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East Providence receives \$70K grant, sets Riverside Square design in motion *City names architect to spearhead the project*

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The East Providence Community Development Office has received \$100,000 for streetscape improvements to Riverside Square. The city received a \$69,969 Main Street Improvement grant from Rhode Island Commerce Corp. and \$30,000 in city funds for the improvements.

“We are so grateful to Rhode Island Commerce Corp. for the opportunity to make Riverside Square even more attractive and appealing to residents, visitors and future investors,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said. “And we plan to do that with help from the community.”

The funds will help to support a smart design at Riverside Square that will feature new landscaping, public art and design elements, a permanent holiday tree display area and business banners. The plan is to also include a community board with QR-Code reader where people can scan and see a map of local businesses and nonprofits with links to those websites.

Riverside Square features a portion of the East Bay Bike Path, which sees 800,000 (walking, biking and skateboarding) trips per year.



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The Community Development Office, which hopes to capture the attention of those riders, published a request for proposal for a landscape architect in June. Today, the Community Development Office named Kevin M. Alverson Landscape Architecture, as the architect for the project.

The plan, according to David Bachrach, the city’s community development coordinator, is to have the landscape architect and the sculptor work together to present a concept plan to the community for input.

“The concept is to create a sense of interest and curiosity from these improvements that may draw people from the bike path to local Riverside establishments,” Bachrach said. “I truly feel this project will significantly improve this area for residents for years to come.”



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For additional information, please call the Community Development Office at 401-435-7536.