

## Montville Trail Will Make New Connections

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Cyclists, runners, walkers, and others soon will have a new connector trail to provide better access to Medina County Park District's trail system from some of Medina's southern neighborhoods.

Slated for construction this summer, the Montville Trail project will create a paved, ten-foot-wide multipurpose trail from Waterbury Drive just off State Route 3 in Montville Township west to Grovewood Lane. The new trail will be less than one mile in length and include additional access points at Vineyard and Ivandale drives.

Trail users then will be able to continue west on Grovewood Lane, cross Ryan Road to Wycliffe Drive, and access the northern terminus of Chippewa Rail Trail in Lafayette Township. The total distance from State Route 3 to Chippewa Rail Trail will be 1.6 miles.

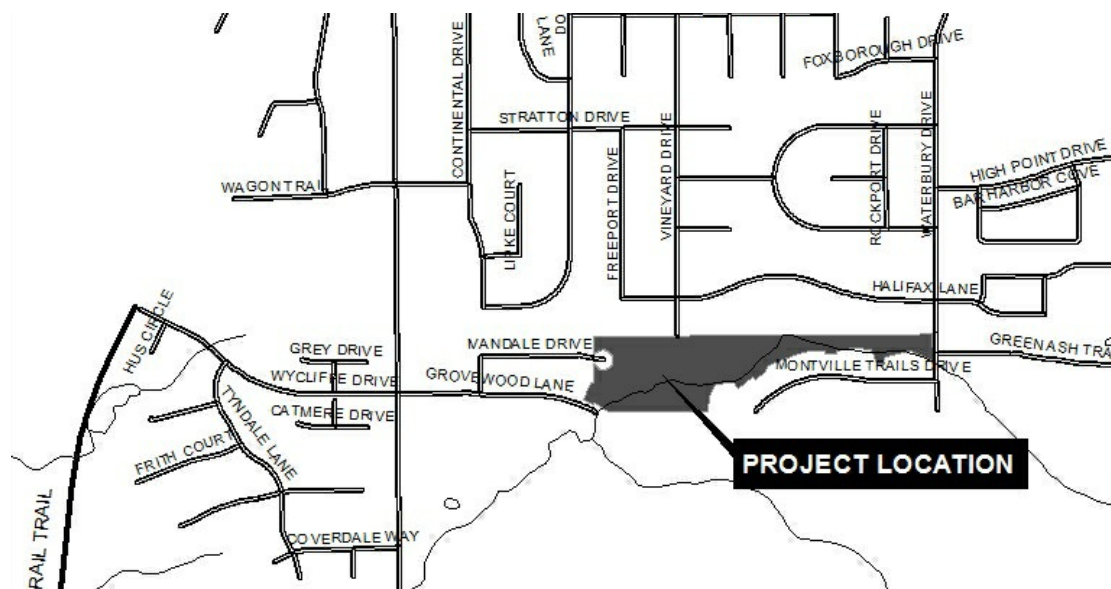
"From a trail perspective, it helps connect a few things to each other," said Park Planner Hayley Bondi, who is coordinating the project.

The paved Chippewa Rail Trail travels 2.75 miles south to Chippewa Road, where it's just a short jaunt west to the combination paved and crushed limestone Chippewa Inlet Trail. Users then have the option of heading north on the 3.95-mile Chippewa Inlet Trail, which passes through the Buckeye Woods Park/Schleman Nature Preserve complex, and continues all the way to U.S. Route 42.

The Montville Trail project was made possible by a donation of green space by Pride One Development. The trail will provide the added benefit of increased access to neighborhood homes by fire and rescue vehicles in the event of an emergency. Portions of the trail will have a gravel berm to accommodate emergency vehicles. Medina County Park District funds will be used to build the trail.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2nd-Annual Lake to Lake Harvest Bike Tour on Sept. 16. Sponsored by Bike Medina County, the event offers four route options including trail rides perfect for families and casual cyclists, as well as longer road routes for more experienced riders. All routes begin and end at Buckeye Woods Park. Please visit [bikemedinacounty.weebly.com](http://bikemedinacounty.weebly.com) for details.

For more on local bicycling routes, check out the Medina County Bicycle Transportation Map at [www.co.medina.oh.us/bikemap.pdf](http://www.co.medina.oh.us/bikemap.pdf). For information on Medina County Park District trails, please visit [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com).



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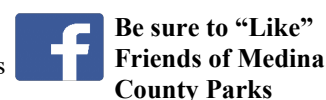
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