

Recreational Section 4(f) *de minimis* – Public Notice

The City of Beavercreek, with support from the Ohio Department of Transportation, is planning to replace the existing Factory Road Bridge over Little Beaver Creek. The existing bridge is narrower than the adjacent pavement widths to the north and south and has no pedestrian or bicycle facilities. The proposed project will install a wider bridge that adds an additional right turn lane and a 13-foot-wide shared use path for pedestrians and bicycles. By widening the bridge to three lanes, the project will improve traffic patterns and provide continuity with adjacent pavement widths. The project will also provide safer and more convenient access to the Creekside Trail Shared Use Path (SUP) and the existing park and ride facility at the Beavercreek Community Park (Angel's Pass). The proposed bridge will include a tie-in to the existing Creekside Trail SUP, creating a multiuse connection to the crossing at United States (US) Route 35.

To facilitate construction activities, less than 0.5-acre of temporary and permanent total right-of-way acquisition will be required from the Creekside Reserve and the Creekside Trail. Additionally, a temporary closure of approximately 50 feet of the existing Creekside Trail SUP will be required. The closure is anticipated to last approximately two weeks. During this time, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be detoured onto the Creekside Trail Spur in Angel's Pass. A mid-block crossing will be installed to the existing sidewalk on the west side of Factory Road at the entrance to Angel's Pass. No access restrictions, detours, or closures of the existing Angel's Pass nor Creekside Trail Spur will be required. All other access to park facilities will be maintained throughout construction activities, which are anticipated to last approximately 12 months.

The Creekside Reserve, Creekside Trail, and Angel's Pass Park are recognized recreational properties and are provided protection from adverse impacts associated with federal-aid transportation projects.

The City of Beavercreek consulted with representatives of the City of Beavercreek Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, Beavercreek Township Board of Trustees, Beavercreek Township Park District, and Greene County Parks & Trails. Potential project impacts were described, and all parties provided concurrence that the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features or attributes that qualify the property for protection. The following measures to minimize harm are being implemented as part of the project:

- Access to Creekside Trail and Creekside Reserve shall be maintained at all times during construction activities via an approved detour. Access to Angel's Pass shall be maintained at all times.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of Creekside Trail, Creekside Reserve, and Angel's Pass of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT, the City of Beavercreek, Beavercreek Township, and the Greene County Park District prior to the start of construction activities.

Due to the permanent acquisition of land from the Creekside Trail and Creekside Reserve, the City of Beavercreek is seeking public input regarding the proposed impacts. Please provide comments to Jeffery K. Moorman, P.E., Public Services Director/City Engineer, at publicworks@beavercreekohio.gov. Comments must be received by February 16th, 2024.