History of the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor

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General Information

It was in anticipation of the Lima Rotary Club’s 75th anniversary in 1992 that the idea of a “River Walk” was conceived. The Rotary Club partnered with the Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District, the City of Lima, BP, and numerous businesses in the community to complete the first phase of corridor development along the Ottawa River. The Rotary River Walk was created—a 4.2 mile paved trail extending from Heritage Park in Shawnee Township northeast to the Collett Street Recreation Area in Lima.

With forward thinking and a vision to improve the community, the City of Lima initiated the Ottawa River Corridor Study which was completed in 1996. This plan proposed restoration of the urban segment of the Ottawa River through Lima. The physical link of this development would be the Ottawa River Bikeway—an extension of the already completed Rotary River Walk. The first and second phases of the Ottawa River Corridor Bikeway have been completed. The Bikeway connects the Collett Street Recreation Area to the central business district of Lima, the YMCA, the newly completed Lima Senior High School, and Schoonover Park—over 2.5 miles of new trail.

Phase Three of the Ottawa River Bikeway / River Walk has yet to be completed. Plans have been made and partners have come together to make this final segment of the trail a reality.
Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail Distances

*Trailhead / Parking / Restrooms

Heritage Park Loop
3280' / .62 mile / 1 km

Heritage Park to Shawnee Twp Police/Fire Station
7515' / 1.42 miles / 2.29 km

Shawnee Twp Police/Fire Station to Adgate Road
3630' / .68 mile / 1.09 km

Adgate Road to *Collett Street Recreation Area
7990' / 1.51 miles / 2.43 km

*Collett Street Recreation Area to *Lima YMCA
6250' / 1.18 miles / 1.9 km

*Lima YMCA to Lima Senior High School
4000' / .75 mile / 1.2 km

*Lima Senior High School to *Schoonover Park
2750' / .52 mile / .83 km

*Schoonover Park Loop
4000' / .75 mile / 1.2 km

*North Street Bridge to *Ottawa Metro Park
Currently Under Construction!
(Approximately 8976' / 1.7 miles / 2.73 km)

*Ottawa Metro Park Loop Trail
9240' / 1.75 miles / 2.81 km

*Lima Lake Trail - Grass Walking Path
7920' / 1.5 miles / 2.41 km

TOTAL TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE
56,575' / 10.68 miles / 17.18 km