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

**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 International certification for sustainable design and construction. The project was awarded a bronze certification.

Greenroads International is a non-profit corporation that advances sustainability education and initiatives for transportation infrastructure in the United States and internationally. The corporation developed a system to rate transportation projects on how well they exceed minimum environmental, social and economic practices.

"This project focused on significant pedestrian improvements, increased safety, and responsible construction and material practices," said Jeralee Anderson, Greenroads Executive Director. "It was designed to re-use and use sustainable materials and practices. This all surpassed minimum requirements yet the project still came in ahead of schedule and 10 percent under bid."

Some other areas noted in the certification were that 70 percent of the existing pavement was re-used, 30 percent of recycled material was used in the pavement and base layers, and 73 percent of the construction workforce was located within 50 miles of the project.

"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.

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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