

# Town Council

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## STAFF REPORT Department of Engineering



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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>    | February 9, 2016   |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>         | FY 2016 Capital Projects Updates – Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May River Streetscape: Final Phase</li><li>• Goethe/Shults Sidewalks</li></ul> |
| <b>PROJECT MANAGER:</b> | Jeremy Ritchie, Assistant Director, Department of Engineering  |

### MAY RIVER STREETScape: FINAL PHASE

**Scope:** Adopted in 2006 by the Town of Bluffton Town Council, the Old Town Master Plan presents a comprehensive set of guiding design principles and urban design directives. It further provides policy guidance for the Bluffton Historic District. In this regard, the Old Town Master Plan advises that the Town create walkable streets, enhance the tree canopy, and manage stormwater runoff by mimicking natural stormwater systems. It provides that the Town and community craft unique projects with the intent of preserving and enhancing the Bluffton character.

Improvement of the May River Road corridor is an implementation step of the Old Town Master Plan, supported by the Comprehensive Plan and the SC 46 Corridor Management Plan. The final phase of the May River Streetscape will improve approximately 2,875 linear feet of May River Road, beginning at the intersection of Jennifer Court, and ending approximately 100 linear feet east of the intersection with Pin Oak Street. The addition of sidewalks, curb and gutter, on-street parking, landscaping and lighting will improve the appearance of the corridor, while increasing safety for pedestrians. With the completion of this project, pedestrian connectivity is provided from Old Town to Buck Island Road.

**Budget:** The proposed project budget is approximately \$1,950,000, including design & permitting, construction, construction management, and landscaping.

**Schedule:** See Attachment 1

**Current Status:** Currently on Line 16, *SCDOT Final Plan Review/Permitting*, and Line 26, *Award Contract to Appraiser and Review Appraiser*. The SCDOT is reviewing plans for design, as well as confirmation that the proposed easements are adequate for the completion of the project. Upon SCDOT authorization, the next step is to formally approach property owners for easement acquisition.

### GOETHE/SHULTS SIDEWALKS

**Scope:** According to the Comprehensive Plan, consideration must be given to provide safe pedestrian access to parks and schools, where children walk, and along streets that connect

major activity centers or where pedestrian comfort is impacted by heavy vehicular traffic. Sidewalks accommodate safe and convenient travel for pedestrians, as well as for providing the residents of Bluffton with alternative means of transportation and opportunities for exercise and recreation.

The Goethe/Shults Sidewalks project will provide for the installation of approximately 7,300 linear feet of sidewalk along Goethe Road, Shults Road, Hilderbrand Road, Eighth Avenue, and Ninth Avenue. With the completion of this project, pedestrian connectivity for the Goethe/Shults Community is provided from Bluffton Parkway to May River Road and Old Town.

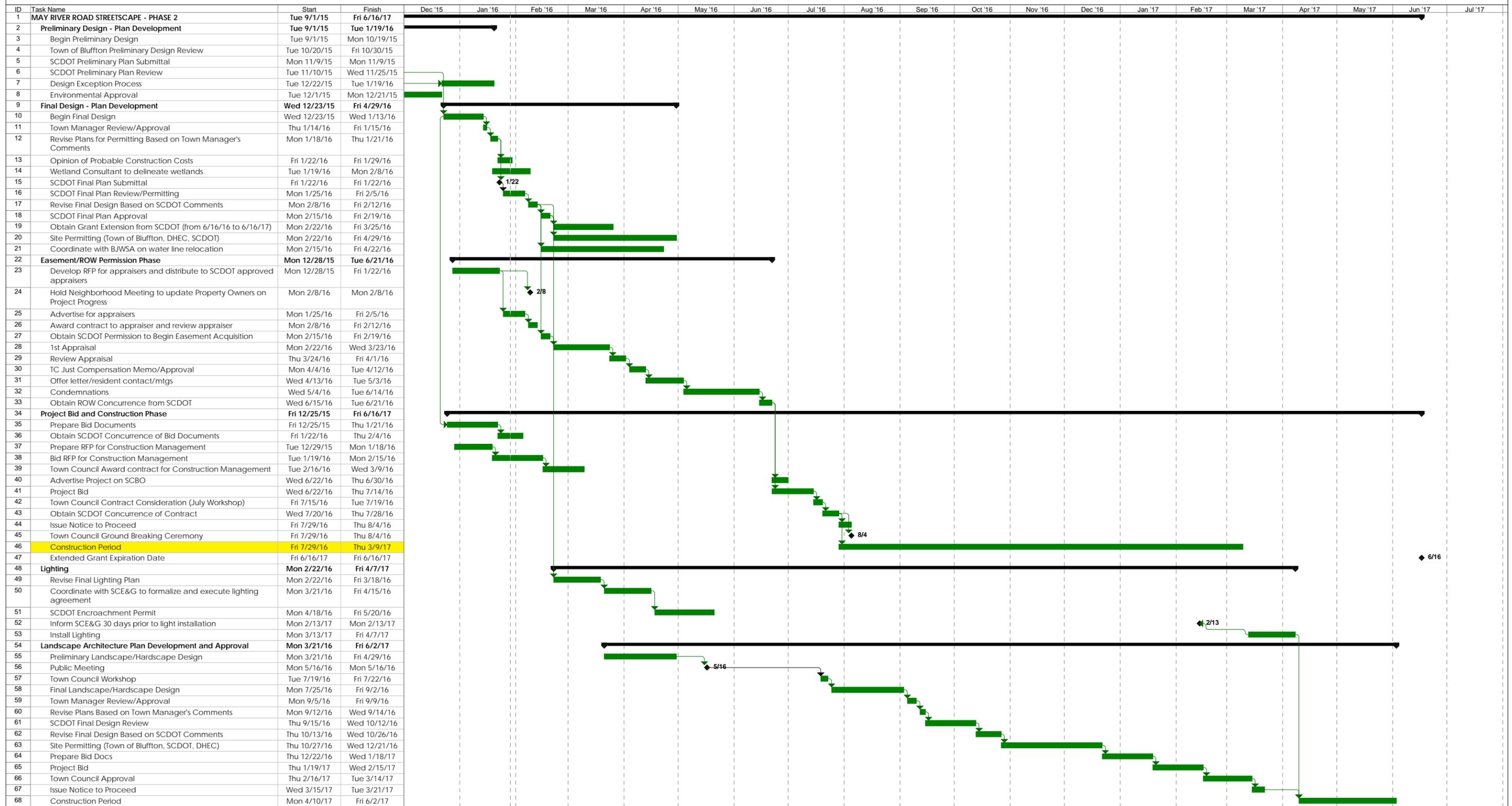
**Budget:** The proposed project budget is \$425,000, including design & permitting, and construction.

**Schedule:** See Attachment 2

**Current Status:** Currently on Line 9, *Final Design Changes and Town Approval*, and Line 14, *Hire Appraiser*. Next steps are to begin site permitting, and to approach property owners for easement acquisition.

MAY RIVER ROAD STREETSCAPE - PHASE 2  
 DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE  
 DATE: 1/17/16

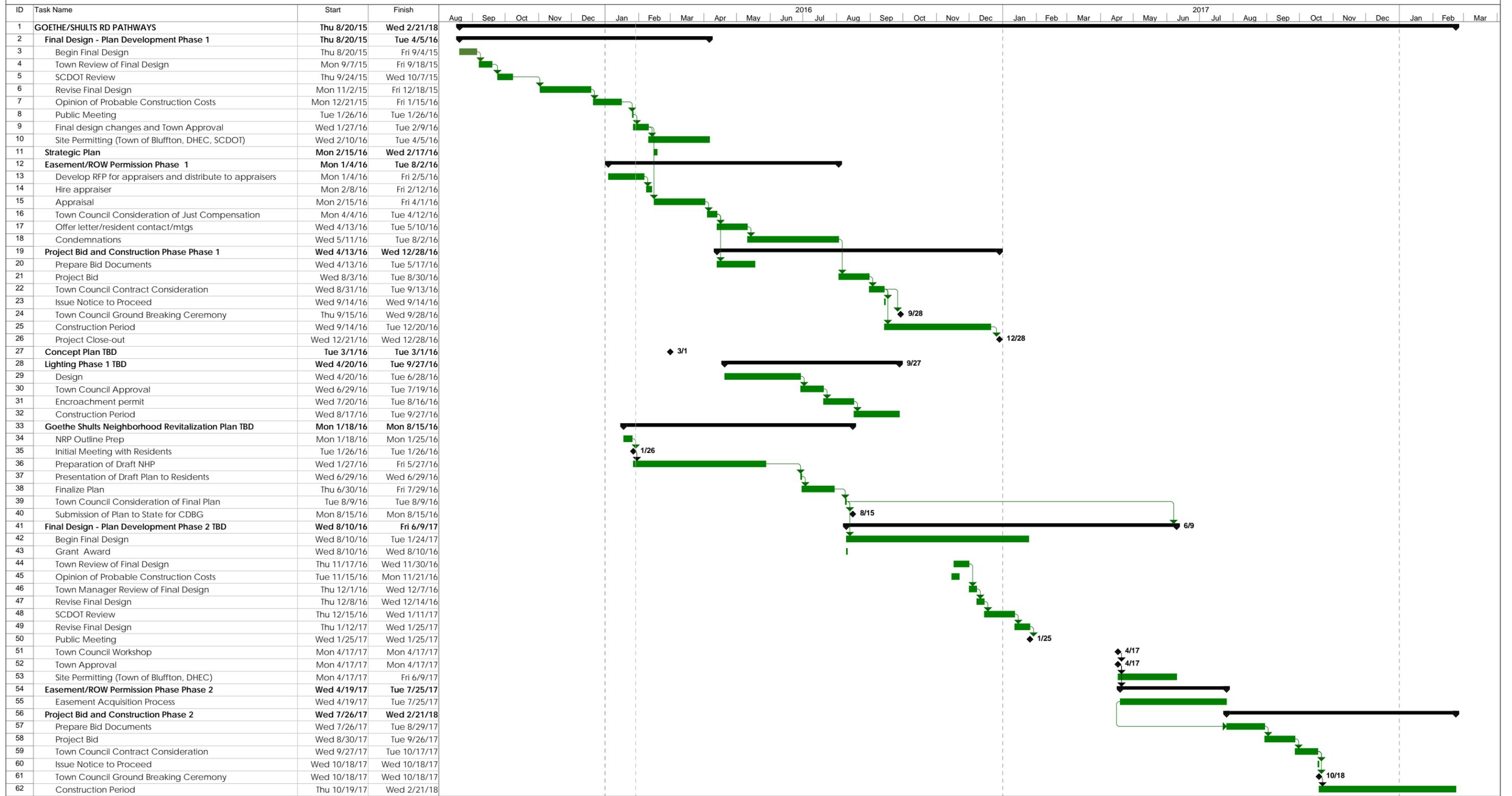
Attachment 1



**Project: May River Road Streetscape**  
**Manager: Ritchie**  
**Date: 1/17/16**



**GOETHE/SHULTS ROAD PATHWAYS Phases 1 & 2**  
 PROPOSED DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE  
 BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 DATE: 1/16/16



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