

Essence of Athens - Scoring

Love Athens Alley Lock Fence

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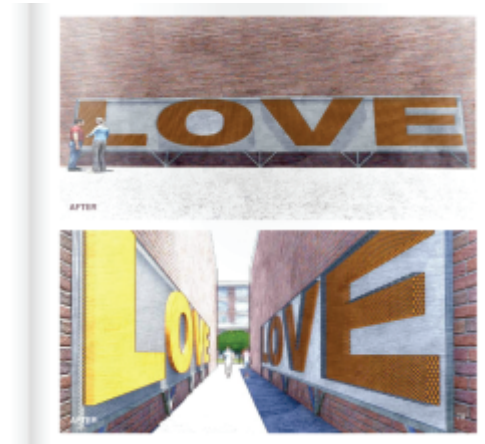
PUBLIC PROJECTS - WORLD FAMOUS COURT STREET

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing the Athens Love Locks will require designing and building sections that can stand nearly flush against the adjacent building walls.

Design specifications will be determined, but initial requirements include:

- Multiple tie foot sections that can handle heavy weights when many locks are attached should be included.
- Bases for legs should be spaced every six feet.
- A general separation should be integrated between buildings that keep the sections from slipping over into the alley while not damaging the buildings.
- Sections should be designed to allow long term maintenance of the buildings to be possible. The City of Athens must be willing to lift these sections out of their bases to allow workers of the buildings to paint and/or lock post the lock. A maintenance truck will need to be able to pull up, look on, lift the section straight out of the ground and move it and store it somewhere when necessary. This will also happen when the locks are filled to capacity and then placed in another location.
- Love lock should be sold in some areas with mesh for locks surrounding the lock. In other locations along the alley, this lock set should be the main area for locks surrounded by solid and smooth (or other words, "irregular") material. The mesh to have dimensionality of lock.
- In front of some sections and if the building sections are amenable, "love" could be painted on the buildings before the mesh is secured.
- Different "love" may provide an interesting way to capture the diversity of love for lots of different things in Athens—the people, the lifestyle, Ohio University's beauty, and other desirable characteristics. Different locks can also represent diversity effectively.
- Optical illusions could be designed into the alleys by elongating one or more "love" words. Doing so will create an oblique angle from the entrance to the alley so the word can be clearly read at a distance.
- There should be enough space in the mesh to take up as many years' worth of real estate as possible as there is a long time until space runs out for locks. However, given the large number of Ohio University students who fall in love in Athens, space may be filled faster than anticipated.
- Location for "love" and "lock" sections depends on space, along sidewalks, or the inside of the roundabout should be carefully reviewed. These finished sections will first be temporary home which, joined with many other finished sections, will eventually build into an extraordinary art as the years pass.



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Parking Garage - Passion Cladding

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PUBLIC PROJECTS - PARKING GARAGE

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Designers first tested the feasibility of a mesh screening that would cover the garage using a colorful exterior pattern influenced by bright Passion Flower colors. The cost of the screening proved to be too expensive and garages too heavy loading or overloading. Instead, specially cut metal cladding in different lengths and sizes would be a better, less expensive and more flexible option. The custom cladding design also offers the opportunity to easily control the level of transparency and color density. It would also allow the option for leaving areas completely uncovered to drive spots down if necessary. The large coverage of the building's facade raises concerns about how much color is too much color; great attention will need to be paid to make sure that the correct amount of color will be paired with the correct scale of the exterior cladding. Also, the amount of structure that should be left uncovered will be a part of this critical balance.

- The cladding will be fabricated from recycled or upcycled materials such as some metals (including galvalume, corrugated metal, steel and highway signs, and other similar materials).
- The individual metal pieces will be painted with auto-quality paint finishes for weather durability.
- Individual pieces will be hung from steel wires attached securely to the top of the garage and fastened throughout the area of its facade.
- Because the exterior cladding will be colorful and bright, minimizing day car driver/parker confusion and increasing public understanding will be important. Therefore, the openings of the garage must be left clear of cladding in order for new leads to recognize the building as a functional parking garage.
- A new, not traditional Circle P sign should therefore be placed at the entrance to the parking lot to allow where the ingress point is located.
- To cut overhead, the construction could be done locally by local structural artists and by the City of Athens Public Works Division's engineers and qualified volunteers in the community including Ohio University students.
- Finally, a plaque should be attached to a prominent wall where the greatest number of car parkers and pedestrians would notice. This plaque will explain the Essence of Athens Plan and the story of the "Passion Flower-inspired Parking Garage". Otherwise, the new garage design may not be immediately appreciated by the non-local and new-to-town users.



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PUBLIC PROJECTS - CROSSWALKS

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- The City of Athens may choose only one or several of the Ridges patterns and produce CAD files that provide exact specifications for the chosen designs that will be laid over our streets.
- Since many non-decorative crosswalk treatments will be placed over existing Athens Block bricks, careful consideration for the crosswalk materials must be researched and tested.
- Once a vendor is determined, the Athens designs can then be sent to any number of crosswalk materials companies that will manufacture the patterns for The City of Athens.
- During installation, care must be taken on the brick joints in order for the new crosswalk material to adhere properly.
- Asphalt paved crosswalks across Athens should also be decorated with this new treatment.
- As is the case for all public infrastructure, the Public Works Department will be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the crosswalk materials.

OUR FUTURE RIDGES BARNES' DANCE

Sometimes called a "scorable intersection" and an "X intersection," our Barnes' Dance at Court Street and Union Street is rare in Ohio and the U.S. This complex crosswalk design has fallen out of favor with civil engineers as it indulges the needs of the pedestrian over automobiles. Built and used in an Athens design, our Barnes' Dance will become even more special and beloved.



Essence of Athens - Scoring Stairways to Athens

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PUBLIC PROJECTS - STAIRWAYS

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- Proposed designs for stairway enhancements should be reviewed and approved by the Athens Municipal Arts Commission.
- Any art that will cover the building material of the stairways will likely need to be printed in "rough relief" material and reviewed by the Athens Municipal Arts Commission before installation.
- Warning signal treatments will be applied with a hand gun only to the areas that would pose no slipping issues, will weather better, and will keep debris from landing on it.
- The Athens Engineering and Public Works Department would be responsible for designing or commissioning the designs for the warning treatments to the stairways on both top and base ends.
- Electrify must be available for light strands along the stairs if the glow lighting becomes a part of the final plan for the stairways.
- Decorative materials should be chosen for the entrance casings and street sign wayfinding.
- Conditions of the implemented stairway enhancements should be monitored by citizens, the Athens Engineering and Public Works Division, and the Athens Municipal Arts Commission.
- The Athens Engineering and Public Works Division will be responsible for the maintenance of these new stairways.
- Public-private partnerships should be sought for future funding to connect and celebrate stairways around Athens and Ohio University.

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Free Speech Stairs

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Hill-esque Seating

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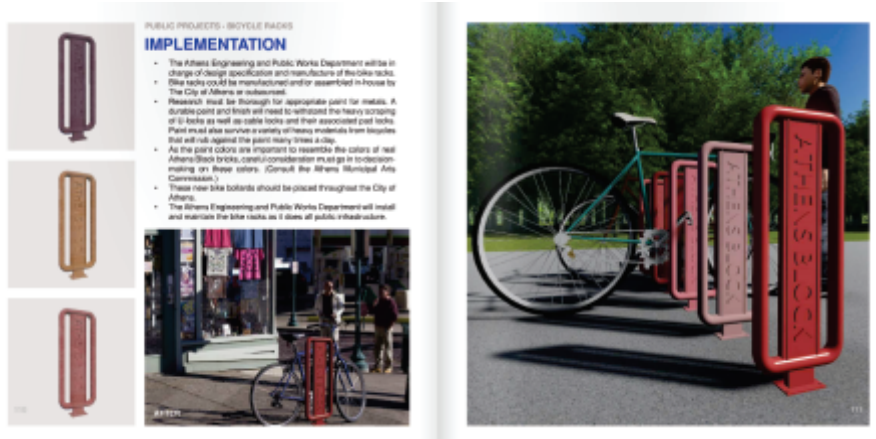
Athens Block Bike Racks

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Essence of Athens - Scoring Street Obelisks

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Essence of Athens - Scoring Brick Paver Treatment

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PUBLIC PROJECTS - BRICK PAVEMENT TREATMENTS

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The spirit of many elements of our Athens Design Plan (especially Youthful Outdoor, Inertive Sport, and Accepting Attitudes) encourages creativity and paving innovations. Athens loves its Athens Brick Pavers because they were made locally, feature the word "Athens" prominently, and are distinguished in color. This is why the Essence of Athens Committee asked an important question...

"What if some of these bricks could feature the color palette of Athens?"

Do we dare?

Implementation:

- While it is possible to bake colors into new bricks, it was determined by the Essence of Athens Committee that durable paint that would withstand weather extremes and many foot per day would be the most suitable option.
- Paint colors should be reviewed by the Athens Municipal Arts Commission.
- Paint and sign colors should be tested on a small area before committing to this project.
- Only targeted streets (perhaps Court Street and a few others) and not the entire city should be recipients of the colored brick treatment.
- The City of Athens Engineering and Public Works Department will be responsible for implementing and maintaining the colored bricks.

< SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

This version includes bright primary colors, but any variety and hue of Athens-specific colors could be used.

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Street Lighting

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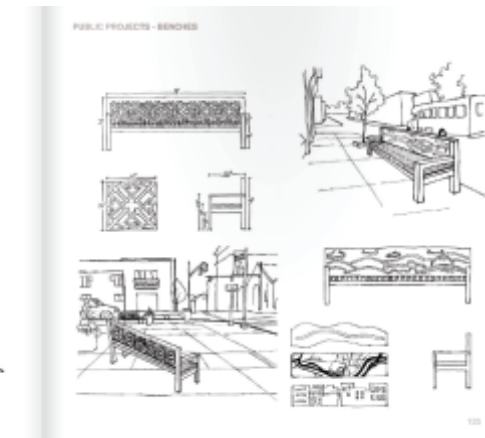
Benches

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