



A pedestrian uses the bridge to cross the stream under the bike path that runs near the Great Miami River and the bridge at east Ohio 41. Due to consistent flooding, the bridge will be reconstructed. Staff photo by Jim Witmer

## Bike trail section to be replaced

**Concrete will replace asphalt that was damaged during flood.**

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STAUNTON TWP., Miami County — Concrete will replace asphalt on a Miami County bike trail section that's prone to damage from flooding.

The county park district board agreed May 22 to the \$9,620 in repairs by Lavy Concrete Construction to a trail section near the Great Miami River bridge at Troy's eastern edge.

The trail section was closed briefly this spring after high waters gouged out the asphalt.

"Water gets under it and picks up the asphalt," Skip Wilson, parks development director, told the board. He said the

plans to replace asphalt with concrete have been reviewed and approved by the Miami Conservancy District.

Wilson said the repaired trail can be used until the concrete project can be scheduled. He said it probably won't be done until the middle or end of June because of Memorial Day weekend, the Troy Strawberry Festival and then the Ohio Police and Fire Games, which will be held in several Miami County locations.

Money for the concrete work will come from district bikeway funds, said Jerry Eldred, park district executive director.

Eldred also updated the board on the progress of other sections of the county recreational or bike trail.

Sections of the trail are under construction in rural areas along the Great Miami River

to tie in with existing trails in Tipp City, Piqua and Troy. The county trail will be tied to Five Rivers MetroParks trails in Montgomery County.

Plans for the Monroe Twp. sections of trail will be divided into two phases — north and south of Tipp City — because of increased cost. The southern leg of the Monroe Twp. trail will be done first using more than \$2 million in grants plus local dollars. A funding source has not been secured for the northern leg, which would run south from the Concord Twp. trail to the Tipp City Nature Center.

A grant also has been awarded for the trail section from Eldean Road to Peterson Road north of Troy. Plans for that section are being finalized by consultants, Eldred said.

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