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Trail Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

DELAWARE, Ohio — The Delaware County Trails Committee (DCTC) is accepting funding applications for its 2025–2026 Delaware County Trail Assistance Program now and until September 12, 2025. The DCTC has \$100,000 available for projects related to the creation of new multi-use trails or for the improvement of currently existing trails.

Eligible applicants include local governmental entities, park districts and non-profit organizations. Potential projects can include, but are not limited to, construction of multi-use trails in Delaware County, acquisition of property and easements for multi-use trails, or for maintenance. The grant can also be used for matching funds.

All applicants are encouraged to review the Central Ohio Greenways Design Guidelines for shared-use path development and must follow all ADA compliance guidelines. Applications will be due by September 12, 2025 at 4 p.m.

To download an application, please go to: https://regionalplanning.co.delaware.oh.us/wpcontent/uploads/sites/17/2025/06/Multi-Use-Trail-Assistance-Application-2025.pdf

The Delaware County Trails Committee is a committee appointed by the Delaware County Commissioners, who also authorized the creation of a countywide trail system master plan in 2017. The trail assistance program is a tool to assist local communities and non-profits further the goals of that master plan.

For more information or additional assistance, please contact Stephanie Matlack at <u>smatlack@co.delaware.oh.us</u>. Additional information is available at <u>https://regionalplanning.co.delaware.oh.us/current_events/delaware_county_trail_committee_plan/</u>

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Attachment: photo of a portion of the Sunbury Veterans Trail. Photo credit to Delaware County Trails Committee.