

# FY 2025 Planning Grant Application

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Community Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

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What is the name of this project?

**City of Struthers and City of Campbell ADA Accessible Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge**

What community is the lead applicant for this grant?

**The City of Struthers is the lead applicant.**

Is this project a collaboration with other communities?

**Yes**

Please list the other collaborating communities

**This project will be implemented in collaboration with the City of Campbell.**

Enter the name of the project coordinator

**Catherine Cercone-Miller: Mayor of the City of Struthers**

Enter the email of the project coordinator

**mayor@cityofstruthers.com**

Enter the phone number of the project coordinator

**330-755-2181**

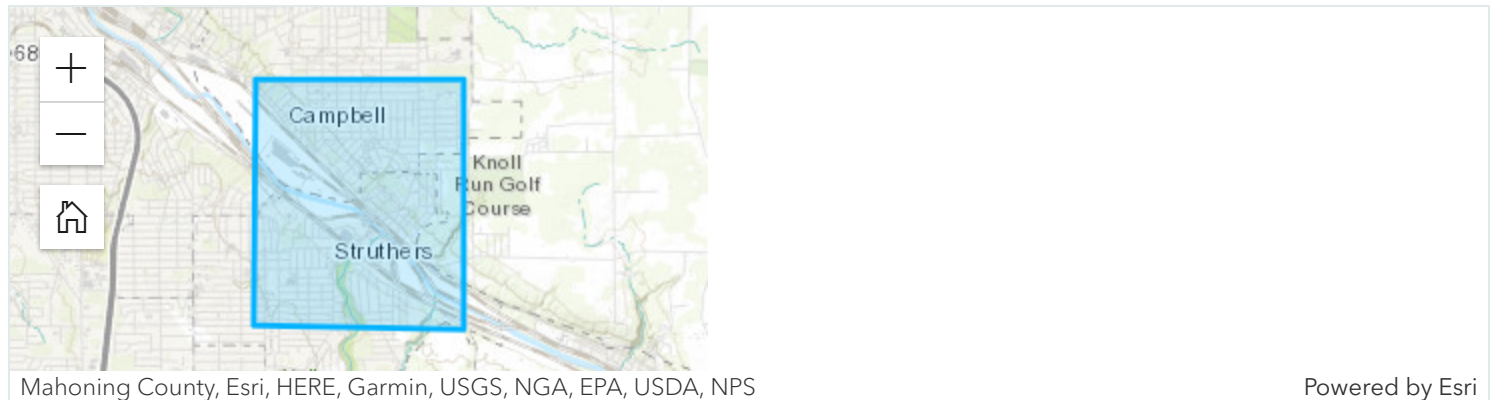
Provide a brief description of the project area

**The focus area of the project is two former brownfield sites separated by the Mahoning River. One is located in the City of Struthers, and one is located in the City of Campbell. The proposed bridge project will be located in the City of Struthers on parcel number 38-001-0-003.02-0 and the City of Campbell on parcel number 46-006-0-156.00-0.**

**The cities of Struthers and Campbell are both former 'Rust Belt' cities that have experienced economic decline since the 1970s. The population of Struthers is 9,928, 18.6% of whom live in poverty. The population of Campbell is 7,743, 30% of whom live in poverty. Both cities are actively pursuing remediation and economic development efforts for their respective brownfield sites.**

(Optional) Use the map tool to draw the study area

**Area: 2,656.55 Acres**



How was this location selected for the project?

**The location was selected due to the ongoing development of brownfield sites in the City of Struthers and the City of Campbell. The bridge will connect the two cities and facilitate non-motor vehicle transportation between brownfield sites that will be developed for office buildings, retail and housing.**

**Struthers conducted a survey in conjunction with its Comprehensive Plan that was completed in October of 2023. The Struthers community stated active transportation is the highest community priority pertaining to transportation and mobility. The safety and accessibility of those who walk, bicycle, or use a mobility device rose to the top; and pedestrian and bicycle facilities, such as sidewalks, bike paths, and bike parking followed.**

**The City of Campbell will receive \$650,000 in Congressional Earmark funding for Brownfield Cleanup which can be used to clean parcel 46-006-0-156.00-0. The site will be developed for industrial and mixed use.**

Describe the issues present within the study area that this project plans to address

**The Mayors of Struthers and Campbell believe pedestrian mobility is a critical component of planning the repurposing of brownfield sites for economic development as young professionals are seeking areas to live and work that offer amenities and entertainment in safe, walkable distances.**

**Only 15% of adults in Struthers over 25 years of age have a college degree. Only 15% of the population in Campbell over the age of 25 has a college degree. Planning for infrastructure that will facilitate safe transportation outside of motor vehicles is crucial to ensuring current students in Struthers and Campbell City Schools who go on to college will seek to put down their own roots in Struthers and Campbell. Currently, no plans are in place for a pedestrian and/or bicycle friendly mode of transportation that can connect these former 'Rust Belt' cities as they continue to develop former industrial sites along the Mahoning River for mixed use.**

Relevance to broader planning efforts

**This project aligns with the regional plans below due its proximity to the Mahoning River and facilitation of no-emissions transportation between communities to reduce negative environmental impacts of automotive transportation.**

#### **Mahoning River Revitalization**

**A dam was removed in Struthers near the State Street Bridge to restore the river's natural flow. Struthers was awarded approximately \$1.5 million dollars from the Eastgate Appalachian Community Grant Program application for the development of a trail and kayak launch along the Mahoning River.**

#### **Brownfield Remediation**

**The City of Campbell was awarded a \$670,000 grant from the EPA for Brownfield Clean-Up along the Mahoning River.**

#### **ARC POWER Initiative/Struthers Green Energy**

**Struthers was awarded a \$50,000 grant to create a regional strategic plan for Circular Manufacturing to eliminate waste in a way that minimizes negative environmental, social, economic, and health impacts.**

Outline the scope of work required to conduct this planning process

**The City of Struthers respectfully requests \$29,700 in funding. Struthers is committed to contributing \$3,300, which is 10% of the total project cost of \$33,000. Planning will incorporate the following principles:**

**Active Transportation/ADA Accessibility:**

**Ensuring residents of all abilities can make use of a bridge connecting Struthers and Campbell. Planning will involve the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge that can also accommodate cyclists and those who utilize wheelchairs or live with a musculoskeletal condition such as cerebral palsy.**

**Quality of Life:**

**Assess community needs related to pedestrian and bicycle transportation as well as the needs of those with disabilities. Community needs will be obtained through surveys of residents in both cities.**

**Capital Improvement Plan**

**Coordinated planning between the City of Struthers and the City of Campbell to fund bridge construction through State, Federal and Local funding as well as maintenance costs once construction is complete.**

How much in funding from the Planning Grant is being requested?

**29,700**

How much local cash match is being contributed to this project?

**3,300**

What is the total cost to develop this plan?

**33,000**

(Optional) You may use this space to justify the cost of the plan

**The City of Struthers will continue to work with its economic development, architectural, and engineering consultants to explore the feasibility of a pedestrian and cycling bridge connecting Struthers and Campbell. This planning includes the location of the bridge to ensure safety, usage and accessibility are maximized for the residents of Struthers and Campbell along with visitors from the Mahoning Valley and beyond.**

Do you agree to provide the information regarding local cash match contribution as a part of the application process?

**Yes**