

**Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on the Effects of Installation  
Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers within Lakefront Reservation - Edgewater Park  
NOACA EV Charging Stations – Phase 2 Program**

**Please provide comments by March 17, 2026.**

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Cleveland Metroparks, proposes installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Edgewater Park, located off West 73rd Street and the US-2 Memorial Shoreway, in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. The installation will include four Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) in the northern parking lot off Edgewater Park Lower Lot Drive.

While the exact location has not yet been determined, the parking lot has been confirmed. The project will use approximately 0.02-0.04 acres (4 parking spaces) from the pre-existing parking lot (2.69 acres) at Edgewater Park, as shown in the figure below. No detours will be required for the installation of the chargers. Though part of the surface lot will be blocked, access to Edgewater Park and sufficient parking spaces will be available during installation. Installation is expected to take approximately 1-2 days.

Edgewater Park is a recreational facility located at 7600 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland, Ohio. As a public recreational facility, Edgewater Park was determined to be 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). This protects from adverse impacts from federal-aid transportation projects. A *de minimis* impact determination is proposed to fulfill those requirements.

Cleveland Metroparks is the lease-holder and operator of Edgewater Park and NOACA has coordinated with Cleveland Metroparks staff regarding project impacts to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the park for protection. Cleveland Metroparks Director of Grants and Director of Construction have concurred that the project will not adversely affect the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with Edgewater Park.

NOACA will implement the following measures to minimize harm to Edgewater Park:

- Access to Edgewater Park 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 off-peak park 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 condition; minor vegetation where removal is necessary will be replaced.

Based on the assessment of use, FHWA anticipates making a determination on the *de minimis* impacts of the proposed temporary use of Edgewater Park. *De minimis* impacts are minor in nature and, after considering avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures, will not result in an adverse effect on the park. FHWA will make the final *de minimis* impact determination based on the outcome of the public comment process and written concurrence from the Cleveland Metroparks. Comments regarding the impacts on the park and the proposed *de minimis* impact finding must be submitted to NOACA by March 17, 2026. Comments may be submitted to:

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