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City Accepts ODNR Grant for Olentangy Water Trail Access

Columbus City Council approved legislation last night that will allow the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant from ODNR for the construction of an access point to the Lower Olentangy Water Trail. The project site is at the corner of King Avenue and Olentangy River Road and will be the fifth access point to the Olentangy Water Trail.

“Providing access to our public bodies of water is a priority as identified in the Recreation and Parks 2014 Master Plan. Accessible and safe waterways, also known as water trails, are becoming increasingly popular among our residents. Water and regular trails provide connectivity to neighborhoods and opportunities to exercise and enjoy Columbus’ natural surroundings,” said Tony Collins, Director of Recreation and Parks.

The site will include several parking spaces and a stone walkway that leads to the water’s edge. Design is nearly complete and construction should start this summer. Once completed, over eleven miles of the Olentangy Water Trail will be available to the public. More information can be found [here](#).

Recreation and Parks Committee Chair Jaiza Page said, “I’m proud of the Department for working in collaboration with Ohio Department of Natural Resources to fund this project. Leveraging State and Federal grants will allow the City to use our valuable tax dollars in the most efficient ways possible.”

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