

March 29th Trails Advocacy Day & Caucus Celebration

- In-Person & We Need You!
- FY24-25 Operating Budget Opps
 - \$15M for Trails – Maintenance, etc.
 - State Trails EIS & Marketing Plan
 - Agency Funding re: Trail Programming
- OH Trails Caucus 6th Anniversary
 - Early Evening Reception (4-6pm)
 - Statehouse Venue - Rotunda
 - Ask Your Legislators to Join Caucus

- More Details @

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Ohio Trails Partnership

2024-2025 Biennial Operating Budget Requests

SUPPORT ODNR-Division of Parks & Watercraft (Parks) GRF budget increase:

Adding Natural Resource Officers and other staff to provide the best outdoor experience for all types of outdoor recreation supports Ohio's state and local economies.

REQUEST the position of Trails Projects Coordinator within the Trails Section of Parks be created using a small portion of the \$16M increase supported above to support both ODNR, and non-ODNR projects.

SUPPORT ODNR-Division of Real Estate and Land Management (REALM) GRF budget increase:

Adding staff in the Grants & Capital Funds section will strategically **INCREASE** such functions as administering trail grants and Capital Budget Community Projects.

REQUEST a portion of the above REALM increase of 72% be used to provide additional Technical Assistance to disadvantaged, urban and rural communities.

REQUEST INCREASING existing ODNR trail funds (134TH Capital Budget) by \$15M for **non-ODNR** trail projects including Water Trails, and State-provided, local match requirement for disadvantaged, urban and rural communities.

REQUEST INCREASING TourismOhio budget by \$4M for a statewide trails-specific Economic Impact Study (EIS) and Marketing Plan.

