

### Section 3.11 Bike Trails and Routes

As shown in Figure 3-46, ten major bike trails including the US 50 Bike Route (signed route on paved roads) extend through the OMEGA RTPO planning area. Please note that this map excludes recreational trails that may be extended around a community park. Every county except for Carroll County has a trail running through it.

Below are the summaries for each of the trails in the study area:

- **Conotton Creek Trail:** Located in Harrison County, this 11.2 mile asphalt trail connects Bowerston, Scio and Jewett. The route parallels State Route 151.
- **Coshocton Three Rivers Bikeway:** This 3.2 mile trail in the City of Coshocton connects the city to Roscoe Village. Eventually, the trail will add approximately another 23 miles to connect Coshocton with Dresden and Newcomerstown. This addition will link in with the Ohio to Erie Bike Trail.
- **Great Guernsey Trail:** The trail is 6 miles long and connects the City of Cambridge to the Village of Lore City.
- **Holmes County Trail:** Located in Holmes County, the 15.9 mile trail connects Fredericksburg, Holmesville, Millersburg and Killbuck. Currently there are plans to add another 14 miles to the trail connecting Killbuck to Brinkhaven.
- **Little Beaver Creek Greenway:** The trail is part of the Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway. The 10 mile stretch in Columbiana County parallels the middle fork of Little Beaver Creek. The greenway when complete will connect Lisbon to Ashtabula along Lake Erie.
- **Muskingum Recreational Trail:** The 4.5 mile trail in Muskingum County runs along a ballast trail between Dresden and Rock Cut Road. The trail borders the Muskingum River offering spectacular views of the river and surrounding areas.
- **Ohio Erie Canalway Towpath:** Following the old Ohio & Erie Canal, the towpath connects Dover to Cleveland. 25.8 miles of the 100 mile trail lies within Tuscarawas County. Annually 2.5 million people use the Towpath.
- **Panhandle Passage Trail:** A 2.4 mile trail that connects the Village of Dennison to the City of Uhrichsville. The trail will be extended to provide access to other points of interest in the Twin City area (not shown on map).
- **US Bike Route 50:** US Bike Route 50 is the first national bike route running through Ohio. The trail runs east to west across the state connecting Washington DC to California.
- **Zane Landing Trail:** This 2.7 mile trail connects downtown Zanesville to Riverside Park to the North. The trail follows the Muskingum River.

- **Zoar Valley Trail:** The Zoar Valley Trail connects New Philadelphia to the Ohio Erie Canalway Towpath.

Tuscarawas County has developed a Trail and Green Space Plan for the conservation, interpretation, development, and management of the cultural, natural, and recreational resources in the county. This plan identifies 92 miles of hiking and biking trails that, when complete, will provide linkages to cities and villages, parks, attractions, historical sites, and other points of interest in the county. The Panhandle Passage Trail, Ohio Erie Canalway Towpath, and Zoar Valley Trail are all part of this network. In addition, another bike trail is being planned to connect the City of New Philadelphia to the Village of Roswell.

Figure 3-45: OMEGA Bike Trails and Routes

