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Hamilton County seeks grant to expand Mill Creek greenway trail

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Hamilton County commissioners voted Monday to apply for a \$1.5 million federal grant to expand the Queen City-South Mill Creek Greenway Trail.

The county is serving as the applicant and the fiscal agent for the **U.S. Department of Transportation's** TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. TIGER stands for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. The grant would cover partial costs for engineering design and construction of phases two and three of the 3.4-mile trail, said Robin Corathers, executive director of the Mill Creek Restoration Project.

Hamilton County commissioners Todd Portune and David Pepper voted in favor of applying for the grant.

Portune said an expansion of the trail could be “a real benefit from an economic development perspective.”

“It has the potential to take what has historically been a blighted slice right up the gut of Hamilton County and make it a pretty attractive piece of real estate running the width of the county,” Portune said.

The *Business Courier* reported **in its Sept. 11 print edition** that the Mill Creek Restoration Project was seeking a government partner to apply for TIGER grant funding.

A study commissioned by the group found that a proposed 13.5-mile extension of the Mill Creek Greenway Trail could create 445 jobs and have an impact of \$52 million on the local economy. The study was conducted by the **University of Cincinnati's** Applied Economics Research Institute.