

## History of the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor & 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.

*For More Information on the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail, recreational opportunities along the corridor, or to learn more about the Lima City Parks Department or the Johnny Appleseed Park District, contact:*



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**Parks**  
Agerter Road River Access  
Allen County Farm Park  
Deep Cut Historical Park  
Fort Amanda State Memorial  
Heritage Park  
Kendrick Woods  
Lippincott Bird Sanctuary  
McLean Teddy Bear Park  
Ottawa Metro Park

**Facilities**  
McElroy Environmental  
Education Center  
Ottawa Metro Park Beach  
Park Shelters  
Playgrounds

**Programming**  
Nature Programs  
Living History Presentations  
Programs in the Metroparks  
In-school programs  
Passive Recreation

**Parks**  
Baxter Park  
Cook Park  
Fautot Park  
Hope & Nova Playground  
Kibby Corners  
Lincoln Park  
Martin Luther King Jr Park  
Robb Park  
Town Square

**Facilities**  
Schoonover Pool  
Select Sports Fields, Ball  
Diamonds, & Tennis Courts  
Playgrounds

**Programming**  
Active Recreation  
Sports Leagues  
Summer Daycamps  
Star Spangled Spectacular

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agencies will respond.

**Allen County  
Sheriff's Office**  
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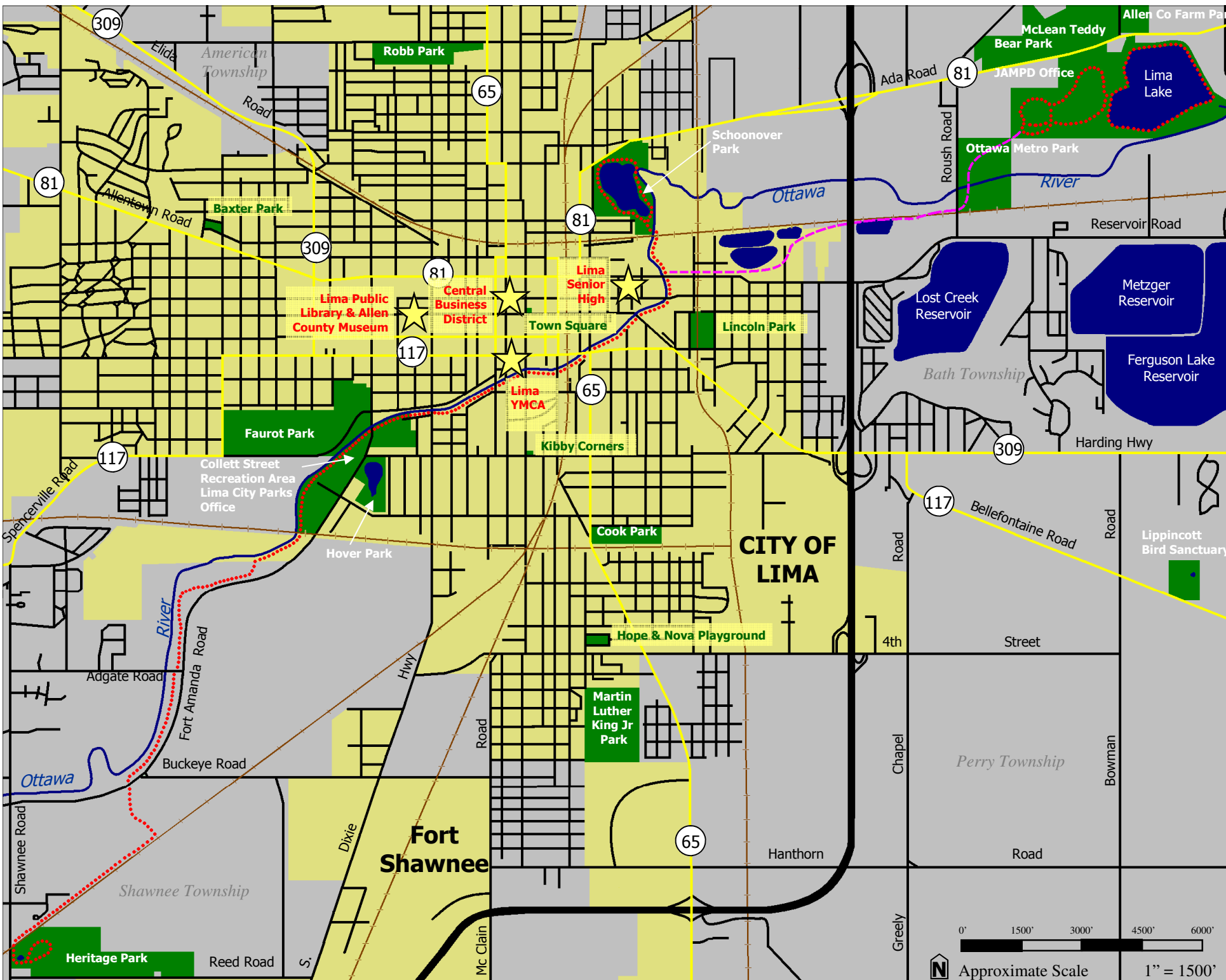


# Rotary Riverwalk and Ottawa River Bikeway

**Lima &  
Allen County,  
Ohio**



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## Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail Distances

**\*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

**\* Trailhead / Parking / Restrooms**

