

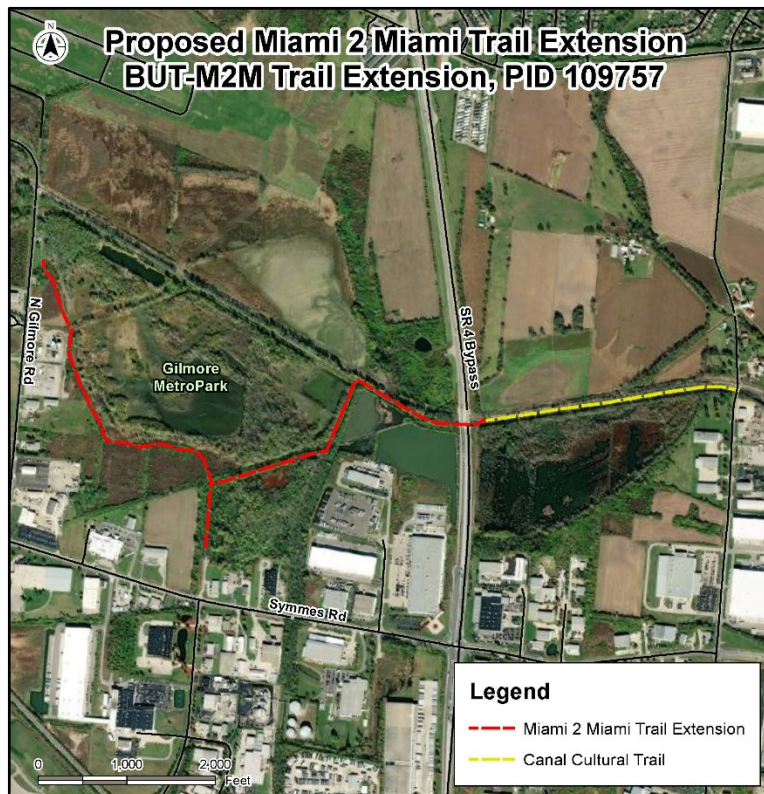
# BUT-M2M Trail Extension

## *Miami 2 Miami Trail Extension (PID 109757)*

### Project Description

Butler County MetroParks and the City of Hamilton are currently working together on an extension of the Miami 2 Miami Trail through the Gilmore MetroPark in the City of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio. The City of Hamilton's section of the trail is 0.72 miles long and extends from Gilmore Road to Bilstein Boulevard. The MetroPark's section is 0.84 miles long and extends east from Bilstein Boulevard to the Canal Cultural Trail terminus, just east of the State Route (SR) 4 Bypass. The total length of the proposed trail extension project is 1.56 miles. Once completed, the project will be part of the proposed Miami 2 Miami Trail, a regional paved multi-use trail corridor comprised of interconnecting bike trails that will connect the Great Miami River Trail to the Little Miami Scenic Trail through Butler and Warren Counties.

The proposed Miami 2 Miami Trail Extension project is being coordinated by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 8 and is following ODOT's Project Development Process for completion of engineering and environmental studies in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The location of the proposed trail extension is shown on the following figure.



## Schedule

Construction of the trail extension is anticipated to begin in March 2022 and to be completed by the following November.

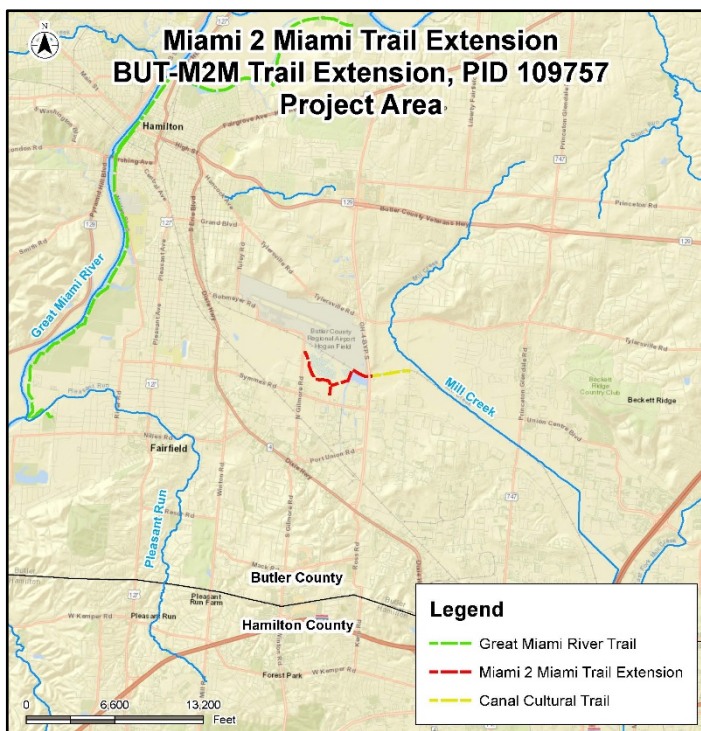
## Environmental Impacts

The proposed project is expected to impact three streams and two wetlands, requiring a waterways permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the project is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding potential impacts to federal and state listed plant and animal species known to occur in the project area.

## Funding

This project is expected to cost approximately \$2.1 million. The Hamilton section of trail is estimated to cost \$750,000 and the MetroParks section has an estimated cost of \$1.36 million. The MetroParks section has the higher cost due to the bridges that must be built there. The city and parks system received separate grant money but are bidding the sections as one project to be more cost-effective. The project is being financed through a combination of state and federal funds.

## Project Area



## Project Comments

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone, email, or mail to:

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Comments on the proposed project should be submitted by **August 10, 2021** to be documented in the Categorical Exclusion document.

ODOT will respond to all

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 06/06/2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.