



## State Route 15 (US 127) Gateway Project Williams County



**Project Name:** State Route 15 (US 127) Gateway Project (5890)

**Community:** Williams County, City of Bryan

**Project Description:** This \$500,000 project targets the 'Gateway to the City of Bryan' in Williams County along State Route 15 (U.S. Route 127) and North Main Street at the Norfolk Southern Railroad Underpass. By first terracing the side-slopes along the underpass, the project will improve pedestrian access along North Main Street and will feature new barriers to improve safety. The safety features will also help to eliminate soil erosion at the site. Finally, painting of the railroad bridge will improve the gateway appearance.

**Project Sponsor:** City of Bryan

**Community Economic Distress Factors:** The City of Bryan and Williams County have a high unemployment rate of 7% and a low per-capita average annual income at \$28,398.

**Economic Development Potential:** Located in the heart of the industrial Midwest, Bryan is just minutes from Michigan and Indiana – truly at the center of the country's economic growth. The Ohio Turnpike is just 10 miles to the north and US Route 6 just one mile to the south. Major public and private investment has gone into the business district that surrounds the Williams County Courthouse Square, including a wide variety of merchants featuring local businesses and national chain stores.

**Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor:** The project will improve safety for pedestrians and maintenance crews along the walkway at the railroad underpass.

**Work to Begin:** 1 year

**Estimated Completion:** 3 Months

**Stimulus Investment:** \$426,810

**Total Project Cost:** \$440,310