

Location Map: Great Miami River Recreation Connectivity Project

Legend

-  Regional Bike Hub
-  Proposed River Plaza Park
-  Park-N-Bike
-  Proposed Crawford St. Pedestrian Pathway
-  Great Miami River Recreational Trail
-  Proposed Troy Downtown Riverfront Recreational Trail (~4,000 ft)
-  Removal of Low Head Dam
-  Reconnection of an Abandoned Oxbow

Regional Bike Hub

Treasure Island

Park-N-Ride

Proposed River Plaza Park

Herringer Park

Great Miami River



1 inch = 800 feet

**Photos of the Current Location of the
Great Miami River Recreation Connectivity Project**

Looking West along the Great Miami River under the N. Market St. Bridge.



Looking West along the Great Miami River just at the low head dam.



Looking West along the Great Miami River at the Old Miami Co. Power Plant: 209 W. Water St. The new trail will be located below this point.



Looking Northwest along the Great Miami River from the current low head dam. The new trail will end here. Location of the River Park Plaza is located here ★

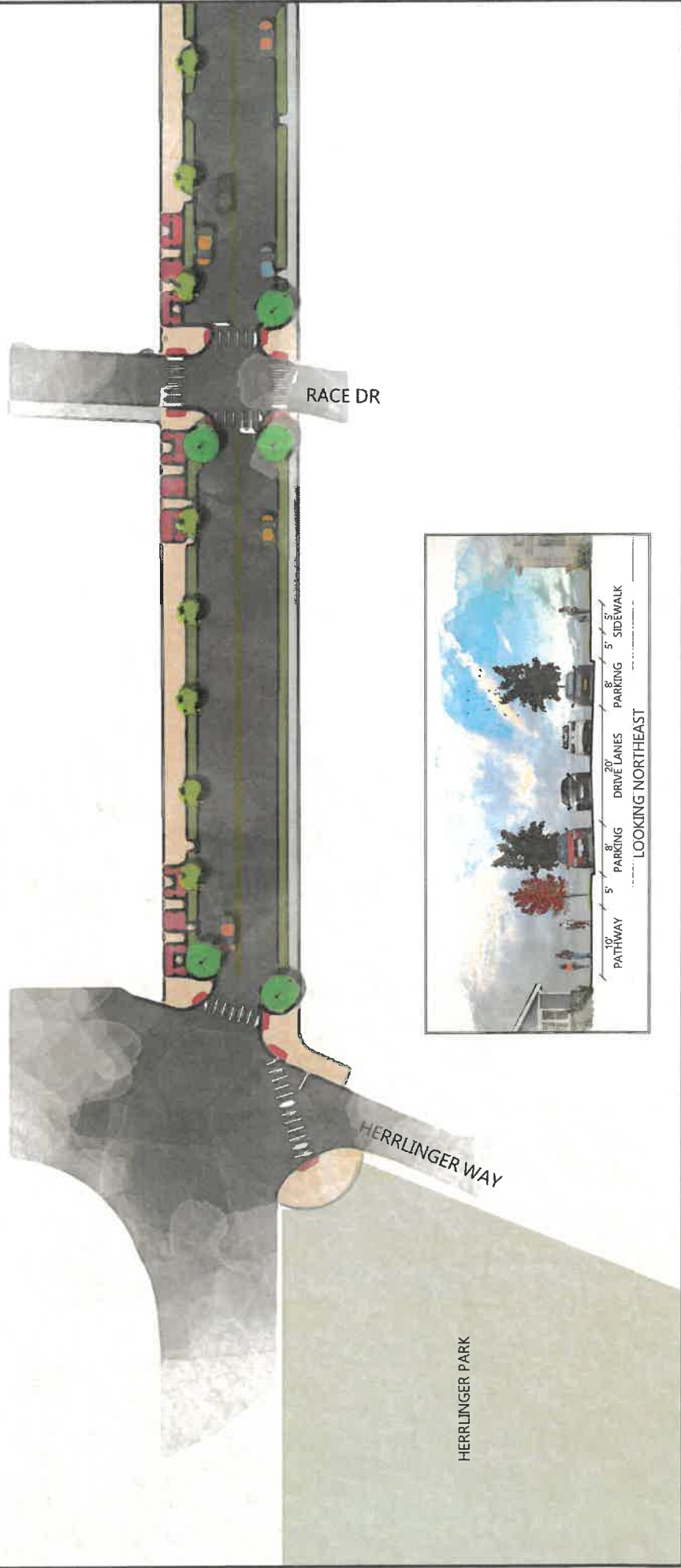
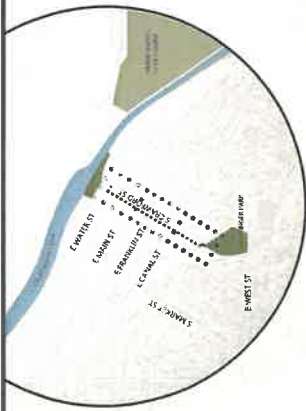


Looking South along the Great Miami River from Treasure Island. The new trail will connect here to the GMR Recreational Trail. ★



Looking East along the Great Miami River toward the Adam St. Bridge. New trail will continue here underneath the Adams St. Bridge.





CRAWFORD STREET PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY

— TROY, OHIO —



RIVER PARK PLAZA
— TROY, OHIO —

September 18, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Troy, Ohio's PDAC application for the Great Miami River (GMR) Recreation Connectivity Project.

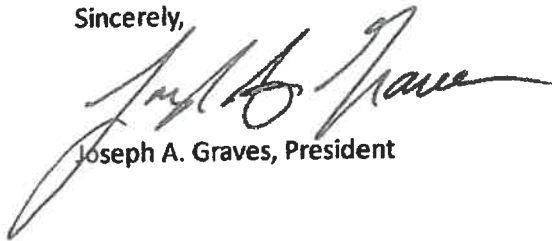
This grant application includes improved access to the GMR Recreational Trail and our beautiful downtown. The removal of the low-head dam will greatly benefit our community and allow for several recreational amenities to be expanded. The GMR & Recreational Trail bisects the community and is a tremendous draw for our citizens and visitors to our community, while increasing foot traffic for our downtown retailers and restaurants.

There is an extensive scope the grant application, but the included items will make an impact on our community with improved access to the GMR Recreational Trail, construction of a canoe/kayak launch and the creation of gathering space along our scenic riverfront.

In conclusion, we support the efforts of the City of Troy to improve and increase the amenities along the GMR and GMR Recreational Trail.

Thank you for your consideration for funding this grant application.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Graves, President



September 21, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau (MCVCB) fully supports the City of Troy's PDAC application for the Great Miami River (GMR) Recreation Connectivity Project. The MCVCB recognizes the economic, social, environmental, and public health benefits of trails, bikeways, and riverways. The City of Troy has done a tremendous job of preserving history while also being innovative and progressive which is evident in the growth and development we have seen in downtown Troy and along the river thus far. We are blessed with wonderful recreational assets and feel that the connections Troy is working to make between the Great Miami River, Great Miami Recreational Trail, and Downtown Troy will have a significant impact on the quality of life of Troy and Miami County Residents and to those visitors coming into the area.

The City of Troy's passion for creating spaces where residents and visitors can come together to enjoy the riverway and bike path as well as events, businesses, and other amenities is admirable. The items within this grant application will bring opportunities to both trail users and businesses. Making these connections between the river, bike path, and downtown will encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoor amenities in the area, promote a strong, healthy lifestyle, and allow businesses the opportunity to engage with more potential customers. Those coming off the river or bike path into downtown will spend their money in our shops, restaurants, and attractions contributing to the success of our business community and to the economic vitality of the area.

The MCVCB takes pride in the communities, partners, and people it serves...it is a pleasure for us to promote Troy and Miami County as a destination to those traveling from near and far. We thank the City of Troy for always striving to provide the best experience possible to its residents and visitors and look forward to seeing the GMR Recreation Connectivity Project unfold.

It is our hope that you will consider contributing to this very important project.

With Sincere Regards,

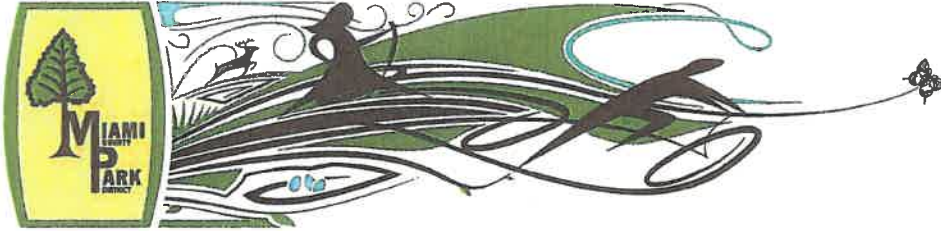
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September 19, 2023

To Whom it may concern:

The Miami County Park District enthusiastically supports the City of Troy, Ohio's PDAC application for the Great Miami River (GMR) Recreation Connectivity Project. The grant application includes several improvements in the downtown area which will improve access to the GMR Recreational Trail, construct a canoe/kayak launch and create additional gathering space along the beautiful downtown riverfront.

The Park District has been instrumental in constructing portions of the GMR Recreational Trail north and south of Troy, as well as having canoe/kayak launches along the Great Miami River north of the City. By adding additional assets and accesses to the river and bike trail for the citizens of Troy and Miami County from the downtown area of Troy only adds to the uses of our great assets along the river and bike trail. We have partnered with the City of Troy on other projects along the river and trail and are excited to see more work being done to make our previous investments more relevant.

The scope of this project is extensive, but its elements will make a significant impact to our community and its recreational amenities. Downtown businesses, residents and visitors on bikes and kayaks will benefit greatly from this project when it is completed. Plus, Troy has a beautiful riverfront area and these new projects will add to the access to this wonderful natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration for funding this grant application.

Sincerely,



J. Scott Myers, Executive Director

Charleston Falls Preserve,
Farrington Reserve, FL Blankenship Riverside
Sanctuary, Garbry Big Woods Reserve & Sanctuary,
Great Miami River Recreational Trail, Goode Prairie Reserve & Preserve,
Greenville Falls State Scenic River Area, Honey Creek Preserve, Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, Lost Creek Reserve &

October 2, 2023


To Whom It May Concern:

The Activate Troy Partnership (ATP) fully supports the City of Troy's application for the Dayton Development Coalition's Priority Development & Advocacy Committee (PDAC) grant funding for the Great Miami River Recreation Connectivity Project. The ATP recognizes the economic, social, environmental, and other benefits of trails, bikeways, and riverways.

The grant will provide additional assets and access to the river and bike trail for the citizens of Troy and Miami County from the downtown area of Troy. This connectivity project will greatly benefit Downtown businesses, residents, and visitors utilizing recreational amenities. Making these connections between the river and the recreational trail will encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoor amenities in the area, promote a healthy lifestyle, and allow businesses the opportunity to attract more potential customers.

In conclusion, we support the efforts of the City of Troy to enhance amenities along the Great Miami River. Thank you for your consideration for funding this grant application.

Sincerely,



Melissa Kleptz

Chairperson

Activate Troy Partnership



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November 2, 2022

Patrick Titterington, City Manager
City of Troy
100 S. Market St.
Troy, OH 45373

Dear Patrick:

I am writing to express support for the City of Troy's Great Miami River Recreation Connectivity Project, to be submitted to the Dayton Development Coalition Priority Development Advocacy Committee (PDAC) review process.

Troy and MCD have a long and strong partnership in investing in the riverfront, starting in flood protection in the early 1900s to creating the first mile of paved recreational trail along the banks of the Great Miami River in 1972. That first mile of trail has grown to become the nation's largest system of connected paved trails with 340 total miles which now draws people from all over the country to bike on protected cycle lanes. In 2014 the City invested \$10 million dollars to improve public access at Treasure Island Marina, leading to greater usage on both sides of the river, and inspiring programs like Float Troy.

MCD is pleased to support Troy's PDAC request which envisions making stronger use of their riverfront location while protecting and preserving the riverine system in alignment with MCD's core mission. The removal of the low dam will enable safer paddling, as well as allowing for a pedestrian path and kayak access on the south along East Water Street. MCD looks forward to working with Troy through the project design with the understanding Troy intends to implement the project so that flood control and protection remains a priority while encouraging stewardship and recreation.

Finally, Troy is a founding member of the Great Miami Riverway, which promotes economic growth along Ohio's first nationally-designated water trail, from Sidney to Hamilton, and which MCD is proud to administer and promote on behalf of twenty community partners along the Great Miami River. MCD is pleased to support Troy in its endeavors to continue to invest in sustainable riverfront development that helps advance the economic growth and quality of life in the region.

Sincerely,


MaryLynn Lodor
General Manager



Miami Soil & Water Conservation District

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March 10, 2023

To Whom it may concern:

The Miami Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) wholeheartedly supports the City of Troy, Ohio's PDAC application for the Great Miami River (GMR) Recreation Connectivity Project. The grant application includes several improvements to the river corridor that very much align with our mission statement of promoting innovative stewardship of natural resources through the development of conservation partnerships to enhance the quality of life.

As an organization that seeks to sustain, maintain, conserve and promote our natural resources in all aspects, we feel this project focusing on the low head dam removal, the levee toe construction and a multi-use trail, etc., will further encourage awareness, appreciation, affection and responsibility toward the river, this community along its riverfront and hopefully, by extension, its whole watershed. For the past 15+ years, this office has been the lead coordinator for the Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River, a canoe clean-up effort throughout the entire length of the Great Miami River. Over this time, the total number of volunteers is nearly 14,000 and the total tonnage removed is over 345 tons. The projects in mind will only serve to bring more folks to the riverfront and allow them to better see the beauty, purpose and responsibility to the river; all of which that can only be seen as good things.

The ambitions of this grant application are impressive and would certainly be a significant impact to all the businesses, residents, and visitors on foot, bike or boat. It has the potential to increase the love of those who already call the area home, but also invite countless others to learn about the invaluable resource of the Great Miami River.

Thank you for your consideration for funding this grant application.

Kreig Smail

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kreig W. Smail". The signature is written in a cursive style.

District Administrator

Miami Soil & Water Conservation District