

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY  
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects  
Division of Real Estate

TOWPATH TRAIL STAGE 2

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| Ordinance No:        | 757-2021   |
| Legislative Purpose: | To acquire real estate and acquire temporary and permanent easement interests as needed in properties located in the Stage 2 project boundaries at Steelyard Commons; to enter into any and all inter-agency agreements, leases, permits or cooperative agreements needed for the Towpath Trail Stage 2 project with Cleveland Metroparks, Cuyahoga County, Canalway Partners, and Steelyard Commons and its affiliated entities and tenants; and to accept donations of real estate, easements, goods, materials, services, and public art needed for Towpath Trail Stage 2.  |
| Project Summary:     | <p>The Towpath Trail Stage 2 is an existing one-mile stretch of trail that was generously constructed by First Interstate Properties, Ltd. on the Steelyard Commons property at the developer's cost.</p> <p>Stage 2 project limits are Holmden Avenue to the north and the Jennings Road / Beltline Street intersection to the south.</p> <p>Currently City does not have property rights for this portion of the trail, the Steelyard Heritage Center, or associated amenities such as existing restrooms. In order to secure site control for the entire Towpath Trail, the City needs to finalize real estate acquisitions for Stage 2 of the Towpath Trail project, which is anticipated to be a permanent easement for this section of trail and a lease or other agreements for use of associated amenities.</p> <p>We are seeking authority to enter into inter-agency, cooperative and other agreements with entities needed for Stage 2 of the Towpath Trail project and</p> |

to allow for donations of real estate, easements, goods, materials, services, and public art.

The Towpath Trail – so named because it largely follows the towpath used by horses to pull barges along the old Ohio and Erie Canal – is largely complete from Zoar, south of Canton, to downtown Cleveland.

Funding, design and construction was a joint effort by the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the Cleveland Metroparks and Canalway Partners to extend the Towpath Trail from the southern border of Cleveland in Cuyahoga Heights to a new Canal Basin Park under construction in downtown Cleveland near Settler’s Landing.

**Project Schedule:**

Stage 2 (Steelyard Commons) was completed in 2007.

The Stage 4 Scranton Flats portion of the trail was completed in 2014.

Stage 3 (Steelyard to Literary) was completed in 2019.

Stage 1 (Harvard to Steelyard) was substantially completed in 2020.

Stage 4 (Literary to Canal Basin Park) was completed in 2021.

**Price:**

No cost to City; Property owner(s) will donate property interests to the City and enter into use agreements at no cost to the City.

**Ward:**

Ward 12 (Councilmember Anthony Brancatelli)

**Attachments:**

Project Map



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
Mayor Frank G. Jackson



### Location Map of Towpath Trail Stage 2 Project Area

