



Village of Swanton

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PUBLIC COMMENT REQUESTED

The Village of Swanton is requesting public comment on impacts to Memorial Park due to an upcoming project. The Village proposes to replace the Garfield Avenue Bridge over Ai Creek with a wider bridge. The new bridge will be 36-feet wide with two 12-foot wide traffic lanes and 6-foot wide sidewalks on each side. The project will require 0.027-acres of temporary right-of-way (purple lines) and 0.047-acres of permanent right-of-way (orange lines) from Memorial Park in order to move an existing Village water line and provide proper slopes for the bridge.

As a public recreational facility, Memorial Park is considered a recreational property under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774) and is provided protection from adverse impacts due to federal-aid transportation projects. The Village of Swanton will implement the following measures to minimize harm to the park:

- Access to Memorial Park will be maintained at all time during construction activities. Access will be via South Main Street during the detour on Garfield Avenue
- Temporary construction fencing will be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing 4(f) property and the public
- Appropriate signage will be installed to alert users of the closure and to direct users to the South Main Street access
- No staging and/or storage of construction equipment will take place outside of the proposed construction limits, within the property boundaries.
- The Contractor will be required to coordinate the construction schedule with the Village of Swanton.

The Village Administrator has coordinated the project's involvement with the Village of Swanton Public Service Division. The Public Service Division has concurred that the project will not adversely affect the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with Memorial Park.

Please provide comments on these Park impacts in writing to Rosanna Hoelzle, Village Administrator, at the address above or via email at admin@villageofswantonohio.us by July 11, 2017.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated [December 11, 2015], and executed by FHWA and ODOT.



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