FURA Work Plan Review

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

2021-2023 Biennium

Work Plan activities were outlined in the 2021-2023 biennial budget.



2021-2023 Work Plan Items



Development & Redevelopment Opportunities

- Quince Street Property
- Catalyst Sites & Other Properties

ReVision Florence

- Streetscape ODOT Contract & Project Close Out
- Art Exposed Placements
- Laurel Street Plaza
- Pedestrian Scale Lighting Arms
- Quince Street Gateway

Siuslaw Estuary Trail

Amenities

- Siuslaw Estuary Trail
- Gallagher Park Expansion Support
- Old Town Amenities

Grant Programs

- Façade Preservation & Rehabilitation Program
- Predevelopment Grant Program
- Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program

Old Town Parking Assessment

Progress on 2021-2023 Work Plan Items

Development & Redevelopment Opportunities

- Quince Street Property Completed/In Process
 - Continue to work with selected developer on next steps.
 - Work with City of Florence as needed regarding development opportunities and requests.
- Catalyst Sites and Other Properties Ongoing
 - Continue to look for opportunities to market and encourage redevelopment of key sites within District.

Grant Programs

- Façade Preservation & Rehabilitation Program NOT Completed
 - Development and Implementation
- Continuation of Current Programs Ongoing
 - Predevelopment Grant Program
 - Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program



Progress on 2021-2023 Work Plan Items

ReVision Florence

- Streetscape Completed
 - ODOT Contract Closeout
- Art Exposed In Progress
 - Expansion of Art Exposed Program to installed plinths and project area.
- Laurel Street Plaza Completed
 - Completion of landscaped plaza at southwest corner of Laurel St. and Hwy. 101
- Pedestrian Scale Light Arms NOT Completed
 - Purchase and installation on street lights in project areas per original design.
- Quince Street Gateway NOT Completed
 - Concept design and construction of gateway. Include considerations of needs of Quince Street property development and wayfinding to Old Town.



Progress on 2021-2023 Work Plan Items

Amenities

- Siuslaw Estuary Trail Completed/In Process
 - Continue to work with the City on developed and incorporate it into the development proposals for the Quince Street property.
- Gallagher Park Expansion Ongoing
 - Support the City's efforts in converting the old Public Works facility to the expansion of Gallagher Park.
- Old Town Amenities Ongoing
 - Support the City's efforts to improve Old Town amenities including restrooms at the west end of Bay Street, wayfinding signage, open space, and open space improvements.

Old Town Parking Assessment

- City's Transportation Systems Plan Update In Process
 - Continue to work with the City on the TSP update and support the review of the Old Town transportation network, includes the flow of traffic and parking throughout.



Project Activities

Florence Renewal Plan

- The Urban Renewal Plan and Report outline the project activities that FURA can work within.
- The items in the list were reviewed in 2013 for completion, and those are the items that are crossed off on the list. There have been other items either worked on or completed since that date.

Florence Renewal Plan Table 2- Proposed Urban Renewal Projects		
Project Activity	Funding	
Development and Redevelopment		
Complete interpretative site (North)	\$	300,000
Develop estuary trail (Hwy 126 to Bridge)	\$	300,000
Financial & tech assist to bring properties into compliance w/ Downtown Plan	\$	3,500,000
Create financial incentives to provide "workforce housing"	\$	3,000,000
Incent development of public parking (e.g. Library, etc.)	\$	4,000,000
Infrastructure		
Facilitate development of old middle school property	\$	1,500,000
Upgrade water delivery system to enhance fire safety / Improve sewer capacity	\$	2,500,000
Storm water abatement in downtown area	-\$	500,000
Pedestrian Safety		
Stripe Hwy 101 for parking	\$	200,000
Construct bulb outs with planters	\$	800,000
Install a traffic light at 2nd St. and Hwy 101	\$	400,000
Install emergency vehicle control of traffic lights	\$	100,000
Sidewalk improvements including accessibility & visibility	\$	1,000,000
Public Facilities		
Install Old Town restrooms	\$	400,000
Complete visitor's center / Chamber office	\$	800,000
Mini-Park Development & Enhancement including Veterans Park	\$	1,000,000
Facilitate the development of a new senior center	\$	1,000,000
Preservation and Rehabilitation		
Repair/replace dilapidated public fishing dock	\$	300,000
Replace dilapidated Maple St. public boat dock	-\$	300,000
Facilitate rebuild of commercial wharf (Mo's, ICM) / Add Ice Machine facility	\$	800,000
Streetscape Projects		
Complete downtown antique lighting project	\$	500,000
Install benches, waste receptacles, planters, bike racks, trees	\$	1,200,000
Underground existing overhead wires	\$	1,500,000
Project Totals	\$	25,900,000

Reviewing the Investment Strategy

Florence Urban Renewal Agency Investment Strategy



May 2016

What is it?

 Study reviewed the current state of the urban renewal area, opportunities, constraints, and strategies to accomplish goals.

Guiding Principles

- Downtown is a business
- Leverage public investment for private investment
- Connect to regional economic development
- Leadership is essential

Identified Catalyst Sites

- Lotus Site
- Port of Siuslaw Parking Lot Site
- Pro Lumber Site
- Old School Furniture Site
- Quince Street Site

Strategy proposed the following projects:

FURA

- Design and Development Assistance Program
- Preservation and Rehabilitation Program
- Catalyst Development Fund
- Develop a co-working space
- Parking Management Study

City of Florence

- Accessory Dwelling Unit Program
- Marketing and Developer Recruitment
- Development code audit

These were in addition to ReVision Florence and the Siuslaw Estuary Trail.

Next Steps?

Current Work Plan Items

 Recommend rolling forward current work plan items either in process or not completed yet.

Catalyst Sites

 Provide marketing assistance to catalyst sites on what is possible for redevelopment. Engage FURA/City partner agencies working on economic development to assist.

Quince Street Development Phase Two

 Determine goals and strategy for development of the north end of the Quince Street property.

Code Related Items

- Development Code Updates
 - FURA could review areas of the Land Use Development Code in relation to development within the District, and initiate a code review by the Planning Commission, as the applicant.
- Sign Code Updates
 - FURA could initiate a sign code review by the Planning Commission, as the applicant. The current code is limiting in the Old Town Area (all areas) for businesses such as the FEC and the hotel.





Questions and Discussion