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Michael Owens Way – Signature Entrance to Levis Commons Development

Perrysburg, Ohio, December 1, 2006 – Since the ribbon cutting for Michael Owens Way on August 18, 2006, the signature boulevard entrance has quickly become the backbone for the 400 acre development that was envisioned when Levis Commons’ LIVE-WORK-PLAY theme was introduced. DGL Consulting Engineers is proud of our role as the project’s engineer of record responsible for all roadway, streetscape, drainage, utility and traffic engineering required for the Michael Owens Way project, as well as the coordination of landscape architectural features provided throughout the ¾ mile corridor.

Projects such as Dillin Corporation’s Levis Commons Development have yielded significant benefits to Northwest Ohio’s economy and job creation throughout the region – reportedly a \$500M economic benefit to the region is attributed to the Perrysburg development. Thomas R. Blaha, The Wood County Economic Development Commission’s Executive Director shares in the excitement that the project has generated within the region. He states “Michael Owens Way provides a signature entrance to the Levis Commons Development. The public/private partnership and successful completion of the project has served as a catalyst for subsequent economic development projects throughout Wood County. It was critical for Wood County to make a great first impression to other developers considering location here.”

Michael Owens Way was designed as an asymmetric boulevard with multi-use pathways winding their way through over 3000 plants/trees to create a calming experience for the traveler within the corridor. The design results in a linear park setting that has characteristics similar to New York City’s Central Park. Further accentuating the calming experience provided by the corridor is the innovative design method used to clean stormwater prior to its leaving the project site. DGL used a “Bioswale” technique, hidden within the boulevard’s center median, which incorporated grasses and other aquatic plants to filter contaminants from the stormwater before entering Perrysburg’s drainage system. The use of this “Bioswale” eliminated the

need for other more conventional design methods which would have required more land area and detracted from the corridor's beauty.

The Michael Owens Way project has significantly improved the Perrysburg landscape, as well as the expectations that the City has of future developments. Perrysburg's pride of the scenic boulevard and Levis Commons is summarized in Mayor Nelson D. Evans remarks made at the project's ribbon cutting – "I believe Michael Owens Way will set the new standard for roadway design and entranceway enhancements. Certainly it has raised the bar for Levis Commons if that was even possible."

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