



PUBLIC COMMENTS RESPONSE SUMMARY

Lakefront Trail Phase II, PID 117487

Project Name: Lakefront Trail Phase II

Project ID (PID): PID 117487

Meeting Date: Virtual, posted January 15, 2024

End of Comment Period: February 15, 2024

Public Meeting Attendees: N/A

Forms Mailed: 0

Forms Submitted at Public Meeting: N/A

Court Reporter Statements: N/A

Major Concerns:

- Potential for contamination from adjacent parcel.

Public Officials in Attendance:

- N/A

Media in Attendance:

- N/A

Comments Submitted via:

- Project Website: 0
- Phone: 0
- Email: 13
- Social Media: Comments disabled to encourage email

Opposed to Project: 1

Supportive of Project: 9

Uncommitted: 1

Conditional: 2

Comment Number	Nature of Comment	Comment	Response
1	Support	Yes, I wholeheartedly approve of the project "Lake Metroparks Lakefront Trail Phase II". Please continue planning and implementation of this phase and additional phases needed to connect all the way to Fairport Harbor. I will gladly pay taxes to accomplish this full-length trail. I will personally use this trail.	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
2	Support	Just to let you know that I support these trails and would like to see them extended as far as Fairport Harbor.	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
3	Support	Now THIS is an excellent use of our tax dollars! My husband and I both use walkers, and this means we can actually get close to the lake and enjoy it. Kudos to whoever thought this up!	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
4	Support	ANY project that is lakefront (for beauty & ambiance) and park like is a WINNER in all our books!! Visual, aesthetic, athletic able to share with generations. Watch the best of our world in nature. Hurry, please! Can't wait to enjoy !!	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
5	Environmental Concern	Good morning! I think the biggest concern I and others will likely have is the safety of the land there. Kids will be playing on it, pets will be walking on it, etc., and it is not a big secret about Diamond Shamrock. Has the land been tested for hexavalent chromium which can be absorbed through skin? Not trying to cause a problem, just trying to keep our family and neighbors safe.	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback for the second phase of the Lakefront Trail Project. This phase of the project will stop short of the former Diamond Shamrock site. However, any future phases would cross that site. Ohio EPA has undertaken extensive soil testing and required the property owners to perform substantial remediation including a soil cap over the land. Monitoring is ongoing. Any development of that area for trails or a park area will be performed in accordance with Ohio EPA restrictions and approvals.

5b	Reply/Environmental Concern	Just soil? Some of that tends to radiate upwards from what I have read. Or does that have the tarp and clay cap also? Just trying to keep my family safe thanks.	I know that the cap placed over the area north of Fairport-Nursery Road was installed in compliance Ohio EPA requirements and that any work that is performed there has to be done in strict adherence to guidelines and deed restrictions enforced by Ohio EPA. I am not sure about its composition but if/when we move into design of that phase across the former Diamond property, we will be working closely with Ohio EPA to make sure we follow their lead.
5c	Reply/Environmental Concern	Thank you very much. It's just a little scary because people say that when it rains it smells like the stuff Diamond used to dump over there. We are new to the area and just trying to go by facts instead of rumors. So, thank you.	
6	Support/Further Information	I am reaching out based on the request for comments in an article I read. So, I see that there's a proposed 10ft wide path along the shoreline being proposed and am interested to know how the path is planned to be utilized. Is there a designated "lane" for biking versus walking? Furthermore, with Fairport being a golf cart friendly community, was/is golf cart access a consideration for the path as well? I will look further for any renderings I can find but I'm also hoping for picnic or viewing areas along that path since it's a unique and unobstructed view to our beautiful lake. I'm really excited about opening up access to such an expanse of unused land and love the idea that it's finally getting rebranded.	<p>Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.</p> <p>Regarding your questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The asphalt path will be 10'-wide with a center stripe; • It will be a shared-use path for bikes and pedestrians similar to our Greenway Trail that runs from Painesville down into Concord; • We won't be able to accommodate golf carts on the trail; <p>In terms of viewing areas, we've got a couple in the first phase and anticipate one possibly in the second phase. Both of those sections of trail are narrow with little room for bump-outs. However, a third phase across the former Diamond Shamrock site would have more potential both right along the shore and up at the top of the slope for viewing areas, picnic areas or even good spots where you could see the lake from a parked car. Stay tuned.</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>Environmental Concern</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the new walkway. I recently had emailed Mr. Palagyi to voice my concerns over this project. First of all, I will say that the Metroparks are a blessing to us and that they are very well managed. I am 67 and have out of town family and grandchildren that visit them every time they are here. I also have voted yes on any levies that help the Metroparks system.</p> <p>Giving said that being 67 and from the era that my father and many of my friends fathers and grandfathers worked at the "Good Old Diamond Shamrock/Alkali" I have to caution you to the fact that this area is our own "Love Canal". The old timers are not around anymore but the poisons, carcinogens, and other wastes that are buried all along that area would provide possible dangers from exposure to people that use the area.</p> <p>The Clay Pit area directly west of Township Park was once going to be a protected marina, as the excavations began, they found so much contamination that the project was stopped.</p> <p>The main industrial site was supposed to be turned into a resort and golf course, again too much contamination. I had told My best man at my wedding to get off of that job because of the risks, he was a construction laborer, needless to say he passed last year after a 7-year battle with lymphatic cancer. He was a nonsmoker and rarely drank.</p> <p>The facts are that many of the workers at the Diamond, especially the Chromate Works passed of horrific cancer and other ailments. The stories of them being able to pass a handkerchief thru the</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback for the second phase of the Lakefront Trail Project and thanks for your support of the park system. This phase of the project will stop short of the former Diamond Shamrock site. However, any future phases would cross the former Diamond site. We are certainly aware of the site's history. Ohio EPA has undertaken extensive soil testing and required the property owners to perform substantial remediation including a cap over the land. Monitoring is ongoing. Any development of that area for trails or a park area will be performed in accordance with Ohio EPA restrictions and approvals.</p>
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8	Support/Further Information	<p>I would like to say that I am excited for the project as I can't wait to use this trail. As a Fairport Harbor Resident, I would like the know where this will start/end. I also wish you could make the gravel/dirt parking lot by the dog beach paved and maybe clean up that hill and put some nice "sunset watching benches" on it. there are a large amount of sunset seekers that gather there almost year-round.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project. The first phase (west end) of the trail is nearly complete and ties directly into the ramp to the pier at Painesville Township Park at the end of Hardy Road. As we continue design on Phase III (east end), we are working with Village of Fairport officials to identify a preferred point to tie into Fairport. Those discussions continue.</p> <p>In regard to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park and the gravel parking area by the dog beach, I can tell you that we have discussed paving that area, or part of it, but no decision has been finalized. In terms of the hillside and benches, we're always looking for great spots to give visitors views of the lake and sunset, so</p>

			whether it's there or somewhere else along this trail project, that's something we'll be looking to accomplish.
9	Support	Money well spent.	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
10	Feedback	Always extremely happy to see new trails developed, but asphalt always worries me. In the summer, Asphalt can get extremely hot. Please arrange for a wide "berm" type area next to the asphalt for dogs and other bare feet.	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. There will be a gravel berm along the trail per design standards and as space allows.
11	Support	Trail PID 117487 I believe this would be a wonderful project showcasing North East Ohio's finest feature, Lake Erie	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
12	Support	Having grown up in Fairport and being a life-long Lake County resident, this project is a dream come true. I remember the ugliness that was the Diamond Shamrock and to know that something positive and rooted in outdoor activities is going to occupy this space makes my family and I happy. I wish Lake Metroparks all the success on this project.	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. We're very excited about moving forward on the second phase of this project.
13	Feedback	Hi-- thanks for accepting comments. It would be great if there could be a narrow strip of crushed stone or other softer surface next to the paved path, for runners and walkers. sincerely, (resident of Cuyahoga County who uses lake county parks and patronizes local business afterwards!)	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback and offer your support. There will be a very narrow gravel berm along the trail per design standards and as space allows.