

## **Woodlawn files Clean Ohio Trails Fund application**

Woodlawn has submitted an application to the Clean Ohio Trails Fund in hopes of receiving a grant to extend the Trail that currently stops at Grove Road and Springfield Pike. The extension would take the trail across Springfield Pike and along the bank of the West Fork of the Mill Creek in the vicinity of 9996 Springfield Pike. It would connect with the trail that was recently completed to the rear of the Wyoming Recreation Center, which is actually located within the Village of Woodlawn.

The portion of the trail that is the subject of the application has come to be known as the “missing link.” It has been the most problematic section of trail in Woodlawn to address. A route had to be identified that would allow bikers and other trail users to safely cross a street, cross over or ride along a stream in a manner that would keep the trail out of the flood plain, and acquire necessary property, all at a reasonable cost. Woodlawn and the Greenway Trail Committee (first formed in 1997) have now been able to work through the problems and issues and have developed this proposal for the missing trail link.

The proposed project resolves the problems and minimizes any impacts on existing properties in the following ways. First, the trail will cross Springfield Pike at grade instead of being routed along the West Fork of the Mill Creek (WFMC) as it flows under an overpass. Second, the proposed project eliminates the need to address significant flood plain issues that existed with the overpass option. Third, the proposed project eliminates the necessity for 2 costly bridges by acquiring property that is on the south side of the WFMC, thus eliminating the need to crossover the WFMC. Fourth, we will now be able to include parking for trail users, and possibly incorporate a small community garden.

We welcome your comments regarding this proposed project. Please call #513-771-6130 for details on how to submit comments.