



Lake Erie West

REGIONAL COUNCIL

RFP: Regional Trails Maintenance Study

Responses to questions submitted by deadline of February 27, 2026

1. Is the timeline flexible? **The onsite evaluation should be complete in most favorable weather, the deliverable may be negotiable. We prefer to have the final deadline met.**
2. Will the Regional Council be providing information about the subsurface utilities? Assuming existing GIS information would be available from various municipalities, utility districts, and franchise utilities. Would that be the responsibility of the consultant to gather? **Lake Erie West can provide GIS resources as available to us.**
3. Are conflict points with motorized transportation to be defined as trail crossings at roadways or does this also include where trails cross driveways? **Conflict points only include roadway crossings or rail since some cross active rail (e.g. Jerome Rd.).**
4. RE: additional data points GPSed? For example you ask if there is a parking area near the trail segment...should that parking area be captured or just noted as “yes” on the trail segment? **Verify if there is a parking lot, yes or no, and assess the parking lot conditions and number of spaces if there is one.**
5. Are you looking for drone footage of the entire system as and classifying it as “aerial analysis”? **Ideally, Lake Erie West would like drone footage of the entire length of the trails, if possible.**
6. Do slope checks include throughout the trails or just at crossings? Which slope standards are to be held (ODOT, PROWAG, AASHTO)? **ODOT Standards apply. Slope checks would be at crossings or trail access points.**

7. Regarding width and determining if it meets MUP standards, what standards are to be held (ODOT, PROWAG, AASHTO)? **ODOT Standards apply.**
8. Does the Regional Council use ArcGIS Online or have an Enterprise level Esri platform? **Lake Erie West uses ArcGIS Online.**
9. Would you be open to a GIS-based deliverable? StoryMap, Experience Builder, PowerBi, et al. **Only shapefiles or a geodatabase or Excel with location data would be appreciated as a deliverable. Drone footage should also be a deliverable, if acquired.**
10. The level of effort to complete this work has many variables and our scope development (limitations or expansions) is highly dependent on the amount of funding available. Could you share with us the existing or anticipated budget or budget ranges to be dedicated to this project by Lake Erie West? **We have not established a predetermined budget range for this project. We ask firms to propose a budget that aligns with the scope of work outlined in the RFP. Costs will be evaluated with an emphasis on value, reasonableness, and responsible stewardship of public resources**
11. Are there current construction/improvement details for any of the paved trails that could be shared now, and if not, that could be shared during the study?
 - **Both of the Wabash Trails are getting resurfaced: North Fork is first in 2026.**
 - **The construction year of the Chessie Trail sections: South Section is 2017; Chessie Trail Connector by UT is 2018; Chessie Circle Bowman Park to University Hills in 2021.**
 - **The Slippery Elm Trail is getting resurfaced this year, 2026.**
 - **More information can be shared as available.**
12. Does LEW want assessments completed for every waterway amenity listed in the spreadsheet or to complete assessments for only the waterway amenities within the Regional Waterways segments (blue on the map)?

We want to confirm if there are boat launches and paddling access points for the waterways and the conditions that they are in, but not the waterways themselves.