

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

Grant of Easements to Metroparks for Whiskey Island Connector

Ordinance No:	1031-18
Legislative Purpose:	<p>To authorize the Director of Public Works to grant two permanent non-exclusive easements at no cost to The Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Cleveland Metroparks") and enter into one or more agreement(s) to construct and maintain a portion of the Whiskey Island Connector on City property along Whiskey Island Drive.</p>
Project Summary:	<p>The Whiskey Island Connector is a proposed 1 mile all-purpose trail adjacent to Whiskey Island Drive that connects Edgewater Park and Wendy Park/Whiskey Island.</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 Whiskey Island Connector 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 Whiskey Island Connector will provide access between the two park areas, and will connect to a new Wendy Park Bridge and the larger trail network, including the Towpath Trail.</p>

Construction will begin in early 2019 with an opening planned for late fall 2019.

Cleveland Metroparks needs two easements from the City of Cleveland to move forward with the Whiskey Island Connector:

1. Permanent Easement EAST over property north of Whiskey Island Drive (986 square feet or .0226 acres) for trail amenities; and
2. Permanent Easement WEST over property south of Whiskey Island Drive (6,872 square feet or .1578 acres) for trail amenities and a trail platform structure to rise over the NEORSD Diversion Structure.

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.

Price: \$0.00

Ward: Ward 15 (Councilmember Matthew Zone)

Attachments: Map