

MAYOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 8TH, 2010
PART 1
2010 IN REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
"MAKING A CLEANER & SAFER COMMUNITY"
"Continued Progress under Adverse Economic Times"

DOWNTOWN FAÇADE

The City of Struthers offered opportunities for the second year to local businesses to enhance their store fronts in the downtown area. The improvements that have been made in the past two years downtown have really made a difference and also have made the drive through downtown a more enticing site to view.

The Yellow Creek Enhancement Project will also be utilized for sidewalk replacement; lighting and storefront façade renovations which help attract and sustain businesses that benefit the overall revitalization of downtown Struthers.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP)

The NSP was passed by congress through the Housing & Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) as a one-time funding provision to states and local governments for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed upon homes in residential areas.

Safety Service Director Ed Wildes worked diligently with our office on the demolition of over 57 blighted structures which enriched the quality of life within existing neighborhoods. When completed approximately 75 blighted structures will be demolished.

By Ward Structures Demolished (approximate):

- 1st Ward – 31 homes
- 2nd Ward – 7 homes
- 3rd Ward – 17 homes
- 4th Ward – 2 homes
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ARRA STIMULUS MONIES & GRANT DOLLARS

Two projects which were part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 in the City of Struthers combined for approximately \$7 million dollars in funds:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Methane Gas Generators**
- **MRCO Lower Connector Bridge** - Provide development in the corridor to create job opportunities for residents of the region & strengthen the tax base of the cities of Struthers, Campbell & Youngstown.
- **Bob Cene Way** – extends to the MRCO Bridge.
- **Southeast Sanitary Interceptor** – Relieved excess flow to Struthers via the Fifth Street Sanitary Sewer, thus reducing the risk of backups in our city.

- **State Street Resurfacing** – Paved from Walton Avenue to Bridge Street.
- **Frank Street** – Paved from Bridge to Snyder.
- **Yellow Creek Enhancement** - Cooperate with Mahoning County Highway Engineers to design new decorative lighting in downtown areas.

5TH STREET PARK & STORMWATER

Because of all the debris that was cleared, the grubbing and hydro seeding, the park is now clean and easily accessible and safe for residents to walk. It is also accessible for a police cruiser, ambulance, etc. to enter thanks to the footbridge built as an Eagle Scout Project. In the future; I envision cutting more trees on the bank so that children can sled ride and we are also considering picnic tables and grills.

A Storm Water Public Service Announcement was put together by Manager Bob Gentile; it is currently airing on television to draw awareness to the importance of keeping our storm water drain free and clear from anything but natural rain.

PRIORITIES & GOALS OF 2011

- ***Runge Blvd. Safety Upgrade Project/Phase I*** – This project will provide for safety to motorists, improve property values and eliminate flooding & erosion issues.
- ***Clingan Road Safety Upgrade Project*** –Improve drainage of the roadway to prevent formation of ice in the winter & eliminate a dangerous situation.
- ***Center Street Resurfacing*** – Lowellville Road to city limits.
- ***5th Street*** – Midlothian Blvd. to Manor Avenue
- ***Maplewood Culvert*** – The last culvert replaced along the stream from 5th & Garfield Streets.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

UPDATE METHANE CONVERSION PROJECT

The Methane Conversion Project is near completion. Most of the equipment associated with the project has been installed. We anticipate having the generators in service by the end of the holiday season.

MAHONING COUNTY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

I was nominated and appointed Vice President to the above committee and look forward to serving and working with all in association with community improvement.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I would like to extend my sincerest wishes to employees and citizens of the City of Struthers to have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

Respectfully Submitted;

Terry P. Stocker
Mayor