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FREEDOM TRAIL TO INCLUDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR

Park planners will accept public comments on a neighborhood trail that will connect Phase 3 of the Freedom Trail to North Adams Street through the City of Akron's Adams Park (293 N. Adams St., Akron).

Comments will be collected until February 10, 2016 and can be made online at **bit.ly/FTComments** or in person at 975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Freedom Trail starts near the Portage Hike & Bike Trail in Kent and follows an unused railroad corridor. The first 4.2 miles, from Middlebury Road in Kent to Southwest Avenue near Tallmadge Circle, were completed in 2013. An additional two-mile section of Freedom Trail, from Tallmadge Circle to Eastwood Avenue in Akron, was completed in 2015.

A two-mile extension of the Freedom Trail will be constructed this summer, extending the trail from Eastwood Avenue to The University of Akron near Mill Street downtown, on land owned by METRO Regional Transit Authority.

For more information, visit summitmetroparks.org.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,100 acres, including 16 parks, several conservation areas and more than 125 miles of trails, with 22.4 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 5.2 million visitors.

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