



PUBLIC COMMENTS RESPONSE SUMMARY

Lakefront Path, PID 114051

Comment Number	Nature of Comment	Comment	Response
1	Support	I strongly support the proposed Lakefront Path project. Any project that provides greater access to Lake Erie for Ohioans and visitors to our state Should be encouraged. This path would allow individuals of all ages to enjoy views of Lake Erie. This would be a wonderful addition to the parks and recreational opportunities available in Lake County.	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.
2	Support	I think this is a great project and am looking forward to seeing it come to life. If an opportunity presents itself in the future, I would like to see an extension from the corner of Lake Rd & Bacon Rd to Lake Erie Bluffs.	Thanks for taking the time to comment. We're very excited about this project. In terms of your Lake Erie Bluffs comment, I can say that we agree and are working in that direction.
3	Support	This is a great idea! Hope it will happen. Thanks for sending out the info! This project will help develop the Lakeshore and be used by many in the surrounding areas!	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.
4	Environmental Concern	<p>I read the proposal for a lakefront path and parking area on the old Diamond Alkali property and would like to comment.</p> <p>I did research on this property while looking for parcels to purchase a few years ago. I read the EPA reports on the contamination and remediation. Numerous parcels are still not complete and are still being monitored!</p> <p>Hexavalent Chromium, arsenic and numerous inorganics still seep along Lake Erie and Grand River. (Please refer to the EPA reports on these parcels). 146 cancer causing chemicals were invented at this location and over the years were dumped and buried.</p> <p>I realize some people may think this area is safe now because it was covered it up with clay and dirt, but seepage will never</p>	Thank you for taking the time for a thoughtful response. This project is located to the east of the former Diamond Property but future phases may cross that area. We are certainly aware of the history and will approach any future projects there in close coordination with Ohio EPA.

		<p>end. The groundwater still and probably will always be unsafe for anyone to touch or inadvertently ingest.</p> <p>You are worried about impacting the environment with this project instead of thinking how that superfund site will affect the public.</p> <p>The potential of the public walking and playing along this path is high.</p> <p>Note: Also by donating this property to the Parks, the financial responsibility and any future remediation shifts to Lake County parks. Receiving a release of future responsibility letter from the Ohio EPA will not release liability from the Federal EPA!</p> <p>Please do your due diligence for everyone safety. No view is worth any potential harm and lawsuits.</p>	
5	Support	<p>I think this is a fantastic idea, I for one would love it!! I am disabled and its hard to find easily accessible and relaxing places to use a wheelchair when I need it to just relax or even try to walk!</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project and we look forward to seeing you using the accessible trail.</p>
6	Support	<p>Love what Lake Metroparks have accomplished in the past. This would be awesome!</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
7	Cost/Erosion Concern	<p>I usually encourage the creation of new park projects but, not in the case. The cost does not make much sense. An asphalt walkway that is 10foot wide? For what purpose? It could be a gravel trail and get the same use.</p> <p>You have the bluffs in Perry which you are losing to erosion. The bluffs give you the lake on one side, meadow on the other and paths through trees, forested area.</p> <p>This new project will have the lake on one side and contaminated late to the south and west.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to comment on this project. We strive to offer a variety of trail surfaces throughout our parks in order to provide great experiences to people of differing mobility. In the case of the proposed trail that will tie into the accessible concrete path that leads to our pier at Painesville Township Park, it will provide a surface that can be used by bikes, strollers, wheelchairs, walkers and those others with mobility impairments.</p>

		This money could be much better spend on the erosion in Perry or by creating other paths in already existing parks.	
8	Cost	Please explain exactly where the funding will come from. It says both federal and local park sources but that is too vague. It's 1,200,000 so please be specific.	Thank you for taking the time to ask that question. Of the estimated \$1.2 million project cost, approximately \$1,025,000 for construction will come from a federal grant we have already secured. Lake Metroparks is covering \$175,000 in engineering cost.
9	Further Information	<p>Is there a public meeting scheduled to discuss this project? Is there a map that shows the exact location of the project? Is it near or on the Diamond Shamrock property? I've heard from a MP employee the project is 2.5 miles but your info states 2,300 feet. Please confirm which is correct. If this path is directly on the shore, are there concerns about erosion damage such as found at the Bluffs in Perry? Thanks again for your time.</p>	<p>No problem.</p> <p>There is not a public meeting scheduled for this project.</p> <p>In regard to a map, I'm attaching a map that shows the area where the trail will run . This phase does not cross the old Diamond Property but potential future phases would. This phase covers 2,300 feet. The 2.5 miles would be the length of the trail if it eventually went all the way from Painesville Township Park to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park.</p> <p>The shoreline along this phase was previously "armored" by CEI and has no erosion issues like what you've seen at Lake Erie Bluffs. Future phases may require additional shoreline work but the vast majority is already armored.</p>
10	Routing	<p>Great news about the Fairport walkway!</p> <p>Question...will this go all the way west to tie up to the existing Fairport park?</p> <p>The promo indicates it will enhance views of Fairport Lighthouse, etc, but that does not seem possible if it does not 'connect'. It would appear that the 'marina' is an obstacle between connecting the two.</p> <p>Sounds like a great project to me!</p>	<p>The promo you've seen only represents the first phase of what we hope will be multiple phases. Phase I stretches 2,300' west from Painesville Township Park. The larger goal would be to cover the approximately 2.5 miles all the way to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park. You are correct that the last stretch poses some obstacles that would need to be overcome if that vision is to be realized.</p>

		<p>I am corresponding on Facebook and with a local friend who thinks we should reallocate those dollars to hardening the beach at The Bluffs. I know that was never part of the Bluffs concept and it would lead to problems up and down the shore. I remain an advocate for LMP!</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>I wanted to comment that I'm very excited to see this project posted online. It was shared on Discover Fairport Harbor Facebook group - which has over 5,500 members. There was a lot of positive feedback there and many community members look forward to the time when the Painesville Township Park and Fairport Harbor Metropark will be connected.</p> <p>Providing access to recreational trails along the lake front is a wonderful idea and much needed. For many years since the Diamond plant shut down, the land has been unusable and contaminated. The clean up efforts and recreational uses of the land are very much appreciated.</p> <p>I am a teacher in Fairport Harbor. I would love to be able to work together with my students and the Metroparks on this project in some way. It is a great learning opportunity for students to be part of a project such as this.</p> <p>Maybe my students can create videos showing aerial footage or progress on the project for the community to see and for the Metroparks to use on their website.</p> <p>This is really encouraging to see and I hope one day to see the entire lake front property used again.</p> <p>"Lake Metroparks officials anticipate that there will be additional projects to link Painesville Township Park with Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park." --- I am looking forward to it.</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to respond. We are very excited about this project as well.</p> <p>I am cc'ing Paul Palagyi, our Director, in regard to any possible opportunities to involve your students.</p>

12	Support/Erosion	<p>I wanted to express my support for Lakefront Path PID 11405. I am a Painesville City resident that enjoys going to Painesville Township Park, though I do often find myself visiting other nearby lakefront areas due to the lack of trails at Painesville Township Park. I'll definitely visit more often once this is completed.</p> <p>Will this project help with protecting shoreline from erosion? Also, will there be opportunity to create additional habitat with native plantings along the trail?</p> <p>This will be an asset to the community.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project. We anticipate that future phases will allow for opportunities to address coastal erosion and habitat protection.</p>
13	Support	<p>I'm totally in favor of this project. Lake Metro always considers what's best for the environment first. This will increase access to our AMAZING LAKE</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
14	Support	<p>This is a great idea to give more access to the lake. It doesn't affect much in the way of disrupting private property and will be multiuse in nature. I support the idea.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
15	Support	<p>I would like to say that this sounds like a fantastic idea. It would be great to have such a nice beautiful new path to walk with my family. We love the new pier and feel a nice long path was missing. It would be awesome if halfway along the path was a small park with a little playground.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
16	Support	<p>I strongly support the proposed Lakefront Path project. Any project that provides greater access to Lake Erie for Ohioans and visitors to our state Should be encouraged. This path would allow individuals of all ages to enjoy views of Lake Erie. This would be a wonderful addition to the parks and recreational opportunities available in Lake County.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
17	Support	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Lakefront Path Project. I think this project is a great idea that will benefit the community. I have been extremely pleased with the vision of the Lake Metroparks and use the parks on an almost daily basis. I am a member of the Rails to Trails</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback. We are very excited about this project.</p>

Conservancy, Cleveland Area Mountain Bike Association, and Buckeye Trail Association so projects like the Lakefront Path are important to me.

In full disclosure, I am a south Concord resident so this trail is fairly far from my home. I regularly use the Greenway Corridor and Maple Highlands Trails as they are very close to where I live. I don't generally spend any time at Painesville Township Park but know there are many homes near that area. With the development that has happened over the past decade in the Lake Erie Shores area, I think the Lakefront Path would be a nice addition.

Although the initial phase is a relatively short path (in cyclist and running terms), the future plans of connecting to the Lakefront Park in Fairport would be a much longer path for people to enjoy. I surely understand the importance of completing projects in phases. I believe there are plans to also connect the Lake Erie Bluffs to the Bacon Rd. area as well. I would love to see a Fairport to Lake Erie Bluffs path in the future.

Beyond the scope of this project feedback, I would love to see the Greenway Corridor connected in the Concord area. I know the former B&O line runs right through Quail Hollow (and that plans fell through some time ago) but I would love to see that connection some day. Wouldn't it be great if this Lakefront Path could connect to the existing Greenway Corridor someday? Wishful thinking!

Thanks again for the opportunity to provide feedback on this project. I think this project will benefit the community and make our area an even greater place to live. I feel extremely

		fortunate to have so many wonderful Lake Metroparks to enjoy – thank you!	
18	Support	I think it would be great to have the lakefront path! I'd be willing to vote for a levy for funds for it. I would hope though that Lake Metroparks would go back to some community classes at PTP, ie the dance classes they use to have. We all would like to use the area, for classes and events, that we don't have to rent the whole building out at our own cost. And it sounds like the environmental issues have been considered, so that is good.	<p>Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback. We are very excited about this project.</p> <p>I've forwarded your comments regarding the classes at PTP to our executive director and park services director.</p>
19	Support	I think this is a great project and am looking forward to seeing it come to life. If an opportunity presents itself in the future, I would like to see an extension from the corner of Lake Rd & Bacon Rd to Lake Erie Bluffs.	<p>Thanks for taking the time to comment. We're very excited about this project.</p> <p>In terms of your Lake Erie Bluffs comment, I can say that we agree and are working in that direction.</p>
20	Support	I am definitely in favor of this project. However, it appears that it does not go all the way to Fairport . It should go all the way to Fairport. How would the numerous running/cycling events as well as recreational runners, cyclists, and walkers get from the western end of the path to Fairport? I suppose they would need to trek south over the mounds to Fairport Nursery Rd or just continue on unimproved paths.	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project. This first phase only extends 2,300 feet east from Painesville Township Park but it is our hope to continue the trail all the way to Fairport over a number of phases.</p>
21	Environmental Concern	<p>Thank you for accepting comments on this project!</p> <p>I was happy to learn of it. As a birder I am aware that that lakefront area has long been accessible only to a select few. Many interesting birds such as Short-eared Owls can often be found there and it will be wonderful to give more people the opportunity to view them (especially if the path is eventually extended all the way to the park in Fairport Harbor, which would be fantastic).</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to comment on our project. I was reviewing our public comments for the first phase of our Lakefront Trail project and noticed that I had inadvertently not responded to your question. Sorry about that.</p> <p>In regard to your question and the current phase covered by this public involvement request, we are looking to go westward out of Painesville Township Park approximately 0.5-mile along a narrow strip of land right along and about 20 feet above the shoreline.</p>

		<p>However, I do have a concern about the birds being disturbed, so I have a question - how much of the existing property will be accessible to the public? If property outside the path (south of the path, between the path and Fairport-Nursery Road) will be off-limits, will be it fenced off to prevent people from trespassing? I would hate to see the birds be chased off by having people wandering that property in an uncontrolled manner.</p>	<p>In terms of future phases, we hope to be able to continue the path all of the way to Fairport following a similar route along the shoreline but potentially including parking areas. We are just beginning to look at that area from a conceptual design point so I'm not able to give you details on access and things like fencing. I can say that we are aware of the utilization that the area gets by some interesting birds and will take that into consideration if we are able to continue our path into that area.</p>
22	Support	<p>Do it do it do it!!! The more we can make the lakefront accessible, the better it is for our region.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
23	Environmental Concern	<p>2,300 feet is not very far (about .4 of a mile). If this is going to be done, it should be done with a future plan of connecting it to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park. The only concern I would have about environmental impact is that it would go through a wasteland that was once owned by Diamond Shamrock. I'm sure not all of that waste was cleaned up because there are most likely barrels of if buried along Lake Erie where the path would likely cut through.</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time for a thoughtful response. Our hope is that we will be able to eventually extend the trail all of the way to Fairport. We are certainly aware of the history and will approach any future projects there in close coordination with Ohio EPA.</p>
24	Support	<p>Love the proposed Lakefront Path. We need to encourage people to enjoy our beautiful lake. I am wheelchair bound, so hope you can keep people with all types of disabilities in mind as you move on this project. I would so love to "walk" along the lakefront</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project and we look forward to seeing you using the accessible trail.</p>
25	Support	<p>The new lakeshore path sounds great! It's described as a multi-use path; I'm assuming that means that bicycles will be allowed on it as well. Is that correct? If so, that would be wonderful.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project. And, yes, it will be open to bikes.</p>
26	Support	<p>This is a great idea! Hope it will happen!</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>
27	Support	<p>Love , love , love everything lake metro parks dose. I love this idea. But "LAKE" County it's the only county on the LAKE In Ohio, That DOSNT have a FREE public boat ramp on the lake.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.</p>

		(Geneva state park marina, makes money on the marina / dockage, fuel for boats, restaurant, bait shop , gift shop)..... public boat ramp is FREE. Even if it was \$5 a launch with a season pass discount option like Cleveland metro parks has done. Boaters would flock because fairports port authority launch is highway robbery..	
28	Support	I believe any access to Ohio's greatest natural resources is a good thing. A path along Lake Erie shores is a great idea.	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.
29	Support	This appears to be a well planned project with multiple benefits and Federal Funding. Good luck with this project!	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project and we look forward to seeing you using the accessible trail.
30	Support	We would love it if this was open for horses as well! Lake Metro parks have become extremely limited in the trails that are open to horses and there are many locals that would love additional bridle trails! Thank you for your time! We love our Metro Parks!	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.
31	Support	This is a perfect use of the land! It's always great to have accessibility to the lake and trails that can be used by people with varied abilities. The more trails & links, the better in my opinion! You have my vote!	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.
32	Support	YES would love this!--	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback. We're very excited about this project.
33	Support	Please!!! We need bike paths along the Lake	Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback. We're very excited about this project.
34	Support	Excellent idea and project. I'm a cyclist who lives in Painesville Township park. Presently, it is dangerous to ride on Fairport Nursery Rd to Fairport and west. Thank you. I am in favor of this project.	
35	Support	Love what Lake Metroparks have accomplished in the past. This would be awesome!	Thanks for taking the time to respond. We are really excited about this project.

36	Support	<p>Based on what we see, this project is a wonderful opportunity for more public exposure to our gorgeous Lake Erie. The faster the pathway can connect with Fairport Harbor, the better. The stretch would, not doubt, be very attractive to visitors not normally seeing the lake. It could be of tremendous economic value to Fairport retailers and other nearby businesses.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback. We are very excited about this project.</p>
37	Support	<p>I love the idea of the path! I know that there's a dredging silt wash plant that's going to be starting processing very soon at the Far East end of the old Diamond Shamrock plant. How will this path be affected? Also curious to know how it will tie into Fairport due to the Sunset Grill.</p>	<p>In regard to the trail project, thanks for the questions. The path will actually be situated between the new dredge facility and the lake on the location of an existing drive. When dredging is going on they will be able to pump dredge material under the path through a pipe up into the new dredge facility. In regard to the connection to Fairport, that is an ongoing discussion with landowners, Fairport Village officials and others.</p> <p>Take it easy and I'm sure I'll see you around.</p>
38	Further Information	<p>First off let me say how exciting I find this project As a someone with a family who lives by PTP (Painesville Township Park) and has biked to fairport using fairport-nursery, this is a great addition. I don't think I have any concerns with phase 1. Adding a trailhead at PTP shouldn't be too disruptive. I'm guessing it's going behind the service buildings Then my understanding is it's connecting to the existing service road Eventually connecting to the beach</p> <p>My questions would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the trail going to have stops like the pictures? Or will it be more like the bluffs? 2. Obviously we are going through the old shamrock property for this to work, will the park own this land now? If so how was that funded 3. I can't seem to figure out how you will ultimately connect the PTP with the beach. Especially with sunset restaurant and the marina by the east entrance. Is the 	<p>Thanks for taking the time to provide comments and ask questions on this project. At least initially the new path would start about halfway down the concrete walkway to the pier. Perhaps eventually it will be separated and run behind the maintenance buildings. The long-term goal is to connect it to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park. In regard to your questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The trail will have overlook stops similar to what is shown; 2) This first phase does not go through the old Diamond Shamrock properties but future phases would. Lake Metroparks interests in that land has not been determined yet. In regard to this phase, we are in the process of working out a trail easement with the current owner - KB-Eco Solutions;

		<p>plan to come out on the top of the hill from sunset and go through the neighborhood? Will there be a bike lane then?</p> <p>4. The deer population is huge in that area. Fairly certain I've seen a fox as well. What safe guards are being put in to protect the humans from the wildlife and the wildlife from the humans?</p> <p>5 since we are using the access road is the plan still to keep the its entrance on fairport nursely as an emergency entrance? Or will there just be an entrance for them at the trailheads?</p> <p>I guess those are my comments and questions for now. Looking forward to see this project get underway. Hopefully it will eventually lead to connecting to the bluffs. 🍌</p>	<p>3) In regard to the connection to Fairport, that is an ongoing discussion with landowners, Fairport Village officials and others;</p> <p>4) We plan to manage the human/wildlife interactions as we do at the other 60-miles of trails we manage but educating the public, prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and adding signage as necessary;</p> <p>5) We plan to maintain emergency access via easement from Hardy Road. The Fairport Nursery Road access may come into play on future phases.</p>
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