

*‘Blazing a Path to
Sustainable and Healthy Communities through
Collaborations and Partnerships’*



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Summit Lake Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and Floating Boardwalk.

Regional Collaboration

- Park Agencies
- Units of government
- Non profit organizations
- Corporations, Foundations and small businesses



Ohio & Erie Canalway

Key Linkages



Towpath Trail, 101-miles



**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad,
55-miles**



America's Byway, 110-miles



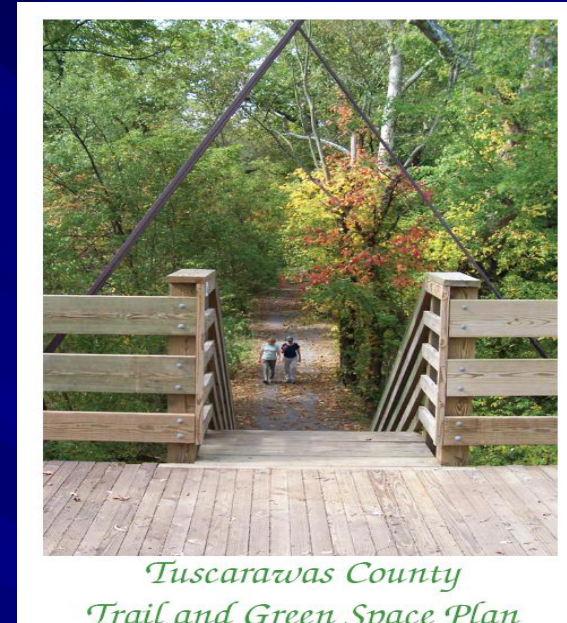
Key partners

- Cleveland, Akron, Massillon, Canton, New Philadelphia, Dover
- Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, Tuscarawas county governments
- Cleveland, Summit, Stark, Tuscarawas Park Agencies
- GCP, Greater Akron Chamber, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce
- Cuyahoga, Summit and Tuscarawas County Port Authorities
- Cleveland, Akron, Canton/Stark and Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitors Bureaus
- Corporations and Businesses
- Non-profit organizations
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park and State Agencies

Community Investment



Summit County Trail & Greenway Plan



Tuscarawas County Park Department



Steelyard Commons Trail Dedication

Total Investment = \$95,000,00

- Federal 38,000,000
- State 10,000,000
- Local 34,500,000
- Private 12,500,000



Key partners: **EVERYONE!!!**

Over 150 public-private partners

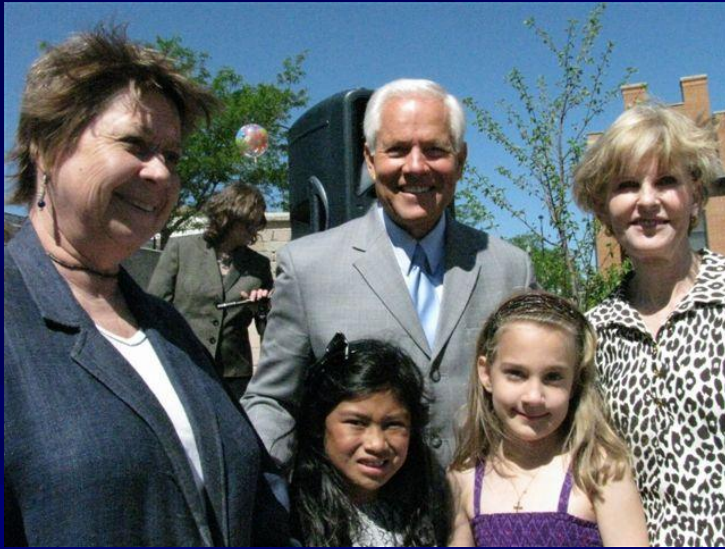


Ohio Trails and Greenways



- Buckeye Trail
- North Country Scenic Trail
- Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway
- Heart of Ohio Trail
- Canal Trails
- North Coast Inland Trail
- Ohio-To-Erie Trail
- Rails to Trails
- Ohio's Scenic Rivers
- National Scenic Byways

New Developments along the Ohio & Erie Canalway



Richard Howe House Trail Dedication, May 2012



Tuscarawas County
Towpath Trail
March 2012



Barberton Towpath Trail Dedication, May 2012



Outcomes and accomplishments of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail

- **Completion of 81 of the 101-mile Towpath Trail for residents and visitors.**
- **Corporations and businesses seek communities that offer quality of life amenities, including trails, green space and cultural resources for their employees and families.**
- **Employees and their families who utilize trails and green spaces lead healthier lifestyles, which result in lower health care costs for their employers.**
- **Livable and sustainable communities.**
- **Over \$300,000,000 of community and economic development projects along the Ohio & Erie Canalway.**



Towpath Trail, Akron, Ohio



Thank you for your support!

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