

APPENDIX C: COMMENTS RECEIVED

In-Person Open House

Comments Received on the Shared-Use Trail Maps

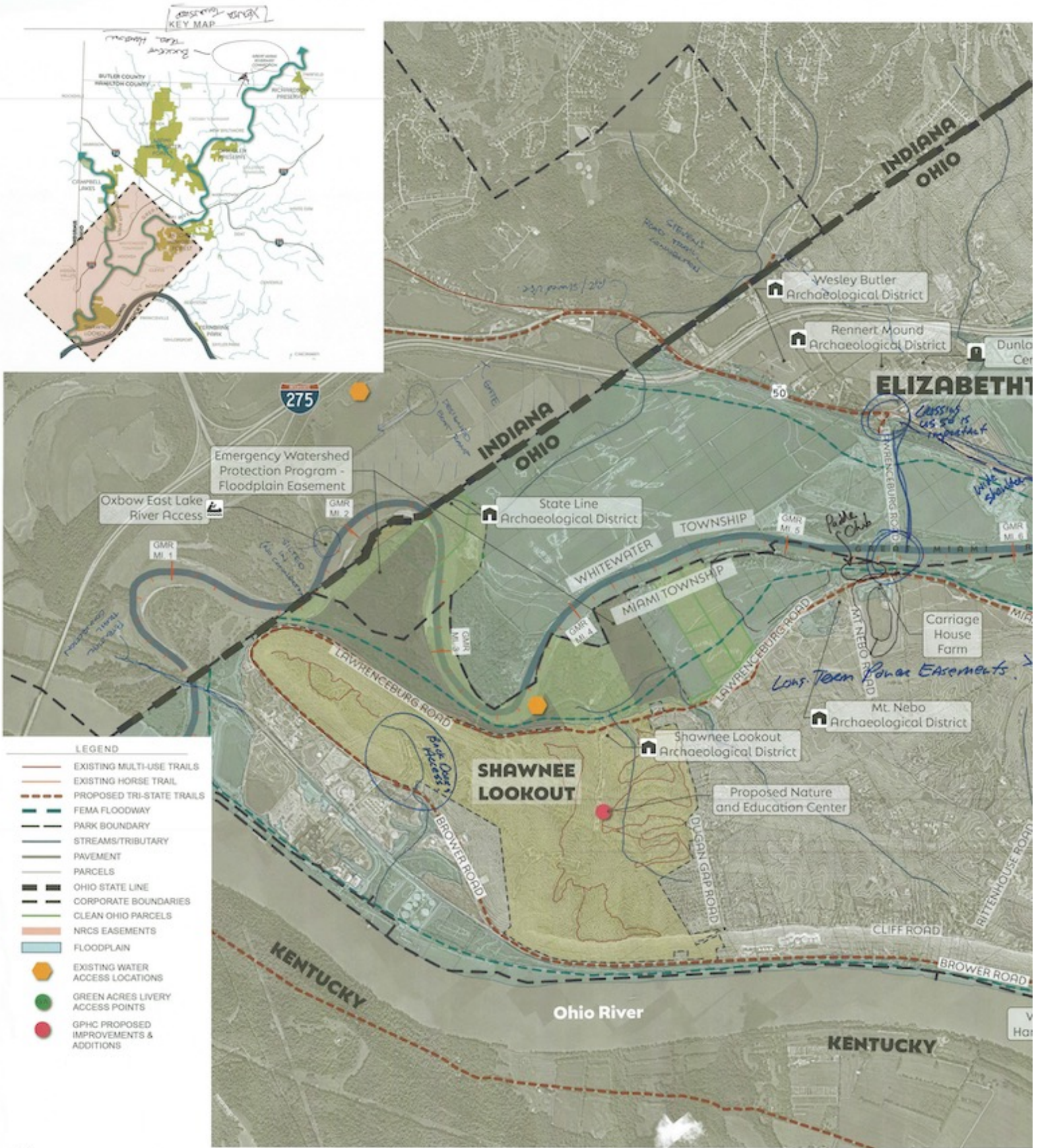
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West Region Blueway & Trail System

Take Advantage of the LAKES

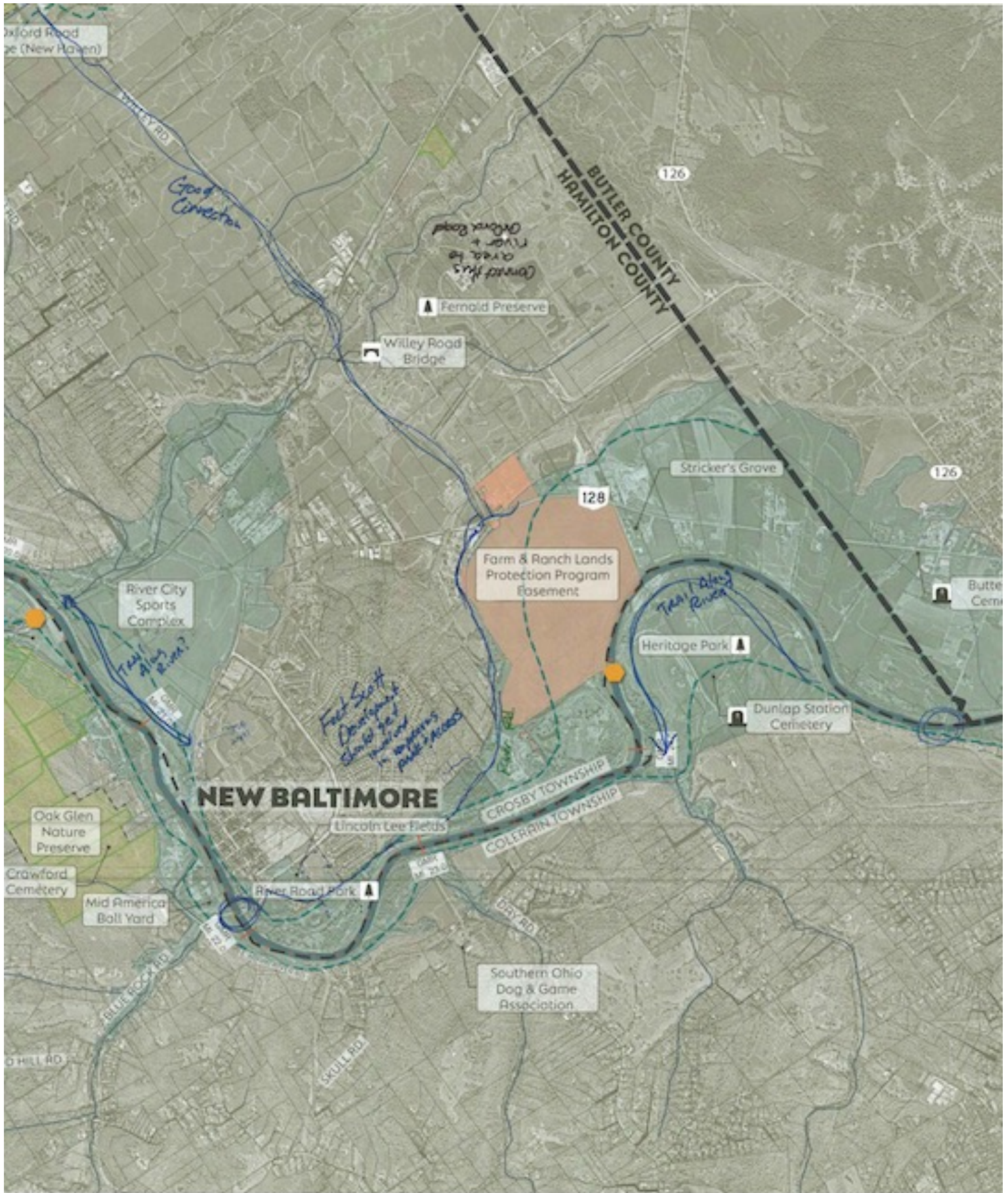
Study Area Considerations

SOUTHWEST GREAT MIAMI RIVER – WRITTEN COMMENTS

(transcribed from map)

- Shawnee lookout “back door access” location noted on map
- Potential trail connection noted in Indiana near GMR mile 0.7
- Oxbow East Lake river access point is silted in, no connection
- Designated boat ramp location and gate location for Oxbow East Lake noted on map
- River Road Shared use trail located noted
- Stevens Road Trail connection opportunity noted
- Crossing US 50 on Lawrenceburg Road is important/ needed
- US 50 near GMR mile 6 has a wide shoulder
- Paddle club location / possible location listed near carriage house farm and GMR mile 5.3
- Long term easements may be in place near Mt. Nebo Archaeological District
- Improvements should be made to trailhead at William Henry Harrison Memorial
- Trail connection opportunity between Ohio river, proposed tri-state trail, and William Henry Harrison memorial
- “Do something to improve Willow access”
- May be a local park near Maple Grove Cemetery
- “Water Pumped out of River?” near Cleves Bridge (rail)
- Miami Township West Community Park noted as a hub of activity and walking paths
- Parts of Gulf Community Park trails “Very muddy, flooded over”
- “Alternate route through Park?” (Miami Township West Community Park”
- Hamilton Cleves Pike Road noted as “Too Busy, fast, trucks”
- Connect to Clean Ohio Parcels in Mitchell Memorial Forest
- Potential water access via Thunder Rd in Mitchell Memorial Forest
- Location of views of water in Mitchell Memorial Forest noted on map
- Good Hiking views noted on map in Mitchell Memorial Forest
- Key Map Notes: Buckeye Trail Location and Index Township

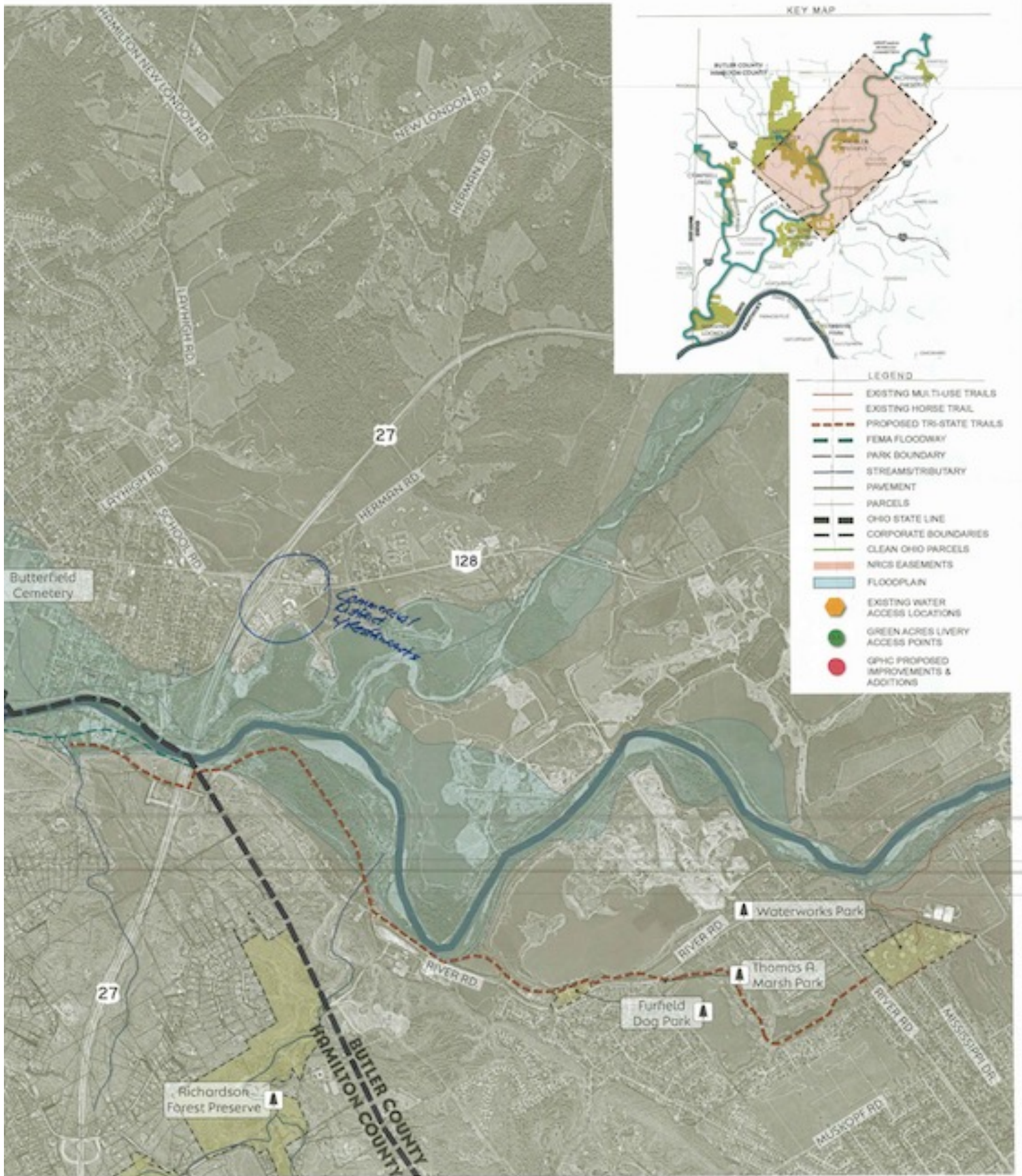
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Study Area Considerations

NORTHEAST GREAT MIAMI RIVER – WRITTEN COMMENTS

(transcribed from map)

- “Take advantage of the Lakes”
- “Safety Concerns” near Miamitown river right
- Desire for “trail along river” Drawn in multiple places
- Wiley Road and River Road area “good connection” opportunity
- Fort Scott development should get involved in improving park & access
- Development between Kraus Ln and US 128 noted as “commercial district w/ restaurants”
- Miami Whitewater Forest “trails concerns Closing?”
- Blue Rock Rd bridge over Great Miami River Noted
- Colerain Rd Bridge over Great Miami River Noted

Virtual Open House
All Comments Received

Question 1

Where do you live?

The following comments are presented as they were received. No edits were made to content, abbreviations, spelling, grammar, capitalization, or punctuation.

Q1 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. having more access to the GMR and the WW river would be great. I would definitely use it.	2	Comment
2. Love biking at Miami Whitewater Forest Trail.	1	Comment
3. Excited to have bike/walk path along the Miami River near our home.	0	Comment
4. happy to hear about efforts o expand green space.	0	Comment
5. Have lived on the Whitewater for 30 years. Excited to hear about expanding public access.	0	Comment
6. I am 100% for expanding trails of all kinds and increasing the interconnectedness of trails to create an expansive trail system useful for both recreation and transportation.	0	Comment
7. I am all for adding trails to the cincinnati area	0	Comment
8. I am very happy with the general vision and plan!	0	Comment
9. I would love this as well as everyone I have talked to. We live to hike and kayak. More public access qould make it easier to use the rivers as qell as safer. Last summer there was an injury and cops could not get to the injured person so they had to gloat further down till they could get off the river. We need this.	0	Comment
10. I've been biking / kayaking the Great Miami & Whitewater Rivers for years. Very excited to see this proposal for new access points and the potential for a bike trail to get off of busy roads.	0	Comment
11. Let's work on Mill Creek land and water trails-- 275 south to the Ohio River	0	Comment
12. Looking so forward to both the bike trail and improved water access!	0	Comment
13. my home sits in front of Rentschler metro park and I can see the Great Miami river from my house in the winter. I hike the trails there often and own 3 kayaks.	0	Comment
14. No. It would be a mistake There already trails along these rivers for canoers and kayakers. They would only dredge more often which is a no no. They dont need to be putting any pavement down there. This is just merely a scheme to increase police presence on the Great Miami river in order to pasd out more frivolous fines for things like not having life jackets. Here on the East side they are putting up stop signs everywhere and deleting taffic lanes for bikers to slow down traffic. Some people still have to work here.	0	Comment

Q1 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
I like the Great Miami river and think this entire area should be designated as Wild and Scenic. Please Do not pave the Great Miami!		
15. Overnight camping along with land and water trails connecting the Ohio River to the current Great Miami River Trail at Water Works Park would be an outdoor adventure gem.	0	Comment
16. Primary interest in Waterway access	0	Comment
17. this proposal is a great starting point for increased recreation!	0	Comment
18. This would be SO PERFECT I could puke. This is a major quality of life enhancement that could rival/exceed what the Loveland bike trail provides for the east side. What an excellent way to enhance the fun and usefulness of very special collection of high-quality assets unique to our region. Butler county could be interested in extending the mixed use trail to Hamilton, and Dearborn connecting into Lawrenceburg for their Aurora trail. Truly great stuff - VERY nice work!!!	0	Comment
19. Im here	2	Location
20. This is where I live	1	Location
21. .	0	N/A
22. 9448 Morris drive Harrison Ohio 45030	0	Location
23. Ahhhhh	0	Location
24. Blue Ash	0	Location
25. Blue Jay	0	Location
26. Casa De Tice	0	Location
27. Cleves	0	Location
28. Dan B	0	Location
29. Eckert Woods subdivision close to West Fork & Race Rd	0	Location
30. Forest Park	0	Location
31. Fort Mitchell	0	Location
32. H	0	N/A
33. Hello Great Parks.	0	Location
34. I can't get this to work. I live in College Hill	0	Location
35. I live across from Sharon Woods, across from the park on Cornell Rd.	0	Location
36. ken's home	0	Location

Q1 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
37. Lampert	0	Location
38. Miamitown	0	Location
39. Milf	0	Location
40. N/a	0	N/A
41. Riverview Crossing 4939 Shoreline Rd	0	Location
42. sayler park	0	Location
43. Sheed Rd	0	Location
44. The + did not appear when I clicked on "Add a Point." I live at 3324 Quincy Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238.	0	Location
45. Villa westheaven	0	Location
46. Villas at WestHaven	0	Location
47. We currently live across the border in IN, but have a retirement home in North Bend, Ohio that we are remodeling and will be moving into in the next few years.	0	Location
48. We live on Sugar Ridge Lane, near the Whitewater River	0	Location
49. Westwood	0	Location
50. Work in Lawrenceburg, Indiana	0	Location

Question 2

How did you hear about this Open House? (check all that apply)

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Q2 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Friend	0	Family/Friend
2. Wife	0	Family/Friend
3. News	0	Misc
4. Google News	0	Google News
5. Google News	0	Google News

Q2 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
6. Google news	0	Google News
7. Google News feed	0	Google News
8. Google News	0	Google News
9. mailer	0	Mailer
10. Mailer	0	Mailer
11. Mail	0	Mailer
12. Postcard in mail	0	Mailer
13. Card in mail	0	Mailer
14. Mailed flyer	0	Mailer
15. US mail flyer	0	Mailer, Flyer
16. Mailer	0	Mailer
17. Mailed postcard	0	Mailer
18. Mailed postcard	0	Mailer
19. Direct mailer (USPS)	0	Mailer
20. Mailing	0	Mailer
21. mail	0	Mailer
22. Mail	0	Mailer
23. Friend	0	Family/Friend
24. Mail	0	Mailer
25. Sign at park	0	Yard sign
26. Flyer	0	Flyer
27. Postcard in Lost Bridge Beverage Co	0	Mailer
28. LinkedIn	0	Misc
29. Signs at park parking lot	0	Event
30. Paddlefest	0	Event
31. Becky Osinski	0	Staff
32. Paddlefest	0	Event
33. Paddlefest	0	Event
34. Paddlefest	0	Event

Q2 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
35. Poster at paddlefest shared by coworker	0	Event
36. Paddlefest event	0	Event
37. Whitewater Crossing Christian Church	0	Event

Question 8

When going on a paddling trip, whose paddlecraft (canoe, kayak, paddleboard, etc.) do you use? (check all that apply)

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Q8 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. N/a	0	N/A
2. I have never gone on a paddling trip.	0	N/A
3. I have not gone yet	0	N/A
4. Team dragon boats	0	Dragon Boats
5. Never went	0	N/A
6. Never been	0	N/A
7. Don't use one	0	N/A

Question 10

If you selected "other" for the question above, please use this space to explain your answer.

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Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Being able to paddle one direction and bike back is handy. This plan would allow people to kayak without having to pay a private outfit.	33	Paddle/Peddle

Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
2. Being able to connect from the Whitewater River to more public takeouts.	23	More WW access
3. I hope you are making plans for both disabled individuals and people whose mobility is impaired to be able to use the waterway	15	Accessibility
4. The stretch of the Great Miami along 128 from Miami Town to Cleves would be great to see more folks be able to use the river	11	Excited
5. It would be nice to be able to kayak without having to struggle to find a way to get back to the car.	8	Transportation
6. The best ways to use my private kayak- go down river, and get back to my car without worrying someone is going to take my kayak before I get back.	7	Storage
7. Bike rental/something similar to cincy red bikes along the route	7	Paddle/Peddle
8. More public takeouts on the whitewater river	7	More WW access
9. Would love to paddle down and bike back	7	Paddle/Peddle
10. Would be nice if water and mixed use trail passed directly through or near Miamitown, downtown Cleves, or downtown historic Harrison to allow dining / drink options. Dining options aren't the best now, but would likely expand in conjunction with trail usage, similar to development along Loveland bike trail in Loveland and Milford - high impact, high quality investment, and high quality of life. If worked in conjunction with communities and development companies, could be a great draw for higher home values / development in the areas affected.	7	Restaurants
11. Would love to have safer bike trails expanding to west side and connecting to Miami whitewater trail system	7	Bike trail
12. History of area tour	6	History tour
13. Paddling to restaurants along the way.	6	Restaurants
14. Music, markets, arts and crafts, etc	6	Alt activity
15. I may too old to do much paddling but I want this for the younger generation	5	Misc
16. Participate in community paddle event	5	Misc
17. Connecting the Whitewater, Great Miami Trails to the Ohio River Way trails is paramount for best effect.	5	Misc
18. I'm concerned about kayaking on the Great Miami due to the many poorly marked spillwaters/dams. I don't want to kayak along, but many of the folks I'll kayak with are novices and they aren't always in total control of their boats. I don't ever want to put anyone at risk so when I do take someone kayaking I always to to the LITTLE Miami. Perhaps your plans will open the doorway for me to visit the GREAT Miami without the current concerns I have.	4	Concerns

Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
19. Would be beneficial to have better access to Oxbow and coordinate with access to the whitewater river in Dearborn County.	4	More WW access
20. This would be great for everyone in the greater Cinci area!	4	Excited
21. Think the blue way and trails would be a great idea to get more people outside	4	Excited
22. Enjoying easy access to the rivers! Not enough access and some access like bass island in impossible to get a vessel in and out!	4	More access
23. Increase Public Access for the Whitewater river. Make it as accessible as you has been done with the Little Miami River. Private boaters care for, pollute less than the drunken idiots of For profit-private companies. Stop the stupidity of the private companies wreaking havoc on our waterways and give the access back to the public(people who own their own watercraft) who do the most to keep these waterways nice and clean. The person that shows up once or twice a year could care less to make sure things stay nice and clean, where as someone who frequents the waterway cares about their surroundings.	4	More WW access
24. Make the channel at Shawnee Lookout usable again. Such a nice place with plenty of parking and ramp facilities. Will probably need dredged yearly, but so worth it	4	Suggestion, Maintenance
25. Or charging places for battery scooters	3	Misc
26. This is a very exciting proposal and I would love to help in any way I can to bring this to fruition	3	Excited, Offered help
27. I would love to see the dangerous metal under the bridge at SR 50 and 128 cleaned up so Cleves park access on the Great Miami could actually be utilized as put in for paddling.	3	Suggestion
28. Other tends to be retail. I am really tired of retail. But if "other" is botanical gardens, architecture or archeological or something similar then I would omit an "other" & use "yes"	3	Alt activity
29. I'd love to be able to drop into other communities for hiking or exploring the town.	3	Community access
30. Making connections to bike paths and multi-use trails with places to lock up bikes, kayaks, or other belongings would unlock many recreational opportunities that are currently very difficult to plan.	3	Paddle/Peddle
31. Living near the Whitewater and enjoying the river mostly privately at the moment makes me leary about adding access to be honest. Green Acres Kayak continues to grow and I'm already noticing larger amounts of trash/debris left behind by paddlers...especially vapes/batteries. We also enjoy fishing and worry about the impact additional river traffic might have on that.	3	Concerns
32. Need round trips or shuttles. And the kayak launch ramps are great for us older folks	2	Transportation, Accessibility
33. I am concerned about cleanliness of water now that Rumpke is dumping on Bond rd right above the river.	2	Concerns

Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
34. I would like dog park access to lakes or rivers	2	Alt activity
35. CAMPING...a new campground in Miami Whitewater Park would be a most wonderful addition...	2	Camping
36. Please pay close attention to water safety conditions. There have been several drownings on the Great Miami between Miami town and the Ohio.	2	Concerns
37. Mountain bike trails!	2	Alt activity
38. Camping and kayaking	2	Camping
39. Maintain/clear/dredge access ramp at Shawnee Lookout so it can be used. Also clear metal/concrete debris from under and around the bridges at Us50 and 128.	2	Maintenance
40. festival event that brings local artisans and performers to the various parks	2	Festivals
41. Host festival events that give local artisans and performers an opportunity to display our area's rich talent.	2	Festivals
42. Local restaurants	2	Restaurants
43. We need hunter education classes and nature classes.	1	More classes
44. I don't paddle	1	N/A
45. Jogging	1	Jogging
46. Picnicing	1	Picnic
47. Citizen science	1	Misc, Alt activity
48. Forest restoration volunteer	1	Misc
49. Kayak fishing is a popular thing right now ,could be a great trail for it.	1	Fishing
50. kayak fishing is very popular . this would be a good trail for it.	1	Fishing
51. group activities	1	Alt activity
52. Specific botany classes	1	More classes
53. Interested in learning more about birding and other wildlife related activities.	1	More classes
54. Possible work projects	1	Alt activity
55. I think primitive camping off trails or blue ways is a fantastic idea. I just wanted to be heard	1	Camping
56. Ramps for trailers. Not everyone can load a kayak from the car and drag it, and other types of boats use the rivers as well.	1	Suggestion
57. Having a few-several put-in & take-out areas with quality launching facilities. I.E. handicap launches, parking, restrooms/port-o-lets.	1	More access
58. Riverside camping, spot's that allow for boating in and out would facilitate multi day trips. Similar trailside camping would allow for backpacking the trails.	1	Camping

Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
59. Eating	1	Picnic
60. I would like to see more access points available to the public.	1	More access
61. In opening up opportunities to kayak both the Whitewater and Great Miami rivers, you are going to have to deal with the multitude of homeless, who live along the river banks of both rivers. You're also going to have to work in conjunction with Green Acres Canoe rental to help stop the drunk-fest "kayaking" that goes on there every weekend. Both of these issues bring an atmosphere that's not welcoming for children or older citizens.	1	Concerns
62. Excessive drinking and partying with loud music along Green Acres kayak route on Whitewater makes that area of river very unpleasant. More access point that avoid this route would be great.	1	Concerns
63. accessing local restaurants while camping	1	Restaurants
64. Would love to see great parks connecting with the growing Ohio river trail west. Having primitive camping sites available along the route would be wonderful.	1	Camping, Excited
65. Other what?	0	N/A
66. definitely	0	Accessibility
67. Mistake	0	N/A
68. yes	0	More WW access
69. I think you covered most areas of interest	0	Misc
70. The "other" header has not context. Other what?	0	N/A
71. It depends on what it is about	0	Misc
72. I	0	Misc
73. I'd like to hear suggestions for what "other" means.	0	N/A
74. I have no idea for "other"	0	N/A
75. ?	0	N/A
76. .	0	N/A
77. Six mile a day runner so would like to do that	0	Misc
78. Six mile a day runner , would like to be able to do that	0	Misc
79. I selected "other" by mistake	0	N/A
80. I	0	N/A
81. /a	0	N/A
82. Don't know what other is	0	N/A

Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
83. More PUBLIC access to the rivers. Private businesses have way to much control of put ins and take outs. Also easier safer ways to get back up river solo. Currently walking or riding a bike in the street is the only option	0	More access
84. Fishing	0	Fishing
85.	0	N/A
86. Go	0	Misc
87. Thanks!	0	Thank you
88. Depends on what they are.	0	N/A
89. Yeah	0	N/A
90. Ok	0	N/A
91. Interested in creating nectarines No bike walking trails not btw tested in water	0	Misc
92. Fixing the Shawnee takeout and providing more public access to the Whitewater would be great	0	Maintenance, More WW access
93. Na	0	N/A
94. .	0	N/A
95. Love the idea!!	0	Excited
96. I love the parks and used to use them frequently. I am now too old and feeble to use them.	0	Misc
97. Fishing	0	Fishing
98. Not sure if this is what you're looking for, but some sort of a shuttle service would be incredible for people who own their own kayaks, canoes, etc.	0	Transportation
99. .	0	N/A
100. Until there is are credible, strict and enforced leash laws, I can not enjoy being outside. Have seen too many dogs running loose and attacked. Not to mention being behind a fence when a loose dog tried to attack me. Have loved dogs my whole life but dog situation in Cincinnati is insane and incomprehensible.	0	Concerns
101. Rivers Unlimited has 20 Old Tour Canoes for outings, lessons, team building, cleanups, etc. I can teach a paddling class ACA approved.	0	Suggestion
102. Horseback Riding	0	Horses
103. Not sure what else there is.	0	N/A
104. Fishing - I usually bring a fishing pole when paddling.	0	Fishing
105. Food	0	Picnic

Q10 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
106. Not sure what "other" refers to.	0	N/A
107. Not sure what "Other" activities might be contemplated. Please disregard this response and my response to any other survey questions that are outliers or otherwise inexplicable. For many years I was an avid recreational cyclist on the bike trails in SW Ohio, but out-of-town parental care duties caused me to become out-of-shape and now my own declining health have virtually curtailed my biking and even outdoor activities in general for the past 10+ years. Please excuse and disregard my survey response if not appropriate under these circumstances.	0	N/A

Question 11

If you'd like to suggest a location for a new launch site along the Great Miami or Whitewater rivers, place a point on the map to show us where it is.

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Q11 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	COMMUNITY/AREA
1. H	2	275/Whitewater River Crossing
2. near/parking for shorter lanunch point for carry of kayak	2	Campbell Lakes
3. If possible near here would be great. Perhaps a partnership with the farm operations here would be great. Infrastructure to get here already in place.	1	Carriage House area
4. End of Harrison Avenue	1	Harrison
5. I think it would be great to partner with Colerain Township to have a launch site at their Heritage Park.	1	Heritage Park
6. Allows people to hike/bike in Mitchell Memorial during a paddling trip	1	Mitchell Memorial
7. Along west side of Whitewater River hopefully to be included with the access ramp would be a new RV campground.	1	Near Willow Park
8. Park already owns a large piece of land here.	1	Near Willow Park
9. Existing park property site	1	North of Campbell Lakes
10. Willow Park	1	Willow Park

Q11 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	COMMUNITY/AREA
11. We need a handicap accessible point here also a well maintained public spot. The public takeout spot in this area is dangerous and very difficult to use .	0	275/Whitewater River Crossing
12. Just south of Green Acres (Suspension Bridge Rd), to the Great Miami River, to a point near Shawnee Lookout or just before the OH river	0	275/Whitewater River Crossing
13. Since the ramparts between three lakes have washed out, you can put in off the parking lot and go from lake to lake into the river. But it's death defying (sort of) with rebar and best when the river is still up from the spring rains. Removing obstacles would make it safer... but leave the beaver dam. Keep the path mowed around the lakes... its a nice shady walk in the evening.	0	Campbell Lakes
14. Create a Great Parks RV Park along the eastern portion of the wooded land inside of Fernbank Park with a motorized boat access ramp.	0	Fernbank
15. The entire lower river section is inaccessible to anyone besides daring boaters, and from my experience some of the most beautiful part of the gmr. From years of fishing on the river it's nice to find an area not developed and trashed from negligent individuals. As I have launched and paddled back up river from the hiking trail at Shawnee (refuse to call it a ramp of any sort...) having a SAFE way to enjoy the lower gmr on my kayak would be great.	0	GMR Ohio Confluence
16. Very beautiful launch point with views of the bridges and a nice sand beach.	0	GMR, South of US 50
17. Allows those who do not want to run the Great Miami to get off the Whitewater and allows the paddlers on the Great Miami to not have to encounter the confluence	0	GMR/WW Confluence
18. Add a ramp here or at the Miami Twp park for all types of watercraft. Easy access from 50 and would be the closest public trailer launch within many miles.	0	Gulf Community Park
19. Would be nice to see a hub of on/off ramp activity for the river near downtown Harrison. Miami Brewing in Milford is a great case study in merging river activity, scenery, and regional dining/entertainment destination.	0	Harrison
20. This location would allow people to explore "The District" in downtown Harrison	0	Harrison
21. This location would allow people to explore "The District" in downtown Harrison	0	Harrison
22. Would be nice to see a hub of on/off ramp activity for the river near downtown Miamitown. This small contained area has high potential for development. Miami Brewing in Milford is a great case study in merging river activity, scenery, and regional dining/entertainment destination to drive adjacent development.	0	Miamitown
23. This location utilities an existing park. It would just require extending access to the river. There isn't any steep gradient to deal with either.	0	Miami Whitewater Soccer Complex

Q11 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	COMMUNITY/AREA
24. This calm split in the river makes for a great launch because it feels a lot safer getting in and stabilizing before being in the main channel. Also, the pull off spots are tow away zones so having a way to get here is needed.	0	North of Carriage House Farm
25. Seems like a good spot	0	New Baltimore
26. On Oxbow, Inc. property and would require a road extension to the site as well as revised gated area policy.	0	North Oxbow area
27. I'm in Fairfield/Butler County, so this pin point is probably the most northern point in the Great Parks system. Ideally, Butler County or City of Fairfield would create a point of entry as part of the Marsh Lake and the sister quarries that are near the Great Miami.	0	Ross
28. This location may be an option to current Shawnee Lookout location that has become inaccessible due to silt buildup.	0	Shawnee Lookout
29. This location has become unusable for launch or takeout due to silt. Please provide concrete launch access again.	0	Shawnee Lookout
30. Clean out / Rehab existing launch at Shawnee look-out. Already has parking and a ramp but the stream to the river is currently swamped in.	0	Shawnee Lookout
31. Agree! Just dredge the current channel and make it ACTUALLY USEABLE for kayaks and fishing boats to the parking lot and put in.	0	Shawnee Lookout
32. Why not put one next to a road near the very end?	0	South of Shawnee Lookout
33. On Oxbow, Inc. property and would require a road to be extended to the site. Subject to flooding.	0	South of Shawnee Lookout

Question 12

When going on a paddle trip, how do you typically get to river access locations?

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Q12 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. I do not go on paddle trips.	0	Don't paddle

Q12 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
2. Don't paddle	0	Don't paddle
3. Don't go canoeing	0	Don't paddle
4. Never been	0	Don't paddle
5. Don't go	0	Don't paddle
6. N/A	0	Don't paddle
7. I've never paddled	0	Don't paddle

Question 13

We'd like to know which potential launch site amenities are of most interest to you. Please drag the options you're most interested in (up to six) above the line and arrange them in order of importance to you.

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Q13 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Easy access to water, does not need to be paved	0	Easy access
2. Easy access to water to DRAG kayak	0	Easy access
3. some kind of kayak and/or bike lock-up, so you could drop/lock your bike downstream, park & launch upstream, kayak to bike, bike to car, and return to retrieve kayak; sometime to allow self sufficient trips and reduce risk of theft.	0	Security
4. Proximity of some launch points to be near Miamitown or Cleves for entertainment or dining options. Even a Kreimer's Bier Haus launch would be great!	0	Close Entertainment
5. Ease of getting from car to river. I find Shawnee unusable. Its a mud trek from the parking lot to the river	0	Easy access
6. Ramps and parking for trailers.	0	Trailer Access
7. Ease of ability to enter and exit water. Ease and ability to enter and exit property.	0	Easy access
8. Security for vehicles left parked while paddling.	0	Security
9. Electric Car Charging	0	Electric Car Charging
10. Rustic camp site	0	Camping
11. Trashcans	0	Trashcans

Q13 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
12. Ease of return to starting point	0	Transportation

Question 15

What would encourage you to go on more paddling trips?

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Q15 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. A way to return to starting location when just myself.	33	Transportation
2. Parking and ease of entry/exit are primary. I'm not picky. Ability to go alone (ie ability to return to point of origin) would be really great.	11	Transportation, Parking, Easy access
3. A way to return to starting location when just myself.	9	Transportation
4. More take outs that allow for shorter trips. Ability to get back to car on foot or bike without having to compete with cars on the road	4	Transportation
5. I'm concerned about kayaking on the Great Miami due to the many poorly marked spillwaters/dams. I don't want to kayak along, but many of the folks I'll kayak with are novices and they aren't always in total control of their boats. I don't ever want to put anyone at risk so when I do take someone kayaking I always go to the LITTLE Miami. Perhaps your plans will open the doorway for me to visit the GREAT Miami without the current concerns I have.	2	Dams
6. Knowing if and when blueway routes are safe for paddling.	2	Water Safety Updates
7. Transportation back to the launch site.	1	Transportation
8. A Great Parks RV campground along west side of the Whitewater River near the Indiana border with a canoe/kayak access ramp. I am not as familiar with the Great Miami River but would encourage a Great Parks RV Park with access ramp along that river also.	1	RV Campground
9. Canoe rentals (a lot of places are kayak only), longer trips- 6+ miles, transportation back to launch site, season pass	1	Rental, Transportation, Longer Trips

Q15 COMMENTS		UPVOTES	THEMES
10.	The distance to drag the yak to the water distance, elevation drop, and is the ground clear?	1	Easy access
11.	Ability to get either back to my car or transportation to a entry point with craft available to rent.	1	Transportation
12.	Transportation back to my car or to the launch site - with craft to rent. Check ins along the route - you say what the farthest point you think you will travel and need to check in once there - like backpacking trips	1	Transportation, Pitstops
13.	Ability to do a paddling trip for cheap (transport). Safety of the trip. Ease of access in and out of the river.	1	Easy access, Water Safety Updates, Price
14.	More public access points.	1	More Launches
15.	More public access	1	More Launches
16.	Easy access for both drop off and take out with deep enough pools to avoid portage or maneuvering around fallen trees or other hazards Places to stop along the route without steep banks. Sufficient parking with access that is not steep or muddy.	1	Easy access, Parking, Pitstops
17.	ANTI THEFT SECURITY. SINGLE KAYAKERS NEED TRANSPORTATION BACK VEHICLE.	1	Transportation, Security
18.	ease of access and getting craft out of water	1	Easy access
19.	Easier and more drop in/take out locations.	1	Easy access, More Launches
20.	Ease of getting back to car or to launch. We have our own kayaks and it is a pain to either park 2 cars or seek transport. Easier in an out locations and kayak launches!	1	Transportation
21.	convenient access points, rental options, transportation	1	Rental, Easy access, Transportation
22.	More options on the west side of Cincinnati would be awesome! Having a blueway that is mapped out and easy to find/access would make it easier to do a spontaneous day trip... less planning/driving. We typically end up driving farther away from home for paddling so that the trip is "worth it."	1	Signage, Easy access
23.	Access points with maps and signage on the river	1	Signage
24.	Easy access to waterways has always been the most difficult part about kayaking in the area.	1	Easy access
25.	Clear regulations on where and when you are allowed to put in. Rentals or shuttles to bring you back to a car	1	Transportation, Signage
26.	Some way to get back to your entry point. Today you have to plan ahead and use two vehicles. Unless access to a lake us provided paddling against a river current is not realistic.	1	Transportation
27.	Easy way to returning to launch location to get back to my vehicle.	1	Transportation

Q15 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
28. If I could find a paddling partner that had similar physical traits such as age, strength and stamina through some sort of Great Parks online membership or class/club that would be a game changer for me.	1	Find Others
29. Nice takeout spot along Whitewater river with safe parking and shade	1	Parking
30. Easy entry and exit and a way to get back to my vehicle with my kayak	1	Transportation, Easy access
31. Better access to water and watercraft	1	Easy access
32. More launches and less logistics of cars/dropping off and picking up	1	Transportation, More Launches
33. More launches, easy parking, close proximity of parking to launch.	1	Parking, More Launches
34. Having a way to get back to the entry point	1	Transportation
35. Access. Ease of entry & exit. Low cost.	1	Easy access, Price
36. Having a way back to entry point	1	Transportation
37. better river access and parking.	1	Easy access, Parking
38. access points that are easy to get to paved or gravel is fine	1	Easy access
39. The floating docks and availability of a shuttle	1	Transportation
40. Closer access to a river that has canoe, life jacket rental, and shuttles back to originating point of entry.	1	Rental, Transportation
41. I paddle almost every week (sometimes more) except when frozen. Solo paddling means rivers are out of the question because of return to vehicle problems so I paddle local lakes and creeks. Access to group list may help facilitate more river opportunities.	1	Transportation, Find Others
42. The ability to paddle one way down a river and get ferried back (or vice versa)	1	Transportation
43. Pre defined trip details - "pick your journey". Could be posted at lots and online and include details such as: duration, description of lot to water, difficulty, options of how to return back to vehicle, etc. Having pre organized round trip options available makes it more approachable to new blueway explorers. This could bestow knowledge of do-ability into people that would not normally partake in this type of activity because the logistics are taken care of.	1	Education
44. Public access to the water that is well signed and known. Sufficient parking at both put in and take out for personal vehicles or secure bike/boat storage and a safe route to return to the put in to retrieve the vehicle.	1	Parking, Signage, Storage
45. Shuttle or bike share to get back to the starting point	1	Transportation

Q15 COMMENTS		UPVOTES	THEMES
46.	Kayak rental	0	
47.	easy access to launch sites. Secure parking areas.	0	Easy access, Parking
48.	There are no dams on the great Miami in Hamilton County.	0	Dams
49.	Parking near access point to water.	0	Parking
50.	Easy access	0	Easy access
51.	somebody to go with	0	Lifestyle
52.	if ohio didn't require tag registration of paddle watercraft as expired and never getting around to renewing	0	Lifestyle
53.	Having my own kayak and way to get from one point to another	0	Transportation, Lifestyle
54.	Easy return transport	0	Transportation
55.	Time	0	Lifestyle
56.	Being 50 again...LOL	0	Lifestyle
57.	Having someone to go with so we have two cars to manage kayak retrieval.	0	Lifestyle, Transportation
58.	Good rain the day before!	0	Lifestyle
59.	More public access to rivers	0	More Launches
60.	Showing me how to do it - offering suggestions, signage, and a "packaged" option that is easy to follow and isn't open-ended. That's all a canoeing company is selling, and for beginners, it would reduce the perceived barriers to access.	0	Education, Signage
61.	More friends going	0	Lifestyle
62.	low cost or free.	0	Price
63.	Longer trip options and/or ease of logistics. They play hand-in-hand. Loading and hauling kayaks is a bit of a chore (my 12.5ft is 85 lbs), not nearly as easy as loading a 20-30lb bike onto a rack. I'm not sure I'd want to load up for short 2-3 hr trips. Prefer something as long a day on the water as I want, more like 4-6 hrs. BUT, alternatively, if kayak-share was an option (killer idea), would certainly do shorter trips because it's soooo much easier to get on the water.	0	Kayak share, Longer Trips, Easy access
64.	Family friendly	0	Kid Friendly
65.	Easier way to transport a kayak after exiting the water (between entering and exiting)I kayak alone so I am limited on how to get back to my car	0	Transportation
66.	Access and parking including a launch.	0	Parking, Easy access

Q15 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
67. Proximity to public access points, safety, and ways to return back upstream after the activity is over	0	Transportation, Water Safety Updates, More Launches
68. If paddling without a guide, help with trip planning.	0	Experiences
69. Being healthier & younger	0	Lifestyle
70. More and better access points. Maps and River information.	0	More Launches, Easy access, Signage, Water Safety Updates
71. Access to rentals	0	Rental
72. Canoes-rental has been for kayaks only	0	Rental
73. I would need classes on how to paddle.	0	Education
74. In regards to the "How far are you willing to carry your boat and gear...." question, for larger distances from the parking lot to the launch point, perhaps there could be boat dollies or carts available in the parking lot.	0	Easy access
75. Organized (themed) trips with naturalist as Guide	0	Experiences
76. Easier access way to get back to start location	0	Transportation
77. I would like classes to teach me.	0	Education
78. Good access to river	0	Easy access
79. More access points closer to where I live.	0	More Launches, Close to Home
80. Ease of access	0	Easy access
81. confidence that the Great Miami water is clean and safe (no underwater/shore) dangers	0	Water Safety Updates, Aesthetics
82. Easy access points with area that are easy to get in and get out	0	Easy access
83. Easier access, way to get back so we only have to take one vehicle	0	Transportation
84. Nothing	0	N/A
85. Parking and easy access to water.	0	Parking, Easy access
86. A shuttle that will take me and my boat back upriver. The only outfitter on the Whitewater stopped doing that.	0	Transportation

Q15 COMMENTS		UPVOTES	THEMES
87.	knowing how to swim	0	Lifestyle
88.	Public water access and transportation at end of trip.	0	Transportation
89.	Easy river access points	0	Easy access
90.	better launching sites, easy shuttle back to starting point.	0	Transportation, Easy access
91.	Way to return to starting point. Even better would be a way to get me and water craft upstream and work my way back to my vehicle	0	Transportation
92.	Accessibility, location, convenient return transportation to origin.	0	Transportation, Easy access
93.	Not a far walk from car	0	Easy access
94.	Companies that rent the canoe/kayak out and the boat is already on the water for you.	0	Rental
95.	Access to bike trails for safe, easy return upstream to car.	0	Transportation
96.	More affordable	0	Price
97.	To own my own canoe/kayak	0	Lifestyle
98.	Easy-to-use putting kayaks in water	0	Easy access
99.	We prefer kayaking where the current isn't too fast to return to the put-in (in and out in the same place) Don't know what these rivers are like. Might be ok in some seasons.	0	Water Safety Updates
100.	Kid friendly areas, methods for return trip	0	Kid Friendly, Transportation
101.	Good fishing	0	Fishing
102.	Plenty of parking available	0	Parking
103.	1.A reasonable price for kayak rentals for friends that don't have their own pool. 2. Having group trips led Great Parks staff.	0	Rental, Experiences
104.	More places to rent kayaks	0	Rental
105.	Temporary safe storage for bikes and kayaks/canoes to keep these items safe while retrieving a vehicle.	0	Storage
106.	A way to be able to return to my vehicle	0	Transportation
107.	Easy access to river	0	Easy access
108.	Free access to the whitewater river	0	Price
109.	Being able to easily return to my vehicle.	0	Transportation

Q15 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
110. Easy access. Not much mud or sediment like the one at Shawnee. Flooding has led to accumulation of mud and sediment so that old put in point is several feet of mud, so not much water. Dredging is much needed that close to the Ohio River. Seen only mudpuppies and catfish.	0	Easy access, Aesthetics
111. Parking and ease of access to water, clean area and clean water	0	Parking, Easy access, Aesthetics
112. An easy way to know what the current river conditions are-- how long a trip might take, how hard it might be to paddle upstream to get back to starting point, etc.	0	Water Safety Updates, Education
113. Ease of access to locations. Knowledge of where these locations are. Understanding of how exactly I can and cannot use these site.	0	Easy access, Signage, Education
114. Renting, location markers, safety points	0	Rental, Signage, Water Safety Updates
115. Retirement :)	0	Lifestyle
116. Camping availability	0	Campground
117. I never thought of the idea of a kayak share until it was mentioned on this survey but that would be amazing! We have our own kayaks but the ability to have friends check out a kayak for a few hours and dock it back in would be so cool!	0	Kayak share
118. Easy access, points of entry and exit, interesting environment	0	Easy access, More Launches, More Take Outs, Aesthetics
119. Easy access and good weather :)	0	Easy access
120. Access to navigable water, reasonable put-in (better than a steep mud slope), reasonable parking. A way for solo paddlers to return to the put in would be fantastic, but perhaps infeasible.	0	Parking, Easy access, Dams, Enhancements, Transportation
Entertaining "whitewater" features such as drops, surf spots, natural or man-made would be nice. What Dayton has accomplished on the Great Miami, Mad River is a great example.		
Most importantly, *absolutely no low head dams anywhere on the stretch*		
121. Rental availability	0	Rental
122. Easily return to point of origin	0	Transportation
123. More places to put in and take out.	0	More Launches, More Take Outs

Q15 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
124. More take out points further down river so I can safely access more areas by myself without having to paddle miles up river.	0	More Take Outs
125. Good access points close to home	0	More Launches, Close to Home
126. Easy access.	0	Easy access
127. Safe experience for relative beginners; group experiences for solo paddlers	0	Experiences
128. Easy launch w/parking. Easy takeout w/parking.	0	Easy access, Parking
129. Ability to get back to my car without depending on friends or family to pick me up	0	Transportation
130. A wider variety of access points would make a huge difference to paddle different sections of river. Also, better access to sections of river that are *not* served by local liveries would make for much more enjoyable / quiet / natural trips.	0	More Launches
131. Add some rapids and play waves like in the picture you include in this survey of the Dayton river section	0	Enhancements
132. Safety/ more lessons.	0	Education
133. More options for shuttles to put-in, longer trips with stops along the route for refreshments	0	Transportation, Longer Trips, Pitstops
134. Shuttle service since we own our own kayaks.	0	Transportation
135. More time!!!!	0	Lifestyle
136. East access,route posted	0	Easy access, Signage
137. Ease of kayak transport	0	Transportation
138. Shuttling of some sort. Interactive maps on current river conditions like Greatmiamiriverway.com	0	Transportation, Water Safety Updates
139. Easier access to paddling	0	Easy access
140. A less busy life	0	Lifestyle
141. Better put in spots & place to park :)	0	Easy access, Parking
142. More time :)	0	Lifestyle
143. Access points at 5 mile intervals	0	More Launches
144. Easy access to the water w/put in-take out locations every 3-5 miles. Parking lots near put in places.	0	Easy access, More Launches, Parking
145. closer to my home	0	Close to Home

Q15 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
146. Not needing to own/haul a boat (ability to rent, not needing a big car and roof rack), wheeled device to roll canoe to river. Being able to check river conditions and boat availability online (perhaps reserve a boat). Would also need to rent life jackets and paddles. Kid-friendly facilities.	0	Rental, Kid Friendly, Water Safety Updates
147. Availability of classes	0	Education
148. If Great Parks offered a way to rent a kayak or canoe for the day like other businesses, I would get out on the river all the time!	0	Rental
149. More launch sites within 25 miles.	0	More Launches, Close to Home
150. Meetups, clubs and friends with a common interest	0	Find Others
151. Finding a way to get familiar with the waterway before dropping the kayak (solo) into the water. What hazards, watchouts, etc. on the route	0	Education
152. Easily available up to date conditions and route, rental, pickup information.	0	Water Safety Updates, Information
153. Better Access Point signage!	0	Signage
154. Easy access to water with kayak rentals , and fairly close to home.	0	Easy access, Close to Home
155. multiple access points	0	More Launches
156. Ease of access and return to starting point. Electric bikes would be helpful	0	Easy access, Electric bikes
157. Put in and out out on the whitewater	0	More WW access

Question 16

Please use this space to share any comments you may have regarding the West Region Blueway and/or the new launch sites.

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Q16 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. I would use a bike trail along the river(s) quite a lot. Why should the east side have all the perks?	17	Bike trail

Q16 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
2. Would love more focus going to bike trails which could connect to existing trails and parks as I think it would allow more people to utilize overall	14	Bike trail
3. Would love the biking/hiking/running trail. Definitely needed.	9	Shared-use trail
4. Canal history is a big part of this region's history, It would be nice to see a tunnel rebuilt or a lock rebuilt.	8	History
5. would love more access to biking/ mixed use trails between the parks and along the ohio towards downtown and it would be great to connect to the lawrenceburg trail more parking with access to rivers	4	Shared-use trail
6. Please do not miss out on the opportunity to add campgrounds on Hamilton County owned property along both the Great Miami and Whitewater Rivers. Please add a Great Parks RV Park with a motorized vehicle accessible ramp along the eastern wooded portion of Fernbank Park to gain access to the Ohio River. It is my opinion that these river access campgrounds would draw a tremendous amount of reservations for both local residents and out of town guests.	3	Camping, Suggestion
7. Camping would be cool. Also I would look at what Dayton area has done / is doing so we can have either complimentary or similar amenities (consistency). As a novice, it would be great to know some easy paddling options/trips and have guidance on how / where to start. If paddling can be combined with trails or camping, it would be great.	3	Route Info, Camping, Amenities mix
8. Map showing level of difficulty for paddling. (Rapids, low water areas...)	3	Route Info
9. Agree with comments on removing hazards, continuous maintenance or quality construction (ahem! - Shawnee), easy trail distance signage to help plan trips, and links to waterflow forecasts info to maximize safety.	3	Remove hazards, Maintenance, Quality construction
10. So happy you are looking into this. Sorely needed on the west side of Cincinnati	2	Excited
11. Be sure to install areas to secure bike's and bike trailers near the access points.	2	Locks
12. Would love to see primitive camping available along the route.	2	Camping
13. Currently the Shawnee access location is unusable due to bank erosion and several foot drop to the river. It is a pain bringing your own kayak and having to find a way back to your car. Either paddle upstream and float down or float down and paddle upstream. Crazy idea but if I could paddle downstream, use a cable to lock my kayak to a tree, then be able to walk back to my car would be ideal even if it's a couple miles.	2	Suggestion
14. Information on the wildlife, ecology, natural history where you're going. Bird tours, wildlife viewing, other nature interpretive programs	2	Nature education, Programming

Q16 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
15. Would be exciting to see a partnership, possibly shared investment/coordination with communities connected to these blue water ways, where possible. Notably, near downtown Cleves (Miami Township) and Miamitown (Whitewater township, or Miami Township on other side of river). See downtown Milford on the Little Miami for a great case in mixing river/outdoors and entertainment.	2	Suggestion
16. Amazing how long it took to get this to the west side of the county	2	Misc
17. There is an extremely dangerous whirlpool at the confluence of the Whitewater and Great Miami Rivers that results in many drownings. How will you warn paddlers to avoid this area?	2	Remove hazards, Hazard location
18. Can't wait! I am sure it will be well-used.	2	Excited
19. I'm really excited about this. I have long been frustrated by lack of access to the Whitewater river.	2	Excited
20. This is desperately needed on the westside of town and will get used alot. If you build it they will come!	2	Excited
21. A biking/walking trail along the waterfront would be great.	2	Shared-use trail
22. I would love a paved bike trail along the river.	2	Bike trail
23. For my family the biggest deterrent to paddling the Great Miami is the lack of access and the perceived lack of safety. The river is much more powerful and although the kids (8 & 10) have been paddling their own boats since they were 5 it's still a question of the river is too much for them. Having hazards clearly marked and mapped at the put ins would be nice and even recommended paddling levels as it's easy to check the stream gauges on NOAA and the like.	2	Remove hazards, Concerns
Due to the kids we stick to the little Miami and the white water. Ssnce the rivers are smaller and considered safer as they are more frequently paddled and strainers are often removed proactively.		
When on the river avoiding the liveries is a priority for us. Particularly on the whitewater, as the behavior demonstrated by many of the livery (green acres) customers is downright foolish (excessive alcohol consumption, drug use, etc.) I know that there have been efforts to curb undesirable behavior on the little Miami but have seen/heard none of that on the west side waterways.		
24. VERY excited for this!	1	Excited
25. campbell lake preserves is the best start jump point	1	Suggestion
26. This will be so exciting if these things can happen!	1	Excited
27. Remove sewer crossings, walls, or other hazards. Keep access points from CSOs or SSO's. Post links to specific stream water flow forecasts and correlate flow depth to typical paddling conditions. Enforce restrictions on alcohol and CBD consumption, littering, and large flotillas of personal watercraft. Provide information on fishing access and conditions.	1	Remove hazards, Restrict alcohol

Q16 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
28. exciting opportunity that is much needed here on the westside. Something similar to what Loveland has done with bike trail/ canoeing would be great.	1	Excited
29. We need safer places to exiting and enter. The one on whitewater just before you go under 275is hazardous. We also need handicap accessible entries and exits. I also agree with comments on removing hazards, continuous maintenance or quality construction and easy trail distance signage to help plan trips, and links to waterflow forecasts info to maximize safety.it would be nice to have signage on the river some can gauge how far we are to plan trips.	1	Better access, Better ADA, Remove hazards, Maintenance, Quality construction, Conditions updates, Signage
30. I am very frustrated by the amount of planning, effort, and money being spent on connecting parks and the blueway which at best, most people will use occasionally. However, daily walkers / cyclists have been waiting for a long time for simple improvements in PAVED paths to improve functionality.	1	Shared-use trail
31. Definitely would use running / bike trail. I run Bridgetown rd at the moment (6 miles) so not running in traffic would be great.	1	Shared-use trail
32. I would love some more running trails	1	Shared-use trail
33. Good Luck and God Speed	1	Excited
34. As an avid fisherman on the gmr, I am supportive of the idea but hope that this project would not cause any more damage to the river system. There's few undeveloped areas along Gmr and even fewer areas not abused/trashed by careless individuals and "fisherman". I am excited by potential plans but hope that these areas will be better monitored and maintained than the existing sites as I'm sick of rowdy packs of drunk paddlers and seeing individuals abuse the land.	1	Concerns, Excited
35. All of the amenity points are valid and should all be seriously considered	0	Misc
36. There are some really good and thoughtful comments here.	0	Misc
37. Hope it happens	0	Excited
38. Sounds nice	0	Excited
39. Great idea!	0	Excited
40. This is not true. There are other areas with much more dangerous currents. For being one of the busiest spots on the river for shore access, the last drowning at the confluence was 9 years ago. At least two people have drowned upriver since then.	0	Misc
41. -	0	N/A
42. Keep it safe, I would use it a lot. I walk at Fernbank all the time . Be nice to have more trails near my house	0	Safety

Q16 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
43. Concentrate on Whitewater River.	0	Suggestion
44. Don't know	0	Misc
45. Fully support more blueway recreational opportunities for both local and non-local/tourist visitors. Make multi-dimensional with interpretation opportunities that will appeal to a wide variety of users to explore nature, culture, history, and adventure.	0	Education
46. Marketing the blueway trail would be key to helping western Hamilton County and southeast Indiana become thought of as destinations for paddling trips.	0	Promote
47. Please have this trail connect to other trails such as the Crown the Queen trail	0	
48. I would love to be able to drop my bicycle off at a secure spot down river, drive up river to an inlet and put my kayak in there, paddle down river being able to stop at a restaurant or food truck for a bite to eat, then continue down to where my bike is secured, secure my kayak and the bike up the river path to my truck and return to get my kayak.	0	Return solution, Paddle/Peddle, Locks
49. I am interested in connecting trails for everyday use to get to store or entertainment . Love river views . Why did you take away ours at whitewater trails . Why didn't you fix it . What is cost est of maintaining these water way lauch	0	Question, Shared-use trails
50. It is very important to us to be able to access the trail, water, points of interest and possibly places to eat/drink from our RV campsite via walking or biking.	0	Camping
51. We would like to be able to access them from our campsite	0	Camping
52. Try to get project started soon	0	Excited
53. Fantastic idea. Very much support the concept. This will be a good way to drive traffic toward these facilities.	0	Excited
54. Please don't forget but the Mill Creek corridor. There are lots and lots of people living clise to the Mill Creek who can benefit	0	Misc
55. I agree that we can incorporate some of the regions canals into potential paddle trips, and should. I would love to be able to kayak longer, interconnected paddle routes in our region. Miami Whitewater and Campbell Lakes would benefit so much from this, as it's kinda boring to just paddle lakes. A kayak share operation would be ideal ensuring more equity in accessibility. Not everyone can afford a kayak, and hauling them is a hassle. More folks going car free should be encouraged	0	Kayak share, More routes
56. Looking forward to it. Want to understand how float trip patrons will be returned upstream.	0	Excited, Return solution

Q16 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
57. Do not look to home owners to foot limited use entertainment program. There those who choose to use facilities, should pay for the privilege. Unless a levy is added to pay my taxes, so I can afford a place to live.	0	Concerns
58. Love this idea! Hopefully it will encourage more people to access the river in a safe way.	0	Excited
59. I would love to use if there are rentals available	0	Rentals
60. 1) Whitewater River - develop Willow Park site (Harrison, OH) in WWR system. 2) Put up posts at launch showing risk of high water red/yellow/green expert/intermediate/novice. 3) Montlach Sports Club access of Great Parks is a good stepout in. 4) Great Parks should show some concern for paddlers and swimmers in the WWR below Fox Run, drainage from Rumpke's Bond Hill Site in litigation.	0	Launch locations, Suggestions, Concern, Conditions updates
61. Very excited!!!!	0	Excited
62. Current Ohio River Trail West (ORTW) plans designate Shawnee Lookout as our western terminus, and where connections will be made to the west into Indiana, and to the north along the Great Miami and Whitewater Rivers. River-West discussed the Western Region Blueway at our update meeting on July 6. Our membership is very enthusiastic about the positive synergy its development will bring to the ORTW, which is one of River-West's two primary projects. At the same time, the completion of the ORTW will bring much increased utilization and enjoyment of many Great Parks locations. Thank you. - Tom Croft, River-West Chair.	0	New contact, Excited
63. So excited to see what comes of this! How do we learn more of the updates?	0	Excited, Question
64. Thank you for taking our survey. We're excited about the West Region Blueway & Trail System too! We will be posting information about our progress on the project website: www.GreatParks.org/WestRegionTrails . There's also a button in the footer of the website that allows you to sign up to receive updates via email.	0	
65. Very excited about the West Region Blueway. It would be great to make river access easier. Anything to make it easier to return to the start of one way paddle trips would be appreciated. (Bike paths, bike racks, racks to lock up kayaks while I retrieve a vehicle, or other ideas). Also interested in primitive camp sites along the way to create the opportunity for multiple day paddle trips.	0	Excited, Return transportation, Camping

Question 17

As we develop the master plan for the shared-use trail, we are working to identify other existing or planned shared-use routes in the study area. You can help by using the map below to highlight any trails that you are aware of.

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Q17 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
1. Green Township bike and walk trail	1	Bridgetown
2. Time trial bike route (on road) - Cleves to North Bend	0	Cleves
3. dedicated bike and walking path to Miami Twp park.	0	Cleves, (line on map)
4. Bender Mountain Hiking trail here	0	Delhi
5. Fernbank Park trails	0	Fernbank
6. Build a trail from Miami Whitewater Forest along Dry Fork Creek to eventually connect down to Shawnee Lookout Park	1	Great Miami River Corridor
7. Would love to see this happen. It has gotten more and more dangerous to ride the roads, and we like to ride 40+ miles at a time. This would be better than riding around in circles!	0	Great Miami River Corridor
8. Heritage Park	0	Heritage Park
9. This park is owned by Colerain Township but I could see it being part of your trail system, but of course Colerain would have to OK. The primitive trail along the Great Miami is quite nice.	0	Heritage Park
10. connect Brower/Lawrenceburg roads to bike trail near Casino	0	Lawrenceburg (line on map)
11. My preference	0	Loop west of Miamitown
12. Kylie's Park path	0	Mack
13. Selfishly, trying get closer to the homestead in Fairfield	0	Millville
14. Whitewater park trail that connects to nearby communities	0	New Haven (line on map)
15. Willow Park whitewater access point	0	North of Campbell Lakes
16. Ohio River Trail West	0	Ohio River Trail

Q17 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
17. Western Section of the proposed Ohio River Trail West. https://www.ohiorivertrailwest.org/	0	Ohio River Trail
18. Entrance to Oxbow	0	Oxbow
19. Start of Oxbow gravel bike access trail	0	Oxbow
20. Start of Oxbow, Inc. gravel bike trail.	0	Oxbow
21. Connect the Great Miami Trail which currently ends in Waterworks Park (Fairfield) to Miami Whitewater Park.	0	Ross (line on map)
22. safer bike lanes to Shawnee. ensure safe connections to bike lanes on 50.	0	Shawnee Lookout (line on map)
23. Shawnee Lookout Loop Trail	0	Shawnee Lookout Loop
24. Separate Bike Traffic on Us 50 from the car traffic and make a safe connection to Hillside ave. then add bike lanes to Hillside ave. and continue a bike trail from East end of Hillside ave to Ohio River trail to Cincinnati's riverfront	1	US 50 (line on map)

Question 18

Please use the map below to identify up to five points of interest along or near the Great Miami River Corridor to which you think the shared-use trail should connect.

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Q18 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
1. Campbell lakes	0	Campbell Lakes
2. RC Plane club	0	Carriage House area
3. Near Lost Bridge	0	Carriage House area
4. Farmers market (Carriage House Farm)	1	Carriage House area
5. Carriage House	0	Carriage House area
6. Mt. Airy Forest	0	Cheviot
7. Three Rivers School	0	Cleves

Q18 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
8. Miami Township Community Park	0	Cleves
9. BMX	0	Cleves
10. Blue Bell	0	Cleves
11. Access to existing parking and park resources like trails and bathrooms.	0	Cleves
12. A mostly scenic/natural trail with occasional easy on/off in or VERY near small towns would be convenient and cool. Would maximize park trail use and (likely) private development in an area.	0	Cleves
13. Connect to MSJ through Bender Mountain area via old Delhi road.	0	Covedale
14. Veterans Park	0	Dent
15. Archaeological Conservancy's Preservation of Mounds of First Peoples 40 acres	0	Greendale IN
16. Oxbow entrance to 1400 acres of floodplain nature preserve. Open to the public for appreciation dawn to dusk	0	Greendale IN, Oxbow
17. Downtown Harrison	0	Harrison
18. It should go through the west road to Harrison Ave section of the park. It should optimally go from the campground through the park to Harrison Ave	0	Harrison, Miami Whitewater Forest
19. pretty rural area through here	0	Heritage Park
20. Access to restrooms, parking, and trails	0	Heritage Park
21. Miller cemetery - Indiana's first settlers	0	Indiana
22. Commons Park (new park in development in Greendale, IN)	0	Indiana
23. Bier Haus	0	Kreimer's Bier Haus
24. Trail that runs between Aurora and Lawrenceburg along the Ohio river. Starts along the Lawrenceburg floodwall and heads west to Aurora along an old railway. Several miles long.	0	Lawrenceburg
25. The more a cyclist could access a destination town, the more useful it becomes for regional mixed recreation / transportation	0	Lawrenceburg
26. Riverwatch Restaurant (barge restaurant on the river with boat docking)	0	Lawrenceburg
27. Lawrenceburg Bicentennial Clock Tower	0	Lawrenceburg
28. Archaeological Research Institute Gard Indian Village dig site	0	Lawrenceburg
29. Access to visit local town shops (food/drinks) close to the river.	1	Miamitown
30. A mostly scenic/natural trail with occasional access to a small town like Miamitown would be very cool.	0	Miamitown
31. This mountain bike / hiking trail is really great. It would be neat to extend it even further/connect it to other trails.	0	Mitchell Memorial Forest

Q18 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
32. Mitchell Memorial Park	0	Mitchell Memorial Forest
33. New Baltimore	0	New Baltimore
34. If a ramp is added to the north a here, this might be a good location for a stopping area as I believe there is a restaurant/ pub in New Baltimore on the west side of the river.	0	New Baltimore
35. Access to local stores (food/drink) near the river.	0	New Baltimore
36. Add bike lane to New Haven to connect East Miami to MWP bike trails	0	New Haven Road
37. Whitewater Canal Tunnel	0	North Bend
38. Historical significance, and gorgeous views as you proceed up Cliff Rd.	0	North Bend
39. Would really like to see a bike trail connecting to river along East Miami River Rd	0	North of Hooven
40. A safe and dedicated trail from this part of Colerain to the Great Miami River opens access to this large community. they can park cars locally and access the WRBTS. Fewer cars driving to the various offerings is a real benefit for all.	1	Northgate
41. A safe and dedicated trail from this part of Colerain to the Great Miami River opens access to this large community. they can park cars locally and access the WRBTS. Fewer cars driving to the various offerings is a real benefit for all.	0	Northgate
42. We would like to improve access near Shawnee Lookout and Whitewater	0	Ohio River
43. Oxbow preserve	0	Oxbow
44. Ideally this connects in to the Great Miami River trail up at Groh Park in Fairfield	0	Ross
45. Dunham recreation trail	0	Western Hills

Question 19

Please use the map below to identify dangerous stretches of roadway or the locations of dangerous roadway crossings for walkers, runner and/or bicyclists, particularly along or near the Great Miami River corridor.

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Q19 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
1. The speed of vehicles and the steepness of the hill makes this unsuitable for an average cyclist. With modification, it would be a good route. Although the length of the hill climb is still a strenuous undertaking.	0	Blue Road Road, Colerain Twp (line on map)
2. Dangerous crossing next to school and Mt. Airy Forest	0	Cheviot
3. No crosswalk at intersection with school and Mt. Airy Forest	0	Cheviot
4. No sidewalk along roadway with public park access	0	Cheviot (line on map)
5. Crossing US 50 at Cleves	0	Cleves
6. narrow with blind curves and no room for shared lane.	0	E Miami River Rd, Colerain Twp (line on map)
7. East Miami is low traffic and certain points are already in need of repair due to landslides. Repair could be in conjunction with Metro levy and county engineer dollars to fix road and widen at same time. Don't forget to connect Fernando to this trail. Route is safest and can cut back across at Ross and New Baltimore	0	E Miami River Road, New Baltimore, (line on map)
8. Harrison Ave. Perfect road to connect people to the community and Miami whitewater but is way to dangerous to walk or ride on the road	0	Harrison Avenue, Harrison (line on map)
9. the bridge is not set up for pedestrians or Bicycles	0	Hooven
10. Entrance to TYCO fields and Dipstiggy's traffic light vs oncoming traffic exiting and entering the expressway is already a dangerous driving experience.	0	I-275/SR 128
11. Suspension Bridge	0	I-275/Whitewater River Crossing (line on map)
12. Narrow/no shoulder and high speed traffic	0	Kilby Road

Q19 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	PIN/LINE LOCATIONS
13. Dry Fork is great to use on bikes in this Area but Getting to Dry Fork off Kilbey is difficult because of traffic and two R/R crossing diagonal to traffic (bike tires hate R/R tracks.	0	Kilby Road (line on map)
14. Dangerous intersection	1	Kilby Road, Campbell Lakes
15. It is very dangerous for bike riders and walkers along Dick Road to access the bike trail on Oxford Road. I've seen several near accidents through the area.	0	Miami Whitewater Forest
16. Speeds of gravel truck and semi trucks is about 55-60 MPH on SR 128 north of Miamitown. Too dangerous. the intersection of 128 and Harrison is VERY busy all the time.	1	Miamitown
17. popular with cyclist but no bike lanes. Shared with semi trucks.	0	Shawnee Lookout Loop (line on map)
18. My property is very near this point on Jordan Rd, which is a frequent crossing point for many, many deer, going within Mitchell Memorial Forest.	0	South of Mitchell Memorial Forest
19. the steepness of this hill is too much for an average cyclist	0	Springdale Road, Colerain Twp (line on map)
20. a route directly on RT128 is too dangerous - high speeds, traffic volume, and far too many large trucks. Need to avoid doing just a painted bike lane next to mulch and gravel trucks speeding by - won't get used.	1	SR 128 (line on map)
21. section of 128 that could be difficult to share path with traffic	0	SR 128, Grandview
22. no current access from river to areas west of river	0	SR 128, Hooven (line on map)
23. need to get the trail off of Rt 50	0	US 50 (line on map)
24. no bike lane or bike lane very close to high speed traffic.	0	US 50 (line on map)
25. US 50 is a high traffic multi-lane highway.	0	US 50, IN (line on map)
26. This stretch of Road to Mitchell Memorial is a little narrow and windy	0	Zion Road

Question 21

If you said you may not or won't use the shared-use trail, why not?

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Q21 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. I will use this trail quite a lot. I do ride the 8-mile trail at Miami Whitewater park and would like another option to this trail. I also walk many other trails on the west side and many people would like another trail to walk. West side needs more trails like the east side has.	20	Will use
2. agree 100% bring a trail out from downtown that could connect to the parks on west side and to the trail in indiana	12	Connectivity
3. So excited over the possibility of this. Would love to help in anyway possible! Would love to see the area of Miami town evolve into what Loveland looks like now with trails going through it, access to kayaking and cute restaurants and shops popping up.	10	Excited, Offered help, Like Eastside
4. I am praying this happens. This area does not get enough credit for its beauty.i already use it and will continue to do so	4	Excited
5. As an avid cyclist, I'm very excited for any new trail that allows cycling 25+ miles in the Cincinnati area.	4	Long trails
6. Need a long trail option over 8 miles	4	Long trails
7. Have trail exit Great Miami River Valley in Crosby Township. Trail should cross Crosby Township and connect with a Whitewater River Valley Trail. Whitewater Township lack of zoning has left Great Miami Valley through Whitewater Township a disgrace!	3	Suggestion
8. Depending on security	1	Security
9. AMEN!!!	1	Connectivity
10. I think to make this project successful, it needs to connect to the urban areas of the west side. There is already a short path in Dent between Bridgetown and Wesselmen. Connecting this to the GMT would allow so many people to access it without having to travel by car. Also, connecting to Mt St Joe via Old Delhi road would be a way to connect the path for Delhi residents. Thank you Great Parks for doing this. If this happens, it may keep me living in this area when I retire. Also, the connection of the GMT between Rentschler Park and Trenton needs to happen too, even though it's out of your jurisdiction. Maybe this will motivate them.	1	Connectivity, Retention, Suggestion
11. I would loved a shared use trail that isn't paved.	1	Unpaved option

Q21 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
12. I'd love a west side trail! I'd use it all the time - thinking about moving East to be closer to bike trails. I don't ride bikes on the road anymore - it's a great way to get exercise, stay healthy outside, and have a nice safe place to walk.	1	Excited, Retention
13. Like connectors . Would use instead of driving . Would bike talk and skate	1	Connectivity
14. why is Otto Armleder not hooked up to wasson way? this should be priority. The East/City have had DEFICIT of HCP services for decades.	0	Misc
15. There is a project that is going to connect Wasson Way to Otto Armleder. ODOT has a feasibility study to figure out how this should be done. This will be the final leg of the Wasson Way trail, on the east side at least. I've heard the City of Cincinnati is looking to connect the west end of the Wasson Way trail to downtown and the bike trail along the river.	0	Misc
16. Depends on how difficult the terrain is or the proximity to industrial activities such as gravel mining operations along the river.	0	Reasons
17. restricted due to health problems	0	Reasons
18. Have plenty of green space etc in my own yard	0	Reasons
19. I live in Fairfield and there wouldn't be any access to this closer other small parks in my area I currently use.	0	Reasons
20. Could the trails in the Western Wildlife Corridor be incorporated somehow?	0	Connectivity
21. Need to connect to the Crown trail project	0	Connectivity
22. Too old and feeble.	0	Reasons
23. Na	0	N/A
24. The increased human traffic along gmr has me fearful of the environmental impact it will have on river system. Few areas not built on and I would like to not see more large development projects along banks	0	Concerns
25. I live in Miami Whitewater Park off Mt. Hope for the convenience as long as they maintain, repair and develop the existing trail.	0	Support existing
26. I'M READY FOR IT!! BREAK GROUND	0	Excited
27. Again, have and enforce strict leash laws and maybe I may use it. Do not put this on the backs of already overburdened home owners. Make it pay for itself with fees and fundraising (not taxation)	0	Leash law, No tax increase
28. Yes, would love to have a shared trail for biking. I live in Fairfield, so I can jump on the river trail at WaterWorks park and go to downtown Hamilton or even further to Rentschler Park. I would love to go south along the river if the opportunity comes available.	0	Will use

Question 22

We'd like to know which shared-use trail amenities are of most interest to you. Drag the options you're most interested in (up to six) above the line and arrange them in order of importance to you.

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Q22 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. drinking fountains	0	Water fountains
2. Access to local community	0	Connections
3. Breweries	0	Breweries
4. First aid stations	0	First aid stations
5. Trails should also connect to river access points for bike/kayak trips and non motorized access to water access.	0	River access
6. casual/quick food and drink. Ice cream, sports drinks, fruit, trail mix, granola bars, deli sandwiches etc.	0	Refreshments
7. Connections to neighborhoods, schools, places where people work, eat or shop!	0	Connections
8. Connections to neighborhoods, schools, parks, business districts!	0	Connections
9. No burden to tax payers	0	No tax increase

Question 24

If you selected "Other" for the question above [Question 23], please use this space to explain your answer.

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Q24 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Mountain bike trails	0	Biking
2. Public pool	0	Pool
3. —	0	N/A
4. Public pool	0	Pool

Q24 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
5. Mountain bike trails	0	Biking
6. Natural surface trails	0	Natural surface
7. Hiking trails	0	Hiking
8. Biking	0	Biking
9. Connect to Ohio to Erie trail	0	Connections
10. Biking	0	Biking
11. Taxes for home owners is climbing too high for poor to keep a liveable roof over their head. Can not afford to pay for the general populations entertainment.	0	Misc
12. So this is for the priorities question, benches! Benches benches benches. So those who can't walk/ bike long distances in one go can rest	0	Benches

Question 27

Why do you typically use shared-use trails? (check all that apply)

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Q27 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Safe	0	Safety
2. stability of trail footing/pavement	0	Stability
3. Dog walking	0	Walking pets
4. Safety, off road	0	Safety
5. I like to look at scenic areas	0	Touring
6. safety, vehicles typically travel too fast and often enough use aggressive tactics towards cyclists	0	Safety
7. Rucking	0	Rucking
8. I wish I could use one to commute, but there's currently no infrastructure for that.	0	Commute

Question 28

When using a shared-use path, who are you typically with?

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Q28 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Friend	0	Friends
2. Spouse	0	Spouse
3. Friends	0	Friends
4. friends	0	Friends
5. Friends	0	Friends
6. Friends - usually 4 of us	0	Friends

Question 29

Please use this space to share any comments you may have regarding the proposed shared-use trail.

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Q29 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. Please ensure that there's a significant buffer (ideally protected) between the trail and vehicular traffic. The infrastructure won't get used if it doesn't feel safe. Signage and wayfinding are both incredibly important, as well as connectivity to existing trails!	14	Buffer, Connectivity, Signage
2. Safety is a priority. Some areas need to be level for elderly to walk.	5	Safety
3. Connecting trails would be great for longer distance riding, and connecting communities.	5	Connectivity, Longer distances
4. For other, I want the ability to increase mialagw without having to ride a park trail in circles. The roads around here are not safe to ride on and there are no designated bike lanes. Having a multi use trail will incorporate communities as well as keeping people safe	4	Connectivity, Safety, Longer distances

Q29 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
5. Having a path that actually goes somewhere should be high priority. Loops are nice, but I want to be able to safely travel by bicycle.	4	Connectivity
6. It's important that the path is paved. The redone inner loop at Miami Whitewater Park is part gravel, and it's not enjoyable to walk/run/bike on.	3	Pavement
7. Yes. The west side needs trails & focus on recreational activities. There is the Great Miami, White Water & Ohio all close & focus has been on the Littl Miami & East Side. If Fernbank Park were in Hyde Park or Mt Lookout, wonder how much better the landscaping and care would be given to the park & the area.	3	Go west side
8. Connecting them would be great. We really need a walking space through the entire park. People walk on the road and school kids practice their running on the park road. The bike/walking areas near the school should connect to the walkway that begins near the campground. The walkways should connect and run through the entire park.	3	Connectivity
9. I always bike with my dogs so include water fountains that dogs can drink from would be very much appreciated.	2	Water fountains
10. Connect Great Miami River Trail to Oxbow and White Water River corridor and Ohio River Trail. Consider use of the IORY Brookville Subdivision for rail to trail.	2	Connectivity, Suggestion
11. The West Side needs trails!! We have a bunch of disjointed locations. It would be nice to be able to jump on and off at different points.	2	Go west side
12. Bike paths that connect to restaurants and points of interest	2	Connectivity
13. Would need to focus on sufficient physical separation from road traffic for majority of route to ensure safety, be beautiful/scenic/enjoyable, needs to be entirely paved. Maximize use of these unique and beautiful assets we have (rivers, large parks, rolling hills) while most of the area is still underdeveloped. Options for all-flat or routes that include modest climbs/decents would be wonderful, if possible.	2	Buffer, Pavement, Suggestion
14. Separating car traffic from Bikes is important but I would much rather have a "bike lane" than nothing at all. For me the bottom line is I enjoy bicycling and I enjoy it much more if I don't need to worry about car and truck traffic passing me in the same lane.	2	Suggestion
15. Connecting the west side from downtown with shared use trails is something I have been dreaming of for years. As a cyclist who frequently puts in long rides on the weekend, I make use of Miami Whitewater's trail system and park roads to connect to other areas and avoid potentially dangerous roads. Common rides include: Harrison to Cincinnati via Blue Rock Road and Hamilton Ave, Harrison to Cincinnati via US 50 and Anderson Ferry, Harrison to Hamilton through New Baltimore to use the Great Miami River Trail. These routes have high traffic at times and trail infrastructure would make them more accessible to residents who are weary of riding on roads.	2	Excited, Safety

Q29 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
16. Make it wide enough to allow bikers to safely pass people who are walking/running	2	Width
17. I've been biking/ kayaking this area for years. Very excited about the possibilities here. Always thought this would be a great place of interest for many. The Great Miami River and Bike Trail runs for nearly 100 miles from Piqua to Fairfield. Taking it all of the way down to the Ohio River and then connecting that to downtown Cincinnati would bring in lots of visitors. Adding an extension on the Whitewater River would really be great! There is already work on a crushed gravel trail in Indiana on the Whitewater River. Connecting to that and all of the way down to the GMR would be spectacular! Never understood why it hasn't been discussed before.	2	Connectivity, Longer distances
18. Mount Hope should have a sidewalk connecting the road, golf course, and park. We see people walking on it often and it has a lot of blind turns/hills that make it dangerous to walk directly on the road.	1	Misc
19. connect Otto Armleder to Wasson Way - the Murray Ave path does connect but does not work - too much out of the way.	1	Misc
20. Also use with my dog	1	Pets
21. Would like to see several entry/exit areas along the trail and signage pointing out historical and other points of interest.	1	More access, POI identification
22. Bring more bikes trails to the West side please!	1	Go west side
23. There is a direct connection being planned out right now. I believe a PI meeting will be conducted once they've finish their feasibility study on the different ways to make that connection. It will be a multi-phase project since it's not an easy or cheap thing to do.	0	Misc
24. Yes!	0	Misc
25. I understand it's outside the planning boundaries, but it would be great to connect to the Gilmore Ponds / Port Union trails.	0	Misc
26. Trails should not inhibit or prohibit the bow hunting program.	0	Misc
27. The west side needs trails & focus on recreational activities. There is the Great Miami, White Water & Ohio all close & focus has been on the Littl Miami & East Side. If Fernbank Park were in Hyde Park or Mt Lookout, wonder how much better the landscaping and...See More	0	Go west side!
28. To be family friendly (with kids) the path would need to avoid sharing with traffic on public roads. (Miami Whitewater trails are perfect.)	0	Buffer
29. Priority should be placed on "Recreation" where family's and small children do not have to worry about cyclists doing speed and distance training.	0	Concerns
30. IT would be great to have options on the trails similar to Bentonville's All American Trail and Razorback.	0	Misc
31. I would love to travel in areas where you can view water	0	Water views

Q29 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
32. Coordinate with Dearborn County, Indiana communities on ideal connection point(s) to Southeast Indiana.	0	Suggestion
33. Communicating a few basic etiquette guidelines to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe. i.e. pets on leashes, cyclists traveling at reasonable speeds, and generally pedestrians have the right of way.	0	User education
34. Go to my sons and ride bikes with family walk my dog We use New Orleans greenway when we are there in winter. Get around the city to the parks so easy	0	Usage habits
35. We like to walk or bike as often as possible to stay active now and will do so even more when retired. We also love to kayak, weather permitting.	0	Usage habits
36. Making the trail paved and separate from traffic is critical for safe use. Not just a bike lane on a road or a sidewalk. A significant buffer between the shared-use trail and traffic.	0	Buffer
37. We are feeling less and less safe riding our tandem on roads in the area. It would be so nice to be able to ride a longer distance on the west side of the region, instead of always going to the Little Miami or Great Miami trails for to get in a 40-50 mile ride.	0	Concerns, Longer distances
38. Let us move forward within a short period of time, at least with one section Like in next year get a section done.	0	Start soon!
39. Concerned about tax increase	0	Concerns
40. I think I have no opinion as of yet. Too disappointed in Hamilton Co Park with what has been taken away from Miami Whitewater.	0	Misc
41. Needed on west side.	0	Go west side
42. I just got back from staying near downtown Dayton and riding all those trails (Great Miami, Mad River, Stillwater, and Creekside to Xenia/Little Miami). The river and trails have become a huge recreational draw there. It would be wonderful to connect the Ohio River Trail to the Great Miami River Recreational Trail and gain access to the Ohio to Erie trail and that entire network of Miami Valley bike trails; not to mention connect our parks like Shawnee, Miami Whitewater, and Mitchell Memorial Forest.	0	Connectivity
43. Would love a shared use trail connecting Fernbank with the Lawrenceburg-Aurora Trail. Would also like to have rise of rail line down by Kilby Rd.	0	Suggestion
44. Safe, and most importantly contiguous paths with connections to other regional trails and communities should be a top priority. Also, recognize that the scale of appropriate length of bike infrastructure is much different than that for walking or hiking. The 8mi loop at Miami Whitewater is beautiful, but even a casual rider is able to finish that in less than an hour, and most serious riders will do multiple loops. For casual riders, 8 to 10 miles an hours is sustainable. For more regular riders, 15~18mph, or even over 20mph is sustainable! For a trail to be 'useful', it should connect people with places, and provide an experience that's long enough to provide an enjoyable ride or a good workout!	0	Connectivity, Safety

Q29 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
45. It would be nice to also have some gravel paths and some mountain bike trails	0	No pavement
46. Must have physical barriers between vehicles and the shared use trail. Wide enough to use by biker and hiker at same time.	0	Buffer, Width
47. I live in M.W. Forest Park. River adjacent shared use trail would make more sense on west side of Great Miami River: more open, established road, higher population.	0	Suggestion
48. Curious to know about where the funding will come from? Any possible old/retired railways that can be utilized? Spring flooding plagues the area. How will the trail stay above the flood zone?	0	Question
49. Have stopped going to parks as there are dogs off leash. I can not afford an injury to my dogs or myself. No matter how "friendly" the dog(s) maybe. Off leash = no controll	0	Concerns
50. Would LOVE to be able to horseback ride along side the shared use trail.	0	Horses
51. Would like also ride horse along trail	0	Horses
52. Don't forget horse use.	0	Horses
53. Please consider horseback riding	0	Horses
54. It would be nice to have more stop opportunities to break up a long segment for those who can't do miles on end.	0	More breaks
55. I have a recumbent trike and travel 35 minutes from west side to Little Miami Trail/Loveland. Typically I ride 50 miles. Would love to be able to have a shorter commute to level paved bike trail on west side, and to spend \$\$ at restaurants/breweries on west side. It would be great if a west side trail could ultimately resemble Little Miami trail between Loveland and 50 West (great breweries & restaurants on Little Miami trail).	0	Go west side
56. My responses in this (above) shared-use trail section of the Plan Survey reflect the period in my life - now many years ago - when I was an active and frequent cyclist.	0	Misc

Question 35

Please use this space to share any additional questions or comments you have regarding the West Region Blueway & Trail System.

The following comments are presented as they were received. No edits were made to content, abbreviations, spelling, grammar, capitalization, or punctuation.

Q35 COMMENTS	UPVOTES	THEMES
1. The West Side of Cincinnati has been in DIRE need of this sort of initiative for such a long time - thank you for contributing to the growth of our region's trail networks and including this beautiful region of Cincinnati!	11	Go west side!, Thank you!
2. This is SO EXCITING!@!@ If done well, this will be a major regional asset and quality of life enhancement. I can't wait! Partnering with communities along the blue and paved trails should maximize this transformation and benefit everyone. Go BIG! This is exactly what we need.	6	Excited!, Partnering
3. Thank you so much. This is something the west side needs badly and will greatly raise the quality of life on this side of town.	6	Thank you, Go west side!
4. I love that you are thinking of connecting the waterway trail with the bike trail.	3	Paddle/Peddle
5. Please Hurry!	3	Excited!
6. Thank you for being forward thinking and expanding park and activities to residents.	3	Thank you
7. It would be nice if the plan could connect further east of Miamitown also.	3	Connections
8. Dear Tonedead - Please come to downtown Cleves and Miamitown and then tell us all about the lack of investment in Hyde Park and Mariemont. Give me a break.	2	Misc
9. There is a fair amount of private property along the routes, including homes. Also a lot of industry (gravel pits). You will likely have to route "around" both. I could see this benefitting both Miami Town and possibly New Baltimore businesses. I believe this route is the same as the CSX railway taken out of service in the 80's. Not sure if any of those right of ways still exist.	2	Suggestion
10. If the amenities are done attractively, then this region could support a lodge similar to the lodges found at our state parks.	2	Suggestion
11. Very happy to see this initiative. At an earlier presentation this year, it was sad to see that Green and Colerain Twp, two of the largest in Ohio, had nothing to offer. The west side of Cincinnati has been left out of the discussion. The few trails are heavily used. For my own use, biking, trails aren't the best because we tend to ride in faster groups and the popular trails can be dangerous. I still use the trails often and would love to see the possibility to ride from downtown to Sidney on trails. People that live in Western Hills,	2	Excited!, Go west side!, Suggestion

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Bridgetown, wherever, have few options that aren't dangerous roads to share to get out to more open roads. The old rail line from Dent to East Miami River Road would be one such great option.		
12. Can't wait. Be sure to work with IN and connect into any proposed trails they are working on.	2	Partnering, Excited!
13. Can't wait to see my tax dollars used where it will benefit my family. Re north west side Hamilton county. We came from butler county where they are far ahead in developing mixed use trails. Our expectations are high! We look forward to local businesses benefitting from the trail traffic too.	2	Excited!
14. Looking forward to seeing the expansion. I would love to be able to stay on a bike/shared use trail from Whitewater Forest to Fernald Preserve and to Shawnee Lookout and Mitchell Memorial Forest. Second it would be great to get Hamilton County connected to the incredible Great Miami Trail network!	2	Excited!, Connections
15. Would love not to need a car . Would love to just vacation here ride to a b&b	1	Misc
16. Encourage multimodal micromobility including handicap access	1	Suggestion
17. The Winton Woods Campground is a wonderful campground and one of our family's favorites. Please "build it" (Great Parks RV campgrounds) in with the Blueway Trail System "and" I assure you "they will come."	1	Suggestion
18. Please include water fountains where possible; fountains and/or water spigots for dogs to drink.	1	Suggestion
19. all would be solved with a put in station at Campbell Lakes.	1	Suggestion
<p>20. The most critical outage for cyclists on the west side of town is US 50 between Riverside and Sedamsville and "8th and State". The only safe way to traverse this section of US 50 is to ride the poor quality sidewalk on the west-bound side of the road.</p> <p>From Riverside west one can take Hillside all the way to Addyston and then onto the bike lanes to Cleves. From State St east one can ride across Eighth St viaduct into town.</p> <p>If you could close that gap one could ride easily into downtown from the west side of town. It would also connect with the existing Brower Rd loop and your proposed Great Miami trail</p>	1	Suggestion
21. You have our full support. Western Hamilton county needs this desperately	1	Go west side!
22. I know Colerain township has a planning process for the future that is also currently taking place, would be awesome to partner together!	1	Partnering
23. I am excited for this development! I can't wait to be able to use the blueway and shared-use trail. It will be amazing to have options and to have the opportunity to fully explore our beautiful community.	1	Go west side!, Excited!
24. This is exciting development. River access has been faltering for years now. At least two of the ramps I used 30 years ago are gone with no new ones taking their place. The possibility of new access is great! The west	1	Excited!

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side has three beautiful rivers that are an asset to our communities, and we need to take care of them and provide access to them for everyone. When people can use these resources, they will take better care of them.		
25. I agree that safety is a priority for any trail system that includes crossing road or highways to prevent accidents. It is imperative that adequate signs and other safety measures such as blinking lights be incorporated into the plans. This is true no matter the type of road being crossed. It may be best to require high flying flags on bikes and carried by hikers to alert drivers.	1	Safety
26. I think a single use bike/ walk trail is important v routing cyclists on the road. ThNk you for the survey!	1	Thank you
27. What about a campground expansion I heard that might be coming to Miami Whitewater Forest.	0	Question
28. Agree with all the previous comments.	0	Misc
29. Again the City has been on the short end of the stick for decades - finish wasson way to Otto Armeder or direct from Ault Park trestle to behind Mariemont to Little miami bike trail.	0	Suggestion
30. would love to have a bike/hike trail from fernbank park to a picnic river site near krogers on 128	0	Suggestion
31. Would love love love a launch site from Willow Park Harrison, OH to the Whitewater	0	Suggestion
32. I have extensive experience riding a bicycle on the roads of Hamilton County. I average about 3300 miles a year recreationally cycling and I have been riding regularly since 1990. If I can help with this process, I'm available. You can contact me via email Ken Luken = ken@jkluken.com	0	Offered help
33. Paddling the same stretch of river as Green Acres canoe livery is not pleasant or family friendly due to the amount of substance use by their patrons. I do not like my kids paddling past their put in location.	0	Concerns
34. We are very excited about this opportunity! We travel around the country looking for campgrounds for our RV that have access to shared-use trails. It would be amazing to have more here at home, especially as we near retirement age. Thank you!	0	RV, Thank you!, Excited!
35. It is important to us to be able to access the trail from our RV campsite by bike/e-bike. If we need to drive our RV w/kayaks to the water, we can, but need RV accessible parking/turn around room.	0	RV
36. Great idea if executed with caution, the rivers in this area have been long neglected and I like the idea of safe and more access as I spend a lot of time fishing but hope that this won't lead to more garbage and environmental destruction	0	Concerns
37. More kayak launching sites.	0	More Launches
38. Interesting proposal but worried about tax increases to pay for it	0	Concerns
39. Before spending ungodly amount for something most low income households will use. Give back the waterpark or trail that leads by the creek. Low income can not afford most addmenities the Blueway will offer including renting the equipment. They can pay for a pass to the park. So disappointed in where money	0	Concerns, Negative

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is being allocated. Obviously decisions are made by looking at big pictures instead of individual communities. No this does not help them even tho you paperwork claims it does. It does not matter the decision has been made to do this. while others suffer.		
40. Great Parks has a wonderful opportunity to connects thousands Hamilton County residents to Great Parks awesome facilities and amenities, as well as connect communities that the parks are a part of! The best bike ride doesn't start with a car ride! It starts at your own front door. I hope you'll do your best to 'blur the line' where the parks start and stop - let the parks sprawl in to the community. I'm excited for the future of this!	0	Excited!
41. This would be awesome! I've loved the Huron River blueway in Michigan and Little Miami here, and this would be an excellent draw for the region. Cincinnati sits right between these gems. Let's do this already!	0	Excited!
42. Looking forward to this. Wanting to understand how downstream float trips will get returned upstream.	0	Excited!, Return trip
43. Would love to see a connection between the Great Miami Trail & this in Fairfield!	0	Connections
44. Per all my other comments do not put entertainment of the general population on the backs of individuals with taxes. It needs to be fee based with fundraising events (not taxation). I can not afford entertainment for myself let alone others. Also, the lack of control dog owners have and/or use makes this another risky outdoor activity.	0	Concerns
45. Very excited to hear about these plans!	0	Excited!
46. Please consider horse trail users in your plan	0	Horses
47. Current Ohio River Trail West (ORTW) plans designate Shawnee Lookout as our western terminus, and where connections will be made to the west into Indiana, and to the north along the Great Miami and Whitewater Rivers. River-West discussed the Western Region Blueway at our update meeting on July 6. Our membership is very enthusiastic about the positive synergy its development will bring to the ORTW, which is one of River-West's two primary projects. At the same time, the completion of the ORTW will bring much increased utilization and enjoyment of many Great Parks locations. Thank you. - Tom Croft, River-West Chair.	0	Thank you!, Excited!
48. Excited!	0	Excited!
49. The western half of Hamilton County desperately needs this. The Eastern half in this capacity is more developed and reaps the benefits. The challenge is convincing people that the additional tax dollars needed will go a long way in improving quality of life and overall opportunities for recreation and healthy activities.	0	Go west side!, Funding
50. Full length protected connection from downtown to these western amenities is a huge need.	0	Connections
51. Please let us know how we can help. If people are really serious about this trail we should pitch in and help with river clean-ups or other volunteer work	0	Offered help

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GREAT PARKS' RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED

SOURCE	Comment	Great Parks' Response
<p>SURVEY Q16: Please use this space to share any comments you may have regarding the West Region Blueway and/or the new launch sites.</p>	<p>I am interested in connecting trails for everyday use to get to store or entertainment . Love river views . Why did you take away ours at whitewater trails . Why didn't you fix it . What is cost est of maintaining these water way lauch</p>	<p>Thank you for your question. Great Parks worked with the Whitewater Trails developer to provide a link to the shared-use trail system in Miami Whitewater Forest. This link, which starts near the entrance of the Whitewater Trails neighborhood, extends east for approximately 1/3 mile before connecting with the trail. A parking lot located south of the pond on the north side of Baughman also provides an option for parking closer to the trail. To our knowledge, these connections are open for use. If there is an issue that needs our attention or if we have misunderstood your questions, please contact Great Parks' project manager for the West Region Blueway & Trail System project to discuss: Sean Creighton at screighton@greatparks.org or (513) 245-7455.</p> <p>We are currently in the process of identifying possible locations and configurations for the new canoe/kayak launches. Once we have that information, we will have a clearer idea regarding construction and maintenance costs.</p>
<p>SURVEY Q16: Please use this space to share any comments you may have regarding the West Region Blueway and/or the new launch sites.</p>	<p>So excited to see what comes of this! How do we learn more of the updates?</p>	<p>Thank you for participating and sharing your thoughts! You can stay updated on our progress and upcoming input opportunities by visiting the project website: GreatParks.org/WestRegionTrails. You can also sign up to receive email updates by clicking the Subscribe link, located in the footer of every page of the website. But here's a link to a shortcut. We look forward to hearing more from you!</p>
<p>SURVEY Q29: Please use this space to share any comments you may have regarding the proposed shared-use trail.</p>	<p>Curious to know about where the funding will come from? Any possible old/retired railways that can be utilized? Spring flooding plagues the area. How will the trail stay above the flood zone?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question. Funding for this project will come from a combination of sources. Great Parks will be responsible for funding project components located on park properties. Typically, our projects are supported by levy funds leveraged with supplementary support from federal, state and local grant funding sources. We're working to develop partnerships with local communities and jurisdictions to help secure funding and construction management for project components located outside park boundaries.</p>

SOURCE	Comment	Great Parks' Response
		<p>Our project team (comprised of Great Parks representatives and our project consultant team led by Kimley-Horn) is looking at a broad variety of options for the shared-use path, which could include using old or retired railways, if they are available. More will be known on that front as we get further into the study.</p> <p>As part of the process for identifying potential routes for the shared-use trail, the project team is identifying and examining a variety of conditions such as traffic volumes along nearby roads and intersections; opportunities to connect to other nearby trails, local communities, points of interest, etc.; potential impacts along proposed routes; and potential concerns, which includes possible flooding and how related impacts would be managed. Details related to these and other topics will be explored in more detail as planning progresses.</p>
<p>SURVEY Q35: Please use this space to share any additional questions or comments you have regarding the West Region Blueway & Trail System.</p>	<p>What about a campground expansion I heard that might be coming to Miami Whitewater Forest.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question. Great Parks looked into a new campground at Miami Whitewater Forest during the process of developing a master plan for the park in 2019-2020. However, an ideal location was not able to be determined at that time, and the idea needs to be investigated in more detail in the future.</p>
<p>SOCIAL MEDIA</p>	<p>What about the Rumpke Landfill on Bond Road and stormwater runoff from that site?</p>	<p>Thank you for your support and your question regarding the West Region Blueway & Trail System. While the Bond Road Landfill property is not adjacent to the area that will be included in the scope of this project, Great Parks intends to identify opportunities for habitat restoration in areas that are part of the site development for the shared-use trail or river access sites included in the project. Great Parks' broader natural area management plan goals are to provide a diverse representation of native plants, animals, and habitats. Higher priority is given to the more rare and endangered resources. The majority of effort is spent on protecting water quality, monitoring resources like plants and wildlife, stewarding mature and urban forests, and removing invasive plant species.</p>