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Testimony on the Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board
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Good afternoon Chairman Jordan and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Paul Baldrige and I am the Chief of the Office of Real Estate within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present testimony on the Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board for your consideration.

Purpose of the Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board

The Clean Ohio Trail Fund works to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for Ohioans by funding trails for outdoor pursuits of all kinds. ODNR administers the Clean Ohio Fund Trail Grant Program, as approved by voters first in 2000 and then renewed in 2008. The Board is tasked with advising the Director of ODNR once a year on the selection of applicants for those grants awards.

Composition of the Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board

Appointed by the Director to serve three-year terms, the Board is comprised of 9 voting members. We believe that the current makeup is good governance and works effectively to meet the Board's objective.

Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board Summary and Recommendation

The Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board is beneficial in assisting the Director of ODNR with selecting from eligible local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, and non-profit organizations for Clean Ohio Trails grant awards.

ODNR values their input and recommends that the Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board be renewed by the Sunset Review Committee.