



Public Notice  
4(f)/6(f) Public Involvement

The City of Oberlin in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proposing the replacement of a non-composite pre-stressed bridge with concrete box beam deck on a concrete cap bearing that sits on a sandstone block and concrete abutments (MR1165-0.700). This bridge is located on Pleasant Street and over Plum Creek in the City of Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio. The associated work includes the replacement of abutments, wingwall, deck, pavement, sidewalks, handrail, and guardrail. Additionally, a sanitary sewer line will need to be relocated onto Park Street Park (formerly Pleasant Street Development) to complete the bridge project.

Temporary and permanent right-of-way will be required for the project. The MR1165-0.770 (Pleasant Street over Plum Creek) bridge will be constructed in March 2026 and be completed in June 2026.

The proposed project will affect the following properties that are owned and managed by the City of Oberlin:

- Park Street Park is a 5.83-acre park with two basketball courts, a playground, grass infield baseball field, green space, walking path, picnic pavilion and a hydration station water fountain. It is located between Park Street and Pleasant Street with a parking lot located on Pleasant Street and a multi-use path that traverses along Plum Creek between the two streets. This park was improved in 1973 using Land and Conservation Funds (LWCF) provided by the National Park Service to assist with planning of outdoor recreational use. The park is considered a 6(f) property. As required by the Act, the City of Oberlin will provide replacement land of equivalent recreational value and use. The proposed replacement parcel is a 0.3125-acre residential vacant lot at South Park Street, which is directly adjacent to the Park Street Park. The City of Oberlin proposes to incorporate this parcel as recreational land into the Park Street Park.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park is a 1.5-acre park with historic sculptures in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue along with John Brown. There is also an environmental sculpture titled "Streams" by Athena Tacha set in the banks of Plum Creek, adjacent to a walking bridge that connects the park to City Hall and the Public Library.

Construction activities associated with various aspects of the bridge replacement project (described above) will have the following impacts on the City of Oberlin Park properties:

- Park Street Park: Impacts include approximately 0.105 acre of permanent right-of-way acquisition; as well as relocation of a sanitary sewer line, construction of bridge wing walls and placement of rock channel protection within Plum Creek.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park: Impacts include approximately 0.111 acre of permanent right-of-way acquisition; as well as construction of bridge wing walls and placement of rock channel protection within Plum Creek.

The following measures to minimize harm will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- Access to Park Street Park between Pleasant Street and Park Street will be maintained during construction. Access to Martin Luther King Jr. Park will be maintained on East Vine Street during construction. However, access to Martin Luther King Jr. Park from Pleasant Street will be closed during the construction of the bridge and sidewalks.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed at public access areas within Park Street Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Park prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.

- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of Park Street Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Park of construction activities, access restrictions, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- Staging and/or storage of construction equipment will not take place outside the proposed construction limits, within Park Street Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Park boundaries.
- The contractor shall closely coordinate the construction schedule with the City of Oberlin prior to the start of construction activities.

**Due to the permanent acquisition of land from the Park Street Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Park, the City of Oberlin Public Works Office is seeking public input regarding the proposed impacts. Please provide comments to Public Works Director Jeff Baumann via e-mail at [jbaumann@cityofoberlin.com](mailto:jbaumann@cityofoberlin.com), by phone at 440-775-7204 or by mail to: City of Oberlin Attn: Public Works Department 85 South Main St. Oberlin, OH 44074. Comments must be received by July 11, 2024.**