



Sippo Valley Trail Bridge Replacement Plan

Trail Information

The Stark County section of Sippo Valley Trail, a former Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad corridor, came under Stark Parks' management in 2015. Trail users can bike, hike, and jog over the 10 miles between Dalton in Wayne County and Massillon in Stark County. Horses can use the trail from Dalton to the Skyland Ave. Trailhead. The trail is part of Ohio Bike Route 1 and Ohio to Erie Trail, and proposed US Bike Routes 21 and 44.

The Sippo Valley Trail connects to the Towpath Trail at the west side of Tremont Ave. in Massillon. The trail offers gentle grades and runs parallel to the scenic Sippo Creek for much of the route. In Stark County, it has a stone surface from Deerfield Ave. to just west of Skyland Ave. with the balance having an asphalt surface.

Project Information

Since Stark Parks took over operations of the Stark County portion of the trail, the conditions of the 12 bridges have been monitored closely. As the remaining 11 vintage railroad trestles have deteriorated, Stark Parks has put a strategy in place for replacing them with new bridges/culverts. This long-term plan is estimated to cost nearly \$6 million and will see the final bridge replacement completed around 2033.

Community Support

In addition to the outpouring of financial support from our funding partners, the Sippo Valley Trail is recognized by the community as an important local asset and critical regional link in the Active Transportation network.

"Partnering with the Stark County Park District helps achieve goals, allowing local equestrians to enjoy the great outdoors our community offers. We are pleased that our efforts have helped create safe, scenic horseback riding trails, as well as trails we can share with our friends on foot or bike." - Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.



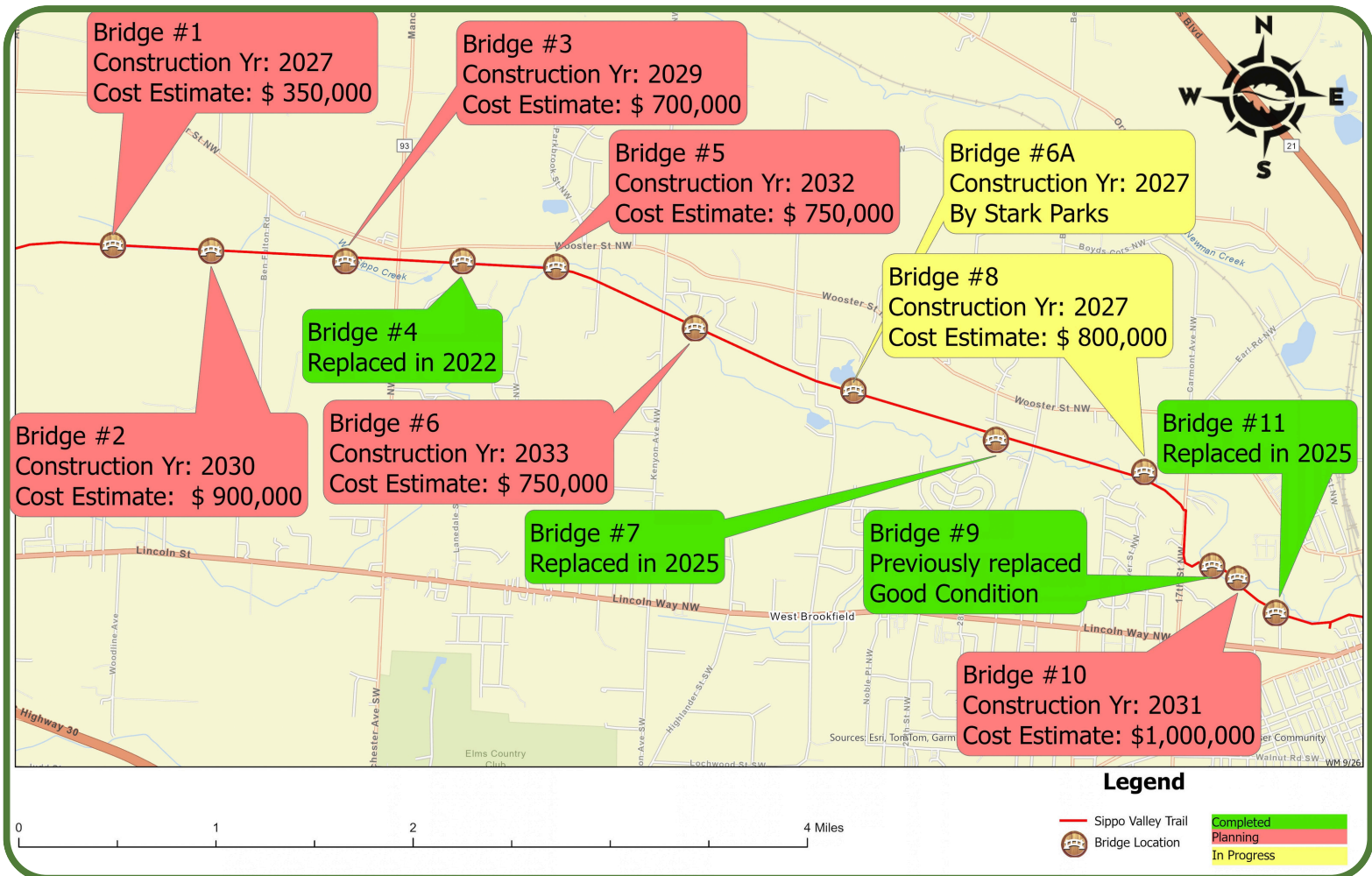
Project Funding

Funding is through a combination of sources including:

- Stark Parks
- Friends of Stark Parks
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Stark Area Transportation Study (SCATS)
- Ohio Horseman's Council (OHC)
- Ohio Trails Partnership (OTP)
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- Massillon Area Greenways Inc. (MAGI)



Project Timeline



Please contact us to learn more about this trail or to support this and other park initiatives.

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