

MAH – East Park Hike & Bike Trail Phase II (PID #112585)

Mill Creek Park, City of Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio

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Background Information

Mill Creek Park was established in 1891 by Volney Rogers as the first park district in Ohio. Mr. Rogers continued to donate his efforts in support of the park until his death in 1919. During this time, he took an active role in park development and insisted improvements made to the park should permit access without disturbing its natural beauty. On January 1, 1989, the diverse lands now known as Mill Creek Park officially became a metropolitan park district (MetroParks), a separate political subdivision in the state of Ohio. In addition to Mill Creek Park, the MetroParks now operates eleven other park and recreational facilities throughout Mahoning County that offer a natural escape and activities for the enjoyment of all ages.

Project Location

Mill Creek Park is located within the City of Youngstown and Boardman Township in Mahoning County, Ohio. The proposed project involves new construction of the East Park Hike and Bike Trail (Phase II), located parallel to East Park Drive approximately 0.15-miles north of Canfield Road (US-62). Other local landmarks include Lanterman's Mill located approximately 0.20-miles south (across Route US-62) and the Suspension Bridge located approximately 0.52 miles north (along Valley Drive).

Project Description

The proposed East Park Hike & Bike Trail (Phase II) is a continuation of an enhancement project constructed by the MetroParks in 2019 to provide increased safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists as they travel through the East Park Corridor. Phase I of the project (~750 LF) was completed as a component of a roadway resurfacing and an intersection improvement project (East Park Drive and U.S Route 62) completed by Mill Creek MetroParks and the City of Youngstown, respectively.

The successful construction of the East Park Hike & Bike Trail Phase II (~1700 LF of 8' wide paved asphalt trail) will provide a great enhancement to the trail connectivity of Mill Creek Park, as the proposed trail is the final connection to complete a 7+ mile continuous trail system dedicated to pedestrian and bicyclist traffic that extends from US-224 in Boardman Township to Old Furnace Road in the City of Youngstown.

The project lies entirely within Park District lands and will not require right of way acquisition. MetroParks Planning Department personnel, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation, will complete environmental documentation and necessary permits. The project is not in conflict with any local or regional comprehensive transportation plan and it supports the MetroParks mission statement by responding to community needs and providing recreational opportunities.

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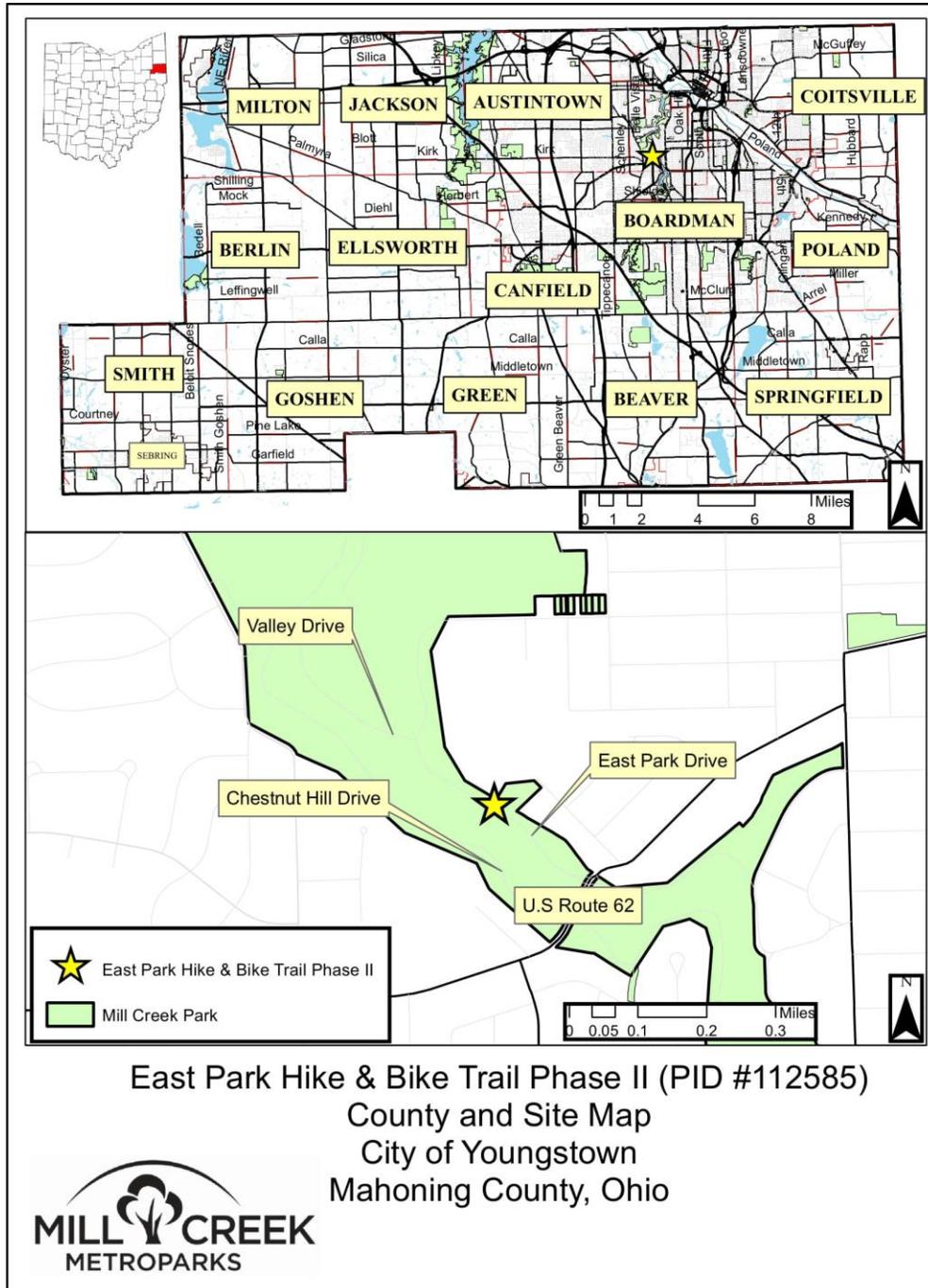
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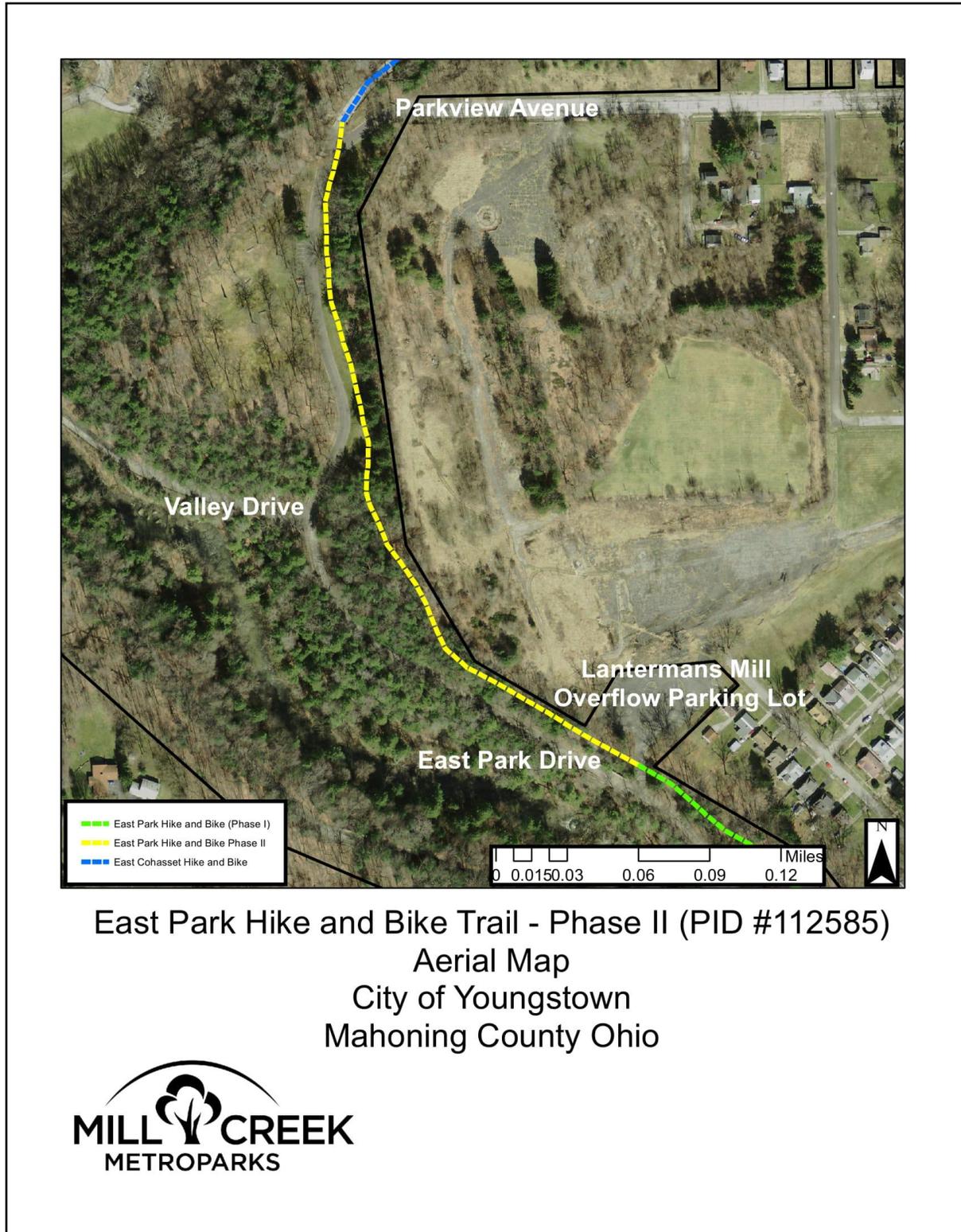
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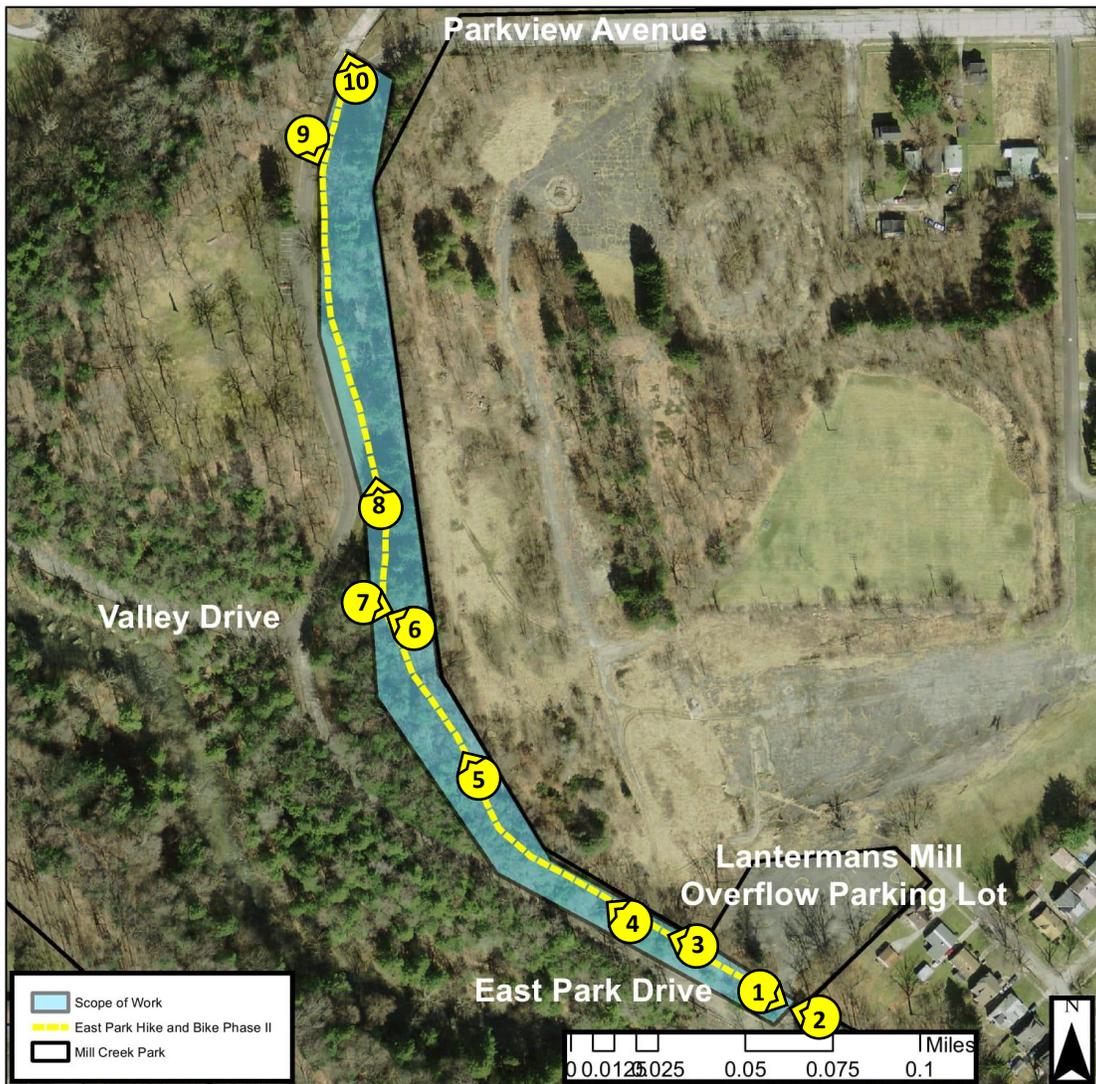


Funding

The estimated total project cost is \$170,000. A significant portion (80%) of the projects funding will be provided by ODOT through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds (\$136,000). The MetroParks will provide the remaining 20% (\$34,000) in match funds, and will provide professional engineering, contract management, and construction project management/inspection services.







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Photograph Locations
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1. View looking south across the entrance drive to the Lanterman's Mill Overflow Parking Lot to the north terminus of Phase I of the East Park Hike & Bike Trail Project (750 LF). The proposed Phase II portion of the East Park Hike & Bike Trail will serve as a continuation of Phase I, providing an additional 1700 LF of 8' wide asphalt trail. Construction of this section will be the final connection to complete a 7+ mile continuous trail system dedicated to pedestrian and bicyclist traffic that extends from US-224 in Boardman Township to Old Furnace Road in the City of Youngstown.



2. View to the north from the entrance drive of the Lanterman's Mill Overflow Parking Lot. This location will serve as the southernmost terminus of the East Park Hike & Bike Trail Phase II project. An accessible curb ramp with appropriate signage and truncated domes will be part of the design of the trail at this location.



3. View to the north along the preferred alignment. The East Park Hike & Bike Trail (Phase II) will traverse the wooded area located between East Park Drive to the west and the eastern property boundary of Mill Creek Park.



4. View to the north, along the preferred alignment, showcasing one of the several manhole covers located adjacent to the project area. This project will have no impact to existing stormwater, sanitary, or other utility infrastructure, as manholes, culverts, and headwalls will be avoided. Based upon the elevated location between the drive and property line, the alignment does not cross any wetlands, tributaries, floodplains, etc., and will therefore avoid any impacts.



5. View to the north along the preferred alignment, as the trail progresses through the wooded corridor. The final alignment was determined by a mixture of favorable topography, ease of access, and minimal environmental impacts. The alignment parallels East Park Drive to the west and generally follows a contour line to reduce required cut and fill activities.



6. View to the west, showcasing an existing culvert used to direct stormwater towards East Park Drive. The preferred alignment will utilize this existing culvert and will have no negative impacts to existing infrastructure.



7. View of the east, showcasing an existing stormwater drainage as it approaches the previously mentioned culvert. The preferred alignment will utilize the existing culvert and will have no negative impacts to existing infrastructure.



8. View to the north, along the preferred alignment as the trail exits the wooded corridor and continues along the mowed transition area directly adjacent to East Park Drive. Along this section of trail, a horizontal and vertical buffer will exist between the drive curb and the edge of trail. Existing topography will set the trail several feet above the roadway. The trail centerline alignment will be 20'-25' off the edge of roadway.



9. View to the south, along the preferred alignment as the trail exits the wooded corridor and continues along the mowed transition area directly adjacent to East Park Drive. The trail alignment will skirt the edge of vegetation shown in the foreground of this photo.



10. View to the north, showcasing the northernmost terminus of the proposed project. This location includes an at-grade crossing of East Park Drive (to the left of the photo). The accessible crossing will include a painted crosswalk and curb ramps with appropriate signage and truncated domes. Similar bicycle/pedestrian facility treatment on the far side of East Park Drive will complete the project and create a safe, smooth transition into the East Cohasset Hike & Bike Trail (sign and gate in the middle of the photo).