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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

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<b>Applicant Type</b>	Park District
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<b>What MPO/RTPO Area?</b>	OMEGA
<b>ODOT District</b>	11

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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<b>Project description</b>	The purpose of this project is to resurface and repair stretches of the Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail in Columbiana County. The trail is more than twenty years old and has seen significant assuage since the original construction, and therefore, wear and tear of the surface. The project will span from mile marker zero to mile marker 12 (Please see attached). The existing pavement is exhibiting advanced deterioration including tree roots pushing up the blacktop and wash out on the side of the trail. The trail also has sinking over culvert areas. The project will include grinding of the pavement and the placement of new asphalt.
<b>Project Countermeasure Map</b>	<a href="https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471605">https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471605</a>
<b>Photo of Existing Condition</b>	<a href="https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471606">https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471606</a>
<b>Population of municipality / area impacted</b>	101,182
<b>Are K-12 students a major population impacted by the project?</b>	No
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	1,282,283.32
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	1,282,283.32

**Phases that the funds are requested for** Construction  
**(select all that apply):**

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<b>Are you requesting ODOT task order consultant assistance with project design?</b>	No
<b>Certified Cost Estimate</b>	<a href="https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471613">https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471613</a>
<b>Budget Breakdown</b>	<a href="https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471620">https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471620</a>
<b>Is R/W required for this project - temporary or permanent?</b>	No
<b>Optional Miscellaneous Project Attachment</b>	<a href="https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471622">https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471622</a>

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## Questions

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<b>How is this particular project developing a more complete network for walking and/or biking to destinations?</b>	The Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail is part of the largest regional trail system in the country, the Industrial Heartland Trail (I Heart Trail), and our trail in Columbiana County is part of one of the main corridors of the I Heart Trail, the Pittsburgh to Ashtabula Corridor (A2P). Rails to Trails Conservancy The Ashtabula to Pittsburgh (A2P) corridor travels from Lake Erie in Ashtabula, Ohio, to Point State Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The "short section down State Route 154" is the first leg of completing the Columbiana County section of the A2P from Lisbon to East Liverpool. Once our counties section is completed and we meet-up with the trail in Pa., it is envisioned that the trail will offer transformational opportunities for outdoor recreation, transportation, and economic development in the county. The trail will be a premier destination for numerous riders and walkers, and trail towns like Lisbon and East Liverpool will greatly benefit from it.
<b>How will the proposed project address specific safety issues and/or improve safety for people walking or biking?</b>	The current condition of many of portions of the oldest portion of the trail are experiencing significant upheaval due to roots and aging of the blacktop surface. This portion of the trail runs through primarily shady areas where a lack of sunshine contributes to the deterioration of the blacktop. The up-heaved areas are a hazard to cyclists, walkers and runners. Due to the heavy shade, it is often difficult to see heaved up areas and these can be significant trip hazards. Removing the old pavement, removing roots and other obstacles and repaving will significantly improve the safety of these portions of the trail.

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**Why else will this project advance statewide ped/bike goals?**

The Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail is an integral part of linking other trails within the statewide system. Identified as the "Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway Trail spanning from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. The trail connects major cities, small towns and villages. "The Ohio to Erie Trail is a world-class connected multi-use trail network encouraging all to discover the unique experiences of Ohio. The trail provides adventure, tourism, health and well-being, recreation, and connections to nature and history."

**Why is funding from ODOT necessary for this project?**

The Columbiana County Park District receives no funding from tax levies. Several attempts to place a levy have failed and the park district is now running out of funds to make the extensive repairs necessary to the trail.

**What GEOID(s) is project located in?**

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**Is project location in USDOT Disadvantaged Census Tract (USDOT)?**

Yes

**Why and how was this project prioritized?**

The Columbiana County Park District prioritized repaving sections of the Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail due to significant maintenance challenges, including erosion, tree root damage, and areas where the trail was sinking or washing out. These issues compromised the trail's safety and accessibility for users. Additionally, in March 2024, the park district highlighted the need to stabilize the Greenway trail, particularly in the Teegarden area, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the trail's integrity for public use.

**Option to attach plan or portion of a plan outlining this project**

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17391471630>

**Please identify who will be the local lead on the project and how much of their time will be dedicated to project implementation.**

**Describe the strengths of your agency in implementing this project**

The CCPD brings a multitude of strengths to table in implementing this project. The CCPD has successfully constructed all of the Greenway Trail utilizing grants and working collaboratively and cooperatively with other community organizations, local government, as well as with Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of natural Resources and other state departments. The most recently completed project is the Lincoln Street Connector which required the CCPD to work with environmental studies, wetland mitigation, right-of-way determinations, and utility easements. Among the Board of Park Commissioners there is a great deal of experience in a variety of professional backgrounds.

**Why is this a good timing for your community to implement this project?**

The CCPD has been attempting to address these areas in a piecemeal fashion for a number of years. Volunteers have made efforts to smooth out areas. However, the deterioration is continuing and the problem needs to be addressed in a more holistic manner. Availability of funding to do so and the continuing serious deterioration of the trail makes the timing right. In addition, trail usage continues to increase and other trail projects in the area makes the need to address these issues more critical.

**Describe any infrastructure projects your community has undertaken in the last 10 years to improve walking or biking.**

The Columbiana County Park District (CCPD) owns and maintains the Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail which runs from the northern border of the county, in the Village of Washingtonville, 12 miles to the village of Lisbon, the county seat in the center of the county. In 2019 the CCPD repaved an approximate 1-mile section of the trail, from Franklin Square to Leetonia, a section in which the original blacktop had significantly deteriorated causing unsafe conditions for cyclists, walkers and runners. In 2023 the CCPD expanded the parking lot in Franklin Square to accommodate the increase in usage of the trail. In 2023 the CCPD completed the Lincoln Street Connector Project which expanded the trail by one mile to the east of the Village of Lisbon, connecting a Park & Ride parking lot near a hotel to the village, providing trail users with an easy access to the remainder of the trail.

**Project Example**

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**Has your community been previously funded for a SRTS or TAP infrastructure project since 2020?**

Yes, the project is completed

**Final Checks**

**I confirm that the project can be in construction by June 30, 2026.**

Yes

**I confirm that the community is prepared to fund project cost overages**

Yes

**I confirm that all information provided in this application is accurate**

Yes

**Signature**



**Print Name of Submitter**

Eileen Dray-Bardon