## **Trails Leadership Network – Active Participants**

- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- City of Cleveland Planning Commission
- Northeast Ohio Areawide **Coordinating Agency (MPO)**
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cuyahoga County Public Works

- Rivers, Trails and Conservation **Assistance Program & Cuyahoga** Valley National Park (NPS)
- **Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority**
- **Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer** District
- **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**
- **Trust for Public Land**
- **Bike Cleveland**

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# **Trails Leadership Network: Six Goals**

- Create & sustain a centralized Trail Inventory; routinely track progress 1.
- Define a Regional Network Plan on a 3 yr. horizon 2.
- Leverage and maximize funding 3.
- Build trail project management capacity throughout Cuyahoga County 4. communities
- Become a common voice for trail & bikeway advocacy 5.
- Establish common messaging, marketing & promotion of the regional 6. trail & bikeway network

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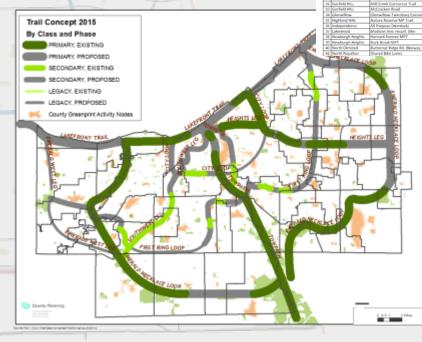
Network & NOACA Planned

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**Trails Leadership Network: Working Committees** 

- Support from leadership of partner agencies Thank You!
- Many, many hours of staff involvement
- Hosting meetings on a rotating basis
- Collaboration, cooperation and sharing of resources

Accomplishments



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> Greater Cleveland Trails Leadership Network Monday, March 30th, 2015 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Cuyahoga County Planning Commission 2079 East 9<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44115 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 5-006 Phone: (216) 443-3700

## AGENDA

1:30 PM - Welcome and Introductions

1:40 News, Updates and Goal Activity

2:00 Trails Inventory

- Existing Facilities
- Planned and Funded Projects
- Emerging Corridors & Gaps
- 2:30 Discussion Toward a County Wide Trail Plan
   NW Indiana as Model
   East Side Greenway as a Model
- Lust side Greenway a
- 3:00 Leveraging Events
- Upcoming Opportunities such as RNC
- Others

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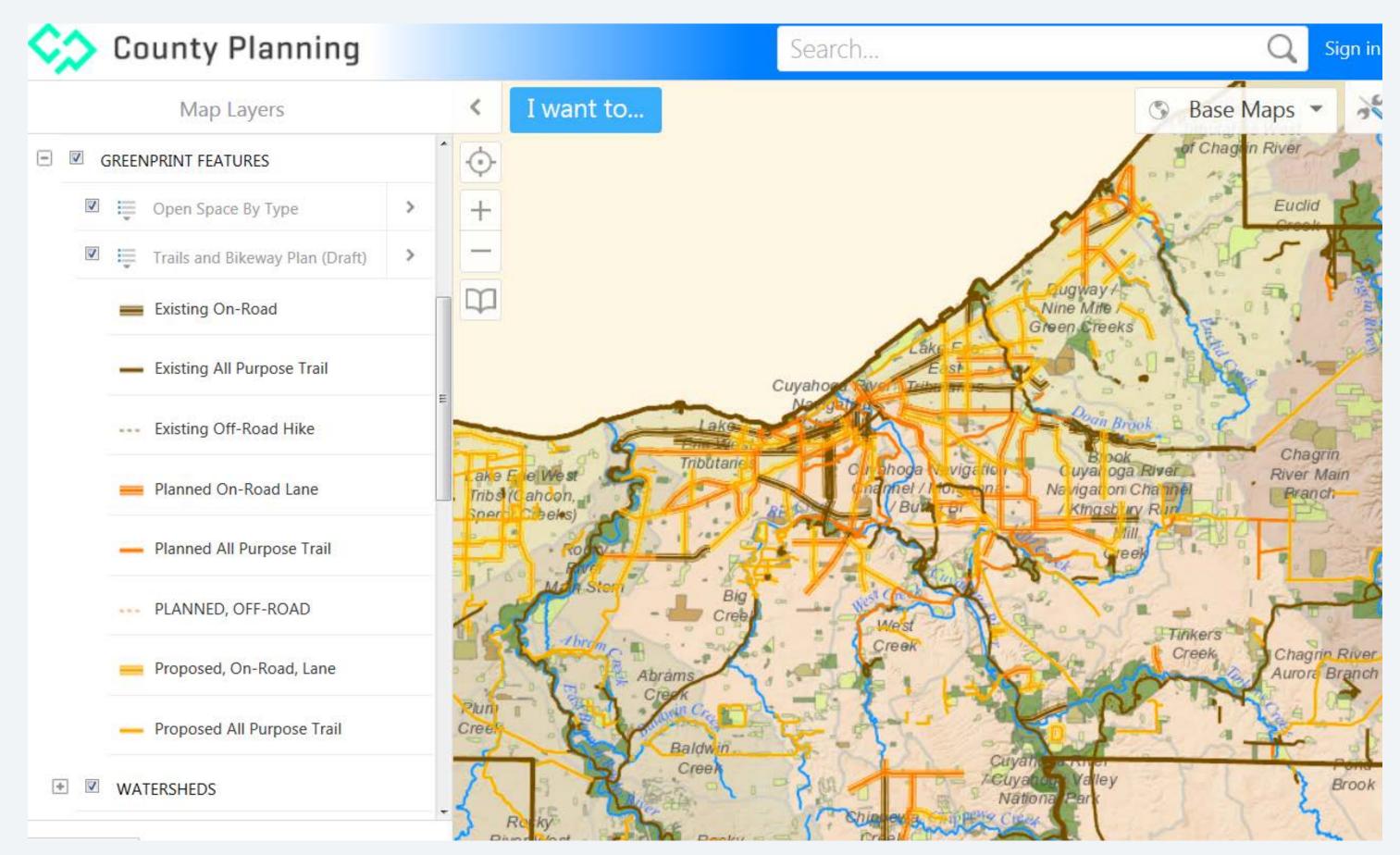
## Reviewed 50 Projects Grouped, not Ranked



Local importance, not necessarily regional



## **Digital Trails Inventory**

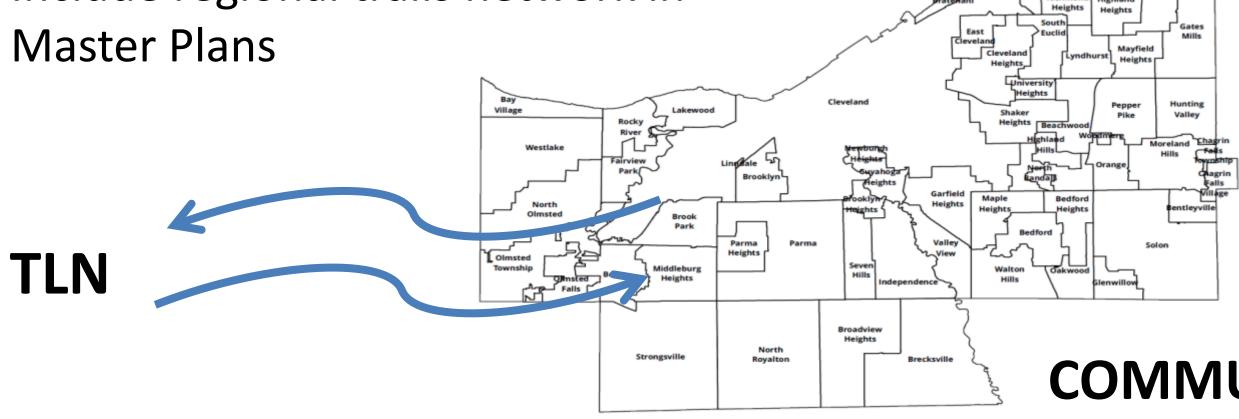


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# **Routine Communications with Municipalities**

Feedback Loop with Local Planning:

- For their ongoing input
- Track implementation progress
- Include regional trails network in Master Plans



Recreation

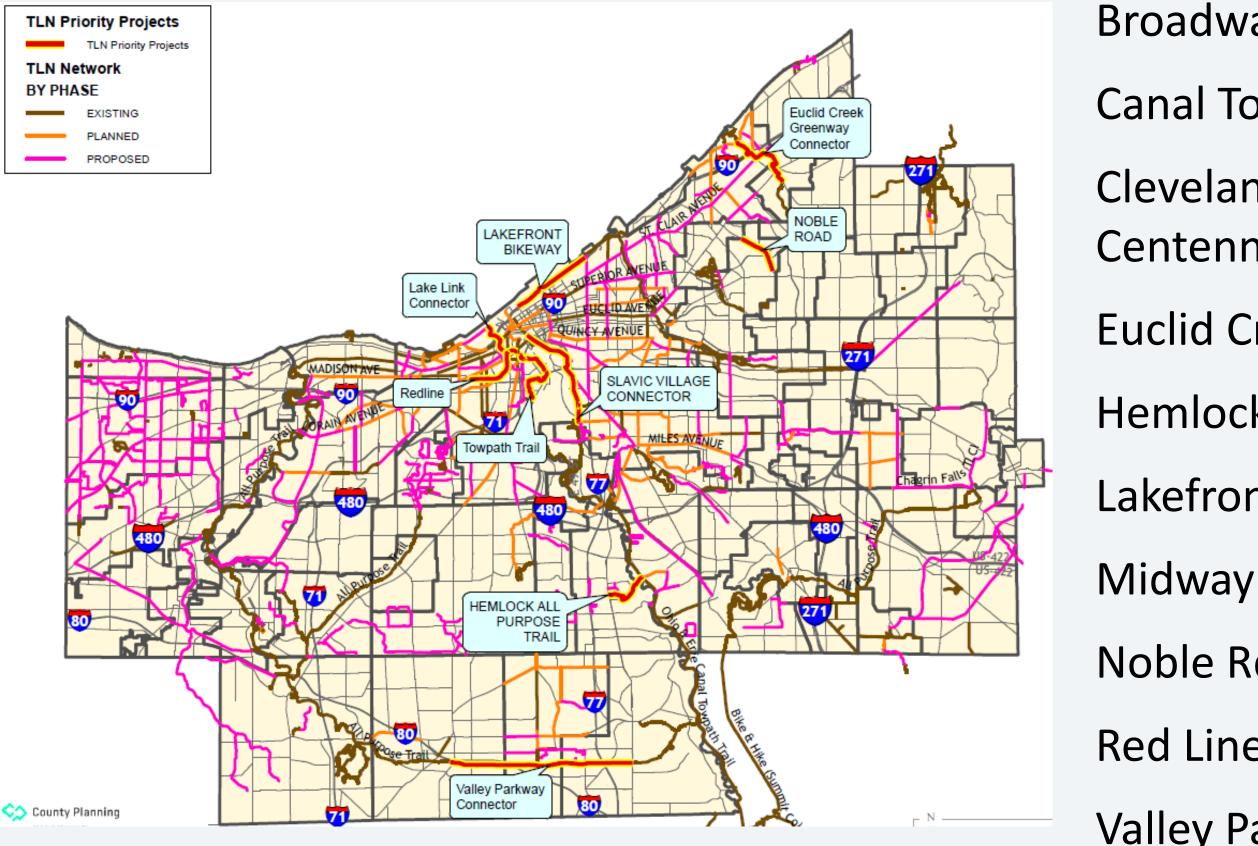
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# **COMMUNITIES**



# First Round (2015) Priority Projects for the Regional Network



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# **Broadway Connector**

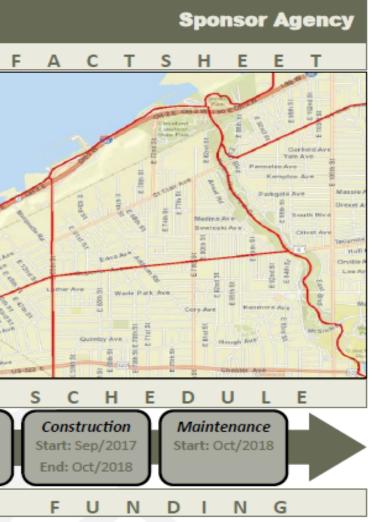
- **Canal Towpath**
- **Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail**
- **Euclid Creek Greenway**
- Hemlock Trail
- Lakefront Greenway
- Noble Rd. Bike Lanes
- **Red Line Greenway**
- Valley Parkway

# **Project Sheets**

- Standardized One Page
- Project Description
- Map
- Schedule
- Funding Strategy
- Sources of Funds

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# **Current Working Process for TLN Priorities**

- 1. Review list of candidate trails projects; select "Top 10"
  - 2. Contract project sponsors and discuss TLN assistance
    - 3. Compile best available data and mapping; Project Sheets
      - 4. Develop funding alternatives for Top 10
        - 5. Assist sponsors with funding and technical assistance
          - 6. Advocate for funding for trails projects from existing sources
            - 7. Seek new and creative sources for trails funding
              - 8. Update the project list as new plans, projects and initiatives emerge

# So Far...Benefits of Trails Leadership Network

- Regional groups meeting together on common goals
- Learning there is widespread support for trails and greenways
- Early example of national trend to better link health,
   transportation and community development
- Fostering greater **regional collaboration** among our communities
- Providing key layer in countywide, placed-based planning initiatives along with housing, economic development and others
- Strengthening funding advocacy by presenting projects in a regional context





# **Trails Leadership Network**

- American Planning Association (APA) Cleveland, November, 2015
- APA National Phoenix, April, 2016
- Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference Brecksville, June, 2016
- Presentations to Boards of Directors of:
  - Metroparks
  - NOACA
  - GCRTA
  - **County Planning Commission**
- Next Steps: Preparing to approach funders
  - Professional marketing materials
  - Specific project requests







# **Trails Leadership Network...Looking Forward**

## Eastside Greenway

- Funded through TLCI, with local match
- Completed in 2015
- 19 communities in eastern Cuyahoga County

## Cuyahoga Greenway

- TLCI, pending final approval from NOACA
- Target completion in 2017
- 40 communities in western and southern Cuyahoga County
- Together will form a new Countywide Greenway Plan
  - Plan for Trails Leadership Network
  - Source of candidate projects
  - Strengthen regional context for trails & connectivity





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