



Marion Township Greenway Project

# MARION TOWNSHIP GREENWAY FOUNDERS' BRICK CLUB

Marion Township has been awarded a grant of \$869,500 from the Ohio Public Works Commission by way of the Clean Ohio Fund – Green Space Conservation Program! Be part of the foundation of the Marion Township Greenway by pledging your support. Choose a sponsorship level on the attached form.

The Marion Township Greenway plan consists of 2.1 miles of multi-use path for non-motorized vehicles (motorized wheelchairs are acceptable). This has been made possible by the generosity of The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, The Sisters of the Precious Blood, the Marion Township Park, St. Henry Bank, Osgood State Bank, the MCLD, LLC, and several other businesses and individuals.

PROJECT SCHEDULE  
**2019 Planning**  
**2020 Land Acquisition**  
**2021 Multi-Use Path Construction**

We know that there is a lot of community support for this biking, walking and running path initiative from the many letters received for the grant applications submitted by the Marion Township Trustees, and all of the discussions and support garnered over the last couple of years. Letters also cited the positive impacts on education, recreation, health, economics, and our quality of life.

The Mercer County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Commission both cited the positive impact the conservation easement will have on the Grand Lake St. Marys Watershed. Preserving the Big Chickasaw Creek headwater stream is an important part of maintaining the eco-structure for the region.

The Marion Township Greenway project is also an important part of the recently completed Greenway Master Plan and the Mercer County Comprehensive Plan and follows the guidelines for preservation, as cited by the Village of Chickasaw and our County Commissioners.

*In January of this year, community members celebrated the life of Dr. Don Schwieterman. Dr. Don's family displayed an artifact from 1976 - an American Revolution Bicentennial artifact stating, I SUPPORT THE MARION TOWNSHIP BIKEWAY – PROTECT OUR CHILDREN.*

*The initiative support for the Marion Township Greenway has been around for more than 40 years, and was supported by one of our community's greatest. Thank you Dr. Don!*

*Dr. Don's  
Bicentennial  
Button*



Cost for this project is estimated at \$1,175,000. The grant covers 74% of the cost with the remaining portion of \$305,500 to be raised locally. Thanks to several generous donations, over \$155,000 has been committed. That leaves \$150,500 left to raise to make the Multi-use path a reality!

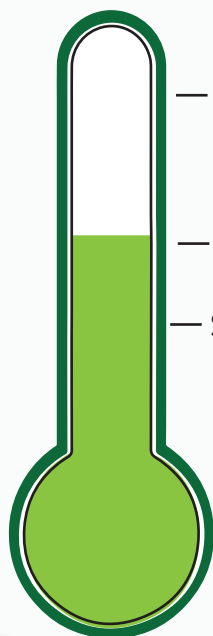
Current fundraising for this project is through the annual Bike Tour and held at the Marion Township Park and the Maria Stein Country Fest Bike Tour. Mark your calendar for September 29th to join us for the Park Tour. Please see enclosed form more information.

To raise additional funds, we are asking for donations to the Founders Brick Club. To become a member, a pledge commitment payment would be made. A pledge payment is a promise to donate for a specified amount over a set period of time. The first payment is due this year with remaining payments payable over a four year period.

The pledge program is shown below. All donations over \$2500 will be recognized on a plaque along the Marion Township Greenway. All donations over \$500 will be recognized with an engraved brick in the Marion Township Greenway. Recognition can be in a person's name, a business name or as a memorial.

After your donation is received, you will receive a letter to verify your gift for tax purposes. You will also receive reminder letters in subsequent years.

If you have any questions contact: Darrin Poepelman by email: [pupman@icloud.com](mailto:pupman@icloud.com).



GOAL  
— \$305,500  
— \$150,000  
— \$75,000

#### Pledge Levels Based on Total Donation

<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$100 per year for 5 years</b>
<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>\$250 per year for 5 years</b>
<b>\$2,500 Silver Level</b>	<b>\$500 per year for 5 years</b>
<b>\$5,000 Gold Level</b>	<b>\$1000 per year for 5 years</b>
<b>\$10,000 Platinum Level</b>	<b>\$2500 per year for 5 years</b>
<b>or Other Amount</b>	

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\*Plaque and Bricks will be located on the Marion Township Greenway

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment reminder will be sent to the address below.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*may be decided at a later date*

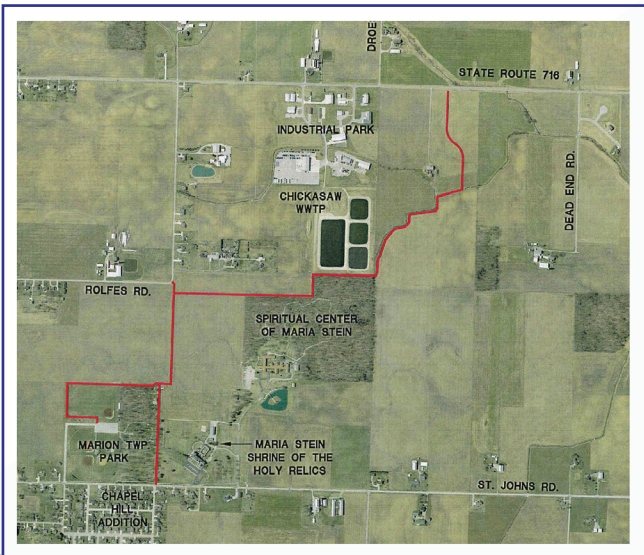
Name for plaque if total donation is over \$2500 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*may be decided at a later date*

Name for brick if total donation is over \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Return the pledge to MCDO, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860 or use the enclosed envelope.

Please check your donation pledge level.



\_\_\_\_\_ \$500      \$100 per year for 5 years

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,250      \$250 per year for 5 years

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500      \$500 per year for 5 years  
SILVER LEVEL on plaque

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000      \$1000 per year for 5 years  
GOLD LEVEL on plaque

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000      \$2500 per year for 5 years  
PLATINUM LEVEL on plaque

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Any total donation of \$2500 or more is recognized on a plaque on the Marion Township Greenway.*

*Any total donation of \$500 or more is recognized with a Founders Brick on the Marion Township Greenway.*

Marion Community Development Organization  
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Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065

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# MARION TOWNSHIP AWARDED GRANT

from the Ohio Public Works Commission

by way of the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program

*Bike & Walking Path to become reality -  
see inside on how you can help!*