



CODORUS GREENWAY

PROJECT READINESS

Submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York, Pennsylvania

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ENVIRONMENTAL RISK

The Codorus Greenway partners have a demonstrated history of successful collaboration and implementation of significant infrastructure and community development initiatives. These effective working relationships, combined with the advanced progress made to date on the various components of the project, put the project partners in an ideal position and state of readiness to complete the proposed scope of work in a timely manner.

REQUIRED APPROVALS

State and Local Approval: Letters of support have been provided on the project website (www.codoruscreekpa.com) indicating state and local support for the overall grant application and respective local match contributions.

NEPA: It is anticipated that the project merits a Categorical Exclusion (CE), which will be completed alongside project design. ***Thus, no delay associated with NEPA is expected.***

Right-of-Way (ROW): No ROW is needed to accommodate the project.

Permits: The following required permits are anticipated:

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Upon receipt of the RAISE grant award notice, the project will be ready to begin design immediately, and construction is expected to start by Q1 2025. **It is anticipated that construction for all project components will be complete by the end of 2027, well in advance of the both the obligation and the expenditure deadlines.**

	2024		2025				2026				2027				2028			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
Notice of RAISE FY24 Award	★																	
NEPA Documentation																		
Design + Engineering																		
Permitting																		
Bidding/ Construction																		
FY24 RAISE Obligation Deadline																		★

PERMITS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- ▶ Erosion and Sediment Control Permit (York County Conservation District)
- ▶ National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (York County Conservation District)
- ▶ Joint Permit Application (PA DEP, USACE Regulatory)
 - DEP Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit (Chapter 105 and others)
 - USACE section 404 (Clean Water) and section 10 (Rivers + Harbors Act)
- ▶ Section 408 Review (USACE) – Already submitted with one round of comments

PERMITS ALREADY RECEIVED

- ▶ Bascule Gate Dam removal
 - Waiver 16 (PA DEP file no. D67-497)
 - PASPGP-5 (USACE Regulatory, NAB-2020-00356-P06)
 - PASPGP-6 is still acceptable under PASPGP-6
 - Section 408 (USACE determined “Permission Not Required”)
- ▶ George St. Level Gage and Beaver St. Water Quality Station
 - “Waiver of Permit Requirements” (PA DEP file no. WL-67-20-101)
 - PASPGP-5 (USACE Regulatory, NAB-2020-00292-P06)
 - Section 408 (USACE determined 408-NAB-2020-0013)

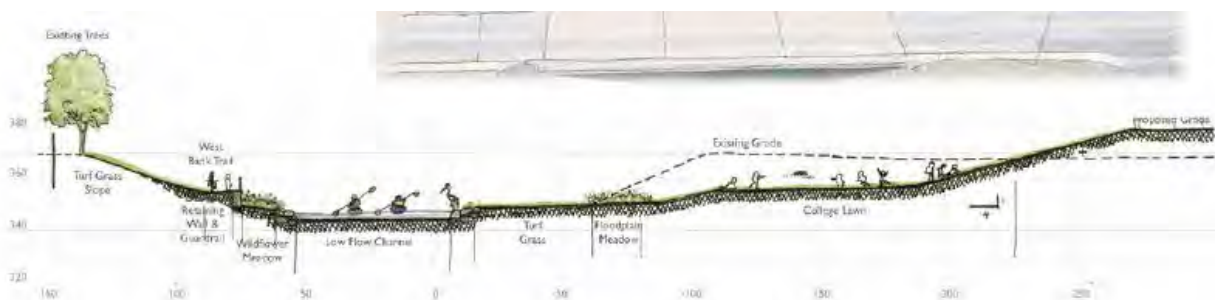


Table 2. *Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies*

RISK	MITIGATION
Utility Conflicts	Electric, water, and sewer utilities have been identified for appropriate relocation and replacement, mostly located along the southern end of the project area (South Bend section).
Stakeholder Coordination	Multiple planning efforts have occurred over the last five years for the Codorus Greenway. The project has support from the general public, downtown businesses, elected officials, and project partners. Any community impact issues that may arise in the future will be mitigated through clear and continuous communication.
Federal Funding Process and Requirements	YCEA and its partners are familiar with the federal funding process and requirements including NEPA, certification, etc. YCEA and the City of York have regularly received and managed multi-million dollar grants from the U.S. Dept of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA), and from the Community Development Block (CDBG) and other grant programs from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They have also managed smaller grants from USDOT and PennDOT. YCEA’s grant management team has secured and managed over 18 grants worth more than \$100 million from Pennsylvania’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) and is also the main conduit for Small Business Administration (SBA) grants and loans into York County. YCEA has managed complex financing stacks for projects ranging from \$20-75 million and are experience in federal new market and historic tax credits that require significant due diligence and compliance. Their grant-management, accounting, and reporting experience will be great resources in managing a potential RAISE grant.
Soil Contamination	A preliminary review of the right-of-way and adjacent properties has been completed as part of the master plan, to identify areas of concern, such as three specific sites where soil contamination is capped along the greenway. The project scope and budget includes tasks and funding for further environmental investigation, removal, and disposal. Soil testing will be completed to identify soil contamination, if any, within the greenway project boundaries, and tailor soil management practices to the actual site. If the soil contamination can not be mitigated through design, then it will be removed and appropriately disposed of off-site and replaced with clean fill and caps, as determined to be needed. During trail construction, site-specific soil management and health and safety plans will be prepared and an environmental monitor will be on-site whenever known contaminated soil is excavated.
Schedule	The project schedule allows for flexibility that includes sufficient time to address potential issues, including for environmental coordination and utility relocation. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2027, ahead of the federal deadline for expenditures.

YCEA'S RECORD OF SUCCESS

The YCEA and RACY are organizations dedicated to making meaningful local change, with experience executing large, impactful projects. YCEA's experience ranges from small, grassroots efforts to dealing with complex federal contracts and requirements.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ▶ Nearly completion of the \$54 million redevelopment of the Yorktowne Hotel, using federal, state and private funding
- ▶ Spearheaded collaboration between the Federal Reserve of Philadelphia, rabbittransit, Careerlink, and Commuter Services to explore the impact of transportation on the workforce.
- ▶ Developed the Trail Town Program, to leverage and realize the Heritage Rail Trail as an incredible asset while aligning the towns of York City, Seven Valleys, Glen Rock, Railroad, and New Freedom.
- ▶ Actively developed a partnership with the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership and the York County Transportation Coalition

EXPERIENCED STAFF WITH A DIVERSE SKILL SET

Our staff have the experience and skills necessary to ensure successful management of the Codorus Greenway project. Key staff include:

Kevin Schrieber, President and CEO, will provide strategic leadership, quality control assurance and contracting/legal services. Kevin is a former state representative and city economic development official with 20 years of experience.

Silas Chamberlin will oversee each phase of the project and brings 15 years of experience. He will be supported by a talented team of five staff, including a PMP-certified project manager.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH DOT DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARDS

- ▶ YCEA worked closely with the City of York and the York County Rail Trail Authority to secure and implement several PennDOT grants for phases of the York Heritage Rail Trail
- ▶ YCEA managed a \$1,000,000 PennDOT allocation to the Codorus Greenway

EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES:

- ▶ EDA grants (Reception and administration)
- ▶ Federal land access program
- ▶ Federal New Market tax program
- ▶ Federal Historic Tax credit program
- ▶ Conduit for SBA loans and Next Generation Farmer Loans

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

YCEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will ensure that employees or contractors working on this project are not subjected to prohibited discrimination, based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and expression), religion, age, disability, marital status, familial status, parental status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.