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## Special Study Session

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To: Mark F. Miller, Troy Downtown Development Authority Executive Director

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Subject: Landscape Redesign in the Troy Downtown Development Authority District- April 2022 Update

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In January of 2022 the Troy Downtown Development Authority approved a contract with OHM Advisors to begin efforts to redesign the landscaping in the district. The process began by studying the necessary improvements to the Troy Downtown Development Authority District specifically to publicly owned property in efforts to improve placemaking, beautification, enhanced mobility and connectivity and the associated components.

OHM Advisors began inventorying all the assets in the publicly owned property and Rights-of-Way (ROW). Assets inventoried included both hardscape and softscape. During the inventory each asset was also assessed for its current condition. Through this process both deficiencies and opportunities have been identified and will be incorporated into the design of the new landscaping.

In concert with inventorying the corridor, OHM Advisors also held several stakeholder engagement sessions. Some of these sessions were held in a group setting such as the Troy Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Committee and the City of Troy Planning Commission meeting. They also engaged major stakeholders in the corridor individually such as Kirco, Bostick Group, The Forbes Company, Stuart Frankel, Stanley Frankel, and Chuck Whittall (owner/developer of 888 Big Beaver). These sessions provided essential feedback to assist in steering the landscape redesign effort.

The steering committee for the landscape redesign effort, which includes Mayor Ethan Baker, DDA Chairman Alan Kiriluk, City Manager and Executive Director Mark Miller, Public Works Director Kurt Bovensiep, Planning Director Brent Savidant, City Engineer Bill Huotari, Facilities and Grounds Operations Manager Dennis Trantham, and OHM Advisors meet bi-weekly to interpret and discuss the findings to provide project direction.

OHM Advisors will present its findings and current project status to the Troy City Council. Through this presentation, City Council will have an opportunity to comment on the theme of the landscape redesign, which will steer the design concept to be presented at a later time.