

Why invest in complete streets?

Quality of Life

Between 2001 and 2009
America's
16-34 year olds were driving less and walking, bicycling and taking transit more.¹

By 2025, nearly 1 in 5
Americans will be
65 or older.²

56.7 million
Americans
(18.7%) have some
type of **disability.**³

In
Cuyahoga
County,
about
14% of
households
do not own
a **car.**⁴

Economic Benefits

Americans spent an average of
18 cents of every dollar
on transportation.⁵

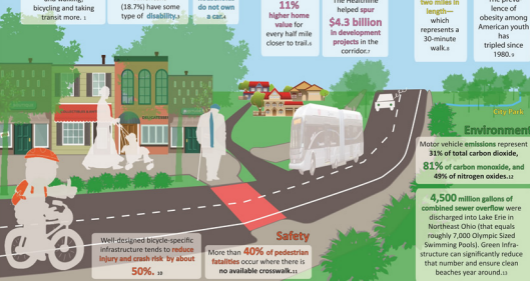
11%
higher home
value for
every half mile
closer to trail.⁶

The Healthline
helped spur
\$4.3 billion
in development
projects in the
corridor.⁷

Active Living

Approximately
40%
of all trips
are less than
two miles in length—
which
represents a
30-minute
walk.⁸

17%
of children
aged 2 to 19
are
obese.
The prevalence of
obesity among
American youth
has
tripled since
1980.⁹



Well-designed bicycle-specific
infrastructure tends to **reduce
injury and crash risk** by about
50%.¹⁰

More than **40%** of pedestrian
fatalities occur where there is
no available crosswalk.¹¹

Safety

Environment

Motor vehicle emissions represent
31% of total carbon dioxide,
81% of carbon monoxide, and
49% of nitrogen oxides.¹²

4,500 million gallons of
combined sewer overflow were
discharged into Lake Erie in
Northeast Ohio (that equals
roughly 7,000 Olympic Sized
Swimming Pools). Green Infra-
structure can significantly reduce
that number and ensure clean
beaches year around.¹³