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Environmental Document

for

CUY Olmsted Greenway Ph 1 PID 122386

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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 December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Information

C2 Section

PIDs	122386
Project Sponsor	Cuyahoga County Engineer
ODOT District	12
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The construction of a ten-foot-wide asphalt trail from Cook Road to Fitch Road within the First Energy right-of-way. The work will include several ADA compliant curb ramps and various drainage improvements.

All work is not within existing ROW.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by HZW Environmental Consultants, Rachel Davidson, using the online OSHPO ArcMap Resource Map. No Cultural Resources listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places were identified within and/or immediately adjacent to the proposed project area. The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. No further coordination is required. The Record Check can be found in the Project File Under Cultural Resources/Project Information. OES approval date 11/5/2025.

This project is not located in a Special Hazard Flood Area.

Work is proposed within streams and wetlands. A total of 0.097 acres of wetland impacted and 68 linear feet will be impacted.

Waterway permits will be required prior to start of work. 0.37 acres of forested area will be removed during construction.

RMR screening approved by the District on 2/10/2026. Deep excavation is required. This project's activities are not exempt from OAC Rule 3745-513. There are no landfills within 300 feet of the Project Area.

Public involvement requirements will be met prior to final project approval.

Construction: \$749,100: 80% federal, 20% local

C2 approval is based on Stage 2 Plans.

The next phase of the proposed project is listed on the STIP: Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	122386: 26-29 STIP

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: Yes

Select the appropriate project type:

(26) Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (including parking, weaving, turning, and climbing lanes), if the action meets the constraints in paragraph I of this section. **Examples include: Joint or limited use of right-of-way where the proposed use would have minimal or no adverse social (including highway safety), economic or**



environmental impacts; Installation of new noise walls and other new noise mitigation projects; Construction of highway safety and truck escape ramps; Construction of bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, or facilities and trailhead parking that do not otherwise qualify for a C1 designation; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter installation and replacement, ADA ramps/curb ramps, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.); Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(e), the proposed project cannot be processed as a C2 CE, if it involves - a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of ROW (exceeds strip takes) b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis f. A finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect to Threatened and Endangered Species g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions h. Changes in access control i. Floodplain encroachment other than functionally dependent uses (e.g., bridges, wetlands) or actions that facilitate open space use (e.g., recreational trails, bicycle and pedestrian paths) j. Construction activities in, across or adjacent to a river component designated or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination) l. Substantial Community Impacts (if a Community Impact Assessment is required, contact OES for guidance). For certification purposes, documentation is required to illustrate no significant impacts will occur to the following environmental resources and that no unusual circumstances exist that would warrant a higher level of NEPA document. Upload all supporting documentation to the project file.

Ecological

Waterways: Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required

Waterways Permit Type: Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending

Isolated Wetland Permit No

Will any wetlands be impacted? Yes

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	Endangered	02/23/2026
Northern Long-eared Bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Endangered	02/23/2026
Tricolored Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	Proposed Endangered	02/23/2026

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Species of Concern	02/23/2026
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	Endangered	02/23/2026
Rufa Red Knot	Calidris canutus rufa	Threatened	02/23/2026



Endangered Species Remarks:

No state or federally listed species are anticipated to be adversely affected.

Scenic Rivers

No National Wild and Scenic River
Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed
Project Area

Scenic Rivers Remarks

No National Wild and Scenic River Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed Project Area.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:

No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

This project is not located in a Special Hazard Flood Area.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

No Section 4(f) or 6(f) properties will be affected as part of this project.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f):

Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources:

Not Present

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date

11/05/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks



The proposed project will construct pedestrian facilities and a ten-foot-wide asphalt trail or shared-use path in the community of North Olmsted, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The 4300-foot (0.8 mile) path will be installed four miles southwest of the Cleveland-Hopkins Airport between Cook Road and Fitch Road. The path will follow the 250-foot wide First Energy right-of-way. The work will include several ADA compliant curb ramps and various drainage improvements. The work area has been previously disturbed by the installation of three parallel high-tension lines, construction access roads, tower work areas, and periodic brush and tree clearing along the corridor. The project will not directly involve any residential buildings, or modern commercial buildings. No relocations will be required.

The literature search further concluded there are no known archaeological sites (OAI), no inventoried buildings (OHI), and no listed or eligible NR properties are found in the area of potential effects (APE). Sidewalk construction and pedestrian safety improvements are project types exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 38503), when they are beyond the boundary of a historic property and as long as no contributing component of a historic district will be removed or altered by construction.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

Comment received from the Miami tribe; no objections were made to the project.

Environmental Resources Considered

The following environmental resources are present and have been studied for potential impacts:

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

Project activities do not trigger need for MSAT Analysis, PM 2.5 Conformity, or Ozone Processes.

Noise Remarks

The project will not involve:

- Construction of a new highway
- Alteration of an existing highway's horizontal or vertical alignment
- Increase in the number of through-traffic lanes
- Adding an auxiliary lane
- Negatively affecting the shielding of an existing roadway
- Restriping existing pavement for an added thru or auxiliary lane
- Add or substantially alter a weigh station, rest stop, rideshare lot, or toll plaza
- Cause a major change in vehicle mix

Therefore, no Noise Analysis is required.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA
513 Landfill Authorization:**

Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:

02/10/2026



Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

Project requires deep excavation and is not 513-exempt, however, all impacted and surrounding parcels are low risk with no landfills within 300 feet.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

Minimum PI Requirements Met; No
Minor Public or Agency Controversy
on Environmental Grounds

Public Involvement Remarks

Public Involvement requirements will be met prior to final approval. A press release was published on February 13, 2026. Comments received during the 30 day window will be responded to.

Environmental Commitments

Environmental Commitments

Yes



Ecological

Wetlands

ESR Name:	Wetland ID:	Hydrologic connection:	Wetland category:	Estimated total size (ac.):	Total estimated impact area by alternative (ac.):
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	E	Adjacent	Modified Category 2	3	0.048
	F	Adjacent	Category 1	0.37	0.003
	G	Adjacent	Modified Category 2	3.8	0

Has an Approved and/or Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination been made by the USACE? No

Total impact to all wetlands (ac.): 0.097

Total acres of non-isolated wetlands impacted: 0.097

Total acres of isolated wetlands impacted: 0

In accordance with Executive Order 11990 - USDOT Order 5660.1A, this Wetland Finding has been prepared to document that wetlands have been avoided to the extent possible to minimize the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands, and to document that there are no practicable alternatives to avoid construction in wetlands.

An analysis of the 'Do Nothing' alternative indicates that it is not practicable because (check all that apply):

It Would Not Correct Existing Condition and Maintenance Problems.

An analysis of improvements that avoid all wetland impacts indicates that they are not practicable because (check all that apply):

They Will Substantially Increase Project Costs.

Include justification supporting the decisions noted above:

This Project is a trail designed on a new alignment within an existing powerline easement. The trail was designed in a sinuous manner to avoid as much wetland as practical in the existing conditions.

All practicable measures have been considered and incorporated into the project design to avoid, minimize, wetland impacts. The wetland impact minimization measures that will be followed for the



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project are documented in the environmental commitments for the project. Wetland mitigation for unavoidable impacts will be provided if required by the Clean Water Act or Ohio isolated wetland law, as regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and Ohio EPA regulations (33 CFR parts 325 and 332 and 40 CFR part 230, and OAC 3745-01-54), and (ORC 6111.027). No practicable alternatives exist for the proposed construction in wetlands, and the proposed action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to the wetlands that may result from such use.

Remarks:

All practicable measures have been considered and incorporated into the project design to minimize the impacts to the wetlands and waterbodies within the project area.



Environmental Commitments

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- 1) Olmsted Township officials will consider and respond to public comments received during the comment period following the February 13, 2026 press release.
- 2) Modify all phases/aspects of the project (e.g., temporary work areas, alignments to avoid tree removal in excess of what is required to implement the project safely.
- 3) Time of year restrictions for tree removal when bats are not likely to be present - To avoid impacts to summer roosting bats, SWH will be cleared only between 1 October and 31 March, when the species would not be present.
- 4) Ensure tree removal is limited to that specified in project plans by clearly marking clearing limits. Ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field.
- 5) If any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archeological evidence is discovered during any phase of the project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of the discovery. In such a case please contact District Environmental Staff, Tom Sorge (cell phone: 440-221-3510) (office: 216-584-2086) (tom.sorge@dot.ohio.gov) to initiate consultation.
- 6) The LPA (Cuyahoga County Engineer) will obtain all appropriate waterway permits prior to any work with the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway, including wetlands, and all applicable waterway permit conditions will be included in the plans and adhered to during construction.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Tribal Comments - Miami Tribe.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf