

TOWPATH TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

The Towpath Trail & Greenway is identified in the following regional, county, watershed and community level plans and is consistent with their strategies and priorities.

State Plans:

- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for Ohio (SCORP, 2013). The Report identifies the Towpath Trail (page 23) and asserts that former towpaths, like the trail running through the property, provide numerous opportunities for recreational users (page 42). This project addresses the ODNR, Division of State Parks's priorities and strategies including land acquisition and conservation to protect Ohio's natural, native landscapes.
(http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/Portals/parks/PDFs/stay_informed/SCORP/2013%20SCORP_Report.pdf)
- Trails for Ohioans Plan (2005). ODNR, Division of State Parks, prepared a plan, which states that "the extension of the Towpath Trail into the Cuyahoga Valley and the Flats, the completion of the Lakefront Bikeway, and the continued expansion of the Cleveland Metroparks' multi-use paths would establish the foundation for a truly comprehensive network of trails in Cuyahoga County (page 53)."
(<http://atfiles.org/files/pdf/OhioTrailsPlan.pdf>)
- Ohio Lake Erie Commission Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan (2013). The Plan identifies the Towpath Trail as a "2014-2015 Action" that will help the Commission reach its goal of protecting and restoring Lake Erie and its watersheds (page 50).
(<http://lakeerie.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Reports/LEPR%202013%20Final.pdf>)

Regional Plans:

- The Cuyahoga County Greenspace Plan & Greenprint. The Towpath Trail is recognized as a potential greenway corridor in the Greenprint and is described as the "central spine" of the regional trail network in the Greenspace Plan. The acquisition is within the recognized corridor. The project is consistent with the County's goal to preserve a system of natural corridors, protect and restore critical natural areas, expand the County's trail network, and create public awareness. (<http://planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us/green/elements.html>)
- The North Cuyahoga Concept Plan (1992), Linking the Corridor (1999) & Towpath Trail Extension Alignment & Design Study (2002). The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission published a series of studies that emphasized the Towpath Trail's significance in regards to expanding the County's trail network, environmental reclamation, and economic growth through sustainability.
(<http://planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us/towpath/corridor.html>)
- The North Cuyahoga Concept Plan (1992)-
(<http://planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us/documents/ncvc.html>)
- Linking the Corridor (1999)-
(http://publicworks.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_engineer/en-US/towpath/LinkingCorridor.pdf)
- Towpath Trail Extension Alignment & Design Study (2002)
(<http://planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us/towpath/alignment1.html>)
- A Route to Prosperity – The Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Special Resource Study, National Park Service, 1993. This National Park Service study explored the feasibility of inclusion of a new regional area as a National Heritage Area. It recommended that the greenway project pursue Congressional designation as a National Heritage Area. (http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/ohio/shs.pdf)
- The Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Management Plan, Ohio & Erie Canal Association, 2000.

Following the passage of federal legislation that conferred designation to the Ohio & Erie Canalway as America's 7th National Heritage Area, a required Management Plan was executed. Spanning three years, the Plan was a product of 75 public meetings across the four-county area.

(<http://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com/Resource.ashx?sn=TheManagementPlanchapter7>)

- Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway Management Plan Update, Ohio & Erie Canal Association, 2009. The Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway designation was conferred to the Byway by the Federal Highway Administration in 2002. The original application included a Management Plan. It was updated in 2009 at the request of Ohio's State Byway coordinator. The Towpath Trail is featured within the multi-modal operation associated with the Byway.
(<http://ohioanderiecanalway.com/Resource.ashx?sn=FINALDOCUMENTAmericasByway>)

City & Community Plans:

- Connecting Cleveland: 2020 Citywide Plan. This City of Cleveland Planning Commission Plan states that the Towpath Trail provides safe and attractive connections between the City and the surrounding neighborhoods to a larger system of parks and open space. (Recreation & Open Space, page 5).
(<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/cwp/planIntro.php>)
- The City of Cleveland Bikeway Master Plan, The City of Cleveland Planning Commission. This includes the Towpath Trail as a key off-road trail that integrates with other trails and on-street bike facilities.
(<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/bike/assets/citywide.pdf>)
- Canal Basin District Plan, The City of Cleveland Planning Commission, 2009.
(<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/bike/assets/CanalBasinDistrictPlanReport.pdf>)
- Tremont Strategic Plan, Tremont West Development, 2013. (<http://www.tremontwest.org/index/strategic-planning>)
- Tremont Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages, The City of Cleveland Planning Commission, 2010.
(<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/designreview/drcagenda/2010/031910/TremontTLCICombinedPresentation030110.pdf>)
- Train Avenue Greenway Plan, Stockyard Redevelopment Organization, 2008.
(<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/bike/train.html>)
- Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre Neighborhood Master Plan, Old Brooklyn Development Corporation, 2009.
(<http://planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us/oldbrooklyn/pdf/masterplan.pdf>)
- Flats Forward Planning Initiative, Flats Forward, 2012.
(<https://s3.amazonaws.com/com.theciviccommons.misc/Reports/FlatsReportOutline.pdf>)
- Slavic Village-Broadway Development Action Plan, Slavic Village Development Neighborhood Progress, Inc.
(http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/maps/pdf/Slavic_Village_SII_Plan_05-08-07.pdf)
- Cleveland Metroparks 2020: The Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan, Cleveland Metroparks, 2012.
(<http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Uploads/Public/PDF/2020Strategic%20plan.pdf>)
- Lower Big Creek Greenway Redevelopment & Restoration Plan, Floyd Browne Group, 2008.
(http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/bike/assets/Lower_Big_Creek_Report.pdf)
- Cleveland Red Fields to Green Fields, ParkWorks, 2010.
(<http://rftgf.org/PP/pdf-presentations/CityStudies/ClevelandR2G.pdf>)