

*Sugarcreek*  
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# What we had in 2008

- Disconnected major subdivisions developed in the early 2000s
- Close proximity of our major population centers to our schools, but no pedestrian or bicycle infrastructure
- A downtown Bellbrook that people wanted to walk and bike to, but gaps in access
- No money!



# What we also had in 2008

- Opportunity for lasting impact
- Elected officials that saw the value of constructing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- The Safe Routes to School program that offered communities the opportunity to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the vicinity of K-8 schools with no local match required

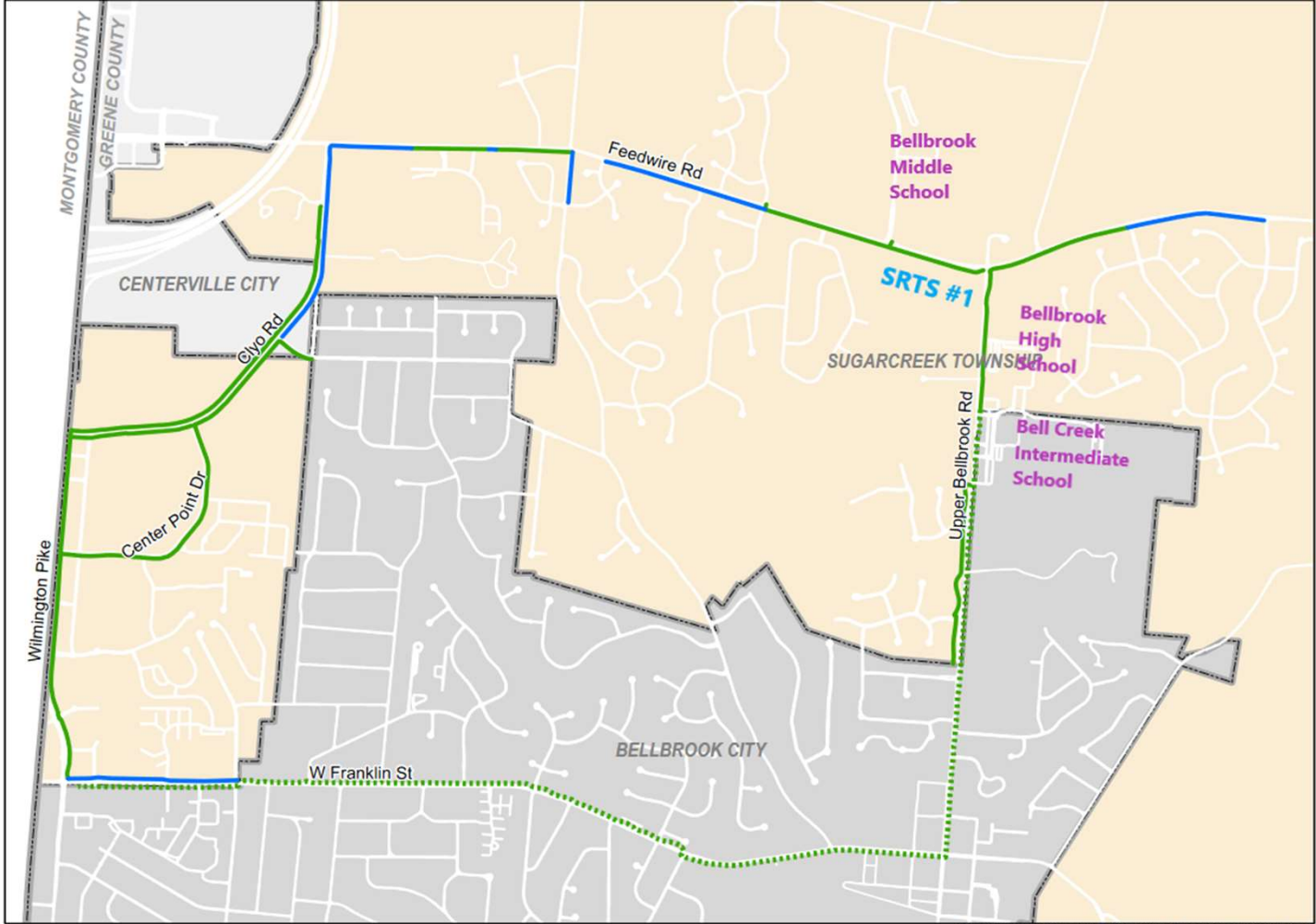


# Early SRTS Success



- **School Travel Plan funding came to us from ODOT in 2009**
  - Joint project with the City of Bellbrook, as well as our shared Park District and School District
  - We were early adopters
  - Lots of public input, lots of community outreach
- **2010 we received our first infrastructure and non-infrastructure awards from ODOT**
  - \$7,500 non-infrastructure
  - \$333,5000 infrastructure
    - Funded construction of a 10' multi-use path on the south side of Feedwire Road from the intersection of Upper Bellbrook Road / Pine Court / Feedwire Road to the Bellbrook Middle School driveway

Mike Pittman Community Trail



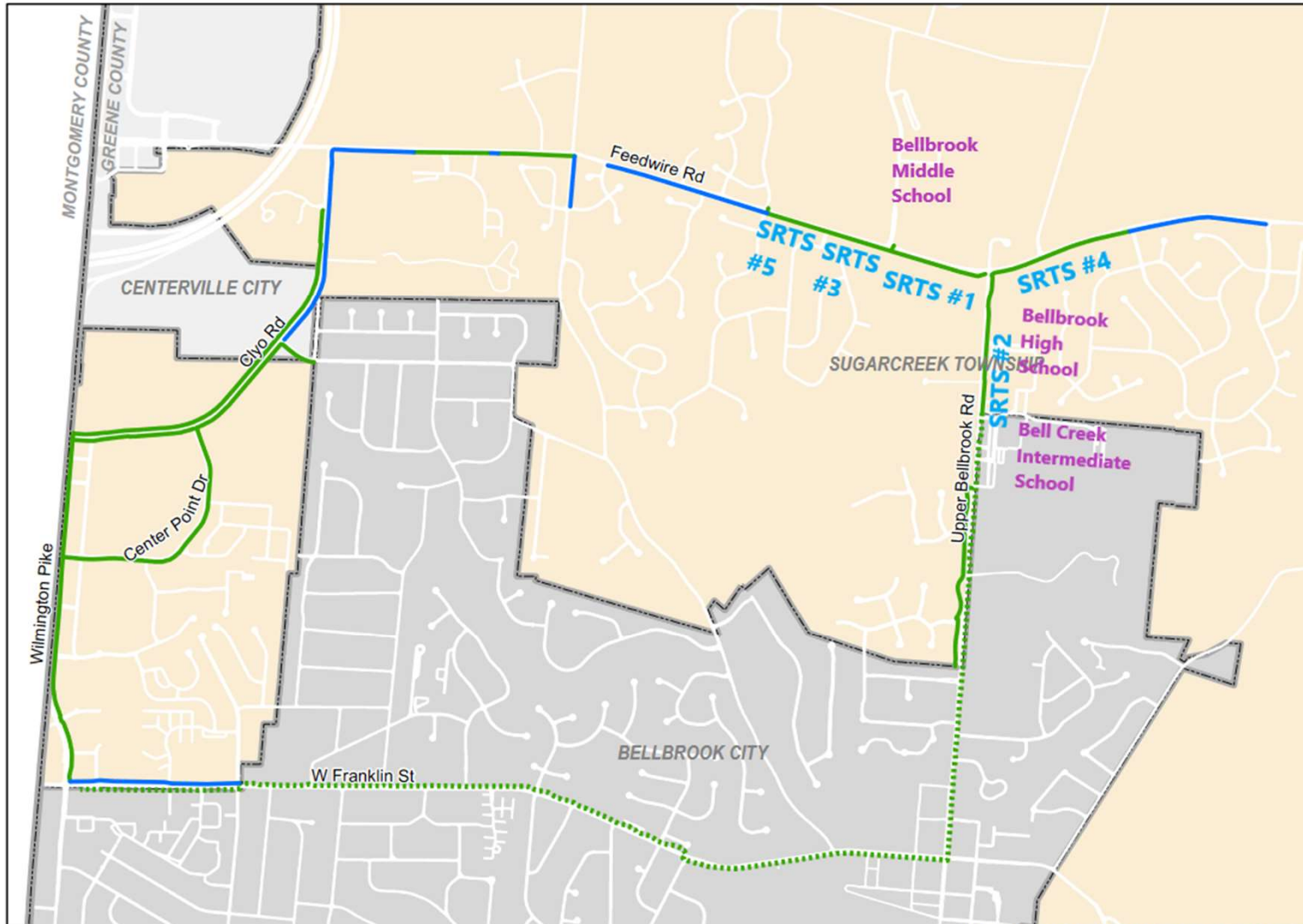
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# Continued SRTS Success

- In 2012, we received an additional **\$460,000** in SRTS funding to complete our second and third priority infrastructure projects.
  - Included the construction of a 10' multi-use path from the terminus of the Richard Frederick Bikeway on the east side of Upper Bellbrook Road at the south Bell Creek Intermediate access to the existing path near the water tower.
    - Included a connection to Bell Creek Intermediate School's internal sidewalk network
  - Included the extension of the 10' multi-use path on the south side of Feedwire Road from the Bellbrook Middle School driveway to Adam's Place
- In 2013, we received an additional **\$427,000** in SRTS funding to construct the Kable's Mill connection-the construction of a 10' multi-use path from the intersection of Upper Bellbrook / Pine Court / Feedwire Road to Kable's Mill Drive.
- In 2014, we were awarded another **\$191,000** to complete the Eden Meadows connection (extending the 10' multi-use path on the south side of Feedwire Road from Adam's Place to Eden Meadows Way)
  - Included a crossing to provide access to the developments on the north side of Feedwire Road
  - Most difficult project

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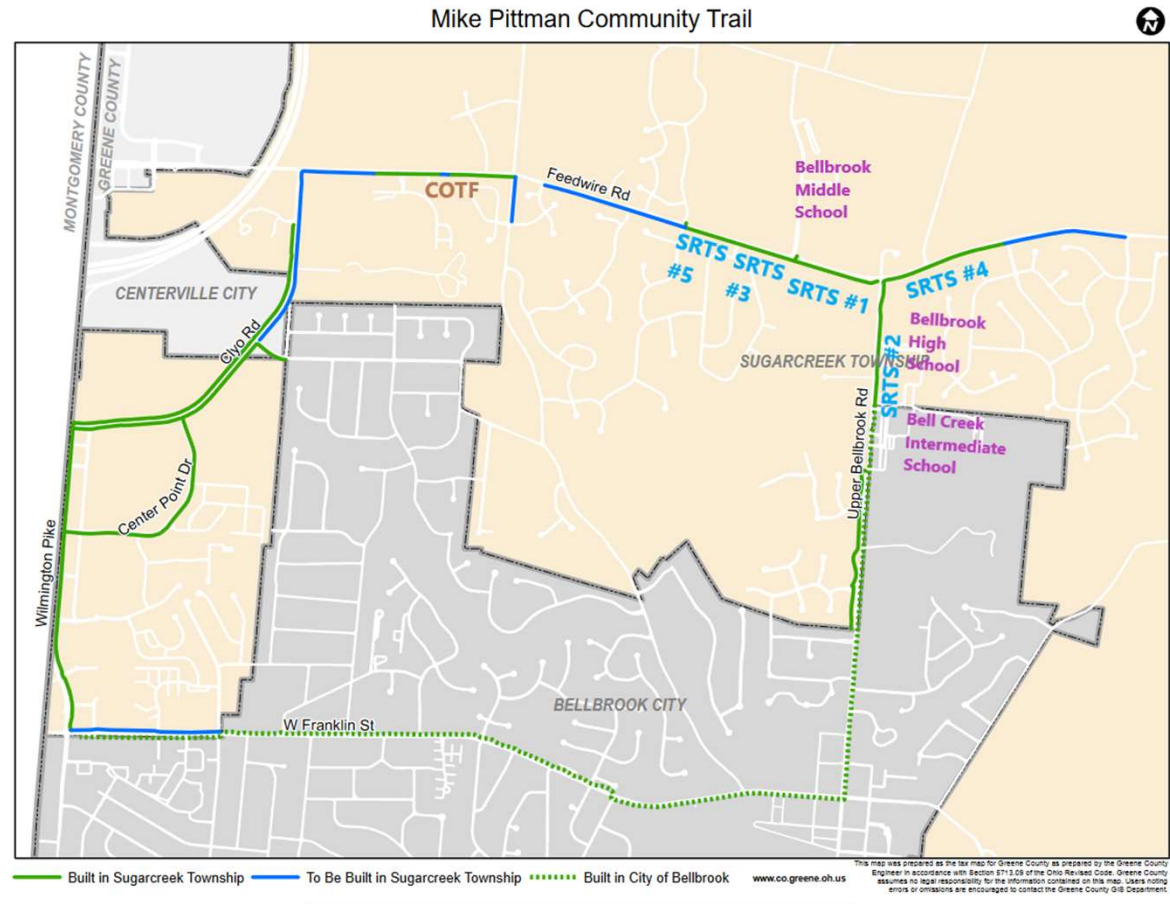
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# ODNR COTF Grant

- \$362,342 awarded in 2020 for construction of a bridge crossing on the south side of Feedwire Road between two constructed multi-use trail segments over the Little Sugar Creek (Sugar Ridge and Waterford)
- Funding will likely have to be surrendered (subsequent to award study work began on the Wilmington Pike/I-675 Interchange which put this bridge project on hold)

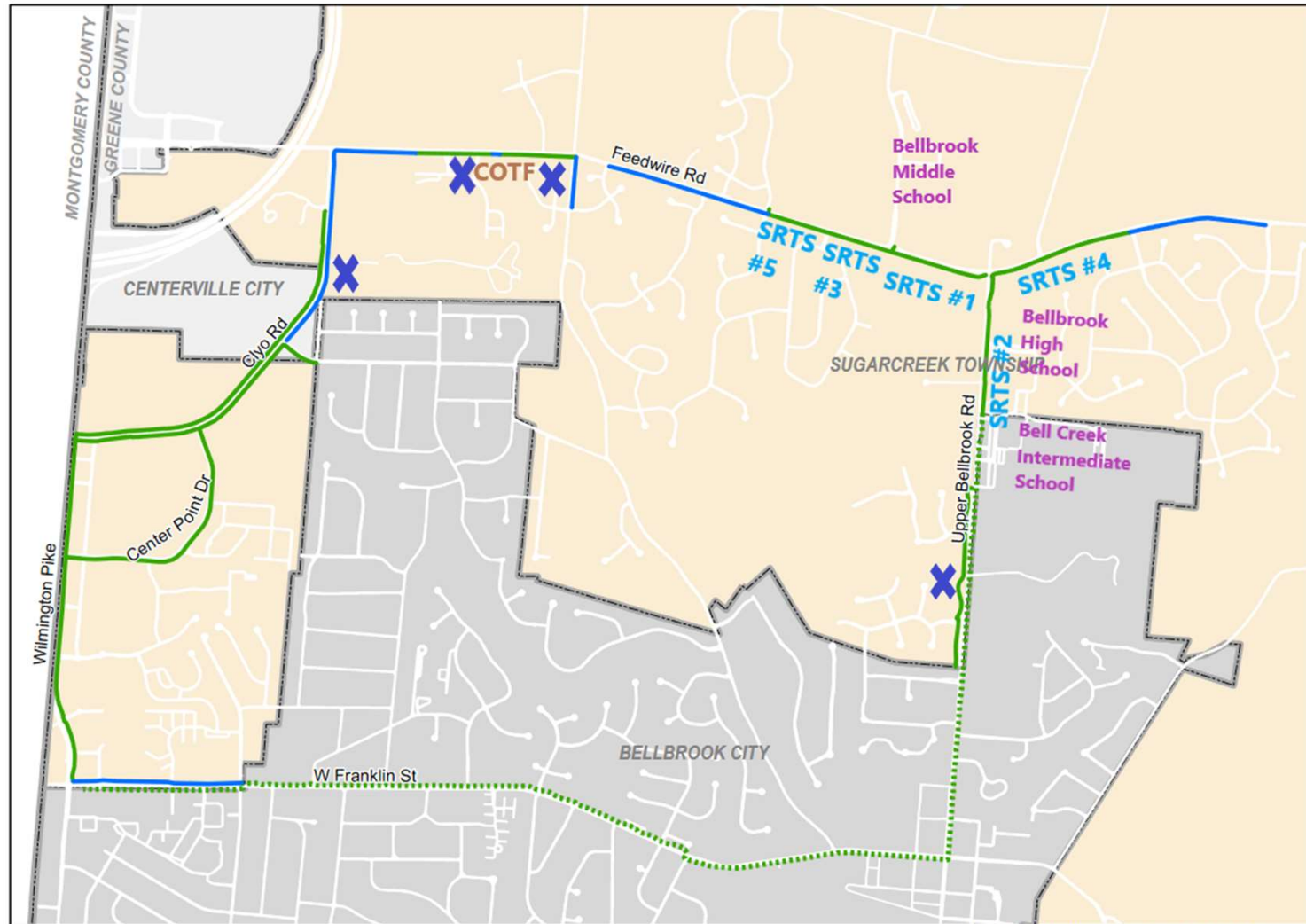




# **Additional Forward Movement: Change in Township Policy**

- 10' multi-use paths are now required to be constructed along main roads when developments are proposed
- Landings at Sugarcreek, Waterford, Sugar Ridge (retrofit), and Magnolia Meadows have all added multi-use trail segments to the Mike Pittman Community Trail as a result of this policy change
- Funding to complete smaller project (crosswalk added from Landings on the developer installed multi-use path on west side of Upper Bellbrook Road to the SRTS path on the east side of Upper Bellbrook Road
- Continued efforts to enhance livability
- Alliances have grown and flourished into truly incredible collaboration and coordination

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# RAISE Grant

- # Connects Sugar Creek Township and Bellbrook to the Little Miami Scenic Trail in the Village of Spring Valley

Extends trail system connectivity to a rural area, substantially increasing access to economic and recreational opportunities as well as essential services, sparking job & business growth



## Sugarcreek/Bellbrook to Spring Valley Little Miami Bike Trail Connector

# 2023: Where are we now?

- A well defined plan for an 8.3 mile loop around Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township
- Connection of major subdivision to our schools; huge progress toward completing the recommendations in our STP
- A change in policy requiring private investment to be put toward connectivity
- Overwhelming community support for creating connectivity from the Little Miami Scenic Trail in Spring Valley through Sugarcreek Township, connecting to downtown Bellbrook

