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Village of McDonald Seeks Public Comment on Proposed ODNR Recreational Trails Program Application (Feb. 27–March 14)

McDonald, OH — The Village of McDonald is preparing to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to improve and restore trail amenities that serve residents, families, and visitors at Woodland Park and along the Village’s trail network.

If awarded, RTP funding would support a project that would:

- Restore over 3,000 feet of trail to improve walking and recreational access;
- Enhance safety on the cross country course, supporting student athletics and year-round trail use; and
- Clear and improve buffers between the end of the traditional walking trail and the continuation of the cross country trail, creating clearer transitions and safer travel through the system.

The Village is requesting public comment from February 27 through March 14, 2026, to help ensure the application reflects community priorities and user needs. Public input will be included as part of the final project development and submission materials, as appropriate. Residents and trail users are encouraged to share feedback in any of the following ways:

1) Attend a Village Council Meeting

Provide comment during public participation at a regularly scheduled Village Council meeting.

2) Email Written Comments

Send comments to: villageofmcdonaldgrants@gmail.com

3) Call the Village

Phone: 330-530-5472

Comments are welcome on project priorities, current trail conditions, safety concerns, and suggestions to improve access and user experience for pedestrians, runners, and student athletes. The Village of McDonald appreciates the community’s involvement and looks forward to working with residents to strengthen public recreation assets for years to come.

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