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## Campus Beautification Project Recommendation

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**Recommended work: (please include location and detailed scope of work)**

I recommend that we contact the railroad company and ask if we can do some beautification work along the railroad tracks that face campus on Railroad Street. While I realize that this is not our land, it is seen by visitors, students, and staff as part of the campus. I think its current state creates a negative impression for all. I believe that we can work with the railroad, and possibly the City of Lock Haven as this project will not cost them anything and will improve appearance and safety along the Railroad right of way in front of campus. I feel that this area can be transformed from a negative campus space to a positive one for both the campus and community.

This area with its hanging unused phone lines, and ballast, and dirt, looks very poor. This area is a common area for students to walk and with traffic on Railroad Street, is not safe. I recommend that we add topsoil and plant grass along the slope that leads up to the train tracks. I would add lighting, a walk/bike path, street crossing areas, benches, and appropriate shrubbery. I would transform the area facing campus, from the train crossing on Water Street, to Fourth Street or beyond.

**Please provide information on how your recommendation meets any or all of the following criteria:**

***Aesthetics-20 pts.***

This area is very unattractive and highly visible to students, staff, and guests of the college. Its transformation would connect us with the community, and provide the both the local community and the university community with a safe, attractive pedestrian, recreational area.

***Educational Value-10 pts.***

I do not believe this project has direct educational value.

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**Frugality (one time and ongoing costs)-20 pts.**

This project would not be inexpensive but would be long lasting in its impact. There may be general maintenance costs associated with the project. If lighting was installed, the cost of power must be considered.

**Range of Impact-10 pts.**

I feel that this project will greatly enhance our appeal to perspective students and their families. I also feel it would be very well received by both the Lock Haven community and the LHU community. It will also provide an additional recreation activity.

**Legality (Compliance with law, policy, contract or code)-15 pts.**

I am not sure of the legality of dealing with the railroad right of way or the city, but feel it is worth exploring as all parties will benefit.

**Public Safety-15 pts.**

This project provides a great deal of public safety by moving pedestrians off of Railroad Street and onto a pedestrian walkway. Lighting would also enhance the safety of the area for all who use it at nighttime.

**Stakeholder Ownership-10 pts.**

I believe that LHU could include the City of Lock Haven, Parks and Recreation, and the Railroad, in this venture as it would be of benefit for all concerned to transform this area into an attractive pedestrian/recreation area.

*Please attach separate sheets if more space is needed.*

Each suggestion will be assigned a score by the committee and supported by a cost estimate from the Facilities Department. Based on the scores assigned, a priority list will be developed.

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Total Score Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

One time cost for purchase and installation: \_\_\_\_\_

On going support costs: (per year) \_\_\_\_\_