

**Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on the Effects of Installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers within Glouster Memorial Park**  
**SOPEC CFI Charger Install Project – Responsive Interregional Deployment of Electrification Solutions (RIDES)**

**Please provide comments by June 21, 2026.**

The Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Village of Glouster, proposes the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Glouster Memorial Park located off S High St, in Athens County. The charger installation will include two Level 2 Ports (19kW) and two Level 3 Ports (150 kW) which are proposed to be situated in the parking area through the center of Glouster Memorial Park.

The final location of the chargers will be determined in later phases of the project; however, they will be installed within the area depicted on the figure. Detours or the closure of the park will not be necessary for the construction activities to install the chargers. Though part of the parking area will be inaccessible during construction, access to Glouster Memorial Park and its non-affected parking areas will be maintained at all times. The anticipated installation timeframe will be 3-4 weeks.

Glouster Memorial Park is a recreational facility located along S High St, Glouster, OH 45732. As a public recreational facility, Glouster Memorial Park is considered 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).) and is provided protection from adverse impacts from federal-aid transportation projects. A *de minimis* impact determination is proposed to fulfill those requirements. In addition, the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, which affords protection to funded recreational entities. SOPEC has coordinated the project with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). ODNR has determined the project is considered maintenance/upgrade to existing facilities and therefore no additional coordination is required.

SOPEC has also coordinated with the Village of Glouster as owner and operator of Glouster Memorial Park, regarding project impacts to ensure the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the park for protection. The Village of Glouster has provided guidance so that the project will not adversely affect the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with Glouster Memorial Park.

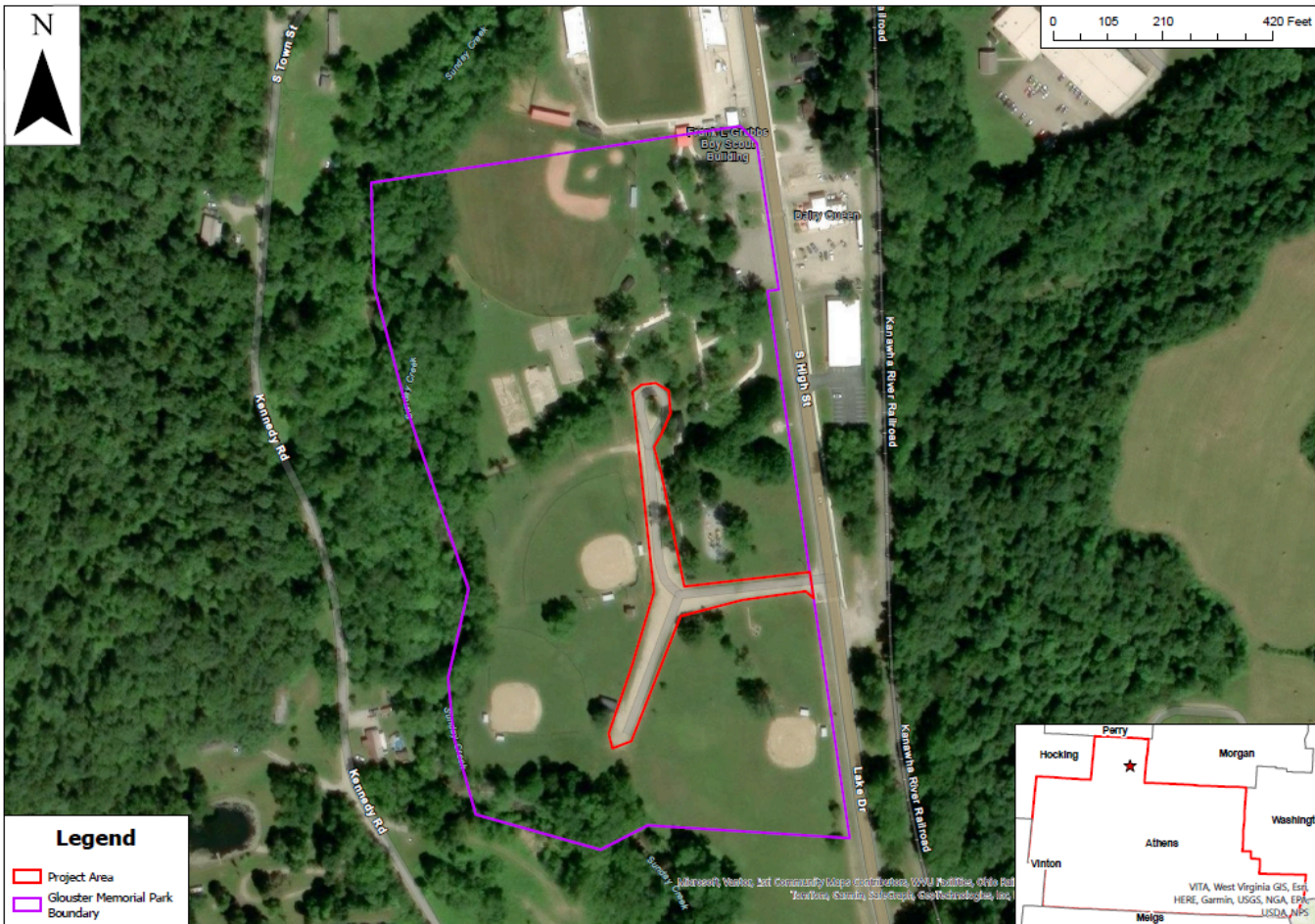
SOPEC will implement the following measures to minimize harm to Glouster Memorial Park:

- Access to Glouster Memorial Park will be maintained at all times during construction.
- All staging equipment will be limited to the existing parking area; installation shall not take place outside of the proposed construction area.
- Construction activities will be scheduled to not coincide with any planned or proposed public activities, events or other planned construction at the park.

- Temporary measures such as warning cones or signage will be installed to direct pedestrians safely around the work area.
- Any disturbed parking areas or landscaping will be restored to preconstruction conditions; minor vegetation where removal is necessary will be revegetated.

Based on the assessment of the proposed impacts, defined as a use of the park, FHWA anticipates making a determination of *de minimis* impacts on the proposed temporary use of Glouster Memorial Park. *De minimis* impacts are generally 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 Village of Glouster. Comments regarding the impacts on the park and the proposed *de minimis* impact finding must be submitted to SOPEC by June 21, 2026. Comments may be submitted to SOPEC at [rides@sopec-oh.gov](mailto:rides@sopec-oh.gov) or at the below address. Additional project information can be found at <https://www.sopec-oh.gov/rides/#/find/nearest>

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