

OASIS TRAIL

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Great Parks and the City of Cincinnati, in partnership with Metro and the Indiana and Ohio Railway Company (IORY), are planning, designing and constructing the Oasis Trail.

This 4.5-mile shared-use trail will provide a dedicated, safe and paved pathway for bicyclists, walkers, runners and other non-motorized users to travel between Downtown Cincinnati's Sawyer Point, the Lunken Airport area and beyond. The trail will replace the northern track of the Oasis Rail Line, which is located between U.S. 50/Columbia Parkway and Riverside Drive.

A LOCAL ATTRACTION WITH REGIONAL REACH

The ADA-compliant Oasis Trail will be a transformative link in Greater Cincinnati's shared-use trail network by increasing connectivity and providing more ways to enjoy the region's rich history and outdoor spaces.

Enhancing Cincinnati's CROWN - The Oasis Trail will close a sizable gap in the 34-mile Cincinnati Riding Or Walking Network (CROWN), which encircles the city and links many local landmarks and neighborhoods. The CROWN also connects with many local shared-use trails including the Wasson Way, Murray Path, Mill Creek Greenway Trail, Canal Bikeway, Lunken Airport Trail, Armleder Trail and the 78-mile Little Miami Scenic Trail (LMST).

Connecting Beyond Cincinnati - The Oasis Trail's reach will extend far beyond city limits. In addition to facilitating access to the LMST, it will also complete an arm of the Ohio River Trail. This shared-use trail follows the river for nearly eight miles in the Cincinnati area and connects with the Ohio to Erie Trail, which spans 326 miles between the Ohio River in Cincinnati and Lake Erie in Cleveland.

PLANNING IS IN PROGRESS

Planning and development are now underway with construction expected to begin in 2029. The narrow corridor where the Oasis Trail will be located presents several design challenges related to existing rail, sewer and bridge infrastructure, and sensitivity to existing residential and commercial development is required. Great Parks and the City of Cincinnati are actively working to address these challenges thoughtfully and with fiscal responsibility.

Construction will be completed in phases over a two-year period. The current total cost of design and construction is estimated at more than \$19 million, most of which has been secured through grant funding, CROWN donor funds and Great Parks' capital project budget.

STAY INFORMED

Great Parks, which is managing the development of the Oasis Trail in coordination with the City, will keep the public informed as the project progresses. In 2026, project update presentations will be shared at meetings with interest groups and communities located near the trail corridor. A public meeting will also be held in mid-2026 to share more information and gather input on trail-related options.

In the meantime, questions and comments can be shared with the project team at information@greatparks.org or by calling (513) 521-7275. More information is available at GreatParks.org/Oasis-Trail.



For the past 17 years, Great Parks, the City of Cincinnati and Metro have shared a vision of connecting Downtown Cincinnati with the regional and state trail network through the development of the Oasis Trail. That vision is now becoming a reality.



PROJECT PARTNERS





Proposed Alignment for the Oasis Trail

— Completed - - - - - Planned

1 Oasis Trail

Regional Trails

2 CROWN

3 Little Miami Scenic Trail

4 Ohio River Trail

5 Ohio to Erie Trail

Basemap provided by TriState Trails. Visit GreatParks.org/Oasis-Trail to see additional local trails.