Trail Progress

**Hamilton County**  The $6M bridge connecting the OTET to Lunken Airport Trail will begin in the fall of 2019 and be completed by summer of 2021.

Ohio River Way (ORW) has expanded its fund raising goals from just The Oasis ORW to The Crown (Cincinnati’s 30 mile loop Trail that includes Oasis). ORW continues its efforts to bring Genesee & Wyoming Railroad on board in a collaborative effort to complete the southernmost portion of OTET.

The **Madison County** Engineering Department plans to reseal the trail this year from Wilson Road to the Clark County line.

**Franklin County**  Construction has started on the final link of the Camp Chase and Ohio to Erie Trail at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park. This section will provide an off-road trail through the park largely along a former railroad track that provided east-west rail service through what would later become park land. When completed, later this year, the trail will give park visitors a scenic bike ride or walk in one of Metro Parks largest parks. Metro Parks received assistance through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Fund to help construct this section of trail. Estimated completion is late summer or early fall, 2019.

A section connecting the trail to Sullivant Avenue, shown below, is under construction along Georgesville Rd on the Camp Chase segment.

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In February, **Delaware County** Preservation Parks applied for an ODNR COTF grant to construct 2.25 miles of trail north-east of Sunbury. If ODNR awards the project, design will start in early 2020 with construction beginning in the spring or summer of 2020.

In March, Preservation Parks cleared 3.5 miles of downed trees and brush from the trail corridor recently purchased (NE of Sunbury). The corridor isn’t open to the public yet but is now walkable by staff, engineers and contractors as we proceed with implementing the trail.

Cuyahoga County
Progress is underway along the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, which will connect the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail Lake Link to the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway at 25th Street.

Licking Planning Commission/ **Licking County** Area Transportation Study (LCATS) will be moving forward with land acquisition for a .2 mile segment and the surrounding 40 acres that was funded by District 17 NRAC (Natural Resources Assistance Council).

In **Knox County**, two FixIt stations will be installed. One will be installed by the county’s Park District at the Kokosing Gap trail head in Danville and the other will be installed by Eagle Scout John Humphrey near North Clayton Street on the Heart of Ohio Trail.

The section between Glenmont and Killbuck in **Holmes County** is currently in the engineering phase and scheduled to be paved by 2021.

**New Northbound OTET Trail Guides Available**

The newly redesigned 2019 OTET Tour Guides, with complete mileage charts, are available for your planning whether you are traveling south or northbound. Special thanks to board member volunteer Bob Niedenthal for creating these guides.

The guides are available at www.OhioToErieTrail.com for just $15.

Become a Friend of the OTET and save $5 on your Tour Guide order.
I am 71 years old and our grandson was born with a rare genetic defect called Creatine Transporter Deficiency (CTD). His body creates creatine but is missing the transporter necessary to get it to the brain cells and muscles for development due to a mutation.

I decided to ride across the state in June 2018 to raise awareness and funds for the Association for Cerebral Creatine Deficiency Syndromes. I rode my 1988 Cannondale from Cincinnati to Cleveland for 6 days, stayed at B&B’s or Inns along the way and met many amazing people who were interested in hearing my story and gave emotional as well as financial support.

I rode 60 to 70 mile days between Westerville and Cleveland on the highest temperature and humidity days of the year. Sometimes I didn’t see another person for hours and thought I was suffering until I thought of the children and families dealing with CCDS and my ride was put back into perspective for me. I raised a total of $5500 for the foundation.

OTET salutes you, Chuck!
Funds are currently being raised to install a memorial along the trail for Dr. Tom Moffitt, who led the board of the Ohio to Erie Trail for 15 years. Dr. Moffitt passed away in 2017 and is greatly missed by friends, family, and the cycling community. The memorial will include a bronze plaque with an engraved image and words commemorating his leadership and service to OTET.

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