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2023 SUMMIT COUNTY TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION NOW OPEN

AKRON, Ohio (March 23, 2023) – Communities in Summit County are eligible to receive grant money for their trail projects identified on the Summit County Trails Plan through the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition’s annual Summit County Trail grant application. Funding for the Summit County Trail Grant program is made possible through the leadership of Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council. The application for the 2023 grant cycle is now available on the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition’s website at <https://www.ohioeriecanal.org/summit-county-trails>. Applicants can send two copies of the grant application to the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, Attention: George Ebey, 47 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44308. The deadline to return the application is May 11, 2023.

The Summit County Trails Plan identifies trails in Summit County and their connections to the popular Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, the Summit Metro Parks’ Bike & Hike Trail, and other regional and local trail networks. The communities of Summit County are very fortunate to have the vision and leadership demonstrated by Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council for trail projects related to economic development and the quality of life for its residents.

Some of the past projects funded by this grant include Summit Metro Park’s water trails signage; Bath Township’s North Fork Preserve of Bath entry sign and kiosk; the City of Cuyahoga Fall’s Swain Maple sugaring trail, and the City of Barberton’s stormwater and Towpath amenities study.

Since 2001, the Summit County Executive and Summit County Council have supported this popular trail plan by dedicating money toward grant projects identified on the plan. For every \$1 of Summit County money, an additional \$12 is leveraged in federal, state and local investment. Please contact George Ebey at 330-374-5657 or gebey@ohioeriecanal.org for any questions regarding the grant application or grant process.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition is a recognized leader across the region, developing the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and its connector trails in Summit, Stark, and Tuscarawas Counties, while leveraging resources and stimulating community and economic development.

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