Floodplain Statement of Findings

Date: October 4, 2017

Project Name/PID: FRA Olentangy Trail Extension, PID: 99533

Floodplain: Floodplain associated with the Olentangy River (FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (390490043K & 39049C0156K)

Project Description:
The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department with assistance from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to construct an extension to the Upper Olentangy Greenway Trail from Worthington Hills Park to Worthington Hills. The proposed project will provide a 10-foot wide paved trail connection from the current trail endpoint in Worthington Hills Park behind the Olentangy Valley Center to the intersection of Clubview Boulevard at SR 315. The proposed project will improve safety, access, and better serve the increasing number of people cycling, walking, running, and rollerblading in the Worthington Hills neighborhood. There are currently safety concerns and delays in crossing SR 315 and conflicts with vehicles while crossing the parking areas at Olentangy Valley Center to access the existing trail. A floodplain permit will be acquired prior to construction.

Why must this project be located within the Floodplain?

This project extends the existing Upper Olentangy Greenway Trail within Worthington Hills Park to connect with the neighborhood. The existing Trail and Park are located within the floodplain.

What alternative sites were considered?

Due to the limited available land between the Olentangy River and the Olentangy Valley Center, no alternatives were considered.

Were any mitigation measures utilized on this project? If so, please describe.

No net fill is required within the SFHA or floodway as part of this design. The required grading is minor and will have no impact in effective base flood elevations. No mitigation measures were utilized.
To the best of my knowledge, this project has complied with all applicable Local, State, and Federal Floodplain protection standards.

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