

# LAWRENCE PARK/WESLEYVILLE TRAIL STUDY

Public Meeting Handout | March 5, 2024

## STUDY BACKGROUND

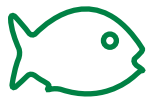
The study area includes Water St/ Lawrence Parkway (Route 4027) from East Lake Road (Route 5) in Lawrence Park to Buffalo Road (Route 20) in Wesleyville, and includes two pedestrian bridges at Bell Street and Napier/Curtis Park.

The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority (EMTA) operates four routes in the area:

- Route 11 (Harborcreek)
- Route 21 (Lawrence Park)
- Route 16 (North East)
- Route 25 (Wesleyville)

Current Average Annual Daily Traffic:

- East Lake Road (Route 5): 12,000
- Buffalo Road (Route 20): 12,000
- Water Street (Route 4027): 4,700
- Main Street (SR4032) is 2,900



### Environmental Resources:

- **NWI Mapper:** No wetland in study area
- **Flood Hazards:** Fourmile Creek, regulatory floodway and defined flood elevations
- **Fourmile Creek:** Ch. 93 – Warm Water Fishes; Migratory Fish
- **PNDI:** Potential impacts due to work near Fourmile Creek (Lake Sturgeon, Eastern Sand Darter, and Spotted Sucker)



### Cultural Resources:

- Above Ground Historic Properties
- Community/Recreational Resources
- Archaeological Resources
- Conservation Easements
- Section 4(f) Properties
- Section 6(f) Properties
- DCNR Grants

## PROJECT CONTACTS

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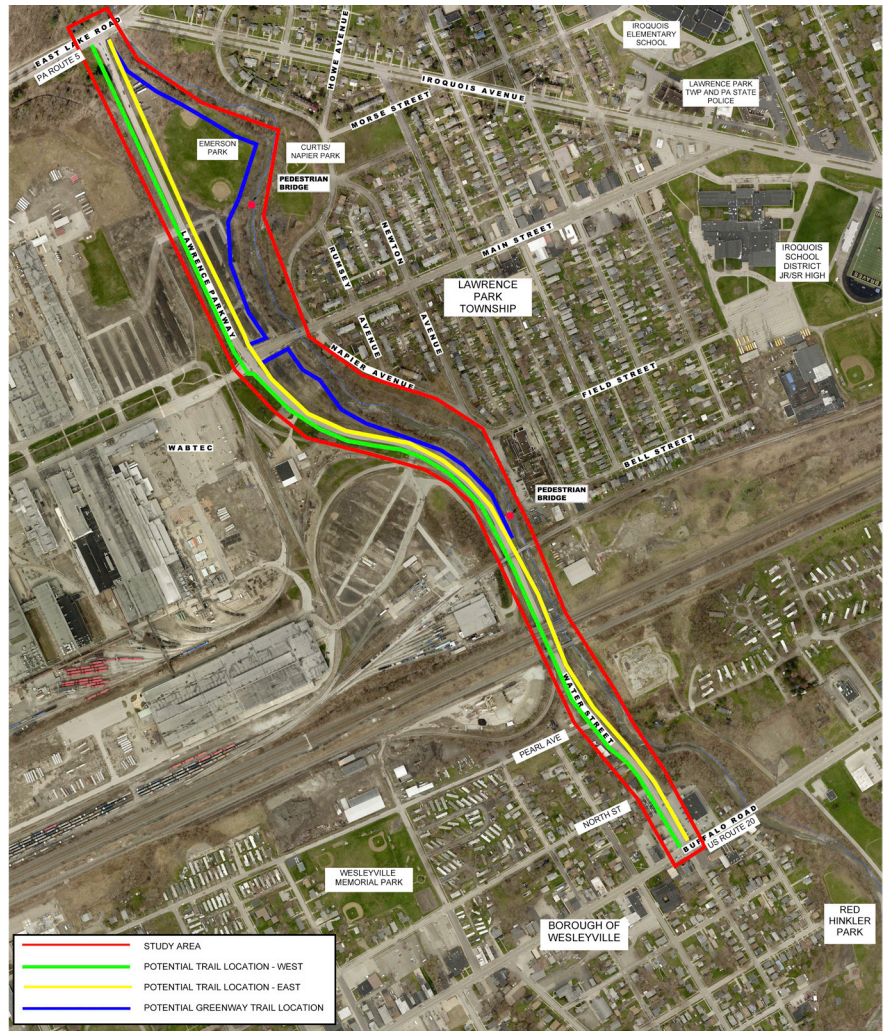
# Potential Trail Alternatives

The study team identified three conceptual alternative trail alignments:

- Utilizing existing sidewalks or construct new trail on the west side of the roadway with new trail/sidewalks where none currently exist;
- Following the east side of the existing roadway; or
- Using the natural resources of Fourmile Creek to create an adjacent greenway trail.



Bell Street pedestrian bridge over Fourmile Creek



# Public Engagement to Date

A Community Context Audit was conducted and a stakeholder meeting was held to identify related community interests and concerns. These stakeholders consisted of local governments, businesses, emergency service providers, and other local stakeholder organizations.

## Discussion Topics



### DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Concerns for limited space between roadway and guide rail
- Utilize existing sidewalks as possible
- Follow east side of the existing roadway
- Use natural resource of Fourmile Creek
- Pedestrian path/trail preferred



### SAFETY CONCERNS:

- Safety for students walking to/from school
- Bridges at Bell Street, Napier/Curtis Park
- Options for emergency phones
- Concerns for students/pedestrians near railroad tracks
- Wabtec shift change, school dismissal often at the same time

## Participating Stakeholders:

- PennDOT District 1
- Erie County Planning and MPO
- Borough of Wesleyville
- Lawrence Park Township
- Iroquois School District
- Lawrence Park Police Department
- Wabtec
- Norfolk Southern Railroad



### TRAIL SIGNAGE/AMENITIES:

- Parking access
- Trail head at Lake Erie Conservancy property



### TRAIL ALIGNMENT/LOCATION:

- Meaningful connectivity between communities
- New Bell Street pedestrian bridge
- Rehabilitate or replace Napier/Curtis Park bridge
- Prefer walkway rather than mid-block crosswalk