

# Active Transportation Plan Summary

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# What is the Active Transportation Plan?

- Give plans to improve walking and biking in the city
- Focuses on connecting major spots in city to each other including:
  - Downtown
  - Schools
  - Parks
  - Shopping
- Has input from over 200 citizens



# Groups Who Advised Us- Thank you!

- MVRPC
- Five Rivers Metroparks
- Warriors on Wheels
- Greene County Health
- K&G Bikes
- Grene County Transportation
- All others who have not been named



# Process: The Start

- Discussion about improving Active Transportation began in Summer 2024.
- In Autumn 2024, a conference was held at UD discussing Active Transportation.
- This began the process of developing a new plan for the city.



# Process: Setting Goals

- The first part was to set goals for the plan to accomplish
  - Connect existing infrastructure to new infrastructure.
  - Increase exposure to green space.
  - Improve access to community areas.
  - Involve citizens in the process
  - Turn concerns into solutions the citizens produce.



# Process:

## Determine Existing Infrastructure

- We took all pertinent documentation and put them into maps and spreadsheets.
- We then produced a map of existing routes and standards and did the same.
- Where we found overlap, we added that as a core foundation.



# Process: Public Outreach

- We had a few renditions of the plan drafted before this but wanted public involvement.
  - We asked what routes, amenities, concerns people wanted addressed
  - Added them to the planning requirements when appropriate
- Occurred over 6 sessions, over 200 respondents



# Process: Finalized Plan

- Took all previous steps and combined them into one plan
- Plan was overviewed by community partners at various stages, including the last
- Community approval was given
- Taken to various voting bodies





# Terms to know: Buckeye and North Country Trails

## Buckeye Trail

- 1,444 mi hiking trail that follows the circumference of Ohio
- 8.4 mi through Fairborn following bike trail
- Currently in consideration for National Scenic Trail Status, meaning more hikers

## North Country Trail

- 4,800+ mi from VT to ND
- Follows Buckeye Trail through Fairborn
- Longest National Scenic Trail in USA
- Connects to Yellow Springs and Dayton

# Terms to Know:

## Dutch Intersection

- Dutch intersections include:
  - Protected Bike Lanes with Corner Islands
  - Set-Back Crosswalks and Bike Crossings
  - Improved Sight Lines and Traffic Calming
- They aim to keep vehicles and bike/ ped traffic separated as much as possible so there are no interruptions to either.



# Terms to Know: Separated Lanes

- Separated lanes have a barrier that protects cyclists from motor vehicle traffic.
  - Improves safety
  - Encourages more riders of all ages
  - Keeps bikes out of the main roads
- Barriers can be simple curbs or planters with native plants.





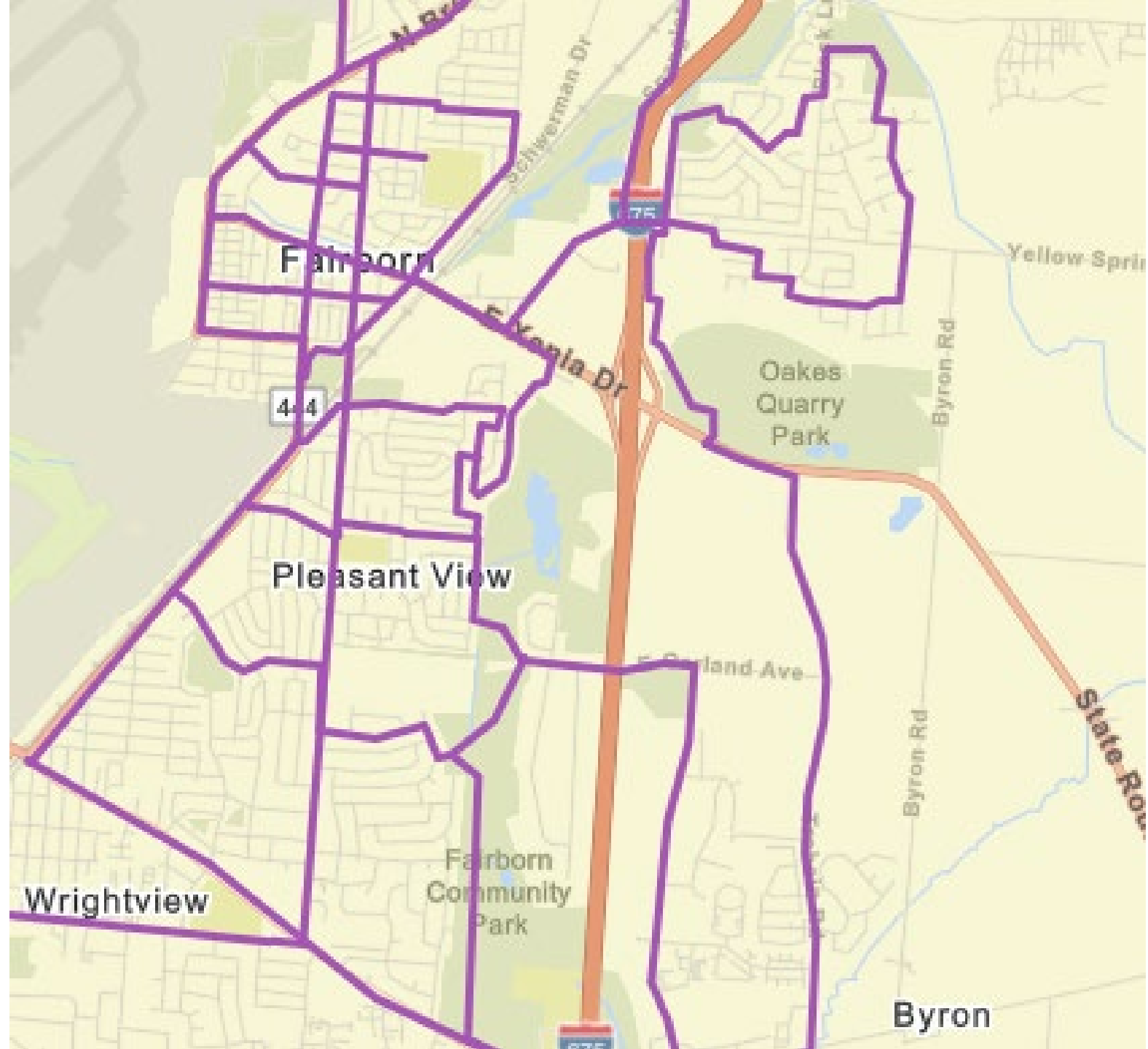
# Terms to Know: MTB Routes

- MTB Routes (Short for Mountain Bike Routes) include following:
  - Placement of separate MTB facilities beside major routes along city
  - Working with parks for MTB routes through parks
- Bentonville, AR has done this with great success. Draws many visitors annually.



# Active Transportation Routes View

- Routes focus on ensuring all neighborhoods are accessed
- Prioritize trips through greenspace and social areas.
- Integration into other planned projects for budget reduction



# Summary of Plan

- Designate routes shown above as ATP
- Along these routes, do the following:
  - Install Dutch Intersections as road work is done on all roads rated Collector or higher
  - Begin investing in multiuse trails and separated paths where appropriate based on recommendations
  - Identify areas to have rest facilities for ATP users, as well as improvements to green space, such as Central Park
  - Create MTB routes beside ATP routes where appropriate leading through the city
  - Improve streetside parking in areas of high- volume activity .
- Recommend the plan continue to expand with new development.