

East Liverpool 2021 Funding Request

Trail Development Plan

Project Summary

Complete the engineering and feasibility study for East Liverpool Riverfront Trail and develop the pedestrian and bike trail that will connect to downtown East Liverpool, the Ohio River, and the regional trail system.

Project Background

The East Liverpool/Ohio River Trail will utilize the unique natural, historical, and recreational resources along the Ohio River to promote recreation, health, wellness, and community economic development. A trail along the Ohio River will attract area residents to the downtown, the unique trail topography will attract enthusiasts from throughout the region—as this trail will connect to the regional trail network, and an amenity like the Trail will cause East Liverpool to be an attractive community for non-residents to relocate.

The development of the East Liverpool Riverfront Trail is a strategic initiative to 1) provide residents with bicycle and pedestrian access to downtown and the surrounding area, and 2) to connect the downtown with the Ohio River Greenway Trail, a regional trail project underway, creating potential to bring individuals to visit the City who are utilizing this regional trail network.

Status of Project

Local citizens formed the East Liverpool/Ohio River Trail Committee to promote the Project. The Committee has the support of the East Liverpool Community Partnership for Revitalization¹, a 501(c)(3) organization which will serve as the fiscal agent for the Project.

The City of East Liverpool is coordinating with Columbiana County Parks Department and the Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition to ensure that the local trails will connect into the regional trail network.

The Environmental Design Group was hired to complete a trail concept and engineering plan. The Gateway Group and the City of East Liverpool worked together to identify funding for the Phase I Engineering Feasibility Study and Trail Concept Plan. Phase I is underway, and is anticipated to be completed Fall 2021.

Phase II includes design, environmental due diligence and permitting, obtaining right-of-way, and construction. The anticipated start date is Winter 2021, and we expect that the Trail will be

¹ See www.elcpr.com.

designed and constructed in Phases as funding is available, with a timeline of approximately three to five years. Total Phase II costs approximately \$4.0 million.

Funding Request

The City of East Liverpool requests \$4,000,000 for this project.

The City will use funds from the State of Ohio to fund Phase II for the development of the East Liverpool Riverfront Trail.

