

Applicant Information

Sponsoring Local Government's Name	Tuscarawas County Commissioners
Local Government's Contact Person	Jesse Rothacher
Local Government's Mailing Address	125 E High Ave
City, State Zip Code	New Philadelphia
Contact's Email Address	parkdept@co.tuscarawas.oh.us
Contact's Phone Number	330-365-3278
Agency Responsible for Long-Term Maintenance (If Different from Above)	Tuscarawas County Park Department (department under Tuscarawas County Commissioners)
Please Select ODOT District in which Project will be Built	District 11
Municipality Population (Most Current Figures)	Tuscarawas County: 93,263, Goshen, Fairfield Twp: 6,590
STEAP Tool GEOID	391570204003
Is the project address identified as Disadvantaged in STEAP	No

Project Information

Project Name	Towpath Trail Extension 2 ("Kimble Trail")
Total Project Cost (Estimate)	\$809419.75
State Congressional District	OH6
County (or Counties) in which the Project is Located	Tuscarawas
Why did the Municipality prioritize this project over any other the Municipality may be considering?	Completing the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in Tuscarawas County is the #1 priority of the Tuscarawas County Trail and Green Space Master Plan. Out of all of our projects, this has the greatest regional/state/local impact and will bring us closer to connecting with Tuscarawas County's two largest population centers (Dover, New Philadelphia).

Indicate the SINGLE category for which the application is being submitted

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Project Description

This project is an extension of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Building off the prior TAP award (PID#111280), this would develop a 10 ft. wide limestone shared use trail from the Dover Dam south 2 miles to State Route 416. We hope to build off this progress by eventually crossing State Route 416 and making an alignment with the City of Dover. The overall goal of the Towpath Trail is to run 101-miles, connecting from New Philadelphia north to Cleveland through the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area. This extension is a part of the Tuscarawas County Trail & Green Space Master Plan (2016) which was developed with over 60 public meetings held throughout the county. In addition, this trail is a part of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Management Plan and within the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area developed under the leadership of the Department of Interior. This plan is also included in the Ohio State Wide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. This will also allow bicyclists utilizing the State Bicycle Route a safer off-road alternative from State Route 800.

For Bicycle/Pedestrian (Trails and Shared Use Paths) and Safe Routes for Non-Drivers (Sidewalks) Projects:

How many intersections are eliminated by this facility?

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How many driveways are eliminated by this facility?

0

Is there an alternative route to the facility?

State Route 800

Project - Check One

Completes missing link on national or statewide facility.

Please Check One

Off Road Bike/Ped Trail

Destinations that are easily accessible from, not simply near, proposed facility (check all that apply)

Residences
Employers
Restaurants
Parks

Indicate if the project is a part of an existing or proposed transportation or community development plan.

Tuscarawas County Trail & Green Space Master Plan, Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Management Plan, Ohio State Wide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, OMEGA Regional Transportation & Development Plan, Buckeye Trail, Zoar Valley Trail, pedestrian and bicycle plans for Dover and New Philadelphia

Does the proposed project need any type of Railroad coordination?

No

If Railroad coordination is needed, has it begun? (Please enter N/A if no Railroad coordination is needed)

n/a

Community Improvement Projects:

Provide number of estimated users and advise how this number was identified.

Local: (a) Rails to Trails (IR, 2016): ADT 58, 366 days of data; (b) Rails to Trails (IR, 2017): ADT 75, 249 days of data, (c) OMEGA (IR, 2020): ADT 77, 53 days of data

Provide a description of the site/view shed. Is the site/view shed of a National, State or Regional significance?

Connects to Zoar Village (National Historic Landmark), Zoarville Station Bridge (Nat. Register of Historic Places), Dover Dam, Camp Tuscazoar. Follows former route of PRR rail road. Historic route of O&E Canal other side of Tuscarawas River.

Environmental Mitigation Projects:

Please provide detailed account of the current /potential environmental issues.

Project area has been disturbed/developed in the past (railroad) and recently (underground utilities, USACE access road for Dover Dam rehabilitation). No identified environmental mitigation areas; will acquire necessary permits for development. Project construction limits appear to be within FEMA Zone X and outside of FEMA Zone AE. Also appears to be outside USACE flowage easement elevations. Minimal or no tree removal anticipated, though we will comply with Indiana Bat and other endangered species regulations, etc.

Recreational Trail Projects (These projects would allow Motorized users on the project)

Please provide a detailed description of the recreational purpose of the proposed trail.

This project would develop a two mile crushed limestone shared use path as an extension of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail from the Dover Dam to State Route 416. Currently, the developed trail terminates at State Route 800 near the intersection of State Route 212. Upon completion of PID#111280, the developed trail will terminate at the Dover Dam. The overall goal of the Towpath Trail is to run 101-miles connecting communities from New Philadelphia north to Cleveland. Tuscarawas County meets monthly with the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition and regularly with the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, the City of Dover, and the City of New Philadelphia towards this objective.

The Towpath Trail is a part of the Buckeye Trail, the North Country Scenic Trail, and provides access to the Tuscarawas River Trail. This trail project also provides integration with Camp Tuscazoar and their network of trails.

Please describe any direct transportation benefit in addition to the recreational benefits.

This project would provide a safe off-road transportation route for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrian users. It serves as an alternative to State Route 800, which has high traffic, speeds, and minimal shoulders.

Indicate if the project is part of an existing or proposed transportation or community development plan.	Tuscarawas County Trail & Green Space Master Plan (inc. OMEGA Regional Transportation & Development Plan), Ohio & Erie Canalway and National Heritage Corridor Area, City of Dover and City of New Philadelphia bicycle and pedestrian planning, Buckeye Trail, Zoar Valley Trail, Alt. State Bicycle Route 77, and the RTC Industrial Heartland Cleveland to Pittsburgh trail plan.
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Has this project been previously submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funding?
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No

Safety

Please describe any and all Safety benefits this project will bring to the community

State Route 800 at location 2779 has an AADT of 3034. This project provides an alternative off-road route to State Route 800. This separates traffic types, which increases safety by reducing conflict and congestion. The OSTATS traffic dashboard (2019-2024) along State Route 800 between Zoarville and Dover shows nearly 30 crashes each year, a majority of which are attributable to deer, speed, and age.

Miscellaneous:

Will Right of Way be needed to complete this project (MUST be on existgng publicly-owned property).
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The Kimble Company (grantor) and the Tuscarawas County Commissioners & Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition (grantees) have a multi-year, auto-renewing license agreement to develop an extension of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. No additional right of way needs are anticipated. PID#111280 developed under same license agreement.
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Please list all public involvement efforts.
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This project is a part of the Tuscarawas County Trail and Green Space Master Plan, which was developed with over 60 public meetings held throughout the county. Efforts to continue the development of the Towpath Trail have involved the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, the City of Dover, the City of New Philadelphia, OMEGA, Rails to Trails (Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition), the Buckeye Trail Association, the Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitors Bureau, ODOT District 11, the United States Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District, MWCD, and Camp Tuscazoar.
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How would you develop this project if you only received partial funding.

While we are always exploring additional funding support from other federal, state, and local grant opportunities, if we are awarded partial funding we would reduce the project's scope of work. We are held by the license agreement to develop and maintain this trail and are dedicated to open it for public use.
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Project Cost Information:

Design Costs:

Fiscal Year	1
Design Cost Federal	58400
Design Cost Local	14600
Total Cost (Federal + Local)	73000

Right of Way Costs:

Fiscal Year	1
Total Federal (Rail Trail Projects Only)	0.00
Total Local	0.00
Total - Federal +Local	0.00

Construction Costs:

Fiscal Year	1
TAP Request	669472.50
Local Contribution	0.00
Total Costs	669472.50

List other Funding Sources (Already Secured or planning on applying for)	Assumes 20% Safety Funds. Otherwise, local contribution would be sought from existing unallocated funds (inc. any remaining PID#111280), OECA grants, OMEGA grants, Friends of Tuscarawas County Parks, local foundations, local donations
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Construction Engineering:

Fiscal Year	1
TAP Request	66947.25
Local Contribution	0.00
Total Costs	66947.25

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Total Project Costs:

TOTAL Local Contribution	14600.00
TOTAL TAP Funds Requested	794819.80
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	809419.75
TOTAL Other Contribution Sources	0.00

Checklist/Attachments

Additional Attachments (Please do not include attachments twice)	Detailed Map of project location (8 1/2" x 11") Digital Photographs Detailed estimate of construction cost certified by professional engineer or architect Certified copy of Ordinance/Resolution Anything other attachments you would like the Committee to see
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Signature

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Attachment Estimate	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17269355619
Attachment Employment Data	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17269355620
Attachment Detailed Map	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17269355624
Attachment Ordinance/Resolution	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17269355625
Additional Attachments	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17269355626
Additional Attachments	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/17269355627
Conflict of Interest	I have reviewed and will comply with the Ethics and Conflict of Interest laws including 23 CFR § 1.33, 23 CFR 636.116 and Ohio Revised Code sections 102.03, 2921.42 and 2921.43.