

# 422 CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## January 2016



### Johnson Named 422 Corridor Project Manager

The Regional Chamber is excited to announce that Lauren Johnson has joined the organization as the U.S. 422 Corridor Redevelopment Plan project manager. In this role, Lauren will lead the five action teams in the areas of neighborhood aesthetics, job growth, neighborhood stabilization, business support and natural resource activation.



## NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION TEAM

### YNDC Opens Blight-fighting Base in 422 Corridor Target Area

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) has launched a blight-fighting base camp at 45 Oneta St. in Youngstown's Steelton neighborhood. This facility will serve as a base of operations for the organization's efforts to fight blight citywide. The facility will be used to cut and paint wood to board up vacant homes on a larger scale, safely store bulk building materials in order to cut costs and increase the number of homes rehabilitated across the city each year and perform routine maintenance on vehicles and equipment in order to improve the sustainability of their fleet of blight-fighting vehicles.



### Housing Surveys Updated

Since the plan's writing, conditions in target neighborhoods have changed. In November and December, in partnership with YNDC and Youngstown State University/YSUscape, Johnson began conducting field surveys and updating all property condition data. This data will be used to establish priority properties and craft strategies to guide 2016 efforts in neighborhood stabilization.



### Multiple Demolitions Complete in Target Residential Stabilization Area

Since the release of the plan, more than 40 demolitions have been accomplished in the target areas, including this blighted home on Midland.

## BUSINESS SUPPORT

### Girard Receives Downtown Business Grant

The City of Girard was awarded a PY2015 Community Development Block Grant Allocation and Downtown Revitalization Program grant, which will provide 50% matching funds, up to \$15,000, to business owners to make qualifying façade and code improvements to their properties. This extremely competitive grant, one of only four awarded in the state, is administered through the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development. The \$300,000 CDBG grant is being matched by \$194,600 from the Trumbull County Commissioners; altogether, nearly \$3 million in funding and projects, including infrastructure improvements, has been leveraged for downtown Girard.

### Funded through the generous support of:

- The City of Girard
- Trumbull County Commissioners
- Trumbull County Metropolitan Housing Authority (TMHA)
- Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corp.
- Western Reserve Port Authority (WRTA)
- Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corp.
- Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority (YMHA)
- City of Youngstown
- Raymond John Wean Foundation
- Youngstown Foundation
- Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley
- Community Foundation of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania
- Vallourec Star

**In the works:** Second 422 Business Association Mixer. Details to follow.

# AESTHETICS & JOBS GROWTH ACTION TEAM

## Mahoning County Paving Completed



Last summer, the Mahoning County portions of US 422 were prioritized for paving by the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. The project, which included the entire section south of the county line to the 193 interchange and minor bridge repairs, cost \$2.3 million and was completed in September 2015.

## Vallourec Star Makes State St. Frontage Improvements

Vallourec Star continues to invest along its 422 frontage, recently installing fencing, sidewalk and landscaping along S. State Street in Girard. When complete, the project will include 1,860 feet of sidewalk, 5,500 feet of fencing and more than 440 trees. These improvements, recommended in the 422 Corridor Plan and made at Vallourec's own cost, will provide a tremendous benefit to the entire community.

## 2016 Community Work Days Announced

The first 2016 Community Work Days will focus on garbage and debris removal, brush removal and residential area clean-up. Stay tuned for more details. To be involved as a sponsor or volunteer, contact Lauren Johnson.

Youngstown: On April 23, an Earth Day Corridor Spring Cleaning work day will be held in the southern portion of the corridor. Work day partners include YNDC, Green Youngstown, YSU and YSUscape and 3rd and 4th Ward Council members Nate Pinkard and Mike Ray.

Girard: On April 30, a spring cleaning day will focus on Stambaugh Park, parts of Parkwood and the 422 corridor. Workday partners include the City of Girard, 4th Ward Councilman Tom Grumley, Girard City High School and Girard area businesses.

**In the works:** The Regional Chamber, in partnership with the Youngstown State University Regional and Economic Development Initiative, will work with the Kent University Design Collaborative's Landscape Architecture students in the spring of 2016 to design thoughtful, creative landscaping installations and beautification projects at major corridor gateways.

# NATURAL RESOURCE ACTIVATION TEAM

## City of Girard Canoe Launch Slated for Summer

Girard was awarded a Cooperative Boating Facility grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for its planned canoe launch project south of the West Liberty Street bridge, on the west bank of the Mahoning River. This grant will reimburse Girard 100 percent of the estimated \$68,855 cost for the small craft launch, which will be constructed by July 2016.

**In the works:**

City of Youngstown Planning For Canoe Launch: The City of Youngstown is actively exploring options and locations to apply for the same ODNR grant for a Youngstown small craft launch site.

Bike Trail Phase I Construction Set For Spring 2016: The first phase of construction for a bike path along the Mahoning River is planned to begin in Spring 2016. The path, which is being installed as part of a larger sewer interceptor project, will begin at West Ave. and wind north along the River. Phase II, expected spring 2017, will continue north and connect to Roger Lindgren Way.