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
The Greater Cleveland Trails Leadership Network is a **collaboration** to facilitate communication, keep focus and drive the **regional trail** effort raising the **visibility, prioritization, funding** methods and **implementation** of relevant actions in order to complete the **recreation, transportation-choice network.**
1916 Park and Boulevard System
Trails Leadership Network: Six Goals

1. Create & sustain a centralized **Trail Inventory**; routinely **track progress**

2. Define a **Regional Network Plan** on a 3 yr. horizon

3. Leverage and maximize **funding**

4. Build trail project management **capacity** throughout Cuyahoga County communities

5. Become a common voice for trail & bikeway **advocacy**

6. Establish common **messaging, marketing & promotion** of the regional trail & bikeway network
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
Routine Communications with Municipalities

Feedback Loop with Local Planning:

- For their ongoing input
- Track implementation progress
- Include regional trails network in Master Plans
First Round (2015) Priority Projects for the Regional Network

- Broadway Connector
- Canal Towpath
- Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail
- Euclid Creek Greenway
- Hemlock Trail
- Lakefront Greenway
- Midway
- Noble Rd. Bike Lanes
- Red Line Greenway
- Valley Parkway
Project Sheets

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

Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference
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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