



Delaware County
Multi-Use Trail Assistance
Application Deadline: August 30, 2024

APPLICANT: Orange Township Date: 06/10/20
Address: 1680 East Orange Rd.
City: Lewis Center State: Ohio Zip: 43035
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(Note: Contact should be available during business hours and be best to answer or coordinate a response to questions.)

PROJECT NAME: Bale Kenyon Trail - Phase 2

Brief Project Description:

Funding received will support the Orange Township Active Transportation plan and the high priority completion of Phase 2 of the Bale Kenyon project, including right-of-way acquisitions and construction of a new shared use path. The completed second phase of the Bale Kenyon Trail will begin at East Powell Rd. and extend north approximately one mile to connect to the eventual 3rd phase of the Bale Kenyon project. This project will enhance travel options for residents and visitors, linking attractions county-wide and connecting to the cities of Columbus and Westerville. Additional funding supplied by Orange Township Roads Levy, and Community Trail Improvement Grant (CTIG). Notable connections include the Bale Kenyon Trail, Alum Creek, Central Ohio Greenways, Ohio-to-Erie Trail and the Great American Rail-Trail.

How does this Project relate to the Delaware County Trail System Master Plan?

This project will connect neighboring communities to shopping, parks, and schools, aligning with key goals of the Delaware County Trails System Master Plan. It will provide safe travel options for low-income individuals who may not have a vehicle and rely on walking or biking, particularly by enhancing connections between residential areas and essential services. The plan also emphasizes the promotion of physical activity through accessible trails, with specific routes designed to link to major destinations such as the Alum Creek Trail and the Central Ohio Greenways. By incorporating these elements, the project will ensure that all residents, regardless of income, have access to safe and convenient transportation options, while also encouraging healthy lifestyles through increased opportunities for outdoor recreation and wellness.

PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding Amount Requested: \$ 100,000.00 (*)

Proposed Use for DCTC Funds:

Right of Way acquisitions, utility relocations and Construction of 5,000 feet of 10' asphalt SUP along the west side of Bale Kenyon Rd.

Project Estimated Costs

(include an opinion of cost estimate signed/sealed/stamped by a registered professional engineer)

Engineering:	\$ <u> </u>	
Construction:	\$ <u>794,000.00</u>	
Right-of-way or easements:	\$ <u>445,000.00</u>	
Contingency:	\$ <u>125,000.00</u>	<u>10.1</u> %
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$ <u>1,364,000.00</u>	

Project Financial Resources

Local Revenues:	\$ <u>1,164,000.00</u>	<u>85.3</u> %
Other Public Revenues:		
CTIG	\$ <u>100,000.00</u>	<u>7.3</u> %
_____	\$ <u> </u>	<u>0.0</u> %
_____	\$ <u> </u>	<u>0.0</u> %
 * DCTC Funding Requested:	 \$ <u>100,000.00</u>	 <u>7.3</u> %
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES:	\$ <u>1,364,000.00</u>	<u>100.0</u> % must equal 100%

Does your community have a financial plan for maintenance of the completed project?
Please explain:

Yes, our community has a comprehensive financial plan for maintaining the completed project, which provides vital connections to an additional 19 miles of trails. Orange Township has a voter supported 1 mil levy dedicated to parks and trails. Additionally, we engage community partners and have established a reserve fund for unexpected maintenance needs, ensuring the trails remain well-maintained and accessible for years to come.

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(include a route map with property ownership identified, site photos and other appropriate info)

Specific Location and Work to be completed (including begin and end termini):

Bale Kenyon Rd. at the intersection of E. Powell Rd. extending north to Pine Ridge Dr and Bale Kenyon Rd.

Length: 1 Mile Width: 10' Number of properties intersecting trail: 17

Have all necessary easements on private property been secured? N/A Yes No

Is the trail located within existing right-of-way? Yes No

Is the trail part of a preserve, natural or scenic corridor? Yes No

Are there constructability issues or environmental concerns? Yes No

Please explain how these will be addressed.

While most of the trail is within existing right-of-way, some sections require easements on private property, which are being finalized. The trail is part of the Olentangy River Scenic byway, and environmental regulations will be followed to minimize impact. Constructibility issues will be addressed through detailed engineering and design, while environmental concerns will be mitigated using best conservation practices.

Does this trail connect to an existing trail? Yes No

Is the trail part of (or link to) the Central Ohio Greenway Trail system? Yes No

Is the trail part of (or link to) the Delaware County Trail System Master Plan? Yes No

If yes to any of the above three questions, please explain:

The trail along Bale Kenyon Rd. will connect multiple, regionally significant trails, including, East Powell Rd, Worthington Rd (into Westerville) and the existing section of the Bale Kenyon trail, which links to Orange Rd and the Alum Creek area

Does the trail provide a transportation alternative along with recreation? Yes No

Does the trail connect destination locations (schools, parks, retail, restaurants, etc.)? Yes No

Please explain:

Bale Kenyon Trail will intersect with E. Powell Rd Trail giving the option to visit multiple Preservation Parks, Alum Creek State Park, City of Columbus retail shops and restaurants, Churches, and Schools.,

Please explain how the project will address equity or quality of life needs especially for the disadvantaged and/or underserved populations within your community:
 (Such populations may include low-income, minorities, senior citizens, veterans, children, persons with mental/physical disabilities, college students or other groups unintentionally excluded from planning processes)

The widening of Bale Kenyon Road and the development of trails will not only enhance transportation infrastructure but also promote social equity, improve public health, and foster economic opportunities, thereby significantly improving the quality of life for all community members.

Please explain the Economic Opportunities this project may provide:

The presence of a trail promotes a healthier population, potentially reducing healthcare costs and increasing productivity, which can have long-term economic benefits. Overall, the trail along Bale Kenyon Road can be a significant catalyst for economic growth and community development. Secondly, property values in the vicinity of the trail are likely to increase, as many people seek residences with easy access to recreational amenities, making the area more desirable for home buyers and investors. This can stimulate real estate development and increase tax revenues for the community.

PROJECT SCHEDULE (Enter dates as mm/dd/yy:)

Engineering/Design	Begin date: <u>01/01/18</u>	End Date: <u>12/31/19</u>
Right-of-way/Easement Acquisition	Begin date: <u>01/01/20</u>	End Date: <u>12/31/24</u>
Bid Advertisement and Award	Begin date: <u>01/31/25</u>	End Date: <u>02/25/25</u>
Construction	Begin date: <u>04/01/25</u>	End Date: <u>12/31/25</u>
When Funds from DCTC will be needed	Begin date: <u>06/01/25</u>	End Date: <u>12/31/25</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

- Has your community adopted a Local Trail Plan? Yes No
- Does your community have a Complete Streets policy or standards? Yes No
- Are trails part of your community's zoning and development requirements? Yes No
- Is there documented public support for the project? Yes No

Please explain:

Orange Township has an Active Transportation Plan that is a compilation of the the townships human-powered travel needs. Bale Kenyon Trail is labeled as a priority project.

Is there developer involvement in the project?

Yes No

Please explain:

ADDITIONAL

Please provide any additional information that you feel will be important for the committee to consider prior to making a decision to recommend funding for this project:

(i.e. copies of Local Trail Plan, Complete Streets info, zoning/development documentation, map showing connection to destination locations or other trails, impact on school zones, evidence of easements/right-of-way, proof of other public funding, legislation passed regarding this project, etc.)

Our comprehensive Local Trail Plan outlines current and future trail developments. Relevant zoning and development documents support trail construction and integration, and detailed maps show connections to destination locations, other trails, and the impact on school zones. We have secured necessary easements and right-of-way acquisitions, and have proof of additional public funding from sources. Additionally, our Active Transportation Plan shows significant support for this project. This cumulative information highlights the extensive planning and support behind the project, demonstrating its feasibility and community impact.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies: (1) he/she is legally authorized to request and accept financial assistance from Delaware County; (2) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, all representations that are part of this application are true and correct; (3) all official documents and commitments of the applicant that are part of this application have been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant; and, (4) should the requested financial assistance be provided, the applicant will comply with all assurances required by Ohio law.

Certifying Representative: Silas Bowers, Director of Operations
(Printed form, type or print Name and Title)

Original Signature / Date Signed:  8/27/24

Submit Applications to Delaware County Trail Committee c/o DCRPC
1610 State Route 521, P.O. Box 8006, Delaware, OH 43015

DCTC Use Only

Project # _____ Population Proximity _____ Recommend Project: YES or NO
Date submitted: _____ 1 miles: _____ Amount funded: _____
Date reviewed: _____ 2 miles: _____ BCC Resolution: _____

