

Clean Ohio Trail Fund Program Project Rating Sheet

Project Sponsor: City of Pepper Pike **Date:** 2/1/22

Project Name: Gates Mills Boulevard Multi-Purpose Trail

Grant Amount Requested: \$500,000.00 **Total Project Costs:** \$1,200,000.00 **41.66667** **102**

County: Cuyahoga **Reviewed By:** Marlin Holloway

1) **Synchronization With The Statewide Trails Plan**

15	a.	Project addresses one or more strategic issues
	b.	Project meets a need(s) identified in the user survey
	c.	Project is a part of the inventory of planned and/or existing trails in the Statewide or Regional Trails Plan
10		Project addresses two of the above criteria
5		Project addresses one of the above criteria
0		Project addresses none of the above criteria
15		Staff Comments: Project was identified as a regional link as part of the Cuyahoga County Greenways Framework Plan. See attachment 3-Part 3 (pages 79-81 of the application).

2) **Complete Regional Systems & Links To The Statewide Trails System**

20		Project make definitive links to an existing regional system and/or establishes a regional trail system or long distance trail
12		Project is a part of a community trail system or link to a community trail system that does or could link to a regional or larger trail system
7		Project is part of a community trail system that does not apparently link to other regional trails
3		Trail is in a park that connects to or could connect to a community or regional system.
0		Project does not link to other trails or is a loop trail, perimeter trail or trail within a specific park boundary.
12		Staff Comments:

3) **Combination Of Funds From Various State Agencies**

5		Project has funds from other state/federal administered programs and/or grants. Funds must be for this phase of the project and not for future previous phases.
0		Project has no funds from other state/federal or state/federal administered programs and/or grants. Funds must be for this phase of the project and not for future or previous phases.
0		Staff Comments:

4)

The Provision Of Links In Urban Areas That Supports Commuter Access And Show Economic Impact On Local Communities

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Project offers alternative means of transportation that is safe and connects to retail areas, work places, schools, community resources, or other destination

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b.

Project has been identified in a local/regional comprehensive, transportation, or trails plan

c.

Project fosters economic revitalization or provides tangible economic benefits to the area or local community that would not otherwise be attained without the proposed project.

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Project meets two of the above criteria

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Project meets one of the above criteria

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Project addresses none of the above criteria

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Staff Comments:

5) **The Linkage Of Population Centers With Public Outdoor Recreation Areas And Facilities.**

15 The project links to three or more of the following; **trails, recreation areas**, natural areas, **historic areas**, cultural or scenic areas, or community facilities like schools, libraries, community centers, **business districts**, etc.

10 Project links to two of the above areas/facilities

5 Project links to one of the above areas/facilities

2 Project links key recreation facilities within an existing park

0 **Staff Comments:**

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6) **The Purchase of Rail Lines That Are Linked To The Statewide Trail Plan**

15 Project involves acquisition of railroad ROW that will become part of a linked statewide/regional system

8 Project involves acquisition of a railroad ROW that will not provide any immediate linkages to a statewide system (e.g. a community system)

5 Some acquisition involved but not a major component or will not provide links to a trail system

0 **Project does not involve purchase of railroad ROW**

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Staff Comments:

7) **The Preservation Of Natural Corridors**

10 Project definitely contributes to the preservation of a natural corridor through land acquisition and will link or has the potential to link to existing and/or planned trails

5 Project has moderate benefits in preserving a natural corridor through land acquisition

0 **Project makes no contribution to preserving a natural corridor**

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Staff Comments:

8) **Partnerships And Volunteer Involvement**

10 Project will involve new partnerships and fosters economic revitalization and benefits (A partnership brings something of tangible value to the project)

5 **Project will provide either new partnerships or economic benefits to the area**

0 No partnerships or no significant economic benefits

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Staff Comments:

9)

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Justification Of Trail Need Or Ability To Solve A Trail Problem

Need or problem is very well developed using various examples of specific data (e.g. studies, master plans, community wide surveys, participation studies, socio-demographic trend, public input, etc.)

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Need or problem well identified but not using specific data

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General statement of need and/or how the project will solve a trail problem

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Need/problem not identified

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Staff Comments:

10)	<p><u>Documentation Of Applicant's Non-State Share</u></p> <p>10 Resolution plus well documented non-state share</p> <p>7 Resolution plus partially identified funds</p> <p>3 Resolution obligates funds only</p> <p>0 No resolution</p> <p>-5 Knowledge of financial difficulty/hardship</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>Staff Comments:</p>
11)	<p><u>Local Public Participation in Formulating The Proposal And Opposition To The Proposal</u></p> <p>10 Project involved extensive public participation with virtually no known public opposition</p> <p>7 Project has moderate public involvement and minimal opposition</p> <p>3 No documented public opposition, but minimal public input/involvement</p> <p>0 Minimal public involvement and some well documented opposition</p> <p>-5 Minimal or no public input and strong opposition from citizens, agencies, or groups</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">-5</p>	<p>Staff Comments: Significant push-back from the residents of Maple Heights and Pepper Pike not wanting the trails to be constructed. Phase 1</p>
12)	<p><u>Operation And Maintenance Capabilities</u></p> <p>5 Project sponsor has shown strong ongoing maintenance commitment as evidenced by other projects, parks, facilities, staff knowledge, etc.</p> <p>0 Project sponsor is committed to maintaining the project, but there are some potential issues with maintenance.</p> <p>-5 Maintenance commitment has not been made and/or clear evidence of lack of maintenance on other facilities, parks projects, etc.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	<p>Staff Comments:</p>
13)	<p><u>Benefits Provided</u></p> <p>15 Project will provide at least five of the following benefits: recreation, economic, transportation, environmental, historic, cultural, and interpretive</p> <p>10 Project provides at least three of the above benefits</p> <p>5 Project provides at least two of the above benefits</p> <p>0 Project only provides one of the above benefits</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Staff Comments:</p>

14)

Reasonable Project Costs

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Project costs are reasonable, not excessive, and/or the applicant does not request an unusually high percentage of total dollars available. Project provides the maximum number of benefits for the

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Project costs are slightly higher than average and/or the applicant does not request an excessive percentage of available funds

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Project costs are moderately high and/or applicant requests a large percentage of total COTF funds

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Project costs are not at all reasonable, are excessive, and/or contain ineligible costs

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Staff Comments:

15) **Performance Of The Applicant**

5 Application is completed in a timely/professional manner, application is cooperative, and there are no problems with previous ODNR grants

0 Some problems with project sponsor related to application, and/or with progress or unresolved situations with other ODNR grants

-5 Major problems with applicant and/or unsatisfactory performance on previous ODNR projects, especially RTP, COTF, NW, and LWCF

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Staff Comments:

16) **Site Suitability And Accessibility**

10 Site (trail) has easy access and the site is very suitable for trail use

5 There are some accessibility issues for the site and/or some suitability issues

0 Site has limited public access and/or is unsuitable for trail development

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Staff Comments: Will be constructed in the median of Gates Mills Blvd

17) **Multi-Use Trail Width**

10 Multi-use trail with a trail width of 10ft or more

5 Multi-use trail with a trail width of 8ft or more

0 Multi-use trail less than 8ft or this trail project is not a multi-use trail

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Staff Comments: They didn't state the width. They just talked about "recreational corridor sharing" and multi-purpose trail.

18) **Additional Considerations**

Deduct 0-20 points for unresolved impacts (e.g. OHPO concerns, environmental issues, safety issues, property/real estate issue, etc.)

Score 0-10 points if the project sponsor's request is for less than 75% reimbursement

10 points = up to 40%

5 points = 41-65%

2 points = 66-74%

Deduct 10 points for a project sponsor's 2nd priority, 20 points for its 3rd, and 30 points for its 4th, etc.

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TOTAL POINTS ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

107

TOTAL POINTS FROM QUESTIONS 1-16

102

GRAND TOTAL

Staff comments: This project seems dependent on the completion of the the previous

phase being completed, and that project has a strong possibility of not going forward without this grant award. There has been significant public pushback for the project.















