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## **Fairfield's overhaul of congested intersection first in Ohio to be certified by Greenroads Foundation**

**Fairfield, OH** – The City's improvements last year to the Route 4 intersection of Holden Boulevard and South Gilmore Road have received Ohio's first Greenroads Rating for sustainable design and construction. The project was awarded a Bronze Certification.

Greenroads Foundation ([www.greenroads.org](http://www.greenroads.org)) is an independent non-profit organization that advances sustainability education and initiatives for transportation infrastructure in the United States and internationally. The Foundation developed the Greenroads Rating System to score transportation projects on how well they exceed minimum environmental, social and economic practices.

"This project is a safety superstar," said Jeralee Anderson, Greenroads Executive Director. "As our first project in Ohio, it's setting the bar for sustainability performance statewide. It was great to watch the project progress through concept design and construction. The City's collaborative and interdisciplinary team did many things right and helped deliver the environmentally-friendly project ahead of schedule and 10 percent under estimated costs."

Some other areas highlighted by Greenroads Certification include new sidewalk improvements along the corridor and a sustainable materials strategy that reused 70 percent of the existing pavement and incorporated 30 percent recycled material in the pavement and base layers. Additionally, 73 percent of the construction workforce was located within 50 miles of the project, representing 178 jobs.

"As one of the busiest intersections in the City serving several schools and businesses, we were aiming to improve both the flow of traffic and the safety of motorists and pedestrians," said City Engineer Ben Mann. "To achieve this while also having a positive impact on the environment and future generations is an accomplishment that we are happy to have recognized by this certification."

Construction was performed by John R. Jurgensen, with lead design by LJB Inc. The project was 90% funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation Central Office Safety Program. The project is the first for the State of Ohio and the 38<sup>th</sup> in the world.

More information about this project can be found on The City of Fairfield's website at <http://www.fairfieldoh.gov/publicworks/roadprojects.cfm>

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