

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