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Grant Funding Secured for Construction of Cuyahoga River Pedestrian Bridge

On June 18, 2018 Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council passed legislation approving and authorizing the County Executive to accept a federally funded grant for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Cuyahoga River in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The \$700,000 grant was applied for by the Summit County Engineer's Office, who will act as administrator on behalf of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park for the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge.

“This grant funding will provide the means to construct a pedestrian bridge that will serve to provide cyclists and hikers safer trail access,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “The Cuyahoga Valley National Park is an extraordinary resource that so many Summit County residents enjoy and projects such as this enhance the Park experience.”

The bridge will run parallel to Boston Mills Road and will be an integral part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's effort to create the Boston Mills Visitor Center. Any local matching funds that may be required for the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge will be matched by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

"The Summit County Engineer's Office and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park have been working on this project for quite some time," said County Councilmember at-large Clair

Dickinson. "Completion of the pedestrian bridge, as well as the visitor center, will be excellent additions to the Park."

For more information: <https://www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm>

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