



Coalition for Recreational Trails 2006 Award Winner

Construction & Design Local: County Line Acres Bikeway, Ohio
Sponsor/Partner: Westerville Parks and Recreation Department
Congressional District: Patrick Tiberi (R-12-OH)
Senators: Mike DeWine (R) and George Voinovich (R)



The County Line Acres Bikeway, designed for walking, running, biking, rollerblading and wheelchair-accessibility, utilizes an existing electrical transmission corridor and is constructed on donated land and easements secured from private property owners and developers. Initiated by a \$150,000 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant in 2000, this suburban 1.1 mile 10-foot wide paved, multiuse, fully ADA accessible trail links citizens to the greater community-wide bicycle and walking loop system. The County Line Acres Bikeway is part of the City of Westerville's bikeway/leisure path system that covers 22 miles and connects many of the city's parks, schools and public places. Constructed through a residential area, the trail connects and provides access to Towers Park, a neighborhood park and Hoff Woods Park, a community park. This RTP-funded trail has increased property values in the area as realtors and developers often market nearby property as "next to trail." In June 2006, the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure will be held in Westerville while County Line Acres Bikeway will host training rides as participants prepare to ride 12, 30, 60 and 100 mile routes utilizing Westerville scenic trails and passing through the beautiful surrounding counties of central Ohio. The Country Line Acres Bikeway has contributed much to the quality of life in Westerville, increasing recreational opportunities and serving to help make connections to local business, the metropolitan Columbus area, the scenic counties of central Ohio and the state-wide Ohio-to-Erie Trail.

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