

April 2022 Recreation & Parks Commission Report

Consent Agenda Items

1. Senior Options Grant 2022 (1020-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement and accept a grant in the amount of \$13,578.00 from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (dba: Franklin County Office on Aging) to support the 2022 50+ Fitness Program. The Recreation and Parks Department applies for this grant annually.

The Recreation and Parks Department offers activities for adults, ages 50+. The activities include painting/drawing, crochet, ballroom dancing, clogging, line dancing, ceramics, chorus, drama, exercise, yoga, needlework, quilting, Red Hatters, self-defense, sewing, shuffleboard, stained glass, and chair volleyball. During various seasons, there is also free income tax help, holiday parties, trips, walking programs and athletics.

The 50+ Centers are Barnett, Dodge, Gillie, Lazelle, Marion Franklin, Martin Janis at Thompson Community Center, and Whetstone Community Center.

Principal Parties:

Franklin County Board of Commissioners
dba Franklin County Office on Aging
280 East Broad St., Room 300
Columbus, OH 43215

Area(s) Affected: Barnett, Dodge, Gillie, Lazelle, Marion Franklin, Martin Janis at Thompson Community Center, and Whetstone Community Centers.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance will authorize the appropriation of \$13,578.00 in grant funds in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283.

Emergency Justification: An emergency is being requested so the grant may be accepted and the funds appropriated in time for equipment to be provided before summer programming begins.

Benefits to the Public: Providing reliable fitness equipment specifically for the needs of older adult populations results in healthier seniors and stronger communities.

Administration Agenda Items

2. Alum Creek Trail – Champions Bridge Superstructure Replacement (1075-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance will authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with GPD Group to provide professional engineering services for the Champions Bridge Superstructure Replacement and to authorize an expenditure of \$51,808.14 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to waive the competitive procurement provisions.

Champions Bridge was part of the Alum Creek Trail Easton Extension project that started at Innis Park and ended at the Easton Soccer fields with the Champions Bridge. During construction of this project in 2015, it was noticed that the superstructure of the bridge had deflected dramatically. Upon investigation, it was determined that there was an error/omission on the part of the design professional. This error has resulted in the bridge needing to be posted for loads lighter than what the federal design required. As a result, emergency vehicles cannot traverse the bridge.

When the error/omission was realized, a review of the entire project took place that resulted in structural changes to other structures that were also part of this trail extension project and the project from Airport Drive to Brittany Hills which was also designed by the same professional. Since these events took place, CRPD has worked diligently with the design professional responsibly for the errors, their legal counsel, the City Attorney's Office, and GPD Group to ascertain the extent of the damage on the Champions Bridge and a method to remedy. GPD performed the structural analysis of the bridge and recommended the load posting. GPD also served as the Project Engineer on behalf of Righter Company, the contractor who built these two trail extension projects. They were also the firm that determined that it was safe for pedestrians as the Department took action on repairing this bridge.

With a recommendation and cooperation from the City Attorney's office, the Department wishes to waive bidding and have GPD Group prepare the construction documents for the replacement of the superstructure of the bridge. They have already performed the structural analysis on both the existing and proposed bridge as well as prepared estimates of probable costs for the bridge's repair. There is not another firm with more familiarity of this project nor any other firm who can provide the value when it relates to preparation of the contract and permitting documents necessary to repair this bridge. It is the intent and desire of the Department and the City Attorney's office to recover the damages for this error/omissions which is anticipated to be near \$1.0-1.2 million dollars once construction of the repairs is complete.

Principal Parties:

GPD Group
1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 210
Davin NG, PE, 614-210-0751
34-1134715
5/20/23

Fiscal Impact: \$51,808.14 budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund to meet the financial obligations of this expenditure.

Fees:

Base Scope:	\$35,669.17
Permitting/City Plan Review	\$10,000.00
<u>Contingency/If authorized:</u>	<u>\$6,138.97</u>
Total:	\$51,808.14

Area(s) Affected: Northeast (41)

Bid Waiver Justification: With the suggestion and cooperation from the City Attorney's office, the Department wishes to waive bidding and have GPD Group prepare the construction documents for the replacement of the superstructure of the bridge. They have already performed the structural analysis on both the existing and proposed bridge as well as prepared estimates of probable costs for the bridge's repair. There is not another firm with more familiarity of this project nor any other firm who can provide the value when it relates to preparation of the contract and permitting documents necessary to repair this bridge.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested for continuity of services. It is now imperative that the bridge be repaired as options for remediation with the design professional who prepared the original construction documents for the Alum Creek Trail Easton Extension Project have been exhausted. The bridge does not have the capacity to carry an emergency vehicle as intended by the original design. Beginning design and construction as soon as possible relieves the City of risk of owning a bridge that is not code compliant.

Benefits to the Public: Safety on the section of Alum Creek Trail between the Easton Soccer Fields and the Ohio Dominican University will be improved.

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan to provide quality recreational parks, trails, and easy, all-age connectivity for Columbus residents.

3. Alum Creek Trail – Johnstown Road East Side Connector (1076-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance is to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract with Righter Company, Inc. (ord. 0918-2020) to provide construction services associated with the Alum Creek Trail – Johnstown Road East Side Connector (Project); to authorize an expenditure of \$280,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund.

In 2014, the Department was awarded federal grant funding from MORPC, administered by Ohio Department of Transportation (PID 99828), for construction funds to improve safety and access to the Alum Creek Trail for the East Columbus/Krumm Park community. The project will build a trail from the Alum Creek Trail near Ohio Dominican University to Johnstown Road and Cassady Avenue. The one mile project also includes walking and biking improvements along Johnstown Road and 10th Avenue, connecting to Krumm Park and William Adams Community Center.

The project includes separated trail, bike lanes, modifications to an existing trail bridge, and safety improvements for the neighborhood to connect to the regional trail. The East Columbus neighborhood is bounded by 5th Avenue to I-670 and Stelzer Road to Alum Creek. Over 4,000 residents and employees will be within a 10 min walk from this project. The connector opens up access to over 126 miles of regional trail network. A future section of this project will extend the bike lanes along Johnstown Road to downtown Gahanna.

This ordinance is requesting \$280,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund to modify the construction contract with Righter Company, Inc., to cover change orders during the project construction due to: unforeseen field conditions, owner requests, and additional construction materials needed to complete the project. This additional funding request is eligible to be reimbursed \$224,000 from the MORPC Federal grant funding.

It is not in our best interest to award additional work through another procurement process because the grant funding reimbursement would not be available for reimbursement to Recreation and Parks, and Righter Company has already performed the change order work in order to keep the project on schedule.

The modification amount was determined based on the cost of the completed and anticipated change orders, which were established by contract prices.

Proposals were originally advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 11th, 2020 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on April 2nd, 2020. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Righter Company, Inc.	MAJ	\$2,074,779.87

After reviewing the bids that were submitted, it was determine that Righter Company, Inc. was the lowest and most responsive bidder. Righter Company, Inc. and all proposed subcontractors have met code requirements with respect to prequalification, pursuant to relevant sections of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

Principal Parties:

Righter Company, Inc.
2424 Harrison Road, Columbus, Ohio 43204
Mike Killilea, 614-272-9700
31-0889208
11/22/23

Fiscal Impact: The maximum amount to be paid under any purchase order associated with this Contract shall not exceed \$280,000.00.

Funding:

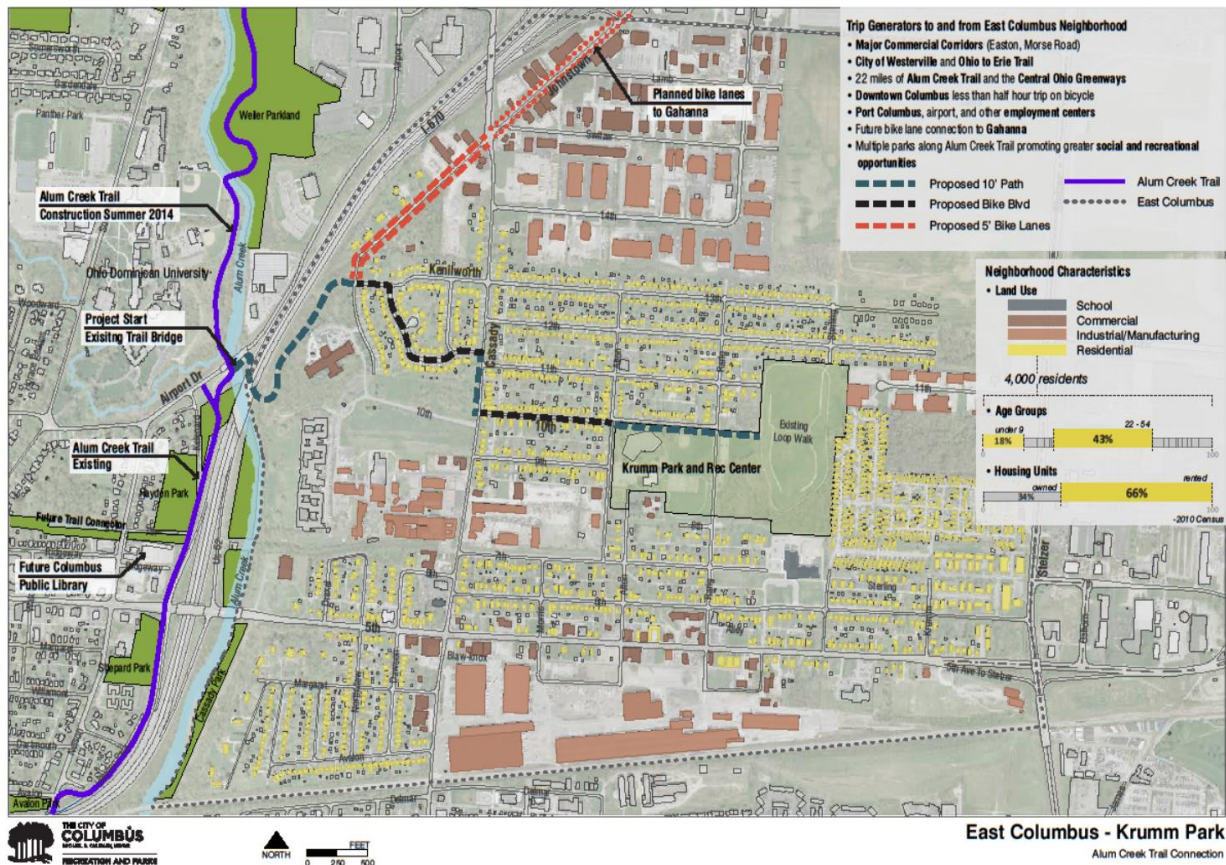
MORPC TAP grant	\$224,000.00 (ODOT PID 99828) – 80% of Construction Cost
<u>Local CRPD</u>	<u>\$56,000.00 (20% Local Match)</u>
Total:	\$280,000.00

Emergency Justification: An emergency is being requested as the project already iexists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to modify the existing contract such that the contractor can complete the work on schedule.

Benefits to the Public: Cycling, walking, running, and active trail uses provide highly recognized year-round benefits to urban lifestyles. Access to trails and to key destinations is one of the top rated priorities noted by East Columbus residents.

Community Input/Issues: The department conducted extensive public involvement during plan development with neighborhood public open houses, letters of support from the community, City of Gahanna, and social media feedback from trail users around the region.

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Providing a safer trail and active mode of transportation to a disadvantaged community.



4. Champions Golf Course and Kilbourne Run Barn Improvements (1077-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance is to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Schorr Architects for the Champions Golf Course and Kilbourne Run Barn Improvements project and to authorize an expenditure of \$128,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency.

The Champions Golf Course, bordering Alum Creek and designed by Robert Trent Jones, provides learning and recreation opportunities for juniors and adults and is open to the public. In 2020, the course opened a new clubhouse with restaurant and event rental space. The previous clubhouse facility is in a poor state and must be demolished. As this facility is attached to the course cart storage barn, this project will include exterior improvements to the barn to better match the architectural aesthetic of the new clubhouse and better support daily course

operations.

Kilbourne Run Sports Park, located less than two miles from the Champions Golf Course, is a prime soccer facility for the City which hosts numerous tournaments and special events. The park requires a dedicated barn for storage of maintenance equipment and operational supplies.

Given the close proximity of these two facilities and similarity of the work required, completing them as a single project will yield efficiencies of scale which will reduce overall project costs.

Proposals were advertised to three pre-qualified A/E firms that were pre-qualified through the bi-annual Request for Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) process through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 10th, 2021 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on March 24th, 2021. Request for proposals were sent to the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
Schorr Architects	MAJ	N/A
BBCO	MBE	N/A
Latus Studio	MAJ	N/A

*Note, design contracts are quality based selections and not based on price. Costs were not requested nor were they part of this evaluation.

In accordance with City Code, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended Schorr Architects be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their referenced projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

Principal Parties:

Schorr Architects
230 Bradenton Avenue
Tony Schorr, 614-798-2096
03-0499713
March 3, 2024

Fiscal Impact: \$128,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund

Fees:

Base Scope (Champions): \$54,489.17
Base Scope (Kilbourne Run): \$61,814.84

Total Base Scope:	\$116,304.01
Contingency:	<u>\$11,695.99</u>
Total:	\$128,000.00

Area(s) Affected:

Northeast (41) – Champions Golf Course

Northland (35) – Kilbourne Run Sports Park

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested in order to enter into this contract so that Schorr Architects can begin design services such that final construction documents are ready for bidding in summer 2022 to complete construction work between the 2022-2023 golf and soccer seasons.

Benefits to the Public: Improving the storage barns for these facilities enable facility staff to most effectively maintain and operate them for the public.

Master Plan Relation: This project also supports the department’s Master Plan by expanding and improving sports infrastructure, facilities and accessibility.

5. Clean Ohio Trails Fund Grant Acceptance and Appropriation---Eastmoor Green Line (1078-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance is to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$ 463,730.00 for construction funding for the Eastmoor Greenline; to authorize the appropriation of \$463,730.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$194,770.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund for the local match.

In February of 2019, the Department applied for grant funding to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Fund. (Ordinance 0124-2019). In March of 2020, the Department received notice that the grant was approved. This Ordinance would allow the Director to enter into the grant agreement, accept the funding, and appropriate the grant and the city’s share of the match funds.

The Eastmoor Green Line will become a unique linear park for the Mid-East neighborhoods of the city. Located on an abandoned rail corridor running from Broad Street to south of Livingston Avenue, the 3 mile, 17.5 acre Green Line will provide the area’s first trail connectivity. The corridor will have passive park space, native plantings, and a 10’ trail. The

project also offers important social equity for several inner city neighborhoods facing a deficit of trail access and natural resources.

Principal Parties:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229
D’Juan Hammonds, 614-256-6417, Division of Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance will require \$194,770.00 of City funds to obtain the \$463,730.00 awarded by the Clean Ohio Grant.

Clean Ohio Trails Grant	\$ 463,730.00
<u>Local Match Funds</u>	<u>\$ 194,770.00</u>
Total:	\$ 658,500.00

Area(s) Affected: Eastmoor, Linwood, Leawood, Beechwood, Planning Area 20

Number of residents served: Over 10,000 residents, 8 schools, a 14 acre natural area, and 9 access points are within the trailshed of this project.

Benefits to the Public: The Eastmoor/Linwood areas lack access to greenways, waterways, and significant open spaces and parks. For over 25 years the city has been engaging in protecting and providing access to a comprehensive linear system of rivers, trails, paths. The timing of constructing a trail within this park corridor ties directly to the city’s goal of providing a lift to inner city neighborhoods cut off from safe, easy access to greenways and outdoor experiences. The scale of construction costs estimated in this applications relies heavily upon outside funding assistance such as the Clean Ohio Trails Fund to achieve these goals.

Community Input/Issues: The department received letters of support from the community, the Mideast Area Commission, the City of Whitehall, and trail users.

Master Plan Relation: Providing equitable, safe, access for underserved communities to the city’s trail system.



6. Italian Village Park Improvements Design Contract (1079-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Implement, LLC, to provide professional design services for the Italian Village Park Improvements and to authorize an expenditure of \$89,600 from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund and the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund.

Italian Village Park is a small .835 acre park surrounded by a tapestry of historic Italianate residences, small businesses, restaurants and galleries of its namesake Italian Village neighborhood and the multistory mixed-use development characterizing the Short North Arts District. The park was created in the early 1980s through a forward thinking acquisition of undesirable and underutilized lots just a short distance from the noise and bustle of High Street, and resulted in the preservation of a rare sliver of greenspace in a densely built environment. The park has seen several iterations. The last major redevelopment in 2009 removed the shelters, installed additional picnic seating, expanded the lawn, preserved the playground and installed irrigation for landscaped beds that were to be maintained by the community.

In 2020, The Italian Village Community authorized the use of Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds (UIRF) to design and construct improvements to Italian Village Park. A Park Conditions assessment finds the park with several maturing and declining shade trees, fragmented spaces with under-realized programmatic purpose, under-utilized seating and play equipment, poor circulation, and impacted by debris and litter from adjacent alleys. A public survey conducted by Recreation and Parks identified the following priorities for the design of the Italian Village Park Improvements: Preserve greenspace in a dense neighborhood; Minimize illegal activity; Enhance park safety, especially after dark; Encourages positive social interaction; Aligns Italian Village with the arts and culture of the Short North Arts District; and can maintain appearance and upkeep without intense volunteer effort.

The Italian Village Park Improvements Design Contract includes conceptual design and programming, public engagement, schematic design and preparation of construction plans and specifications, permits and bidding documents for project construction.

Proposals were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on January 14th, and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on February 8th, 2022. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
Implement, LLC (Columbus)	MAJ	N/A
MKSK (Columbus)	MAJ	N/A

*Note, design contracts are quality based selections and not based on price. Costs were not requested nor were they part of this evaluation.

In accordance with City Code 329.17, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended Implement, LLC. be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their referenced projects, past experience, qualifications, availability, schedule, and their project approach.

Principal Parties:

Implement, LLC
1119 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201
Jason Kentner, RLA, 614-558-6742
CC033701

Fiscal Impact: \$89,600.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund is budgeted and available for this project.

Fees:

Base Scope:	\$76,160.00
Contingency/ If Authorized:	\$13,440.00
Total:	\$89,600.00

Area(s) Affected: Italian Village (47)

Emergency Justification: Emergency Legislation is required in order to enter into this contract so that Implement can begin design services such that final construction documents are ready for bidding in January 2023.

Benefits to the Public: Italian Village Park, though less than an acre, is the most significant greenspace in the Italian Village Community. Once both the design and construction of the park improvements has occurred, residents and visitors to Italian Village will benefit from the improved park design focused on preserving greenspace, promoting a safe and inclusive environment and providing recreation opportunities and gathering space in an anchor location of the Italian Village Community.

Community Input/Issues: The Italian Village Park Improvements project is an UIRF funded project and has been presented to the Italian Village Society and Italian Village Commission and accepted by the community members as an important improvement to Italian Village Park. A public engagement survey and community meetings informed the goals outlined in the Request

for Proposals. Throughout the design process, the community will have multiple opportunities for input and feedback on the proposed park improvements.

Master Plan Relation: This project is aligned with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's 2014-24 Master Plan "Strategies for Neighborhood Parks" Goals:

- 1.2.2- Improve overall maintenance standards, safety and design—increase visibility of parks and park activity centers from the street edge and Require a consistent maintenance standard that is equal to or greater than the surrounding neighborhood; and
- 1.2.3- Update 5 neighborhood parks per year—Consider use of UIRF and other funding sources to update parks.



7. NatureWorks Fund Grant Acceptance and Appropriation---Linview Park (1081-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to accept a grant and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$ 46,505.00 for the NatureWorks Round 27 grant fund--- Linview Park; to authorize the appropriation of \$46,505.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$139,515.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund for the local match.

In June of 2021, the Department applied for NatureWorks Funds to build a park in the Blueprint basin area in south Linden and bounded by Denune Avenue and Linview Avenue from Mock Road for the near Northeast area of Columbus (Ordinances 2194-2021, 2560-2021). In December of 2021, the Department received notice that the grant was approved. This Ordinance would allow the Director to enter into the grant agreement, accept the funding, and appropriate the grant and the city's share of the match funds.

Linview Park will become a 4.9 acre neighborhood park in the south Linden area of Columbus. The property has existing mature trees with a wetland that will be preserved as a part of the natural habitat in this densely urban neighborhood. Park amenities will include a shelter, playground and outdoor classroom area for use by students at the nearby Centenary United Methodist Church and school and community as a whole.

Principal Parties:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229
Timothy Robinson, 614-265-6528, Office of Real Estate Management

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance will require \$139,515.00 of City funds to obtain the \$46,505.00 awarded by the NatureWorks Grant.

Clean Ohio Trails Grant	\$ 46,505.00
Local Match Funds	\$ 139,515.00
Total:	\$ 186,020.00

Area(s) Affected: Northeast community (41)

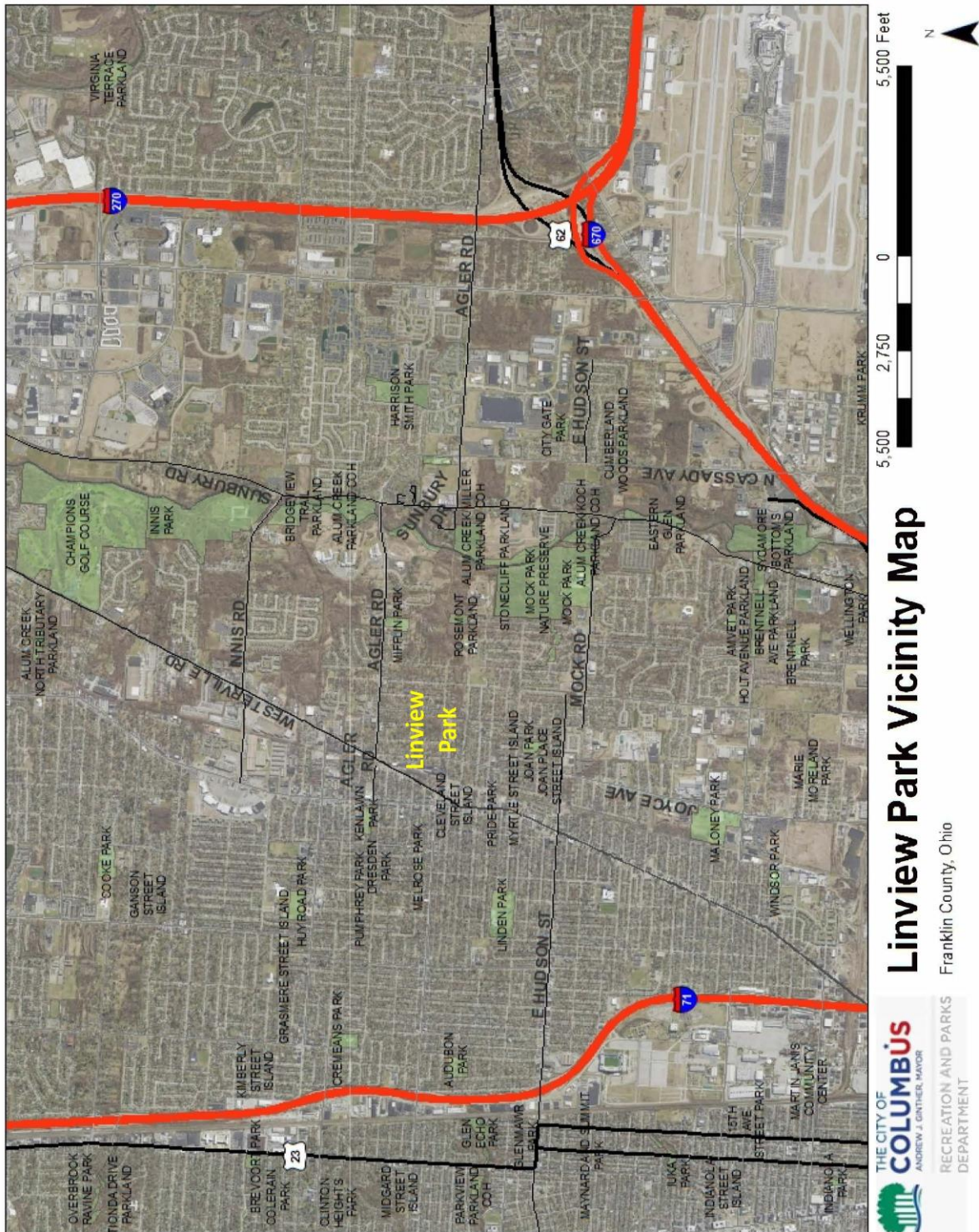
Number of residents served: Once completed, over 6,000 residents live within a 10 minute walkshed of the project.

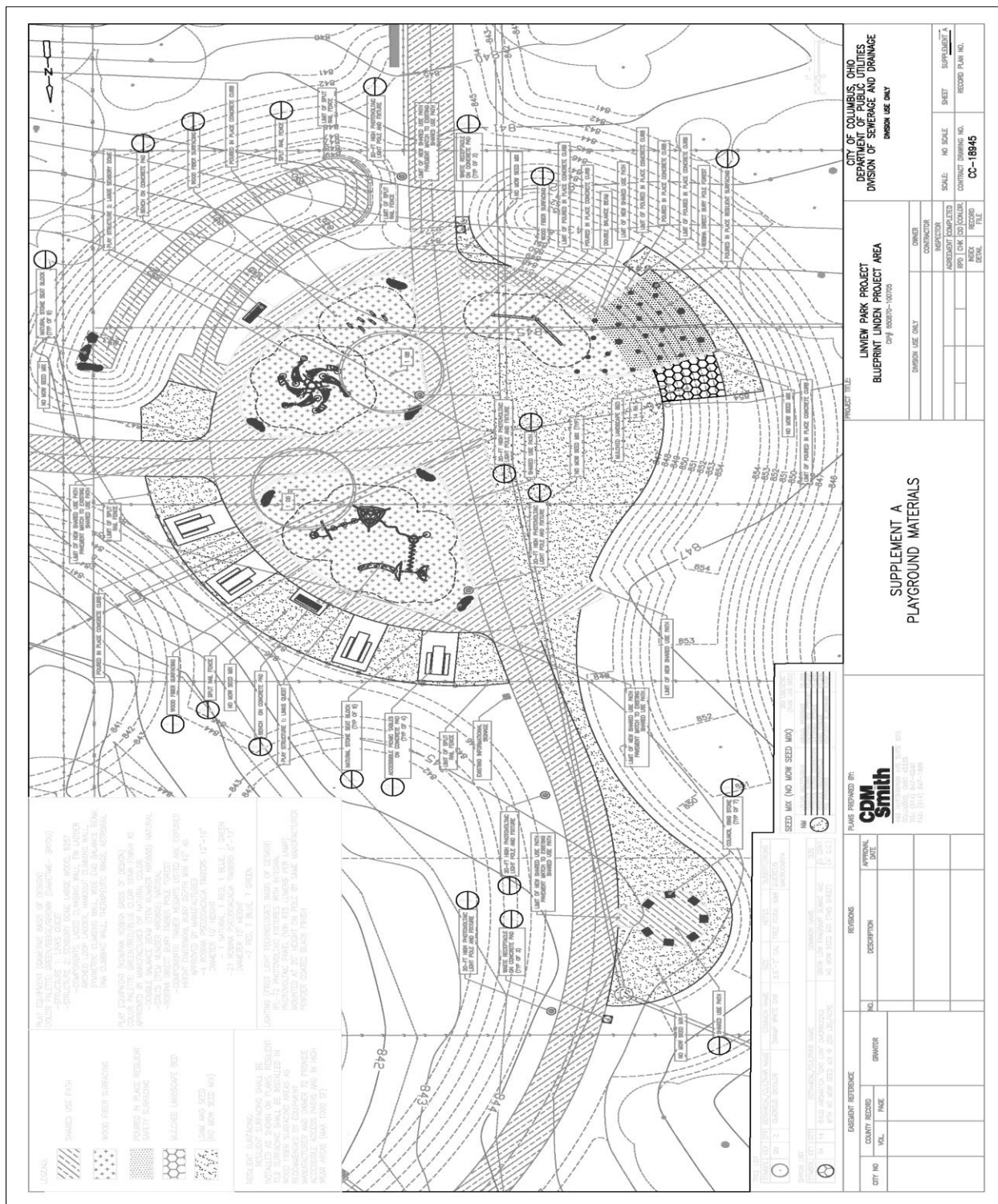
Benefits to the Public: The near Northeast area of Columbus lacks safe, significant open spaces

and parks. The timing of constructing a park in conjunction with the Blueprint regional storm water facility between Linview Avenue and Denune Avenue ties directly to the city's goal of providing recreational areas providing outdoor experiences in inner city neighborhoods. The scale of construction costs estimated in this project relies upon outside funding assistance such as the NatureWorks Fund to achieve these goals.

Community Input/Issues: Public engagement meetings including open houses, surveys, area commission meetings and key stakeholder meetings and on site meetings took place in 2019 to survey residents and get input for features to be included in the park design. Public meetings took place in February of 2022 for project update as the storm water portion of the project was bid and in preparation for final design of the park amenities.

Master Plan Relation: Providing equitable, safe, park and playground areas for underserved communities of the city.





8. Olentangy Trail – Confluence Bridge and Park Improvements--Design Contract Modification (1082-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract with Burgess and Niple, Ltd. (Ord. 1272-2019) to provide additional engineering services for the Olentangy Trail – Confluence Bridge and Park Improvements; to authorize an expenditure of \$126,463.51 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund.

This contract modification is for additional design and construction engineering services required to complete the new Olentangy Trail pedestrian connector bridge, as well as a new downtown 3.5 acre park along the east bank of the Olentangy River. During construction, additional tasks were determined to be necessary to be included into the project by the Department of Public Utilities. It is not practical to procure these additional services from another vendor since Burgess and Niple has provided the specific engineering services associated with these two projects; and the tasks were needed to be completed during construction to avoid the Department incurring contract delay costs. The cost of the modification was determined by established hourly rates and negotiated effort hours remaining to complete the scope of work by the project team.

The Department was awarded Clean Ohio Trails Funds in 2018 to build a bridge from the Olentangy Trail to a newly improved Nationwide Boulevard and Confluence Village, a major redevelopment in downtown Columbus. As well, the Department is nearly complete on a new 3.5 acre park along the Olentangy River, enabling a significant downtown greenspace to be opened for Crew games, and new office and residential developments under development. Since opening in July of 2021, the bridge has been used by thousands of pedestrians and cyclists.

Proposals for the project were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 15, 2017 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on April 14, 2017. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
Burgess & Niple	MAJ	N/A
Prime AE	MAJ	N/A
Korda Engineering	MAJ	N/A
GPD Group	MAJ	N/A
EMH&T	MAJ	N/A

*Note, professional services are quality based selections and not based on price. Costs were

not a part of this evaluation.

In accordance with City Code, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended Burgess and Niple be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their reference projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

Principal Parties:

Burgess and Niple, Inc.
5085 Reed Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220
John Shanks
31-0885550
Exp. 10/15/2022

Fiscal Impact: \$126,463.51 is budgeted for this project from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested as to enter into said modification as the grant funding for completion of the bridge and park improvement project

Benefits to the Public: Over 2 million people visit the Arena District each year. The district contains major attractions, special events, employment centers, and rapidly expanding residential living. The Olentangy Trail travels along the west side of the river, and thousands of trail users cannot ride, walk, run, or access the east side. The connector bridge will provide a safe, direct, non-motorized corridor into and from the heart of the Arena District. And the bridge will connect to a 128 mile trail network spanning the entire region.

Community Input/Issues: Several planning documents and studies recommend safe, easy access to the north side of downtown. Non-motorized active transportation is considered one of the key draws to the downtown as a place to live, work, and play. Current trail access is limited to an indirect route, and many residents inquire about the feasibility of better, more direct, connectivity.

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Improving the environmental health of the city's waterways; improving recreational access to streams; providing long term protection corridors for water quality and trail development.

9. Rickenbacker Woods House (1083-2022)

Project History/Background: This ordinance is to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to transfer maintenance responsibilities and ownership of 1334 E. Livingston Ave. to the Land Redevelopment Division of the Department of Development and also authorize the Department of Development to enter into a lease agreement with the Rickenbacker Woods Museum. This would allow for the continued, already established and supported, partnership with Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historic Park, Inc., a non-profit entity originally created in 2003 to manage the museum.

By Ordinance 1277-1998, Columbus City Council authorized the purchase of 1334 E. Livingston Avenue by the City Attorney on the behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The house is the boyhood home of Eddie Rickenbacker and a National Landmark. Ordinance 1038-01, authorized the Department of Development to accept an Ohio Department of Administrative Services grant to acquire property next to the house, restore the Rickenbacker home, and create a museum. Starting in 2004, exterior renovations were started and managed by the Department of Development. In 2015, as authorized by Ordinance 1767-2015, the Department of Development transferred parcels surrounding the house to the Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historic Park, Inc. (RW Museum), a non-profit entity originally created in 2003 to manage the museum. RW Museum renovated buildings that were a part of the transfer into an office and a community center. The organization currently operates various programs, including a successful youth afterschool program, out of the community center. Repairs were also performed to the Rickenbacker house, but the house interior remained untouched. This Ordinance will transfer maintenance responsibilities and control of 1334 E. Livingston Ave. to the Land Redevelopment Division of the Department of Development and authorize the Department to enter into a lease agreement with the RW Museum. RW Museum is in the process of securing a State of Ohio grant to complete additional renovations to the house's interior to turn the house into museum. The lease is a requirement of the grant.

Ordinance 1277-98 - authorized the purchase and states that the property is to be used for "recreation and parkland purposes". Background of the ordinance indicates that the house would be leased to the Columbus Housing Partnership who would "manage the property until other funding sources can be identified to operate it as a museum".

Ordinance 3178-98 - authorized Rec and Parks to execute a five year lease with the Columbus Housing Partnership for the Rickenbacker House.

Ordinance 2640-00 - authorized the acceptance of a grant from the National Park Service in the amount of \$10,000.00 which appears to have gone to the Department of Trade and Development.

Ordinance 1038-01 – authorized Department of Trade and Development to accept a \$475,000 grant from ODAS in order to purchase 13 parcels, restore Rickenbacker home and create a museum.

Ordinance 1361-2004 – authorized Department of Development to enter into contract with NDC to oversee rehab of RW project; as amended by 1834-2004 in the amount of \$280,000.00

Ordinance 0355-2007 - authorized Rec and Parks to enter into a contract with Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Rickenbacker House Project at a cost of \$100,000.00.

Ordinance 0960-2008 - authorized the Department of Development to extend its contract with the Neighborhood Design Center.

Ordinance 2804-2012 (passed 2015) – authorized the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historical Park, Inc. to provide management services for the properties on East Livingston Avenue known as the Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historical Park.

Ordinance 1767-2015 (passed same day as above ord.) - authorized the Department of Development to execute any and all necessary agreements for the use, operation, lease, and management of the Eddie Rickenbacker House, described as follows: 1334 Livingston Avenue. - 010-041716

Principal Parties:

Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historic Park, Inc.
1330 E. Livingston Ave.
Mike Aaron, 614-427-3201

Fiscal Impact: None – Department of Development, Land Redevelopment Division will continue to manage the site with existing staffing and maintenance budgets.

Areas Affected: Far South (64)

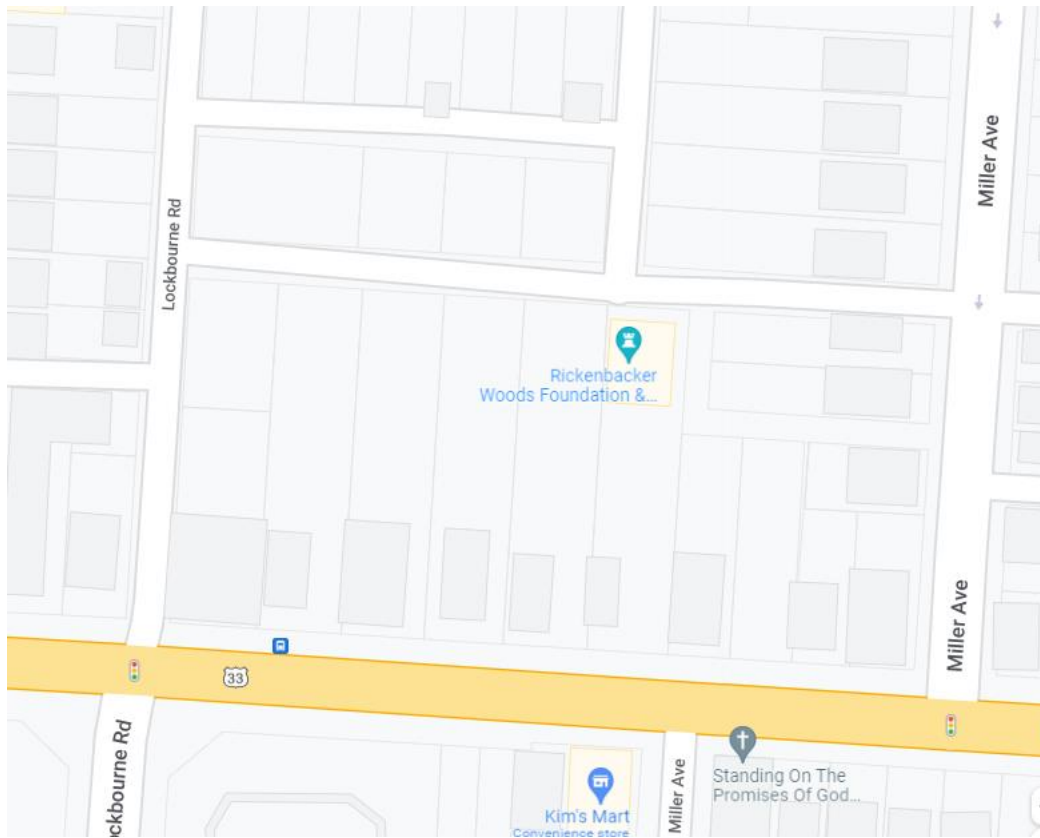
Emergency Justification: This legislation is requested as an emergency measure to expedite the transfer of the parcels from the Department of Recreation and Parks to the Department of Development as quickly as possible to execute a lease agreement to meet a State of Ohio funding deadline and proceed with the renovations this summer.

To transfer the control of 1334 East Livingston Avenue (010-041716) from the Department of Recreation and Parks to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements allowing the lease, use, operation, and management of 1334 East Livingston Avenue with Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historic Park, Inc., and to declare an emergency.

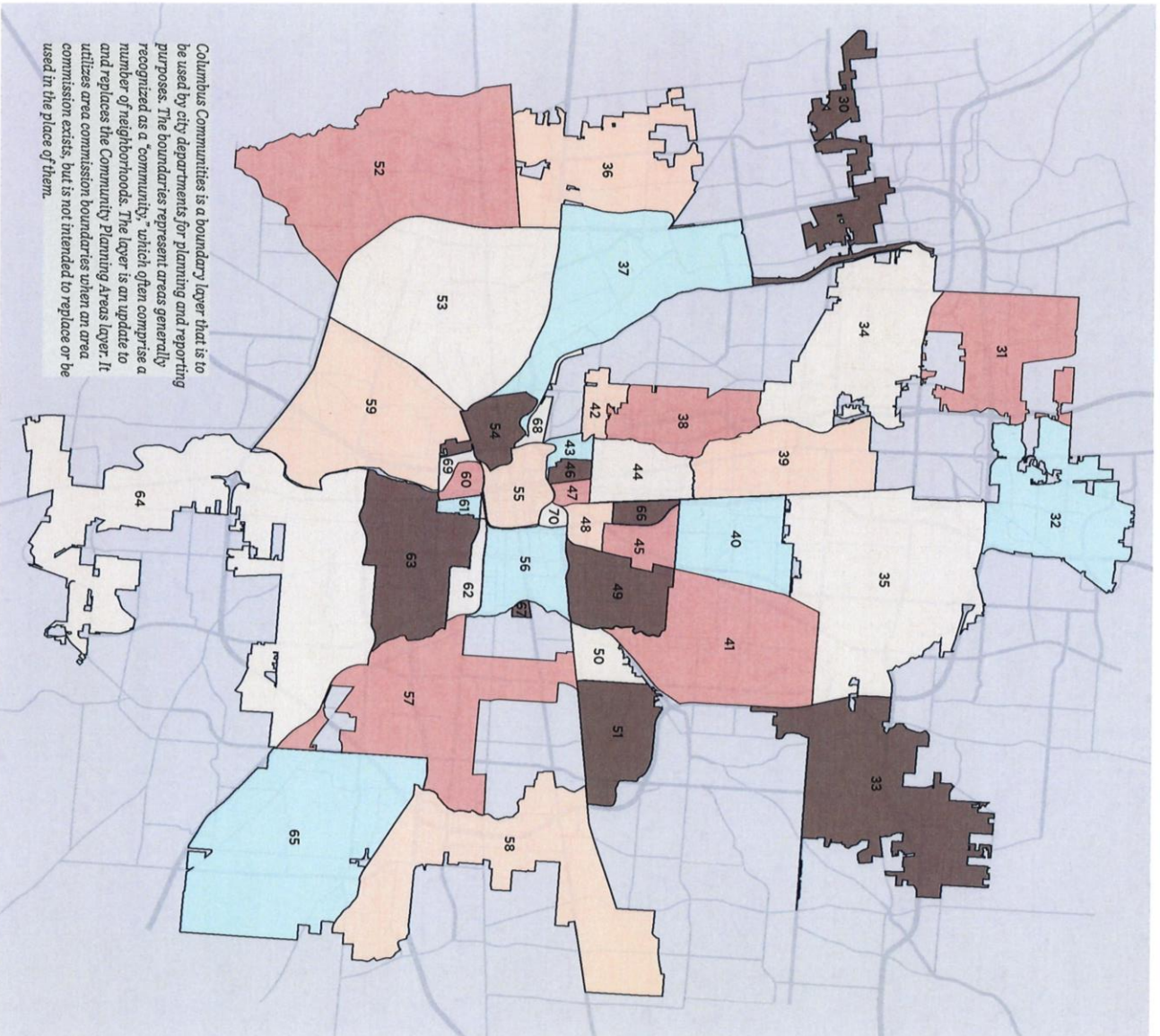
Benefits to the Public: Transferring ownership and supporting the Department of Development, in entering into a lease agreement with Rickenbacker Technology Museum and Historic Park, will allow for continued community space, historical information open to the public as well as the preservation of the historical structure.

Community Input/Issues: The Department continues to work with the community and the Rickenbacker Woods Technology Museum and Historic Park to provide a safe, and iconic space for the community. The Community, Area Commission and Civic Associations support the transfer.

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by supporting partnerships and community access and programming.



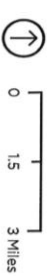




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- 35 Northland
- 36 Far West
- 37 West Scioto
- 38 Olentangy West
- 39 Clintonville
- 40 North Linden
- 41 Northeast
- 42 Fifth by Northwest
- 43 Harrison West
- 44 University District
- 45 South Linden
- 46 Victorian Village
- 47 Italian Village
- 48 Milo-Grogan
- 49 North Central
- 50 East Columbus
- 51 Airport
- 52 Westland
- 53 Greater Hilltop
- 54 Franklin
- 55 Downtown
- 56 Near East
- 57 Mid East
- 58 Far East
- 59 Southwest
- 60 Brewery District
- 61 German Village
- 62 Livingston Avenue Area
- 63 South Side
- 64 Far South
- 65 South East
- 66 State of Ohio
- 67 Wolfe Park
- 68 Dublin Road Corridor
- 69 Harmon Road Corridor
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