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The year 2009 was a big year for the City of Canal Fulton in terms of grant awards that will result in projects for 2010.

We received an OPWC award of \$869,012 and a CDBG award for \$91,715 along with a County Engineer's match of \$67,706 towards the 2010 High Street Culvert Replacement/Erie Avenue Paving and Widening Project totaling \$1,174,340. Our local match is estimated at \$145,907 of which \$85,900 was spent in engineering in 2007 and 2008. This project is expected to start in mid summer when all the funds are to be released.

We received an ARRA/WPCF award of \$188,705 toward our 2010 Marshallville Street Sanitary Sewer Project totaling \$377,410. Our local match this year is anticipated at \$188,705.

We are also waiting on the release of \$9,333 through the OECA that was awarded to us to develop an economic revitalization plan for our Historic District in 2010. This conceptual plan will recommend the ideal locations for a historic hotel and train depot. The Stark County CIC has pledged \$8,600 towards the plan estimated at \$27,975. The City's local match is estimated at \$10,042.

In 2009 a section of Locust Street from Cherry Street to the Northwest Senior Citizens Center was paved with asphalt for the very first time in our city's history. All of the funds used for this \$183,448 project were acquired through Federal Municipal Road Funds. We plan to apply for the second round of ARRA funding to pave the remainder of Locust Street in this year.

In 2009 the City of Canal Fulton received a grant from First Energy in the amount of \$100,000. This year City Council will dedicate a portion of those funds to create an earth moving/grading design plan that will be used to develop the new Canal Fulton Community Park behind the Eugene M. Fellmeth Safety Center.

Due to last year's successful partnership of the City and the Canal Fulton Heritage Society to operate the St Helena III canal boat, we plan to continue that partnership this year. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2010.

The year 2010 is shaping up to be a year in which we will live up to our slogan, "Honoring Our Past – Building Our Future."