

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Reimbursement Grant Programs

for

Recreational Trails

and

Local Park Projects



State - Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF)

Federal - Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

State - NatureWorks

Federal - Land & Water Conservation Fund
(LWCF)



Clean **Ohio** Fund
Recreational Trails

Competitive Projects

- **Consistent with the statewide or a regional trail plan**
- **Regional trail systems & links to a statewide or a regional trail**
- **Link population centers & outdoor recreation areas**
- **Purchase of rail lines or potential regional corridors**
- **Preserve natural corridors**
- **Links in urban areas to commuter access & has economic benefit.**



Clean**Ohio**Fund
Recreational Trails

2002 – 2016

**\$72.23 Million Awarded to 241 COTF
Projects**

- 122 Miles of Corridor Acquisition
- 422 Miles of New Trail
- 40 New Bridges
- 14 New Trail Tunnels
- 36 New Trailheads





Clean **Ohio** Fund
Recreational Trails

Eligible Project Scopes :

Land acquisition for a trail

Trail development – *making connections!*

Trailhead facilities – *only if small portion of project*

**Engineering - design - *as a part of a trail project -
& if within 2 yrs. of agreement with prior approval.***



CleanOhioFund
Recreational Trails

- **Maximum project award: \$500,000.**
- **Time to complete Project: 15 months**
- **Projects must be open to the public for a min. of 15 years.**

Required Match:

- **Minimum 25%**
- **Donated labor, materials (new) & land are allowed.**





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Recreational Trails

Application Timeline

- Application postmark deadline:
February 1st of each year.
- October/November
Award Announcements



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New trail in Gahanna, Ohio



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New trail bridge over the Great Miami River



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Marion Tall Grass Trail



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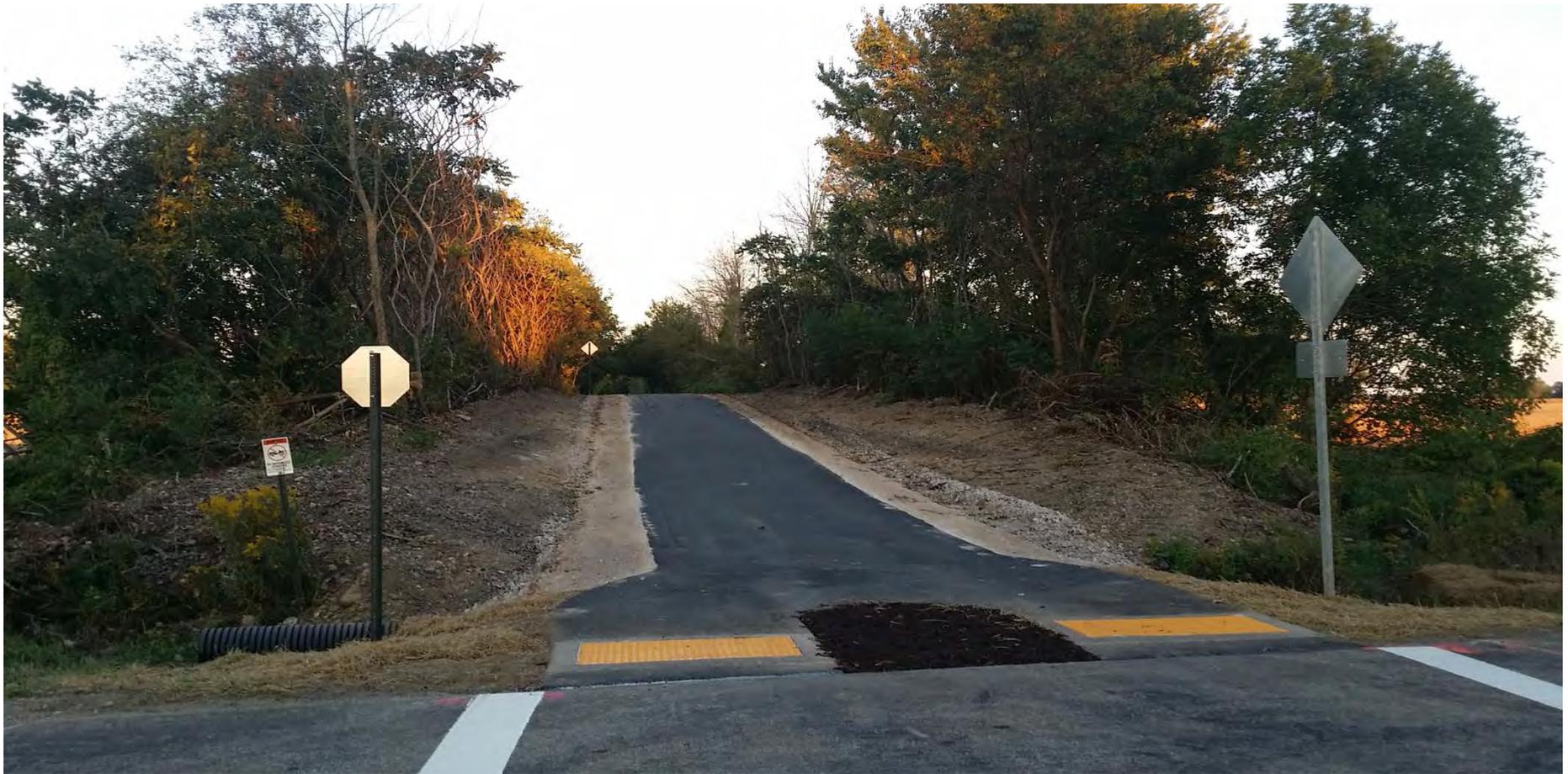
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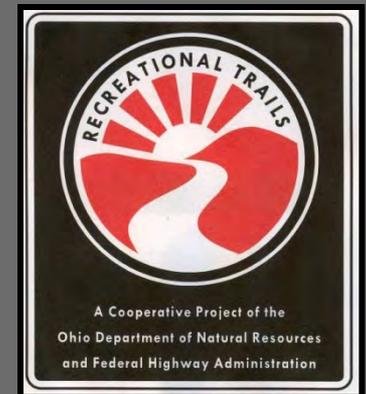
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Recreational Trails Program

Authorized by congress in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

Reauthorized in 2012 under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

MAP-21 authorized through May 2015 (currently extended).





U.S. Department of Transportation
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RTP

Eligible Projects:

Trail development

Land acquisition for a trail

Trail maintenance / restoration / equipment

Trailhead facilities

Education - safety & environmental protection (*5% limit*)

Engineering/Design



Eligible Sponsors:

Political Subdivisions

State & Federal Agencies

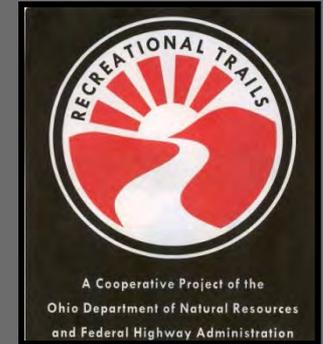
Non Profit 501 C3s





U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

RTP



Required Match: 20%

Project Size: Awards are capped at \$150,000.

Time to complete project: 15 months

Projects must be open to the public for a min. of 15 years.



Motorized Requirement:
Thirty percent of Ohio's yearly allocation must fund *motorized* public recreational trails.

RTP Applications in 2016

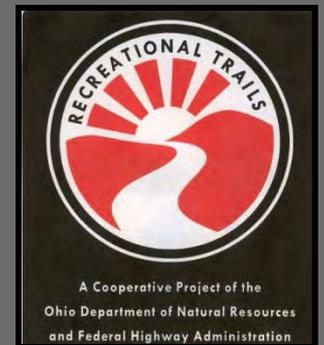
2016: 61 applications, total request over \$6.30 M

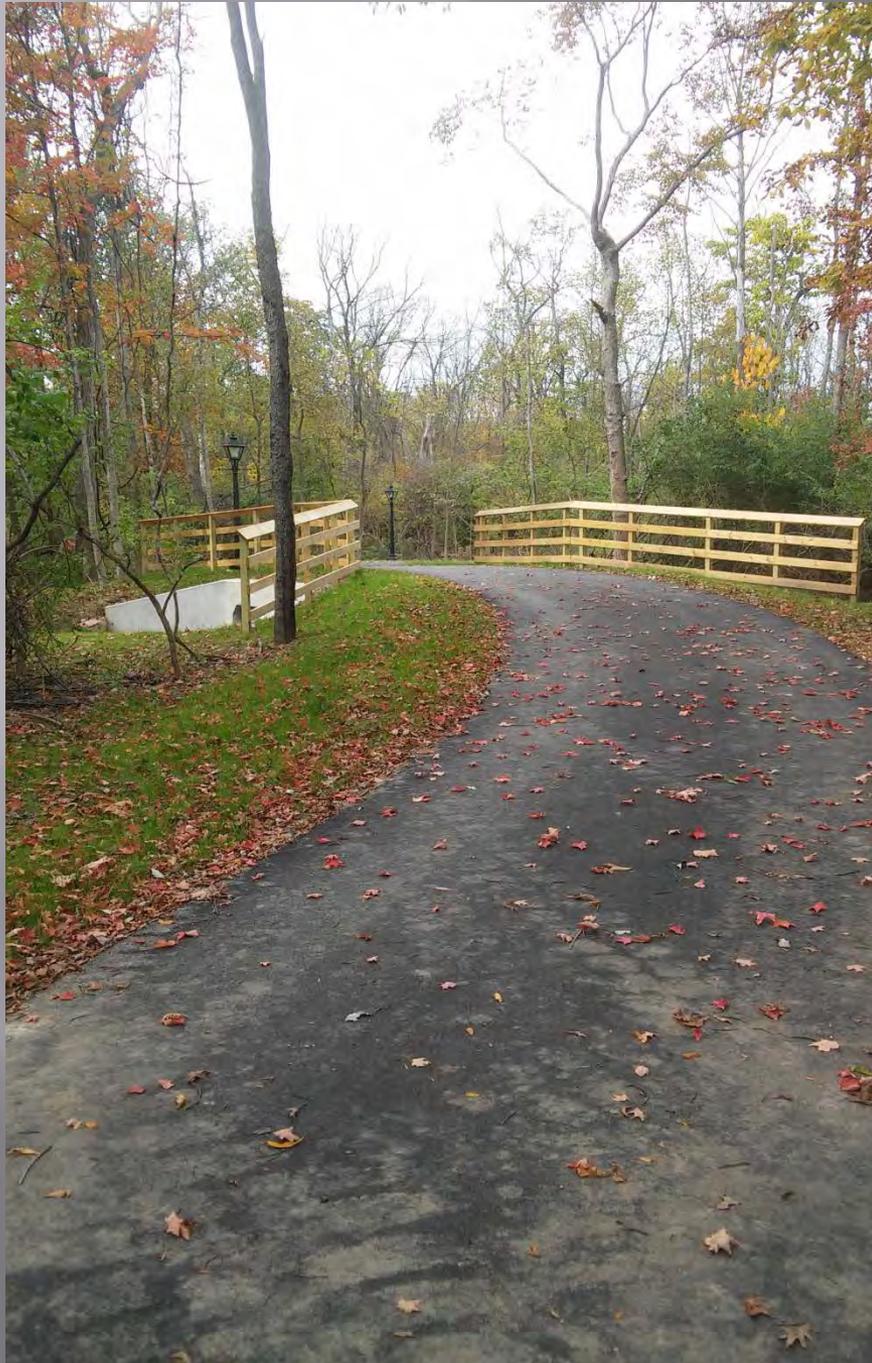
Assisted with total project costs of \$2.96 M.

Recommended Awards: \$1.51 M

2017 Grant Apportionment: 1.67 M

Applications must be postmarked by February 1st of each year. Recommended projects announced in the fall.









NO
MOTOR
VEHICLES





Nature Works



Created through the Ohio Parks & Natural Resources Bond Issue, approved by Ohio voters in 1993. Funded with tax exempt state bonds.



Nature Works



▣ Eligible Projects:

- Public Park & Recreation Areas
 - ▣ Acquisition of parkland
 - ▣ Park development of all kinds: playgrounds, shelters, trails, sprayparks, skateparks, ballfields & courts, restrooms, boating access...etc.
 - ▣ Rehabilitation
 - ▣ Engineering design as a part of project

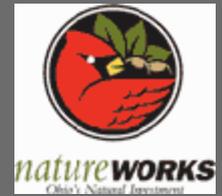


▣ Eligible Sponsors:

- Local Subdivisions of Government.
- Must own property (or long term non revokable lease).
- School districts & non profits are **NOT** eligible



Nature Works



- ▣ **Required Match:**
 - Minimum 25%, 20% of which must be local.
 - Donated land and labor are allowed – if within grant period
 - May be used to match federal LWCF funds in same project.
 - Future Use Requirement :
 - Grant project property must remain in public recreational use for 15 years after project closeout.

- ▣ **Time to Complete Project: 1 ½ to 2 yrs.**

NatureWorks Allocated by County:

- 2/3rd Equal Distribution
- 1/3rd Per Capita
- Applicants compete with applicants from same county only.
- Unrequested county funds carry over to following year/round. (If NO funds are requested for two funding cycles, in the third funding cycle the unrequested funds are reallocated to highest scoring unfunded projects in the state.)

2016: 63% of NatureWorks applications were awarded at least partial funding.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:
Postmarked by May 1st each year. Awards
announced in the fall.**



Splash Park in Broadview Hts., Cuyahoga Co., funded via NatureWorks



LWCF



Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

Passed by Congress in Sept. 1964, effective Jan. 1965. Expired 9/30/2015. Extended for 3 years via recent federal budget bill.

Funding issued to the state via NPS. Source of funds includes Outer Continental Shelf mineral leasing receipts.

Since 1965 Ohio received over \$147 million.

In Ohio, $\frac{1}{2}$ of this funding has been used for local park projects, balance by ODNR for development & acquisition.





LWCF



Eligible Projects:

Public Park & Recreation Areas:

Acquisition

Development (Sponsor must own property)

Rehabilitation (Sponsor must own property)

Engineering design as a part of the project.

Eligible Sponsors:

All Local Subdivisions of Government



LWCF



Required Match: 50%

Donated land and labor costs are allowed – if within grant period. State and local grants can be used as match.

NEW Max Award: \$300,000. Minimum: \$50,000

Time to complete Project: 1 ½ to 2 yrs.

Grant program every other year. Next grant application due very soon! November 15th, 2016.

Perpetuity Requirement: Project property must remain in public recreational use *forever* (Section 6(f)).



Section 6(f) Language



‘The perpetuity requirement’

Property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation *in perpetuity.*

Property so acquired and/or developed shall not be wholly or partly converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses without the approval of NPS pursuant to Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act.

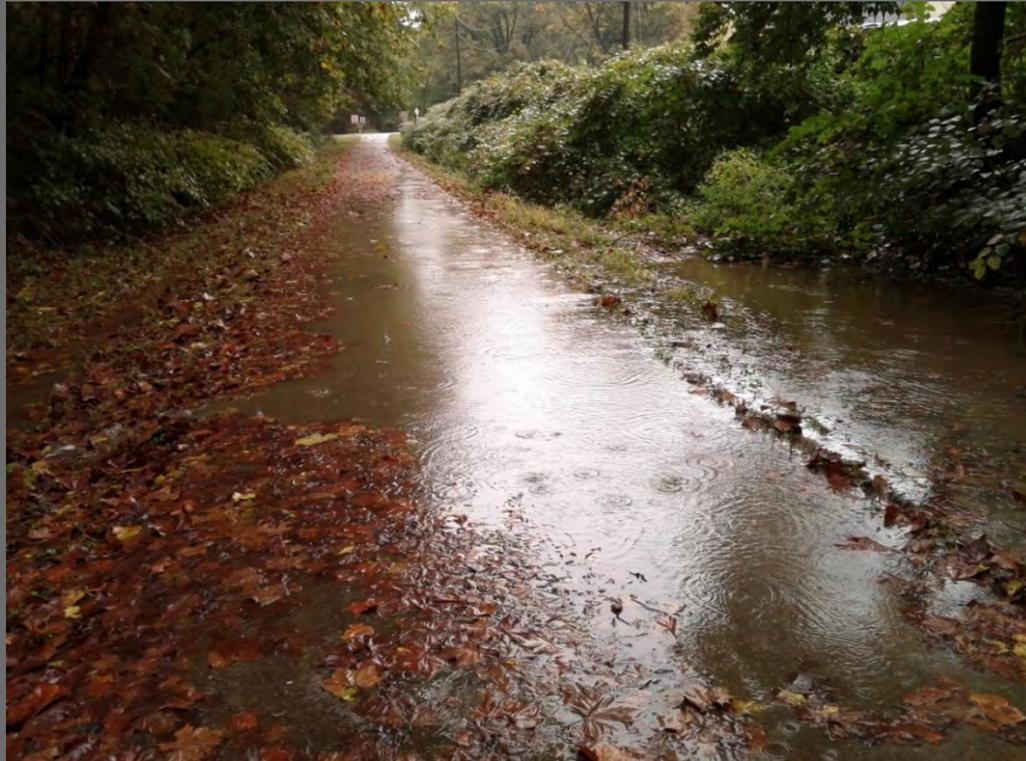


Conversion provisions of Section 6(f)(3), 36 CFR Part 59 apply to each area or facility for which LWCF assistance is obtained, regardless of the extent of participation of the program in the assisted area or facility.



LWCF funds: ODNR: Little Miami Scenic Trail (State Park)

Correcting extensive drainage problems..



Local: Acquisition of 5 acres, expanding a park in Mercer Co.



Partnerships!

New shelter house with restrooms, Village of Wilshire, Van Wert Co.



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