



Village of  
Yellow Springs

# Yellow Springs...

***A Bike-Friendly, Age-Friendly,  
Walkable Community***

Regional Active Transportation Committee  
October 18, 2024



# *PLANNING*





# YS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



## Background

- Established in 2014 as Informal Citizen Committee
- Supported Ad Hoc Efforts to Improve Mobility & Accessibility in YS from 2015-2017
- Supported School Travel Plan Update in 2018
- Led Development of 2019 ODOT-Funded AT Plan
- Established as Village Advisory Committee in 2022
- Members Represent Local Government, Schools & Business as well as Other Key Stakeholder Groups



# YS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## Purpose & Goals

- To Promote Active Transportation in the Village with a Focus on Safety & Accessibility
- To Provide Resources and Expertise for Village Staff and Council
- To Serve as a Conduit between the Community and Village Government



## Community Activities

- Nationally-Recognized Bike Bus Program, Bike/Walk to School Day, Into The Wild, Safety Town, Celebrate Trails





# YS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



## Current Priorities

1. Update 2019 YS Active Transportation Plan
2. Enhance Safety in Strategic Locations
3. Support Village Transportation Projects
4. Lead 3<sup>rd</sup> Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application
5. Improve/Maintain Sidewalk Accessibility
6. Pursue Bicycle Parking Enhancements



# *FUNDING*





# YS AT PLAN => FUNDING

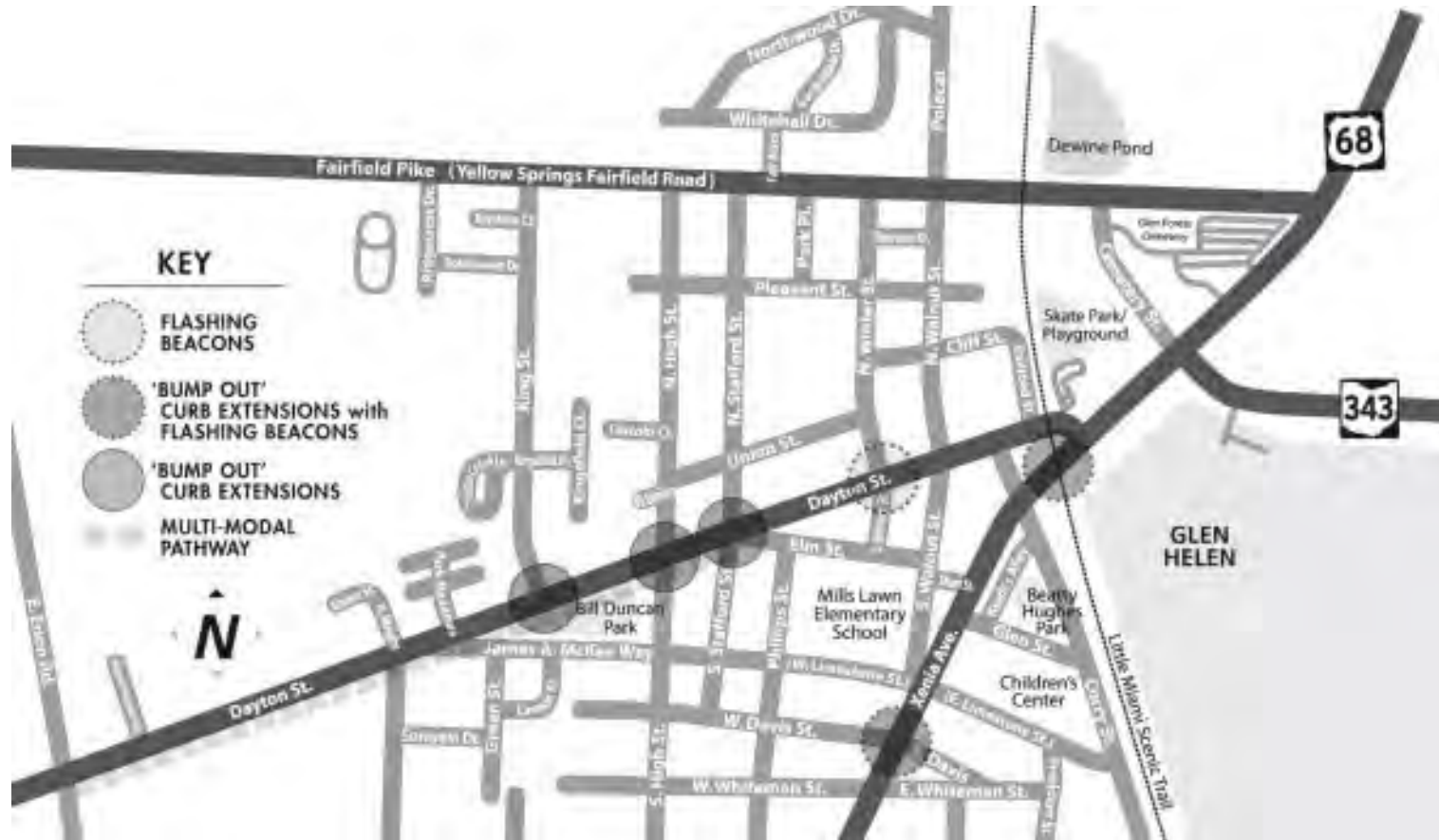
## Surface Transportation Program/MVRPC

- Holistic Approach - Safety & Sustainability
  - Dayton Street Multimodal Path
  - Traffic Calming - Curb Extensions, New Signage, Etc.
  - High Visibility Crossings, e.g. Little Miami Scenic Trail
- MVRPC Communication, Collaboration & Partnership
  - Actively Engage in AT Planning Efforts and Other Initiatives
  - Walking Audits, Trail Counts, Advisory Support, Etc.
  - ADA Improvements – Downtown Intersection Domes/Ramps





# THE FULL CONCEPT



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# RELATIONSHIPS MATTER



## Safe Routes to School/ODOT

- Building On Success & Maintaining Momentum
  - Phase 1 - Winter & YS-Fairfield Sidewalks
  - Phase 2 - Limestone Sidewalk
  - Phase 3 - East Enon Sidewalk & School Crossings
- Ongoing Engagement with ODOT
  - Regular Contact re: Priority Safety-Oriented Projects
  - Open Conversations about Funding Solutions

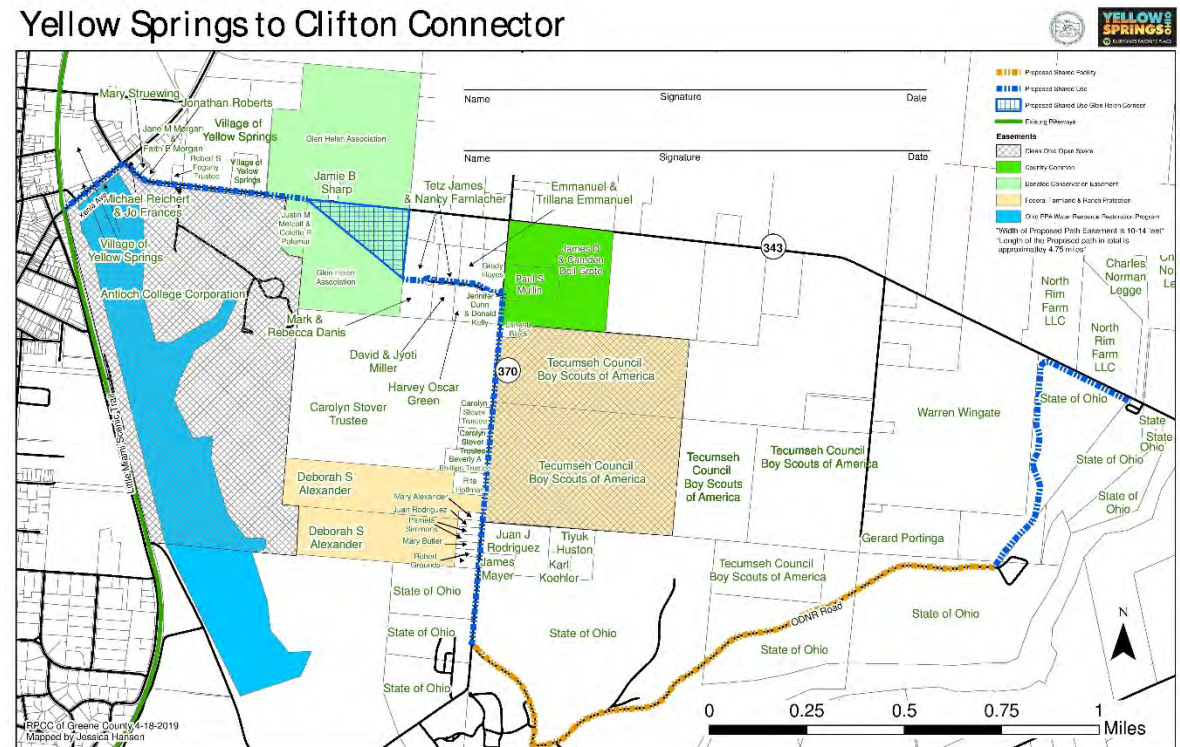


# VIGILANCE = SECURING OPPORTUNITIES

## YS-Clifton Connector Case Study

- Leveraging Local-State-Federal Mix
  - Municipal/Community Foundation 'Seed' Money
  - State Capital Budget Appropriations
  - T-HUD Earmark via PDAC Process
- Stakeholder Engagement & Advocacy
- Persistence & Preparation
  - [Connect GREENE](#)

Yellow Springs to Clifton Connector





# *IMPLEMENTATION*





# LOCAL EXPERTISE & VOLUNTEERS



## Community Collaborations = Capacity

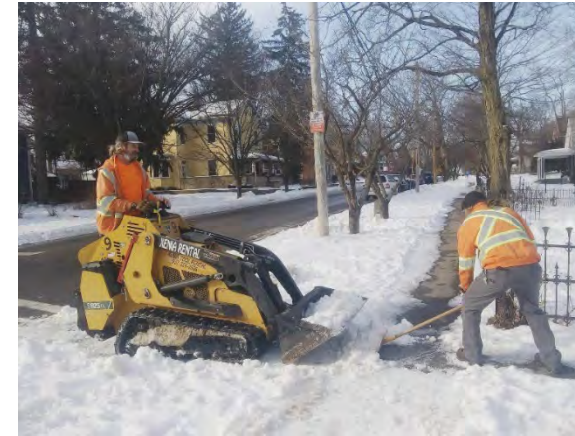
- Village Team Working Closely with Residents & Neighborhood Groups to Identify Solutions
- Grassroots Efforts, e.g. YS Citizens Action Project For Sidewalks, Actively Support Safety Goals
- Interactions Help to Inform Budget Priorities and Cost-Saving Solutions, e.g. Sidewalk Grinding
- Significant Progress Has Been Made to Accomplish Goals Embodied in YS Complete Streets Policy



# KNOWLEDGEABLE TEAM + SUPPORT NETWORK

## Small But Mighty

- Village Team Gains Significant Experience Via Hands-On Involvement in AT Infrastructure Improvements
- Strong Connections with Regional, State & National Government/Non-Profit Entities Are Critical to Success
- Long-Term Partnerships with Construction, Engineering & Consulting Outfits Create Effectiveness/Efficiencies
- The Village of Yellow Springs Has Brought Many Activities In-House so that We Can Do More for Less





# PROACTIVE & PARTICIPATIVE

## Maintenance Mindset

- Actively Involved in Construction Process to Ensure Safety and High Quality Work
- Coordinating with Engineers and Contractors to Build In Line with Community Standards
- Village Values Guide Our Approaches and Residents Are Paying Close Attention to Projects
- Lessons Learned Have Instilled a Highly Proactive Philosophy that Protects Our Infrastructure Assets





***IT TAKES A VILLAGE!***





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# Questions?



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