

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**  
**Mayor's Office of Capital Projects**  
**Division of Administration**

**Cleveland Metroparks RAISE Grant Projects**

**Ordinance No.**                      **496-2025**

**Purpose:**                              This Department requests legislation to grant consent to Cleveland Metroparks to construct the improvements described below; to enter into a Project Development Agreement (PDA) and Maintenance Agreement with Cleveland Metroparks; to apply for and accept federal funds; to enter into one or more agreements necessary to make the improvement; to authorize the Division of Purchasing and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record all land necessary in making of the public improvement, including but not limited to fee simple acquisitions, temporary easements, permanent easements, and work agreements; from any and all funds as authorized by Director of Finance.

**Description:**                      As part of the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan, Cleveland Metroparks, with the cooperation of Cleveland, submitted an application for and was awarded a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant (RAISE Planning Grant) in 2021 to advance four projects:

**Slavic Village Downtown Connector North (SVDC North):**

The ±1.6-mile SVDC North will remove excess and underutilized cartway from Broadway Avenue (SR-14), a four-lane urban principal arterial. Reduction of excess pavement will improve safety and allow for installation of a shared-use path within the City of Cleveland public right-of-way. It will connect at the north to an existing shared-use path built by ODOT at the East 14th Street/Orange Avenue intersection that links to a shared-use path along the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge in Downtown Cleveland. At the south, it will connect to an existing phase of the SVDC, also previously constructed by ODOT, at the Broadway Avenue/Roseville Court intersection.

**Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension (MRBA):**

The ±0.9-mile MRBA will connect the southern terminus of the existing 2.1-mile Morgana Run Trail at Jones Road south along a small portion of the rail corridor owned by the City of Cleveland, ramp down to Booth Avenue and through the roadway tunnel under the Norfolk Southern railway. East of the tunnel, a new 10' shared-use path will be installed along Booth Avenue, E. 91st Street, and Miles Park Avenue before crossing Broadway Avenue

to an existing 500’ section of shared-use path to the Warner Road Bridges to the Mill Creek Falls Area of Cleveland Metroparks’ Garfield Park Reservation and its 3.1-mile Mill Creek Trail.

**Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension (ECG):**

The preferred alignment for the 10’ wide trail is a ±1.7-mile ECG Extension will connect the end of Phase 2 South (opened November 2023) on Chardon Road just north of Euclid Avenue to the lakefront at Lakeshore Boulevard near Villa Angela Drive.

**Opportunity Corridor Connector (OCC):**

Two alignments are currently being considered feasible for the 10’wide trail connecting the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority’s E. 55<sup>th</sup> Station and the Opportunity Corridor Trail to the future Slavic Villiage Downtown Connector. The ±1.5-mile alignment connects to Broadway Avenue near the US Post Office and the ±2.0-mile alignment extends to E 9<sup>th</sup> Street Extension.

In 2024, Cleveland Metroparks submitted an application and was awarded RAISE funding for construction of the East Side Trails Project (Funded RAISE Construction Projects) that include the SVDC North and MRBA projects.

To complete the detailed design of the proposed trails, the City will commit funding for the MRBA and ECG projects. Additional funding is authorized for the design of the ECG project as specified in Ordinance No. 529-2023 as amended.

RAISE Construction grant award is anticipated to fund 100% of the estimated cost for the improvements to construct the SVDC and MRBA projects. Construction of the trails requires the City to grant consent to the Metroparks to build within the public right of way and within City property. As the design progresses, acquisition of private property may be necessary for a continuous trail route that meets federal design standards. Once constructed the routes will become part of the City’s network of trailways and the City intends to enter into agreements with Cleveland Metroparks for the maintenance of the off-road facilities.

Project Partners:	Cleveland Metroparks	
Project Cost Estimates:	\$1,588,000 RAISE Planning Projects \$19,500,000 RAISE Construction Projects	
Funding Sources:	\$315,000	Cleveland (Road and Bridge Bonds)
	\$323,000	Cleveland Metroparks (Local Share)
	\$950,000	RAISE Planning Grant (Federal)
	\$19,500,000	RAISE Construction Grant (Federal)

Schedule:	RAISE Planning Projects: 2024-2025 RAISE Construction Projects: 2026-2027
Wards:	Ward 2 Council Member Bishop (MRBA) Ward 3 Council Member McCormack (SVDC & OCC) Ward 5 Council Member Starr (SVDC & OCC) Ward 8 Council Member Polensek (ECG) Ward 10 Council Member Hairston (ECG) Ward 12 Council Member Maurer (SVDC & MRBA)
Project Location:	See Attached Maps- 2023 RAISE East Side Trails 2024 RAISE Construction Grant Award