Bridge Street Brief

Why Bridge Street?
The Bridge Street District is Dublin's commitment to the future. Choices in housing, dining, and shopping along with riverfront parks, a new library and gathering spaces are fueling a vibrancy and creating connectivity. The landscape is ripe for redevelopment and new businesses are creating new jobs.

What's in it for residents?
Experiences. Housing options. Property values.
The Bridge Street District extends the experience of our walkable and vibrant Historic Dublin. It provides housing options for residents who want to remain in Dublin and enhances our property values by attracting young professionals who want to live where they work.

What's in it for businesses?
The Bridge Street District attracts a talented young workforce and retains seasoned professionals; provides convenient access to an array of amenities and fosters an environment of economic competitiveness for new business ventures and iconic world headquarters.

Bridge Park Community Facilities

What are the community facilities proposed in Crawford Hoying’s Bridge Park development?
Parking garages and a community events/conference facility comprise the community facilities proposed in Bridge Park.

What is the size of the proposed community events/conference facility?
The proposed community events/conference facility is approximately 17,000 square feet, including an 8,000 square-foot main hall with table seating for 500 people. It also features an outdoor event space overlooking the Riverside Drive/Bridge Street roundabout and riverfront park.

What is the current largest meeting/conference facility in Dublin?
The largest meeting/conference facility today in Dublin is in the Marriott Northwest with 13,000 square feet including a 6,500 square-foot main hall with table seating for 400 people. For a complete list of facilities go to http://irishisanattitude.com/meeting-space

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**Who will own the proposed community events/conference facility?**
The community events/conference facility will be owned by the New Community Authority, not the City of Dublin.

**The Bridge Park New Community Authority** was established by Dublin City Council on March 19 to encourage the orderly development of a well-planned, diversified and economically sound community. A “new community” can include facilities for the conduct of industrial, commercial, residential, cultural, educational and recreational activities. The new community is designed in accordance with planning concepts for the placement of utility, open space and other supportive facilities. A separate public body governed by a board of trustees (a majority of who are appointed by the City of Dublin) oversees the development of the community facilities.

**Who will operate the community events/conference facility?**
The New Community Authority will hire a third party to operate the community facilities on its behalf, including the community events/conference facility and the parking garages. The concept plans call for a future hotel which will be privately owned and operated.

**When will the new community events/conference facility be built?**
The community events/conference facility is proposed for a future phase of Bridge Park. The developer has not submitted plans for approvals for this phase of Bridge Park.

**Hotel Bed Tax Fund**

**What is the Hotel Bed Tax Fund?**
The City of Dublin Hotel/Motel Tax Fund was established to improve the quality of life for our residents, corporate citizens and visitors. Home to 15 hotels/motels, Dublin generates funds from a six-percent tax on overnight stays. These funds are invested back into the community through designated projects and events that enhance visitor appeal and encourage overnight stays.

Of the 75% of the bed tax revenue that the City retains, 25% of the annual bed tax revenue generated on the two new hotels – one at Bridge Park and one at 5000 Upper Metro Place – will be granted to the New Community Authority to pay a portion of the operating, maintenance and capital expense costs of the Community Facilities.

**What benefits does the Dublin community receive from Hotel Bed Tax dollars?**
The Hotel Bed Tax fund supports community events and activities that enhance the resident and visitor experience in Dublin. It also provides the funds and staffing to market the City of Dublin as a destination attracting local, regional, national and international events and conferences which result in more overnight hotel stays and a greater overall economic impact within our community.

The Dublin Convention & Visitors Bureau, an internationally accredited organization, is the sales and marketing organization charged with selling Dublin, Ohio as a travel destination. The Bureau reinvests bed tax dollars for the community. Some highlights from last year include securing the Top Gun Football Camp attracting 1,500+ athletes from 49 states with an economic impact of $3.9 million; hosting United States Australian Rules Football National Championship attracting 40 teams from across the U.S. and Canada; establishing a new advertising campaign reenergizing Dublin’s Irish Attitude; welcoming visitors to the Dublin Visitor Information Center from 46 states and 23 countries; and many more.

Hotel Bed Tax Funds also support City of Dublin sponsored events such as the Dublin Irish Festival, the Independence Day Parade and Concert as well as the Dublin Arts Council Art in Public Places Program.

More information is available [BridgeStreet.DublinOhioUSA.gov/financing-the-district](http://BridgeStreet.DublinOhioUSA.gov/financing-the-district)