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SWANTON



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Swanton Village granted Safe Routes to School funds

SWANTON, OH- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) selected the Swanton community to receive grant money which Swanton will use to keep students safe on their route to school. In 2017, Maumee Valley Planning Organization, in conjunction with the Village of Swanton, St. Richard Catholic School, and Swanton Local School District created a School Travel Plan to outline the steps the Swanton community will take to encourage active transportation of its students. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs aim to reduce automobile dependency by promoting safe walking and biking to school for children across the country. The Federal Highway Administration funds the Ohio Safe Routes to School program and the program is administered by ODOT. The Swanton application was one of 31 submitted and one of 19 funded.

The \$402,011 grant from ODOT will support a variety of projects throughout the Village of Swanton. \$388,600 will go towards infrastructure projects which are opportunities to encourage safer walking and bicycling. A walkable community not only provides for affordable means of transportation but also has many health benefits and is environmentally friendly. Infrastructure funding will become available in 2020. The \$13,411 will go towards non-infrastructure projects such as educational and program materials. Non-infrastructure funding will become available later in 2018. For more details please see attached map and corresponding narrative.

This initiative is an example of community involvement and collaboration. The Village of Swanton, St. Richard Catholic School, and Swanton Local School District would like to thank the community members who assisted with the School Travel Plan draft and especially thank you to Maumee Valley Planning Organization for their dedication with this initiative.

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