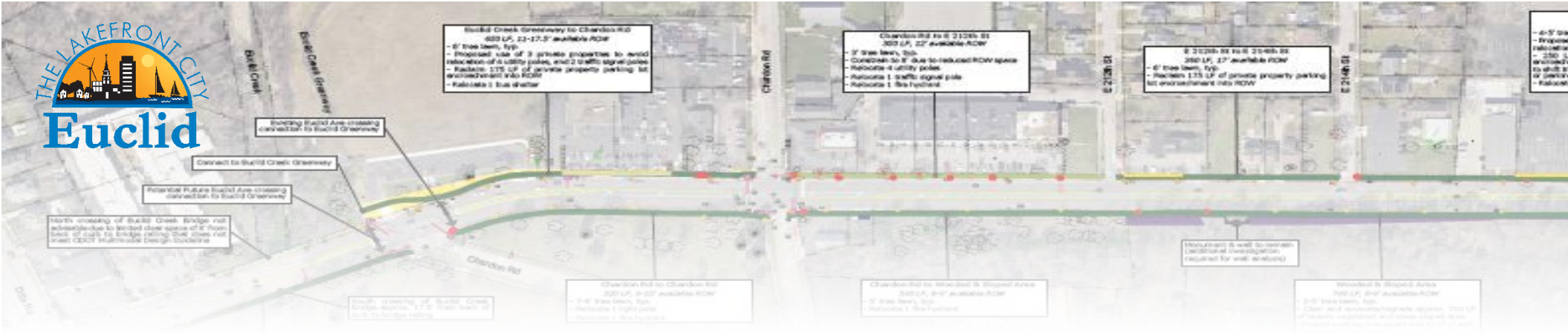




EUCLID HERITAGE TRAIL

Project Summary Worksheet

Euclid Avenue is a five-lane, 35 mile-per-hour, approximately 4.1-mile corridor connecting the City of Euclid to the cities of Cleveland to the west and Wickliffe to the east, as well as numerous communities to the south, collectively referred to as “The Heights”. The Euclid Avenue corridor has been the focus of several studies, including but not limited to the 2013 Euclid Avenue Recreationway Trail, 2018 Euclid Master Plan, and 2023 Euclid Avenue-Chardon Road TLCI Plan, concentrating on how to make Euclid Avenue more supportive of pedestrians and bicyclists, improve health outcomes for the neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the corridor, increase economic vibrancy along the corridor, and connect people to two of the City of Euclid’s greatest natural assets: Euclid Creek Reservation and Lake Erie.

The Euclid Heritage Trail will convert approximately 4,500 feet of existing, five-foot-wide sidewalk on the southern side of Euclid Avenue to an asphalt, ten-foot-wide all-purpose trail between Dille Road and E. 228th Street. The Euclid Heritage Trail will connect to Cleveland Metropark’s existing Euclid Creek Greenway and more than 350-acre Euclid Creek Reservation as well as to the City’s 13-acre Hero Park.

Phase I includes the area between Highland Road and Chardon Road, is fully funded, and will begin construction in Spring/Summer 2027.

Quick Facts

- Creates 4,500 feet (0.85-mile) of ten-foot-wide multi-purpose trail
- Connects Euclid Creek Reservation and Hero Park
- Serves more than 9,000 Euclid residents around the trail
- Aims to reduce vehicle emissions and improve public health through active transportation
- Incorporates over 10 years of community feedback through various planning efforts
- Promotes the area’s history and cultural significance

Project Grounding

Five plans, four developed by and for the City of Euclid and one developed with a regional focus, ground the Euclid Heritage Connector Trail Project:

- [Destination Euclid: The Euclid Avenue Recreationway Corridor TLCI Plan \(2013\)](#) – Established the idea of a trail along Euclid Avenue as a community planning goal, along with streetscape improvements and roadway improvements to slow traffic down and integrate the roadway into a larger urban design.
- [Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Eastside Greenway TLCI Plan \(2015\)](#) – Identified Euclid Avenue, between the western Euclid-Cleveland border and East 222nd Street as a “High Scoring – Major Missing Link” in the region’s bicycle network. This section, along with East 222nd Street, serve as corridors to connect the southern portion of Euclid to Lake Erie.
- [Euclid Master Plan \(2018\)](#) – Built on the 2015 Eastside Greenway Plan by calling for the City to take three specific actions related to the Euclid Heritage Trail:
 - “Support Cleveland Metroparks’ initiative to implement the Euclid Creek Reservation Master Plan” (Play, Goal 5), “Improve access to the Lakefront via paths and connections that link all Euclid neighborhoods to this amenity” (Connect, Goal 1);
 - “Enhance recreational bike paths and walking trails in Euclid, and expand, safe, non-motorized connections throughout the city – including the construction of a connector trail from Euclid Creek Metroparks to Lake Erie shore and a network of complete and green streets” (Connect, Goal 2);
 - “Develop partnerships to implement transportation plans and new street networks, including local plans – such as the Euclid Avenue Recreationway – and regional plans – such as the Eastside Greenway and the County Greenway Plans – to better connect Euclid to Northeast Ohio communities” (Connect, Goal 4).
- [Euclid Avenue-Chardon Road Intersections Modification and Improvement TLCI Study \(2023\)](#) - The study's primary objectives were to enhance roadway safety, improve operational efficiency, and explore potential improvements to pedestrian crossings and traffic flow within the designated half-mile project area. Valuable community input played a pivotal role in guiding our understanding of existing conditions and the potential local impact of proposed recommendations.
- [Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan \(2023\)](#) – Based on public feedback, focus groups, and community bike ride, the Plan calls for an all-purpose trail along Euclid Avenue from the border with Cleveland to the border with Wickliffe. Specific actions for the City to take related to the Euclid Heritage Trail include:
 - “Evaluate trail alignment options and engineering/topography strategies along Euclid Avenue, Chardon Road, and Highland Road to ensure the ease of access and usability is maintained (Goal D, Strategy 3);
 - “Add streetscape amenities in key locations throughout the community to improve pedestrian comfort with an emphasis on Downtown Euclid and prominent corridors, such as E. 200th Street, E. 222nd Street, Babbitt Road, Euclid Avenue, and Lakeshore Boulevard” (Goal G, Strategy 3);

Project Goals

- Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and accessibility by converting the existing 5' concrete sidewalk into a 10' wide paved asphalt multimodal trail.
- Enhance health and well-being by promoting physical activity and outdoor recreation.
- Stimulate economic growth by attracting visitors and businesses to the Euclid Avenue corridor.
- Connect to natural resources and public greenspaces by creating an off-road recreation trail to link Cleveland Metropark's Euclid Creek Reservation & Greenway to the City of Euclid's Hero Park.
- Promote cultural heritage by highlighting the historical and cultural significance of the Euclid Avenue corridor and adjacent original Euclid Village center.

Impact and Reach

The Euclid Heritage Trail will serve residents in three Census Tracts, 1526.05, 1527.01, and 1527.03. Within these Census Tracts:

- 9,042 Euclid residents live in 5,249 households
- 82% of Euclid residents in these Census Tracts live in Ohio Health Improvement Zones, indicating factors exist that make these areas less resilient to potential health and financial shocks
- Euclid residents who live within these Census Tracts are within the 90th to 100th percentiles for asthma rates compared to the State of Ohio

Financial Sources and Uses

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Local Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- NOACA TLCI FY2025 Implementation funds
- State of Ohio FY2027-2028 Capital Projects funding

Timeline

- December 4, 2023 – City Council approves professional services agreement with GPD Group to conduct the Euclid Avenue Trail Feasibility Study.
- October 7, 2024 – Project introduction and presentation on Euclid Avenue Trail Feasibility Study to Euclid City Council, including cost estimate, TLCI project submission, and proposed creation of TIF District.
- October 2024 – Introduction of TIF District legislation and notification of legislation provided to Euclid School District.
- October 2024 – Project submission to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) for implementation funding.
- November 11, 2024 – Passage of Euclid Avenue TIF District #2 legislation by City Council (ORD. 130-24).

- January 27, 2025 – Notice of funding award from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) for Phase I: Highland Rd to Chardon Rd.
- September 2025 – January 2026 – Phase I project onboarding, scheduling, and scoping requirements with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- April 20, 2026 – Euclid City Council approval of engineering contract with GPD Group (ORD. 035-26) for Phase I.
- May 2026 – April 2027 – Phase I engineering and ODOT staged plan review.
- May 2027 - July 2027 – Phase I ODOT-let project bidding and contract award.
- August 2027 – October 2027 – Phase I expected construction timeline.