

Towpath Trail Extension Project

General Information

The Towpath Trail Extension Project will connect the Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail from its current Northern terminus at Harvard Road in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation to Canal Basin Park in Downtown Cleveland's Flats neighborhood.

The Towpath Trail provides the central spine of an evolving off-road trail network that will connect 90% of Cleveland residents to an off-road system that links Cleveland's downtown district, our River Valley, Lakefront, Cleveland Metroparks and Cuyahoga Valley National Park within a short 10-minute bike ride.

Stage 1- Location is from Harvard Avenue Trailhead to Steelyard Commons; Notice to Proceed for Construction was June 2018; Project Completion is anticipated for December 2019.

Stage 3- Location is from Steelyard Commons to Literary Road; Notice to Proceed for Construction was February 2017; Project Completion is anticipated for Spring 2019.

Stage 4- Location is from Literary Avenue to Canal Basin Park; Notice to Proceed for Construction is anticipated to be Spring 2019; Project Completion is anticipated for Fall 2020.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail will eventually travel 101 miles from Cleveland to New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Stakeholder Responsibilities

Cuyahoga County is the project manager and administering construction for the Towpath Trail Extension Projects. The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works oversees the tracking of the project funds and contracts.

The **City of Cleveland** is the landowner of the Towpath Trail. They are responsible for the capital repairs to the Trail. The Cleveland City Planning Commission contributes its expertise.

Cleveland Metroparks will handle the day-to-day maintenance of the Towpath Trail and their Park Rangers will provide security.

Canalway Partners is the chief fundraiser for the Towpath Trail in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. They have led the charge in strategic decision-making, grant writing, and community outreach.

