



County Road 9 / Washington County



Project Name: County Road 9 - (8439)

Community: Washington County, City of Marietta

Project Description: The project will focus mainly on pavement repair and resurfacing along CR 9 - a Federally Designated Forest Highway in the Wayne National Forest.

Project Sponsor: Washington County

Community Economic Distress Factors: 5.34% unemployment rate, \$28,330 median household income

Economic Development Potential: County Road 9, which weaves its way around Wayne National Forest, accommodates a variety of motorized and non-motorized vehicles as well as a variety of outdoor enthusiasts. The rehabilitation will allow for safer access of all vehicles to and from Wayne National Forest. Due to the amount of tourism Wayne National Forest and Marietta bring to the area, the economic impact would be great for the retail, real estate, and restaurant industries as well as various local attractions.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: The repairs will support multi-modal transportation for all recreational vehicles and outdoor enthusiasts. As well, Wayne National Forest uses this roadway and other local resources to conduct its daily operations. Wayne National Forest, Ohio's only National Forest, has more than 800,000 acres and covers 12 counties. There are more than 300 trails for bikes, horseback, and off-road vehicles.

Work to Begin: April 15, 2009

Estimated Completion: July 9, 2009

Forest Highway Stimulus Investment: \$85,662

Total Project Cost: \$400,310