

**Honesdale
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Summary

The Honesdale Borough Council has developed a 3-Year Plan for the use of its allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The plan focus is on local housing and community development needs with an emphasis on lower-income residents and provides projects for addressing identified needs. Allocated CDBG funds are administered on behalf of Honesdale Borough by the Wayne County Redevelopment Authority.

Population figures for the municipality as per the 2010 Decennial census are 4,480. Updated statistical data has been included in this plan as provided by the Wayne Economic Development Corporation serving Wayne County.

The goal of the Plan is to create visible impacts that deliver greater efficiencies and bring about positive changes within the community. In order for an activity or project to be eligible for funding, it must qualify as meeting one of the three national objectives of the program:

- Principally benefit (at least 51%) low and moderate income persons;
- Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; or
- Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Potential CDBG activities included in the Plan will be for construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure, and public services.

Citizen participation is available at all public Council meetings, and all advertised public hearings on Community Development Block Grant funds.

Currently the primary obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs, including those identified as priorities, is the general lack of funding resources available to public and private agencies that serve the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

The CDBG regulations do not require a funding match for the program. CDBG funds are matched with other Borough funds such as general funds, special tax funds and other local resources to complete the overall objectives of the Borough Council to meet the needs of residents.

Population and Housing

Honesdale, like most urban centers, has been losing population, and housing conditions have declined in some of the older areas of the Borough. Code enforcement activities are needed in order to maintain the quality of housing; and, and housing rehabilitation programs are needed in order to revitalize older residential neighborhoods. Detailed information on population, housing, minorities and incomes is included in the attached Tables 2.23 and 2.30 from the Borough's most recent Comprehensive Plan.

Public Facilities

The Borough has a fulltime Police Department and a volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department includes 4 fire houses. One of the problems is the shrinking number of volunteers. Another public facility need is improved storm water management in order to mitigate flooding problems. Ambulance service is provided by private companies. There are several recreation facilities in the borough. Gibbons Park is an important facility for borough residents; but, it needs improvements, such as improving the access road leading to the park. Street improvements, especially paving is an ongoing need. Traffic calming improvements are also needed. Additional off-street parking is needed in the Central Business District.

Public Services

The Wayne County Library is located in the Borough; it needs various improvements, additional space and parking. The Wayne Memorial Hospital is located in the Borough, at the edge of the Central Business District. It is a major facility meeting the health care needs of the Borough and the region. A major human service need is a new Senior Center.

Economic Development

Although Honesdale is largely a built-up municipality, with a strong Central Business District, There is, however, additional economic development potential in the south end of the Borough. Economic development is a major goal of the Borough and the County. In order to address this goal, there are several organization whose missions are the expansion of Economic Development; they include: the Wayne Economic Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce, The Greater Honesdale Partnership.

Other

Another major goal of the Borough is the preservation of its numerous historic sites.

SOURCES:

- Comprehensive Regional Plan
- U.S. Census
- Consultation with local officials

Short Term Goals - 2016

- Pave access road to Gibbons Park
- Pave Corey Street and Wood Avenue
- Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at several Main Street intersections

Long Term Goals -2017 and 2018

2017 - Install guard rails on Cottage Street, and -Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at several Church Street intersections.

2018 - Pave Crestmont Drive, and -Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at several Church Street and Main Street intersections.

Mapping

Attached are maps showing the location of proposed projects for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Projects –Previously Submitted to DCED

The Wayne County Redevelopment is allocated administrative funds from the total CDBG funds awarded to Honesdale Borough annually. All listed projects and estimated funding depicts amounts for eligible projects after the administrative allowance is subtracted from the annual allotment. Honesdale Borough has qualified as a community with more than 51% low to moderate income households.

The plan does not address previous eligible projects utilizing funds allotted to Honesdale Borough for the fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015 that have not been executed at the time of the adoption of this plan. Due to the delay in executing the contracts, priority projects have been reassigned within budget categories. In addition, the delay has shown increased costs to previous estimates for eligible paving projects.

Fiscal Year 2013

As per Exhibit B of CDBG hearing of October 17, 2016, presented by Dr. Marvin Brotter, remaining balances for the Fiscal Year 2013 are:

<u>#45674- Sidewalks/Curb curbs, \$16,875.00</u>	
Intersection / <u>Main and 7th Streets</u>	
Intersection / <u>Main and 9th Streets</u>	
–Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons	\$14,300.00
<u>#45671 –St/Rd Paving, \$17,000.00</u>	
Corey Street paving; surveys done	\$17,000.00
<u>#45672 –Lighted Crosswalks, \$16,800.00</u>	
This item should be closed out as completed.	
<u>#45673-ADA Playground, \$18,386.00</u>	
This item should be closed out as completed.	

Fiscal Year 2014

As per Exhibit B of CDBG hearing of October 17, 2016, presented by Dr. Marvin Brotter, remaining balances for the Fiscal Year 2014 are:

#47401 Street Improvements, \$70,216.00	
Commercial Street, paving /no survey required	\$69,495.00

Fiscal Year 2015

Allotment is approximately, \$70,000.00. Eligible projects include the following:

#47401 Street Improvements, \$70,000.00	
Old Willow Ave, paving / surveys complete	\$74,778.00

2016 Funding

Honesdale Borough expects to be allocated an estimated \$70,000.00 in CDBG funds for eligible projects utilizing Fiscal Year 2016 Funding. If surveys deem the streets eligible for CDBG paving projects, then the following streets would be paved: Gibbons Park Road, and Corey Street. Additional RRFBs will be installed following the prioritized list and previous engineering work.

FY 2016

Paving Project: Surveys not required /access road to community park.

Gibbons Park Rd \$21,800.00

Paving Project: Required surveys are completed.

Corey Street \$14,880.00

Paving Project: Required surveys are completed.

Wood Ave \$12,800.00

Intersection / Main and 5th Streets

Intersection / Church and 5th Streets

Intersection / Main and 6th Streets

–Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons \$21,450.00

Total =\$70,930.00

2017 Funding

Honesdale Borough expects to be allocated an estimated \$70,000.00 in CDBG funds for eligible projects utilizing Fiscal Year 2017 Funding. .

FY 2017

Traffic emitters \$15,806.00

Guiderails surveys completed

Cottage Street \$25,594.00

Intersection / Church and 7th Streets

Intersection / Church and 6th Streets

Intersection / Church and 8th Streets

Intersection / Church and 11th Streets

–Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons \$28,600.00

Total =\$70,000.00

2018 Funding

Honesdale Borough expects to be allocated an estimated \$70,000.00 in CDBG funds for eligible projects utilizing Fiscal Year 2018 Funding. .

Intersection / Main and 9th Streets

Intersection / Main and 10th Streets

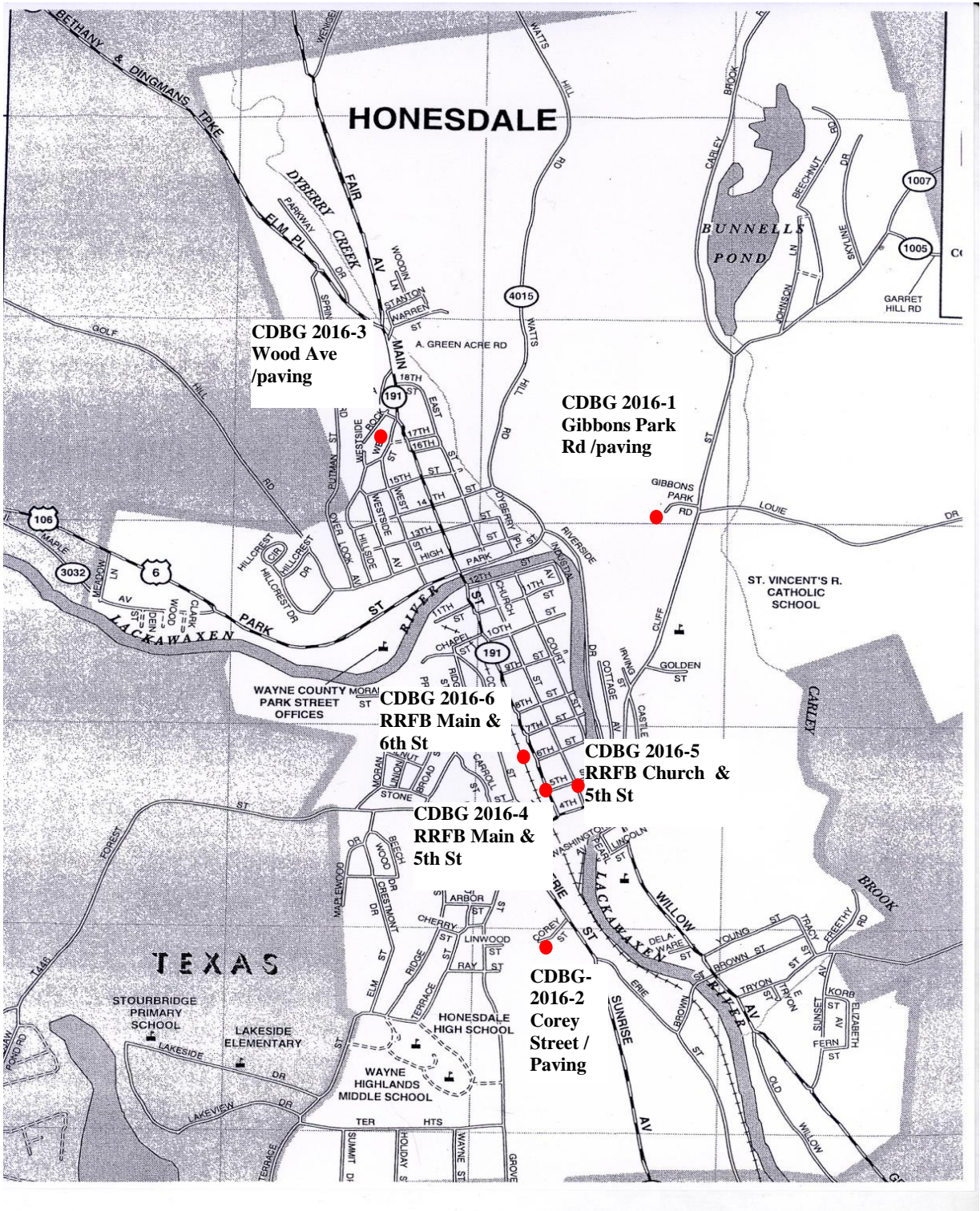
Intersection / Church and 12th Streets

–Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons \$21,450.00

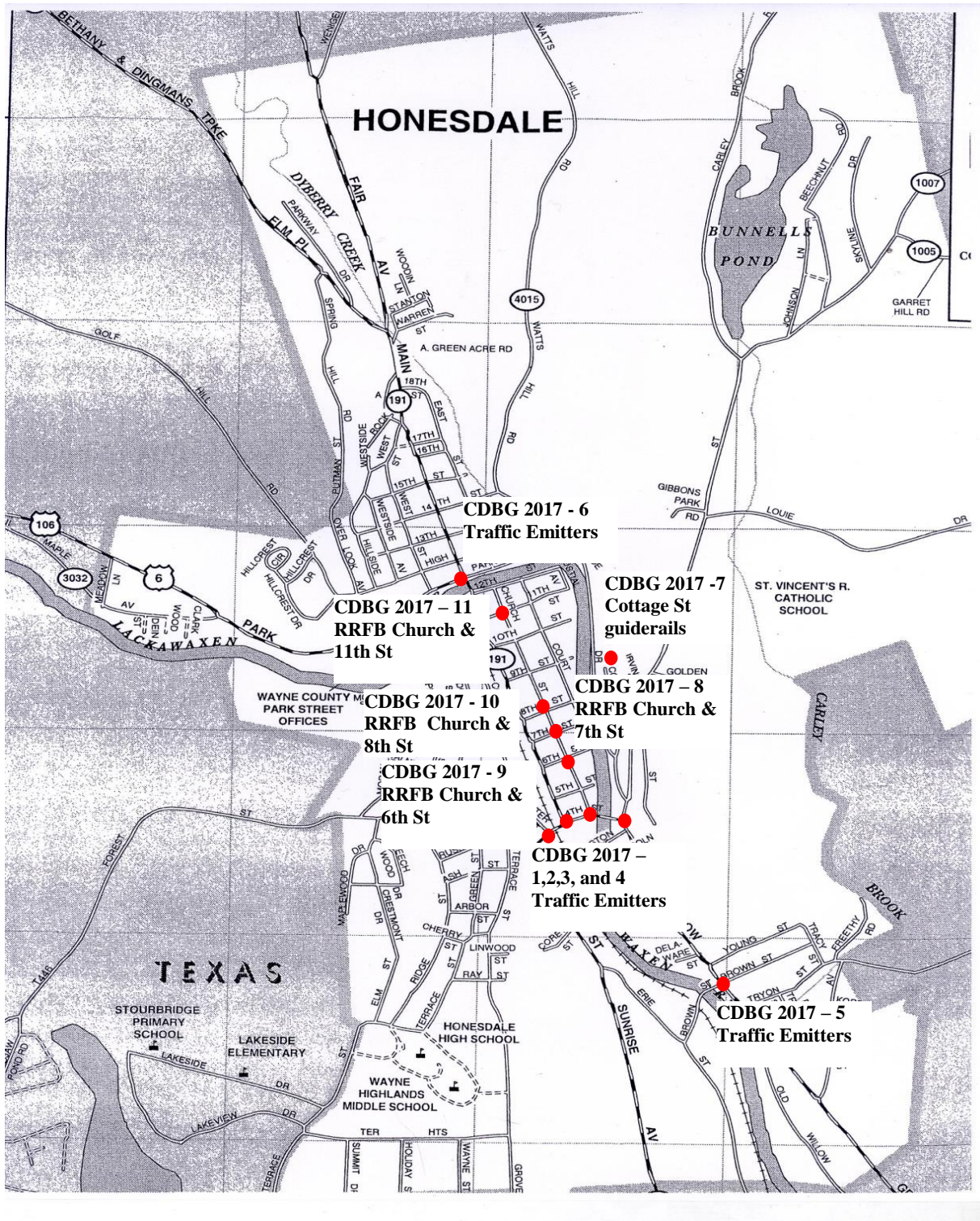
Paving Project: Required surveys are required.

Crestmont Drive \$48,550.00

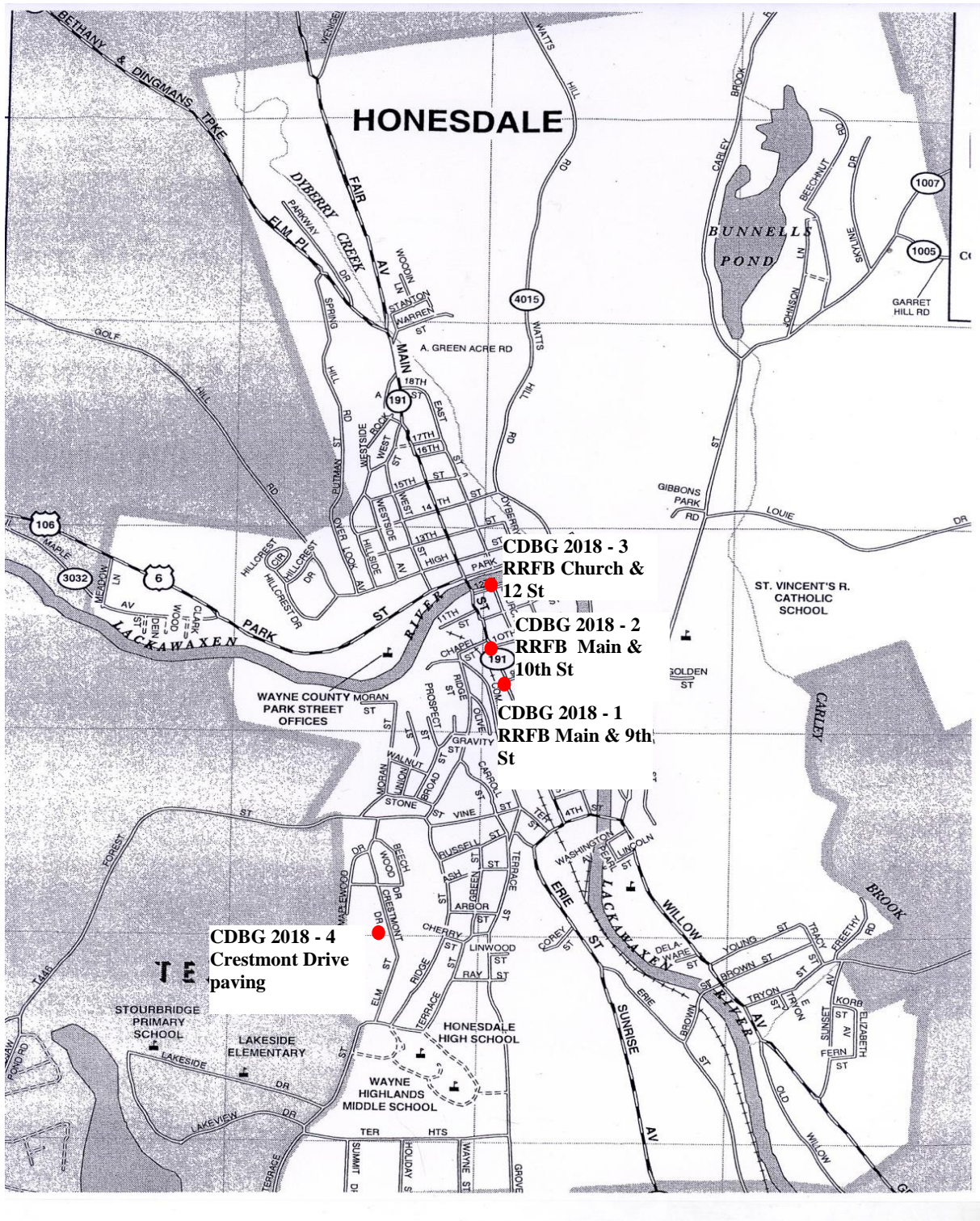
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2016 Proposed Projects



2017 Proposed Projects



2018 Proposed Projects