



Environmental Assessment for the Rehabilitation and/or Replacement of the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Waste Weir Bridge, Construction of Trailhead, and Miscellaneous Improvements on Fitzwater Road

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the rehabilitation or replacement of bridges over the Ohio & Erie Canal and Cuyahoga River, the construction of a public trail head, and miscellaneous improvements on Fitzwater Road. The discussion will include the proposed project's potential for social, economic, and/or environmental impacts. This document is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.9).

We cordially invite you to comment on the impact topics and the scope of this EA. Your participation ensures that we fully understand the interests and needs of our friends and neighbors as part of our national heritage, cultural traditions, and community surroundings.



Fitzwater Truss Bridge



Waste Weir Bridge

Why do we need this project?

The Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Waste Weir Bridges are both structurally deficient. Both bridges present potential safety concerns to Park visitors and employees. Visitors do not have direct access to the Towpath Trail, and currently have to park and walk from Canal Road.

What do we propose as a solution to these problems?

There are three action alternatives in addition to the No Action Alternative. Each alternative includes the construction of a public trailhead and parking area to provide direct access to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

1. Rehabilitate the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Replace the Waste Weir Bridge.
2. Replace both bridges on the existing alignment.
3. Replace both bridges on a new alignment.



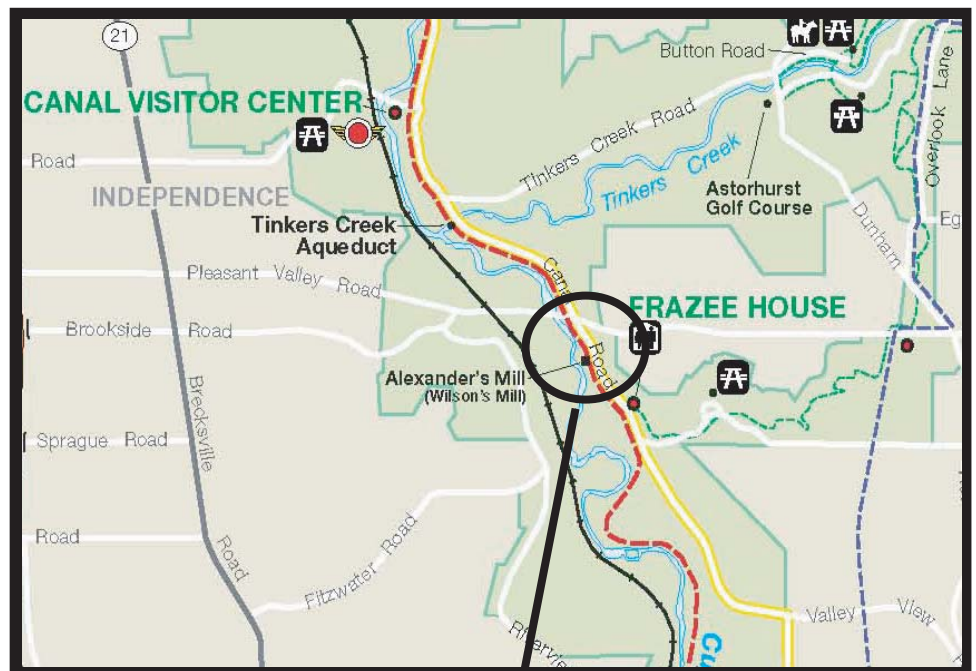
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You are invited to send us your questions and concerns regarding the proposed project. The NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> provides access to current plans, environmental impact analyses, and related documents on public review. This document will be posted to the website, and can be found under Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Comments can be submitted regarding this project from November 1, 2006 through December 15, 2006. Comments can also be submitted by writing to the address below.

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Project Location