

2022 DREAM BIG TIFFIN! REPORT







#### Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership



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### Dear Community Leaders and Stakeholders:

The Dream Big Tiffin! Review

On behalf of the 24 members of the Tiffin Community Development Committee and the Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership, we are pleased to present the Dream Big Tiffin! 2022 Report. We continue to be excited and inspired by the progress the City of Tiffin has been making over the past decade, and we look forward to its continued development and in continually improving quality of life.

This report has been produced as a part of the second annual Dream Big Tiffin! community development process. Dream Big Tiffin! is an intensive community-wide engagement effort to identify and prioritize community development projects for the City of Tiffin, as well as solicit project ideas from community residents and stakeholders.

The report contains three main sections: (1) an overview of the Dream Big Tiffin! process and its results, (2) detailed profiles of the projects designated Priority Projects, and (3) a review of Tiffin's Community Development Plan and where each project and project idea fits. Here is the report's Table of Contents:

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Thank you for your interest, participation, and ongoing support in Tiffin!

Sincerely,

Jodie Reinbolt, Chair

Bernie Steinmetz, Vice Chair

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# The Dream Big Tiffin! Review January 18, 2022

### 1. This Year's Results

Following the success of the Dream Big Tiffin! process last year, which resulted in ten project proposals, 28 unique ideas, and two completed projects, the Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership (TSEP) and the Tiffin Community Development Committee (TCDC) were excited to welcome input from the community for a second time. Created in the fall of 2019 by TSEP, the TCDC currently has 23 members representing government, non-profit, and private business, and is now staffed by Adam Gillmor, TSEP's Development Coordinator leading community development.

It was a great year with a lot of participation, and the number of projects and project ideas submitted by the community and project champions continues to grow. In August 2021, the Dream Big Tiffin! website was opened to residents and



stakeholders for new project and idea submissions. This resulted in seven new projects and 16 new ideas. Additionally, seven projects and 28 ideas from the 2021 cycle were carried forward resulting in **fourteen total projects and 44 total ideas!** 

It's also important to note that two projects were completed: the repaving of the Salvation Army Parking Lot, a Recommended project costing \$26,000 and the funding of the Seneca Cares for Families program, a Priority project and initiative that takes \$172,000 annually to fund Handle With Care (trauma alert service) and Seneca Mentoring Youth Links (SMYL). Although the Dream Big Tiffin! process did not directly identify additional funding sources for these projects, it did increase awareness and understanding of both of them among legislators, community leaders, and the public at large, all of which help drive support – and this is one of its main objectives.

#### 2. This Year's Process

The process this cycle worked similarly to the first year:

- Individuals or groups who submitted a project proposal were required to complete a 23-question survey, including budget and financial information.
- Like last year, these projects were reviewed and sorted into three categories priority, recommended, and reviewed. Furthermore, uncompleted projects from the previous cycle were revaluated and sorted accordingly.
- Ideas cover a much broader set of community proposals than projects. While both are sourced from
  residents and stakeholders, ideas lack the information about timelines, process, and financials that
  project proposals have.
- In early November 2021, the twelve project proposals were made public on the website. Residents and stakeholders were asked to rate the importance of the projects and provide and offer feedback.

- At the beginning of December, TCDC subcommittees met to decide which projects were Priority (very important, high levels of support, with a fully developed proposal), Recommended (important, high levels of support, not yet fully developed), and Reviewed (other projects).
- The full committee then reviewed and approved the ratings of both subcommittees. Nine were rated Priority; two were rated Recommended; and three were rated Reviewed.

### 3. This Year's Projects

The **Priority** Projects selected were the following:

- **Bunky Bike Tree:** \$5,000 sculpture of a tree made from recycled bicycle parts to honor the life and legacy of Mark "Bunky" Roehrig.
- **Court Street Alley Improvement Project:** a \$407,000 project that seeks to transform Court Street into a destination space like Cherry Alley including lighting, seating, and other amenities.
- **South River Road Trail Improvements:** \$200,000 for the development and beautification of a recently vacated street area as a portion of trail along the Sandusky River, increasing safety.
- **Holiday Lighting:** \$31,000 to produce and hang 61 branded snowflakes on the South Washington Street light poles to make downtown brighter, prevent vandalism, and increase visibility of community branding.
- **Downtown Parking Lot Improvements Design:** \$101,342 to repave and restripe the eight downtown public-use parking lots and the installation of additional high-quality lighting, landscaping, signage, and other amenities.
- **Community Gardens:** \$2,732.86 to build and support a model garden in the heart of Tiffin to serve community members who struggle financially to obtain a balanced, healthy diet, and who may lack the knowledge needed to grow their own food.
- **Cycling Without Age:** a \$70,000 program to provide free bicycle rides for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities to improve their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
- **Tiffin Community Kitchen:** \$2.7 million community kitchen space where people can connect around local food, service, cooking, eating, and growing.
- Transformational Life Center: \$100,000 to develop a comprehensive center that will provide housing, clothing, food, and services for those in need.

The **Recommended** projects selected were the following:

- **City of Tiffin Trail Connection:** \$50,000 of improvements to connect and develop Tiffin's trail system as part of the Active Transportation Plan.
- **South Downtown Streetscaping:** \$3.0 million to continue the streetscaping items including decorative light poles, furniture, brick and decorative traffic poles down Washington Street towards St. Joseph Church.

In addition, there were three proposals rated as "Reviewed": a monument to Martin Luther King Jr., the Pump Track Skate Park, and the Salvation Army Day Camps. Next steps have been identified for each of the 14 projects proposals, and each of the project ideas have been referred to the appropriate organizations to consider in their strategic planning.

### 4. The Tiffin Community Development Committee

The members of the TCDC for Dream Big Tiffin! 2022 were the following:

- Aaron Montz, City of Tiffin
- Amy Reinhart, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership
- Andrew Kalnow, National Machinery
- Bernie Steinmetz, Mercy Health Foundation
- Brian Perrine, Clouse Electric
- Bryce Kuhn, Tiffin City Parks Department
- Charlene Watkins, Seneca Regional Planning Commission
- Dale Thornton, City of Tiffin
- Dan Bartolo, Fifth Third Bank
- David Zak, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership
- Dawn Iannantuono, Tiffin City Council
- John Arnold, Arnold Vending
- Kari Steele, Tiffin-Seneca United Way
- Kathy Oliver, Seneca County Job & Family Services
- Kim Radison, Leadership Seneca County
- Jodie Reinbolt, Tiffin Community Foundation
- Larry Baker, National Machinery Foundation
- Matthew Watson, Tiffin City Engineer
- Meagan Novess, Heidelberg University Enactus
- Olivia Brooks, Webster Industries Foundation
- Sharon George, Seneca County Family, Adult & Children First Council
- Shawn Detterman, Baumann Auto Group
- Steve Hickey, Elks Foundation
- Zak Weimer, First Insurance Group

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Dream Big Tiffin! 2022 Cycle Public Feedback Summary

### **Background**

The Dream Big Tiffin annual community development process seeks to work with community leaders and residents to identify, develop, and prioritize public-benefit projects for funding by the private (foundations, philanthropists, businesses) and public sector (city, state and federal grants). State and federal legislators, as well as city officials and foundations, find the information helpful, and some of the projects are being completed and/or moving forward. It's worth noting that community development work often takes years of planning and pursuing grant and other funding before they can be realized.

The process was started in 2020, adapting a public and stakeholder engagement method in the Dayton Region. It has three steps:

- Submission: Project Proposals (detailed descriptions with budgets) as well as ideas are submitted. TSEP Staff work with project sponsors to prepare detailed project profiles as well as a report summarizing all ideas.
- Public Input: Project Proposals and Ideas are evaluated by the public for importance and additional comments can be given.
- Prioritization: The Tiffin Community Development Committee (TCDC), made up of 30 community and business leaders, and its subcommittees (panels) evaluate the projects and place them in one of three categories: priority, recommended, or reviewed. Priority projects are high-impact, well-supported projects that are mature and ready to go if funding can be procured. Recommended projects are similar, except they are not as well developed and need more work. Reviewed projects are not yet able to demonstrate that they are needed and/or well-supported in the community at the current time, and/or they are significant questions that need to be answered before they can be recommended.
- Presentation: After the TCDC finalizes a list of the ratings of the projects, a final report is created, which is then shared with foundations, legislators, and local government. It is also published online for the public.

The Public Input part of the process concluded November 24, 2021, and this report summarizes those results. This information will be part of what the committee and its panels consider when they evaluate projects. Projects and ideas can be viewed here: <a href="https://tiffinseneca.org/2021/11/04/dream-big-tiffin-2022/">https://tiffinseneca.org/2021/11/04/dream-big-tiffin-2022/</a>.

#### **Rating Scale: Importance**

There were 113 responses, which is similar to last year's. Project proposals and ideas were rated for importance on the following scale:

- Not important (0 points)
- Somewhat important (1 point)
- Important (2 points)
- Very Important (3 points)
- Extremely Important (4 points)

### **Project Proposals: Ratings**

Detailed profiles of each project can be found at <a href="https://www.dreambigtiffin.com">www.dreambigtiffin.com</a>.

- Important to Very Important (2.00 2.99)
  - o Tiffin Community Kitchen: 2.61
  - City Trail Connection: 2.16
  - South River Road Trail Improvements: 2.11
  - o Transformational Life Center: 2.10
- Somewhat Important to Important (1.00 1.99)
  - Community Gardens: 1.98
  - Downtown Streetscape Extension: 2.16
  - o Bunky Bike Tree: 1.75
  - Salvation Army Day Camps: 1.67
  - Cycling Without Age: 1.65
  - o Court Street Alley: 1.63
  - Pump Track Skatepark: 1.61
  - o MLK Monument: 1.01

### **Project Proposals: Comments**

There weren't any trends outside of people individually advocating for (or against) this or that project. That being said, the following were noteworthy as we continue to move the process forward:

- Someone said they would like regular updates on projects.
- Someone said it would be helpful to have links to the projects directly in the survey.
- Someone said that most of these projects should be funded privately.
- Some submitted additional ideas that had not been submitted through the process: turn lanes at the corner of 231 and 224, sewer separation, sidewalk on Spayth/bike access to Hedgegate South.
- There was a comment that needs should take priority over wants.

### **Project Ideas: Ratings**

The following project ideas were rated for importance:

- Important to Very Important (2.00 2.99)
  - Mental Health Education: 2.99
  - More Entertainment: 2.89
  - Supportive Services for Parents: 2.65
  - o Bridge Lighting: 2.36
  - Downtown Bike Trail: 2.19
  - o Community Garden: 2.14
- Somewhat Important to Important (1.00 1.99)
  - Wall Street/Hudson St. Sidewalks: 1.99
  - Kernan Park Improvements: 1.94
  - Small Business Trainer: 1.75
  - West Side Skate Park: 1.66
  - Safety City: 1.65
  - Whitewater Park: 1.52
  - Sidewalk Maintenance: 1.42

### **Project Proposals: Comments**

There were some trends in the comments:

- Several people mentioned that St. Francis had community gardens already.
- Several people emphasized the importance of sidewalks, including expanding where they are currently located (SR 53), making them accessible, and the need for better maintenance.



PROJECT TYPE: PRIVATE

#### SUMMARY

A local artist will construct a sculpture out of recycled bicycle parts to resemble a tree. This sculpture will honor the life and legacy of Mark "Bunky" Roehrig. The community will be asked to donate their old bicycles to be part of the sculpture. The sculpture will be placed in one of the City parks.

### **COMMUNITY NEED**

Establishing public artwork like the "Bunky Tree" will encourage and inspire the community and also will help create the much needed art culture in our community. Sculptures like this will open more opportunities to bring more art projects to Tiffin

### **TIMELINE**

- Current Status: Project is awaiting approval from the City.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding and approval of the location and design by the City's Arts Commission
- Project timeline:
  - o 2022: Sculpture completed and installed

### **BUDGET**

### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5000

- Includes materials and labor to complete and install the statue.
- Cost Breakdown:
  - Materials and labor: \$5000
- Obtained so far: \$0

### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

• Maintenance for the statue would be minimal and could be covered by volunteers.

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

• Potential sources identified include Tiffin Community Foundation's White Family Fund, the Meshech Frost Foundation, the new Tiffin Arts Commission and private donors.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

• Full application



PROJECT TYPE: PUBLIC

#### SUMMARY

This project will enhance the safety and aesthetic appeal of Court Street (similar to the Cherry Alley project). It will add lighting, decorative concrete and items such as planters, benches trash cans, etc. The street will remain open to vehicular traffic during business hours with the option to close with removable bollard posts.

#### **COMMUNITY NEED**

Court Street is an important connector between City Lot 7 and National Corner as well as the proposed Community Kitchen on Jefferson Street. The Downtown Design Committee identified this area as an opportunity to beautify downtown while, also creating a safe connection to an existing Public Parking Lot. This street could become a destination for events and gatherings.

### **TIMELINE**

- Current Status: Project is in planning and development phase.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding
  - o Capacity of City Engineer's Office to manage project
  - Availability of contractors
- Project timeline:
  - o 2022: Design work complete
  - o 2023: Construction work to begin

### **BUDGET**

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$407.354

- Includes materials and labor to complete the project
- Depending on availability, City Engineer's office may be able to donate design work (\$50,000 of total cost)
- Cost Breakdown:
  - Materials, equipment and labor: \$407,354
- Obtained so far: \$0

### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

• Maintenance for the project would be a responsibility of the City's public works team.

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

• Potential sources identified include Tiffin Community Foundation's White Family Fund, the Meshech Frost Foundation, National Machinery Foundation, etc.

- Full application
- Budget documents
- · Letter of support



PROJECT TYPE: PUBLIC

#### SUMMARY

A portion of South River Road was recently converted to a pedestrian trail and this project would complete the beautification and safety enhancements to make the new trail inviting and accessible to the public. The project includes potential installation of items such as benches, railing, pavement, lighting and a trailhead area among other things.

#### **COMMUNITY NEED**

This project ties into the recently completed Active Transportation Plan for Seneca County and generally makes this new trail area more accessible, attractive and safe for citizens to utilize.

### TIMELINE

- Current Status: Some improvements have been made in the area, but more work is needed to bring the project to completion.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding
  - o Capacity of City Engineer's Office to manage project
  - Availability of contractors and materials
  - Coordination with other city projects such as bridges and trails
- Project timeline:
  - o 2022: Construction to begin on additional items
  - o 2023: Project completion

### **BUDGET**

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50.000

- Includes materials and labor to complete the next phase of the project
- Cost Breakdown:
  - Materials, equipment and labor: \$50,000 +
- Obtained so far: \$0

#### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

• Maintenance for the project would be a responsibility of the City's public works team.

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

• Potential sources identified include Tiffin Community Foundation's White Family Fund, the Meshech Frost Foundation, National Machinery Foundation, etc.

- Full application
- Budget documents
- · Letter of support



PROJECT TYPE: PRIVATE

### SUMMARY

The project is to work with Vanguard Sentinel CTC trades to produce branded snowflakes to hang on the 61 downtown light poles on South Washington Street. This will replace the dark red and green lights that currently reside on the poles and brighten the downtown during the holidays. This is a downtown beautification project.

#### **COMMUNITY NEED**

These new holiday decorations will make downtown brighter, prevent vandalism, provide easier installation and increase visibility of the community branding.

### **TIMELINE**

- Current Status: A prototype of the new lighted, branded snowflakes is being created and project planning is in progress.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding, volunteers and partner organizations
  - Adequate community awareness
- Project timeline:
  - 2021: Planning and fundraising, operating one unit
  - 2022: Launch of services with second trishaw

### **BUDGET**

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31.000

- Includes the labor and materials for the new lighted, branded snowflake decorations.
- · Cost Breakdown:
  - \$31,000 in materials and labor
- Obtained so far: 0

### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

They will need to be hung each year, but will be made of a powder coat finish so little to no maintenance is necessary.

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

- The City of Tiffin is planning to budget some financial support for the project in 2022 if possible.
- Other potential sources identified include AEP Foundation, the Webster Foundation, and a grant through Aqua Ohio. The project lead continues to look for other opportunities for beautification or student-project type grants

- Full application
- · Budget document



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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROFILE

# **Summary**

This **public** project involves the repaving and restriping of the eight downtown public-use lots parking lots and the installation of additional high-quality lighting, landscaping, signage, and other amenities. Preliminary design for basic improvements has been donated, but additional, more detailed design work needs to be done before the project can move forward. This phase of the project involves getting the architectural design work done, which is a necessary precursor to doing the parking lots themselves.

# **Need & Impact**

As Downtown Tiffin continues to revitalize with more restaurants, pubs, retail, and events, the need for parking residents and visitors believe is safe, attractive, well-lit, and easy-to-find increases. They 2019 Downtown Parking Study emphasizes that "with the increased core area development comes the need for convenient parking" to support the businesses. It also recommends parking and connectors be "well-illuminated" and "safe" and to "heighten the awareness of the locations of public parking" through signage.

# Status & Timeline

- Preliminary design completed by volunteer architects. Funding needed for final design.
- Project will move forward contingent on final design being developed and approved by the City, funding being obtained, and the Engineer's Office and Public Works including it in their plan of work based on capacity and priority.

# **Expenses & Funding**

- Finished Design: \$101,342
- Additional Improvements: Not Yet Determined
- Ongoing Expenses: City of Tiffin to continue to maintain the lots.
- No funding yet dedicated for the project.

# **Attachments**

- Full Proposal Submission
- Parking Lots Map
- Parking Lots Estimated Costs



PROJECT TYPE: PRIVATE

#### SUMMARY

The initial phase of this project includes creating a model garden in the heart of Tiffin that will be maintained and showcased by Common Ground. The second phase includes helping other entities and organizations throughout the county create and manage their own gardens and to provide a network of support and assistance for the gardens.

### **COMMUNITY NEED**

This project arose in recognition of lack of access to locally-sourced healthy food. The population to be served includes the many people in our community who struggle financially to obtain a balanced, healthy diet, and who may lack the knowledge needed to grow their own food.

### TIMELINE

- Current Status: Project is currently in planning and fundraising phase.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding, volunteers and partner organizations as well as adequate community awareness.
- Project timeline:
  - 2022: Phase one-demonstration garden will be completed
  - 2023: Phase two classes and assistance to support network of new gardens will begin.

### **BUDGET**

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$2,732.86

- Includes purchase of the needed materials, equipment. tools, soil and seeds as well as some advertising materials and costs for the classes.
- Cost Breakdown:
  - Equipment: \$2252.86, Administrative: \$480
- Obtained so far: \$0

#### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

• Maintenance of the gardens will be managed by volunteers and annual costs for seeds will be obtained at no costs (example: seed exchanges).

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

- Application has been submitted for full project cost to the Sisters of St. Francis.
- Other potential sources identified include Tiffin Community Foundation's White Family Fund, the Meshech Frost Foundation and private donors.

- Full application
- Budget document



PROJECT TYPE: PRIVATE

#### SUMMARY

Cycling Without Age Seneca County is a local affiliate of Cycling Without Age Denmark, an international organization, made up of volunteers who assist elderly citizens and individuals with limited mobility to enjoy life by providing them with a free bicycle ride on a specially designed trishaw. The program has obtained one unit and is looking to buy the seconded needed unit.

#### **COMMUNITY NEED**

This program provides a service for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities that did not previously exist in our community. It has a positive impact on physical, mental and emotional well-being.

### **TIMELINE**

- Current Status: Program is currently operating with one unit, needs second unit to be complete.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding, volunteers and partner organizations
  - Adequate community awareness
- Project timeline:
  - o 2021: Planning and fundraising, operating one unit
  - o 2022: Launch of services with second trishaw

### **BUDGET**

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$70.000

- Includes purchase of the needed equipment.
- Cost Breakdown:
- Equipment: \$70,000Obtained so far: \$25,000

### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

 Maintenance costs will be about \$5000 per year, and some of the funds that have been secured already will go toward covering those costs.

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

- Funds have been obtained from an Opportunity Center grant.
- Application to National Machinery Foundation has been submitted.
- Other potential sources identified include the Allen Eiry Foundation, B.A. Seitz Fund of the Columbus Foundation and Meshech Frost Foundation.

- Full application
- Budget document
- IRS letter



# TIFFIN COMMUNITY KITCHEN

# PROJECT LEAD:

Old Trinity Episcopal Church and Seneca County Common Ground

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# PROJECT PROFILE

**PROJECT TYPE: PRIVATE** 

#### SUMMARY

The kitchen will focus on connecting local growers and businesses to the community, providing opportunities for groups to cook and eat together, scheduling a diverse set of cooking classes, and giving back to the community through the preparation of food.

#### COMMUNITY NEED

This project meets several objectives in the Multijurisdictional Comprehensive Plan. The kitchen will provide health, education and service opportunities to community members and numerous groups.

# **TIMELINE**

- Current Status: Capital campaign & grant writing underway, architectural design work beginning
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding
  - Availability of contractors & materials
- Project timeline:
  - o 2021: Architectural design work begins
  - o 2022: Groundbreaking & construction takes place
  - o 2023: Construction complete and programming begins

### **BUDGET**

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$2,700,000

- Includes cost of construction, purchase of land and purchase of kitchen equipment, design services, etc.
- Cost Breakdown:
  - Construction (Hard costs): \$2,096,180 (+\$209,618 contingency)
  - o Design, services, soft costs: \$292,118
  - Furnishings & appliances: \$100,000
- Obtained so far: \$385,651 (Includes received and pledged)

### **CONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

 Project leadership has identified a sustainable funding model to operate the kitchen once completed. This model will involve fees for use of the space, an endowment fund at the Tiffin Community Foundation and an MOU between Old Trinity and SCCG for maintenance.

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

 Proposal details plan for approximately half of the capital to come from local sources (local grants, individual & corporate philanthropy and half from external (state/federal grants, larger networks).

- 8 letters of support
- budget and quotes
- Renderings
- Community engagement summary



PROJECT TYPE: PRIVATE

#### SUMMARY

The Transformation Life Center will be a short-term emergency shelter for homeless individuals that will provide wrap-around services and programming on site to aid individuals and families in getting back on their feet. The shelter will be able to house 10 women and children and the group hopes to expand capacity in the future.

#### **COMMUNITY NEED**

There are about 75 homeless individuals on average at any given time in Seneca County. There are currently no emergency shelters in operation and the cost of covering a hotel room to meet the need is high.

### TIMELINE

- Current Status: A facility has been purchased and is currently being renovated. The group is actively fundraising to obtain additional funding to complete the project.
- Project will move forward contingent on:
  - Obtaining complete funding
  - Availability of contractors and materials
  - Adequate community awareness, volunteers, partners
- Project timeline:
  - 2022: Work on the facility continuing, fundraising ongoing
  - o 2023: Launch of services and programming at the new facility

### **BUDGET**

### TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$100,000 (REMAINING)

- Includes completion of construction renovation and start-up furnishings and supplies.
- Cost Breakdown:
  - Completion of facility renovation: \$63,636 (estimate)
  - Startup Furniture/Equipment/Supplies: \$36,364 (estimate)
- Obtained so far: \$250,000 (plus in-kind labor)

#### **ONGOING EXPENSES & SUSTAINABILITY**

 The organization will have a full operating budget for the center that will including building maintenance and ongoing expenses.
 This is separate from the amount need to complete the capital project and get the facility open.

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

- Funds have been obtained from First Presbyterian Church and National Machinery Foundation as well as many individuals and ganizations to date. Fundraising events are being held.
- Several grant applications have been submitted.
- Other potential sources identified include the Tiffin Community Foundation, state and federal programs and private donors.
- SCCH is also working with many partners such as Sentinel to obtain in-kind donations of labor and equipment.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

• Full application

### **Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership**



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### The Tiffin Comprehensive Plan Review

January 18, 2022

This annual review groups the projects and ideas generated and evaluated by the Dream Big Tiffin! process according to the appropriate goal they support in the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan (MJCP). The MJCP is the official Community Development plan for the City of Tiffin, approved and adopted by Tiffin City Council in 2020.

The development of the MJCP began in 2018, and in June 2020, the three-year joint planning effort between Seneca County, the City of Tiffin, the City of Fostoria, and the Seneca Park District ended with the publication of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan (MJCP), entitled "For the Next Generation." This was the first new community development plan for Tiffin in more than 26 years. The Tiffin portion of the MJCP – which now functions as Tiffin's Comprehensive Plan – has six major goals, 32 objectives, and 164 strategies.

The TCDC has the role of overseeing the implementation of this plan for Tiffin. Accordingly, we have structured this report in six sections, each corresponding to one of the six major goals of the Comprehensive Plan:

- 1. Prosperous & Resilient Economy
- 2. Attractive, Desirable & Livable Places
- 3. Quality Community Facilities & Services
- **4.** Environmental Stewardship Valued Natural Resources
- 5. Enhanced Mobility, Accessibility & Public Transportation
- 6. Strong Community Character & Image

Like last year, we have listed some of the leading organization involved with each of the six goals. Most of these organizations are represented on the TCDC. A goal for 2022 is to designate a lead organization for some of the goals, objectives and strategies, leading to the first annual report of the MJCP for Tiffin and overall.

The entire plan, along with Tiffin's section (its plan) is viewable and downloadable at tiffinseneca.org/plans.

### **Goal 1. Prosperous & Resilient Economy**

Ensure we are prepared to and successfully capitalize on opportunities in the local, regional, national and global economy, with an emphasis on jobs and tax revenue.

### **Lead Organizations**

- City of Tiffin Administration
- City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
- OSU Extension
- Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership
- Seneca County Dept. of Job & Family Services
- Seneca Regional Chamber & Visitor Services

### **Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan References**

- Goal has 5 objectives, 27 strategies.
- Goal: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3.
- Objectives: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 4-13.
- Time Frames: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 32-35.
- Objectives
  - Objective 1.1 Strategic Planning
  - Objective 1.2 Workforce Development
  - Objective 1.3 Suitable Locations
  - Objective 1.4 Retention, Expansion & Attraction
  - o Objective 1.5 Agribusiness
  - Objective 1.6 Entrepreneurship
  - o Objective 1.7 Downtown Tiffin



**2022 Project Submissions** (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's projects are kept on list)

• No project proposals submitted.

2022 Idea Submissions (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's ideas are kept on list)

- \*Small Business Trainer: a local trainer should be hired to provide training for small- to medium-sized businesses who cannot afford it (1.2.5 Training and Assistance). Refer to TSEP.
- \*More Entertainment: Attract Bowling Alleys, roller skating rinks, and/or more arcades for entertainment and social interaction (1.4 Retention, etc.). Refer to TSEP.
- IDEAS FOR REFERRAL
- **Remodeling Incentive:** Provide incentives to renovate commercial and residential property (1.3 Suitable Locations). Refer to TSEP.
- **Westgate & Mall Support:** Assist as has been done downtown with these areas (1.3 Suitable Locations). Refer to TSEP.
- Chain Restaurant & Big Box Retail: Recruit new restaurants and retail (1.4 Retention, Expansion & Attraction). Refer to TSEP.
- **1960s-Type Stores:** Recruit diners, budget-minded stores, meat markets, candy shops, etc. (1.4 Retention, etc.). Refer to TSEP.

### **Goal 2. Attractive, Desirable & Livable Places**

Ensure we have sustainable quality places for living and socializing, with a sense of place that embraces our cultural heritage.

### **Lead Organizations**

- City of Tiffin Administration
- City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
- East Green Foundation
- Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
- Seneca Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Seneca Regional Planning Commission
- Tiffin Community Foundation
- Tiffin Historic Trust
- Tiffin Museum & Gallery Alliance
- Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership



- Goal has 5 objectives, 27 strategies.
- Goal: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3.
- Objectives: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 13-18.
- Time Frames: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 35-37.
- Objectives
  - Objective 2.1 Housing Options
  - Objective 2.2 Desirable Neighborhoods
  - Objective 2.3 Valued Culture & Places
  - Objective 2.4 Property Maintenance
  - Objective 2.5 Sustainable Land Use

2021 Project Submissions (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's projects are kept on list)

- Court Street Alley Improvement Project: a \$407,000 project that seeks to transform Court Street into a destination space like Cherry Alley including lighting, seating, and other amenities.
  - Priority Rating: 1 (Priority)
  - o Sponsoring Organization: City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
  - MCJP Strategy: 2.2.2 Alleys
  - Next Steps: Project can move forward when funding is procured, approvals are obtained, and the City Engineer's Office has the capacity to complete the project.
- \*Holiday Lighting: \$31,000 to produce and hang 61 branded snowflakes on the South Washington Street light poles to make downtown brighter, prevent vandalism, and increase visibility of community branding.
  - Priority Rating: 1 (Priority)
  - o Sponsoring Organization: Downtown Tiffin Design Committee
  - o MCJP Strategy: 2.3.1 Downtown Tiffin
  - Next Steps: Project can proceed once adequate funding is secured.





PRIORITY

• Transformational Life Center: \$100,000 facility cost and \$200,000 annual budget to develop a comprehensive center that will provide housing, clothing, food, and services for those in need.



Priority Rating: 1 (Priority)

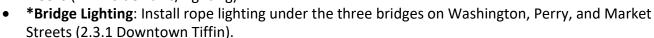
Sponsoring Organization: Tiffin Council on Homelessness

o MJCP Objective: 2.1 Housing Options

Next Steps:

**2022 Idea Submissions** (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's ideas are kept on list)

- \*Wall/Hudson St. Sidewalks: Develop sidewalks on Wall Street between W.
   Adams and Miami Streets, as well as on Hudson St. between Washington and Sandusky (2.2.1 Sidewalks/Lighting).
- \*Sidewalk Maintenance: Level and even-out residential sidewalks and remove weeks (2.2.1 Sidewalks/Lighting).



- **City Alley Improvements**: Repair potholes, pick up trash, and require property maintenance (2.2.2 Alleys). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer's Office.
- **Zoning Advisory Council**: Create a group of stakeholders to advise on zoning updates (2.5.2 Updating Zoning Reg's). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer's Office.
- **Downtown Recycling & Cigarette Butt Containers**: install throughout downtown (2.3.1 Downtown Tiffin). Refer to TSEP.



REFERRAL

### **Goal 3. Quality Community Facilities & Services**

Create/foster a strong sense of community & ensure social needs are met with equitable programs & access to a wide range of community and public facilities and services.

### **Lead Organizations**

- Calvert Catholic Schools
- City of Tiffin Parks & Recreation
- City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
- Heidelberg University
- Mental Health Recovery Services Board
- Mercy Health Tiffin Hospital
- Ritz Theatre
- Seneca County Family, Adult & Children First Council
- Seneca County Common Ground
- Seneca County Park District
- Tiffin City Schools
- Terra State Community College
- Tiffin Community Foundation
- Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership
- Tiffin-Seneca Public Library
- Tiffin University
- Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center
- YMCA of Bucyrus-Tiffin

### **Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan References**

- Goal has 5 objectives, 19 strategies.
- Goal: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3.
- Objectives: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 18-21.
- Time Frames: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 37-39.
- Objectives
  - Objective 3.1 Foster Inclusive Communities
  - Objective 3.2 Education & Lifelong Learning
  - Objective 3.3 Active Living
  - Objective 3.4 Health & Wellness
  - Objective 3.5 Food Security & Access

### **2022 Project Submissions** (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's projects are kept on list)

- South River Road Trail Improvements: \$200,000 development and beautification of a recently vacated street area as a portion of a trail along the Sandusky River, increasing safety.
  - o Priority Rating: 1 (Priority).
  - o Sponsoring Organization: Tiffin City Engineer's Office.
  - o MJCP Strategy: 3.3.4 City Trails.
  - Next Steps: Project can move forward when funding and City Engineer's Office capacity allow.



PRIORITY

**PROJECT** 

• \*Community Gardens: \$2,732.86 to build and support a model garden in the heart of Tiffin to serve community members who struggle financially to obtain a balanced, healthy diet, and who may lack the knowledge needed to grow their own food.



- Priority Level: 1 (Priority)
- Sponsoring Organization: Seneca County Common Ground & Franciscan Earth Literacy Center
- o MJCP Strategy: 3.5.1 Farmer's Market
- Next Steps: Project can move forward when complete funding is secured, and volunteers and partner organizations are in place.
- Cycling Without Age a \$70,000 program to provide free bicycle rides for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities to improve their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



- Priority Rating: 1 (Priority)
- Sponsoring Organization: Cycling Without Age Seneca County
- o MCJP Strategy: 3.4 Health & Wellness
- Next Steps: Project will move forward once complete funding is obtained, volunteers and partner organizations are prepared, and there is adequate community awareness.
- Downtown Parking Lot Design Improvements: \$101,342 to repave and restripe the eight downtown public-use parking lots and the installation of additional high-quality lighting, landscaping, signage, and other amenities.



- Priority Rating: 1 (Priority)
- o Sponsoring Organization: Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership
- MCJP Objective: 3.4.3 Access
- Next Steps: Project can move forward once the designs are approved, funding is secured, and the City Engineer's office and Public Works have capacity.
- **Tiffin Community Kitchen:** \$2.7 million community kitchen space where people can connect around local food, service, cooking, eating, and growing.
  - Priority Rating: 1 (Priority)
  - Sponsoring Organization: Old Trinity Episcopal Church and Seneca County Common Ground





- **City of Tiffin Trail Connection:** \$50,000 of improvements to connect and develop Tiffin's trail system as part of the Active Transportation Plan.
  - Priority Rating: 2 Recommended
  - Sponsor Organization: City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
  - o MCJP Strategy: 3.3.4 City Trails
  - o Next Steps Project can move forward when funding and City Engineer's Office capacity allow.
- \*Pump Track Skatepark: a \$90-100,000 skate park in Hedges-Boyer Park to replace the current in skate park in the Avenues.
  - Priority Rating: 3 (Reviewed)
  - Sponsoring Organization: Mitchell Stearns
  - MCJP Strategy: 3.3.3 City Parks
  - Next Steps: Project can move forward once a clearer plan is established and funding is procured.



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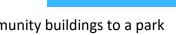
 \*Salvation Army Day Camps: a \$57,000 summer program for children designed to alleviate a stress on working parents and provide enriching experiences to participants.



- Priority Rating: 3 (Reviewed)
- o Sponsoring Organization: The Salvation Army
- o MCJP Strategy: 3.1.1 Special Interest Groups
- Next Steps: Project can move forward once complete funding is received.

2022 Idea Submissions (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's ideas are kept on list)

- \*White Water Park: Develop a white-water park in the Huss Street Bridge area (near the Junior Home Park) similar to the one at Snyder Park in Springfield, Ohio (3.3.3 City Parks).
- \*Kernan Park Improvements: Renovate the girls' softball park so that it has shade, playground equipment, and volleyball nets (3.3.3 City Parks).



**IDEAS FOR** 

REFERRAL

- \*Safety City: Add a "small town" with paved streets, storefronts, and community buildings to a park without playground equipment; could be used during safety week teach children (3.3.3 City Parks).
- \*Downtown Bike Trail: Use downtown alleys to create a safe way for people to bike through the downtown (3.3.4 City Trails).
- \*Mental Health Education: Implement more mental health and prevention education in the schools and community (3.4.1 Mental Health).
- \*Supportive Services for Parents: Increase supportive services for new parents and parents involved in family court (3.4 Health & Wellness).
- \*West Side Skate Park: Develop a skate park on the site of the former West Junior High (3.3.3 City Parks).
- Math and Science Center: STEM school for area high school students (3.2.1 Graduation Rates). Refer to Tiffin City Schools, Calvert Catholic Schools, North Central Academy.
- **Skill Trades Education**: Develop program for high schoolers to be able to learn skilled trades (3.2.2 Skilled Trades). Refer to Refer to Vanguard-Sentinel.
- **Christmas Lights**: Continue to develop an annual Christmas Lights display (3.3.3 City Parks). Refer to Christmas Lights Committee, Tiffin City Parks
- **Apple Jack Park Improvements**: Add more useable playground equipment (3.3.3 City Parks). Refer to Tiffin City Parks.
- Nature Trails Park Improvements: Develop a stony or dirt path parallel to other paths (3.3.3 City Parks). Refer to Tiffin City Parks.
- **Tiffin Bike Path Connections**: cf. City of Tiffin Trail Connection Project (above) (3.3.4 City Trails). Idea is contained in City of Tiffin Trail Connection Project.
- **Urban Hiking Loop Trail**: cf. City of Tiffin Trail Connection Project (above) (3.3.4 City Trails). Refer to Active Transportation Committee, Tiffin City Parks.
- **Tiffin to Bloomville Biking & Walking Trail**: Acquire railroad bed and develop trail (3.3.4 City Trails). Refer to Active Transportation Committee, Tiffin City Parks, Seneca Parks.

### Goal 4. Environmental Stewardship – Valued Natural Resources

Be good stewards of our natural resources as they contribute to human and economic well-being, provide recreation and educational opportunities for locals and tourists, and significantly enhance the character of our community.

### **Lead Organizations**

- Aqua Ohio
- City of Tiffin Parks and Recreation
- City of Tiffin Water Pollution Control Center
- OSS Solid Waste District
- Seneca Conservation District
- Seneca County Parks District
- Shade Tree Commission

### **Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan References**

- Goal has 6 objectives, 21 strategies.
- Goal: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3.
- Objectives: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 22-26.
- Timeframe: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 39-40.
- Objectives
  - Objective 4.1 Resource Protection
  - Objective 4.2 Accessible Green Space
  - o Objective 4.3 Clean Air & Water Best Management Practices
  - Objective 4.4 River Life
  - Objective 4.5 Green Energy
  - Objective 4.6 Solid Waste Management

### **2022 Project Submissions**

No project proposals submitted.

### **2022 Idea Submissions** (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's ideas are kept on list)

- \*Brush Clean-Up: Implement a program to get rid of fallen or cut tree branches, bushes, grass clippings or other organic landscaping material (4.6.2 Waste Removal).
- Sandusky River Viewscape & Access: Develop more access to the waterways (river and creeks) (4.2.2 River Access). Refer to Tiffin City Parks, Seneca Parks, Seneca Conservation District.
- **Sandusky River Water Trail & Biking Options**: Develop a water trail and safer biking (4.2.3 State Water Trail). Refer to Tiffin City Parks, Seneca Parks, Seneca Conservation District.
- Recycling Campaign: Promote recycling through brochures, tote bags, trash burning (4.6.1 Recycling).
   Refer to Tiffin City Administration, OSS Solid Waste District.





### Goal 5. Enhanced Mobility, Accessibility, & Public Transportation

Provide modern, well-maintained infrastructure and utilities (roads, water, sewer, telecommunication, etc.) to serve current and future residents and businesses.

### **Lead Organizations**

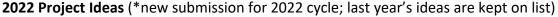
- Agua Ohio
- Bascom Communications
- City of Tiffin Administration
- City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
- City of Tiffin Water Pollution Control Center
- Seneca County Engineer
- Seneca County Commissioners
- Seneca Crawford Area Transportation
- Seneca Regional Planning Commission
- Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership



- Goal has 6 objectives, 19 strategies.
- Goal: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3.
- Objectives: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 26-30.
- Time Frames: MJCP Chapter 5.3, pp. 41-42.
- Objectives
  - Objective 5.1 Roadway Maintenance
  - Objective 5.2 Roadway Network
  - o Objective 5.3 Alternative Transportation
  - Objective 5.4 Air & Rail Network
  - Objective 5.5 Smart Community Technologies
  - o Objective 5.6 Water & Wastewater Infrastructure

### **2022 Project Submissions**

- **Downtown South Washington Streetscape Extension:** \$3.0 million to continue the streetscaping items including decorative light poles, furniture, brick and decorative traffic poles down Washington Street towards St. Joe's Church.
  - Priority Rating: 2 (Recommended)
  - Sponsoring Organization: City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
  - o MJCP Objective: 2.3.1 Downtown Tiffin
  - Next Steps: Project can move forward when funding is procured, the City Engineer's Office has the capacity to complete the project, and other city infrastructure projects are ready.



- **Transit System**: Develop a bus system that connects Heidelberg, WalMart, and JFS (5.2.4 Transportation Networks). Refer to SCAT.
- **Outdoor Offices**: Set up public outdoor desks along riverfront and in parking lots with free Wi-Fi (5.5.2 WiFi). Refer to Tiffin City Administration.
- Clay St. Yellow Stripes: Paint yellow stripes down the center of Clay Street (5.1.1 Systematic Maintenance). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.
- **E. Market & Hunter St. Update**: Update/clarify this intersection (5.1.1 Systematic Maintenance). Refer







- to Tiffin City Engineer.
- Fair Lane Extension: Continue Fair Lane from the Cancer Center to US 224 (5.2.1 Fair Lane Extension). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.
- **College Campus Safety**: Additional signage and speed bumps should be added to campuses. Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.

### **Goal 6. Strong Community Character & Image**

Enhance and strengthen our community character and brand to: establish a reputation as a great place to live, work, study and visit; to instill community pride; and attract new residents, businesses and visitors.

### **Lead Organizations**

- City of Tiffin Administration
- City of Tiffin Engineer's Office
- Heidelberg University
- Ritz Theatre
- Seneca Regional Chamber & Visitor Services
- Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership
- Tiffin University

### **Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan References**

- Goal has 3 objectives, 13 strategies.
- Goal: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3.
- Objectives: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 31.
- Time Frames: MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 43.
- Objectives
  - Objective 6.1 Celebrate Tiffin
  - Objective 6.2 Engage in Branding and Promotion
  - o Objective 6.3 Tourism Development

### 2022 Project Submissions (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's projects are kept on list)

- **Bunky Bike Tree**: \$5,000 sculpture of a tree made from recycled bicycle parts to honor the life and legacy of Mark "Bunky" Roehrig.
  - o Priority Rating: 1 (Priority).
  - Sponsoring Organization: The Poignon Project.
  - MJCP Strategy: 6.3.3 Public Art.
  - o Next Steps: Project to move forward when funding and approvals obtained.
- MLK Monument: a \$140,000 project to erect a memorial statue to Rev. Martin Luther King in Seneca County to celebrate his pursuit of justice for all people.
  - Priority Rating: 3 (Reviewed)
  - Sponsoring Organization: The Seneca County Martin Luther King Jr. Monument Non-Profit Corp.
  - o MCJP Strategy: 6.3.3
  - Next Steps: Project can move forward once a location is selected, funding is secured, and contractors are ready.

#### **2022 Idea Submissions** (\*new submission for 2022 cycle; last year's ideas are kept on list)

- \*Bicentennial Celebration: Expand current plans to become a much larger event, more akin to the 1967 Sesquicentennial (6.1.1 Celebrate Tiffin).
- \*City Murals: Develop more exterior (and perhaps even interior) murals in our community (6.3.3 Public Art).
- \*Outdoor Community Theatre: Create a "Shakespeare in the Park" style outdoor community theatre at the Frost-Kalnow Amphitheatre (6.3.6 Festivals & Events).
- Tiffin Art Mile: an art walk path with sculpture and murals for locals and visitors (6.3.3 Public Art).









- Develop Tiffin Arts Council. Refer to Tiffin Community Foundation, TSEP.
- **East Tower Mural**: contract with an artist to paint a mural on the south face of the building (6.3.3 Public Art). Refer to property owner.
- **Tiffin Cruise Night**: a classic car cruise-in on the streets of Tiffin (6.3.6 Festivals). Refer to TSEP.
- **Google My Business Initiative**: Help local businesses stand out on Google through reviews and photos. Refer to Chamber.