

HEART OF OHIO TRAIL

UPDIKE ROAD TO BISHOP ROAD

PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE IN 2011

COMMENTS NEEDED!!

In the **summer of 2011** the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Knox County Park District and the Ohio Department of Transportation will be improving the existing Heart of Ohio Trail between Updike Road and Bishop Road with a 10 foot wide asphalt paved trail, a length of 2.15 miles. The project will also include the improvement of the at-grade crossing of SR 3/US 36 east of Centerburg. The trail improvement is funded with enhancement funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

As a result, a portion of the Heart of Ohio Trail* will be temporarily closed during construction and paving of the trail. The temporary closure is needed to ensure safety during the construction of the project. Detour routes are not available in this portion of the trail. Portions of the trail will be reopened as they are finished or become safe for travel. **The temporary closure notices will be posted at the Centerburg end of the trail during construction and on the Knox County Park District website- <http://www.knoxcountyparks.org>.** We would like to receive your opinion on the proposed temporary closures.

For additional information please visit: Knox County Park District web site; questions please feel free to contact Amy Toohey, ODOT-District 5 at (740) 323-5191 or atoohy@dot.state.oh.us. Comments are due by August 31, 2010 to Amy Toohey, ODOT District 5, 9600 Jacksontown Road, P.O. Box 306, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030.

*The Heart of Ohio Trail is a recreational resource which is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966. Based on this law measures were taken to minimize the impact of the project on the function of the bike trail. The minimization of the impacts to

the function of the trails results in a determination of *de minimis*. A *de minimis* impact is one that will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the Section 4(f) property.