

# CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS DEVELOPMENT

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The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Development project is aimed at accelerating development of a Regional Trails Vision. To date approximately 230 miles of trails are complete with 500 more miles proposed. The COG Board is composed of public, private, and non-profit partners. Recently, 6 regional priority trail segments have been identified (see reverse) that would advance trail network connectivity and create more equitable access.

Prioritized as a project of  
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SIGNIFICANCE**

**Project Type:**

Transportation - Active Transportation

**Estimated Cost:** >\$250 million

**Lead Agency:**

Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board, a MORPC Committee

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**Partner Agencies:**

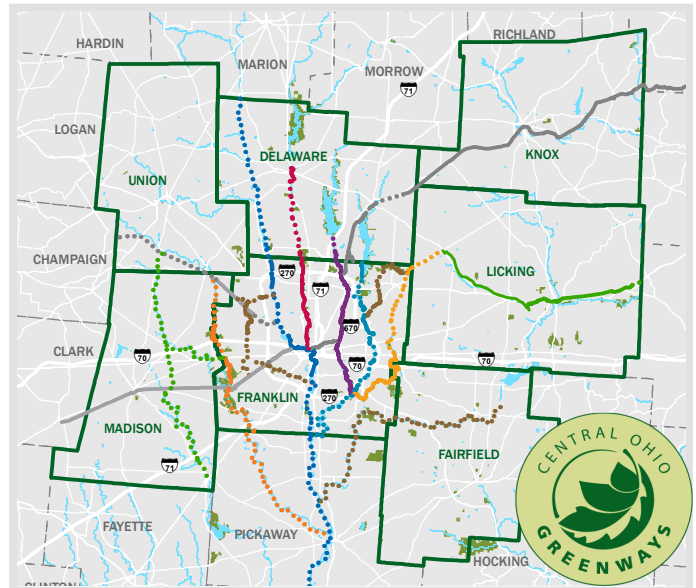
Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, local governments, agencies (e.g., park districts, county engineer offices, etc.), corporations, businesses, and non-profits

**Jobs Supported:**

Potential development of businesses along COG corridors; critical amenity desired by workforce

## Project Benefits

- Maintains competitive infrastructure by creating a critical quality-of-life amenity to attract and retain a talented workforce in Central Ohio
- Adds value to the transportation system and promotes active transportation by connecting neighborhoods to jobs, educational institutions, recreation opportunities, and other destinations
- Increases the percentage of residents in Franklin County with biking and walking access within one mile of their home from currently 25% to nearly 50% of the population
- Creates recreational tourism and trail town opportunities within both urban and rural areas of the region through connections to the larger state trail network



### Project Location

Central Ohio Greenways encompasses existing and proposed trails across seven counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Madison, Licking, and Union



Priority Trail Segments

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Trail Segment	Description
<b>Downtown Trail</b>	<b>Completes a critical gap in the trail network within the economic core and links the three most highly used trails (Scioto, Alum Creek, and Olen-tangy trails)</b>
<b>Linden Greenline</b>	<b>Takes advantage of an abandoned rail corridor providing a north-south connection through the Linden neighborhood, a historically underserved neighborhood severely impacted by redlining and highway development</b>
<b>Hudson Urban Greenway</b>	<b>Provides an east-west connection and has the potential to aid in activating economic activity along an underutilized commercial corridor</b>
<b>Big Walnut Creek</b>	<b>Connects suburban neighborhoods to outdoor recreation and transportation opportunities</b>
<b>SR 161 Trail</b>	<b>Takes advantage of extra right-of-way capacity to diversify transportation options and provides outdoor recreation opportunities in an area with limited parks</b>
<b>Camp Chase Gap</b>	<b>Completes a critical gap in a popular trail multi-county trail, which also is a major part of the Ohio to Erie statewide trail.</b>