

**Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on the Effects of Installation
Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers at the Community Center
NOACA EV Charging Stations – Phase 2 Program**

Please provide comments by June 19th, 2026

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the City of Cleveland Heights, proposes the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Community Center located off Monticello Blvd and Mayfield Rd., in Cuyahoga County. The installation will include four Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) at the main public parking lot.

While the final location has not yet been determined, the installation of the EV charging station will use approximately 0.02-0.04 acres (4 parking spaces) from the pre-existing parking lot (2.02 acres) at the Community Center. Detours will not be necessary for the construction activities to install the chargers. Though part of the surface lot will be blocked, access to Community Center and sufficient parking spaces will be available during installation. It is anticipated that installation will last approximately 1-2 days.

Community Center is a recreational facility located at 1 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. As a public recreational facility, the Community Center is considered a protected resource under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and a recreational resource under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931; codified at 23 U.S.C. 138; implemented by 23 CFR Part 774). Therefore, the Community Center is provided protection from adverse impacts from federal-aid transportation projects. A de minimis impact determination is proposed to fulfill those requirements.

NOACA has coordinated with the City of Cleveland Heights Performance Coordinator, and the City of Cleveland Heights has been identified as the owner and operator of the Community Center. Regarding the impact of this project, it's been ensured the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the area for protection. The Performance Coordinator has concurred that the project will not adversely affect the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the Community Center.

NOACA will implement the following measures to minimize harm to the Community Center:

- Access to Community Center will be maintained during installation.
- All staging equipment will be limited to the pre-existing lot; installation shall not take place outside of the proposed construction area.
- Installation activities will be scheduled during low-peak hours to reduce disruption to visitors.
- Temporary measures such as warning cones or signage will be installed to direct pedestrians safely around the work area.
- Any disturbed pavement or landscaping will be restored to preconstruction conditions; minor vegetation where removal is necessary will be replaced.

Based on the assessment of use, FHWA anticipates making a determination of *de minimis* impacts on the proposed temporary use of the Community Center. *De minimis* impacts are minor in nature and, after considering avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. Resulting in no adverse effects of the area. FHWA will make the final *de minimis* impact determination based on the outcome of the public comment process and written concurrence from the City of Cleveland Heights. Comments regarding the impact on the Community Center and the proposed *de minimis* impact finding must be submitted to NOACA by June 19th, 2026. Comments may be submitted to:

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