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## **The Great Guernsey Trail in Southeast Ohio Receives National Recognition**

CAMBRIDGE, OH (November 10, 2020) – Ron Gombeda, Executive Director of the Guernsey County Community Development Corporation, (CDC) announced today that the Great Guernsey Trail has officially been designated as a National Recreation Trail (NRT). This prestigious recognition is bestowed annually upon trails by the Secretary of the Interior and recognized every two years at the National Trails Symposium.

“The NRT designation ensures that the Great Guernsey Trail will be a part of the national database of NRT trails which will provide increased visibility for our trail. In Ohio, there are only 24 trails that have received NRT designation. This is a testament to the prestige of the NRT and the beauty and upkeep of our beloved trail. This designation was made possible thanks to the dedicated ownership and maintenance of the Guernsey County Community Development Corp. (CDC). In preparation for our application for NRT recognition, we undertook an ambitious improvement plan. The improvements include construction of split rail fencing in place of old bollards, dog waste sanitation stations, new bulletin boards, the replacement of decking on the Willard Tipple Bridge, placement of new picnic tables and benches, and new signage. We want to thank The National Trails System, American Trails, and we especially want to thank the supporters and individuals that have donated to our trail. Without your continued support, we wouldn’t have been able to receive this recognition,” said Gombeda.

The Great Guernsey Trail offers a 14-mile round trip biking, running or walking trail along a paved, low-grade path. Coal Ridge Park and Trails, a new addition to the Great Guernsey Trail, consists of several walking trails that travers woods and open areas and includes a lake that allows nonmotorized boating, camping and fishing. There are two trail heads. One is located at 35000 Corduroy Road in Cambridge and the other is located at 204 Main Street in Lore City. Both entrances offer restroom and dog parks.

For more information on the Great Guernsey Trail, contact the CDC at (740) 439-0020 or [gccdc@guernseycountycdc.com](mailto:gccdc@guernseycountycdc.com). To learn about other CDC projects, visit [GuernseyCountyCDC.com](http://GuernseyCountyCDC.com).

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