

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

**Grant of Easement to Cleveland Metroparks for the Red Line  
Greenway Trail at Zone Recreation Center**

Ordinance No: 255-2019

Legislative Purpose: To authorize the Director of Public Works to grant a permanent non-exclusive easement 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 an all-purpose trail connecting the Red Line Greenway to the Zone Recreation Center trail.

Project Summary: The Red Line Greenway is a proposed linear park and all-purpose trail along the GCRTA Red Line that will connect eight neighborhoods on Cleveland's near west side to downtown.

In July 2016, Cleveland Metroparks, in partnership with The Trust for Public Land and LAND studio, was awarded \$7.950 million for its 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 Red Line Greenway and four other trail projects in the City of Cleveland.

The Red Line Greenway links the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail to two GCRTA Red Line Rapid Transit stations, and provides a primary commuting corridor from W. 65th Street, via the existing Zone Recreation Center trail, to downtown Cleveland.

In order to have access to the project area for construction and future maintenance, Cleveland Metroparks is seeking a permanent easement (4,039

square feet or 0.0927 acres) for the all-purpose trail connecting the Red Line Greenway to the Zone Recreation Center trail near W. 53<sup>rd</sup> St.

There are 6 trees that are planned to be protected and transplanted near W. 53<sup>rd</sup> St. There is a small segment of existing asphalt trail that will be re-worked to align with, and tie into, the new trail connection. The new trail connection routes over a shallow swale and the flow will be maintained by a new culvert under the trail.

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

Project Schedule	Construction will begin in spring 2019 with an opening planned for fall 2020.
Permanent Parcel Nos:	006-18-028, 006-18-029, 006-18-042, 006-18-043, and 006-18-044
Price:	\$0.00
Ward:	Ward 15 (Councilmember Matthew Zone)
Attachments:	Location Map