

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

**TOWPATH TRAIL STAGE 1 - Sewer Connection**

Ordinance No: 1042-18

Legislative Purpose: Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for a sewer connection and accept flows into the Water Pollution Control Sanitary Sewer System from the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. The Director of Public Utilities shall also be authorized to set rates for sanitary flow from Cuyahoga Heights. The Director of Public Utilities shall also be authorized to execute any additional documents required for City to satisfy grant requirements or federal/state/local requirements. The Director of Public Utilities shall also be authorized to enter into any and all inter-agency agreements, leases, permits or cooperative agreements needed for the Sanitary Sewer connection.

Project Summary: There is an existing package plant on the East side of the river that serves a business in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights and conflicts with the trail alignment in the right of way. Due to the topography of the area, the best engineering solution is to replace the package plant with a lift station, and divert the flow to the first Water Pollution Control pipe on the West side of the river. This is the most cost effective means of resolving the conflict and is also the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's preferred solution.

The proposed sewer connection is needed to complete the construction of a pedestrian bridge structure (that will serve trail users for crossing the Cuyahoga River) for the Towpath Trail Stage 1 Project.

No costs other than conveyance of sanitary flow will be incurred by Water Pollution Control.

The Towpath Trail Stage 1 project limits are the existing trailhead on Harvard Avenue to the existing trail at Steelyard Commons in Cleveland with an estimated budget of \$6.5 million.

The Stage 1 Project is part of a larger joint effort by the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the Cleveland Metroparks and Canalway Partners to extend the Towpath Trail from its current terminus at the southern border of Cleveland in Cuyahoga Heights to a new Canal Basin Park proposed for downtown Cleveland near Settler's Landing. 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 the Cleveland city limits.

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 is under construction with completion anticipated in spring 2019.

Stage 1 is under construction with completion anticipated in winter 2019.

Stage 4 is in final design with bidding expected in winter 2018 and completion anticipated in 2020.

Price:

N/A – Project costs have been allocated as part of construction of the pedestrian bridge for the Towpath Trail Stage 1 Project.

Ward:

Ward 12 (Councilmember Anthony Brancatelli)

Attachments:

Project Map