

PROJECT APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET

1. Project Title: (Limit of 55 characters) Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park	
2. Project Category: (Select one) Coastal Planning	3. Estimated Start Date: 3/10/2015 Estimated Project Completion Date: 12/10/2015
4. Applicant Entity and Address: Entity: City of Port Clinton Address 1: 1868 E. Perry Street Address 2: City: Port Clinton State: OH Zip: 43452	5. Primary County where project is located: Ottawa 6. Other Counties where project is located: (if none, enter n/a) n/a
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12. Print Name and Title of Authorizing Official*: Name: Tracy Colston Title: Safety Service Director	13. Total Project Cost: \$ 40,000 = 100 % 14. OCMP Share (Grant): \$ 20,000 = 50 % 15. Applicant Share (Match): \$ 20,000 = 50 %
*Must be a signatory with the authority to commit the applicant organization and also to certify the veracity of all information submitted, including supplemental forms.	

16. Project Summary: (300 word maximum, use this page only) Include **a)** project description and **b)** list project deliverables.

The City of Port Clinton is experiencing a renaissance. The City, County and Main Street Organization have partnered to implement a downtown revitalization strategy based on a completed downtown plan in 2014. The strategy incorporated physical improvements, promotions, organization design and economic restructuring to the downtown area which includes Waterworks Park. The recent acquisition and restoration of Lakefront Preserve will give Port Clinton the opportunity to enhance public access to Lake Erie and create a truly unique sense of place, tying these improvements into the downtown revitalization.

The Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park would assess how to best increase public access and enjoyment of the Lake Erie shoreline; link existing commercial, recreational, historical and natural areas; and attract new and returning visitors - whether traveling by motorized vehicle, bicycle, foot or boat in a manner that is consistent with local, state and regional plans that advocate for the protection and balanced growth along Lake Erie.

The Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park will build on projects previously funded by the Office of Coastal Management including the original study of the area (Waterworks Park Multipurpose Trail System, 1999) and subsequent funding through CELCP for land acquisition and improvements to Lakefront Preserve.

The Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park will provide a clear vision for how best to capitalize on coastal resources. It will address the development of the shoreline near downtown Port Clinton including physical improvements, recreational amenities and tourism opportunities. This Plan will identify strategies to enhance eco-cultural and recreational tourism; connections and linkages to other recreational, cultural, historical and education resources in the immediate area; develop conceptual plans and cost estimates for multiple alternatives that include multi-use trails and transient boat docks; and identify resources that may help fund implementation of improvements and programs.

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1. Problem: Concisely state the problem or issue that this proposal addresses. Include important background information.

The goal of this planning activity is to take advantage of the strong community support for the enhancement of Waterworks Park - the "missing link" - between two successful projects - the revitalization of downtown and the recently acquired and improved Lakeshore Preserve. The area of focus consists primarily of Waterworks Park, a 14-acre waterfront site which is currently underutilized, but would propose additional public spaces linking it to downtown. Integrating downtown Port Clinton to the shoreline is critical to attracting the sightseers, tourists and visitors to downtown and vice versa. This study will identify ways to enhance this flow of public access as well as assess the need for docks to serve transient boaters and the desired amenities to further invite this group of visitors to the shoreline and downtown.

In March 2014, the Port Clinton Beacon Newspaper conducted a public survey regarding the downtown and the Waterworks Park area. The responses overwhelmingly supported both the revitalization of downtown and the redevelopment of the park for recreational activities. A consumer survey taken as part of the downtown plan reported that 61% of those surveyed desired more recreational waterfront opportunities as well.

2. Project Description:

a. Describe the project for which funding is requested.

This Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park, will assess how to best increase public access and enjoyment of the Lake Erie shoreline; link existing commercial, recreational, historical and natural areas; and attract new and returning visitors - whether traveling by motorized vehicle, bicycle, foot or boat in a manner that is consistent with local, state and regional plans that advocate for the protection and balanced growth along Lake Erie. This plan will build on Waterworks Park Multipurpose Trail System funded in part by CMAG in 1999, the City of Port Clinton Waterfront Protection and Enhancement Plan prepared in 2001, and the Main Street Port Clinton Downtown Plan.

A planning steering committee will be appointed that represents interests from the city, planning and community development, applicable advisory boards, Main Street Port Clinton, community residents, local biking and boating groups and the Chamber of Commerce. This committee, with findings from stakeholder interviews and focus groups, will establish a vision for the development of Waterworks Park that is consistent other local and regional plans. Conceptual plans that address public access by various means of travel will be developed and vetted. The preferred plan will be developed graphically using aerial photographs, CAD software and other renderings and estimated project costs will be developed. A matrix of applicable funding resources will also be developed to serve as a tool to allow for future implementation. Once completed, this plan will be reviewed and adopted by the steering committee and forwarded to stakeholders for further action. This plan will be comprehensive and serve as a road map for development of this area along the Lake Erie shoreline.

b. Describe how this project is part of an integrated effort or approach.

The Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park will build on the Main Street Port Clinton Downtown Plan completed in May 2014 and the work already underway which will further increase the awareness of needed public access to the Lake Erie shoreline and connection to the Lakefront Preserve. This plan will define future improvements in Waterworks Park that are consistent with the City of Port Clinton's Waterfront Protection and Enhancement Plan. The creation of the Steering Committee and inclusion of input from the focus groups and stakeholder interviews ensures that the public's interest will be taken into consideration as the plan is developed that will increase public access to the Portage River and Lake. The plan will greatly enhance commercial and recreational opportunities as well as promote the historical and cultural aspects of Port Clinton and most importantly preserve the natural and scenic beauty of the Lake Erie shoreline.

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3. Impact on Coastal Resources:

a. Describe the extent to which the problem, need or priority will be addressed by the project.

Overall, this planning effort will help preserve the Portage River and Erie shoreline within the Waterworks Park site with eco-tourism initiatives- trail/walkway improvements and new transient docks that will open up the area for more public use. It is hoped that these improvements will entice more visitors to downtown Port Clinton. The new trails would be connected to the one through the Lakefront Preserve and on to City Beach. Currently, many visitors come to Port Clinton as a stop over to Put-in-Bay (PIB) via the Jet Express. They park their cars and spend the day at PIB and not frequent Port Clinton Businesses. The planned trails and boating amenities for the subject planning site will be sure to attract more tourists and boaters to the area and to downtown.

During the downtown planning process that included merchant and consumer surveys, the majority of respondents considered the Waterworks Park site as a gem conducive to recreational and water related amenities. It was also seen as a good connector to the wetlands preservation initiative east of Derby Pond.

b. Describe how this project addresses a high priority need as identified in local, state, regional, or national plans (such as remedial action plans, watershed plans, Lakewide Management Plan, Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan, Ohio Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Plan, Lake Erie Balanced Growth Initiative, State Hazard Mitigation Plan).

The planning efforts and eventual improvements of this project will not in any way negatively impact the Portage River and Lake Erie shoreline. The subject site is within three watershed areas: the Cedar-Portage water shed, the Sandusky Watershed and the Lake Erie Watershed. As a result, the City of Port Clinton and Ottawa County are involved with the protection, preservation and restoration of these watersheds and Lake Erie. Working in concert with the Ohio Lake Erie Commission and ODNR, the city and county are involved with the planning efforts of the Lake Erie Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP) as called for under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between Canada and the US. This bi-national effort calls for the establishment of ecosystem goals and assessments of each of the Great Lakes. Through the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, the state of Ohio's goals and objectives along with the planned activities comprises the Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan (LEPR) that meets the requirements of LaMP. The LEPR compliments regional and local efforts under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and has identified 12 priority areas to protect Ohio's 312 mile long shoreline. To address lake water pollution, in 1990, Congress passed the Coastal Zone Act enacting the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CNPCP) which calls for each state having an approved coastal zone management program to submit for approval a CNPCP to the US EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The purpose being to develop and implement management measures for nonpoint source pollution to restore and protect coastal waters working in conjunction with state and local authorities. The key nonpoint pollutants are: agriculture, hydromodification/habitat modification, land disposal, mining, oil field wastes, silviculture (forests), urban run-off, and construction site erosion and certain ground water sources. The City and County, when next updating their land use and/or comprehensive plans will probably endorse and adopt the Ohio balanced Growth Initiatives which is a voluntary incentive based program to encourage local governments to engage in watershed-based regional planning and water quality oriented best local land use practices. Ottawa County is part of the State of Ohio's Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been adopted by FEMA. The plan identifies potential future hazards and develops strategies to address those events in a logical, methodical and cost effective way to protect the general public, structures, facilities and natural resources. Some of key water related areas included in the state's plan include: flooding, coastal flooding, coastal erosion, invasive species and dam/levee failures. Ottawa County updated its Emergency Operations Plan in February 2014.

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c. Describe the extent to which the project leverages other technical or financial resources.

This project builds on the success of the downtown revitalization strategy that leveraged both private and public investment totaling \$3.4 million as well as the \$1.465 million public and private commitment for the acquisition of the Lakeshore Preserve and \$1.2 million of coastal wetland restoration of this sensitive 12-acre area. Once complete, the Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park, will also identify applicable sources of public and private investment that will allow for expedited plan implementation.

d. Describe the measurable results (give estimated benefits for all that apply). Use the suggested indicators below or others as appropriate to your type of project.

Type of Project	Suggested Indicators
Coastal Land Acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Acres protected -Linear feet of coastline acquired -Type of habitat or ecosystem acquired
Habitat Restoration and Demonstration of Innovative Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Acres of habitat restored or protected -Endangered species protected -Type of habitat or ecosystem protected -Projected audience
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reduction in pounds of Phosphorus delivery -Reduction in tons of soil erosion/sedimentation -Miles of vegetative buffer -Land area covered by the plan
Coastal Resource Management Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of people trained -Projected audience
Coastal Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of municipalities included in a plan -Population affected by the plan -Land area covered by the plan -Type of coastal resource protected -Ordinances developed
Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Linear feet of coastline made accessible -Population affected
Research and Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Projected audience -Number of land use decisions made utilizing information gathered

Only one municipality is incorporated in this plan, but several other entities that have interest and influence its development including ODNR Coastal Management Office, Ottawa County Regional Planning, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Erie Balanced Growth Initiative just to name a few. Additionally, local organizations including the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Port Clinton will have an active role in developing this plan.

Port Clinton has a population of roughly 6,000 which swells to 20,000 in the summer. During the summer, the city has about 125,000 tourists during the week and 250,000 on weekends. The Jet Express transports 300,000 visitors to Put-in-Bay yearly. Waterworks Park is 14 acres. The subject planning is within the 42-acres of City owned property along the waterfront that includes the Waterworks Park, the Lakefront Preserve and City Beach. The downtown area encompasses seven (7) city blocks. As part of the City's zoning code, the western part of the subject site is zoned central Business District (CB) and the remaining area is zoned Institutional Gov't & Open Space (IGOS). Please see the attached zoning map of the site. Additionally, the entire site is within the Downtown Waterfront Overlay District which has added regulations to ensure that development along the lake is compatible to the desired land uses and that the lake and waterfront is protected.

Public access will ultimately be improved through Waterworks Park which boasts 2,310 linear feet of shoreline, which includes the Portage River.

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4. Methodology and Timetable:

- a. If your proposed project could start prior to July 2015, assuming a minimum 30-day notice, indicate the month when your project could begin.

This planning project could begin as early as May 2015 with 30-day notice. In fact, it is a preference to begin the project as early as possible and have it completed in December 2015 to be able to fully utilize potential funding assistance through state and federal agencies.

- b. List project tasks (the steps to accomplish the project) and the timetable that will be followed.

Project tasks and timetable for CMAG Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan, Waterworks Park

1. Appointment of a planning Steering Committee. Committee will include representatives from city council, planning and community development, parks and recreation staff, applicable advisory boards, Main Street Port Clinton, community residents, local biking and boating groups and the chamber of commerce. Timeline: May 2015

2. Compilation, review and analysis of pertinent data and information

a. Review applicable plans, studies and reports including transportation/thoroughfare plans, lake studies, bike plans, trail routes, boating information (peak periods, licensing, location of existing marinas and docks, etc.)

b. Compilation of demographic/socio-economic data noting trends

c. Current Recreational, boating, birding and tourism assessment

Outcome - Report prepared on existing conditions and trends occurring in the area.

Timeline: May - June 2015

3. Kick off meeting of Steering Committee

a. Consultant team introduced

b. Planning process, timeframe and deliverables reviewed

c. Key points of contact identified

d. Media protocol outlined

e. Meeting logistics established

f. Steering committee to identify 10 key community stakeholders to be interviewed

Outcome - Successful kick-off meeting held, project scope, timeframe and deliverables agreed upon

Timeline: June 2015

4. Public Participation and Outreach

a. Stakeholder interviews

b. Focus groups convened (2 or 3 e.g. downtown merchants, boaters/charter companies, birders, etc)

c. Convene Steering Committee meeting #2

Outcome - Public comments documented

Timeline: July - September 2015

5. Visioning - Steering Committee meeting #3

a. Findings from stakeholder interviews and focus groups refined and categorized for Steering Committee's use in developing future projects.

b. Discussion of development projects from a regional perspective and the full range of issues that impact its undertaking

c. Impact of emerging growth/development trends and issues discussed

d. A preferred future is agreed to and a vision statement formulated that represents a shared image of what improvements will be made in both the near and long term future.

Outcome - a clear, concise vision for the future needs and development of this area.

Timeline: September - October 2015

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4. Methodology and Timetable:

b. project tasks continued

6. Planned improvements

a. Develop conceptual plans for connections and linkages and costs for future physical improvements as identified in previous phases. These conceptual plans will identify 2-3 alternatives to provide the connections and linkages desired with associated costs to determine the preferential plan. The preferred plan will be developed graphically using aerial photographs combined with CAD software.

b. Evaluate these improvements with regard to various local, state and regional plans and regulations as they relate to Lake Erie (LaMP, LEPR, CNPCP), in context with adjacent commercial and recreational uses and the preservation of natural features

c. Identify resources that may help to fund implementation of improvements and programs.

Outcome - The selected improvement Plan will be developed along with estimates of probable costs that can be presented to appropriate funding sources. Timeline: October - November 2015

7. Draft Improvement Plan reviewed by Steering Committee – Steering Committee meeting #4

a. Written draft Improvement Plan submitted for review and comment prior to meeting

b. Edits/changes discussed and made

c. Public comment of draft discussed and planned

Outcome – Final plan will be prepared

Timeline: November 2015

8. Final plan prepared

a. Plan reviewed and approved by Steering Committee – Committee meeting #5

b. Final plan submitted to City for review and approval

c. Adopted plan submitted to applicable entities (i.e., ODNR, Ottawa Co Regional Planning Commission another applicable agencies regional development groups, etc)

Outcome – Final plan ready for adoption and implementation

Timeline: November - December 2015

9. Steering Committee retreat

a. Key findings/recommendations of adopted plan reviewed with committee

b. Implementation strategies reviewed

c. Plan forwarded to City of Port Clinton and other stakeholder agencies for implementation

d. CELEBRATE!

Timeline: December 2015

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c. Provide a detailed description of each work product/deliverable from page 1.

The Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park will provide a clear vision for how best to capitalize on coastal resources.

The Access Plan will incorporate input from both the Steering Committee as well as stakeholder interviews and focus groups. With ample opportunities for public participation, potential projects will be identified and evaluated for continuity with other Lake Erie development/management plans. Projects could include physical improvements, but could also be educational or promotional in nature. Recreational amenities, connections and linkages to other resources in the area and tourism opportunities will be discussed.

Conceptual plans for the preferred projects will be developed. Cost estimates, renderings, timelines for implementation and available funding sources will be compiled for multiple alternatives and shared with the public for additional comment. A final document will be prepared for adoption by the committee, and ultimately by City of Port Clinton. The Port Clinton Coastal Access Plan at Waterworks Park will provide a road map for the future improvement of Waterworks Park to meet the goal of increasing public access to the Lake Erie shoreline.

d. Describe how the project will encourage public participation and how the final product will be distributed (as appropriate).

The approach to this project takes extraordinary measures to involve area stakeholders. In addition to the Steering Committee, stakeholder interviews and focus groups will provide additional input. Furthermore, a draft version of the study will be presented publicly and general comments will be incorporated into the final document. Once completed, the study will be adopted by the Steering Committee and forwarded to the City of Port Clinton for adoption and implementation.

5. Match Description: Describe the composition and source of the nonfederal matching funds that will be provided for this project.

The City of Port Clinton is prepared to contribute \$20,000 in local funding to serve as a match for this study.

This match is coming from the City of Port Clinton's General Fund.

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6. Project Coordinates: Include the latitude and longitude coordinates of the approximate center of your site-specific project.

If your project is not site-specific, provide the coordinates for the primary project/applicant location.

These coordinates can be obtained from:

- commercially available hand held GPS units,
- US Geological Survey Quadrangle (topographic) maps which can be accessed at your county Soil and Water Conservation District or County Engineer's office, or
- various free web-based topographic map providers such as www.digital-topo-maps.com or www.mytopo.com.

Latitude

Longitude

41 ° 30 ' 53.996 " N -82 ° 56 ' 11.698 " W