



Lake Metroparks Lakefront Path Project - Phase III

Project Fact Sheet

ODOT PID 122421

Project Description

Lake Metroparks invites you to comment on Phase III construction of the Lakefront Trail Project: a 10-foot-wide multi-use asphalt path along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Phase I of the trail was completed in 2024, running 2,300 feet west from the boundary of Painesville Township Park, where the trail can be accessed. Phase II construction was completed in the fall of 2025 and further extends the trail an additional 800 feet. Phase III will begin at the endpoint of Phase II then continue along the shoreline for a little over a mile. Connector trails will also be constructed, creating a loop and access to the location of 2 proposed parking areas, which will be constructed under a separate project. Total trail length will be approximately 9,500 feet.

Schedule

The project is currently in the engineering and design phase. Lake Metroparks is working with Environmental Design Group to develop the construction plans. Phase III trail construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026 with completion in summer 2027.

Environmental Impacts

The project area, formerly known as the Diamond Shamrock Painesville Works, historically operated as a chemical production plant before its closure in 1977. Remediation has been completed in the areas covered by the planned trail, including the installation of a clean soil cover over the land to address contamination from past land uses. Under the supervision of Ohio EPA, extensive soil and groundwater testing has been conducted at the property and the Ohio EPA continues to monitor ongoing conditions at the site. Design and Construction will be completed in strict accordance with Ohio EPA restrictions and guidelines.

Funding

The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$2,328,780.60 Funds will be administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation with funding contributions by Lake Metroparks, NOACA, and FHWA.

Project Location



Project Comments

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone, email, or mail to:

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Comments on the proposed alternatives should be submitted by **February 18, 2026**, to be documented in the Public Input Summary Report.

Lake Metroparks will respond to all comments received. Please reference Lakefront Trail PID 122421 in emails and in letters.

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 12/14/2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.