

History of the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor & General Information

It was in anticipation of the Lima Rotary Club's 75th anniversary in 1992 that the idea of a "River Walk" was conceived. The Rotary Club partnered with the Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District, the City of Lima, BP, and numerous businesses in the community to complete the first phase of corridor development along the Ottawa River. The Rotary River Walk was created—a 4.2 mile paved trail extending from Heritage Park in Shawnee Township northeast to the Collett Street Recreation Area in Lima.

With forward thinking and a vision to improve the community, the City of Lima initiated the Ottawa River Corridor Study in 1996. The Riverwalk serves the citizens of Lima/Allen County as a safe alternative transportation route to Lima's central business district, YMCA, and numerous parks, schools, and neighborhoods. It connects Heritage Park in Shawnee Township to and through the City of Lima to the Ottawa Metro Park in Bath Township.

The Riverwalk continues to be a success due to the cooperation and collaboration between the City of Lima, township trustees, the Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District, and many private landowners along the way. The "connecting link" was completed & dedicated July 2010.

Please use and enjoy your Riverwalk, and all of your parks, in a safe and enjoyable fashion.

For More Information on the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail, recreational opportunities along the corridor, or to learn more about the Lima City Parks Department or the Johnny Appleseed Park District, contact:



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Parks

- Baxter Park
- Buttonbush Natural Area
- Cook Park
- Faurot Park
- Kibby Corners
- Lincoln Park
- Martin Luther King Jr Park
- Robb Park
- Schoonover Park
- Town Square

Facilities

- Schoonover Pool
- Select Sports Fields, Ball Diamonds, & Tennis Courts
- Playgrounds
- Skate Park

Programming

- Active Recreation
- Sports Leagues
- Summer Daycamps
- Star Spangled Spectacular

Facilities

- McElroy Environmental Education Center
- Ottawa Metro Park Beach And Campground
- Park Shelters
- Playgrounds

Programming

- Nature Programs
- Living History Presentations
- Programs in the Metroparks
- In-school programs
- Passive Recreation

In Case of Emergency Dial 9-1-1

One or more of the following agencies will respond.

**Allen County
Sheriff's Office**
info@acso.com
www.acso-oh.us
419-227-3535



Bath Township Fire Dept.
bathfirehouse@earthlink.net
www.bathtpfd.com
Rescue: 419-221-1221



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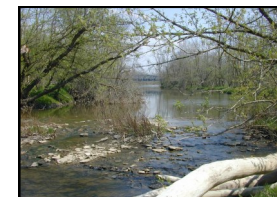
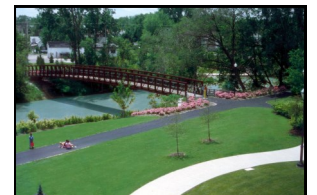


Shawnee Township
www.shawneetownship.com
Police: 419-227-1115
Rescue: 419-991-4055

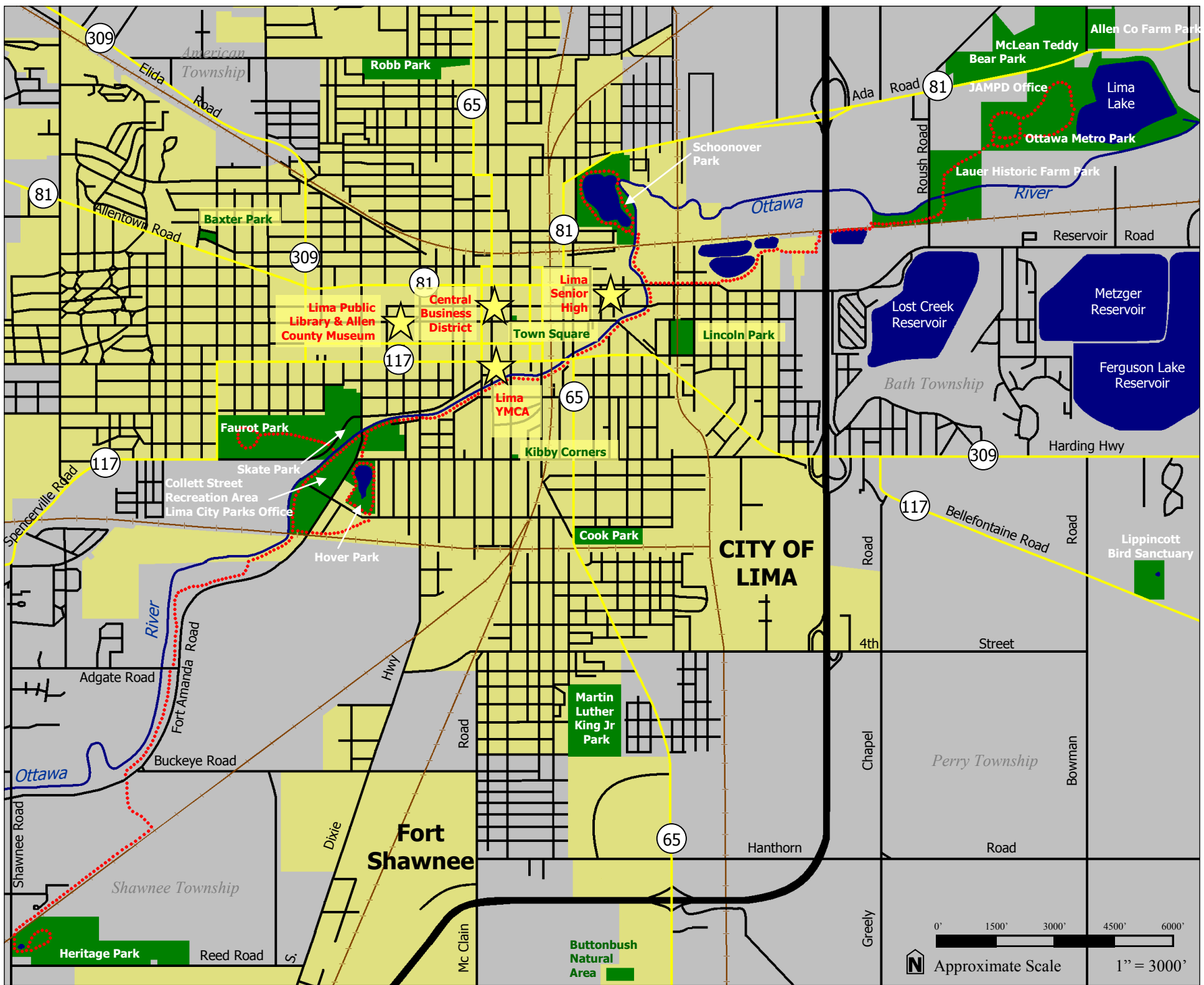


Rotary Riverwalk and Ottawa River Bikeway

**Lima &
Allen County,
Ohio**



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Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail Distances

- *Heritage Park Loop
3280' / .62 mile / 1 km
- *Heritage Park to Shawnee Twp Police/Fire Station
7515' / 1.42 miles / 2.29 km
- Shawnee Twp Police/Fire Station to Adgate Road
3630' / .68 mi / 1.09 km
- Adgate Road to Collett Street Recreation Area
7990' / 1.51 miles / 2.43 km
- *Hover Park Loop
5315' / 1.01 miles / 1.62 km
- Faurot Park Spur
3960' / .75 mi / 1.2 km
- *Collett Street Recreation Area to Lima YMCA
6250' / 1.18 miles / 1.9 km
- *Lima YMCA to Lima Senior High School
4000' / .75 mi / 1.2 km
- *Lima Senior High School to Schoonover Park
2750' / .52 mi / .83 km
- *Schoonover Park Loop
4610' / .87 mi / 1.4 km
- *North Street Bridge to Roush Road / Lauer Historic Farm Park
8430' / 1.59 miles / 2.56 km
- *Roush Road / Lauer Historic Farm Park to Ottawa Metro Park
3125' / .59 mi / .95 km
- *Ottawa Metro Park Loop Trail
9240' / 1.75 miles / 2.81 km
- TOTAL TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES**
70,095' / 13.27 miles / 21.35 km

* Trailhead / Parking / Restrooms