



March 25, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601127

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: ODNR Grant Application for ORT Sawyer Point & Yeatman’s Cove Bike Trail Project**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program, which is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.219), to implement safety improvements through the Ohio River Trail Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove Bike Trail project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Recreational Trail Program, which is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (ALN 20.219). If awarded, grant resources will be used to implement safety improvements through the Ohio River Trail (ORT) Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove Bike Trail project.

The 0.75 mile section of the ORT spanning through Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove has railroad tracks embedded in the pavement, which creates safety hazards for pedestrians, bicyclists, and others. Grant resources will help fund the replacement of this section of the ORT and implement safety improvements.

This grant requires a twenty percent local match which will be provided from capital improvement program project account no. 712x203x262040, “Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove Bike Trail – COT MSI.” No new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this grant.

Implementing safety improvements to the ORT through Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove aligns with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide a copy of the approved ordinance with the grant application by the deadline of April 16, 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

