

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Environmental Assessment: Rehabilitation and/or Replacement of the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Waste Weir Bridge, Construction of a Trailhead, and Miscellaneous Improvements on Fitzwater Road

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

The National Park Service and the Federal Highway Administration are pleased to announce the availability of the *Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rehabilitation and/or Replacement of the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Waste Weir Bridge, Construction of a Trailhead, and Miscellaneous Improvements on Fitzwater Road*, Cuyahoga County, OH. The Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Waste Weir Bridge present potential safety concerns to Park visitors and employees due to their structural deficiencies and deterioration. Alternatives considered for the Waste Weir Bridge and Fitzwater Truss Bridge included rehabilitating the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and replacing the Waste Weir Bridge, replacing both the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and the Waste Weir Bridge on the existing alignment, and replacing both bridges on a new alignment. Replacing both bridges on a new alignment was determined to be the preferred alternative. Fitzwater Road would be aligned to create a four-way intersection with Canal Road. Also associated with any of the action alternatives is the construction of a trailhead and parking area for the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, and the rehabilitation of Fitzwater Road. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, Director's Order 12, and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, to provide guidance in determining the appropriate actions needed to perform the improvements.

Public Review: The National Park Service considers public involvement to be an important component to a successful planning process. The EA will be available until **August 28, 2008** for public review and comment. An electronic version of this document can be found on the National Park Service's Planning Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva>. This site provides access to current plans, environmental impact analyses, and related documents on public review. Users of the site are encouraged to submit comments on this document while it is available for public review. We encourage the public to provide comments via the PEPC web site. However, written comments can be mailed to the address below:

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The EA will be available for review at the Headquarters of the Park located at 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, OH; the Canal Visitor Center located at 7104 Canal Road, Valley View, OH; the Cuyahoga County Public Library – Brecksville Branch located at 9089 Brecksville Road, OH; and on the world wide web as indicated above. If you have any additional questions concerning this announcement, please contact Ms. Lisa Landers, Lisa.Landers@fhwa.dot.gov, or at (817) 978-0571. Please have all comments submitted no later than **August 28, 2008**.