

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

**Grant of Easements to Metroparks for Wendy Park Bridge**

Ordinance No:	1044-18
Legislative Purpose:	<p>To authorize the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to grant one or more permanent non-exclusive easements and one temporary non-exclusive easement at no cost to The Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Cleveland Metroparks") and to enter into one or more agreement(s) to construct and maintain a portion of the Wendy Park Bridge on City property adjacent to the Willow Lift Bridge.</p>
Project Summary:	<p>Wendy Park Bridge (±0.25 miles, bridge and approaches) links the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail to Wendy Park on Whiskey Island and Lake Erie.</p> <p>In July 2016, Cleveland Metroparks, in partnership with The Trust for Public Land and LAND studio, was awarded \$7.950 million for the Re-Connecting Cleveland: Pathways to Opportunity grant application in the highly competitive Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program through the US Department of Transportation to construct the Whiskey Island Connector, Wendy Park Bridge, and two other trail projects in the city of Cleveland.</p> <p>The Wendy Park Bridge also received funding through the State of Ohio's Capital Fund, Clean Ohio Trails Fund, and various foundations from within and around Northeastern Ohio.</p> <p>The new Wendy Park Bridge will provide bicycle and pedestrian access over the Norfolk Southern Railroad lines on Whiskey Island. The bridge will serve as a new connection from the Flats West Bank</p>

to Wendy Park, utilizing the existing Willow Street lift bridge and a new ramp. This linkage is a critical piece of the active transportation network in the city that will connect to the Towpath Trail via the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail, as well as provide access to the residents in the more than 700 units at Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's adjacent Lakeview Terrace and Tower.

Construction will begin in spring 2019 with an opening planned for late summer 2020.

Cleveland Metroparks needs two easements from the City of Cleveland to move forward with the Wendy Park Bridge project, plus authorization for additional permanent easements if needed for future construction/maintenance of the Wendy Park Bridge infrastructure and/or the City property:

1. Temporary Easement over PPN 003-05-011 during the construction of the Wendy Park Bridge;
2. Permanent Easement over a significantly smaller portion of PPN 003-05-011 for the bridge ramp and access to it for ongoing maintenance; and
3. Other Permanent Easements if needed for the project over portions of PPN 003-05-011.

Cleveland Metroparks is seeking transfer of easements at no cost due to the public benefit that the trail will provide at no cost to Cleveland residents.

Permanent Parcel Number: 003-05-011

Price: \$0.00

Ward: Ward 15 (Councilmember Matthew Zone)

Attachments: Map