

# Trails Leadership Network

Planning & Development Committee

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



# Introduction & Purpose

The Greater Cleveland Trails Leadership Network is a collaboration to facilitate ***communication*** and ***drive the regional trail effort***, by raising the ***visibility, prioritization, funding, and implementation*** of relevant actions in order to complete the recreation, transportation-choice network.

# Goals for the Trails Network

1. Create & Sustain a centralized Trail Inventory
2. Define a Regional Network Plan
3. Leverage and maximize funding
4. Build trail project management capacity throughout Cuyahoga County communities
5. Advocate for trail and bikeways
6. Establish common messaging, marketing, and promotion

# Importance to GCRTA

- Improve First – Last Mile Connections
  - Advocate for trail improvements near our existing services.
  - Collaboration with the Cleveland Metroparks

# GCRTA Commitment to the Network

- Appoint one senior level leader and an senior level alternate to represent GCRTA in the planning and strategy discussions.
- Authorize an appointed representative to conduct the work of the TLN
- Participate in quarterly meetings



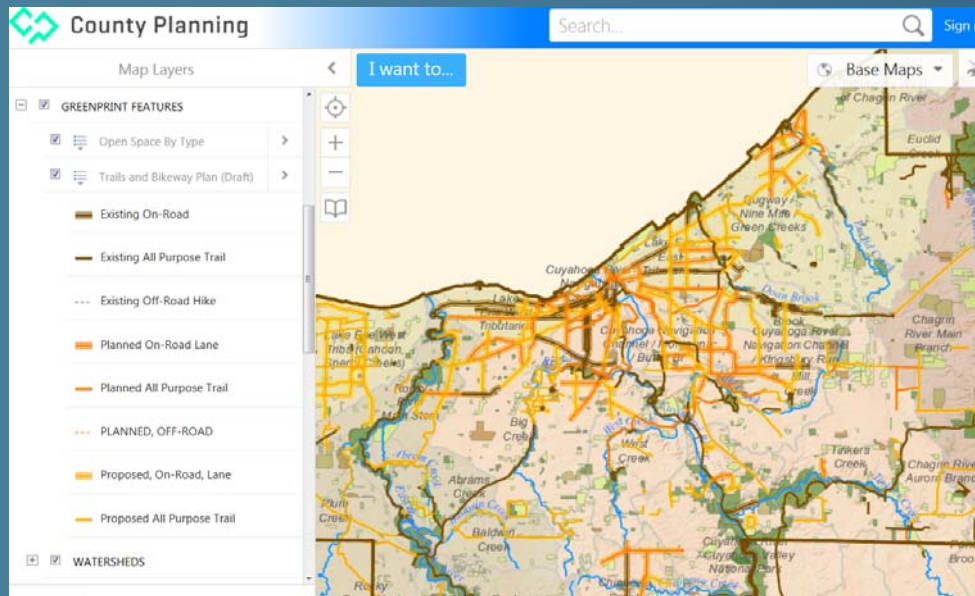
# Active Participants

- Bike Cleveland
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cleveland Planning Commission
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Cuyahoga County Public Works
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park/National Park Service
- GCRTA
- NOACA
- NEORSD
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- The George Gund Foundation
- Trust for Public Land

# Accomplishments



# Digital Trail Inventory

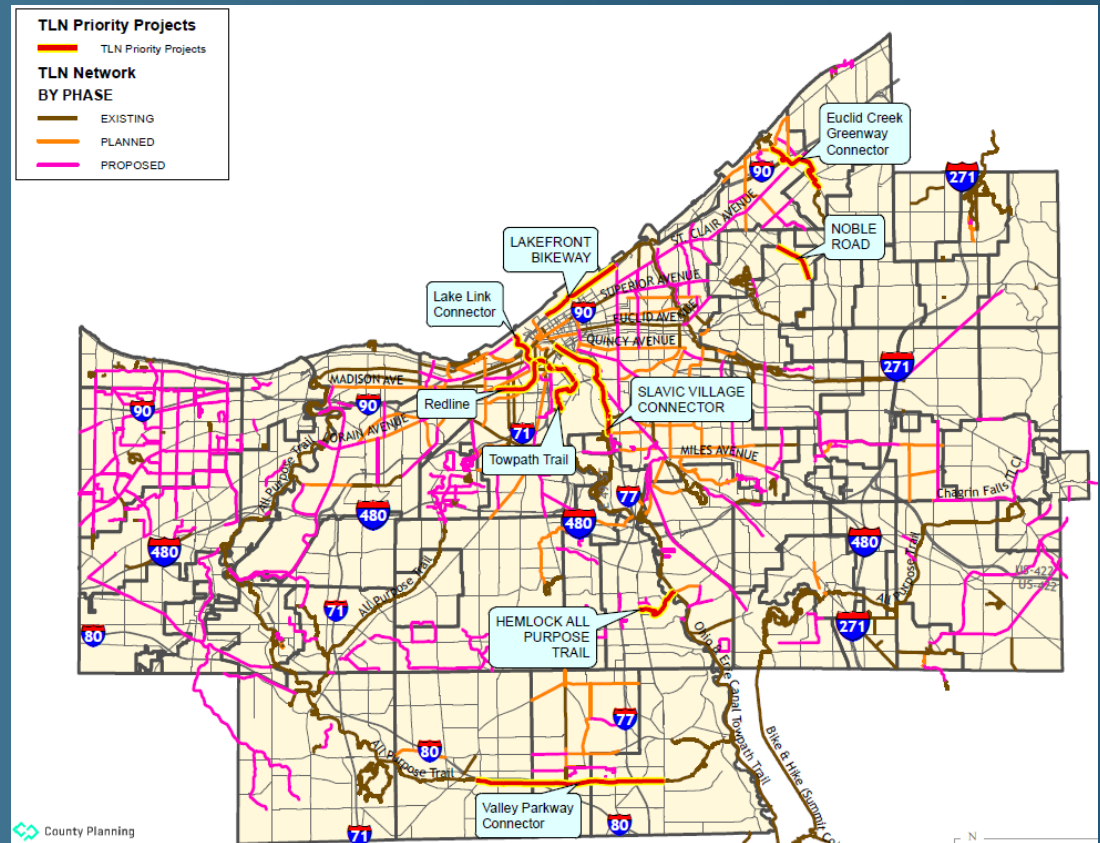


- Inventory of all existing, planned, and proposed trails, bike lanes, and sharrows throughout the County
- Resides online at NOACA and County Planning



# Priority Projects for the Regional Network

1. Midway
2. Euclid Creek Greenway
3. Red Line Greenway
4. Cleveland Foundation Centennial
5. Valley Parkway
6. Noble Rd. Bike Lanes
7. Hemlock Trail
8. Broadway Connector
9. Towpath
10. Lakefront Greenway



# Next Steps

- Continue participation
- Drive implementation by assisting in Project Sponsors with funding strategies
- Advocate for increased and new sources of funding
- Drive collaboration and promotion of the Trail Network