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Ohio Senate OKs proposed amendment to require voter photo ID

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Ohioans are likely to decide this fall whether to put voter ID rules in the state constitution.

The Ohio Senate voted 22-9 on June 3

for a constitutional amendment that would double down on the existing requirement for photo ID at the polls. GOP lawmakers fast-tracked the proposal to ensure it appears on the November ballot, when voters will elect a new governor and other statewide leaders.

The measure now heads to the Ohio

House, where it's expected to pass. Amendments require a three-fifths majority in both chambers - which Republicans have - and don't need Gov. Mike DeWine's seal of approval.

"Photo ID for voting helps secure the

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A poll worker hands an "Ohio Voted" sticker to a voter during the general election on Nov. 4, 2025, in Lancaster. TY WRIGHT/EAGLE-GAZETTE



Structures near the entrance to Straker Landing have been razed. The project, spearheaded by the Muskingum Valley Park District, will rehab the former Kirkbride Marine back into an operational marina with several new amenities expected, like pavilions. SHAWN DIGITY/ZANESVILLE TIMES RECORDER

Straker Landing redevelopment moves forward one step at a time

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ZANESVILLE - A pedestrian bridge spanning the Muskingum River and connecting Straker Landing to Riverside Park is still the goal, but it's one step at a time for the former Kirkbride Marine's reinvention.

The project's demolition portion comes first, said Russell Edgington, Muskingum Valley Park District's execu-

utive director.

Three houses, all near the property's entrance off Linden Avenue, have been demolished. The \$24,550 demolition is being done by Archer Excavating of Zanesville.

A metal warehouse on the land's northern end will eventually be dismantled and relocated, and some floating docks also will be removed, Edgington said. Additionally, an older marina building that previously stored boat parts and accessories was removed be-

fore the park district got the property.

The demolition is the first of several project phases. It'll lead into another stage to replace or renovate a boat ramp sitting on Straker Landing's northern end, Edgington explained.

Replacing the boat ramp would cost \$476,136, so the park district has requested \$226,136 in state capital funding toward the cause. The J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation

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Area disc golf courses rank among state's best

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COSHOCTON - Matt Wright of Coshocton always loved hiking and being in the outdoors. He ventured to Eagle Ridge Disc Golf Course shortly after it opened and fell in love with the hill-top venue and one of the fastest growing recreational sports in the United States.

"You kind of feel like you're out in the middle of nowhere and it's kind of peaceful," he said of Eagle Ridge.

The Coshocton course was recently ranked as the third best disc golf course in Ohio and 73rd in the United States, by UDisc. Deis Hill Park in Dover ranked 10th in the state. UDisc reports 432 disc golf courses in Ohio and more than 11,000 in the nation.

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Matt Wright makes a short range throw into the basket on the first hole of Eagle Ridge Disc Golf Course in Coshocton. UDisc recently ranked it as the third best disc golf course in Ohio and 73rd in the U.S. LEONARD HAYHURST/COSHOCTON TRIBUNE



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