

# LINDEN GREEN LINE

2024 RAISE CONSTRUCTION GRANT

## LOCATION

The Linden Green Line is a 7 mile long abandoned rail corridor running North-South in the inner city of Columbus, Ohio. The Green Line bisects the heart of South Linden, North Linden, and Northland communities, starting from Windsor Place, near downtown, to Cooper Park on the city's north side. The line travels close to the CMAX Bus Rapid Transit route and the two major arterial roadways of the Linden community: the Cleveland Avenue 3-C highway & Westerville Road (SR-3).

## THE PROJECT

For decades, the Greater Linden community was devastated by the impacts of redlining and restrictive covenants, leading to marginalized and disconnected neighborhoods, few protected pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and recognition as one of the city's highest incidence areas for pedestrian and cyclist crashes.

Social Vulnerability Index data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) demonstrates that the 19 neighborhoods scattered within the 25 square mile area of this corridor experience profound impacts of this isolation, such as lack of car ownership, access to workforce development, employment centers, transit, schools, worship, day care, and recreation.

The Linden Green Line will transform this 7 mile corridor into a vibrant 58 acre linear park and trail, accessible to over 131,000 people who live within minutes of walking and cycling distance. This single far-reaching project jump starts a way to reunite disconnected communities and advance revitalization projects already in progress. The Green Line directly aligns with the RAISE Grant's mission to provide investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact.



## IMPACTS

This project will provide a safe, accessible, and healthy way for Linden & Northland residents to move throughout their community, and throughout the entire Columbus region. Access to the over 3,000 businesses, 19 schools, 4 community centers, 10 parks, and 135 miles of regional trails will become easier and safer on the Green Line. By removing a barrier to their movement by foot and bike, neighbors will be able to connect and move across the Green Line's corridor, uniting a community and providing an anchoring point of infrastructure for the communities' growth and opportunity.

The project will provide access to further community investments, including the only safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the new \$30 M soccer facility (\$12.5 M from Columbus Crew) within Kilbourne Run Sports Park, and provide better access to the recently completed \$25 M Linden Community Center.

The Green Line will also be an integral part of the LinkUS and Central Ohio Greenways efforts to improve the access and quality of our regional transportation network. The Linden Green Line has the potential to be one of the most impactful infrastructure projects in our region, while also serving as a local project of national significance in demonstrating how trail infrastructure can connect communities and close opportunity gaps.

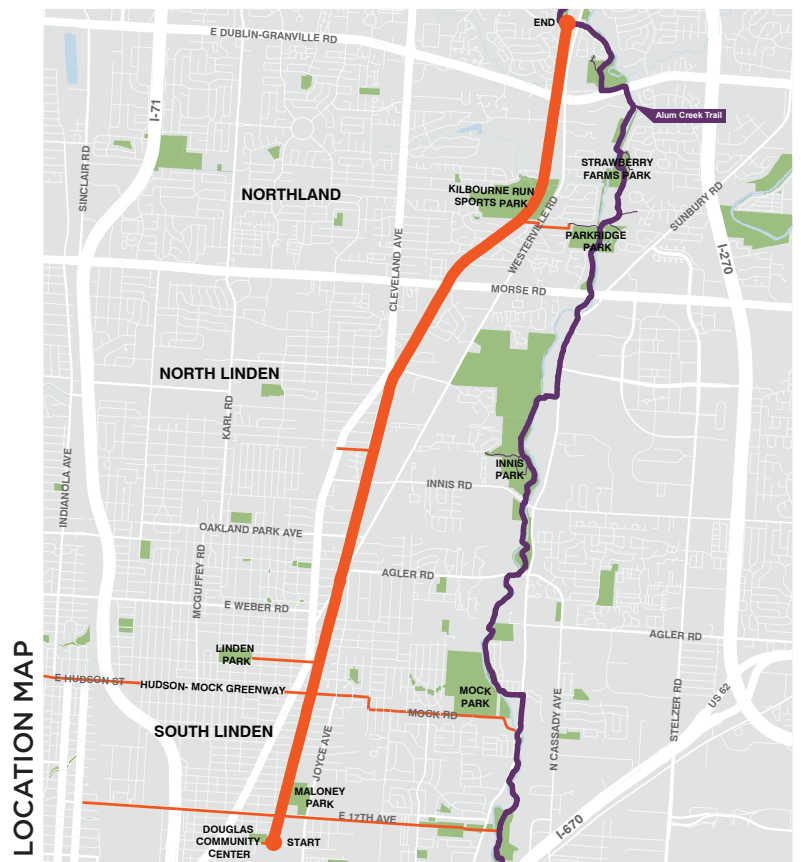
## READINESS

Engineering/Design Underway  
Construction Start Q3-2026

## PROJECT COST & FUNDING

Engineering/Design	\$ 2,210,000	(Local)
Construction	\$ 18,448,100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,658,100</b>	

Local Funds	\$ 8,658,100	(42%)
RAISE grant (const. only)	\$ 12,000,000	(58%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,658,100</b>	





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## AT A GLANCE:

- 7** MILES
- 58** ACRES OF LINEAR PARK
- 131,000** PEOPLE WITHIN 10 MIN. BIKE
- 3,000** BUSINESSES WITHIN 10 MIN.
- 13** NEIGHBORHOODS
- 4** COMMUNITY CENTERS
- 19** SCHOOLS
- 40** ACCESS POINTS



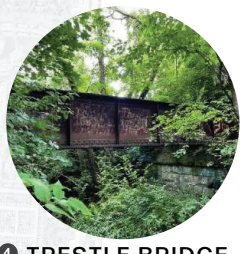
1 S.R. 161



2 KILBOURNE RUN



3 TRIBUTARY



4 TRESTLE BRIDGE



5 OAKLAND PARK