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The Power of Partnerships



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There are many players, with many perspectives, in the world of active transportation. Municipalities support safety. School and hospital officials know that active transportation creates healthier communities, while parks districts and advocates are passionate about quality of life.

Partnerships between these entities can help projects become a reality sooner, without partnerships, many projects would not happen at all. There are different types of partnerships for different phases of a project.

Certain groups may help with planning and design. Others may have access to grant or capital funding. Still others may be the ones ultimately responsible for project implementation and ongoing maintenance.

Some partners wear multiple hats. For instance, in Stark County, the Stark County Park District built 75 percent of the newly-completed Pioneer Trail through the Malone University campus. They worked with the City of Canton, Malone University and the Ohio Department of Natural Resource's Division of Parks and Recreation to complete this trail. They are also the contract partner on the Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant and are responsible for trail maintenance.

When you're thinking about your next active transportation project, think about who you can work with to reach your goals faster!

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