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SECOND CENTURY OF STEWARDSHIP

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS 2021 UPDATE

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Internal Stakeholder Committees assist Planning and Design staff in compiling the plans each year. The process relies upon the expertise and participation of representitives from Natural Resources, Park Management, Outdoor Experiences, Park Police, and others to develop and inform the plans.

PLANNING PROCESS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Implement natural resource and green infrastructure practices to create and manage urban park spaces so they are more resilient to ecological change and disturbance as part of the surrounding and regional community.

RELEVANCY

Strengthen the relevancy of the Emerald Necklace and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo as the park system enters its second century. Affirm the Park District's role and identity in response to changes in demographics and economics and continue to emphasize conservation education. Support the resurgence of the City of Cleveland and the inner ring suburbs.

CONNECTIONS

Advance connections and trail systems that complete the Emerald Necklace and, in partnership with other agencies and communities, connect with local, state and regional trail networks, communities and places of interest.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Expand and strengthen outdoor experiences and recreation opportunities consistent with the organization's mission, and keep pace with market trends to contribute to the region's attractiveness as a place to live, work and play.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Continue sustainable business practices to support Cleveland Metroparks capital, operations and maintenance needs over the next ten-year levy cycle and beyond.

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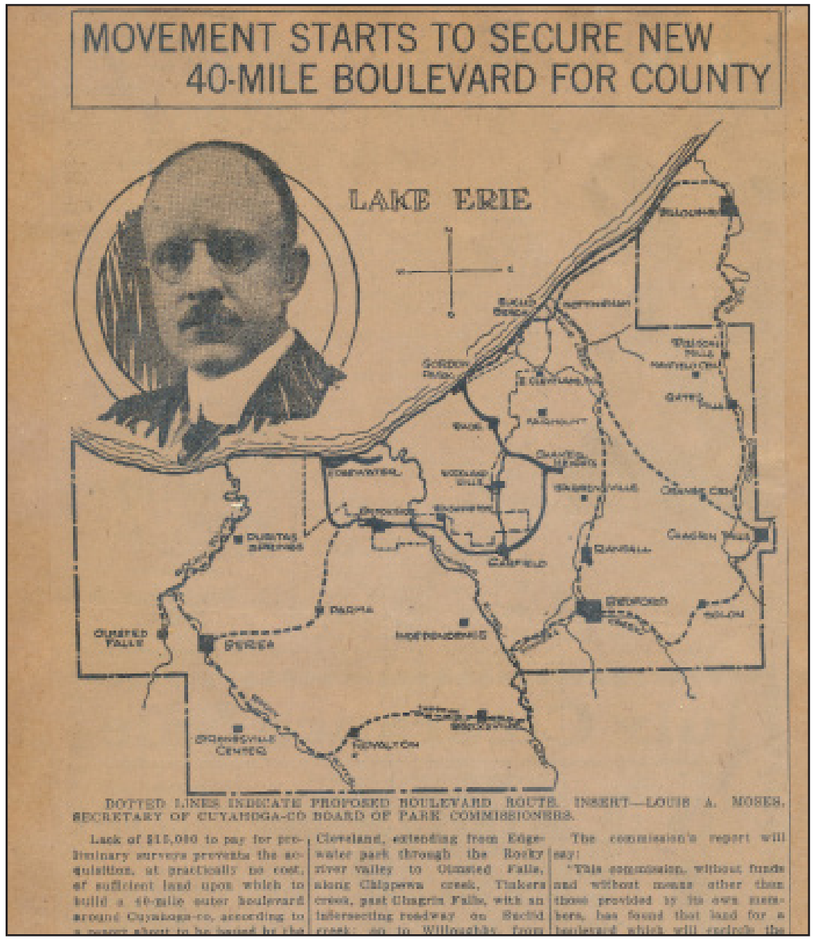
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

Cleveland Metroparks is an intergral part of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio's regional identity. Founded in 1917, Cleveland Metroparks was the first natural-area park district in Ohio. The system was at the forefront of the national movement to preserve areas of natural beauty for public enjoyment and improved quality of life.



MOVEMENT STARTS TO SECURE NEW 40-MILE BOULEVARD FOR COUNTY

DOTTED LINES INDICATE PROPOSED BOULEVARD ROUTE. INSERT—LOUIS A. MOSES, SECRETARY OF CUYAHOGA-CO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Lack of $15,000 to pay for preliminary surveys prevents the acquisition, at practically no cost, of sufficient land upon which to build a 40-mile outer boulevard around Cuyahoga-co, according to a report about to be issued by the Cleveland, extending from Edgewater park through the Rocky river valley to Olmsted Falls, along Chippewa creek, Tinkers creek, past Chagrin Falls, with an intersecting roadway on Euclid creek on to Willoughby. From

The commission's report will say:

"This commission, without funds and without means other than those provided by its own members, has found that land for a boulevard which will enclose the

The initiative to protect an "Emerald Necklace" of streams and open spaces connected by a scenic parkway was led by William Stinchcomb. Stinchcomb previously served as Chief Engineer of Parks for the City of Cleveland and had developed plans for a series of parks to complement the 1903 Group Plan. His vision for Cleveland Metroparks expanded the concept to create an outer system of parks and boulevards to improve the quality of life for residents of Cuyahoga County and provide respite from the stresses of urbanization. Today, the Emerald Necklace encompasses 18 reservations and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The parks protect more than 24,000 acres of open space and hosted over 19.4 million recreational visits in 2020.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Stinchcomb's idea of an Emerald Necklace provided a long-term vision which guides progress to this day. Strategic planning efforts have taken place in 1960,1995, 2012 and 2021. Ongoing strategic plans supplement the vision by prioritizing Park District resources, proactively addressing community needs, and keeping Cleveland Metroparks at the forefront of national best practices.

The most recent plan, Cleveland Metroparks 2020: The Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan was completed in 2012. The plan included master plans for the 16 reservations and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. In accordanace with the Commission for Accrediation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) best practices, both the strategic plan and master plans for Cleveland Metroparks facilities are updated on an ongoing basis.

2015 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The 2012 Strategic Plan directly influences the Park District's actions. Many milestones have been accomplished since the plan was adopted, including:

- The donation of a 155-acre former golf course in December 2012 to create Acacia Reservation, the 17th reservation.
- A long-term lease agreement leading to the creation of the Lakefront Reservation in June 2013, adding 461 acres of lakefront parks new to Cleveland Metroparks (Edgewater Park, E 55th, North Gordon Park, Euclid Beach, Villa Angela, and Wildwood, plus three marinas and five yacht clubs), the 18th reservation.
- The completion and grand opening of the Watershead Stewardship Center at West Creek Reservation.
- Restructuring of several internal departments, including integration of the Zoo and Park District Marketing Departments.

An update to the Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan was prepared in 2015 to document progress, address new trends, and refresh Park District priorities. The update resulted in the consolidation of the original plan's key directions into five strategic goals:

PROTECTION	Conserve and protect the environment by restoring native habitat and promoting green infrastructure
RELEVANCY	Advance trails that connect parks to neighborhoods and to local, state, and regional networks
CONNECTIONS	Encourage community interest in parks and the natural world with a range of activities, programs, and facilities
COME OUT AND PLAY	Lead or partner with mission-appropriate initiatives to improve quality of life and support community resiliance
ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY	Provide exemplary public service, innovative resource management, and an efficient business culture as we emabark on a Second Century of Stewardship

RESERVATION MASTER PLAN FRAMEWORK

Reservation Master Plans help translate the Park District's overarching strategic goals into actions at the park level. The approach to updating each individual reservation's 2012 plan is to develop an overall vision for each park. Guiding principles are then indentified based how the reservation can best reflect the five strategic goals of the Park District. Proposed actions correlate to the strategic goals. This approach helps park guests, employees, and the overall community connect the day-to-day efforts of Cleveland Metroparks with the Park District's long-term initiatives.

Reservation Plans are updated on a rolling schedule, with the most recent plans completed prior to the current update of the Strategic Plan. The mission and goals reflect the mission and goals in place at the time of the planning process. Planning efforts include developing the initial plans for two reservations added since 2012, along with the growth of existing parks.

2014: Lakefront Reservation
2015: Euclid Creek, Acacia, North Chagrin, and South Chagrin Reservations
2016: Bedford, Brecksville, Hinckley, and West Creek Reservations
2017: Big Creek, Brookside, Garfield, Ohio and Erie Canal, and Washington Reservations
2018: Mill Stream Run, Rocky River, and Bradley Woods Reservations
2019: Lakefront Reservation

MASTER PLAN FRAMEWORK

Vision
Identify Overarching Big Idea for each Reservation

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Guiding Principals
Relate Strategic Goals to Specific Reservation

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Actions
Park Features, Programming, and Management Activities---tie back to Strategic Goals

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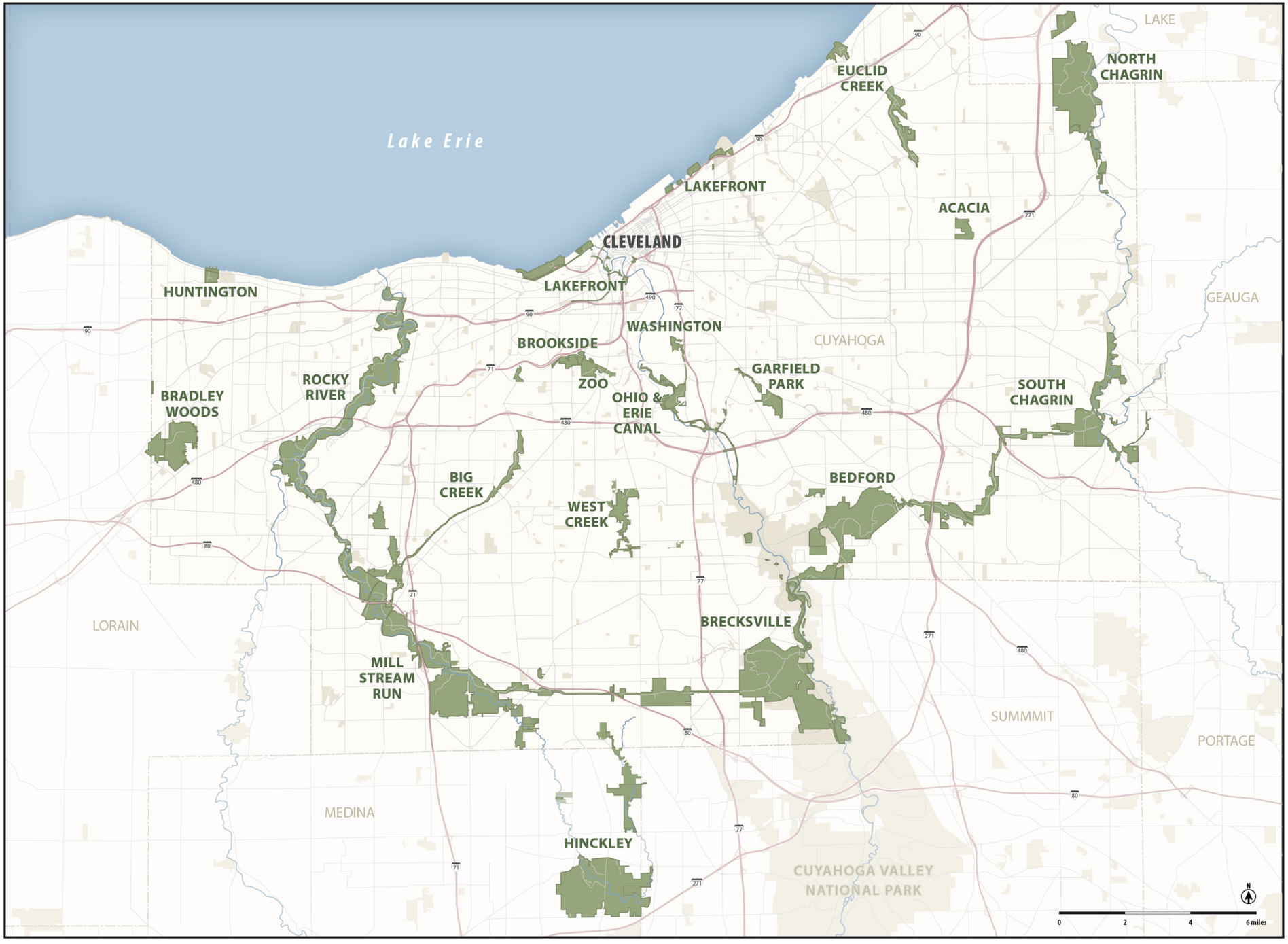
Park Work Plans

Cleveland Metroparks planning efforts involve stakeholders representing all the facets of the park, including education staff, recreation staff, park managers, natural resource managers, marketing and event staff, planning and design staff, and land protection managers. Conceptual plans are developed and evaluated by these in-house experts and are presented for public feedback online and in Open Houses. Final reservation master plans provide guidance for ongoing capital investments, land and resource protection efforts, and park management activities.

PARK DISTRICT SUMMARY

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS



THE EMERALD NECKLACE 2021 SUMMARY

RESERVATION	YEAR EST.	ACRES	VISITATION
Acacia	2012	156	256,243
Bedford	1922	2,606	1,014,566
Big Creek	1919	769	710,999
Bradley Woods	1960	832	146,117
Brecksville	1920	4,210	1,627,608
Brookside	1986	132	250,172
Euclid Creek	1920	537	588,079
Garfield Park	1986	223	478,560
Hinckley	1923	2,978	998,942
Huntington	1922	103	925,555
Lakefront	2013	470	3,945,063
Mill Stream Run	1928	3,509	2,166,966
North Chagrin	1925	2,189	1,269,566
O&E Canal	1998	405	336,087
Rocky River	1919	2,581	3,300,567
South Chagrin	1925	1,730	626,730
Washington	2003	59	117,305
West Creek	2006	426	172,479
Zoo	1975	178	742,544
TOTAL		24,093	19,714,148

ACACIA RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2012

2020 ACREAGE: 156

2020 VISITATION: 256,243

2019 VISITATION: 183, 041

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Cleveland Metroparks will accomplish habitat restoration projects to fulfill the potential of Acacia Reservation, protecting and enhancing of the largest remaining open space areas in the Euclid Creek Watershed.

RELEVANCY

Acacia Reservation will provide programs and serve as living lab for education and hands-on exploration by area groups, with a focus on urban streams and habitat restoration principles. Park activities and facilities will strive to engage guests with diverse backgrounds and provide opportunities to enjoy health and wellness, social interaction, and educational programs.

CONNECTIONS

Acacia Reservation will serve as a hub for low impact recreation in a natural setting, with eventual connections to neighborhoods, Euclid Creek Reservation, and regional trails as opportunities allow.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Acacia Reservation will be a natural oasis in the midst of a busy city providing trails, gathering spaces, visitor amenities, and natural areas.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Park ammenities will enrich guest exeriences and connect people with the natural environment, while following Cleveland Metropark's internal guidelines for sustainable development and operations.

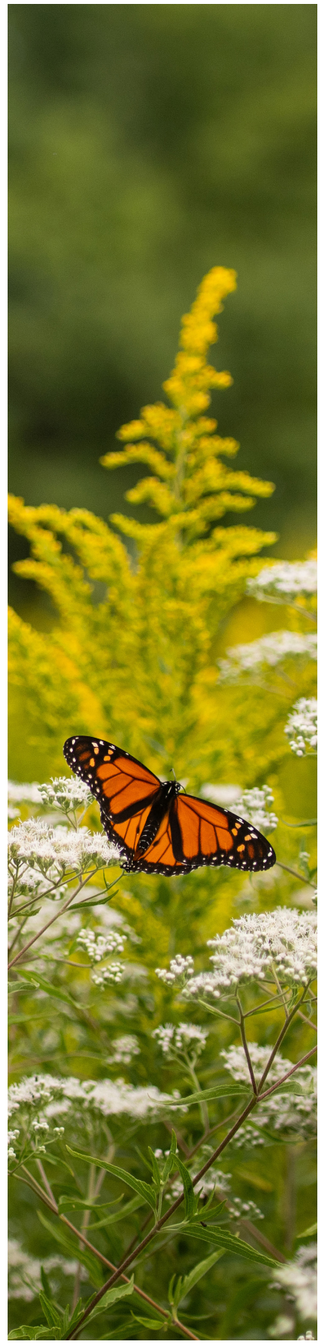
RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

A commitment to conserving one of the largest undeveloped parcels inside the I-271 corridor led to the creation of Acacia Reservation. The park surrounds the upper reach of Euclid Creek. Formerly a private golf club, Acacia was purchased in 2012 then donated to Cleveland Metroparks with the stipulation that the property be returned to a natural state. Visitors enjoy the trails and picnic areas surrounded by streams, meadows, and forests reverting to a natural state.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Ongoing habitat restoration work
2. Reservation-wide trail development and bridge over Euclid Creek
3. Richmond Road picnic area
4. Cedar Road small shelter
5. Cedar Road parking and drive improvements (longer term)

"Acquiring land for preservation of habitat was ranked first or second by 47% of respondents. Rehabilitating/ updating existing park facilities and expanding the trail network ranked second and third" (Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2018).



Richmond Road Corridor
• Address treatment of park frontage - fence removal, screening, selected views into the park.
• Develop connections with Legacy Village, local schools, adjacent neighborhoods, and eventually Euclid Creek Reservation as opportunities allow.
• Develop park entry drive and trail crossing. Align with the Cleveland Clinic traffic signal.
• Protect existing elm near proposed entry.
• Remove existing house when sustaining structure becomes cost prohibitive.
Acacia Picnic Area
• Create Richmond Road entry drive and parking. Provide future improvements such as shelter or play feature.
• Provide program space and gathering areas.
• Connect to internal trails.
Maintenance Area
• Consolidate yard space and identify any shared use opportunities for facilities.
• Develop access to maintenance area from new entry road.
• Remove and sort former stockpile. Restore vegetation.
Southwest Tier
• Develop loop trail as gravel or natural surface through restored landscape with asphalt on steeper slopes.
• Develop program area (circular boulder seating) on west side of Euclid Creek.
• Add signature bike/pedestrian bridge over Euclid Creek (at a higher elevation than the current bridge) to improve access and showcase restoration work and/or overlook on bluff.
Program Circle
Play Feature
All Purpose Trail
Proposed Trails
Access to Three Villages Only
Natural Surface Trail
Proposed Boardwalk
Proposed Meadow
Water
Maintained as Lawn
Covenant Area
RTA Stations
• Improve with park-like shelter orienting and inviting transit users to Acacia Reservation.
Sledding Area
• Reconfigure or relocate the existing sledding hill to improve safety and function.
Reservation-wide Considerations
• Improve accessibility by creating links to Euclid Creek Reservation and to regional trails such as the routes identified in the Eastside Greenway process.
• Improve trail system by removing excess cart paths and improving identified routes.
• Implement Ecological Restoration Plan in conjunction with Master Plan improvements and in context of deed restrictions.
Northern Tier
• Connect north neighborhood to park via trail spur when support exists.
• Improve trail experiences - potentially add sections of boardwalk across wet areas and viewing areas near wetlands.
Central Pond
• Explore options to enlarge the existing pond and develop a perimeter wetland fringe with mud flats and boardwalk/overlook. Allow fishing.
• Link to the main All Purpose Trail loop and develop program area (circular boulder seating) in vicinity.
• Potential nature play
Fairways to Forest Picnic Area
• Winterize and utilize the existing cart barn for year-round restrooms and as an interpretive education hub. Remove the existing pool house.
• Interpret the history of Acacia, the bequest to Cleveland Metroparks, and the restoration activities.
• Develop a thematic nature play gathering area, seating areas, and a covered shelter (4-6 tables) surrounded by lawn.
• Orient park guests to the banquet facility while keeping the general public areas separate from the private use areas. Pull east-west path away from building.
Cedar Road Corridor
• Address landscape treatment along Cedar Road to include more native species and mass plantings.
• Assess opportunities to regrade and highlight Cedar Road entrances. Reconfigure existing parking and improve bike/pedestrian access.
Richmond Rd
Euclid Creek
Three Villages Dr
Legacy Village
Cedar Rd
Beachwood Place
Overlook
Tree Study
Cleveland Metroparks
Acacia Reservation
Master Plan
April 2018
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Scale in feet
NORTH

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Reservation-wide**	Improve accessibility by creating links to Euclid Creek Reservation and to regional trails such as the routes identified in the Eastside Greenway process			■		
		Improve trail system by removing excess cart paths and improving identified routes				■	
		Implement Ecological Restoration Plan in conjunction with Master Plan improvements and in context of deed restrictions	■				
2	**Northern Tier**	Connect north neighborhood to park via trail spur when support exists			■		
		Improve trail experiences - potentially add sections of boardwalk across wet areas and viewing areas near wetlands		■			
3	**Central Pond**	Explore options to enlarge the existing pond and develop a perimeter wetland fringe with mud flats and boardwalk/overlook Allow fishing	■				
		Link to the main All Purpose Trail loop and develop program area (circular boulder seating) in vicinity			■		
		Potential nature play				■	
4	**Fairways to Forest Picnic Area**	Winterize and utilize the existing cart barn for year-round restrooms and as an interpretive education hub Remove the existing pool house				■	
		Interpret the history of Acacia, the bequest to Cleveland Metroparks, and the restoration activities				■	
		Develop a thematic nature play gathering area, seating areas, and a covered shelter (4-6 tables) surrounded by lawn				■	
		Orient park guests to the banquet facility while keeping the general public areas separate from the private use areas Pull east-west path away from building		■			
5	**Cedar Road Corridor**	Address landscape treatment along Cedar Road to include more native species and mass plantings	■				
		Assess opportunities to regrade and highlight Cedar Road entrances Reconfigure existing parking and improve bike/pedestrian access					■
6	**Richmond Road Corridor**	Address treatment of park frontage - fence removal, screening, selected views into the park					■
		Develop connections with Legacy Village, local schools, adjacent neighborhoods, and eventually Euclid Creek Reservation as opportunities allow			■		
		Develop park entry drive and trail crossing Align with the Cleveland Clinic traffic signal			■		
		Protect existing elm near proposed entry	■				
		Remove existing house when sustaining structure becomes cost prohibitive					■
7	**Acacia Picnic Area**	Create Richond Road entry drive and parking Provide future improvements such as a shelter or play feature				■	
		Provide program space and gathering areas		■			
		Connect to internal trails					
8	**Maintenance Area**	Consolidate yard space and identify any shared use opportunities for facilities					■
		Develop access to maintenance from new entry road					■
		Remove and sort former stockpile Restore vegetation	■				
9	**Southwest Tier**	Develop loop trail as gravel or natural surface through restored landscape with asphalt on steeper slopes				■	
		Develop program area (circular boulder seating) on west side of Euclid Creek				■	
		Add signature bike/pedestrian bridge over Euclid Creek (at a higher elevation than the current bridge) to improve access and showcase restoration work and/or overlook on bluff				■	
10	**RTA Stations**	Improve with park-like shelter orienting and inviting transit users to Acacia Reservation		■			
11	**Sledding Area**	Reconfigure or relocate the existing sledding hill to improve safety and function				■	
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		6	4	5	9	5

ACACIA RESTORATION PROJECT SITES

CLEVELAND METROPARKS

SEPT 2021

BEDFORD RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1922

2020 ACREAGE: 2,606

2020 VISITATION: 1,014,566

2019 VISITATION: 803,375

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Maintain high ratio of natural areas to developed areas. Pursue protection of adjacent fragile areas, such as floodplains, steep slopes, and stream channels, where development would negatively impact park resources.

RELEVANCY

Continue the success of sustainable trail enhancements, improve community connections, and assess options to further integrate Shawnee Hills Golf Course with park offerings and landscapes.

CONNECTIONS

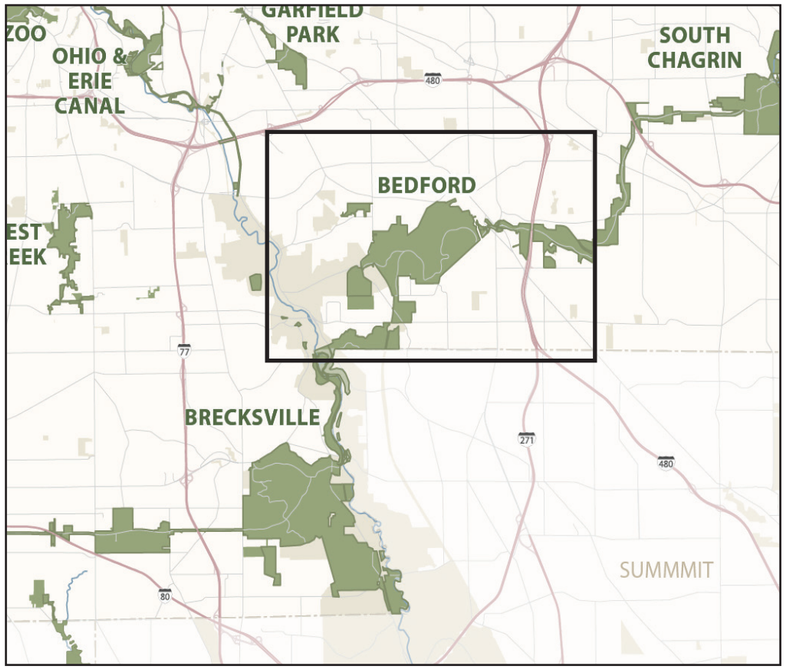
Strengthen wayfinding and connectivity of the Emerald Necklace, particularly the Parkway and trail connections to Brecksville and South Chagrin, as well as to Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Towpath, and Summit County Bike Hike Trail. Improve bike and pedestrian access from ajacent neighboroods.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Expand opportunities for users. Maximize the feeling of sanctuary and retreat for park guests while capitalizing on nearby regional attractions and recent acquisitions.

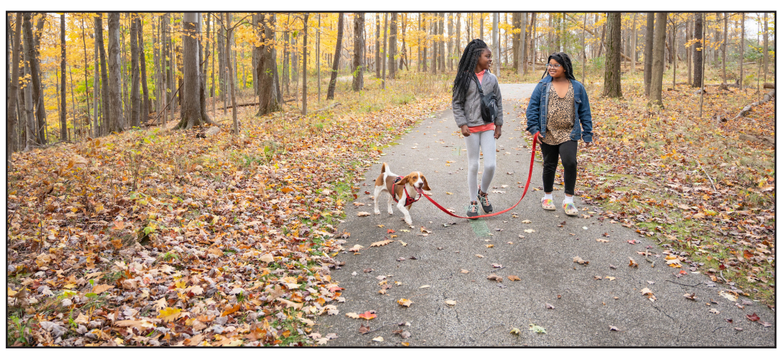
ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Address aging park infrastructure with historically appropriate repairs. Study stream restoration needs and pursue funding. Work with partners to reduce urbanization impacts.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Bedford Reservation protects Tinkers Creek and its forested valleys as it courses through Bedford and surrounding communities. Tinkers Creek Gorge is one of the most scenic sections of the park. The 220 foot deep gorge was designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1968. Bedford Reservation lies within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Bedford Reservation contains nearly seven miles of parkway as part of the Emerald Necklace. Park trails link Bedford Reservation to the Summit Metro Park Bike & Hike Trail to provide an off-road route to CVNP, the Towpath Trail, and points beyond.



INITIAL PRIORITIES

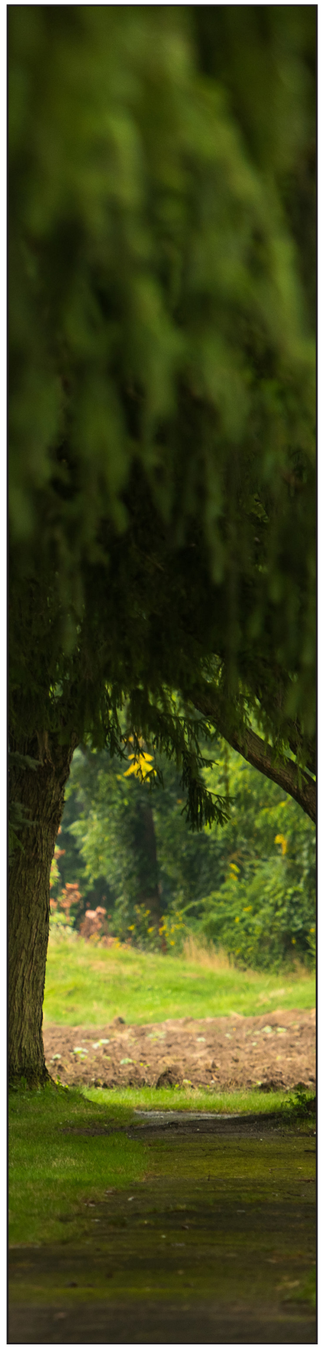
1. Lost Meadows Shelter replacement of canopy with 20 x 40 permanent structure

2. Tinkers Creek Watershed stewardship and corridor restoration (walls, etc.)

3. Trail connection to Towpath (APT and Bridle)- north route and south route

4. Trail connection along Richmond Road

This reservation features a deep gorge -- declared a National Natural Landmark -- carved out by Tinker's Creek, with picturesque vistas and waterfalls. Mature trees and abundant wildflowers are found within its deep forests. It offers trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, as well as picnic areas and Shawnee Hills Golf Course. At over 2,200 acres, Bedford Reservation gives the appearance of a continuous forest of large trees as it was not logged due to its rugged terrain. Tinker's Creek, the largest tributary of the Cuyahoga River. A scenic overlook along Gorge Parkway offers a spectacular vista, particularly in the fall.



All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Proposed Trails
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Backcountry Campsite

Bedford Reservation: 2,309 acres

North Side - Button Road
- Investigate opportunities for land protection along Hemlock Creek to Turney Road and beyond.
- Study future trail connection to park from south end of Lee Road (gas easement)
- Remedy erosion issues and protect high quality natural resources
- Enforce no dumping regulations at Hutchinson Field
- Continue Meadows Area /Circle Emerald habitat restoration. Develop a small 6 car trailhead with gate and signage: Circle Emerald Bird Sanctuary. Add sanctioned loop trail and connect to Hemlock Picnic area

Egbert Picnic Area
- Add electric and lighting service to facilitate evening programs
- Add play structure to accommodate use patterns (childcare / outside day camps)
- Consider an in-stream trail crossing to the north side of Tinker's Creek

Tinker's Creek Valley
- Consider in-stream mitigation to address stream bank erosion and stabilization upstream from channelized area
- Pursue land protection along tributaries

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area
- Area will be upgraded and accessibility improvements will occur.
- Remove ballfield; add sand volleyball and monarch way station

Maintenance Complex
- Add plantings, a salt shed, and a cold-storage equipment shed

Astorhurst/Tinker's Creek
- Remove existing buildings. Develop picnic area with restroom and small shelter
- Restore and enhance creek and floodplain connections
- Provide all purpose trail connections (including possible bridge to Tinker's Creek Road) and trailhead amenities

Tinker's Creek Road
- Provide APT or other bicycle accommodation and bridle trail

See Cuyahoga River Corridor ←

Hermit's Hollow Picnic Area

Gorge Parkway
- Study removal of on-street parking and potential to convert pavement to APT
- (Dunham Rd. to Overlook Ln.) Designate and sign a new APT connection to Tinker's Creek Road along existing bridle trail to help complete the Emerald Necklace APT and strengthen connections to CVNP. Improve surface with compacted stone

Scenic Overlook

See Bedford East →

Shawnee Hills Golf Course and South of Parkway
- Continue greening efforts by golf course staff – consider Audubon certification program
- Add rain garden at wash pad to capture clippings
- Dredge pond

Lost Meadows Reserve Area
- Add permanent shelter and electric service. Replace/upgrade water service.

Bridal Veil Falls and Deerlick Creek
- Study potential accessibility improvements via service route
- Explore land protection opportunities upstream to mitigate development impacts

Cleveland Metroparks COME OUT AND PLAY

Bedford Reservation
Master Plan
November 2016

NORTH

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Scale in feet

Willis Picnic Area
- Partner with the City of Bedford to reduce environmental impacts from ballfield management
- Discourage bootleg trails by providing a sanctioned trail

Viaduct Park
- Improve connections to downtown Bedford with improved wayfinding and signage
- Work with Bedford as they pursue trails, including a potential bridge to the Parkway
- Improve wayfinding at Broadway and better approach / entry to park
- Improve bridle trail condition along Egbert Road to Union Street

271 Corridor
- Consider protection of additional property along west side of 271 along Bear Creek
- Investigate funding for mitigation of stormwater impacts from 271

Hawthorn Parkway
- Provide all purpose trail connection (bridle/bike/hike) and improved wayfinding to/ from South Chagrin Reservation along Richmond Road
- Protect sensitive vernal pools north of bridle trail near Tinker's Creek
- Consider opportunities to improve habitat value at nearby landfills through changes to vegetation and mowing practices
- Plan for future connections to north and southeast

Former Field Office
- Due to existing utilities connections, consider using former field office site for new flush restrooms and Bike Hub / meeting point for trail users and programs. Bike wash could be located here as well.

Proposed Glen Willow Trail
- Support the City of Glen Willow's future trail link

Forbes Woods
- Complete new trail / boardwalk and picnic area changes at Forbes Woods

All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Proposed Trails
City of Bedford All Purpose Trail
Land Protection
Possible Improvement Site
Water
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Cleveland Metroparks COME OUT AND PLAY

Bedford Reservation
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STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Hawthorn Parkway**	Provide all purpose trail connection (bridle/bike/hike) and improved wayfinding to/ from South Chagrin Reservation along Richmond Road			■		
		Protect sensitive vernal pools north of bridle trail near Tinker's Creek	■				
		Consider opportunities to improve habitat value at nearby landfills through changes to vegetation and mowing practices	■				
		Plan for future connections to the north and southeast			■		
2	**Proposed Glen Willow Village Trail**	Support the Glen Willow Village's future trail link			■		
3	**Forbes Woods**	Complete new trail / boardwalk and picnic area changes at Forbes Woods				■	
4	**271 Corridor**	Consider protection of additional property along west side of 271 along Bear Creek	■				
		Investigate funding for mitigation of stormwater impacts from 271	■				
5	**Viaduct Park**	Improve connections to downtown Bedford with improved wayfinding and signage		■			
		Work with City of Bedford as they pursue trails, including a potential bridge to the Parkway			■		
		Improve wayfinding at Broadway Avenue and better approach / entry to park		■			
		Improve bridle trail condition between Gorge Parkway and Union Street					■
6	**Willis Picnic Area**	Partner with the City of Bedford to reduce environmental impacts from ballfield management	■				
		Discourage bootleg trails by providing a sanctioned trail			■		■
7	**Former Field Office**	Due to existing utilities connections, consider using former field office site for new flush restroom and Bike Hub / meeting point for trail users and programs. Bike wash could be located here as well					■
8	**Egbert Picnic Area**	Add electric service and lighting to facilitate evening programs				■	
		Add play structure to accommodate use patterns (childcare / outside day camps)		■			
		Consider an in-stream trail crossing to the north side of Tinker's Creek			■		
9	**Shawnee Hills Golf Course**	Continue greening efforts by golf course staff. Consider Audubon certification program	■				
		Add rain garden at Golf Course wash pad to capture clippings	■				
		Dredge pond					■
10	**Lost Meadows**	Add permanent shelter and electric service. Replace/upgrade water service				■	
11	**Bridal Veil Falls and Deerlick Creek**	Study potential accessibility improvements via service route		■			
		Explore upstream land protection opportunities upstream to mitigate development impacts	■				
12	**North Side - Button Road**	Investigate opportunities for land protection along Hemlock Creek to Turney Road and beyond	■				
		Study future trail connection to park from south end of Lee Road (gas easement)			■		
		Remedy erosion issues and protect high quality natural resources	■				
		Enforce no dumping regulations at Hutchinson Field					■
		Continue Meadows Area /Circle Emerald habitat restoration. Develop a six car trailhead with gate and signage: Circle Emerald Bird Sanctuary. Add sanctioned loop trail and connect to Hemlock Picnic area	■				
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13	**Tinker's Creek Valley**	Consider in-stream mitigation to address stream bank erosion and stabilization upstream from channelized area	■				
		Pursue land protection along tributaries	■				
14	**Hemlock Creek Picnic Area**	Shelter renovation is slated. Area will be renovated and accessibility improvements will occur				■	
		Remove ballfield; add sand volleyball and monarch way station		■			
15	**Maintenance Complex**	Add plantings, a salt shed, and a cold-storage equipment shed					■
16	**Astorhurst / Tinker's Creek**	Remove existing buildings. Develop picnic area with restroom and small shelter				■	
		Restore and enhance creek and floodplain connections	■				
		Provide all purpose trail connections (including possible bridge to Tinker's Creek Road) and trailhead amenities			■		
17	**Tinker's Creek Road**	Provide APT or other bicycle accommodations and bridle trail			■		
18	**Gorge Parkway**	Study removal of on-street parking and potential to convert pavement to APT			■		
		(Dunham Rd. to Overlook Ln.) Designate and sign a new APT connection to Tinker's Creek Road along existing bridle trail to help complete the Emerald Necklace APT and strengthen connections to CVNP. Improve surface with compacted stone			■		
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			**14**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**6**

BIG CREEK RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1919

2020 ACREAGE: 769

2020 VISITATION: 710,999

2019 VISITATION: 652,560

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Expand protection of adjacent tributaries, wetlands, and floodplain areas. Retrofit or remove park facilities in floodplain areas and reduce mowed areas.

RELEVANCY

Strengthen facility and program offerings along with awareness of Cleveland Metroparks brand.

CONNECTIONS

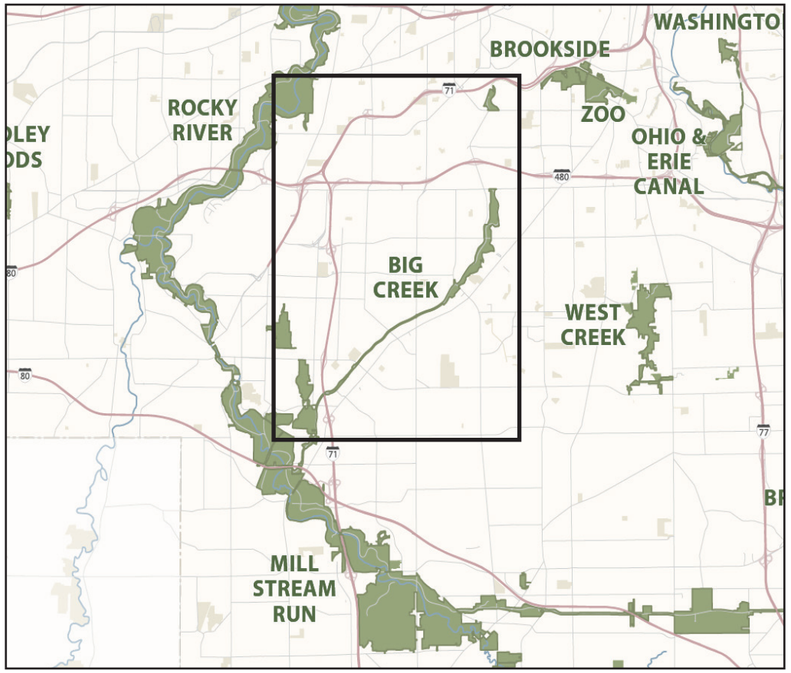
Improve neighborhood trail links along Big Creek Parkway. Provide easy to find trailhead facilities and parking accessible from Bagley Road for the Lake to Lake Trail.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Differentiate picnic areas from one another with plantings and fitness or play features.

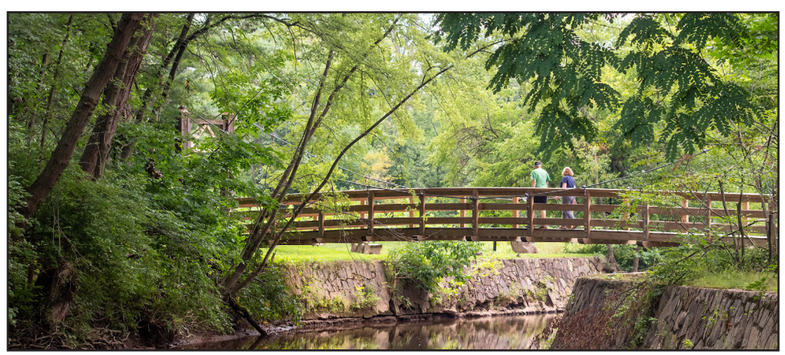
ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Increase awareness of Cleveland Metroparks environmental role along the Parkway and area roadways adjacent to park property.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

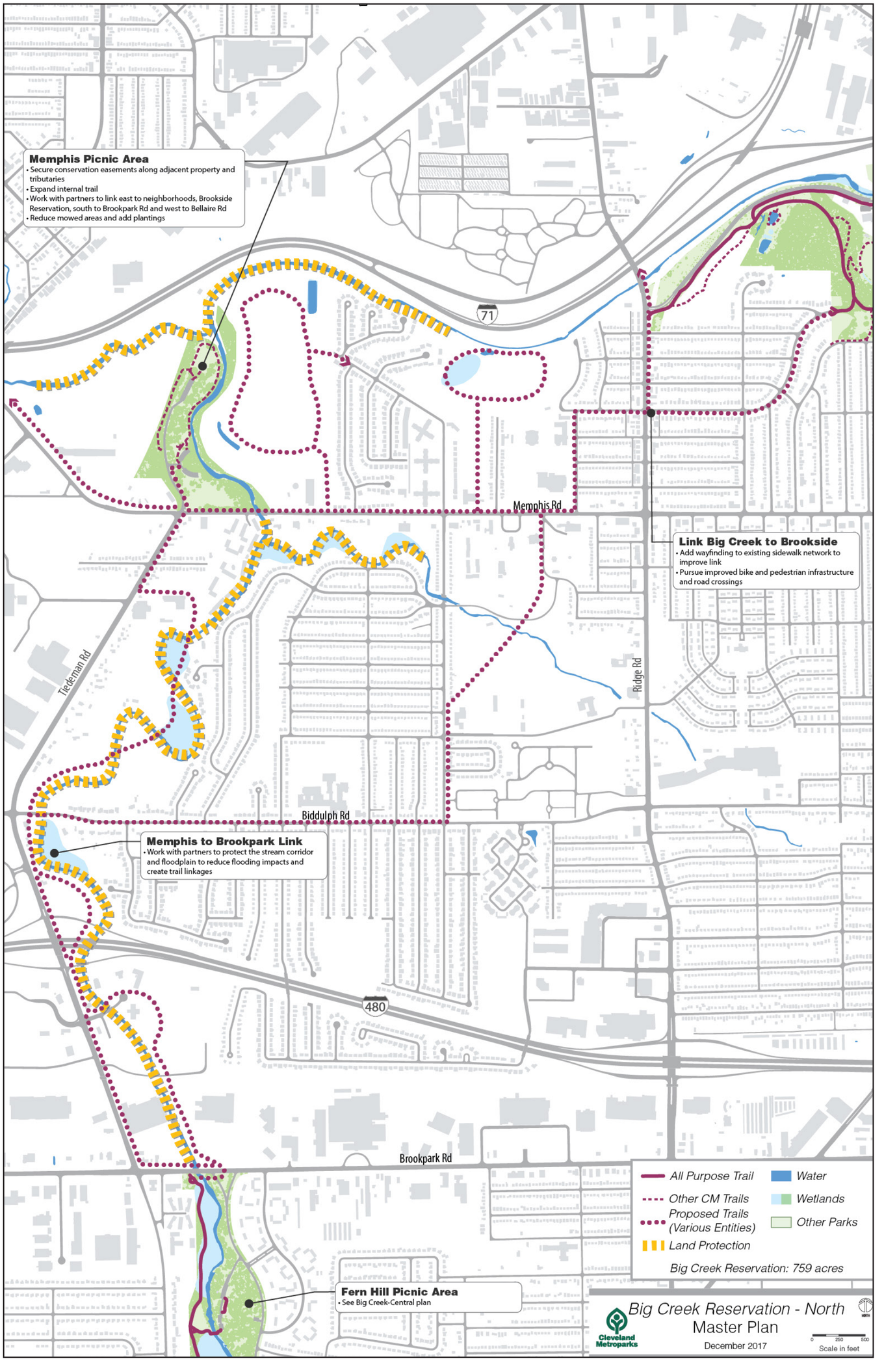
Big Creek Reservation serves primarily as an urban greenway which winds along Big Creek through the southwest suburbs of Cuyahoga County. Many areas of this reservation are surrounded by urbanized areas, limiting opportunities to create new or expanded facilities. Various options for linking Big Creek Reservation with Memphis Picnic Area and Brookside Reservation/Cleveland Metroparks Zoo are appealing to surrounding communities. Flooding along the creek is an issue and partnerships can be sought to mitigate impacts of development and protect natural resources.



INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Trail and neighborhood connections
   - North connections – consider additional land protection to create a trail link from the Lake to Lake Trail north, eventually connecting to Rocky River Reservation
   - Memphis to Brookpark link – work with partners to protect the stream corridor and floodplain to reduce flooding impacts and create trail linkages
   - Baldwin Creek – consider trail connections to Sprague / Beyer's Pond
2. Fern Hill picnic area – educate to reduce wildlife feeding
3. Baldwin Creek – pursue upstream conservation opportunities to protect water quality

On foot, by bicycle, or by wheelchair, one crosses Abram Creek and Bagley Road as they travel the trail that passes through 175 acres of headwater wetlands joining the largest wetlands in Cuyahoga County.


Memphis Picnic Area
• Secure conservation easements along adjacent property and tributaries
• Expand internal trail
• Work with partners to link east to neighborhoods, Brookside Reservation, south to Brookpark Rd and west to Bellaire Rd
• Reduce mowed areas and add plantings
71
Memphis Rd
Link Big Creek to Brookside
• Add wayfinding to existing sidewalk network to improve link
• Pursue improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure and road crossings
Tiedeman Rd
Ridge Rd
Biddulph Rd
Memphis to Brookpark Link
• Work with partners to protect the stream corridor and floodplain to reduce flooding impacts and create trail linkages
480
Brookpark Rd
Fern Hill Picnic Area
• See Big Creek-Central plan
All Purpose Trail
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Big Creek Reservation: 759 acres
Big Creek Reservation - North
Master Plan
December 2017
Cleveland Metroparks
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Scale in feet

Inset 1

Middleburg Hts. Civic Complex
- City has expressed desire for trail connection - explore options
- Pursue access to restrooms to serve as midway point between Snow/Lake Isaac

Links North of Brookpark Rd
- Refer to Big Creek North plan
- Encourage upstream detention and reductions in impervious surfaces

Fern Hill Picnic Area
- Reconfigure current dead-end parking lot
- Educate to reduce wildlife feeding
- Add natural play feature
- Improve parkway pedestrian crossings. Add trail links between Upper and Lower Fern Hill and to neighborhoods to the east
- Evaluate river condition and replace bridge with modified structure

Snow Road Picnic Area
- Study reserved facility parking
- Remove Cookhouse Shelter and parking, and add trail connection improvements
- Link to City of Parma Hts via city's proposed new crossing at Denison
- Reduce mowed area/add plantings

Greenbriar Commons Trail Connections
- Continue to work with City of Parma Heights to pursue trail connections

Future Trail Connection
- St. John Bosco future recreational trail connection - continue to support & work with City of Parma Heights

Big Creek Parkway
- Increase recognition of reservation and Cleveland Metroparks along entire corridor
- Add Big Creek Parkway signage
- Add secondary monuments along major or cross streets
- Provide standardized pavement markings at each trail crossing

Match Line - See Big Creek South Plan

Match Line - See Inset 1

W. 130th St
Smith Rd
Pearl Rd
Bagley Rd
James Day Park & Tri-C
Tiedeman Rd
Brookpark Rd
Snow Rd
Stumph Rd
Big Creek Pkwy
Huffman Rd
Greenbriar Commons
Pearl Rd
York Rd
W Ridgewood Dr

0 500 1,000 Scale in feet

All Purpose Trail
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
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Big Creek Reservation: 759 acres

Big Creek Reservation - Central
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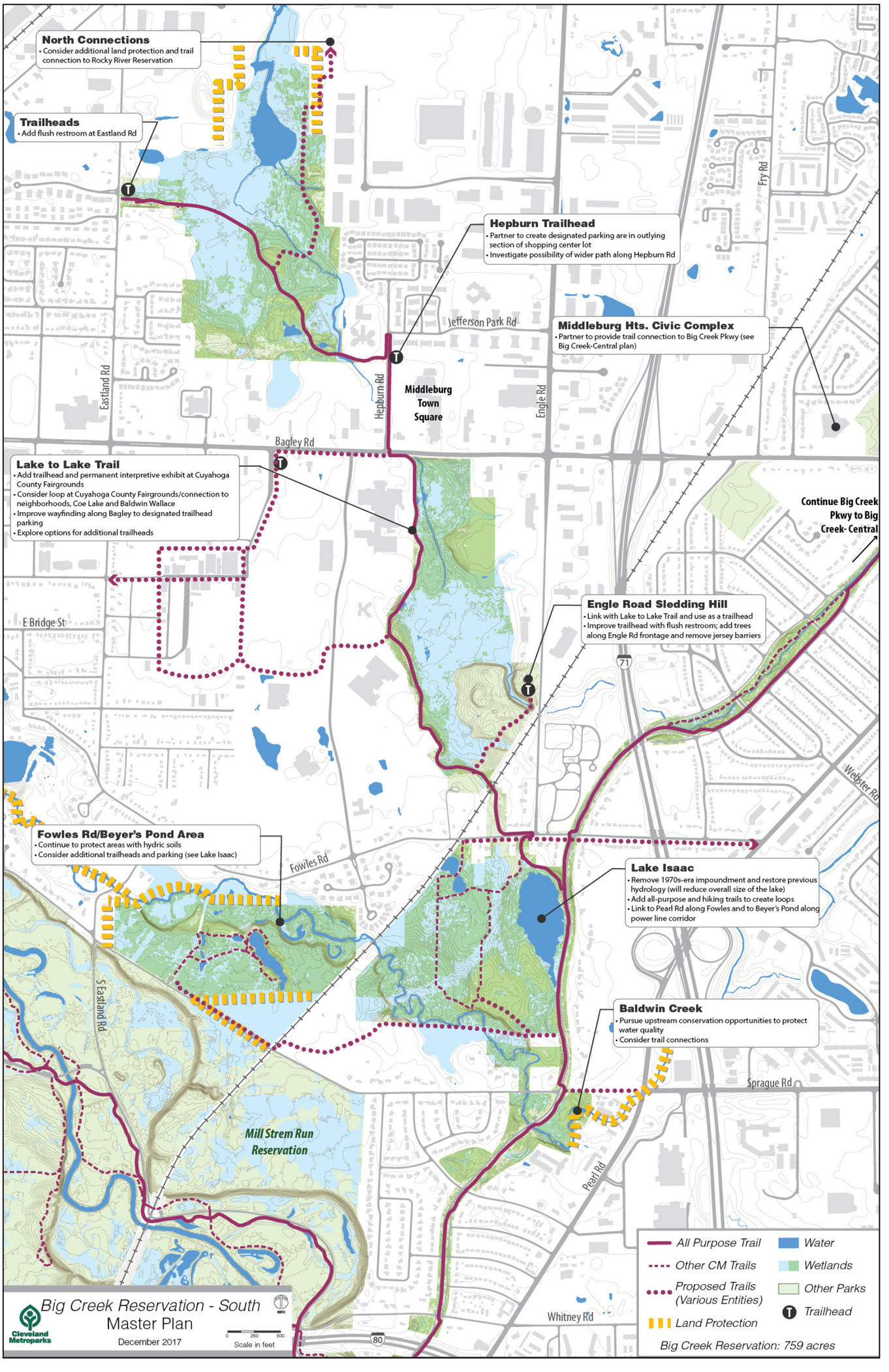
North Connections
• Consider additional land protection and trail connection to Rocky River Reservation
Trailheads
• Add flush restroom at Eastland Rd
Hepburn Trailhead
• Partner to create designated parking are in outlying section of shopping center lot
• Investigate possibility of wider path along Hepburn Rd
Middleburg Hts. Civic Complex
• Partner to provide trail connection to Big Creek Pkwy (see Big Creek-Central plan)
Middleburg Town Square
Lake to Lake Trail
• Add trailhead and permanent interpretive exhibit at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
• Consider loop at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds/connection to neighborhoods, Coe Lake and Baldwin Wallace
• Improve wayfinding along Bagley to designated trailhead parking
• Explore options for additional trailheads
Continue Big Creek Pkwy to Big Creek- Central
Engle Road Sledding Hill
• Link with Lake to Lake Trail and use as a trailhead
• Improve trailhead with flush restroom; add trees along Engle Rd frontage and remove jersey barriers
Fowles Rd/Beyer's Pond Area
• Continue to protect areas with hydric soils
• Consider additional trailheads and parking (see Lake Isaac)
Lake Isaac
• Remove 1970s-era impoundment and restore previous hydrology (will reduce overall size of the lake)
• Add all-purpose and hiking trails to create loops
• Link to Pearl Rd along Fowles and to Beyer's Pond along power line corridor
Baldwin Creek
• Pursue upstream conservation opportunities to protect water quality
• Consider trail connections
Jefferson Park Rd
Eastland Rd
Hepburn Rd
Engle Rd
Fry Rd
Bagley Rd
E Bridge St
Fowles Rd
S Eastland Rd
Webster Rd
Sprague Rd
Pearl Rd
Whitney Rd
71
80
Mill Strem Run Reservation
All Purpose Trail
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Trailhead
Big Creek Reservation: 759 acres
Big Creek Reservation - South
Master Plan
December 2017
Scale in feet
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STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Update this legacy reservation with new stormwater best practices and work with surrounding communities to mitigate the urban development and impervious surfaces. Improve trail connections to surrounding neighborhoods		■			
		Work with partners to provide trail loop at municipal landfill and Kingdom property in Brooklyn		■			
		Increase recognition of Big Creek Reservation and Cleveland Metroparks					■
2	**Link Big Creek to Brookside**	Add wayfinding to existing sidewalk network to improve link					■
		Pursue improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure and road crossings			■		
3	**Memphis Picnic Area**	Secure conservation easements along adjacent property and tributaries	■				
		Expand internal trail				■	
		Work with partners to link east to neighborhoods, Brookside Reservation, south to Brookpark Rd., and west to Bellaire Rd.			■		
		Reduce mowed areas and add plantings	■				
4	**Memphis to Brookpark Link**	Work with partners to protect the stream corridor and floodplain to reduce flooding impacts and create trail linkages	■				
5	**Links North of Brookpark Rd.**	Encourage upstream detention and reductions in impervious surfaces	■				
6	**Fern Hill Picnic Area**	Reconfigure current dead-end parking lot					■
		Educate to reduce wildlife feeding	■				
		Add natural play feature				■	
		Improve parkway pedestrian crossings. Add trail link between Upper and Lower Fern Hill and to neighborhoods to the east			■		
		Evaluate river condition and replace bridge with modified structure			■		
7	**Snow Road Picnic Area**	Study reserved facility parking					■
		Remove Cookhouse Shelter and parking and add trail connection improvements	■				
		Link to City of Parma Hts via city's proposed new crossing at Denison			■		
		Reduce mowed areas and add plantings, including wetland / detention	■				
8	**Greenbriar Trail**	Continue to work with City of Parma Heights to pursue trail connections			■		
9	**Future Trail**	St. John Bosco future recreational trail connection - continue to support and work with city of			■		
10	**Big Creek Parkway**	Increase recognition of Big Creek Reservation and Cleveland Metroparks along entire Big		■			
		Provide standardized pavement markings at each trail crossing			■		
11	**Middleburg Hts. Civic Complex**	City has expressed desire for trail connection. Explore options for trailhead function along with restroom access as midpoint between Lake Isaac and Snow Road			■		
12	**Lake Isaac**	Remove 1970s-era dam to restore original hydrology (will reduce overall size of lake)	■				
		Add All Purpose and hiking trail segments to create loops				■	
		Link to Pearl Road along Fowles Road and to Beyer's Pond along power line corridor			■		
13	**Baldwin Creek**	Pursue upstream conservation opportunities to protect water quality	■				
		Consider trail connections along Sprague Road			■		
14	**Fowles Rd./ Beyer's Pond**	Continue to protect areas with hydric soils	■				
		Consider additional trailheads and parking (see Lake Isaac)				■	
15	**Engle Road Sledding Hill**	Link with Lake to Lake trail and use as trailhead				■	
		Improve trailhead with flush restroom; add trees along Engle Rd. frontage and remove jersey barriers		■			
16	**Lake to Lake Trail**	Add trailhead and permanent interpretive exhibit at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds		■			
		Consider loop at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds and connections to neighborhoods, Coe Lake, and Baldwin Wallace			■		
		Improve wayfinding along Bagley to designated trailhead parking				■	
		Explore options for additional trailheads				■	
17	**Hepburn Trailhead**	Partner to create designated parking area in outlying section of shopping center lot				■	
		Investigate possibility of wider path along Hepburn Rd.			■		
18	**Eastland Trailhead**	Add flush restroom at Eastland Road		■			
19	**North Connections**	Consider additional land protection to create a trail link from Lake to Lake north, eventually connecting to Rocky River Reservation	■				
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			**11**	**6**	**13**	**8**	**4**

BRADLEY WOODS RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1960

2020 ACREAGE: 832

2020 VISITATION: 146,117

2019 VISITATION: 89,437

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Continue to protect this largest remaining remnant of lake plain forest and associated wetland habitat by limiting facilities and adding contiguous acreage as available.

RELEVANCY

Improve Bunn's Lake access with paved loop trail.

CONNECTIONS

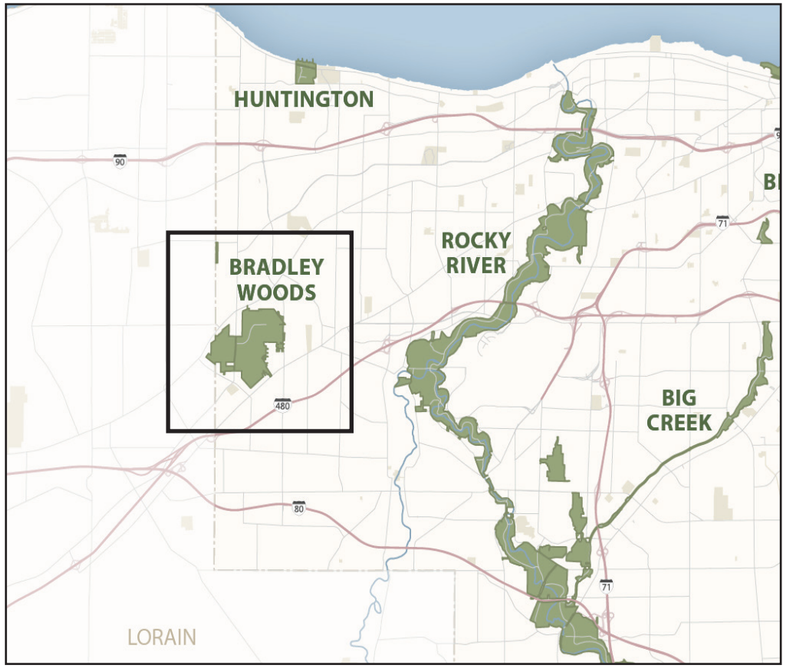
Link to surrounding community with all-purpose trails as possible. Incorporate boardwalks as needed along with natural surface routes in more remote areas.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Improve wayfinding. Interpret remnants of former quarry and other features for visitors.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Explore utility connections for management facility.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Bradley Woods Reservation has a high resource value due to its location atop a massive formation of Berea Sandstone, which can be seen in old quarry sites within the reservation. It is also one of the few remaining examples of swamp forest within Cuyahoga County, with large tracts of relatively undisturbed woodlands.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Add boardwalk / APT to connect core of park
   - •West to Bradley Road
   - • East to Crocker Road

2. Add striping and signage to use maintenance drive as trail

3. Promote awareness of rare swamp forest ecosystem and Quarry Lake trail
   - • Consider small viewing blind and deck updates

Bradley Woods Reservation, located in North Olmsted and Westlake, is on a massive formation of Berea sandstone. The stone is easily seen in the old quarry sites located in various areas of the reservation. The quarries were in operation over 50 years ago and produced sandstone for building stones. The reservation is filled with deep forests of red maples, sour gums, tupelos, yellow birches, and pin oaks. Bunns Lake, dedicated in 1986, was created to provide waterfowl habitat, and serve as a pleasant spot for nature lovers.

Management Center
- Connect to city sewer system
- Pave, stripe and sign service drive to allow use as an all purpose trail
- Link to neighborhood to north and Center Ridge Road and Crocker Road

Quarry Rock Loop Trail
- Promote this existing high quality trail
- Improve awareness of old growth trees and remnants of historic quarry

Main Entrance
- Add crosswalk and connect all purpose trail along Bradley Road to interior of reservation utilizing segments of existing trail; add boardwalk in wet areas and sharrows on parkway pavement
- Obtain street address for operations, transits, and emergency needs

Swamp Forest Area
- Continue resource management program

Codrington Shelterhouse
- maintain unique shelter and upgrade amenities

Bunn's Lake
- Pave trail. Adjust benches and replace decks

Southeast Trail Connection
- Explore using old roadway locations to connect interior of park to adjacent neighborhood and Lorain Road
- Provide wayfinding at existing trailhead (next to North Olmsted Fire Station) to trail link

Overall Considerations
- Pursue additional opportunities to protect rare lake plain forest and associated hydrology
- Partner to improve trail connections to neighborhoods and regional links to Rocky River Reservation and Lorain Metroparks - refer to Cuyahoga Greenways Plan

All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Proposed Boardwalk
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Trailhead

Bradley Woods Reservation: 828 acres

Bradley Rd
Crocker Rd
Center Ridge Rd
Barton Rd
Lorain Rd
Stearns Rd
480

Trail Link to Rocky River Reservation

Cleveland Metroparks

Bradley Woods Reservation
Master Plan
December 2018

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Scale in feet

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**				
1	**Overall Notes**	Pursue additional opportunities to protect rare lake plain forest and associated hydrology				
		Partner to improve trail connections to neighborhoods and regional links to Rocky River Reservation and Lorain Metroparks - refer to Cuyahoga Greenways plan				
2	**Management Center**	Connect to city sewer system				
		Stripe and sign service drive to allow use as an all purpose trail				
		Link to neighborhood to north and Center Ridge Road				
3	**Quarry Rock Loop Trail**	Promote this existing high quality trail				
4	**Main Entrance**	Add crosswalk and connect all purpose trail along Bradley Road to interior of reservation utilizing segments of existing trail; add boardwalk in wet areas				
		Obtain street address for operations, transit, and emergency needs				
5	**Swamp Forest Area**	Continue resource management program				
6	**Crocker Road Link**	Add boardwalk to connect with regional trails				
7	**Codrington Shelterhouse**	Address maintenance needs				
8	**Bunn's Lake**	Improve loop trail				
9	**Southeast Trail Connection**	Explore using old roadway locations to connect interior of park to adjacent neighborhood and Lorain Road				
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		2	2	5	2	2

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1920

2020 ACREAGE: 4,210

2020 VISITATION: 1,627,608

2019 VISITATION: 1,519,074

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Mitigate the impacts of unsactioned trails and property encroachment. Engage partners to address upstream development practices impacting stormwater runoff within the Chippewa Creek and Snowville watersheds.

RELEVANCY

Continue the tradition of nature education. Build on historic programs connecting guests to hiking, education, and recreation in scenic and peaceful natural area surroundings.

CONNECTIONS

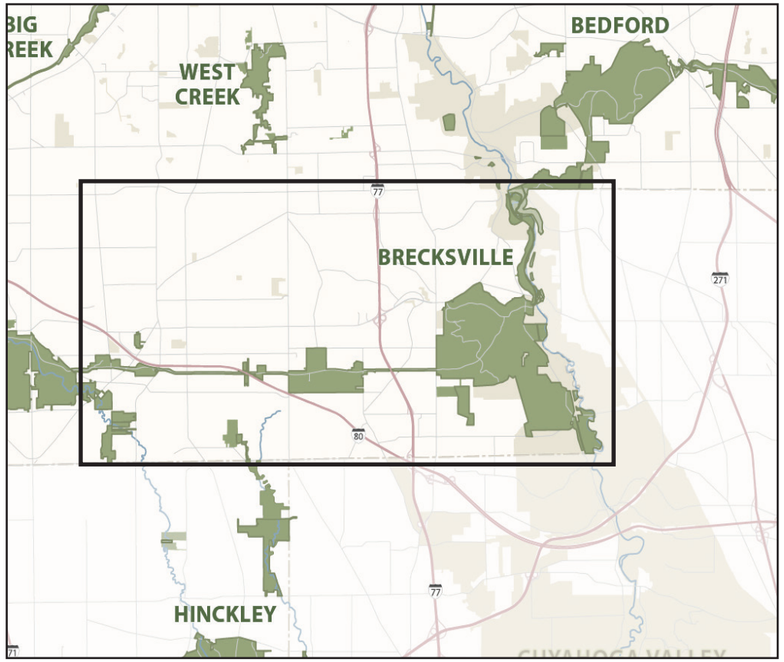
Strengthen the reservation's role as a major node in the Emerald Necklace by enhancing wayfinding between Mill Stream Run, Befdord Reservation, and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Manage trails to protect resources and improve guest experience. Work with partners to provide greater connectionds to adjacent areas.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Promote synergy between Brecksville Reservation and adjacent parks and trails. Expand recreational offerings to strengthen the park's role as a regional hub.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Address need for indoor program space to support education efforts. Access park management and specialty functions (Trails, VisCom, golf course management, trail crew) to identify facility needs and ongoing operational efficiencies.



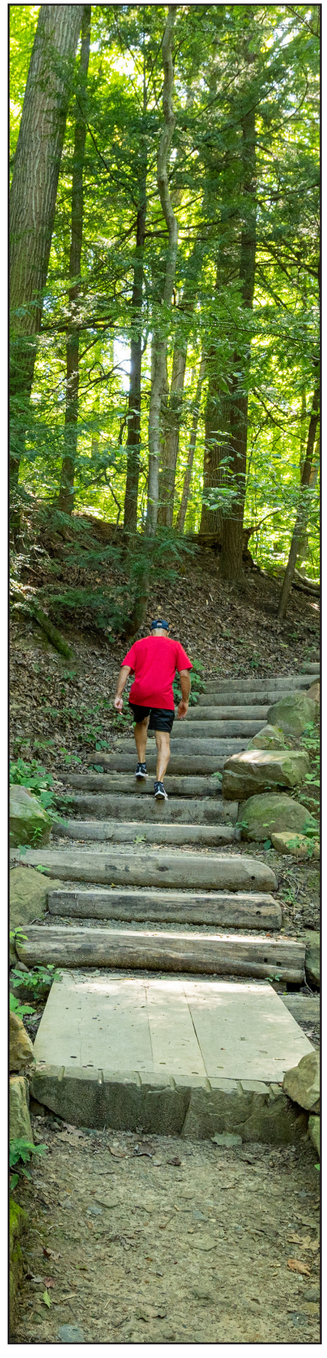
RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

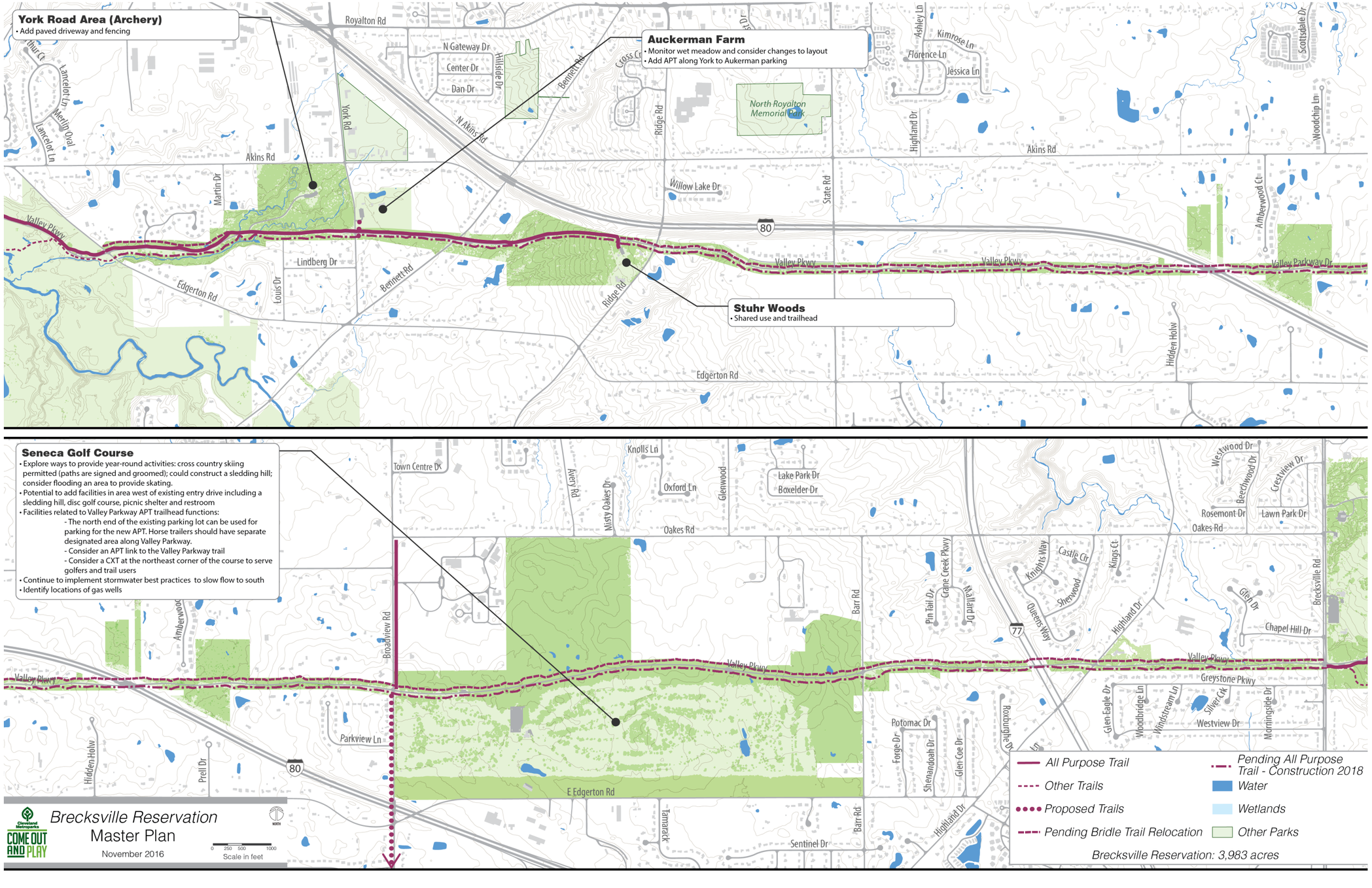
Brecksville Reservation is one of the original parks of the Cleveland Metroparks system. The park protects seven streams, including Chippewa Creek. The streams follow deep gorges carved by retreating glaciers and link upland forested areas to the broad Cuyahoga River Valley. The park has a wide variety of soil and sunlight conditions, fostering the growth of rare, unusual and endangered plants. Features include Deer Lick Cave, the Harriet Keeler Memorial, two golf courses, the Brecksville Nature Center, and a network of nature trails and all-purpose trails. The park is adjacent to the Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Nature Center Auxiliary Building
2. Utility infrastructure (water, sewer, fiber)
3. Chippewa Field parking and restroom development (investigate floodplan and utility issues)
4. Overall Chippewa Creek watershed stewardship efforts and trail/ bridge
5. New management center

"Concerning trail facilities, Ohioans strongly indicated that there is a need for more for Natural surface trails"
- Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2018




York Road Area (Archery)
• Add paved driveway and fencing
Auckerman Farm
• Monitor wet meadow and consider changes to layout
• Add APT along York to Aukerman parking
Stuhr Woods
• Shared use and trailhead
Seneca Golf Course
• Explore ways to provide year-round activities: cross country skiing permitted (paths are signed and groomed); could construct a sledding hill; consider flooding an area to provide skating.
• Potential to add facilities in area west of existing entry drive including a sledding hill, disc golf course, picnic shelter and restroom
• Facilities related to Valley Parkway APT trailhead functions:
- The north end of the existing parking lot can be used for parking for the new APT. Horse trailers should have separate designated area along Valley Parkway.
- Consider an APT link to the Valley Parkway trail
- Consider a CXT at the northeast corner of the course to serve golfers and trail users
• Continue to implement stormwater best practices to slow flow to south
• Identify locations of gas wells
Royalton Rd
N Gateway Dr
Center Dr
Dan Dr
Hillside Dr
Bennett Rd
N Akins Rd
York Rd
Akins Rd
Martin Dr
Martin Oval
Lancelot Ln
Thur Ct
Valley Pkwy
Lindberg Dr
Edgerton Rd
Louis Dr
Bennett Rd
Ridge Rd
Willow Lake Dr
State Rd
North Royalton Memorial Park
Cross Cr
Ashley Ln
Kimrose Ln
Florence Ln
Jessica Ln
Highland Dr
Scottsdale Dr
Woodchip Ln
Amberwood Cr
Valley Parkway Dr
Hidden Holw
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Town Centre Dr
Knolls Ln
Avery Rd
Misty Oakes Dr
Oxford Ln
Glenwood
Lake Park Dr
Boxelder Dr
Oakes Rd
Broadview Rd
Barr Rd
Parkview Ln
Prell Dr
E Edgerton Rd
Tamarack
Sentinel Dr
Pin Tail Dr
Crane Creek Pkwy
Mallard Dr
Knights Way
Castle Ctr
Kings Ct
Sherwood
Queens Way
77
Glen Dr
Chapel Hill Dr
Brecksville Rd
Greystone Pkwy
Westwood Dr
Beechwood Dr
Crestview Dr
Rosemont Dr
Lawn Park Dr
Potomac Dr
Forge Dr
Shenandoah Dr
Glen Coe Dr
Roxburghe Dr
Glen Eagle Dr
Woodbridge Ln
Windstream Ln
Silver Ck
Westview Dr
Morningside Dr
All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Proposed Trails
Pending Bridle Trail Relocation
Pending All Purpose Trail - Construction 2018
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Brecksville Reservation: 3,983 acres
Cleveland Metroparks
COME OUT AND PLAY
Brecksville Reservation
Master Plan
November 2016
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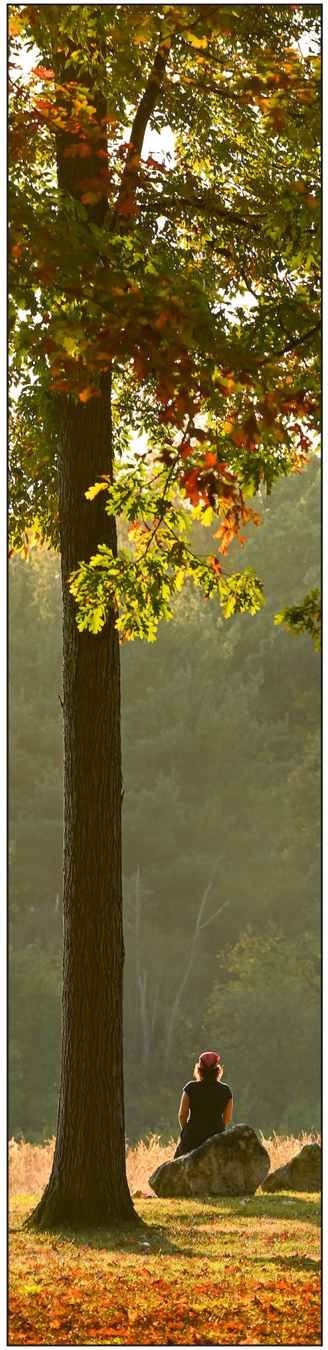

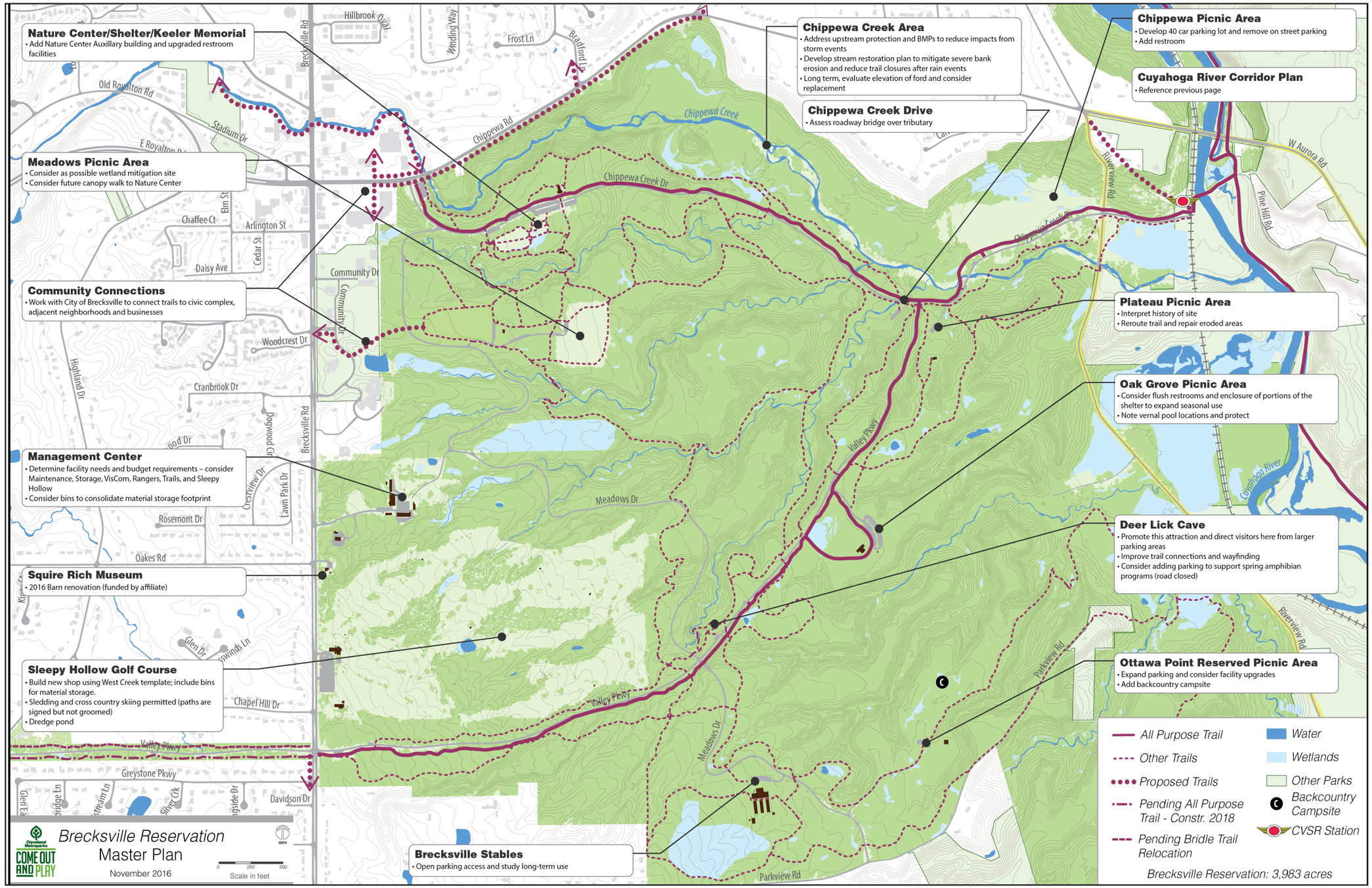
Nature Center/Shelter/Keeler Memorial
• Add Nature Center Auxillary building and upgraded restroom facilities
Meadows Picnic Area
• Consider as possible wetland mitigation site
• Consider future canopy walk to Nature Center
Community Connections
• Work with City of Brecksville to connect trails to civic complex, adjacent neighborhoods and businesses
Management Center
• Determine facility needs and budget requirements – consider Maintenance, Storage, VisCom, Rangers, Trails, and Sleepy Hollow
• Consider bins to consolidate material storage footprint
Squire Rich Museum
• 2016 Barn renovation (funded by affiliate)
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
• Build new shop using West Creek template; include bins for material storage.
• Sledding and cross country skiing permitted (paths are signed but not groomed)
• Dredge pond
Brecksville Stables
• Open parking access and study long-term use
Chippewa Creek Area
• Address upstream protection and BMPs to reduce impacts from storm events
• Develop stream restoration plan to mitigate severe bank erosion and reduce trail closures after rain events
• Long term, evaluate elevation of ford and consider replacement
Chippewa Creek Drive
• Assess roadway bridge over tributary
Chippewa Picnic Area
• Develop 40 car parking lot and remove on street parking
• Add restroom
Cuyahoga River Corridor Plan
• Reference previous page
Plateau Picnic Area
• Interpret history of site
• Reroute trail and repair eroded areas
Oak Grove Picnic Area
• Consider flush restrooms and enclosure of portions of the shelter to expand seasonal use
• Note vernal pool locations and protect
Deer Lick Cave
• Promote this attraction and direct visitors here from larger parking areas
• Improve trail connections and wayfinding
• Consider adding parking to support spring amphibian programs (road closed)
Ottawa Point Reserved Picnic Area
• Expand parking and consider facility upgrades
• Add backcountry campsite
Old Royalton Rd
Stadium Dr
Chippewa Rd
Chippewa Creek
Chippewa Creek Dr
Brecksville Rd
Hillbrook Oval
Winding Way
Frost Ln
Bradford Ln
Elm St
Chaffee Ct
Arlington St
Cedar St
Daisy Ave
Community Dr
Woodcrest Dr
Highland Dr
Cranbrook Dr
Dogwood Ch
Crestview Dr
Lawn Park Dr
Rosemont Dr
Oakes Rd
Glen Dr
Chapel Hill Dr
Valley Pkwy
Greystone Pkwy
Silver Crk
Davidson Dr
Meadows Dr
Riverview Rd
W Aurora Rd
Pine Hill Rd
Cuyahoga River
Parkview Rd
All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Proposed Trails
Pending All Purpose Trail - Constr. 2018
Pending Bridle Trail Relocation
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Backcountry Campsite
CVSR Station
Brecksville Reservation: 3,983 acres
Cleveland Metroparks
COME OUT AND PLAY
Brecksville Reservation
Master Plan
November 2016
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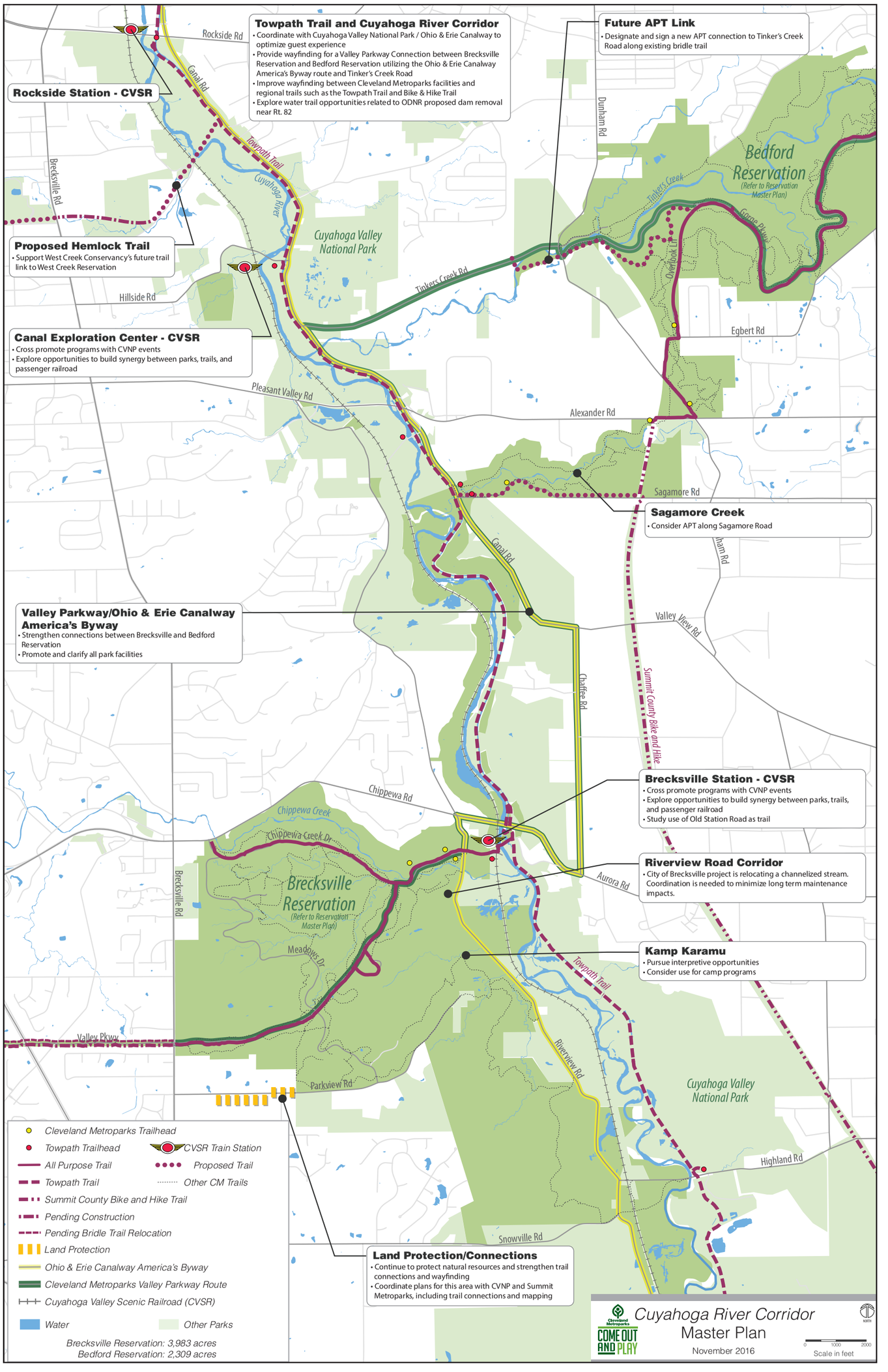
Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga River Corridor
• Coordinate with Cuyahoga Valley National Park / Ohio & Erie Canalway to optimize guest experience
• Provide wayfinding for a Valley Parkway Connection between Brecksville Reservation and Bedford Reservation utilizing the Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway route and Tinker's Creek Road
• Improve wayfinding between Cleveland Metroparks facilities and regional trails such as the Towpath Trail and Bike & Hike Trail
• Explore water trail opportunities related to ODNR proposed dam removal near Rt. 82
Future APT Link
• Designate and sign a new APT connection to Tinker's Creek Road along existing bridle trail
Rockside Station - CVSR
Proposed Hemlock Trail
• Support West Creek Conservancy's future trail link to West Creek Reservation
Canal Exploration Center - CVSR
• Cross promote programs with CVNP events
• Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails, and passenger railroad
Valley Parkway/Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway
• Strengthen connections between Brecksville and Bedford Reservation
• Promote and clarify all park facilities
Sagamore Creek
• Consider APT along Sagamore Road
Brecksville Station - CVSR
• Cross promote programs with CVNP events
• Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails, and passenger railroad
• Study use of Old Station Road as trail
Riverview Road Corridor
• City of Brecksville project is relocating a channelized stream. Coordination is needed to minimize long term maintenance impacts.
Kamp Karamu
• Pursue interpretive opportunities
• Consider use for camp programs
Land Protection/Connections
• Continue to protect natural resources and strengthen trail connections and wayfinding
• Coordinate plans for this area with CVNP and Summit Metroparks, including trail connections and mapping
Bedford Reservation
(Refer to Reservation Master Plan)
Brecksville Reservation
(Refer to Reservation Master Plan)
Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Rockside Rd
Canal Rd
Towpath Trail
Cuyahoga River
Brecksville Rd
Hillside Rd
Tinkers Creek Rd
Dunham Rd
Tinkers Creek
Gorge Pkwy
Overlook Dr
Egbert Rd
Pleasant Valley Rd
Alexander Rd
Sagamore Rd
Valley View Rd
Chaffee Rd
Summit County Bike and Hike
Chippewa Rd
Chippewa Creek
Chippewa Creek Dr
Aurora Rd
Meadows Dr
Valley Pkwy
Parkview Rd
Riverview Rd
Highland Rd
Snowville Rd
Cleveland Metroparks Trailhead
Towpath Trailhead
CVSR Train Station
All Purpose Trail
Proposed Trail
Towpath Trail
Other CM Trails
Summit County Bike and Hike Trail
Pending Construction
Pending Bridle Trail Relocation
Land Protection
Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway
Cleveland Metroparks Valley Parkway Route
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR)
Water
Other Parks
Brecksville Reservation: 3,983 acres
Bedford Reservation: 2,309 acres
Cuyahoga River Corridor
Master Plan
November 2016
COME OUT AND PLAY
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Scale in feet

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Chippewa Creek Area**	Address upstream protection and BMPs to reduce impacts from storm events					
		Develop stream restoration plan to mitigate severe bank erosion and reduce trail closures after rain events					
		Long term, evaluate elevation of ford and consider replacement					
2	**Chippewa Picnic Area**	Develop 40 car parking lot and remove on-street parking					
		Add restroom					
3	**Chippewa Creek Drive**	Assess roadway bridge over tributary					
4	**Plateau Picnic Area**	Interpret history of the site					
		Reroute trail and repair eroded areas					
5	**Oak Grove Picnic Area**	Consider flush restrooms and enclosure of portions of the shelter to expand seasonal use					
		Note vernal pool locations and protect					
6	**Deer Lick Cave**	Promote this attraction and direct visitors here from larger parking areas					
		Improve trail connections and wayfinding					
		Consider adding parking to support spring amphibian programs (road is closed)					
7	**Ottawa Point Reserved Picnic**	Expand parking and consider facility upgrades					
		Add backcountry campsite					
8	**Brecksville Stables**	Open parking access and study long-term use					
9	**Nature Center / Shelter / Keeler Memorial**	Add new Nature Center Auxillary building and upgraded restroom facilities					
10	**Meadows Picnic Area**	Consider as possible wetland mitigation site					
		Consider future canopy walk to Nature Center					
11	**Community Connections**	Work with the City of Brecksville to connect trails to civic complex, adjacent neighborhoods and businesses					
12	**Management Center**	Determine facility needs and budget requirements. Consider maintenance, storage, VisCom,					
		Consider bins to consolidate material storage footprint					
13	**Squire Rich**	2016 Barn renovation (funded by affiliate)					
14	**Sleepy Hollow Golf Course**	Build new shop using West Creek template; include bins for material storage. Assess location options					
		Sledding and cross country skiing permitted (paths are signed but not groomed)					
		Dredge pond					
15	**York Road Area (Archery)**	Add paved driveway and fencing					
16	**Auckerman Farm**	Monitor wet meadow and consider changes to site layout					
		Add APT along York to Aukerman parking					
17	**Stuhr Woods**	Shared use and trailhead					
18	**Seneca Golf Course**	Explore ways to provide year-round activities: cross country skiing permitted (paths are signed and groomed); could add sledding or skating					
		Potential to add facilities in area west of existing entry drive including a sledding hill, disc golf course, picnic shelter and restroom					
		Consider an APT link to the Valley Parkway trail and potential trailhead facilities, can utilize north end of existing parking. Consider a CXT at the northeast corner of golf course to serve					
		Continue to implement stormwater best practices to slow flow to south					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		6	4	4	10	10

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga River Corridor**	Coordinate with Cuyahoga Valley National Park / Ohio & Erie Canalway to optimize guest experience					
		Provide wayfinding for a Valley Parkway Connection between Brecksville Reservation and Bedford Reservation utilizing the Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway route and Tinker's Creek Road					
		Improve wayfinding between Cleveland Metroparks facilities and regional trails such as the Towpath Trail and Bike & Hike Trail					
		Explore water trail opportunities related to ODNR proposed dam removal near Rt. 82					
2	**Future APT Link**	Designate and sign a new APT connection to Tinker's Creek Road along existing bridle trail					
3	**Proposed Hemlock Trail**	Support West Creek Conservancy's future trail link to West Creek Reservation					
4	**Canal Exploration Center - CVSR**	Cross-promote programs with CVNP events					
		Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails, and passenger railroad					
5	**Sagamore Road**	Consider APT along Sagamore Road					
6	**Valley Parkway Ohio & Erie**	Strengthen connections between Brecksville and Bedford Reservation					
		Promote and clarify all park facilities					
7	**Brecksville Station - CVSR**	Cross-promote programs with CVNP events					
		Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails, and passenger railroad					
		Study use of Old Station Road as trail					
8	**Riverview Road Corridor**	City of Brecksville project is relocating a channelized stream. Coordination is needed to minimize long term maintenance impacts					
9	**Kamp Karamu**	Pursue interpretive opportunities					
		Consider use for camp programs					
10	**Land Protection/ Connections**	Strengthen trail connections and wayfinding					
		Continue to protect natural resource and coordinate plans for this area with CVNP and Summit Metro Parks, including trail connections and mapping					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		2	2	9	6	0

BROOKSIDE RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1986

2020 ACREAGE: 132

2020 VISITATION: 250,172

2019 VISITATION: 258,530

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Continue to pursue improvements to Big Creek. Investigate upstream storm water capture. Reduce mowed areas and supplement tree plantings.

RELEVANCY

Assess use patterns and consider alternative options for recreational offerings. Accommodate Zoo functions and flexibility for peak use and future expansion.

CONNECTIONS

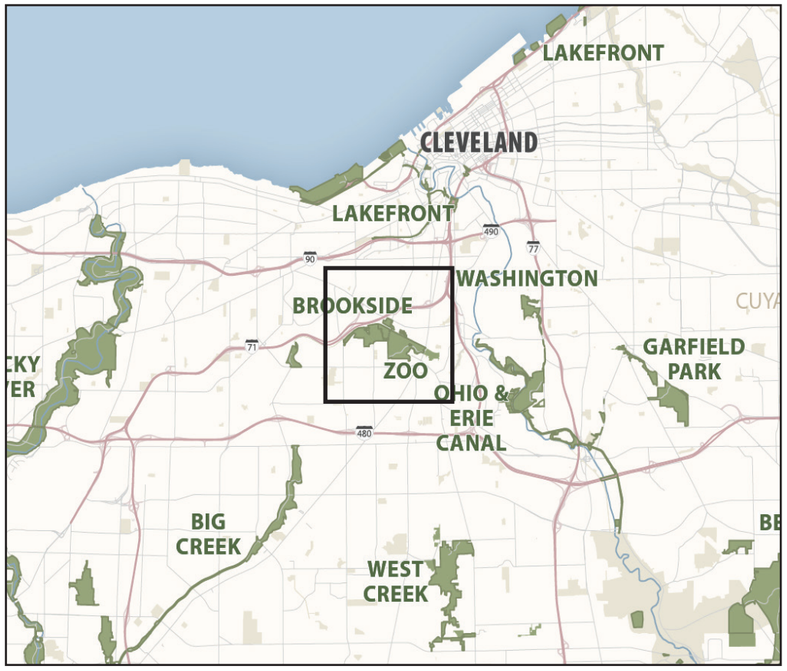
Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections to neighborhoods as well as to Big Creek Reservation on the west and the Towpath Trail / Cuyahoga River to the east.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Embrace physical fitness and recreation theme. Take advantage of dramatic elevation changes and visibility from I-71.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Revisit partnership agreement to update athletic facility and parking layout and management to reduce environmental impacts and maintenance requirements.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

The city of Cleveland purchased a portion of the Big Creek Valley to create Brookside Park in 1894. The park was part of the city-wide effort to create a park in each of seven main sections, connected by a boulevard system. Cleveland's zoo moved to Brookside from its original location in Wade Park in 1907. In addition to the zoo, Brookside was developed with ballfields, picnic facilities, and walking paths.

In 1957, the Cleveland Zoological Society assumed control of the zoo. In 1968, the City of Cleveland transferred ownership of the zoo to the Cleveland Metroparks. The Cleveland Zoological Society transferred management of the zoo to Cleveland Metroparks in 1975. The zoo currently features thousands of animals representing 600 species from around the world and is designed as a botanical garden demonstrating the relationship between plants and people.

Management of Brookside Reservation was transferred to Cleveland Metroparks in 1993. The park continues to provide ballfields, picnic facilities, and all purpose trails while protecting forested bluffs along the Big Creek Valley.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Trail Connections
   - Add trail linking Denison Avenue and Wildlife Way through the zoo
   - Add stairs connecting upland overlook area near Fulton Parkway to Brookside Event Center. Include a wheeling ramp to facilitate walking bicycles up or down the stairs and promote as part of Brookside's fitness programs
   - Add trail between Wildlife Way and Muriel/ W 38th St.
   - Improve connections to surrounding neighborhoods and other parks (Ridge Road)

2. Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
   - Incorporate green infrastructure in parking lots
   - Maintain contact with owner of private inholding

3. North East Ohio Regional Sewer District watershed planning – consider stream channel relocation

Brookside Reservation was one of the City of Cleveland's oldest neighborhood parks before its acquisition by Cleveland Metroparks in 1993.

Brookside Overall
• Study circulation and improve wayfinding to Zoo and park
• Improve brand recognition of Cleveland Metroparks at Brookside facilities
• Improve coordination with area parks and community open space
• Secure adjacent land protection opportunities
• Pursue green infrastructure strategies to mitigate impervious surfaces
Brookside Play Fields & Parking
• Add green infrastructure features
• Optimize shared use functionality
• Consider trail loop at perimeter of fields
Historic Brookside Park Stadium
• Increase public awareness through programs or events
Brookside Valley Event Site
• Consider enclosed facility for year-round use
Historic Brookside Park Bridge
• Highlight Stinchcomb's involvement
Big Creek Corridor
• Work with NEORSD and other partners to improve ecological function; including fish passage
• Pursue upstream storage to reduce intensity of flood events
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
• Coordinate with Zoo planning updates
• Reduce vehicular/pedestrian conflicts at entry
• Incorporate green infrastructure at Zoo parking
• Add bike/pedestrian trail linking Brookside to Denison Ave and Wildlife Way
John Nagy Blvd
• Add trailhead amenities - play area, fitness equipment & signage in cooperation with natural resource restoration efforts
• Improve bike and pedestrian connections along Ridge Rd
• Consider branding feature visible from I-71 (Leafman?)
Foote/Wolf Memorial Park
• Highlight as gateway to Zoo and Brookside Park
• Improve access and sightlines into park
• Study future connectivity to East
• Add crosswalk at Wildlife Way
Connections to West
• Explore connections to Big Creek Reservation & other public open space
Brookside Ball Fields
• Investigate options for city forestry operations
• Renovate trail sections on the hill
• Add trail segment at base of bluff to create a loop or add a loop at football fields
Meadow Ridge Picnic Area
• Upgrade play equipment
• Add flush restroom
Upland Area & Overlook
• Study trail connection to valley; consider stairs as fitness feature
Connections to East
• Continue to work with partners and pursue trail connection to Henninger, Treadway & Towpath
• Improve crossing at Pearl to Henninger
Private Inholding
• Maintain contact with owner
Neighborhood Connections
• Study Pensacola stairs connection, improve trail system and neighborhood connections
• Add Cleveland Metroparks trailhead signage
• Explore opportunities with Estabrook Recreation Center
• Create trailheads at Pensacola, 42nd St and at Muriel/38th St
Valley Walls
• Repair damaged headwalls
• Add plantings and stabilize erosion
• Designate sanctioned trails and remove bootlegs
Big Creek
John Nagy Blvd
Fulton Rd
Denison Ave
Pearl Rd
Wildlife Way
Fulton Pkwy
Ridge Rd
Memphis Ave
Estabrook Recreation Center
City of Cleveland Estabrook Park
St. Thomas More Parish & School
John M. Coyne Recreation Center
71
All Purpose Trail
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Park
Brookside Reservation: 132 acres
Cleveland Metroparks
Brookside Reservation
Master Plan
December 2017
NORTH
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Scale in feet

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Study circulation and improve wayfinding to Zoo and park			■		
		Improve brand recognition of Cleveland Metroparks at Brookside facilities					■
		Improve coordination with area parks and community open space		■			
		Secure adjacent land protection opportunities	■				
		Pursue green infrastructure strategies to mitigate impervious surfaces	■				
2	**Historic Stadium & Bridge**	Increase public awareness of ballfield through programs or events		■			
		Highlight Stinchcomb's involvement in the stone underpass					■
3	**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**	Coordinate with Zoo planning updates					■
		Reduce vehicular/pedestrian conflicts at entry				■	
		Incorporate green infrastructure at Zoo parking	■				
		Add bike/pedestrian trail linking Brookside to Denison Ave. and Wildlife Way			■		
4	**Foote/Wolf Memorial Park**	Highlight as gateway to Zoo and Brookside Park		■			
		Improve access and sightlines into park				■	
		Add crosswalk at Wildlife Way and study future connectivity to the east (Henninger)			■		
5	**Connections to East**	Continue to work with partners and pursue trail conection to Henninger, Treadway, and Towpath, including improved Pearl Rd. crossing			■		
6	**Private Inholding**	Maintain contact with owner	■				
7	**Valley Walls**	Repair damaged headwalls					■
		Add plantings and stabilize erosion	■				
		Designate sanctioned trails and remove bootlegs	■				
8	**Neighborhood Connections**	Renovate Pensacola stairs, improve trail system and neighborhood connections		■			
		Add Cleveland Metroparks trailhead signage		■			
		Explore opportunities with Estabrook Recreation Center				■	
		Create trailheads at Pensacola/42nd St. and Muriel/ 38th St.			■		
		Develop trail from Muriel and 38th down to Wildlife Way			■		
9	**Upland Area & Overlook**	Add stairs connecting upland overlook area to Brookside Event Center. Include a wheeling ramp to facilitate walking bicycles up or down the stairs and promote as part of Brookside's fitness programs				■	
		Maintain buffer along zoo perimeter					■
10	**Meadow Ridge Picnic Area**	Upgrade play equipment				■	
		Add flush restroom				■	
11	**Brookside Ball Fields**	Investigate options for city forestry operations		■			
		Renovate trails sections on the hill					■
		Add trail segment at toe of bluff to create a loop and/or add loop at football fields. Evaluate turf for fields				■	
12	**Connections to West**	Explore connections to Big Creek Reservation and other public open space			■		
		Add wayfinding elements along Brookside Drive to enhance neighborhood/park/St. Thomas More/Brooklyn Community Center connections					■
13	**John Nagy Blvd.**	Add trailhead amenities and play area, fitness equipment, and signage in cooperation with natural resource restoration efforts in the area				■	
		Improve bike and pedestrian connections along Ridge Road			■		
		Consider branding feature visible from I-71 (possibly leafman in hillside?)					■
14	**Big Creek Corridor**	Work with NEORSD and other partners to improve ecological function, including fish passage	■				
		Pursue upstream storage to reduce intensity of flood events	■				

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**				
15	**Brookside Valley Event Site**	Consider enclosed facility for year-round use		■			
16	**Brookside Play Fields & Parking**	Add green infrastructure features	■				
		Optimize shared use functionality (sports events, zoo overflow parking, Brookside events)					■
		Consider trail loop at perimeter of fields				■	
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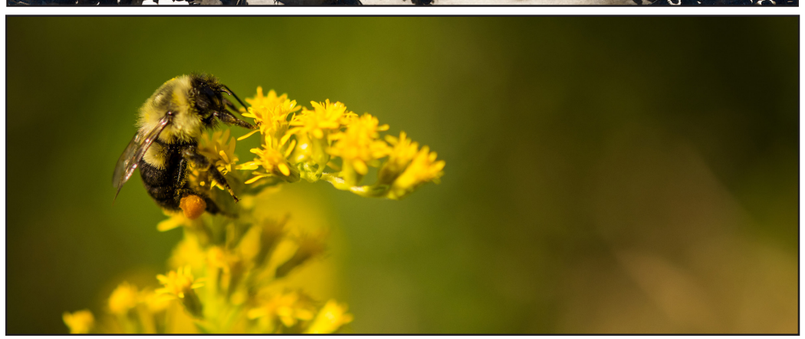
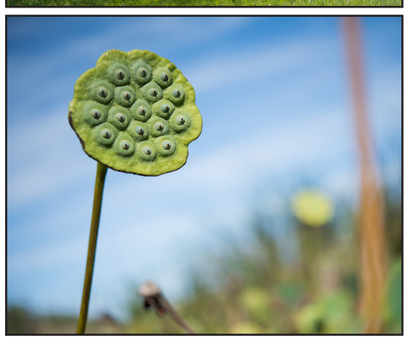




EUCLID CREEK RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1920

2020 ACREAGE: 537*

*Includes Euclid Creek Lakefront (Euclid Beach Park, Villa Angela Park and Wildwood Park)

2020 VISITATION: 588,079**

2019 VISITATION: 579,105**

**Visitation does not include Euclid Creek Lakefront visitation of 526,474 in 2020 and 483,916 in 2019

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Protect the reservation's cultural resources and natural resoures and partner to extend efforts to the Euclid Creek Watershed.

RELEVANCY

Provide features, facilities, and programs that are responsive to the community and connect people with Euclid Creek and Lake Erie through Cleveland Metropark's mission of conservation, education, and recreation.

CONNECTIONS

Partner with the surrounding communities to develop trail connections to neighborhoods, other parks, community assets (libraries, recreation centers, etc) and regional greenways.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Promote outdoor recreation and education opportunities throughout the reservation including fishing, boating, daily fitness activities, play, and breathtaking views of Lake Erie and the scenic Euclid Creek Valley.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Celebrate the heritage of the park's signature CCC structures and former bluestone quarry, as well as the former amusement park at the lakefront. Employ creative solutions (ie. solar panels at Welsh Woods) to solve challanges. Address negative impacts from off-site uses.

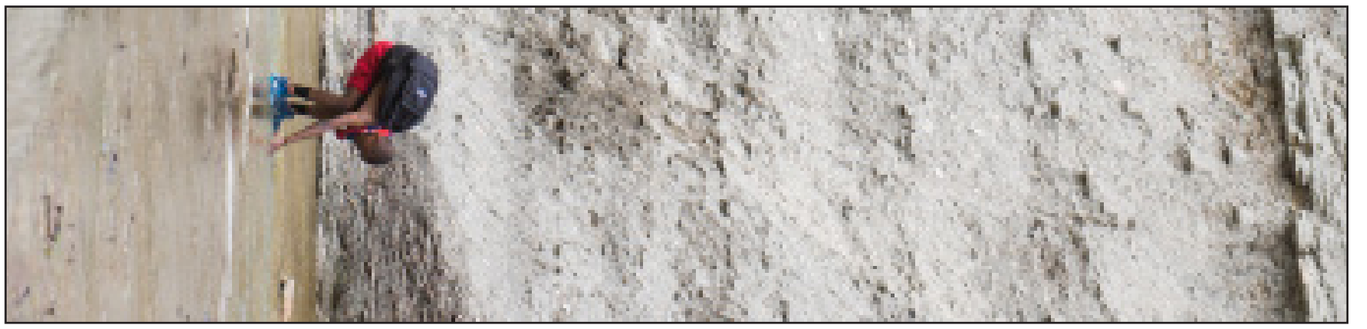
RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Euclid Creek carves a deep gorge as it travels from the highlands of eastern Cuyahoga County to the lower plains along Lake Erie. The reservation offers shady trails and picnic areas near the creek, surrounded by steep forested hillsides and rocky cliffs. The cliffs display the geologic underpinnings of Cleveland's east side, including bluestone, which was quarried onsite. Less than two miles to the north, Euclid Creek traverses a broad riparian zone as it flows through Wildwood Park to meet Lake Erie. The lakefront portion of the park includes Wildwood, Villa Angela, and Euclid Beach. These areas provide boating access, picnicing, fishing, and 1700 feet of sandy beach for the public to enjoy.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Upper Highland address bridge replacement
2. Create new trail access from Monticello
3. Study creek issues. Relocate APT. Develop solution to wall failure
4. Add exercise equipment and play area

As the creek flows northward to Lake Erie, so does the reservation. Part of Euclid Creek Reservation includes Wildwood Marina, Villa Angela Park and Beach, and Euclid Beach.



Lakefront Connector
- Work with partners to construct trail connection to lakefront portion of reservation.
- Support efforts to provide fish passage upstream from I-90 structure.

Reservation-wide Considerations
- Improve wayfinding along roadways and trails.
- Identify and implement strategic trail connections to regional trails and neighborhoods. Balance access with environmental sustainability.
- Improve condition of parking directly adjacent to Euclid Creek Parkway. Consider permeable paving. Continue to use shuttle for peak events.
- Identify and implement stormwater BMPs and other measures to protect park resources and manage against outside pressures.

Heritage Park Area
- Route trail along Highland Road and through site, crossing Euclid Avenue at school signal or Chardon Road as part of lakefront connector.
- Highland Road offers opportunities for signage denoting property as part of Cleveland Metroparks - option for recognition and 'branding' along roadway.
- Upgrade quality of meadow and continue to reduce lawn.

North Entry
- Add HAWK signal and signage at trail crossing.
- Consider reconfiguring to a 'T' intersection to slow vehicular traffic and provide a safer experience for bicyclists and pedestrians. Move park gates north to intersection.

Mt. Baldy Area
- Evaluate protection options.
- Provide guided programs and keep aware of long-term options for improving access.

Highland Area
- Remove ballfields and backstops.
- Add trail signage when Lakefront Connector is complete.
- Add fitness areas (example Trust for Public Land Fitness Zone) and relocate Helios to new west Kelly area. Provide adjacent play area.
- Add bike rental and repair station.
- Rehabilitate or replace Smokehouse Shelter due to condition. Evaluate location.

Upper Highland Area
- Add trail and overlook at confluence of east branch of Euclid Creek.
- Old Highland bridge is not sustainable. Evaluate alternative crossing.
- Potentially rehabilitate or replace reservable shelter and consider alternative location at Quarry area.

Creekside Area
- Address failure of historic creekside retaining walls.
- Relocate APT away from critical points at edge of creek.

Georgetown Area
- Develop trail connection utilizing ROW from Old Highland Road to Georgetown Area or alternative trail connection from bluff to park.
- Implement erosion control best management practices at top of slope.

Glenridge Area
- Partner with City of Euclid to jointly work towards community trail connection.
- Supplement forest vegetation.
- Improve trail sustainability by stabilizing existing trail along roadway, defining trail on hillside, eliminating bootleg trails and addressing erosion.
- Identify stormwater and city water discharge issues and coordinate solution with City of Euclid and City of Cleveland. Implement engineered green infrastructure drainage tools to intercept water and reduce offsite impacts on park.

Welsh Woods Area
- Maintain historic integrity of Civilian Conservation Corps shelter. Consider retrofit as 4-season facility.

Valley Walls West
- Big slumps along west side of walls caused by city utility issues with City of Euclid Public Works and City of Cleveland Water – pursue repairs.

Monticello Crossing and Management Center
- Create new accessible trail entrance from Monticello Boulevard.
- Relocate Helios, add parking and crossing to Kelly Picnic Area.
- Connect to utilities and provide flush precast restroom (or CXT).
- Partner to link to South Euclid and Cleveland Heights parks along Monticello Boulevard.
- Add signage along Monticello Boulevard to highlight Euclid Creek Reservation.

Bluestone Road
- Improve visibility of trail connection from Green Road into park (along former Bluestone Road route).

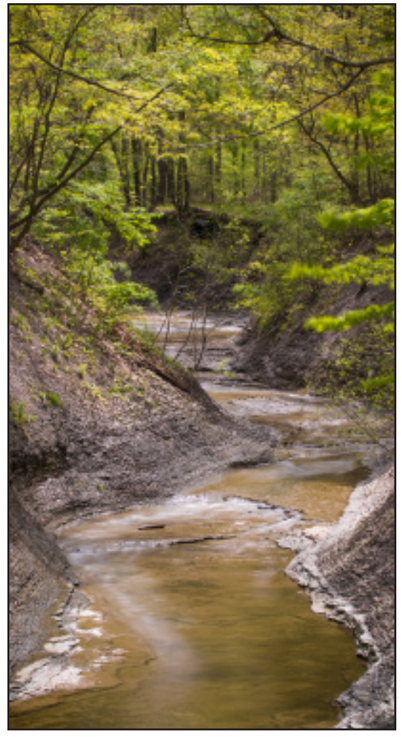
Kelly Picnic Area
- Add crosswalk to proposed improvements across Euclid Creek Parkway.

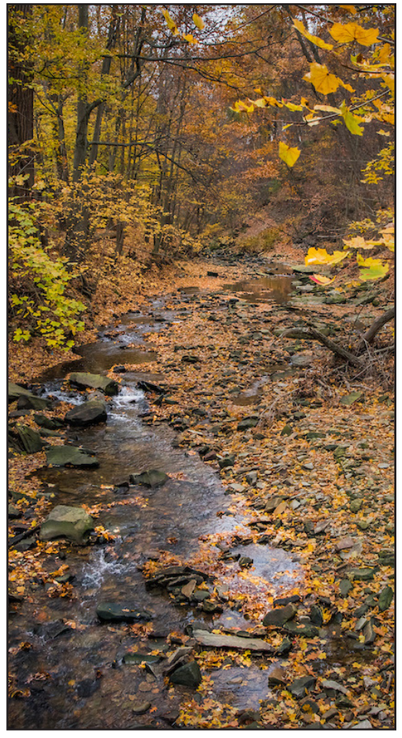
South Entry
- As opportunities arise, increase buffer at south end of park.
- Improve wayfinding and trail connections to south entry.

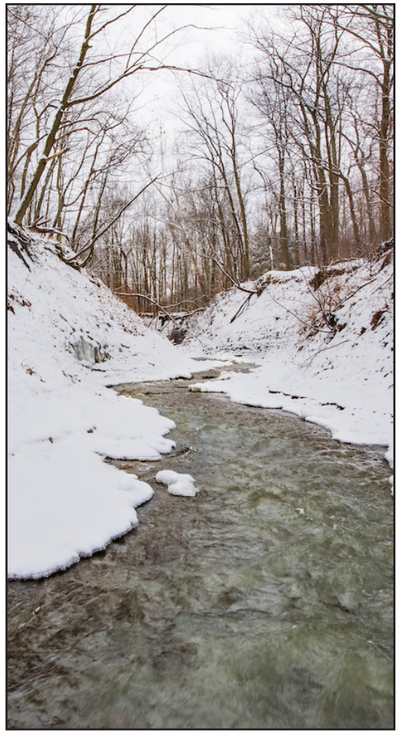
Dille Rd
Chardon Rd
Euclid Ave
Highland Rd
Georgetown Rd
Glenridge Rd
S. Green Dr
Euclid Creek
Euclid Creek Parkway
Monticello Blvd
To Municipal Parks
Maintenance Center
Bluestone Rd
Anderson Rd
Quarry Park North
Quarry Park South
Dennison Park

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Reservation-wide**	Improve wayfinding along roadways and trails					
		Identify and implement strategic trail connections to regional trails and neighborhoods Balance access with environmental sustainability					
		Improve condition of parking directly adjacent to Euclid Creek Parkway Consider permeable paving Continue to use shuttle for peak events					
		Identify and implement stormwater BMPs and other measures to protect park resources and manage against outside pressures					
2	**Lakefront Connector**	Work with partners to construct trail connection to lakefront portion of reservation					
		Support efforts to provide fish passage upstream from I-90 structure					
3	**Heritage Park Area**	Route trail along Highland Road and through site, crossing Euclid Avenue at school signal or Chardon Road as part of Lakefront Connector					
		Highland Road offers opportunities for signage denoting property as part of Cleveland Metroparks - option for recognition and 'branding' along roadway					
		Upgrade quality of meadow and continue to reduce lawn					
4	**North Entry**	Add HAWK signal and signage at trail crossing					
		Consider reconfiguring to a 'T' intersection to slow vehicular traffic and provide a safer experience for bicyclists and pedestrians Move gates north to intersection					
5	**Highland Area**	Add trail signage when Lakefront Connector is complete					
		Add fitness areas (example The Trust for Public Land Fitness Zone) and relocate Helios to new west Kelly area Provide adjacent play area					
		Add bike rental and repair station					
		Rehabilitate or replace Smokehouse Shelter due to condition Evaluate location					
6	**Mt. Baldy Area**	Evaluate protection options					
		Provide guided programs and keep aware of long-term options for improving access					
7	**Upper Highland Area**	Add trail and overlook at confluence of east branch of Euclid Creek					
		Study replacement of old Highland bridge					
		Rehabilitate or replace reservable shelter					
8	**Georgetown Area**	Develop trail connection utilizing ROW from Old Highland Road to Georgetown Area or					
		Add bridge over Euclid Creek at former location near Middle Highland area					
		Implement erosion control best management practices at top of slope					
9	**Creekside Area**	Study creek and address failure of historic creekside retaining walls					
		Relocate APT away from critical points at edge of creek					
10	**Glenridge Area**	Partner with City of Euclid to jointly work towards community trail connection					
		Supplement forest vegetation					
		Improve trail sustainability by stabilizing existing trail along roadway, defining trail on hillside, eliminating bootleg trails and addressing erosion					
		Identify stormwater and city water discharge issues and coordinate solution with City of Euclid / City of Cleveland Implement engineered green infrastructure drainage tools to intercept water and reduce offsite impacts on park					
11	**Welsh Woods Area**	Maintain historic integrity of Civilian Conservation Corps shelter Consider retrofit as 4-season facility					
12	**Valley Walls West**	Big slumps along west side of walls caused by city utility issues with City of Euclid Public Works and City of Cleveland Water – pursue repairs					

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
13	**Monticello Connection and Management Center**	Create new accessible trail entrance from Monticello Boulevard					
		Relocate Helios, add parking and crossing to Kelly Picnic Area					
		Connect to utilities and provide flush precast restroom (or CXT)					
		Partner to link to South Euclid and Cleveland Heights parks along Monticello Boulevard					
		Add signage along Monticello Boulevard to highlight Euclid Creek Reservation					
14	**Bluestone Road**	Improve visibility of trail connection from Green Road into park (along former Bluestone Road route)					
15	**Kelly Picnic Area**	Add crosswalk across Euclid Creek Parkway					
16	**South Entry**	As opportunities arise, increase buffer at south end of park					
		Improve wayfinding and trail connections to south entry					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		9	3	15	5	8







GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1986

2020 ACREAGE: 223

2020 VISITATION: 478,560

2019 VISITATION: 381,485

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Manage quality natural resources in the park's core and explore opportunities with partners to expand protection efforts in adjacent open space areas.

RELEVANCY

Provide facilities and programs that engage surrounding neighborhoods and reflect a variety of user interests.

CONNECTIONS

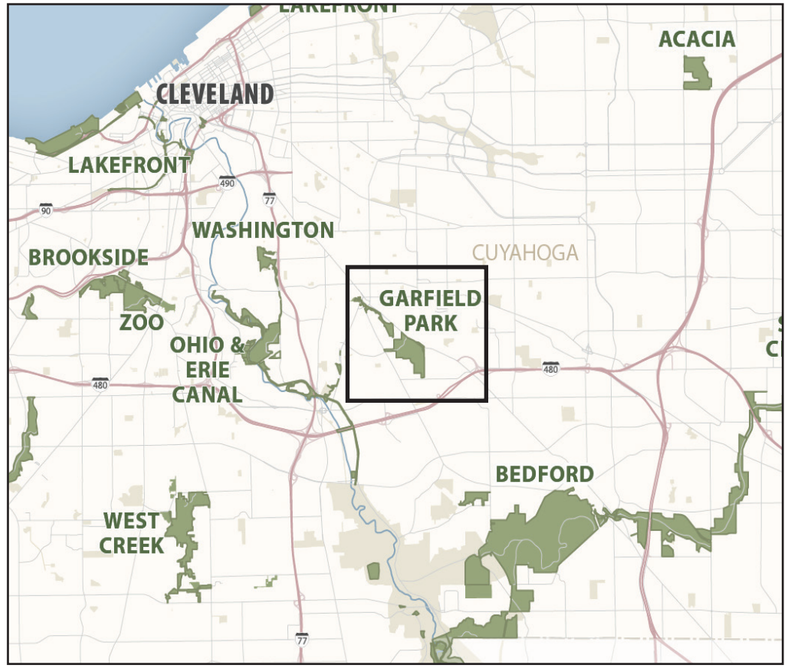
Increase neighborhood and regional connections, promote awareness of existing trails, and expand system to create larger scale loop options (Mill Creek Falls and Valley Loops)

COME OUT AND PLAY

Pursue water feature to reflect park heritage, provide youth fishing and paddle opportunities, and supplement habitat along Wolf Creek.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Renovate existing infrastructure as needed. Reduce parking paving, simplify trails, and reduce mowing to better streamline maintenance efforts. Any new facilities should be located in a manner that reduces conflicts with adjacent neighbors.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Garfield Park originally opened in 1895 as Newburg Park and much of the original stonework is still evident today. The primary resource of the park is its aesthetic character and artistic design, which serves as an example of European park influence. The initial landscape plan was drafted by Boston architect Ernest W. Bowditch in a romantic European style that mimicked the designs of Frederick Law Olmstead. The popular park thrived through mid-1900s, but suffered from a lack of maintenance and investment by the 1980s. Cleveland Metroparks secured a 99-year lease from the City of Cleveland in 1986 and took on operation of the park.

Garfield Park Reservation is a popular destination for fitness and for family gatherings. A scenic forested valley is the core of the reservation. The park's all purpose trail extends to Mill Creek Falls to the north, Cuyahoga County's highest waterfall. Continued investment and programming can better activate the park and invite the community to fully explore this historic park.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

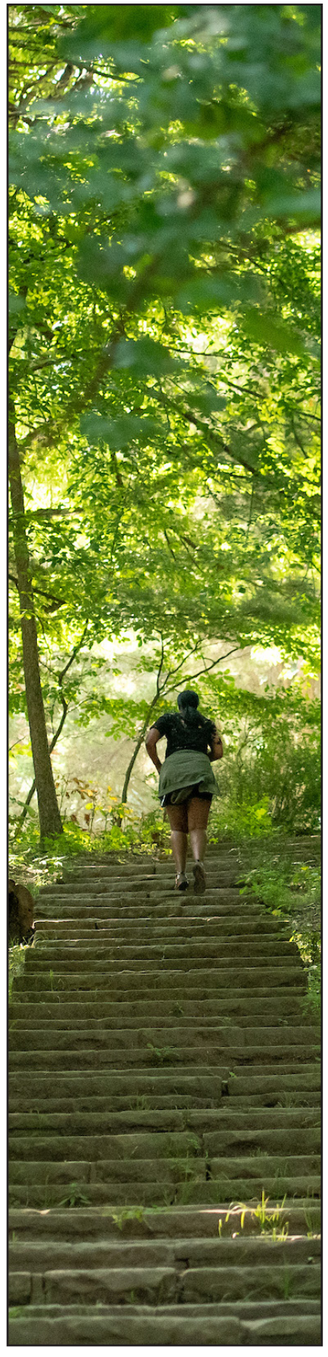
1. Reconfigure drive and parking at Windy Ridge Picnic Area; add flush restroom, new shelter, and trailhead amenities to help activate trail to Mill Creek Falls

2. Old Birch Picnic Area add flush restroom and fitness equipment

3. Mill Creek Falls add flush restroom, shelter, and play area

4. Incorporate historic elements in development of Wolf Creek and Garfield Pond stream restoration/pond feature

Much of the beautiful stonework still evident in the reservation today dates from the 1930s New Deal Era projects.



All Purpose Trail
Mill Creek Falls Connection (Sidewalk & Bike Lanes)
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Garfield Park Reservation: 219 acres

Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Trailhead

To Morgana Run Trail & Downtown Cleveland

Mill Creek Falls
- Open views and reconfigure area
- Add restrooms, picnic shelter and play area
- Improve circulation and community connections, including bike/ped facilities on Warner Rd bridge and potential intersection reconfiguration

Greater Broadway Loop
- Develop trail route east of Broadway
- Explore potential of Wheeling & Lake Erie RR corridor
- Discuss partnering opportunities with Calvary Cemetary; trails, programs, resource management
- Approx. seven miles total

Valley Overlook
- Scenic vista/potential future connection

Garfield Center
- Improve parking lot lighting

Windy Ridge Picnic Area
- Reconfigure drive and parking
- Add new shelter
- Add flush restroom and trailhead amenities to help activate trail to Mill Creek Falls

Garfield Pond
- Incorporate historic elements in development of Wolf Creek stream restoration/pond features
- Accomodate fishing and paddle sport 'try-its'

Quarry Lakes
- Consider opportunities to connect trails and open space to the North and East

Broadway Railroad Overpass
- Modify to create traffic calming and bike and pedestrian access
- Divert bridge drainage and runoff to bioretention cells
- Enhance conditions below bridge

Mill Creek Connector Trail
- Refer to page Ohio & Erie Canal page for trail connection to Towpath

Trolley Turn Area
- Remove majority of parking and configure as two smaller lots
- Remove canopy shelter and replace elsewhere in the park. Reuse concrete pad as accessible picnic area

Mill Creek
- Expand upstream protection efforts
- Remove berms at channel and daylight culverted portions
- Mitigate stream erosion
- Remove industrial access

Old Birch Area and APT Loop
- Reduce mowing; add woodland edge and pollinator plantings
- Add flush restroom and fitness equipment
- Add cul-de-sac at drive and seperate road from APT
- Remove excess pavement and create biofilter cells

Red Oak Picnic Area
- Study facility expansion to better integrate into neighborhood
- Decomission ballfield

Wolf Creek Valley
- Pave Middle Road Trail. Add boardwalk to maintain wetland pockets
- Restore forested lands
- Feature Iron Springs remnant; dates to late 1800's
- Repair and reopen historic stone staircases

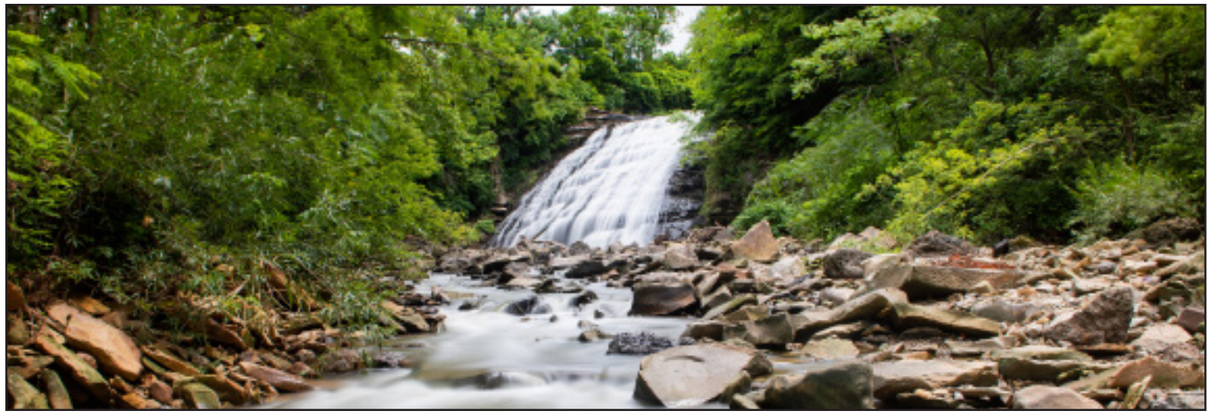
Miles Rd
Calvary Cemetery
Broadway Ave
Mill Creek
Garfield Park Blvd
Warner Rd
Trolley Rd
To Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Marymount Campus
480

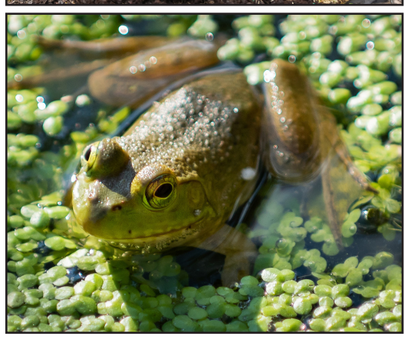
Cleveland Metroparks

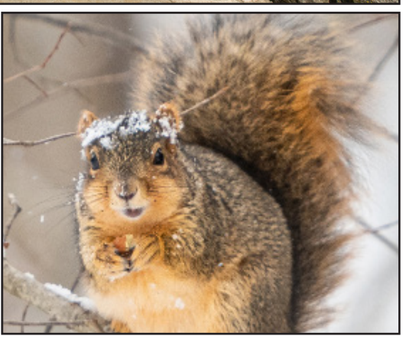
Garfield Park Reservation
Master Plan
December 2017

NORTH
0 250 500
Scale in feet

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Function as a hub of community wellness and activity		■			
		Continue to protect historical features, improve circulation, and expand opportunities for recreation				■	
		Improve bike and pedestrian access to expand the service area of the park			■		
2	**Greater Broadway Loop**	Develop trail route east of Broadway resulting in overall loop of approximately seven miles				■	
		Explore potential of Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Corridor			■		
		Discuss partnering opportunities with Calvary Cemetery - trails, programs, resource management	■				
3	**Garfield Pond**	Incorporate historic elements in development of Wolf Creek stream restoration/pond features				■	
		Accommodate fishing and paddle sport 'try-its'				■	
4	**Quarry Lakes**	Consider opportunities to connect trails and open space to the north and east			■		
5	**Broadway Railroad Overpass**	Modify to create traffic calming and bike and pedestrian access			■		
		Divert bridge drainage and runoff to bioretention cells	■				
		Enhance conditions below bridge		■			
6	**Mill Creek**	Expand upstream protection efforts	■				
		Remove berms at channel and daylight culverted portions	■				
		Mitigate stream erosion	■				
		Remove industrial access	■				
7	**Red Oak Picnic Area**	Study facility expansion to better integrate into neighborhood				■	
		Decommission ballfield					■
8	**Wolf Creek Valley**	Pave Middle Road Trail. Add boardwalk to maintain wetland pockets				■	
		Restore forested lands	■				
		Feature Iron Springs remains (dates to late 1800s)				■	
		Repair and reopen historic stone staircases				■	
9	**Old Birch Area and APT Loop**	Reduce mowing; add woodland edge and pollinator plantings	■				
		Add flush restroom and fitness equipment		■			
		Add cul-de-sac at transition of roadway to APT					■
		Remove excess pavement and create biofilter cells	■				
10	**Trolley Turn Area**	Remove majority of paved/gravel parking area to create a two smaller lots					■
		Remove canopy shelter and replace elsewhere in park. Reuse concrete pad as accessible picnic area					■
11	**Windy Ridge Picnic Area**	Reconfigure drive and parking					■
		Add new shelter				■	
		Add flush restroom and trailhead amenities to help activate trail to Mill Creek Falls				■	
12	**Mill Creek Connector Trail/ Garfield Blvd**	Refer to Ohio & Erie Canal page for connection Towpath			■		
		Partner to implement bike / pedestrian improvements to Garfield Blvd to complete connections			■		
13	**Mill Creek Falls**	Open views and reconfigure area		■			
		Add restroom, picnic shelter and play area		■			
		Improve circulation and community connections, including bike/ped facilities on Warner Road bridge and potential intersection reconfiguration		■			
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			**9**	**6**	**6**	**10**	**5**







HINCKLEY RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1923

2020 VISITATION: 998,942

2020 ACREAGE: 2,978

2019 VISITATION: 784,668

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Protect the East Branch of the Rocky River, its tributaries, and other sensitive resources within the reservation. Partner to anticipate future impacts and extend resource protction beyond park boundaries.

RELEVANCY

Serve as a special destination for park users to hike, recreate, and observe nature. Continue to provide some park functions not offered in other reservations in balance with natural resources.

CONNECTIONS

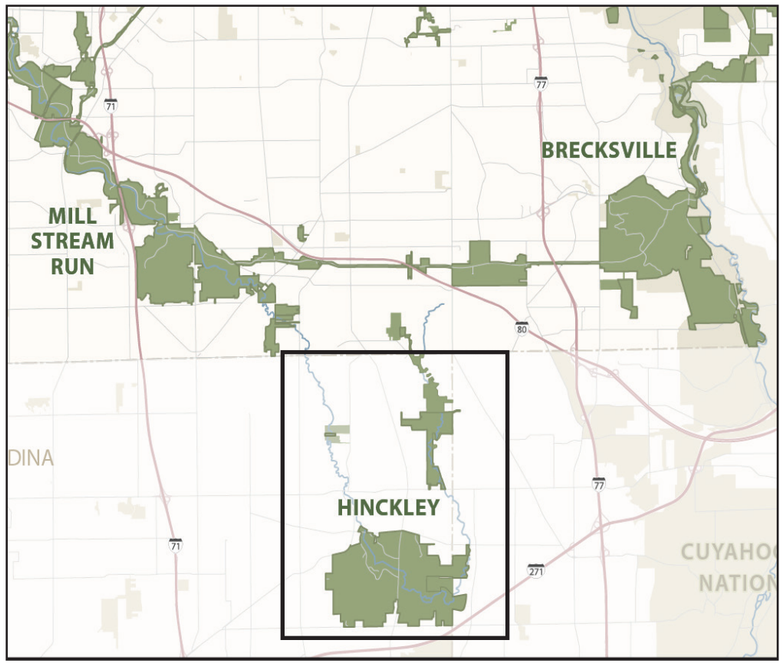
Improve internal trail system, including the designation of trail loops linking multiple attractions. Partner with adjacent park systems to promote a network of trails, open space, and recreational opportunities.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Support the unrivaled opportunities for water recreation at Hinckley Lake, the East Branch of the Rocky River, and Ledge Pool Recreation Area, along with rock climbing at Whipp's Ledges. Work to balance trails, including bridle trails, with resource protection.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Right size number of guest faciities. Upgrade quality to enhance visitor experience and minimize maintenance. Replace management center in consideration of long-term park operations.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Hinckley Reservation features opportunities for fishing, kayaking, swimming, and other water-based recreation at Hinckley Lake. The 90-acre lake is the focal point of a park known for unique geologic, hydrologic, and cultural features. Whipp's Ledges were formed more than 250 million years ago and are a popular destination for hikers and rock climbers. Worden's Ledges, a similar feature, include stone carvings of a variety of figures dating back to the late 1800's. Hinckley Reservation conserves high quality habitat along the East Branch of the Rocky River and is noted internationally for the return of the buzzards every March 15th.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

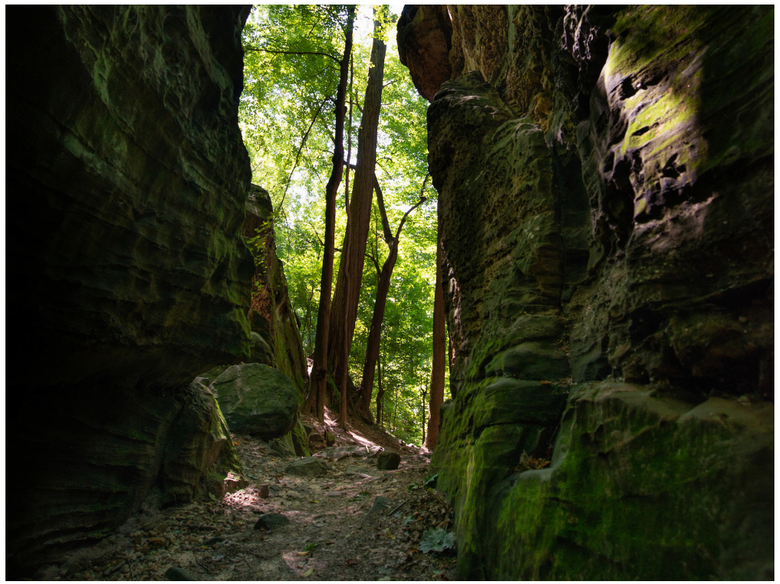
1. Hinckley Lake and Dam structural repairs and dredge plus associated programs and features

2. Protection of East Branch Rocky River/Rising Valley and key tributaries

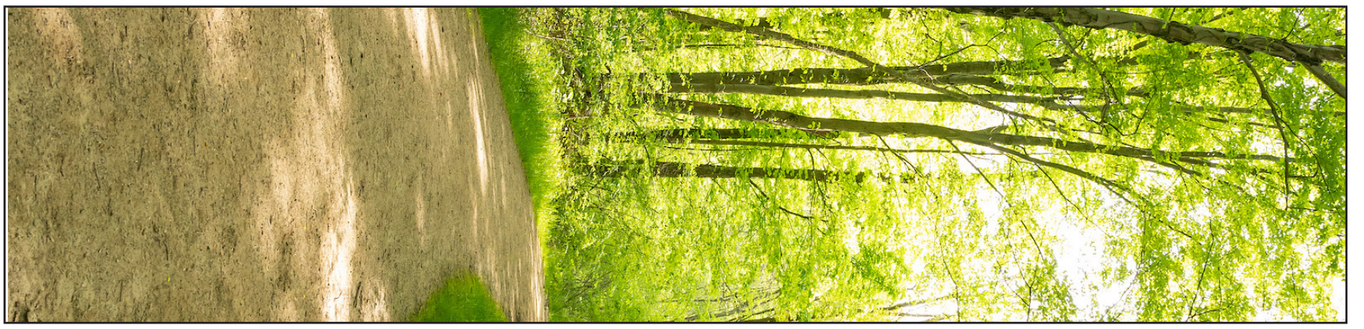
3. New management center

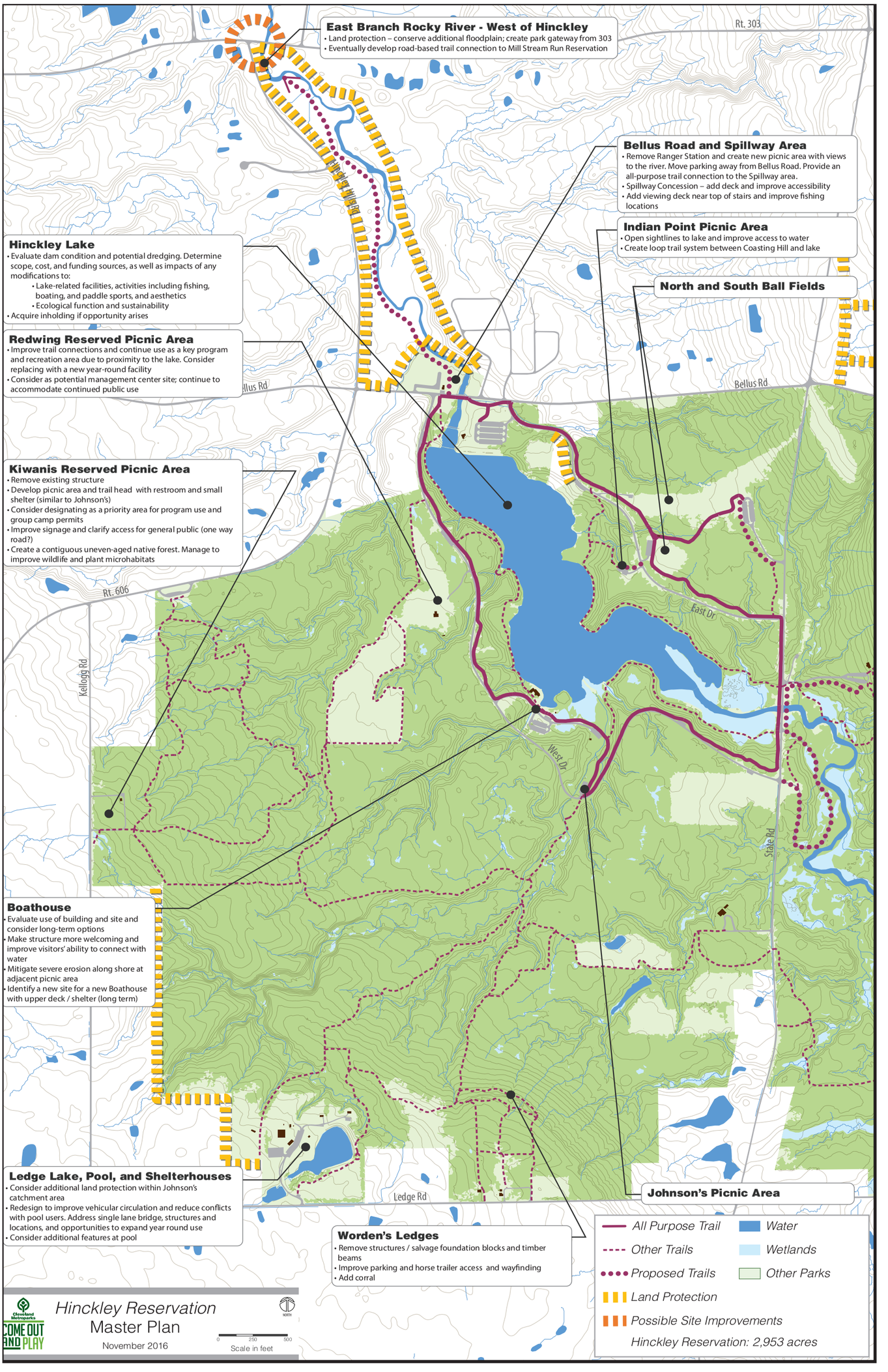
4. Ledge Pool planning and land aquisition

5. Plan for Worden's Area



"Stand-up paddle boarding had the most growth in participation from 2013 to 2016, increasing participation an average of 18 percent."
- Ohio Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2018




East Branch Rocky River - West of Hinckley
• Land protection – conserve additional floodplain; create park gateway from 303
• Eventually develop road-based trail connection to Mill Stream Run Reservation
Bellus Road and Spillway Area
• Remove Ranger Station and create new picnic area with views to the river. Move parking away from Bellus Road. Provide an all-purpose trail connection to the Spillway area.
• Spillway Concession – add deck and improve accessibility
• Add viewing deck near top of stairs and improve fishing locations
Indian Point Picnic Area
• Open sightlines to lake and improve access to water
• Create loop trail system between Coasting Hill and lake
North and South Ball Fields
Hinckley Lake
• Evaluate dam condition and potential dredging. Determine scope, cost, and funding sources, as well as impacts of any modifications to:
• Lake-related facilities, activities including fishing, boating, and paddle sports, and aesthetics
• Ecological function and sustainability
• Acquire inholding if opportunity arises
Redwing Reserved Picnic Area
• Improve trail connections and continue use as a key program and recreation area due to proximity to the lake. Consider replacing with a new year-round facility
• Consider as potential management center site; continue to accommodate continued public use
Kiwanis Reserved Picnic Area
• Remove existing structure
• Develop picnic area and trail head with restroom and small shelter (similar to Johnson's)
• Consider designating as a priority area for program use and group camp permits
• Improve signage and clarify access for general public (one way road?)
• Create a contiguous uneven-aged native forest. Manage to improve wildlife and plant microhabitats
Boathouse
• Evaluate use of building and site and consider long-term options
• Make structure more welcoming and improve visitors' ability to connect with water
• Mitigate severe erosion along shore at adjacent picnic area
• Identify a new site for a new Boathouse with upper deck / shelter (long term)
Ledge Lake, Pool, and Shelterhouses
• Consider additional land protection within Johnson's catchment area
• Redesign to improve vehicular circulation and reduce conflicts with pool users. Address single lane bridge, structures and locations, and opportunities to expand year round use
• Consider additional features at pool
Worden's Ledges
• Remove structures / salvage foundation blocks and timber beams
• Improve parking and horse trailer access and wayfinding
• Add corral
Johnson's Picnic Area
Rt. 303
Bellus Rd
Rt. 606
Kellogg Rd
East Dr
West Dr
State Rd
Ledge Rd
All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Proposed Trails
Land Protection
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Hinckley Reservation: 2,953 acres
Hinckley Reservation
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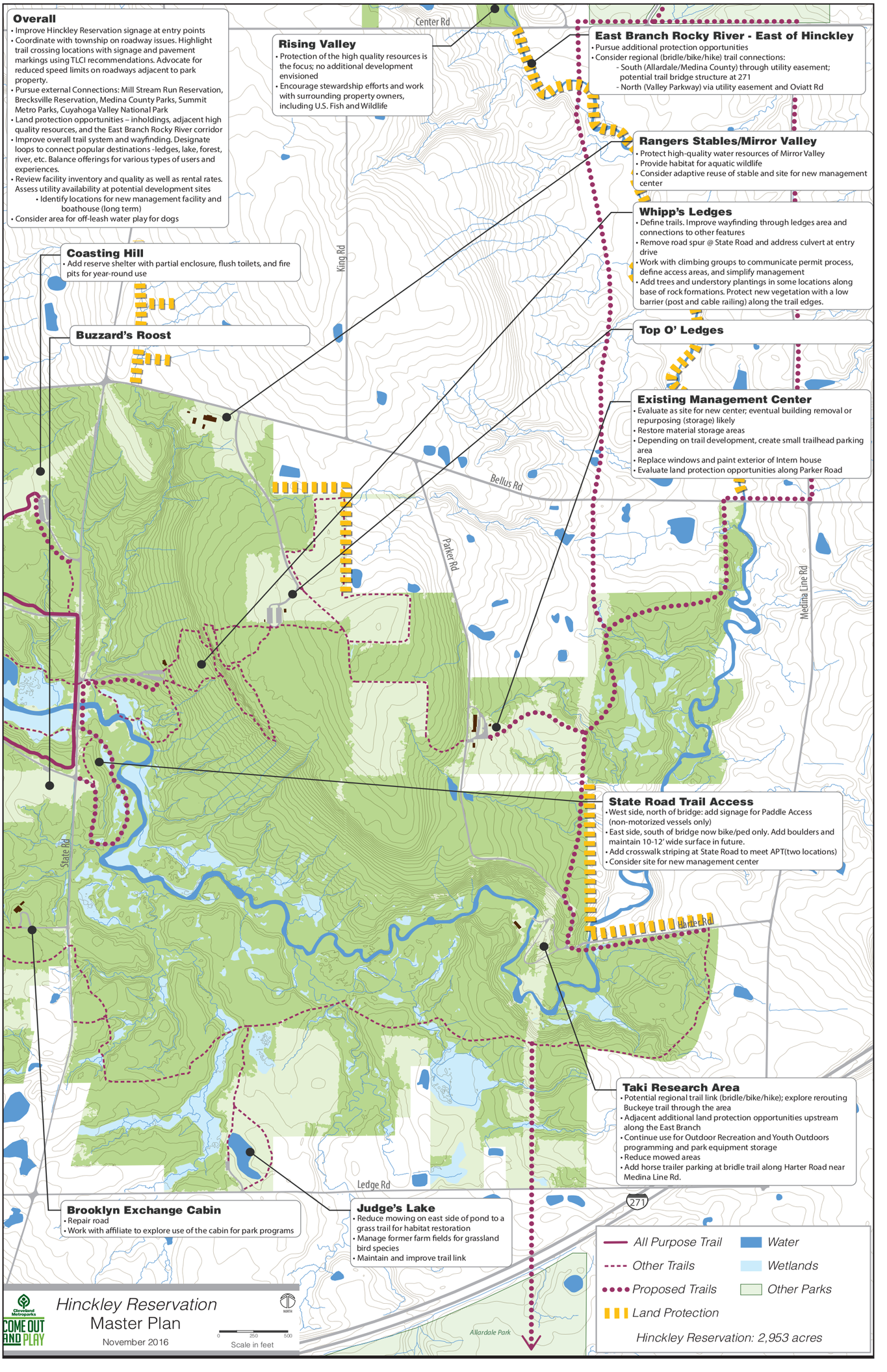
Overall
• Improve Hinckley Reservation signage at entry points
• Coordinate with township on roadway issues. Highlight trail crossing locations with signage and pavement markings using TLCI recommendations. Advocate for reduced speed limits on roadways adjacent to park property.
• Pursue external Connections: Mill Stream Run Reservation, Brecksville Reservation, Medina County Parks, Summit Metro Parks, Cuyahoga Valley National Park
• Land protection opportunities – inholdings, adjacent high quality resources, and the East Branch Rocky River corridor
• Improve overall trail system and wayfinding. Designate loops to connect popular destinations -ledges, lake, forest, river, etc. Balance offerings for various types of users and experiences.
• Review facility inventory and quality as well as rental rates. Assess utility availability at potential development sites
• Identify locations for new management facility and boathouse (long term)
• Consider area for off-leash water play for dogs
Rising Valley
• Protection of the high quality resources is the focus; no additional development envisioned
• Encourage stewardship efforts and work with surrounding property owners, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife
East Branch Rocky River - East of Hinckley
• Pursue additional protection opportunities
• Consider regional (bridle/bike/hike) trail connections:
- South (Allardale/Medina County) through utility easement; potential trail bridge structure at 271
- North (Valley Parkway) via utility easement and Oviatt Rd
Rangers Stables/Mirror Valley
• Protect high-quality water resources of Mirror Valley
• Provide habitat for aquatic wildlife
• Consider adaptive reuse of stable and site for new management center
Whipp's Ledges
• Define trails. Improve wayfinding through ledges area and connections to other features
• Remove road spur @ State Road and address culvert at entry drive
• Work with climbing groups to communicate permit process, define access areas, and simplify management
• Add trees and understory plantings in some locations along base of rock formations. Protect new vegetation with a low barrier (post and cable railing) along the trail edges.
Top O' Ledges
Coasting Hill
• Add reserve shelter with partial enclosure, flush toilets, and fire pits for year-round use
Buzzard's Roost
Existing Management Center
• Evaluate as site for new center; eventual building removal or repurposing (storage) likely
• Restore material storage areas
• Depending on trail development, create small trailhead parking area
• Replace windows and paint exterior of Intern house
• Evaluate land protection opportunities along Parker Road
State Road Trail Access
• West side, north of bridge: add signage for Paddle Access (non-motorized vessels only)
• East side, south of bridge now bike/ped only. Add boulders and maintain 10-12' wide surface in future.
• Add crosswalk striping at State Road to meet APT(two locations)
• Consider site for new management center
Taki Research Area
• Potential regional trail link (bridle/bike/hike); explore rerouting Buckeye trail through the area
• Adjacent additional land protection opportunities upstream along the East Branch
• Continue use for Outdoor Recreation and Youth Outdoors programming and park equipment storage
• Reduce mowed areas
• Add horse trailer parking at bridle trail along Harter Road near Medina Line Rd.
Brooklyn Exchange Cabin
• Repair road
• Work with affiliate to explore use of the cabin for park programs
Judge's Lake
• Reduce mowing on east side of pond to a grass trail for habitat restoration
• Manage former farm fields for grassland bird species
• Maintain and improve trail link
Center Rd
King Rd
Bellus Rd
Parker Rd
Medina Line Rd
State Rd
Harter Rd
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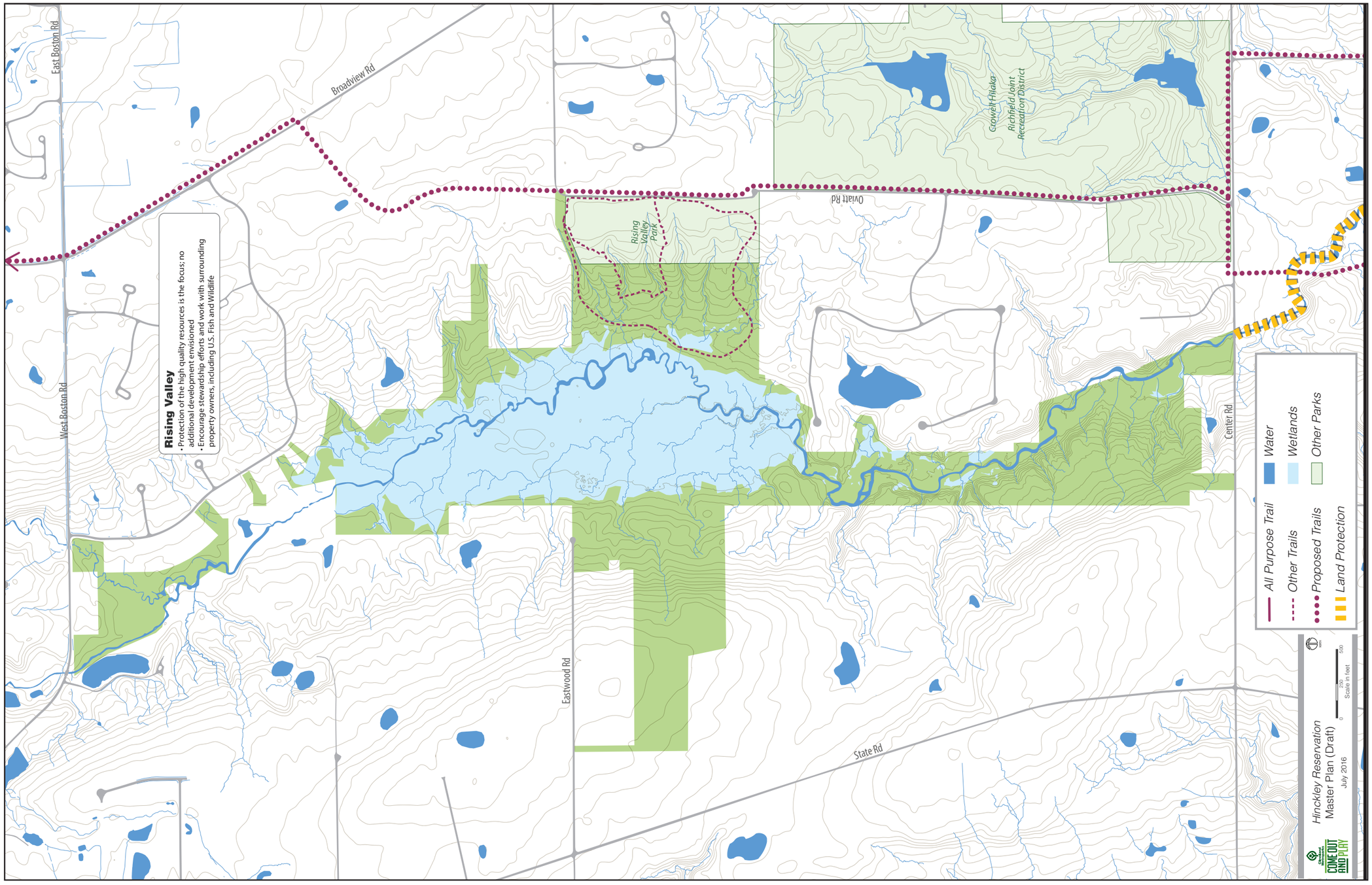
East Boston Rd
Broadview Rd
West Boston Rd
Ovatt Rd
Rising Valley Park
Crowell Hiaka Richfield Joint Recreation District
Center Rd
Eastwood Rd
State Rd
Rising Valley
• Protection of the high quality resources is the focus; no additional development envisioned
• Encourage stewardship efforts and work with surrounding property owners, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife
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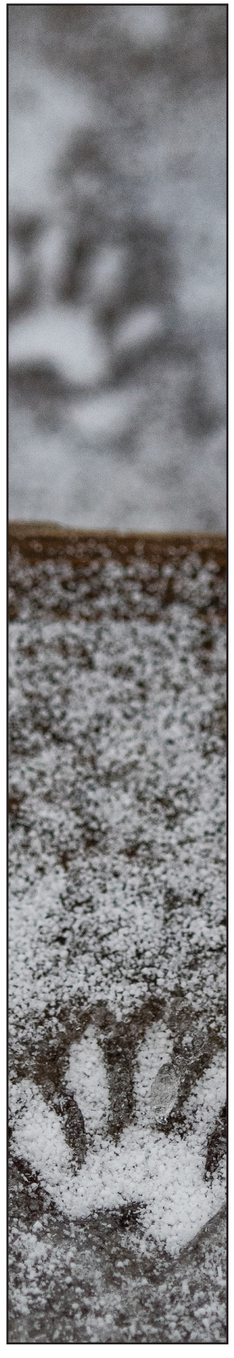
COME OUT AND PLAY

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Improve Hinckley Reservation signage at entry points		■			
		Coordinate with township on roadway issues. Highlight trail crossing locations with signage and pavement markings using TLCI recommendations. Advocate for reduced speed limits on roadways adjacent to park property					■
		Pursue external Connections: Mill Stream Run Reservation, Brecksville Reservation, Medina County Parks, Summit Metro Parks, Cuyahoga Valley National Park			■		
		Land protection opportunities – inholdings, adjacent high quality resources, and the East Branch Rocky River corridor	■				
		Improve overall trail system and wayfinding. Designate loops to connect popular destinations - ledges, lake, forest, river, etc. Balance offerings for various types of users and experiences			■		
		Review facility inventory and quality as well as rental rates. Assess utility availability at potential development sites and identify locations for new management facility and boathouse (long term)					■
		Consider area for off-leash water play for dogs				■	
2	**Rising Valley**	Protection of the high quality resources is the focus; no additional development envisioned	■				
		Encourage stewardship efforts and work with surrounding property owners, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife	■				
3	**Coasting Hill**	Add reserve shelter with partial enclosure, flush toilets, and firepits for year-round use				■	
4	**East Branch Rocky River - East of Hinckley**	Protect the East Branch floodplain and provide habitat for aquatic wildlife	■				
		Consider regional trail connections (bike/hike/bridle) - South (Allardale/Medina County) through utility easement; potential structure to cross I-271 and North (Valley Parkway) via utility easement and Oviatt Rd			■		
5	**Ranger Stables / Mirror Valley**	Protect high-quality water resources of Mirror Valley	■				
		Provide habitat for aquatic wildlife	■				
		Consider adaptive reuse of stable and site for new management center					■
6	**Top O'Ledges Picnic Area**	Continue use for weekend campouts by permit				■	
		Manage former farm fields for grassland bird species	■				
7	**Whipp's Ledges and Picnic Area**	Define trails. Improve wayfinding through ledges area and connections to other features			■		
		Remove road spur @ State Road and address culvert at entry drive	■				
		Work with climbing groups to communicate permit process, define access areas, and simplify management				■	
		Add trees and understory plantings in some locations along base of rock formations. Protect	■				
8	**Existing Management Center**	Evaluate as site for new center; eventual building removal or repurposing (storage) likely					■
		Restore material storage areas	■				
		Consider small trailhead parking area				■	
		Renovate exterior of intern house					■
		Evaluate land protection opportunities along Parker Road	■				
9	**State Road Trail Access**	West side, north of bridge: add signage for Paddle Access (non-motorized only)				■	
		East side, south of bridge now bike/ped only. Add boulders and maintain 10-12' wide surface in future				■	
		Add crosswalk striping at State Road to meet APT (two locations)				■	
		Consider site for new management center					■

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
10	**Taki Research Area**	Potential regional trail (bike/hike/bridle) link; explore rerouting Buckeye trail through the area			■		
		Adjacent additional land protection opportunities upstream along the East Branch	■				
		Continue use for Outdoor Recreation and Youth Outdoors programming and park equipment storage					■
		Reduce mowed areas					■
		Add horse trailer parking at bridle trail along Harter Road near Medina Line Rd.				■	
11	**Judge's Lake**	Reduce mowing on east side of pond to a grass trail for habitat restoration	■				
		Manage former farm fields for grassland bird species	■				
		Maintain and improve trail link			■		
12	**Brooklyn Exchange Cabin**	Repair road					■
		Work with affiliate to explore use of the cabin for park programs		■			
13	**East Branch Rocky River - West of Hinckley**	Land protection – conserve additional floodplain; create park gateway from Route 303	■				
		Eventually develop trail connection to Mill Stream Run Reservation (road-based)			■		
14	**Bellus Road and Spillway Area**	Remove Ranger Station and create new picnic area with views to the river. Move parking away from Bellus Road. Provide an all purpose trail connection to the Spillway area				■	
		Spillway Concession – add deck and improve accessibility		■			
		Add viewing deck near top of stairs and improve fishing locations				■	
15	**Indian Point Picnic Area**	Open sightlines to lake and improve access to water		■			
		Create loop trail system between Coasting Hill and lake			■		
16	**Hinckley Lake**	Evaluate dam condition and potential dredging. Determine scope, cost, and funding sources, as well as impacts of any modifications to lake-related facilities, activities including fishing, boating, and paddle sports, aesthetics, ecological function, and sustainability					■
		Acquire inholding if opportunity arises	■				
17	**Redwing Reserved Picnic Area**	Improve trail connections and continue use as a key program and recreation area due to proximity to the lake. Consider replacing with a new year-round facility				■	
		Consider as potential management center site; continue to accommodate public use					■
18	**Kiwanis Area**	Remove existing structure					■
		Develop picnic area and trail head with restroom and small shelter (similar to Johnson's)				■	
		Consider designating as a priority area for program use and group camp permits				■	
		Improve signage and clarify access for general public (one way road)		■			
		Create a contiguous uneven-aged native forest. Manage to improve wildlife and plant microhabitats	■				
19	**Boathouse**	Evaluate use of building and site and consider long-term options					■
		Make structure more welcoming and improve visitors' ability to connect with water		■			
		Mitigate severe erosion along shore at adjacent picnic area	■				
		Identify a new site for a new Boathouse with upper deck / shelter (long term)					■
20	**Ledge Lake, Pool, and Shelters**	Consider additional land protection within Johnson's catchment area	■				
		Redesign to improve vehicular circulation and reduce conflicts with pool users. Address single lane bridge, structures and locations, and opportunities to expand year round use				■	
		Consider additional features at pool				■	
		Identify any issues with dam structure / overflow					■
21	**Worden's Ledges**	Remove structures / salvage foundation blocks and timber beams					■
		Improve parking and horse trailer access and wayfinding		■			
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		19	7	8	16	16



HUNTINGTON RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1922

2020 ACREAGE: 103

2020 VISITATION: 925,555

2019 VISITATION: 828,949

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Balance Huntington's traditional ability to accommodate high number of visitors per acre with protecting forested and floodplain areas. Incorporate green infrastructure to help protect water quality in Porter Creek and Lake Erie. Study and implement strategies to mitigate bluff erosion and adjust management due to varying lake levels.

RELEVANCY

Renovate or remove and replace facilities to upgrade to current standards.

CONNECTIONS

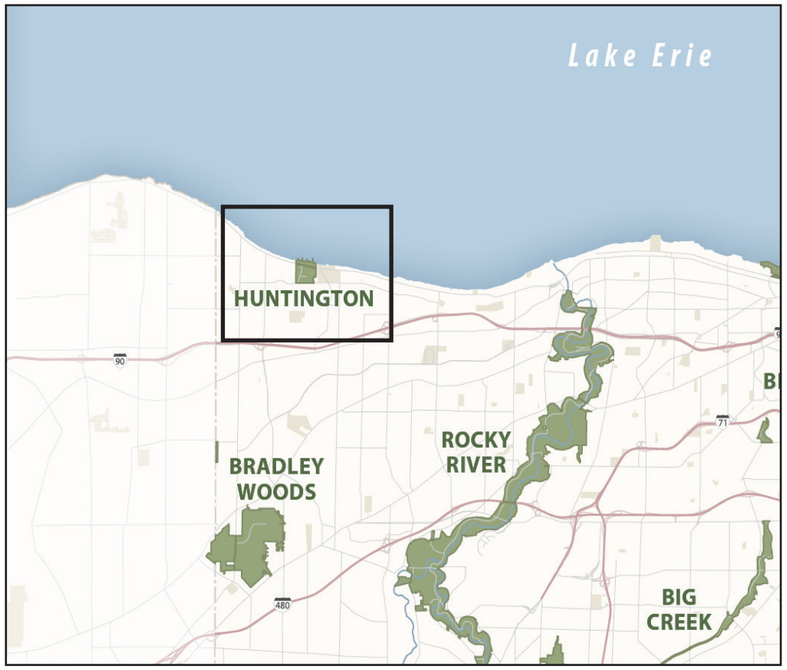
Strengthen circulation with links to surrounding parks. Address missing links internally and improve connection across Lake Road. Remove unsanctioned trails in wooded areas. Consider changes to vehicular circulation.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Continue to provide a swimming beach, and maintain strong relationships with affiliates.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Study ways to best accommodate park management facilities and current needs. Continue to coordinate with surrounding community to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian access.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Huntington Reservation surrounds Porter Creek as it flows to meet Lake Erie. The park's public beach, wooded valley, trails, and picnic areas have some of the highest visitation volumes in the Park District. Remnants of the site's rich history include an historic water tower from the site's use as a vineyard and support columns from the former Interurban electric rail line. The main park shelter dates to the 1930s and was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park is home to two affiliate organizations, BAYarts and Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, and is adjacent to Bay Village's 116-acre Cahoon Memorial Park.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

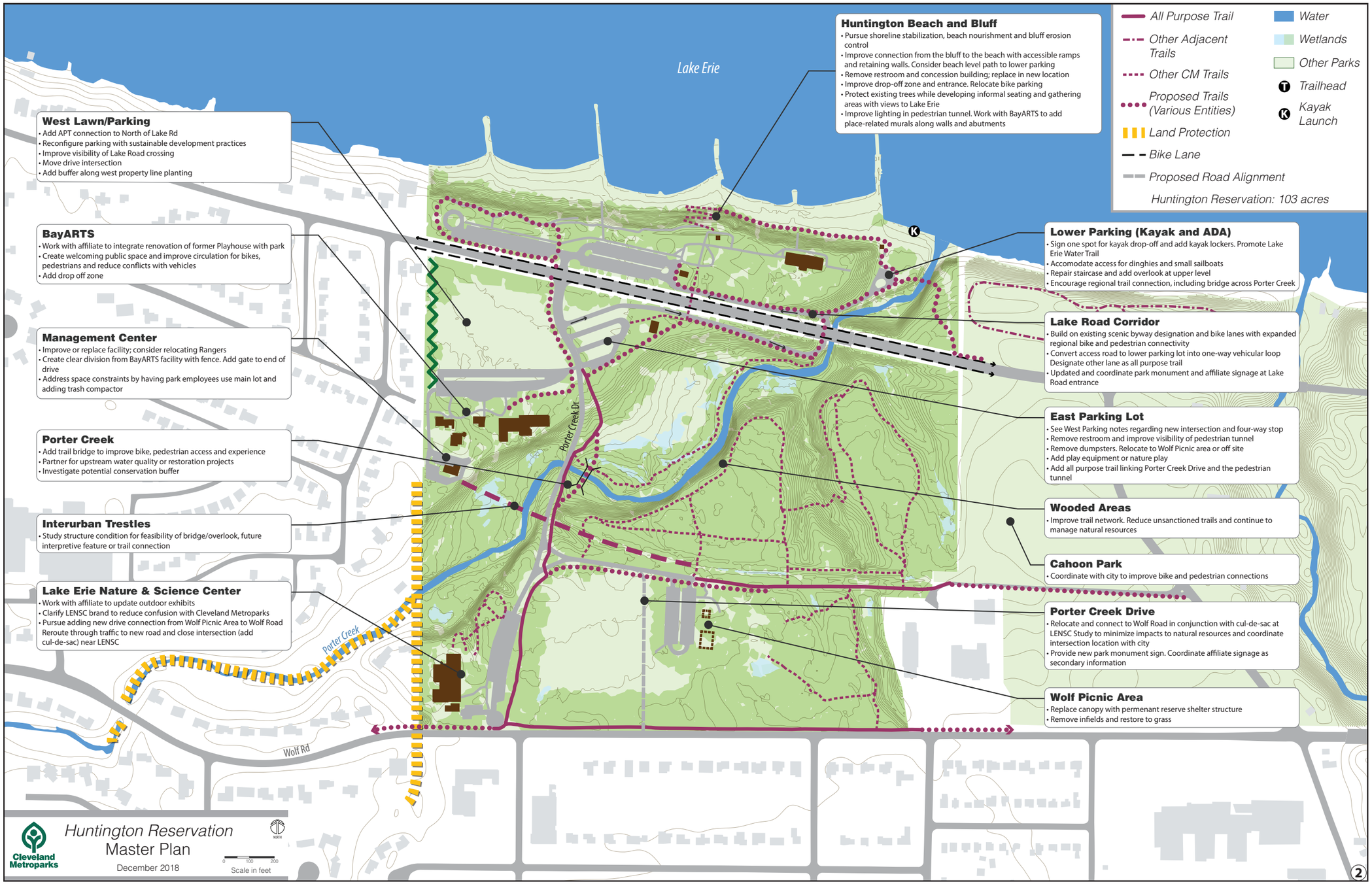
1. Update Facilities
   - Remove and replace lakefront concession and restroom
   - BAYarts proposed expansion
   - Lake Erie Nature and Science Center's plans for outdoor exhibits

2. Address beach and bluff erosion

3. Improve circulation and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians

"Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land"

- Aldo Leopold


Lake Erie
Porter Creek Dr
Porter Creek
Wolf Rd
All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Bike Lane
Proposed Road Alignment
Huntington Reservation: 103 acres
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Trailhead
Kayak Launch
Huntington Beach and Bluff
• Pursue shoreline stabilization, beach nourishment and bluff erosion control
• Improve connection from the bluff to the beach with accessible ramps and retaining walls. Consider beach level path to lower parking
• Remove restroom and concession building; replace in new location
• Improve drop-off zone and entrance. Relocate bike parking
• Protect existing trees while developing informal seating and gathering areas with views to Lake Erie
• Improve lighting in pedestrian tunnel. Work with BayARTS to add place-related murals along walls and abutments
West Lawn/Parking
• Add APT connection to North of Lake Rd
• Reconfigure parking with sustainable development practices
• Improve visibility of Lake Road crossing
• Move drive intersection
• Add buffer along west property line planting
BayARTS
• Work with affiliate to integrate renovation of former Playhouse with park
• Create welcoming public space and improve circulation for bikes, pedestrians and reduce conflicts with vehicles
• Add drop off zone
Management Center
• Improve or replace facility; consider relocating Rangers
• Create clear division from BayARTS facility with fence. Add gate to end of drive
• Address space constraints by having park employees use main lot and adding trash compactor
Porter Creek
• Add trail bridge to improve bike, pedestrian access and experience
• Partner for upstream water quality or restoration projects
• Investigate potential conservation buffer
Interurban Trestles
• Study structure condition for feasibility of bridge/overlook, future interpretive feature or trail connection
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
• Work with affiliate to update outdoor exhibits
• Clarify LENSC brand to reduce confusion with Cleveland Metroparks
• Pursue adding new drive connection from Wolf Picnic Area to Wolf Road Reroute through traffic to new road and close intersection (add cul-de-sac) near LENSC
Lower Parking (Kayak and ADA)
• Sign one spot for kayak drop-off and add kayak lockers. Promote Lake Erie Water Trail
• Accomodate access for dinghies and small sailboats
• Repair staircase and add overlook at upper level
• Encourage regional trail connection, including bridge across Porter Creek
Lake Road Corridor
• Build on existing scenic byway designation and bike lanes with expanded regional bike and pedestrian connectivity
• Convert access road to lower parking lot into one-way vehicular loop Designate other lane as all purpose trail
• Updated and coordinate park monument and affiliate signage at Lake Road entrance
East Parking Lot
• See West Parking notes regarding new intersection and four-way stop
• Remove restroom and improve visibility of pedestrian tunnel
• Remove dumpsters. Relocate to Wolf Picnic area or off site
• Add play equipment or nature play
• Add all purpose trail linking Porter Creek Drive and the pedestrian tunnel
Wooded Areas
• Improve trail network. Reduce unsanctioned trails and continue to manage natural resources
Cahoon Park
• Coordinate with city to improve bike and pedestrian connections
Porter Creek Drive
• Relocate and connect to Wolf Road in conjunction with cul-de-sac at LENSC Study to minimize impacts to natural resources and coordinate intersection location with city
• Provide new park monument sign. Coordinate affiliate signage as secondary information
Wolf Picnic Area
• Replace canopy with permenant reserve shelter structure
• Remove infields and restore to grass
Cleveland Metroparks
Huntington Reservation
Master Plan
December 2018
NORTH
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Scale in feet
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STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Huntington Beach and Bluff**	Pursue shoreline stabilization, beach nourishment, and bluff erosion control	■				
		Improve connection from the bluff to the beach with accessible ramps and retaining walls Add beach level ADA path to lower parking				■	
		Remove restroom and concession building; replace in new location Continue to preserve historic water tower structure					■
		Improve drop-off zone and entrance with trellis structure Relocate bike parking		■			
		Protect existing trees while developing informal seating and gathering areas with views to Lake Erie	■				
		Improve lighting in pedestrian tunnel Work with BAYarts to add place-related murals along walls and abutments				■	
2	**Lower Parking (Kayak and ADA)**	Sign one spot for kayak drop off and add kayak lockers				■	
		Decommission staircase and add overlook at upper level					■
		Encourage regional trail connection, including bridge across Porter Creek			■		
3	**Lake Road Corridor**	Build on existing scenic byway designation and bike lanes with expanded regional bike and pedestrian connectivity			■		
		Convert access road to lower parking lot into one-way loop Designate other lane as all purpose trail			■		
4	**East Parking**	See west parking notes regarding new intersection and four-way stop					■
		Remove restroom and improve visibility of pedestrian tunnel					■
		Remove dumpsters Potentially relocate to Wolf Picnic area or off site		■			
		Add play equipment or nature play		■			
		Add an all purpose trail linking Porter Creek Drive and the pedestrian tunnel				■	
5	**Wooded Areas**	Improve trail network Reduce unsanctioned trails and continue to manage natural resources	■				
6	**Cahoon Park**	Coordinate with city to improve bike and pedestrian connections			■		
7	**Porter Creek Drive**	Relocate and connect to Wolf Road in conjunction with closure at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center Study to minimize impacts to natural resources and coordinate intersection with city		■			
8	**Wolf Picnic Area**	Replace canopy with permanent reserve shelter				■	
		Remove infields and restore to grass	■				
		Remove cookhouse shelter and relocate restroom when road extension occurs					■
9	**West Lawn / Parking**	Add all purpose trail connection to the beach			■		
		Improve visibility of Lake Road crossing			■		
		Reconfigure paved parking and drive					■
		Move drive intersection; add four-way stop and crosswalks					■
		Add buffer plantings along west edge of property	■				
10	**BAYarts**	Work with affiliate to create welcoming public space and improve circulation for bicyclists and pedestrians and reduce conflicts with vehicles Add drop off zone		■			
11	**Management Center**	Improve, replace, or relocate facility; consider relocating rangers					■
		Create clear division from BAYarts facility with fence Add gate at end of drive		■			
		Add gate at end of drive Address space constraints by having park employees use main lot and adding trash compactor					■
12	**Porter Creek**	Add trail bridge to improve bike and pedestrian access and experience			■		
		Partner for upstream water quality or restoration projects	■				
		Investigate potential conservation buffer	■				

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
13	**Interurban**	Study structure condition for bridge/overlook feasibility or future interpretive feature			■		
14	**Lake Erie Nature and Science Center**	Work with affiliate to update outdoor exhibits	■				
		Clarify Lake Erie Nature and Science Center brand to reduce confusion with Cleveland Metroparks					■
		Pursue adding new drive connection from Wolf Picnic Area to Wolf Road Reroute through traffic to new road and close intersection (add cul-de-sac) near Lake Erie Nature and Science Center		■			
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		**8**	**7**	**8**	**5**	**10**

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

2020 ACREAGE: 465

2020 VISITATION: 998,942

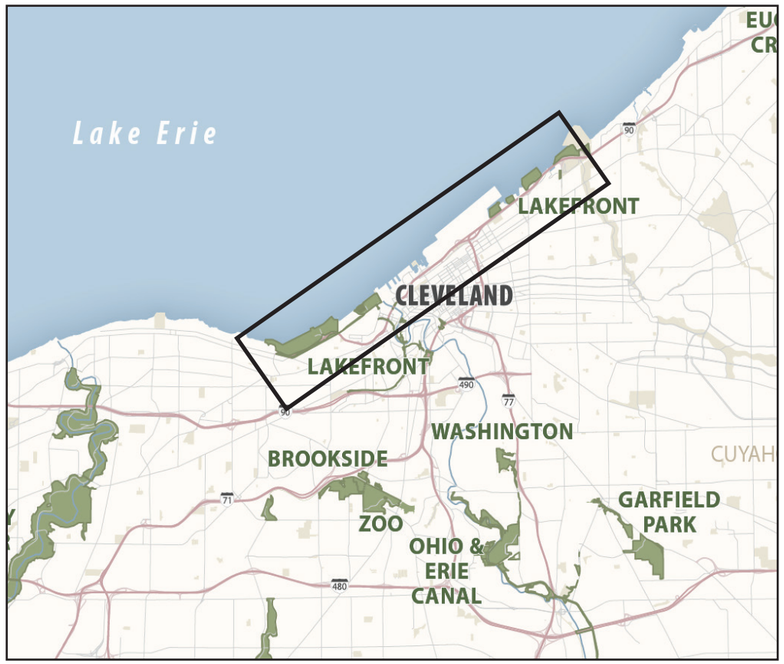
2019 VISITATION: 784,668

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Cleveland Metroparks' Lakefront Reservation was established in 2013. The reservation's 465 acres encompass multiple park areas along Lake Erie. Edgewater Park and Gordon Park date to the 1890s, when they were created as City of Cleveland parks; other park areas were built as part of the construction of Interstate 90. The parks were managed by the City of Cleveland, then as State Parks, until the 2013 lease agreement with Cleveland Metroparks. Wendy Park was added to Lakefront Reservation in 2014.

The parks are popular for picnicking, boating, swimming, fishing, birdwatching, and special events. The Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway connects most of the parks along the lakefront. Edgewater Park, Wendy Park, East 55th Street Marina, East 72nd Street Fishing Area, and North Gordon Park all offer outstanding opportunities to view and experience Lake Erie. Specific attributes are included in the individual area descriptions.

Planning for Euclid Creek Reservation – Lakefront planning occurred in conjunction with Lakefront Reservation due to site similarities. The plans are included in this section.



LAKEFRONT RESERVATION - EDGEWATER PARK

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

2020 ACREAGE: 465

2020 VISITATION: 2,002,150

2019 VISITATION: 1,728,039

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Edgewater Park offers a large swimming beach, a fishing pier, a forested bluff, picnicking, and several large lawn areas. The Edgewater Beach House includes restrooms, changing areas, seasonal concessions, and an open-air upper level with a fireplace, seating areas, and a bar. Trails include 1.5 miles of the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway, connections linking Edgewater to the adjacent neighborhood, and paved loop trails. The historic Upper Edgewater Shelter is available for picnicking and rentals. A public boat launch and private yacht club and marina provide access for boating on Lake Erie.

Perkins Beach
- Supplement vegetation to enhance habitat value
- Study shoreline enhancement/beach nourishment program with partners

Perkins Circle Lot
- Reconfigure pavement and add stormwater features
- Provide overlook and improve pedestrian circulation
- Enhance trailhead
- Consider Kayak chute at steps

West Blvd Park Entrance
- Reduce pavement and simplify intersection
- Add pollinator habitat at hillside

West Blvd
- Extend all purpose trail south

South of Edgewater Parkway
- Add habitat and reduce mowed areas
- Encourage pedestrian use
- Improve crosswalk markings
- Support community efforts to improve Lake Avenue and add bike lanes

Playground Area
- Construct proposed play area
- Adapt paths and seating areas as needed

Cleveland Sign

Parking and Circulation
- Add cul-de-sac at main drive
- Consider permeable paving to provide double-loaded parking near playground

Beach
- Add trail or boardwalk along beach
- Improve Bluff/Beach trail connection with switchback and stairs - and Perkins Circle Lot
- Work with NEORSD to improve walking conditions near CSO; Include educational signs

Grand Staircase
- Provide terrace area at beach and a small plaza at bluff
- Create grand staircase to connect the two park areas
- Include landings with benches and viewing areas

Perkins Stable
- Continue use for storage and park operations base
- Secure with fencing

Restroom and Maintenance Satellite
- Add fencing/landscaping to demarcate maintenance area
- Consider concession cart

Bike and Pedestrian Tunnel/Lake Ave
- Improve lighting

Lake Erie

Edgewater Dr

Lake Ave

Clifton Blvd

West Blvd

Baltic Rd

Edgewater Parkway

Swimming Beach

Volleyball

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All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Proposed Boardwalk
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Water Taxi
Kayak Launch

Cleveland Metroparks

Upper Edgewater Reservation

Master Plan - Draft

September 2019

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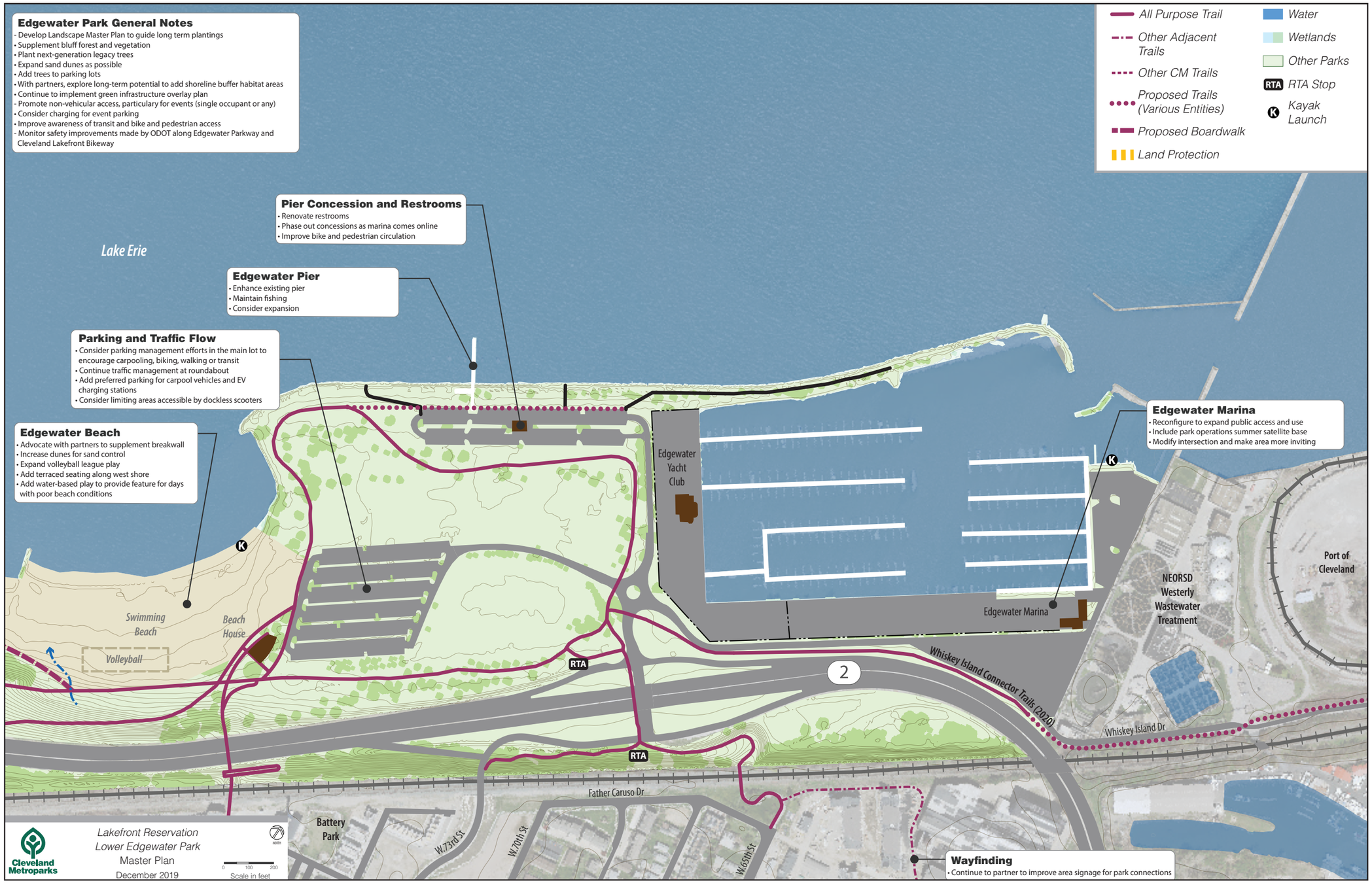
Edgewater Park General Notes
- Develop Landscape Master Plan to guide long term plantings
• Supplement bluff forest and vegetation
• Plant next-generation legacy trees
• Expand sand dunes as possible
• Add trees to parking lots
• With partners, explore long-term potential to add shoreline buffer habitat areas
• Continue to implement green infrastructure overlay plan
- Promote non-vehicular access, particulary for events (single occupant or any)
• Consider charging for event parking
• Improve awareness of transit and bike and pedestrian access
- Monitor safety improvements made by ODOT along Edgewater Parkway and Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway
All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Proposed Boardwalk
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
RTA Stop
Kayak Launch
Pier Concession and Restrooms
• Renovate restrooms
• Phase out concessions as marina comes online
• Improve bike and pedestrian circulation
Lake Erie
Edgewater Pier
• Enhance existing pier
• Maintain fishing
• Consider expansion
Parking and Traffic Flow
• Consider parking management efforts in the main lot to encourage carpooling, biking, walking or transit
• Continue traffic management at roundabout
• Add preferred parking for carpool vehicles and EV charging stations
• Consider limiting areas accessible by dockless scooters
Edgewater Beach
• Advocate with partners to supplement breakwall
• Increase dunes for sand control
• Expand volleyball league play
• Add terraced seating along west shore
• Add water-based play to provide feature for days with poor beach conditions
Edgewater Yacht Club
Edgewater Marina
• Reconfigure to expand public access and use
• Include park operations summer satellite base
• Modify intersection and make area more inviting
Swimming Beach
Beach House
Volleyball
RTA
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Whiskey Island Connector Trails (2020)
Whiskey Island Dr
Father Caruso Dr
Battery Park
W.73rd St
W.70th St
W.65th St
NEORSD Westerly Wastewater Treatment
Port of Cleveland
Wayfinding
• Continue to partner to improve area signage for park connections
Cleveland Metroparks
Lakefront Reservation
Lower Edgewater Park
Master Plan
December 2019
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Scale in feet

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Perkins Beach**	Supplement vegetation to enhance habitat value					
		Study shoreline enhancement/beach nourishment program with partners					
2	**Perkins Circle Lot**	Reconfigure pavement and add stormwater features					
		Provide overlook and improve pedestrian circulation					
		Enhance trailhead					
		Consider kayak chutes at steps					
3	**West Boulevard Park Entrance**	Reduce pavement and simplify intersection					
		Add pollinator habitat at hillside					
4	**South of Edgewater Parkway**	Add habitat and reduce mowed areas					
		Encourage pedestrian use					
		Improve crosswalk markings					
		Support community efforts to improve Lake Avenue and add bike lanes					
5	**Restroom and Maintenance**	Add fencing to demacrate maintenance area					
		Consider concession cart					
6	**Bike and Pedestrian Tunnel/ Lake Avenue**	Improve lighting					
7	**Perkins Stable**	Continue use for storafe and park operations base					
		secure with fencing					
8	**Grand Staircase**	Provide terrace area at beach and a small plaza at bluff					
		Create grand staircase to connect the two park areas					
		Include landings with benches and viewing areas					
9	**Beach**	Add trail or boardwalk along beach, including drainage improvements at junction with APT					
		Improve bluff/beach trail conection with switchback and stairs-and Perkins Circle Lot					
		Work with North East Ohio Regional Sewer District to improve walking conditions near combined sewer					
10	**Parking and Circulation**	Add cul-de-sac at main drive					
		Consider permeable paving to provide double-loaded parking near playground					
		Monitor APT use and consider bike and pedestrian traffic management options					
11	**Script Cleveland Sign**	Link to circle lot with APT					
		Add pavement at sign to reduce maintenance					
12	**Proposed Lindsey Family Play Space**	Construct proposed play area in 2020					
		Adapt paths and seating areas as needed					
13	**Pier Concession and Restrooms**	Renovate Restrooms					
		Phase out consessions as marina comes online					
		Improve bike and pedestrian circulation					
14	**Edgewater Pier**	Enhance existing Pier					
		Maintain fishing					
		Conisder expansion					
15	**Parking and Traffic Flow**	Consider parking management efforts in the main lot to encourage carpooling, biking, walking, or transit					
		Continue traffic management at a roundabout					
		Add prefered parking for carpool vehicles and EV charging stations					
		Consider limiting areas assessible to dockless scooters.					
16	**Edgewater Beach**	Advocate with partners to supplement breakwall					
		Increase dunes for sand control					
		Expand volleyball league play					
		Add teraced seating along west shore					
		Add water-based play to provide featre for days with poor beach conditions					
17	**Wayfinding**	Continue to partner to improve area sinage for park connections					
18	**Edgewater Marina**	Reconfigure to expand public areas and use					
		Include park operations summer satelite base					
		Modify intersection and make area more inviting					
19	**General Notes**	Develop Landscape Master Plan to guide long term plantings					
		Supplement bluff forrest and vegetation					
		Plant next generation legacy trees					
		Expand sand dunes as possible					
		Add trees to parking lots					
		With partners, explore long-term potential to add shoreline buffer habitat areas					
		Continue to implement green infrastructure overlay plan					
		Promote non-vehicular acess, particularly for events (single occupant or any)					
		Consider charging for event parking					
		Improve awareness of transit and bike and pedestrian access					
		Monitor safety improvements made by ODOT along Edgewater Parkway and Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:				**15**	**12**	**15**	**11**	**7**

LAKEFRONT RESERVATION - WENDY PARK

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

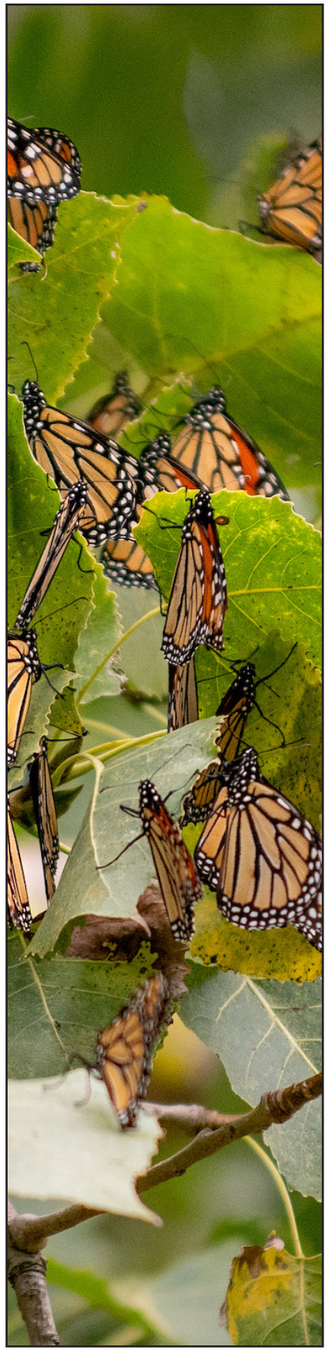
2020 ACREAGE: 465

2020 VISITATION: 316,544

2019 VISITATION: 343,051

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Wendy Park is part of Whiskey Island. The park is bordered by Lake Erie to the north, the Cuyahoga River to the east, and the Norfolk Southern Railroad to the south. The park's wooded areas and meadows provide habitat and prime viewing for birds and monarch butterflies, especially during migration. The park is a great place to watch freighter traffic, rail traffic, and enjoy views of downtown and Lake Erie. The iconic historic former Coast Guard Station can be accessed from the causeway along the river. Additional activities at Wendy Park include sand volleyball, picnicking, and paddle access to Lake Erie from a narrow beach area. Whiskey Island Marina and a restaurant are also accessed from the park.



Wendy Park General Notes
- With partners, explore long-term potential to add shoreline buffer and habitat areas
- Enhance tree plantings and habitat areas, particularly for migration and pollinators
- Consider mechanism to curtail access when parking is at capacity

Lake Erie

Shipping Channel

Former Coast Guard Station
- Pursue long term use agreement
- Add water taxi stop
- Pursue causeway repairs including new railings with partners
- Continue to work with partners to expand youth programming
- Consider tower access during summer weekends
- Add buoys and enforce safe/slow zone

Volleyball Courts
- Expand to Edgewater Beach

Shipping Channel

Whiskey Island Marina
- Work towards increasing public access to water and consolidating boat storage

Site Improvements
- Consider overlook and terraced seating with stage platform

Ed Hauser Way

Whiskey Island Marina

Restroom and Shelter
- Construct new restroom and small shelter in this area

Marina, Restaurant and Parking
- Develop strategy for structures and parking

Trail Connections
- Trail links to Edgewater Park, Rivergate Park and surrounding neighborhoods to be complete by 2021
- Manage trail access constraints on Willow Street lift bridge

Willow St

River Rd

Elm Ave

Whiskey Island Connector Trail
- Completed by 2021
- Includes pathway lighting

Port of Cleveland

Cuyahoga River

All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Proposed Boardwalk
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Habitat Areas
Proposed Water Taxi
Kayak Launch

Cleveland Metroparks

Lakefront Reservation
Wendy Park Master Plan
December 2019

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Scale in feet

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**General Notes**	With partners, explore long-term potential to add shoreline buffer habitat areas					
		Enhance tree plantings and habitat areas, particularly for migration and pollinators					
		Consider mechanism to curtail access when parking is at capacity					
2	**Whiskey Island Marina**	Work towards increasig public access to water and consolidating boat storage					
3	**Whiskey Island Trail**	Completed by 2021					
		Includes pathway lighting					
4	**Marina, Resturant, and Parking**	Develop Strategy for structure and parking					
5	**Restroom and Shelter**	Construct new restroom and small shelter in this area					
6	**Trail Connections**	Trail links to Edgewater Park, Rivergate Park, and surrounding neighborhoods to be complete by 2021					
		Manage trail access constraints on Willow Street lift bridge					
7	**Site Improvements**	Consider overlook and terraced seating with stage platfrom					
8	**Former Coast Guard Station**	Pursue long term agreement					
		Add water taxi stop					
		Pursue causeway repairs including new railings with partners					
		Consider tower acess during summer weekends					
		Add buoys and enforce safe/slow zone					
9	**Volleyball Courts**	Expand to Edgewater Beach					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		2	5	6	2	2

Lake Erie

CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE

NORTH GORDON PARK

E.72ND FISHING AREA

E.55TH MARINA

GORDON PARK

Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

St. Clair Ave

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WHISKEY ISLAND MARINA

EDGEWATER MARINA

EDGEWATER YACHT CLUB

EDGEWATER FISHING PIER

EDGEWATER BEACH

PERKINS BEACH

UPPER EDGEWATER

EDGEWATER PLAY AREA

Lake Ave

Lake Erie

Voinovich Bicentennial Park

First Energy Stadium

E.9th St

HISTORIC COAST GUARD STATION

WENDY PARK

DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND

Euclid Ave

Public Square

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Superior Ave

Rocket Mortgage Field House

Progressive Field

Ontario St

CANAL BASIN PARK

Main Ave

Columbus Ave

Scranton Rd

Carnegie Ave

90

Cuyahoga River

RIVERGATE PARK

MERWIN'S WHARF

Detroit Ave

West Side Market

Abbey Ave

W.65th St

W.44th St

W.41st St

W.25th St

W.14th St

Lorain Ave

90

490

Michael Zone Rec Center

Clark Field

All Purpose Trail

Towpath Trail

Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway

Lake Erie Water Trail

Cuyahoga River Water Trail

Hiking Trail

Bike Lanes

Bridge

Picnic Area

Reservable Picnic Shelter

Parking

Restroom

Food

Drinking Water

Swim Areas

Water Taxi Stop

Paddle Access

Trailer Capable Parking

Boat Ramp/Launch

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

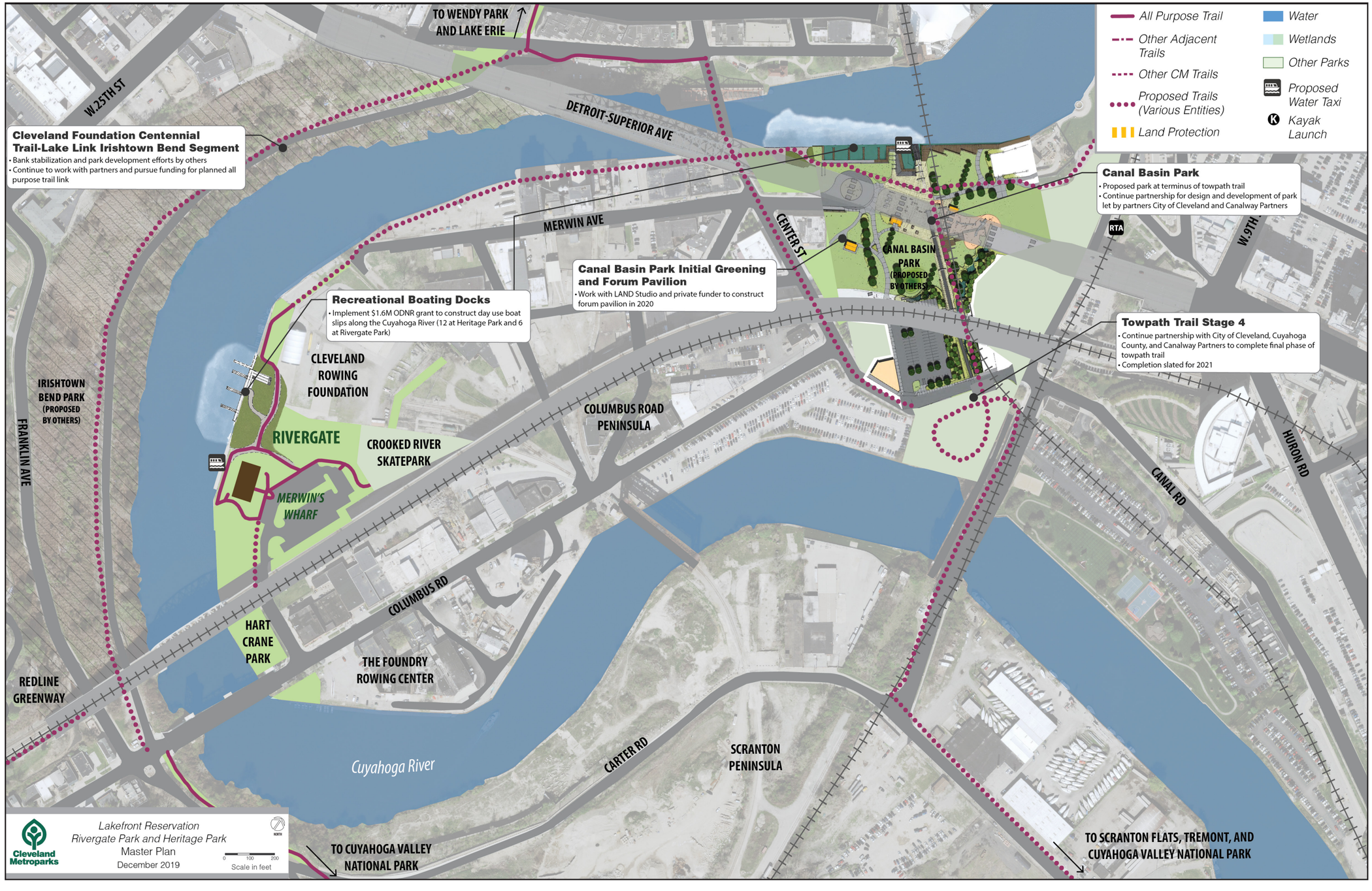
2020 ACREAGE: 465

2019 VISITATION: 195,000

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Wendy Park is part of Whiskey Island. The park is bordered by Lake Erie to the north, the Cuyahoga River to the east, and the Norfolk Southern Railroad to the south. The park's wooded areas and meadows provide habitat and prime viewing for birds and monarch butterflies, especially during migration. The park is a great place to watch freighter traffic, rail traffic, and enjoy views of downtown and Lake Erie. The iconic historic former Coast Guard Station can be accessed from the causeway along the river. Additional activities at Wendy Park include sand volleyball, picnicking, and paddle access to Lake Erie from a narrow beach area. Whiskey Island Marina and a restaurant are also accessed from the park.

MERWIN'S WHARF


TO WENDY PARK AND LAKE ERIE
W.25TH ST
DETROIT-SUPERIOR AVE
MERWIN AVE
CENTER ST
W.9TH
RTA
CANAL BASIN PARK (PROPOSED BY OTHERS)
Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail-Lake Link Irishtown Bend Segment
• Bank stabilization and park development efforts by others
• Continue to work with partners and pursue funding for planned all purpose trail link
Recreational Boating Docks
• Implement $1.6M ODNR grant to construct day use boat slips along the Cuyahoga River (12 at Heritage Park and 6 at Rivergate Park)
Canal Basin Park Initial Greening and Forum Pavilion
• Work with LAND Studio and private funder to construct forum pavilion in 2020
Canal Basin Park
• Proposed park at terminus of towpath trail
• Continue partnership for design and development of park let by partners City of Cleveland and Canalway Partners
Towpath Trail Stage 4
• Continue partnership with City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and Canalway Partners to complete final phase of towpath trail
• Completion slated for 2021
All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
Proposed Water Taxi
Kayak Launch
IRISHTOWN BEND PARK (PROPOSED BY OTHERS)
CLEVELAND ROWING FOUNDATION
RIVERGATE
CROOKED RIVER SKATEPARK
MERWIN'S WHARF
COLUMBUS ROAD PENINSULA
FRANKLIN AVE
HURON RD
CANAL RD
COLUMBUS RD
HART CRANE PARK
THE FOUNDRY ROWING CENTER
REDLINE GREENWAY
Cuyahoga River
CARTER RD
SCRANTON PENINSULA
TO CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
TO SCRANTON FLATS, TREMONT, AND CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
Cleveland Metroparks
Lakefront Reservation
Rivergate Park and Heritage Park
Master Plan
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LAKEFRONT RESERVATION - E.55TH, E.72ND AND NORTH GORDON PARK

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

2020 VISITATION: 1,099,895*

2020 ACREAGE: 465*

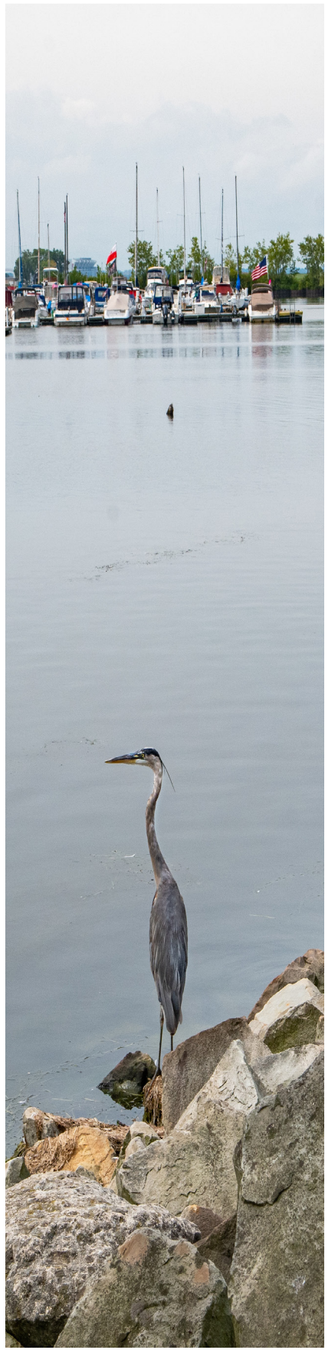
2019 VISITATION: 970,093*

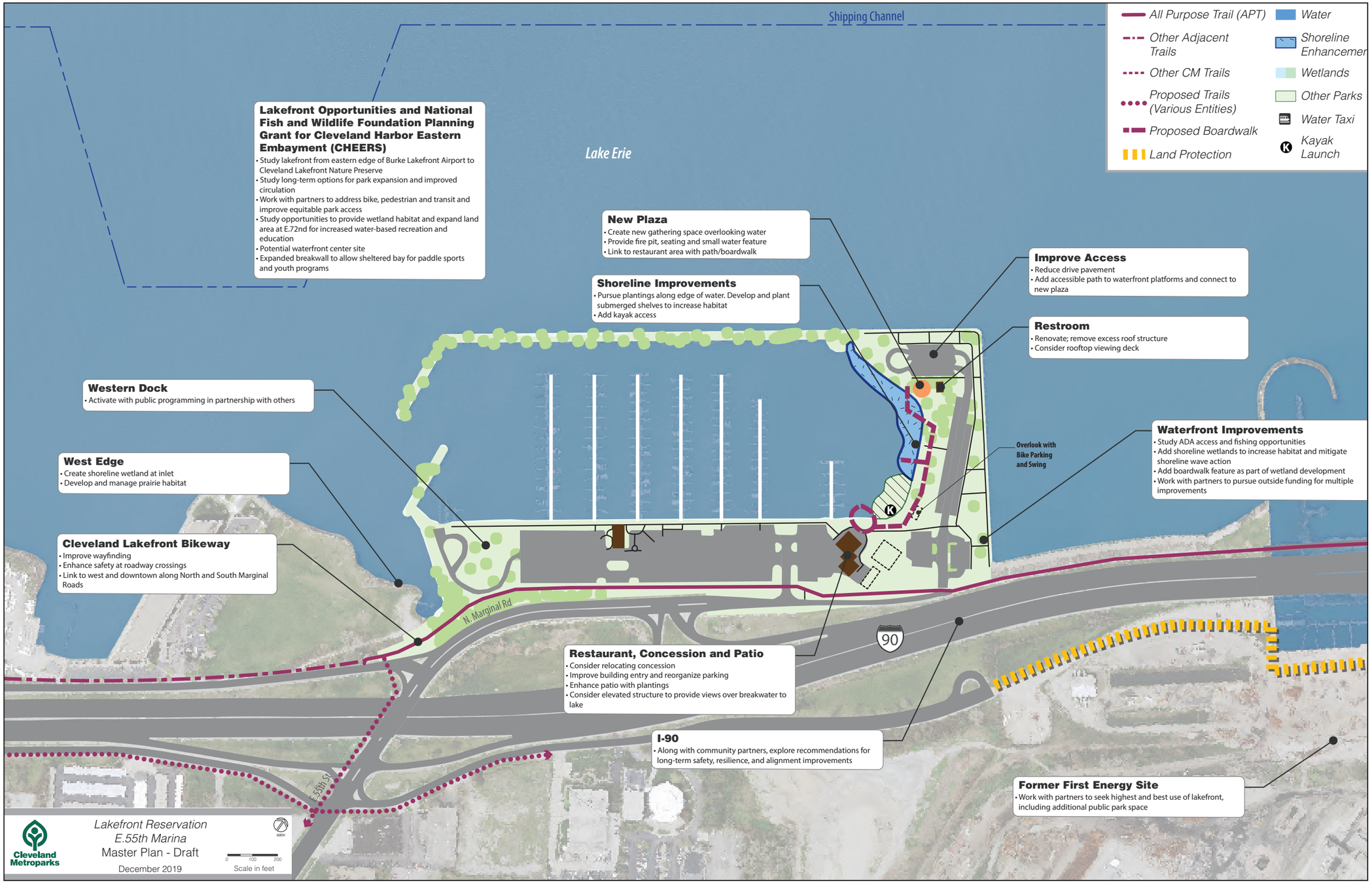
**E.55th, E.72nd and North Gordon Park acreages and visitation are measured together*

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

East 55th Street Marina and Fishing Area provides dramatic views to Lake Erie and Downtown Cleveland. The 1,200-foot fishing platform is popular with anglers. A seasonal waterfront restaurant, bar, patio, sand volleyball, bocce ball, and picnic areas with grills provide great spots to enjoy the lakefront atmosphere. Additional services at the park include courtesy docks, a fuel dock, bait shop, snack bar, marina store, and a gated 352-slip seasonal marina operated by Cleveland Metroparks. The Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway travels through the park and links it to East 55th Street to the west and East 72nd Fishing Area, North Gordon Park, and the Harrison Dillard Trail in Rockefeller Park to the east.

East 55th, East 72nd and North Gordon Park border the north side of Interstate 90 and are connected by the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway. Amenities include restrooms, fishing platforms along the lake, a public boat ramp, and picnic areas with grills. The eastern-most park entrance along Lakeshore Boulevard provides parking and access to the adjacent Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

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Lake Erie
All Purpose Trail (APT)
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Proposed Boardwalk
Land Protection
Water
Shoreline Enhancemer
Wetlands
Other Parks
Water Taxi
Kayak Launch
Lakefront Opportunities and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Planning Grant for Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment (CHEERS)
• Study lakefront from eastern edge of Burke Lakefront Airport to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve
• Study long-term options for park expansion and improved circulation
• Work with partners to address bike, pedestrian and transit and improve equitable park access
• Study opportunities to provide wetland habitat and expand land area at E.72nd for increased water-based recreation and education
• Potential waterfront center site
• Expanded breakwall to allow sheltered bay for paddle sports and youth programs
New Plaza
• Create new gathering space overlooking water
• Provide fire pit, seating and small water feature
• Link to restaurant area with path/boardwalk
Shoreline Improvements
• Pursue plantings along edge of water. Develop and plant submerged shelves to increase habitat
• Add kayak access
Improve Access
• Reduce drive pavement
• Add accessible path to waterfront platforms and connect to new plaza
Restroom
• Renovate; remove excess roof structure
• Consider rooftop viewing deck
Western Dock
• Activate with public programming in partnership with others
West Edge
• Create shoreline wetland at inlet
• Develop and manage prairie habitat
Overlook with Bike Parking and Swing
Waterfront Improvements
• Study ADA access and fishing opportunities
• Add shoreline wetlands to increase habitat and mitigate shoreline wave action
• Add boardwalk feature as part of wetland development
• Work with partners to pursue outside funding for multiple improvements
Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway
• Improve wayfinding
• Enhance safety at roadway crossings
• Link to west and downtown along North and South Marginal Roads
N. Marginal Rd
90
Restaurant, Concession and Patio
• Consider relocating concession
• Improve building entry and reorganize parking
• Enhance patio with plantings
• Consider elevated structure to provide views over breakwater to lake
I-90
• Along with community partners, explore recommendations for long-term safety, resilience, and alignment improvements
E.55th St
Former First Energy Site
• Work with partners to seek highest and best use of lakefront, including additional public park space
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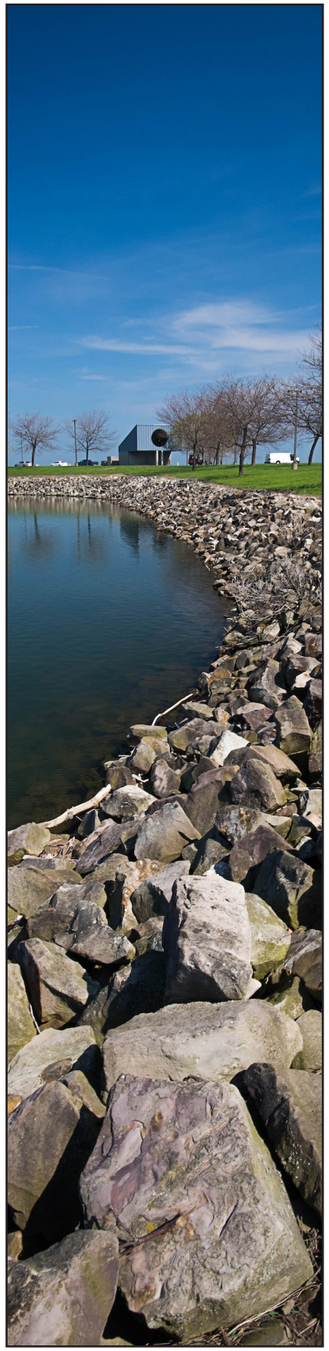

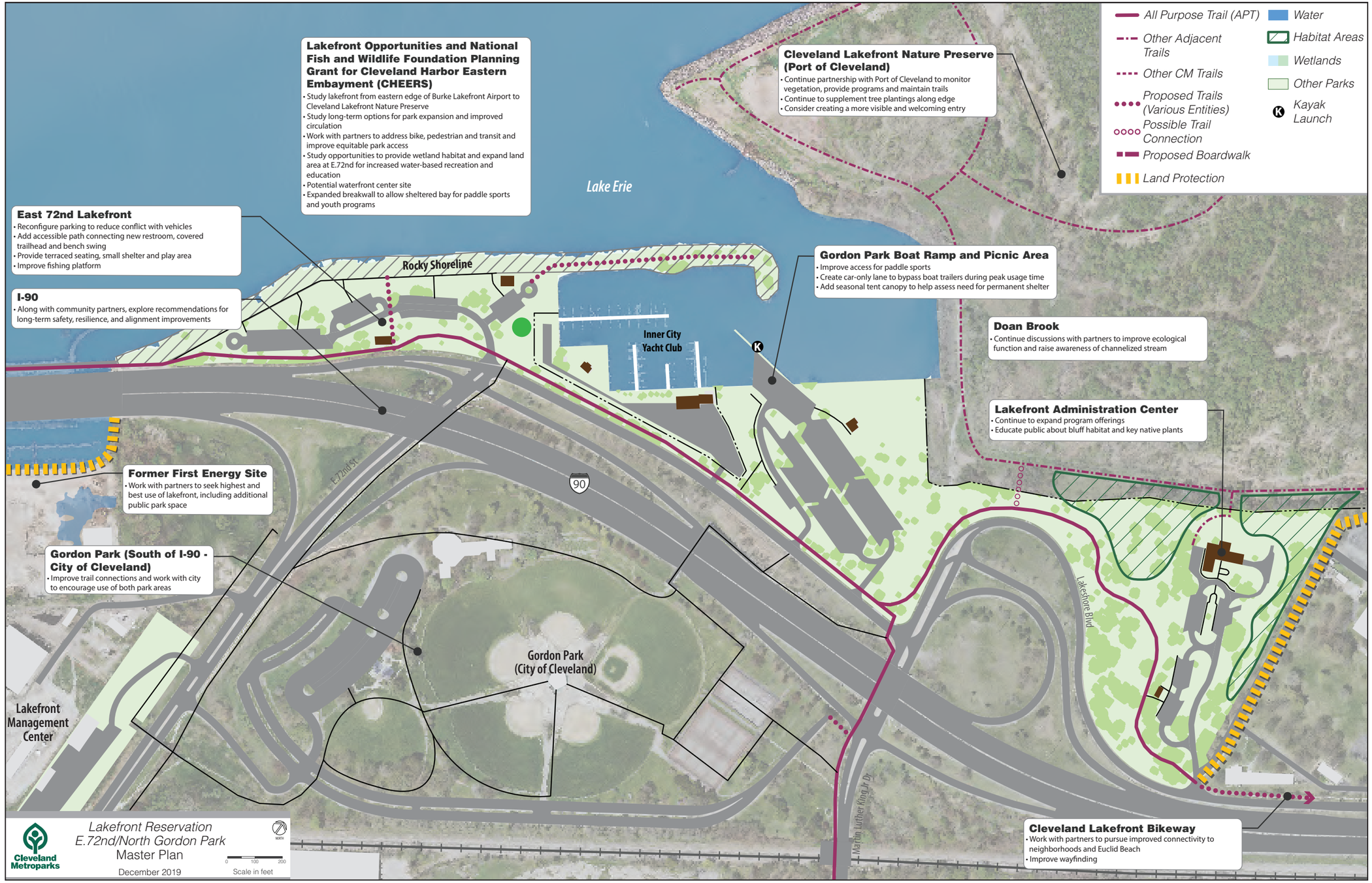
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• Potential waterfront center site
• Expanded breakwall to allow sheltered bay for paddle sports and youth programs
Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (Port of Cleveland)
• Continue partnership with Port of Cleveland to monitor vegetation, provide programs and maintain trails
• Continue to supplement tree plantings along edge
• Consider creating a more visible and welcoming entry
All Purpose Trail (APT)
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Possible Trail Connection
Proposed Boardwalk
Land Protection
Water
Habitat Areas
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Other Parks
Kayak Launch
Lake Erie
East 72nd Lakefront
• Reconfigure parking to reduce conflict with vehicles
• Add accessible path connecting new restroom, covered trailhead and bench swing
• Provide terraced seating, small shelter and play area
• Improve fishing platform
Rocky Shoreline
Gordon Park Boat Ramp and Picnic Area
• Improve access for paddle sports
• Create car-only lane to bypass boat trailers during peak usage time
• Add seasonal tent canopy to help assess need for permanent shelter
I-90
• Along with community partners, explore recommendations for long-term safety, resilience, and alignment improvements
Inner City Yacht Club
Doan Brook
• Continue discussions with partners to improve ecological function and raise awareness of channelized stream
Lakefront Administration Center
• Continue to expand program offerings
• Educate public about bluff habitat and key native plants
Former First Energy Site
• Work with partners to seek highest and best use of lakefront, including additional public park space
E.72nd St.
90
Gordon Park (South of I-90 - City of Cleveland)
• Improve trail connections and work with city to encourage use of both park areas
Gordon Park (City of Cleveland)
Lakefront Management Center
Lakeshore Blvd
Martin Luther King Jr Dr
Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway
• Work with partners to pursue improved connectivity to neighborhoods and Euclid Beach
• Improve wayfinding
Cleveland Metroparks
Lakefront Reservation
E.72nd/North Gordon Park
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STRATEGIC GOALS			PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	Area	Action					
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		Work with partners to address bike, pedestrian, and transit and improve equitable park access			■		
		Study opportunities to provide wetland habitat and expanded land area at E 72nd for increased water-based recreation and education	■				
		Potential waterfront center site				■	
		Expanded Breakwall to allow sheltered bay for paddle sports and youth programs				■	
2	Western Dock	Activate with public programming in partnership with others				■	
3	West Edge	Create shoreline with wetland at inlet	■				
		Develop and manage prarie habitat	■				
4	Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway	Improve wayfinding			■		
		Enhance safety at roadway crossings			■		
		Link to west and downtown along North and South Marginal Roads			■		
5	Restaurant, Concession, and Patio	Consider relocating concession		■			
		Improve building entry and reorganize parking		■			
		Consider elevated structure to provide views over breakwater to lake				■	
6	I-90	Along with community partners, explore recommendations for long-term safety, resilience, and alignment improvements					■
7	Former First Energy Site	Work with partners to seek highest and best use of lakefront, including additional public park space			■		
8	Waterfront Improvements	Study ADA access and fishing opportunities				■	
		Add shoreline wetlands to increase habitat and mitigate shoreline wave action	■				
		Add boardwalk feature as part of wetland development				■	
		Work with partners to pursue outside funding for multiple improvements			■		
9	Restroom	Renovate; remove excess roof structure		■			
		Consider rooftop viewing deck				■	
10	Improve Access	Reduce drive pavement	■				
		Add accessible path to waterfront platforms and connect to new plaza				■	
11	New Plaza	Create new gathering space overlooking water			■		
		Provide fire pit, seating, and small water feature				■	
		Link to resturant with path/boardwalk				■	
12	Shoreline Improvements	Pursue planting along edge of water. Develop and plant submerged shelves to increase habitat	■				
		Add kayak access				■	
13	Lakefront Opportunities and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Planning Grant for Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment (CHEERS)	Study lakefront from eastern edge of Burke Lakefront Airport to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve		■			
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		Study opportunities to provide wetland habitat and expanded land area at E 72nd for increased water-based recreation and education	■				
		Potential waterfront center site				■	
		Expanded breakwall to allow sheltered bay for paddle sports and youth programs				■	
14	East 72nd Lakefront	Reconfigue parking to reduce conflict with vehicles		■			
		Add accessible path connecting new restroom, covered trailhead, and bench swing			■		
		Provide terraced seating, small shelter, and play area				■	
		Improve fishing platform		■			
15	Gordon Park (South of I-90 City of Cleveland)	Improve trail connections and work with cit to encourage use of both park areas			■		
16	Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway	Work with partners to pursue improved connectivity to neighborhoods and Euclid Beach			■		
		Improve wayfinding			■		
17	Lakefront Administration	Continue to expand program offerings				■	
		Educate public about bluff habitat and key native plants	■				
18	Doan Brook	Continue discussions with partners to improve ecological function and raise awareness of channelized stream	■				
19	Gordon Park Boat Ramp and Picnic Area	Improve access for paddle sports				■	
		Create car-only lane to bypass boat trailers during peak usage time		■			
		Add seasonal tent canopy to help assess need for permanent shelter					■
20	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (Port of Cleveland)	Continue partnership with Port of Cleveland to monitor vegetation, provide programs, and maintain trails			■		
		Continue to supplement tree plantings along edge	■				
		Consider creating more visible and welcoming entry		■			
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			10	9	15	16	2

EUCLID CREEK RESERVATION LAKEFRONT - EUCLID BEACH, VILLA ANGELA BEACH AND WILDWOOD PARK

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

2020 ACREAGE: 124*

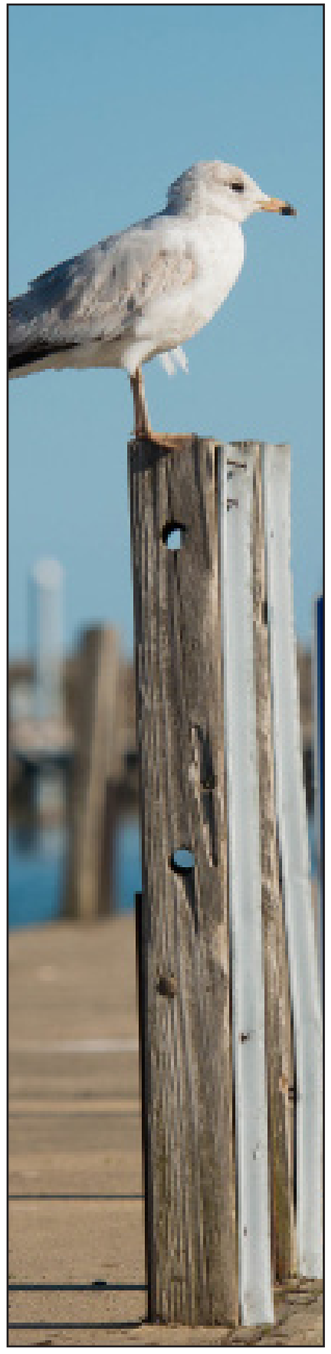
*Lakefront portion of Euclid Creek Reservation only

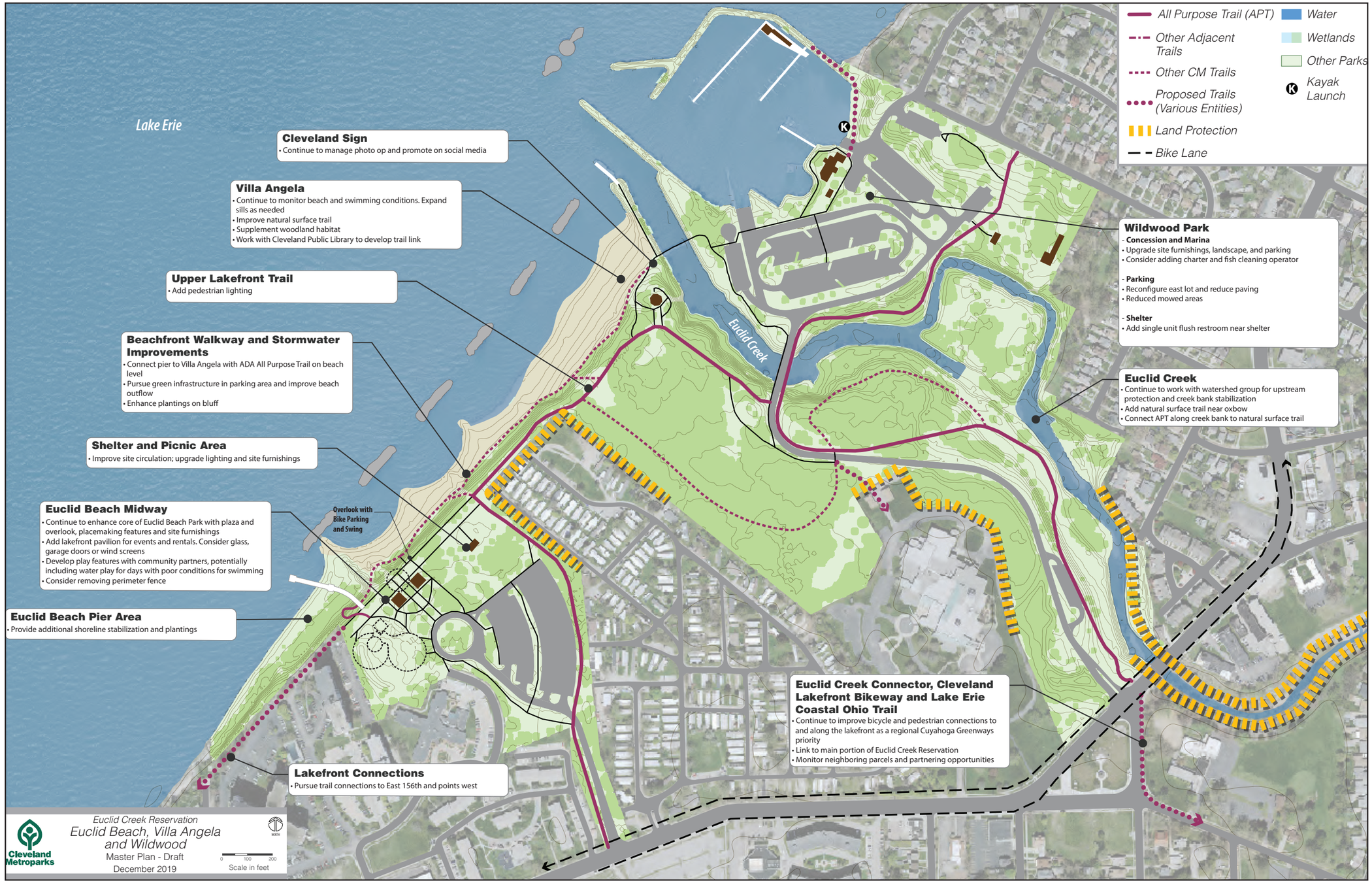
2020 VISITATION: 526,474

2019 VISITATION: 483,916

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Euclid Beach, Villa Angela, and Wildwood were added to Euclid Creek Reservation in 2013. These areas are grouped with Lakefront Reservation for planning purposes since they share attributes with other lakefront parks. The lakefront portion of Euclid Creek Reservation provides trails, picnic areas overlooking Lake Erie, a pier, shelters, a swimming beach, restrooms, seasonal concessions, fishing areas, paddle access, and a public boat launch. Lakefront habitat includes an oxbow wetland, the confluence of Euclid Creek with Lake Erie, and wooded areas and meadows. The three areas are connected by the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway.




Lake Erie
Cleveland Sign
• Continue to manage photo op and promote on social media
Villa Angela
• Continue to monitor beach and swimming conditions. Expand sills as needed
• Improve natural surface trail
• Supplement woodland habitat
• Work with Cleveland Public Library to develop trail link
Upper Lakefront Trail
• Add pedestrian lighting
Beachfront Walkway and Stormwater Improvements
• Connect pier to Villa Angela with ADA All Purpose Trail on beach level
• Pursue green infrastructure in parking area and improve beach outflow
• Enhance plantings on bluff
Shelter and Picnic Area
• Improve site circulation; upgrade lighting and site furnishings
Euclid Beach Midway
• Continue to enhance core of Euclid Beach Park with plaza and overlook, placemaking features and site furnishings
• Add lakefront pavilion for events and rentals. Consider glass, garage doors or wind screens
• Develop play features with community partners, potentially including water play for days with poor conditions for swimming
• Consider removing perimeter fence
Overlook with Bike Parking and Swing
Euclid Beach Pier Area
• Provide additional shoreline stabilization and plantings
Lakefront Connections
• Pursue trail connections to East 156th and points west
Euclid Creek
Wildwood Park
- Concession and Marina
• Upgrade site furnishings, landscape, and parking
• Consider adding charter and fish cleaning operator
- Parking
• Reconfigure east lot and reduce paving
• Reduced mowed areas
- Shelter
• Add single unit flush restroom near shelter
Euclid Creek
• Continue to work with watershed group for upstream protection and creek bank stabilization
• Add natural surface trail near oxbow
• Connect APT along creek bank to natural surface trail
Euclid Creek Connector, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway and Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail
• Continue to improve bicycle and pedestrian connections to and along the lakefront as a regional Cuyahoga Greenways priority
• Link to main portion of Euclid Creek Reservation
• Monitor neighboring parcels and partnering opportunities
All Purpose Trail (APT)
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Bike Lane
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Other Parks
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STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Cleveland Script Sign**	Continue to manage photo opportunity and promote on social media					
2	**Villa Angola**	Continue to monitor beach and swimming conditions. Expand sills as needed					
		Improve natural surface trail					
		Supplement woodland habitat					
		Work with Cleveland Public Library to develop trail link					
3	**Upper Lakefront Trail**	Add pedestrian lighting					
4	**Beachfront Walkway and Stormwater**	Connect pier to Villa Angela with ADA All Purpose Trail on beach level					
		Pursue green infrastructure in parking area and improve beachoutflow					
		Enhance plantings on bluff					
5	**Shelter and Picnic Areas**	Improve site circulation; upgrade lighting and site furnashings					
6	**Euclid Beach Midway**	Continue to enhance core of Euclid Beach Park with plaza and overlook, placemaking features and site furnishings					
		Add lakefront pavilion for events and rentals. Consider glass, garage doors or wind screens					
		Develop play features with community partners, potentially including water play for days with poor conditions for swimming					
		Consider removing perimeter fence					
7	**Euclid Beach Pier Area**	Provide aditional shoreline stabalization and plantings					
8	**Lakefront**	Pursue trail connections to East 156th Street and points west					
9	**Euclid Creek Connector, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway and Lake Erie Coastal Ohio**	Continue to improve bicycle and pedestrian connections to and along the lakefront as a regional Cuyahoga Greenways priority					
		Link to main portion of Euclid Creek Reservation					
		Monitor neighboring parcels and partnering opportunities					
10	**Euclid Creek**	Continue to work with watershed group for upstream protection and creek bank stabilization					
		Add natural surface trail near oxbow					
		Connect APT along creek bank to natural surface trail					
11	**Wildwood Park**	Upgrade site furnashings, landscape, and parking					
		Consider adding charter and fish cleaning operator					
		Reconfigure east lot and reuce paving					
		Reduce mowed areas					
		Add single unit flush restroom near shelter					
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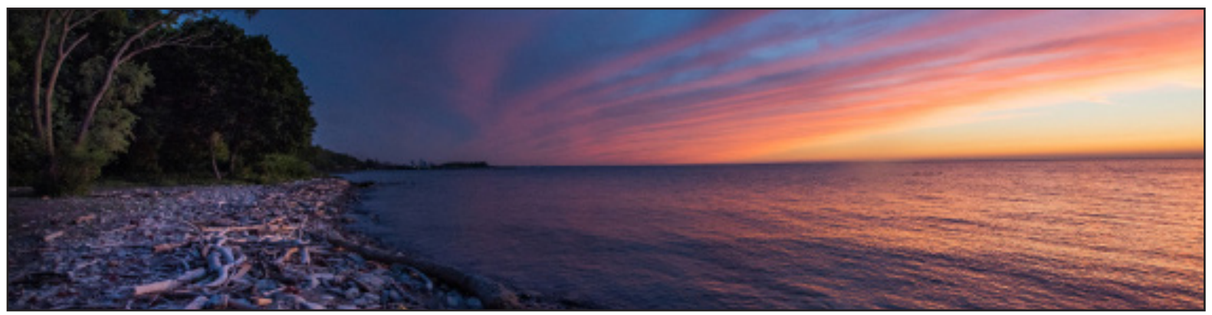


MILL STREAM RUN RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1929

2020 ACREAGE: 3,509

2020 VISITATION: 2,166,966

2019 VISITATION: 1,998,361

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Protect the East Branch Rocky River watershed. Pursue green infrastructure and restoration projects to safeguard water resources.

RELEVANCY

Improve accessibility and update facilities. Continue to offer a wide range of outdoor recreation experiences to meet user interest.

CONNECTIONS

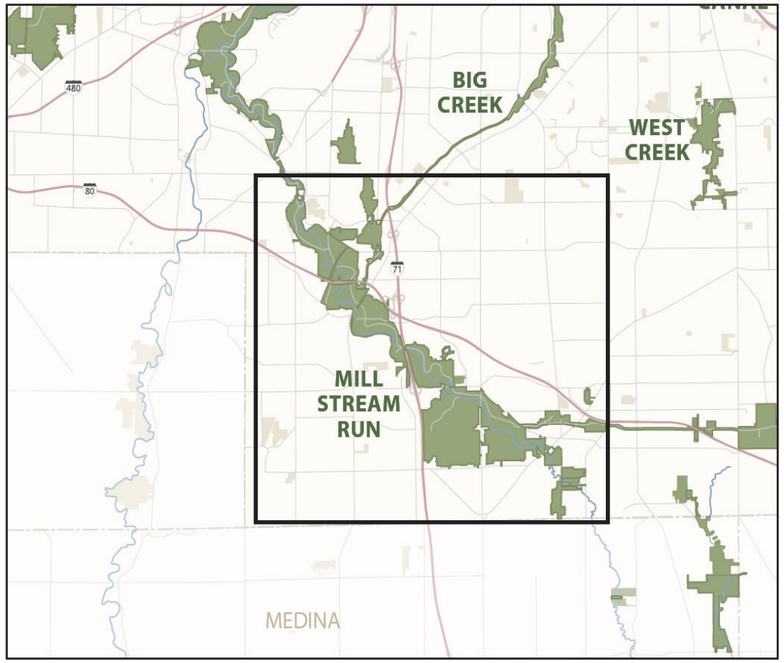
Improve internal trail network. Pursue trail connections to Hinckley and Big Creek Reservations and to surrounding communities.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Upgrade existing facilities at Wallace Lake and Chalet areas for year-round activation.

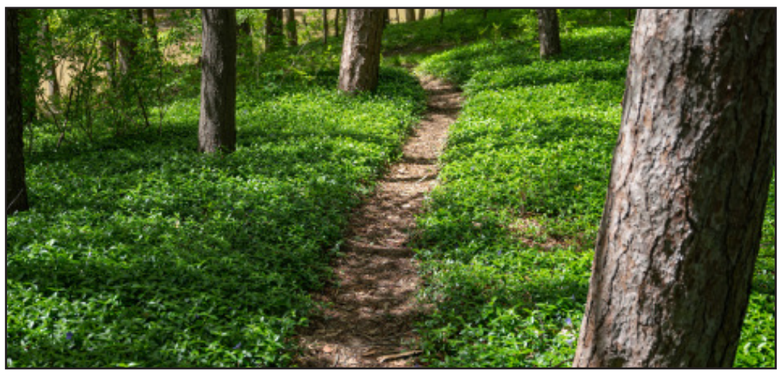
ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Optimize use and efficiency of Management Complex for park operations and overall Park District needs.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

The second largest of Cleveland Metroparks reservations, Mill Stream Run, is so named due to the fast flowing streams in the area which originally provided power for the gristmills and sawmills of the early settlers of the region. The reservation is buffered by broad gentle slopes and distant ridges and includes Wallace and Baldwin lakes in an area that was formerly utilized for quarries. The reservation includes numerous species of wildlife and plant life, including ferns and wildflowers.

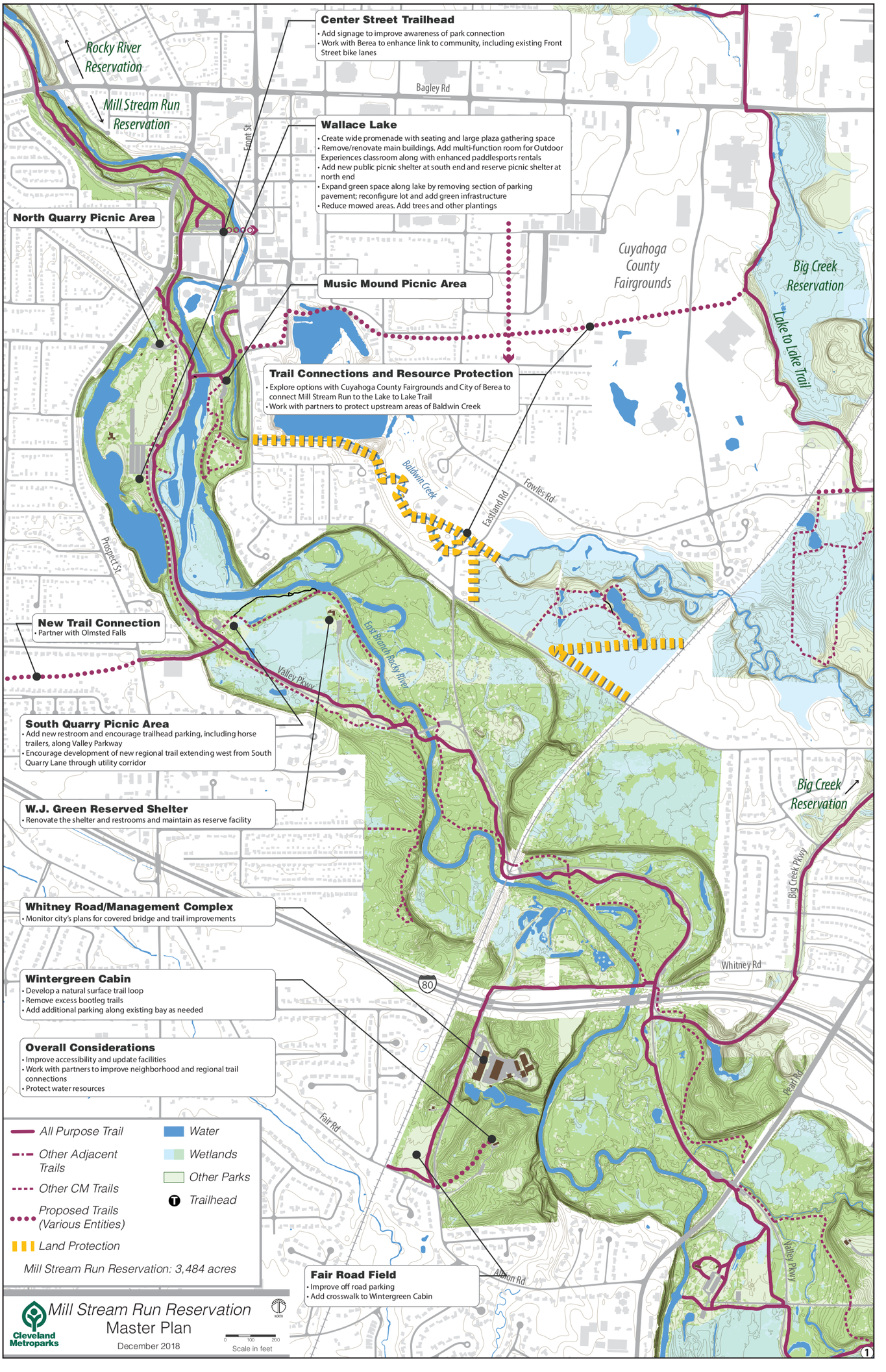


INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Wallace Lake
   - Update building and restrooms
   - Add storm water best management practices to parking
   - Add site improvements and plantings
   - Outdoor recreation opportunities
2. Bonnie Park
   - Supplement WRRSP restoration with overlook
3. New connections
   - South from the Chalet
   - West from Royalview
   - North from Pawpaw Picnic Area at W.130th Street
4. Royalview Improvements
   - Add lower lot restroom and changing station
   - Upper lot area renovation and add shade structure

Parks are essential building blocks of thriving places, but creative approaches are increasingly necessary to advance equitable access to parks that support quality of life in communities throughout the United States and beyond.

- Urban Land Institute


Center Street Trailhead
• Add signage to improve awareness of park connection
• Work with Berea to enhance link to community, including existing Front Street bike lanes
Rocky River Reservation
Mill Stream Run Reservation
Bagley Rd
Front St
Wallace Lake
• Create wide promenade with seating and large plaza gathering space
• Remove/renovate main buildings. Add multi-function room for Outdoor Experiences classroom along with enhanced paddlesports rentals
• Add new public picnic shelter at south end and reserve picnic shelter at north end
• Expand green space along lake by removing section of parking pavement; reconfigure lot and add green infrastructure
• Reduce mowed areas. Add trees and other plantings
North Quarry Picnic Area
Music Mound Picnic Area
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
Big Creek Reservation
Lake to Lake Trail
Trail Connections and Resource Protection
• Explore options with Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds and City of Berea to connect Mill Stream Run to the Lake to Lake Trail
• Work with partners to protect upstream areas of Baldwin Creek
Baldwin Creek
Eastland Rd
Fowles Rd
Prospect St
New Trail Connection
• Partner with Olmsted Falls
East Branch Rocky River
Valley Pkwy
South Quarry Picnic Area
• Add new restroom and encourage trailhead parking, including horse trailers, along Valley Parkway
• Encourage development of new regional trail extending west from South Quarry Lane through utility corridor
W.J. Green Reserved Shelter
• Renovate the shelter and restrooms and maintain as reserve facility
Big Creek Reservation
Big Creek Pkwy
Whitney Road/Management Complex
• Monitor city's plans for covered bridge and trail improvements
Whitney Rd
Wintergreen Cabin
• Develop a natural surface trail loop
• Remove excess bootleg trails
• Add additional parking along existing bay as needed
80
Overall Considerations
• Improve accessibility and update facilities
• Work with partners to improve neighborhood and regional trail connections
• Protect water resources
Pearl Rd
Fair Rd
All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
Other CM Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Water
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Other Parks
Trailhead
Mill Stream Run Reservation: 3,484 acres
Fair Road Field
• Improve off road parking
• Add crosswalk to Wintergreen Cabin
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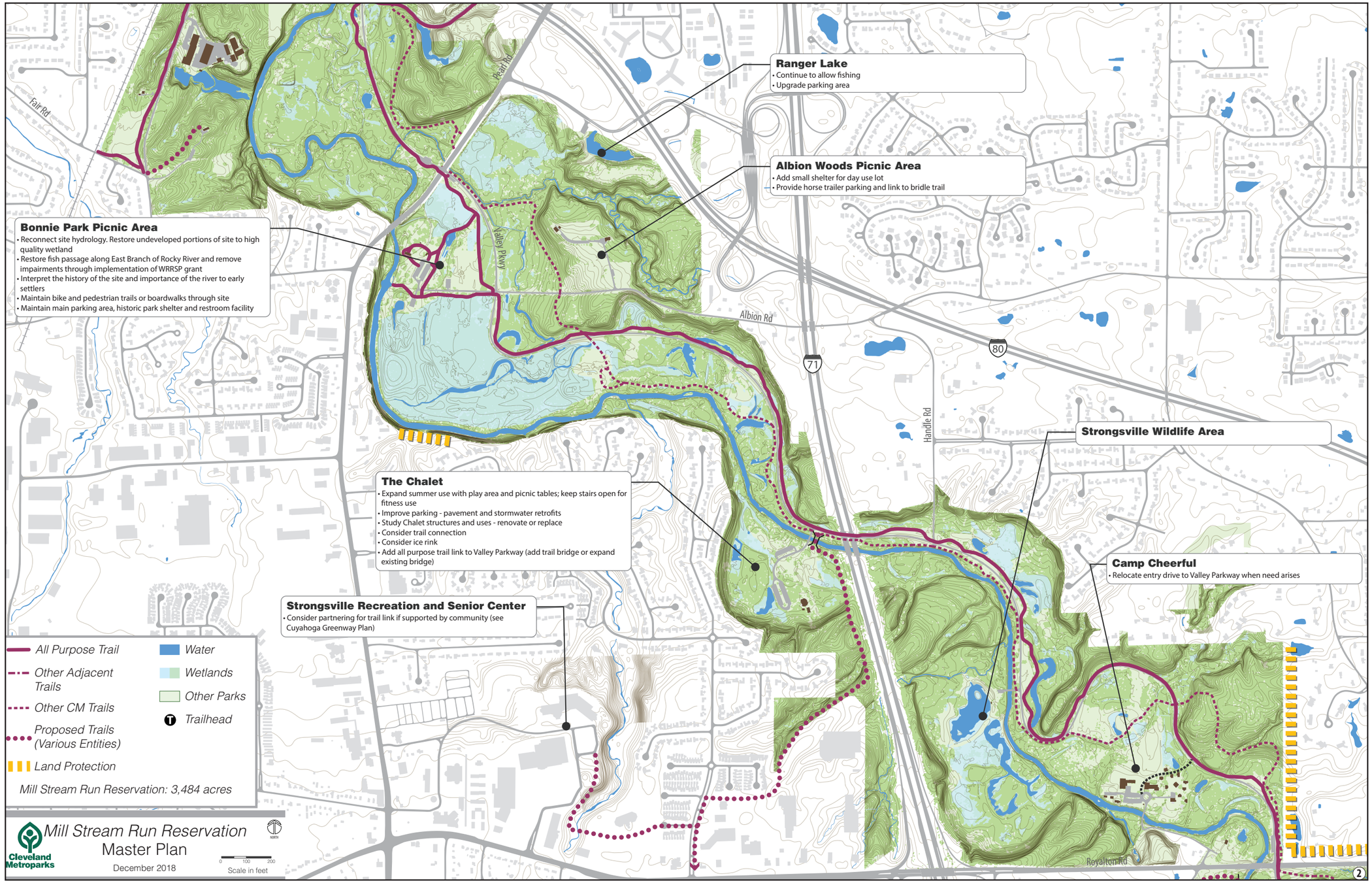
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Pearl Rd
Valley Pkwy
Albion Rd
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Handle Rd
Royalton Rd
Ranger Lake
• Continue to allow fishing
• Upgrade parking area
Albion Woods Picnic Area
• Add small shelter for day use lot
• Provide horse trailer parking and link to bridle trail
Bonnie Park Picnic Area
• Reconnect site hydrology. Restore undeveloped portions of site to high quality wetland
• Restore fish passage along East Branch of Rocky River and remove impairments through implementation of WRRSP grant
• Interpret the history of the site and importance of the river to early settlers
• Maintain bike and pedestrian trails or boardwalks through site
• Maintain main parking area, historic park shelter and restroom facility
The Chalet
• Expand summer use with play area and picnic tables; keep stairs open for fitness use
• Improve parking - pavement and stormwater retrofits
• Study Chalet structures and uses - renovate or replace
• Consider trail connection
• Consider ice rink
• Add all purpose trail link to Valley Parkway (add trail bridge or expand existing bridge)
Strongsville Recreation and Senior Center
• Consider partnering for trail link if supported by community (see Cuyahoga Greenway Plan)
Strongsville Wildlife Area
Camp Cheerful
• Relocate entry drive to Valley Parkway when need arises
All Purpose Trail
Other Adjacent Trails
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Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
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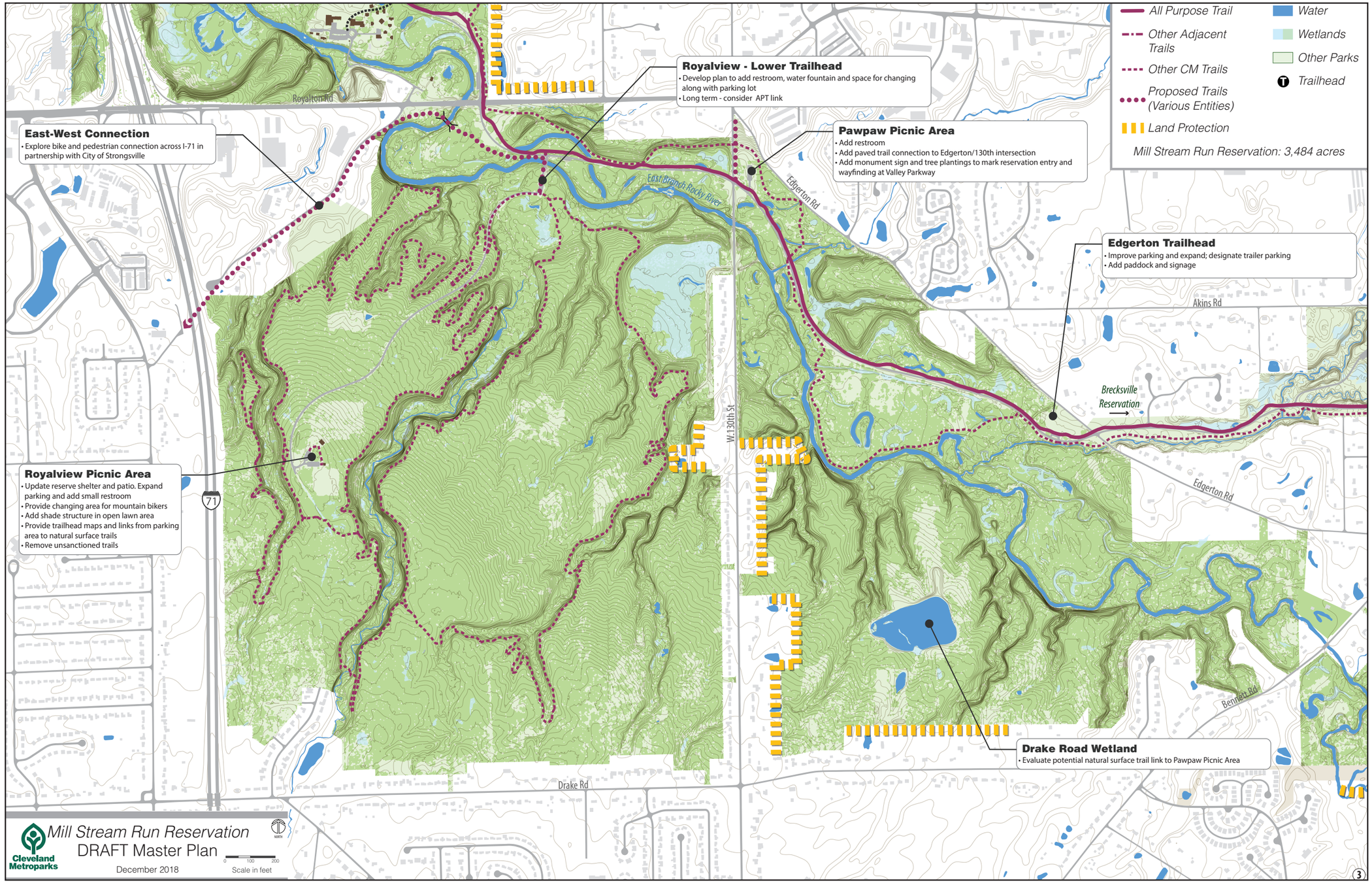
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East-West Connection
• Explore bike and pedestrian connection across I-71 in partnership with City of Strongsville
Royalview - Lower Trailhead
• Develop plan to add restroom, water fountain and space for changing along with parking lot
• Long term - consider APT link
Pawpaw Picnic Area
• Add restroom
• Add paved trail connection to Edgerton/130th intersection
• Add monument sign and tree plantings to mark reservation entry and wayfinding at Valley Parkway
Edgerton Trailhead
• Improve parking and expand; designate trailer parking
• Add paddock and signage
Royalview Picnic Area
• Update reserve shelter and patio. Expand parking and add small restroom
• Provide changing area for mountain bikers
• Add shade structure in open lawn area
• Provide trailhead maps and links from parking area to natural surface trails
• Remove unsanctioned trails
Drake Road Wetland
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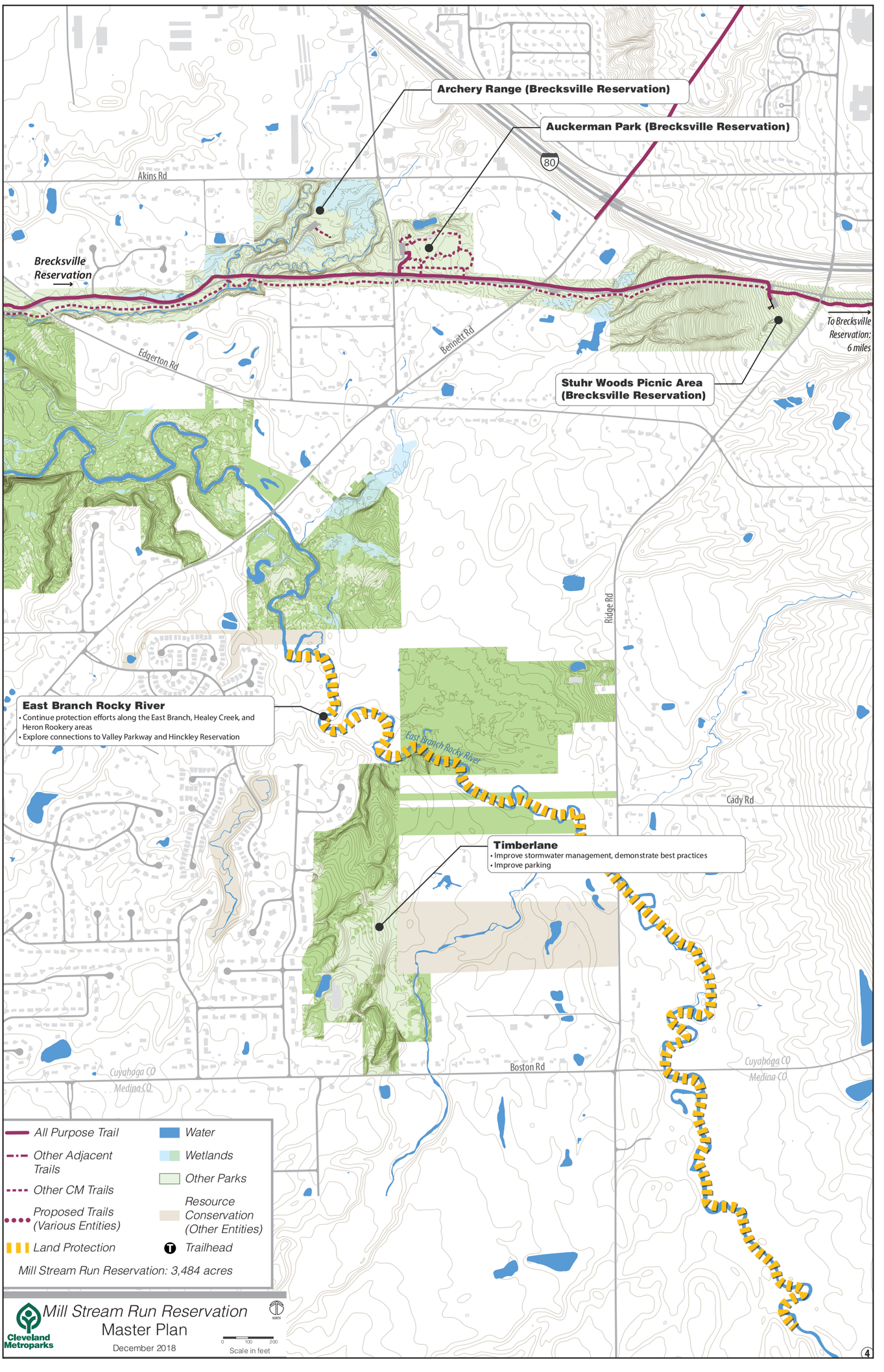
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Akins Rd
Brecksville Reservation
Edgerton Rd
Bennett Rd
To Brecksville Reservation: 6 miles
Stuhr Woods Picnic Area (Brecksville Reservation)
East Branch Rocky River
• Continue protection efforts along the East Branch, Healey Creek, and Heron Rookery areas
• Explore connections to Valley Parkway and Hinckley Reservation
Ridge Rd
East Branch Rocky River
Cady Rd
Timberlane
• Improve stormwater management, demonstrate best practices
• Improve parking
Cuyahoga CO
Medina CO
Boston Rd
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STRATEGIC GOALS			PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Improve accessibility and update facilities		■			
		Work with partners to improve neighborhood and regional trail connections			■		
		Protect water resources	■				
2	**Center Street Trailhead**	Add signage to improve awareness of park connection		■			
		Work with Berea to enhance link to community, including existing bike lanes on Front Street			■		
3	**Wallace Lake**	Create wide promenade with seating and large plaza gathering space				■	
		Remove/renovate main buildings. Add multi-function room for Outdoor Experiences classroom				■	
		Add new public picnic shelter at south end and reserve picnic shelter at north end		■			
		Expand green space along lake by removing section of parking pavement; reconfigure lot and add green infrastructure	■				
		Reduce mowed areas. Add trees and other plantings	■				
4	**Trail Connections and Resource Protection**	Explore options with Cuyahoga County Fairgounds and City of Berea to connect Mill Stream to the Lake to Lake Trail			■		
		Work with partners to protect upstream areas of Baldwin Creek	■				
		Pursue connection to Lake Isaac from south of Main Street			■		
5	**South Quarry Picnic Area**	Add new restroom and encourage trailhead parking, including horse trailers, along Valley		■			
		Encourage development of new regional trail extending west from South Quarry Lane through utility corridor			■		
6	**W.J. Green**	Renovate the shelter and restrooms and maintain as reserve facility		■			
7	**Wintergreen Cabin**	Develop a natural surface trail loop				■	
		Remove excess bootleg trails	■				
		Add additional parking along existing bay as needed		■			
8	**Fair Road Field**	Improve off road parking		■			
		Add crosswalk to Wintergreen Cabin			■		
9	**Ranger Lake**	Continue to allow fishing				■	
		Upgrade parking area		■			
10	**Albion Woods Picnic Area**	Add small shelter for day use lot		■			
		Restore portion of field to meadow and reduce mowing	■				
		Provide horse trailer parking and link to bridle trail				■	
11	**Bonnie Park**	Reconnect site hydrology. Restore undeveloped portions of site to high quality wetland. Restore fish passage along East Branch of Rocky River and remove impairments through implementation of WRRSP grant.	■				
		Interpret the history of the site and importance of the river to early settlers. Provide overlook at site of dam		■			
		Maintain bike and pedestrian trails or boardwalks through site			■		
		Maintain main parking area, historic park shelter, and restroom facility				■	
12	**The Chalet**	Expand summer use with play area and picnic tables; keep stairs open for fitness use				■	
		Improve parking - pavement and stormwater retrofits		■			
		Study Chalet structures and uses; renovate or replace					■
		Add all purpose trail link to Valley Parkway			■		
		Consider trail connection along I-71 to link to city of Strongsville Recreation Center			■		
		Consider ice rink				■	

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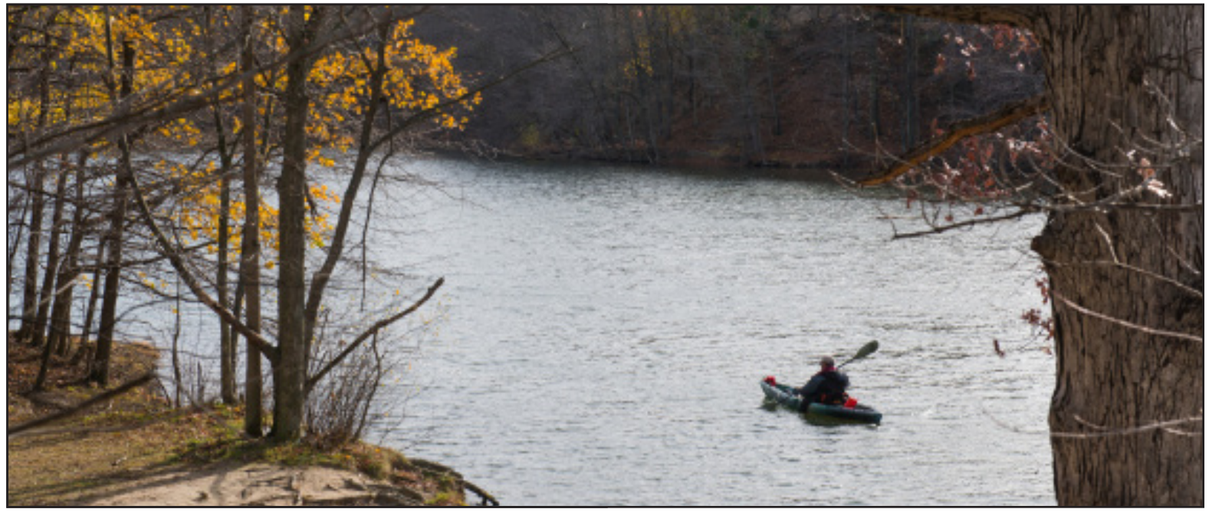
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
13	**Strongsville Recreation and Senior Center**	Consider partnering for trail link (refer to Strongsville Master Plan and Cuyahoga Greenways)			■		
14	**Camp Cheerful**	Relocate entry drive to Valley Parkway when need arises					■
15	**East - West Connection**	Explore bike and pedestrian link across I-71 in partnership with City of Strongsville			■		
16	**Royalview Picnic Area**	Update reserve shelter and patio. Expand parking and add small restroom		■			
		Provide changing area for mountain bikers				■	
		Add shade structure in open lawn area				■	
		Provide trailhead maps and links from parking area to natural surface trails				■	
		Remove unsanctioned trails	■				
17	**Royalview Lower Trailhead**	Develop plan to add restroom, water fountain, and space for changing along with reconfigured parking area and drive		■			
		Provide all purpose trail link to Valley Parkway and explore other links			■		
18	**PawPaw Picnic Area**	Add restroom		■			
		Add paved trail connection to Edgerton / W. 130th Street intersection			■		
		Add monument sign and tree plantings to mark reservation entry and wayfinding at Valley Parkway		■			
19	**Edgerton Trailhead**	Improve parking and expand; designate trailer parking area				■	
		Add paddock and signage				■	
20	**Drake Road Wetland**	Evaluate potential natural surface trail link to PawPaw Picnic Area				■	
21	**East Branch Rocky River**	Continue protection efforts	■				
		Explore connections to Valley Parkway and Hinckley Reservation	■				
22	**Timberlane Farm**	Improve stormwater management; demonstrate best practices	■				
		Improve parking					■
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			11	15	13	14	3



NORTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1925

2020 VISITATION: 1,269,566

2020 ACREAGE: 2,189

2019 VISITATION: 1,044,268

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Protect and complement the diverse and sensitive habitats caused in part by North Chagrin's proximity to Lake Erie. Sustain high quality forests, hemlock ravines, streams, wetland complexes, and the scenic Chagrin River Valley. Uphold the legacy of outdoor education and preserve historic cultural resources.

RELEVANCY

Provide educational and recreational programs, events, explore new partnerships, and provide guests with impactful experiences.

CONNECTIONS

Partner to increase North Chagrin's regional connectivity and reduce reliance on vehicles for access to the park.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Provide opportunities to experience diverse habitats to encourage engagement, facilitate education, and enrich outdoor recreation. Balance access with resource protection.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Focus on upgrading existing infrastructure. Keep park facilities relevant and balance distribution of use. Consider long term operations and maintenance issues.

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

North Chagrin Reservation stretches from the upland bluffs and former farm fields down the scenic hemlock ravines to the wetlands and riparian corridor of the Chagrin River, a State Scenic River. The Chagrin River Valley forms one of the original corridors of the Emerald Necklace. The natural diversity of the reservation is highlighted by A.B. Williams Memorial Woods, a climax forest listed on the Natural Register of Historic Areas. The reservation is also a habitat for unique wildlife species and includes a two-acre marsh and Sunset Pond, a popular stopover for migrant waterfowl.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Parking and road changes at Chardon Road and Whispering Woods
2. Trail and wayfinding improvements
3. Improved access at Old River Farm
4. Nature Center are improvements
5. Change Oxbow Lane to a single entry road
6. Chagrin Valley Connectors study

"Life is a great adventure... accept it in such a spirit."
- Theodore Roosevelt

Reservation-wide Considerations

- Focus on wayfinding, including park entryways and orientation.
- Address infrastructure - water lines, culverts and headwalls - incorporate green infrastructure options as appropriate.
- Advance long-term trail sustainability by reducing trails, improving condition, combining uses, and simplifying the overall system.
- Address invasive species, restoration opportunities, and threats to ecological systems (ex.: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid) with restoration plan overlay.
- Designate Backcountry Camp Sites. Operate on a permit system.
- Phase out backstops and skinned infields in all locations except Forest Picnic Area. Provide option for bases and other game equipment at reserve facilities.

Manakiki Golf Course

- Pursue easements for stream protection and buffer to the north.
- Relocate Maintenance Center to SOM Center.
- Develop Driving Range at former maintenance area.
- Provide satellite maintenance at #14.
- Add trailhead at parking lot and work with City of Willoughby Hills on a connection to Chardon Rd. entrance.

Chardon Road Entry

- Remove east entry drive.
- Realign west entry drive to a 90° intersection.
- Develop parking lot and trailhead in area of former west entry.
- Partner to determine need to provide APT link to Roemisch Park and to Manakiki.

Strawberry Pond Area

- Remove monument sign along SOM Center Road. Expand trailhead parking near SOM to 15-20 spaces.
- Reduce width of former road to reflect use as combination All Purpose Trail / natural surface bridle trail.
- Modify corridor with wetland restoration.
- Dredge Strawberry Pond to improve fish habitat. Add fishing decks.
- Replace overflow structure to prevent flooding. Echo Civilian Conservation Corps heritage of structure and design it to serve as an overlook / amenity.
- Mitigate past erosion at outflow.

Whispering Woods

- Survey to determine current demand. Reduce by 2/3 or eliminate pavement to protect surrounding sensitive resources.

Squire's Castle Area

- Conserve land north of Squire's Castle.
- Partner to connect to Lake Metroparks (Pleasant Valley and Chapin Forest) and Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve.
- Consider trail connection to Chardon Road and Garfield Park.
- Address ongoing structure maintenance - tuck-pointing, drainage, and pavement.
- Simplify trail system.

Intergrove Cabin Area

- Continue to promote Intergrove Cabin as reservable shelter / retreat center, including serving as camp base.
- Continue wetland restoration.
- Limit trails in the area due to wet soils.

Oxbow Area

- Primitive trail / fishing deck/ connect to Old River Farm.

Old River Farm Area

- Open area for public access.
- Expand trail system to north to Oxbow and south to Rogers Road.
- Create better river access with wading steps for fishing and kayaks.
- Replace stairs and shelter slab; improve parking.

River Grove

- Permit to groups for overnight camping. Promote use in conjunction with Buckeye Trail.

Rogers Road Area

- Link to Chagrin River, Old River Farm, and Oxbow areas via natural surface trail.
- Potential for parking expansion within mowed area as trailhead demand develops.
- Add kayak access at Chagrin River.

Ox Lane/Oxbow Lane

- Study removal of north leg of Oxbow Lane. Including signage, across to existing parking and parking for field.

A.B. Williams Woods

- Improve trailhead. Add interpretive signage about A.B. Williams and the woods history.
- Restore / stabilize overlook structure and complete loop trail.
- Replace bridge on Castle Valley trail.
- 100th Anniversary Project.
- Simplify trail system; reduce parallel legs; pull away from sensitive ravines and edges; add overlooks and benches.

Nature Center Area

- Short term - upgrade parking lot portable toilets to CXT.
- Upgrade guest experience by creating welcoming façade and entry as well as updates to interior layout, finishes, displays, and lighting. Address drainage and utility issues.
- Improve accessibility and access for emergency services. Consider accessible parking or drop-off area closer to building.
- Phase out Education Building. Potentially consolidate into one structure including classroom, kitchen, and restrooms that are available to guests when center is closed. Owl Aviary could remain as stand-alone feature.
- Promote rental of meeting space to outside groups.
- Deepen Sunset Pond. Control / monitor hydrilla in Sanctuary Marsh.

Forest Picnic Area

- Replace Romtec with CXT.
- Design nature play area.

Dinger's Marsh

Fosters Run

- Partner and employ BMPs to mitigate offsite stormwater impacts and repair stream channel.

Beechers Brook

- Evaluate feasibility of removing box structure to improve cold water habitat.

Wilson Mills Trailhead

- Expand parking to add 15 spots in a double bay configuration.

Chagrin River Corridor

- Connection to the south and Buckeye Trail as part of Chagrin Valley Connectors initiative.
- Add gravel parking and kayak access at north side of Mayfield Road.
- Identify trailheads.

SOM Center Rd
Satellite Maint. Center (approx.)
Future Driving Range (approx.)
Future Maintenance Center
Campbell Park
Willoughby Hills Town Hall
Chardon Rd
Willoughby Hills Community Center
Roemisch Park
River Rd
Garfield Park Willoughby Hills
Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve
Pleasant Valley Lake Metroparks
Chagrin River Rd
Park Maintenance Center
Buttermilk Falls Pkwy
Rogers Rd
Ox Ln
Oxbow Ln
Chagrin River
Chagrin River Rd

North Chagrin Reservation
Master Plan (Draft)
October 2015
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Scale in feet

Kayak access
Proposed Trail
Land Protection
Proposed Improvement Site
All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Remove Existing Trail/Road
Water
Wetland

STRATEGIC GOALS			PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	Area	Action					
1	Reservation-wide	Focus on wayfinding, including park entryways and orientation					
		Address infrastructure - water lines, culverts and headwalls - incorporate green infrastructure options as appropriate					
		Advance long-term trail sustainability by reducing trails, improving condition, combining uses, and simplifying the overall system					
		Address invasive species, restoration opportunities, and threats to ecological systems (ex: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid) with restoration plan overlay					
		Designate Backcountry Camp Sites Operate on a permit system					
		Phase out backstops and skinned infields in all locations except Forest Picnic Area Provide option for bases and other game equipment at reserve facilities					
2	Manakiki Golf Course	Pursue easements for stream protection and buffer to the north					
		Relocate Maintenance Center to SOM Center					
		Develop Driving Range at former maintenance area					
		Provide satellite maintenance at #14					
		Add trailhead at parking lot and work with City of Willoughby Hills on a connection to Chardon Rd entrance					
3	Chardon Road Entry	Develop parking lot and trailhead in existing lawn area					
		Partner to determine need to provide APT link to Roemisch Park and to Manakiki					
4	Whispering	Survey to determine current parking demand Reduce by 2/3 or eliminate pavement to protect					
5	Squire's Castle Area	Conserve land north of Squire's Castle					
		Partner to connect to Lake Metroparks (Pleasant Valley and Chapin Forest) and Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve					
		Consider trail connection to Chardon Road and Garfield Park					
		Address ongoing structure maintenance - tuck-pointing, drainage, and pavement					
		Simplify trail system					
6	Strawberry Pond Area	Clarify southbound SOM Center Road signage Expand trailhead parking near SOM to 15-20 spaces					
		Reduce width of former road to reflect use as combination All Purpose Trail/natural surface					
		Modify corridor with wetland restoration					
		Dredge Strawberry Pond to improve fish habitat Add fishing decks					
		Replace overflow structure to prevent flooding Echo Civilian Conservation Corps heritage of structure, designing it to also serve as an overlook/amenity					
		Mitigate past erosion at outflow					
7	Intergrove Cabin Area	Continue to promote Intergrove Cabin as reservable shelter/retreat center, including serving as camp base					
		Continue wetland restoration					
		Limit trails in the area due to wet soils					
8	Oxbow Area	Primitive trail/fishing deck/connect to Old River Farm					
9	Old River Farm Area	Open area for public access					
		Expand trail system to north to Oxbow and south to Rogers Road					
		Create better river access with wading steps for fishing and kayaks					
		Replace stairs and shelter slab; improve parking					
10	River Grove	Permit to groups for overnight camping Promote use in conjunction with Buckeye Trail					
11	Rogers Road Area	Link to Chagrin River, Old River Farm, and Oxbow areas via natural surface trail					
		Potential for parking expansion within mowed area as trailhead demand develops					
		Add kayak access at Chagrin River					
12	Ox Lane / Oxbow Lane	Remove south leg of Oxbow Lane Utilize abandoned spur to develop trailhead and parking area					
		Rework turn at Ox Lane					
		Add restroom					
13	A.B. Williams Woods	Improve trailhead Add interpretive signage about AB Williams and the woods history					
		Restore/stabilize overlook structure and complete loop trail					
		Replace bridge on Castle Valley trail					
		100th Anniversary Project					
		Simplify trail system; reduce parallel legs; pull away from sensitive ravines and edges; add overlooks and benches					
14	Nature Center Area	Short term - upgrade parking lot portable toilets to CXT					
		Upgrade guest experience by creating welcoming façade and entry as well as updates to interior layout, finishes, displays, and lighting Address drainage and utility issues					
		Improve accessibility and access for emergency services Consider accessible parking or drop-off area closer to building					
		Consider amenities in conjunction with Nature Education Building Potentially consolidate into one structure including classroom, kitchen, and restrooms that are available to guests when center is closed Owl Aviary could remain as stand-alone feature					
		Promote rental of meeting space to outside groups					
		Deepen Sunset Pond Control/monitor hydrilla in Sanctuary Marsh					
15	Forest Picnic Area	Replace restroom					
		Design nature play area					
16	Upper Forty Area	Further detail a strategy and timetable for long term use of the area					
		Evaluate restoration needs					
17	Fosters Run	Partner and employ BMPs to mitigate offsite stormwater impacts and repair stream channel					
18	Beecher's Brook	Evaluate feasibility of removing box structure to improve cold water habitat					
19	Wilson Mills Trailhead	Expand parking to add 15 spots in a double bay configuration					
20	Chagrin River Corridor	Connection to the south and Buckeye Trail as part of Chagrin Valley Connectors initiative					
		Add gravel parking and kayak access at north side of Mayfield Road					
		Identify trailheads					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			16	9	13	11	11

OHIO AND ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1998

2020 ACREAGE: 405

2020 VISITATION: 336,087

2019 VISITATION: 330,716

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Stabilize and protect historic resources while accommodating active visitors.

RELEVANCY

Update interpretive materials and wayfinding for the park, Towpath Trail, potential scenic water trail, and overall Heritage Corridor.

CONNECTIONS

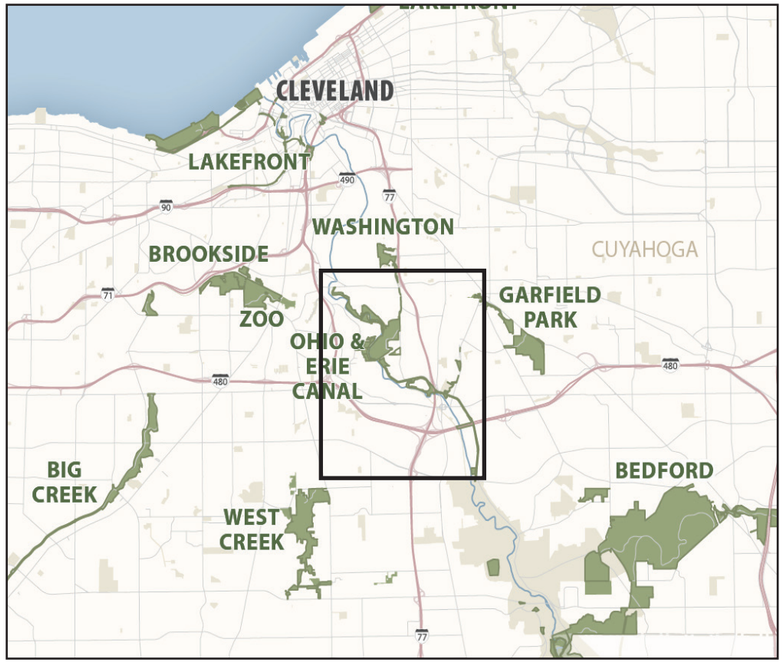
Pursue final stages of Towpath Trail and trail connections to Brookside Reservation and Garfield Reservation.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Promote the regional Towpath Trail, the CanalWay Center and other facilities, mountain bike trails, and the National Heritage Corridor and Scenic Byway. Continue to engage diverse audiences with a spectrum of programming options.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Address park facility needs while considering challenges of corridor management.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

The Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation features the northernmost remaining watered portion of the 309-mile Ohio and Erie Canal, which was built over an eight year period from 1824 to 1832. The Reservation was created on the backlands of industrial properties which abut the Cuyahoga River and the Canal. The Reservation lies within the Ohio and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and includes the Towpath Trail, which winds through the Reservation and will eventually link the Cuyahoga Valley National Park with Lake Erie.

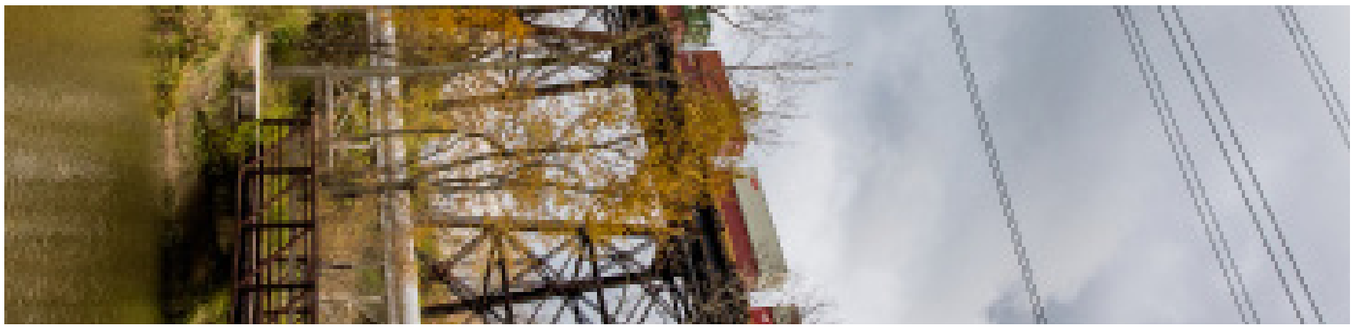
INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Trail and neighborhood connections
   - Work with partners to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity along the Harvard Road corridor
   - Pursue connections to Mill Creek Falls as well as Garfield Boulevard to Garfield Park

2. Ohio & Erie Canal – develop standards for management and mitigation of bank slumping

3. Cuyahoga River
   - Work with partners to address the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern designation and continue upstream mitigation efforts
   - Promote kayak access and state water trail designation

Amidst the surrounding industrial area, this reservation has been naturally reclaimed to support thriving habitats including wetlands, forests, the Cuyahoga River and flowing canal.



All Purpose Trail
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Other Parks

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation: 372 acres
Washington Reservation: 59 acres

Steelyard Commons

Trail & Neighborhood Connections
- Work with proposed routes and existing pedestrian bridge - link park and Downtown connector
- Expand park property where feasible

Arborview Picnic Area
- Create loop trail
- Add play and fitness areas
- Replace porta potty with flush restroom facility

Washington Streetscape
- Add street trees and crosswalks

Former Ball Field
- Remove ballfield
- Consider moving soccer field to this area
- Add/improve crosswalks

Trail Connections
- Continue to study future trail connection options between Brookside Park/Zoo and Towpath Trail

Towpath Trail/Harvard Trailhead
- Improve signage & wayfinding
- Explore other trailhead opportunities along corridor
- Add wayfinding to/from CanalWay Center
- Identify opportunities for Kayak access and promote water trail
- Work with partners to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity along Harvard Rd corridor

Towpath Trail Overlook
- Clear sightlines to restore views of valley
- Maintain access for interpretive tours via cart

Settler's Bluff Picnic Area
- Shelter renovation pending

Harmody Park/Treadway Creek Trail
- Leverage existing trail to link Towpath to Brookside

Ohio & Erie Canal Mountain Bike Trail

Morgan's Hollow Hollow Picnic Area
- Renovate shelter
- Upgrade site electrical

Canalway Center
- Improve access to building and site
- Add boot cleaning/bike cleaning station & interpretive
- Improve ADA access to Towpath

Park Entrance
- Improve sightlines & signage
- Update entry and remove island

Blue Heron Marsh
- Boardwalk impacted by beaver activity - elevate and improve one section with dipping deck access
- Remove the remainder of boardwalk

Bridge/Trail Connection to Schaaf Rd
- Explore opportunities to better link neighborhoods west of Cuyahoga River

Park Management Center
- Study development of a new facility and access drive to park

Overall
- Maximize regional, state & national awareness and tourism of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, including:
  - 5.7 miles of the Towpath Trail, which follows the historic Ohio & Erie Canal
  - The trail, canal and park are located within the Ohio & Erie National Heritage corridor
  - The Ohio & Erie Canalway Scenic Byway passes alongside the reservation
  - Cuyahoga River Water Trail (pending ODNR designation)
- Work with partners to address the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern designation and continue upstream mitigation efforts
- Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation opened to the public in 1999. Several facilities are now in need of renovation

Ohio & Erie Canal
- Develop standards for management and mitigation of bank slumping
- Potentially relocate segments of trail
- Northern Zone - accessible and fishing activities
- Southern Zone - naturalized/historic canal profile

Canal Rd/ E.49th St
- Explore potential trailhead/ADA access
- Identify opportunities for kayak access and promote water trail

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Washington Reservation
Master Plans
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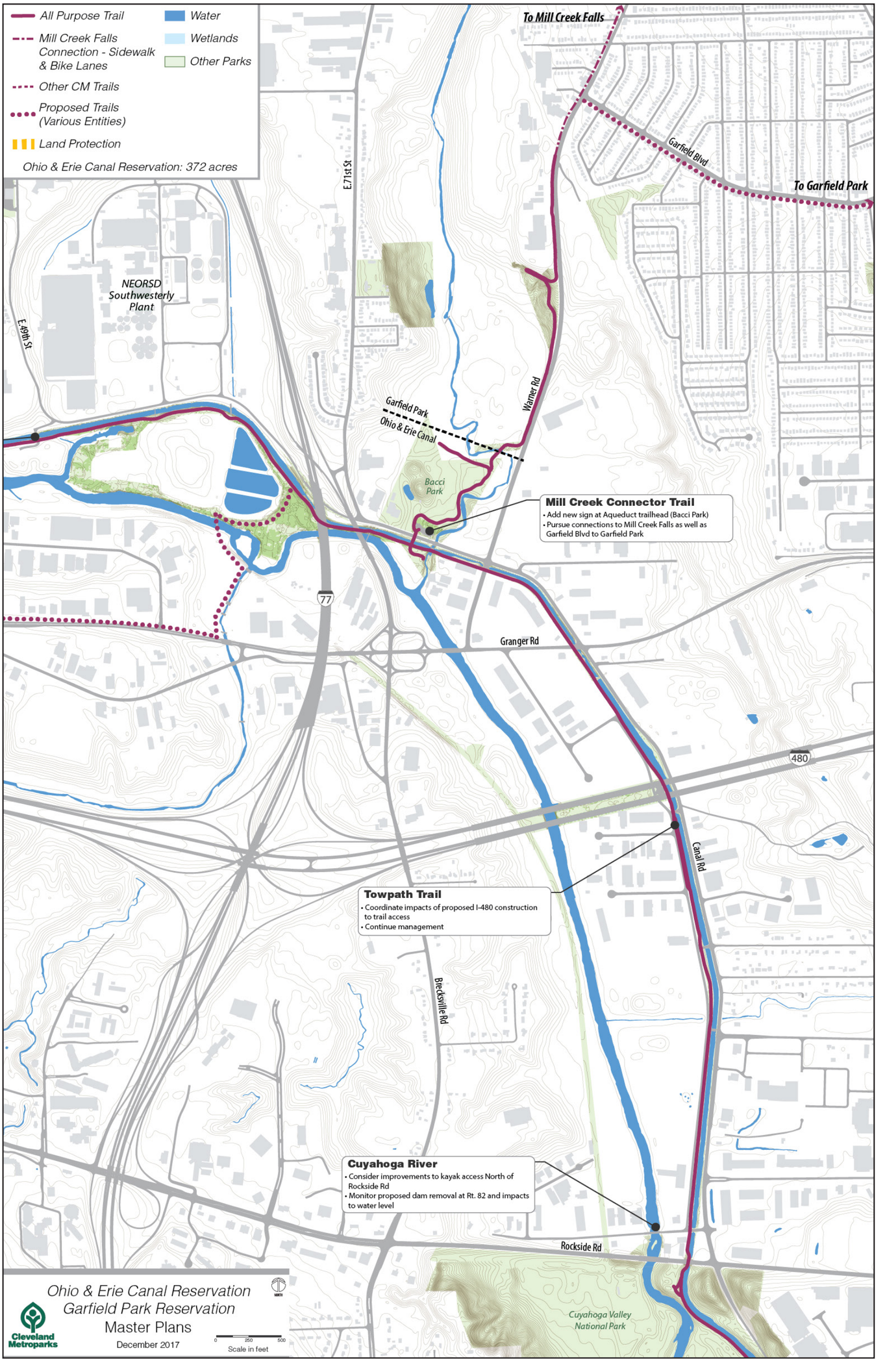
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Bacci Park
Mill Creek Connector Trail
• Add new sign at Aqueduct trailhead (Bacci Park)
• Pursue connections to Mill Creek Falls as well as Garfield Blvd to Garfield Park
77
Granger Rd
480
Canal Rd
Towpath Trail
• Coordinate impacts of proposed I-480 construction to trail access
• Continue management
Brecksville Rd
Cuyahoga River
• Consider improvements to kayak access North of Rockside Rd
• Monitor proposed dam removal at Rt. 82 and impacts to water level
Rockside Rd
Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Garfield Park Reservation
Master Plans
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STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Maximize regional, state, and national awareness and tourism of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, including:					
		5.7 miles of the Towpath Trail, which follows the historic Ohio & Erie Canal					
		The trail, canal, and park are located within the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Corridor					
		The Ohio & Erie Canalway Scenic Byway passes alongside the reservation					
		Cuyahoga River Water Trail (pending Ohio Department of Natural Resources designation)					
		Work with partners to address the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern designation and continue upstream mitigation efforts					
		Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation opened in 1999; renovation is needed in some areas					
2	**Towpath Trail / Harvard Trailhead**	Improve sightlines and wayfinding					
		Explore other trailhead opportunities along corridor					
		Add wayfinding to/from CanalWay Center					
		Identify opportunities for kayak access and promote water trail					
		Work with partners to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity along the Harvard Road corridor					
3	**Towpath Trail Overlook**	Clear sightlines from overlook to restore views down into valley					
		Maintain access for interpretive tours via cart					
4	**Settler's Bluff Picnic Area**	Shelter renovation pending					
5	**Park Entrance**	Improve sightlines and signage					
		Update entry and remove island					
6	**Harmody Park / Treadway Creek Trail**	Continue to pursue connections between Brookside Park / Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and the Towpath Trail. Leverage existing trail as part of link					
7	**Morgan's Hollow Picnic Area**	Renovate shelter					
		Upgrade site electrical					
8	**CanalWay Center**	Improve access to building and site, including Towpath Trail and canal					
		Add boot cleaning / bike cleaning station and interpretive information					
9	**Bridge / Trail Connection to Schaaf Road**	Explore opportunities to better link neighborhoods west of Cuyahoga River via bike / pedestrian bridge(s) over the B&O Railroad and the Cuyahoga River (south of Harvard/north of Conrail tracks)					
10	**Blue Heron Marsh**	Boardwalk is impacted by beaver activity - elevate and improve one section with dipping deck access; remove the remainder of the boardwalk					
11	**Park Mgt Center**	Study development of new facility and access drive to park					
12	**Ohio & Erie Canal**	Develop standards for management and mitigation of bank slumping					
		Potentially relocate segments of trail					
		Northern Zone - focus on accessibility and fishing activities					
		Southern Zone - focus is a naturalized/historic canal					
13	**Canal Rd. / E. 49th Street**	Explore potential trailhead/ADA access					
		Identify opportunities for kayak access and promote water trail					
14	**Mill Creek Connector Trail**	Add new sign at Aquaduct trailhead in Bacci Park					
		Pursue connections to Mill Creek Falls as well as Garfield Blvd to Garfield Park					
15	**Towpath Trail at I-480**	Coordinate impacts of proposed I-480 construction to trail access					
		Continue management of corridor					
16	**Cuyahoga River**	Consider improvements to kayak access north of Rockside Rd.					
		Monitor proposed dam removal at Rt. 82 and impacts to water level and management					
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		3	9	5	10	9

ROCKY RIVER RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1919

2020 ACREAGE: 2,581

2020 VISITATION: 3,300,567

2019 VISITATION: 3,105,649

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Expand habitat value, minimize erosion, and safeguard water quality with restoration and retrofit projects. Monitor and address outside impacts on parkland.

RELEVANCY

Update facilities to expand function, improve access and safety, and streamline ongoing maintenance requirements.

CONNECTIONS

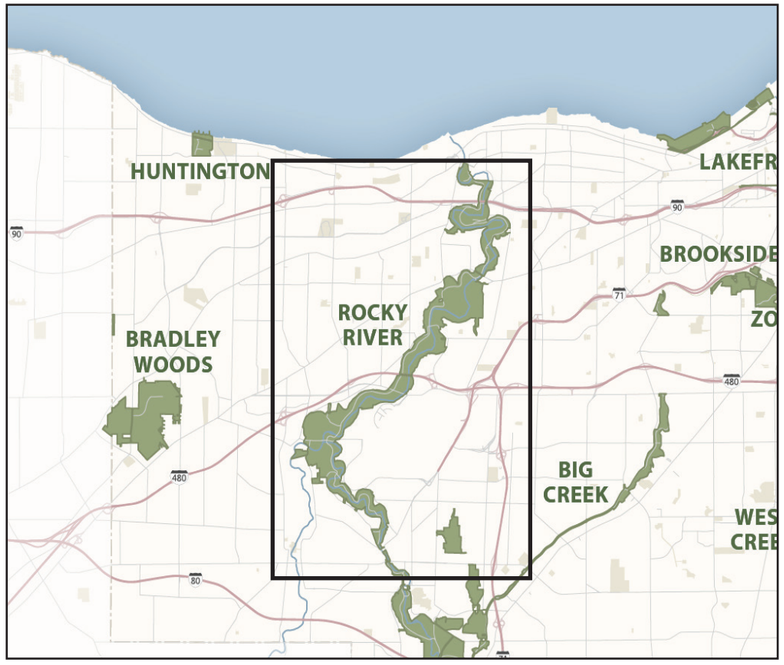
Partner to improve regional connections and links to communities surrounding the park as proposed in the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Provide responsive programming, including development of Nature-Based Preschool. Improve access to Nature Center and surrounding area.

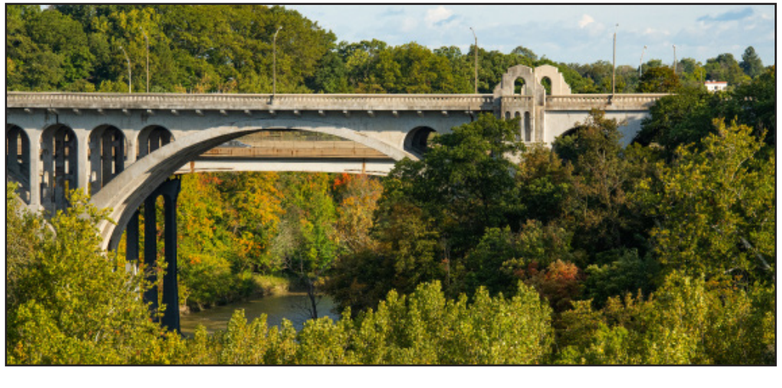
ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Maintain existing infrastructure. Improve sustainability of trails by retrofitting sections to minimize impacts.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Long and narrow, Rocky River Reservation follows the sinuous course of the Rocky River from Berea northward into Lakewood near Lake Erie. The reservation is strongly influenced by the massive shale cliffs of the valley. Since the reservation is primarily surrounded by dense urban development, it serves as a green respite to many residents of the area. In recent years, all purpose connectors have been constructed from nearby neighborhoods to link with the Valley Parkway Trail.

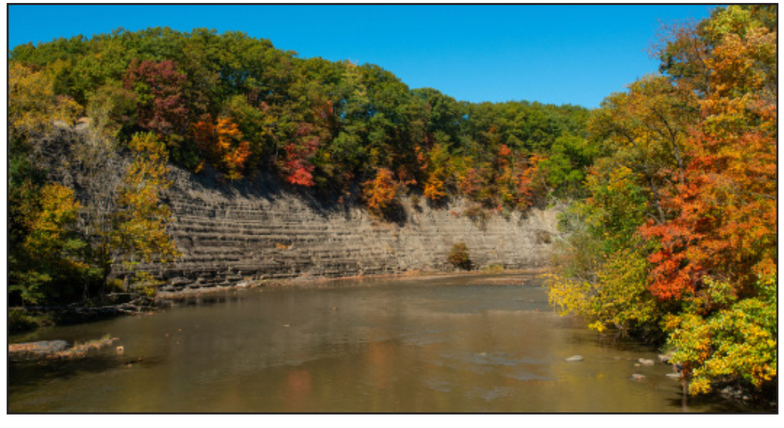


INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. North of Lorain
   - Mile Marker Zero and Lake Erie connections (work with communities to study bridges & bike/ped improvements)
   - Scenic Park greening & bulkhead repairs; water trail
   - Monitor Memorial and Tyler Fields condition safety and traffic

2. South of Lorain
   - All purpose trail on east side of river through Little Met
   - Implement changes at Mastick Golf Course, including driving range

3. Shephard to Bagley
   - Rocky River Nature Center bank stabilization; add APT, renovated trail loop
   - Close one Lagoon drive, add boardwalk at wetland, enclose existing shelter, add play feature
   - Trail link to Big Creek (Brook Park Plan)
   - Berea Falls trailhead amenities



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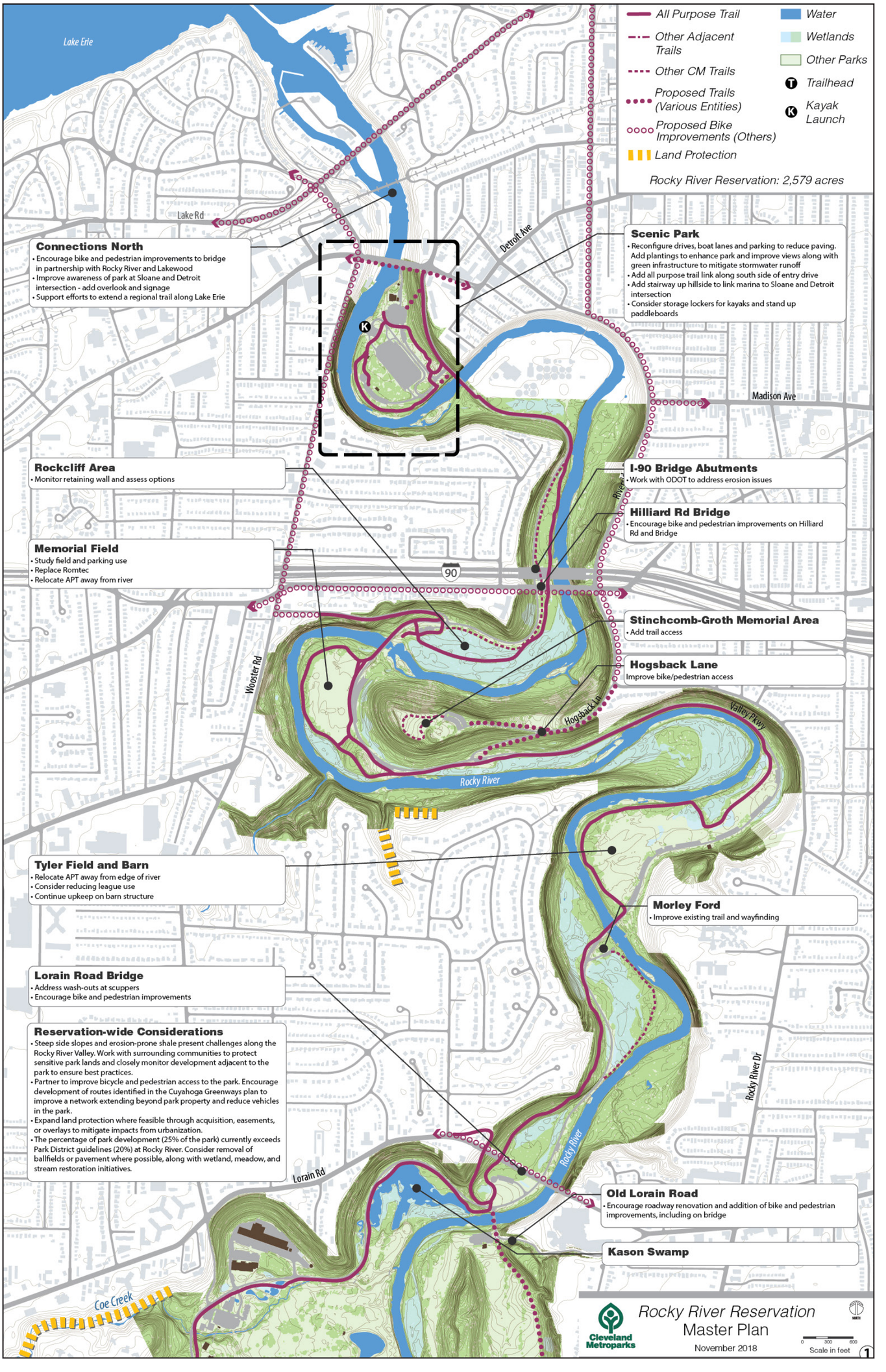
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Kayak Launch
Rocky River Reservation: 2,579 acres
Lake Erie
Lake Rd
Detroit Ave
Madison Ave
Wooster Rd
Hogsback Ln
Valley Pkwy
Rocky River
Rocky River Dr
Lorain Rd
Coe Creek
90
Connections North
• Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements to bridge in partnership with Rocky River and Lakewood
• Improve awareness of park at Sloane and Detroit intersection - add overlook and signage
• Support efforts to extend a regional trail along Lake Erie
Scenic Park
• Reconfigure drives, boat lanes and parking to reduce paving. Add plantings to enhance park and improve views along with green infrastructure to mitigate stormwater runoff
• Add all purpose trail link along south side of entry drive
• Add stairway up hillside to link marina to Sloane and Detroit intersection
• Consider storage lockers for kayaks and stand up paddleboards
Rockcliff Area
• Monitor retaining wall and assess options
I-90 Bridge Abutments
• Work with ODOT to address erosion issues
Hilliard Rd Bridge
• Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements on Hilliard Rd and Bridge
Memorial Field
• Study field and parking use
• Replace Romtec
• Relocate APT away from river
Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial Area
• Add trail access
Hogsback Lane
Improve bike/pedestrian access
Tyler Field and Barn
• Relocate APT away from edge of river
• Consider reducing league use
• Continue upkeep on barn structure
Morley Ford
• Improve existing trail and wayfinding
Lorain Road Bridge
• Address wash-outs at scuppers
• Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements
Reservation-wide Considerations
• Steep side slopes and erosion-prone shale present challenges along the Rocky River Valley. Work with surrounding communities to protect sensitive park lands and closely monitor development adjacent to the park to ensure best practices.
• Partner to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the park. Encourage development of routes identified in the Cuyahoga Greenways plan to improve a network extending beyond park property and reduce vehicles in the park.
• Expand land protection where feasible through acquisition, easements, or overlays to mitigate impacts from urbanization.
• The percentage of park development (25% of the park) currently exceeds Park District guidelines (20%) at Rocky River. Consider removal of ballfields or pavement where possible, along with wetland, meadow, and stream restoration initiatives.
Old Lorain Road
• Encourage roadway renovation and addition of bike and pedestrian improvements, including on bridge
Kason Swamp
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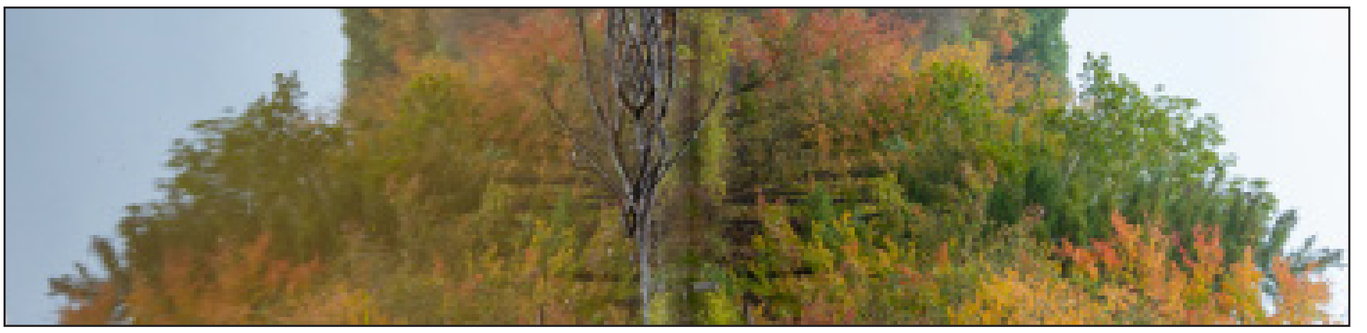

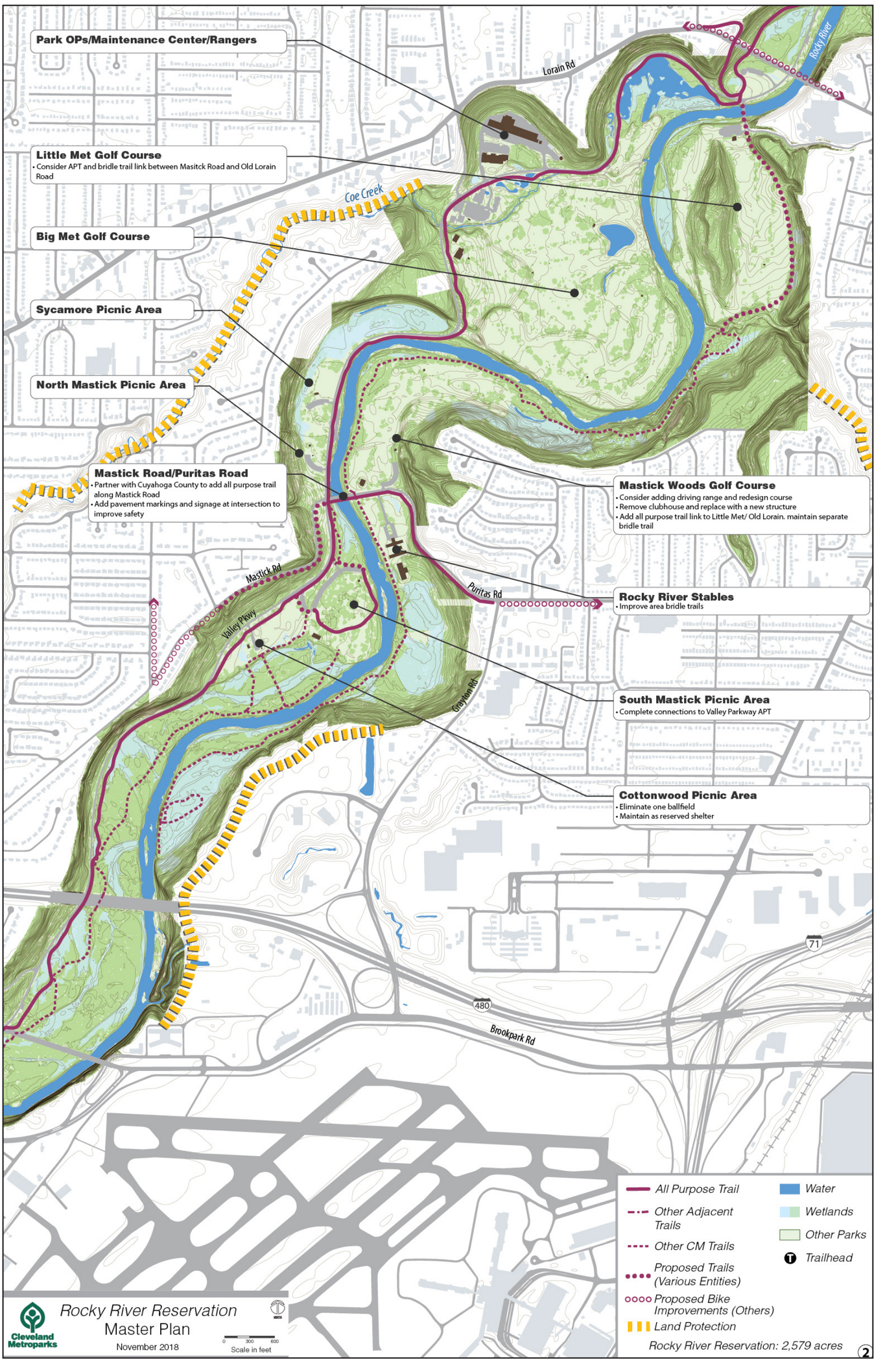
Park OPs/Maintenance Center/Rangers
Little Met Golf Course
• Consider APT and bridle trail link between Masitck Road and Old Lorain Road
Big Met Golf Course
Sycamore Picnic Area
North Mastick Picnic Area
Mastick Road/Puritas Road
• Partner with Cuyahoga County to add all purpose trail along Mastick Road
• Add pavement markings and signage at intersection to improve safety
Mastick Woods Golf Course
• Consider adding driving range and redesign course
• Remove clubhouse and replace with a new structure
• Add all purpose trail link to Little Met/ Old Lorain. maintain separate bridle trail
Rocky River Stables
• Improve area bridle trails
South Mastick Picnic Area
• Complete connections to Valley Parkway APT
Cottonwood Picnic Area
• Eliminate one ballfield
• Maintain as reserved shelter
Lorain Rd
Rocky River
Coe Creek
Mastick Rd
Valley Pkwy
Puritas Rd
Grayton Rd
Brookpark Rd
480
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Other Adjacent Trails
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Water
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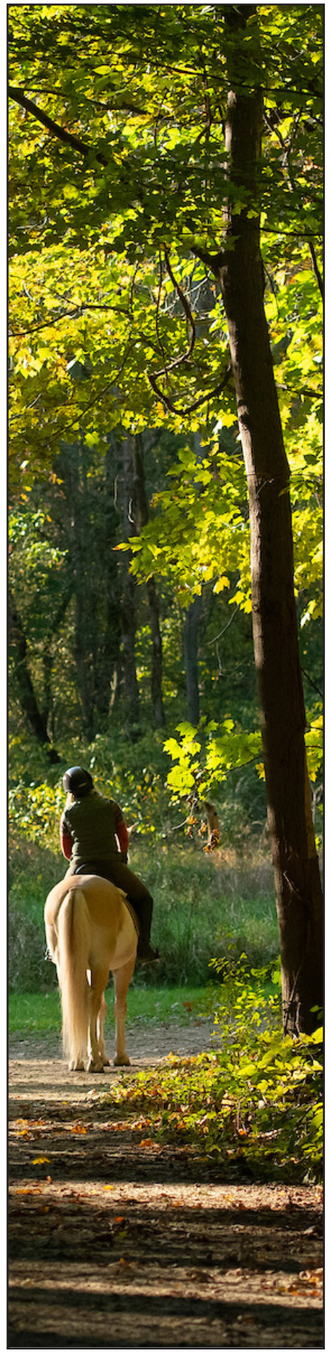

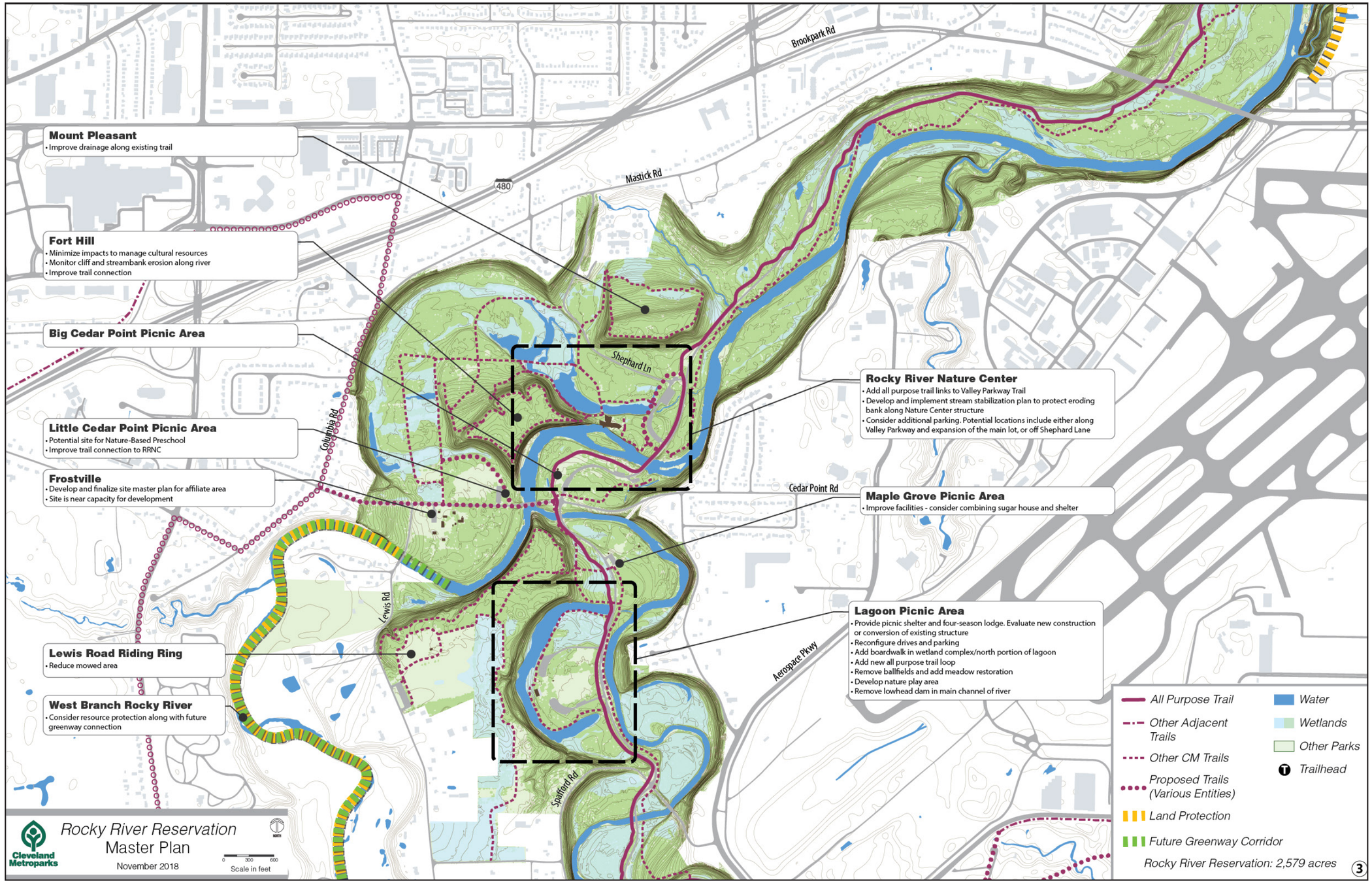
Brookpark Rd
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Shephard Ln
Columbia Rd
Cedar Point Rd
Lewis Rd
Spafford Rd
Aerospace Pkwy
Mount Pleasant
• Improve drainage along existing trail
Fort Hill
• Minimize impacts to manage cultural resources
• Monitor cliff and streambank erosion along river
• Improve trail connection
Big Cedar Point Picnic Area
Little Cedar Point Picnic Area
• Potential site for Nature-Based Preschool
• Improve trail connection to RRNC
Frostville
• Develop and finalize site master plan for affiliate area
• Site is near capacity for development
Lewis Road Riding Ring
• Reduce mowed area
West Branch Rocky River
• Consider resource protection along with future greenway connection
Rocky River Nature Center
• Add all purpose trail links to Valley Parkway Trail
• Develop and implement stream stabilization plan to protect eroding bank along Nature Center structure
• Consider additional parking. Potential locations include either along Valley Parkway and expansion of the main lot, or off Shephard Lane
Maple Grove Picnic Area
• Improve facilities - consider combining sugar house and shelter
Lagoon Picnic Area
• Provide picnic shelter and four-season lodge. Evaluate new construction or conversion of existing structure
• Reconfigure drives and parking
• Add boardwalk in wetland complex/north portion of lagoon
• Add new all purpose trail loop
• Remove ballfields and add meadow restoration
• Develop nature play area
• Remove lowhead dam in main channel of river
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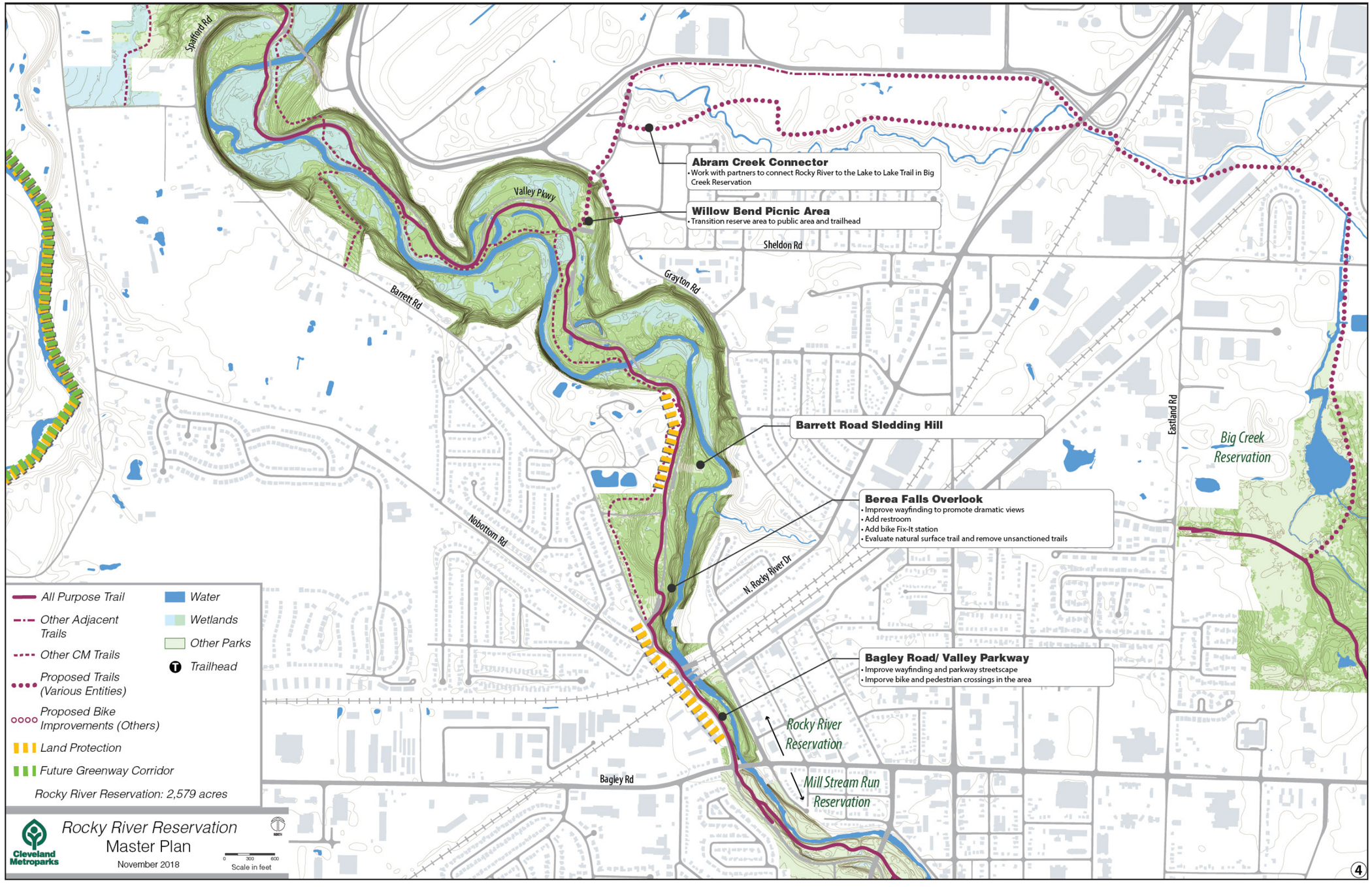
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Valley Pkwy
Barrett Rd
Sheldon Rd
Grayton Rd
Nobottom Rd
N. Rocky River Dr
Bagley Rd
Eastland Rd
Abram Creek Connector
• Work with partners to connect Rocky River to the Lake to Lake Trail in Big Creek Reservation
Willow Bend Picnic Area
• Transition reserve area to public area and trailhead
Barrett Road Sledding Hill
Berea Falls Overlook
• Improve wayfinding to promote dramatic views
• Add restroom
• Add bike Fix-It station
• Evaluate natural surface trail and remove unsanctioned trails
Bagley Road/ Valley Parkway
• Improve wayfinding and parkway streetscape
• Imporve bike and pedestrian crossings in the area
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STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Overall Notes**	Partner to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the park. Encourage development of routes identified in the Cuyahoga Greenways plan to improve a network extending beyond park property and reduce vehicles in the park			■		
		Expand land protection where feasible through acquisition, easements, or overlays to mitigate impacts from urbanization	■				
		The percentage of park development (25% of the park) currently exceeds Park District guidelines (20%) at Rocky River Reservation. Consider removal of ballfields or pavement where possible, along with wetland, meadow, and stream restoration initiatives	■				
2	**Connections North**	Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements to bridge in partnership with Rocky River and Lakewood			■		
		Improve awareness of the park at Sloane and Detroit intersection - add overlook and signage		■			
		Support efforts to extend a regional trail along Lake Erie		■			
3	**Scenic Park**	Reconfigure drives, boat lanes, and parking to reduce paving. Add plantings to enhance park and improve views along with green infrastructure to mitigate stormwater runoff	■				
		Add all purpose trail link along south side of entry drive			■		
		Add stairway up hillside to link marina to Sloane and Detroit intersection			■		
		Consider storage lockers for kayaks and stand up paddleboards				■	
4	**I-90 Bridge Abutments**	Work with ODOT to address erosion issues	■				
5	**Hilliard Road Bridge**	Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements on Hilliard Road and bridge			■		
6	**Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial Area**	Add trail access as part of Hogsback access improvements			■		
7	**Hogsback Lane**	Improve bike and pedestrian access			■		
8	**Rockcliff Area**	Monitor retaining wall and assess options					■
9	**Memorial Field**	Study field and parking use					■
		Replace restroom				■	
		Relocate all purpose trail away from river					■
10	**Tyler Field and Barn**	Relocate all purpose trail away from river					■
		Consider reducing league use					■
		Continue upkeep on barn structure					■
11	**Lorain Road Bridge**	Address wash-outs at scuppers	■				
		Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements			■		
12	**Morley Ford**	Improve existing trail and wayfinding			■		
13	**Old Lorain Road**	Encourage roadway renovation and addition of bike and pedestrian improvements, including on bridge			■		
14	**Little Met Golf Course**	Consider all purpose trail and bridle trail link between Mastick Road and Old Lorain Road			■		
15	**Mastick Road / Puritas Road**	Partner with Cuyahoga County to add all purpose trail along Mastick Road			■		
		Add pavement markings and signage at intersection to improve safety					■
16	**Mastick Woods Golf Course**	Consider adding driving range and redesign course				■	
		Remove clubhouse and replace with a new structure				■	
		Add all purpose trail link to Little Met / Old Lorain. Maintain separate bridle trail			■		

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
17	**Rocky River Stables**	Improve area bridle trails					■
18	**South Mastick Picnic Area**	Complete connections to Valley Parkway all purpose trail			■		
19	**Cottonwood Picnic Area**	Eliminate one ballfield					■
		Maintain as reserve shelter				■	
20	**Mount Pleasant**	Improve drainage along existing trail	■				
21	**Fort Hill**	Minimize impacts to manage cultural resources	■				
		Monitor cliff and streambank erosion along river	■				
		Improve trail connection		■			
22	**Rocky River Nature Center**	Add all purpose trail links to Valley Parkway trail		■			
		Develop and implement stream stabilization plan to protect eroding bank along Nature Center structure	■				
		Consider additional parking. Potential locations include either along Valley Parkway, and expansion of the main lot, or a small lot off Shephard Lane		■			
23	**Little Cedar Point Picnic Area**	Potential site for Nature-Based Preschool				■	
		Improve trail connection to Rocky River Nature Center			■		
24	**Frostville**	Develop and finalize site master plan for affiliate area					■
		Site is near capacity for development					■
25	**Maple Grove Picnic Area**	Improve facilities - consider combining sugar house and shelter				■	
26	**Lagoon Picnic Area**	Provide picnic shelter and four-season lodge. Evaluate new construction or conversion of existing structure				■	
		Reconfigure drives and parking					■
		Add boardwalk in wetland complex / north portion of lagoon		■			
		Add new all purpose trail loop		■			
		Remove ballfields and add meadow restoration	■				
		Develop nature play area				■	
		Remove lowhead dam in main channel of river	■				
27	**Lewis Road Riding Ring**	Reduce mowed area	■				
28	**West Branch Rocky River**	Consider resource protection along with future greenway connection	■				
29	**Abram Creek Connector**	Work with partners to connect Rocky River Reservation to the Lake to Lake Trail in Big Creek Reservation			■		
30	**Willow Bend Picnic Area**	Transition reserve area to public area and trailhead use				■	
31	**Berea Falls Overlook**	Improve wayfinding to promote dramatic views				■	
		Add restroom				■	
		Add bike fix-it station				■	
		Evaluate natural surface trail and remove unsanctioned paths				■	
32	**Valley Parkway, Nobottom Road, and Bagley Road**	Improve wayfinding and parkway streetscape. Improve bike and pedestrian crossings in the area.			■		
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		**13**	**7**	**17**	**14**	**12**

SOUTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1925

2020 ACREAGE: 1,730

2020 VISITATION: 626,730

2019 VISITATION: 607,663

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Protect the tributaries and main stem of the Chagrin River. Adopt protection standards (comparable to National Scenic River guidelines-additional information will be provided). Manage the mosaic of forest, hemlock ravines, floodplain, wetland, and meadows for optimal habitat value and scenic beauty.

RELEVANCY

Care for landmarks and protect gorges, streams, and river corridor for future generations. Consider alternatives to lessen demand on sensitive resources and help balance carrying capacity.

CONNECTIONS

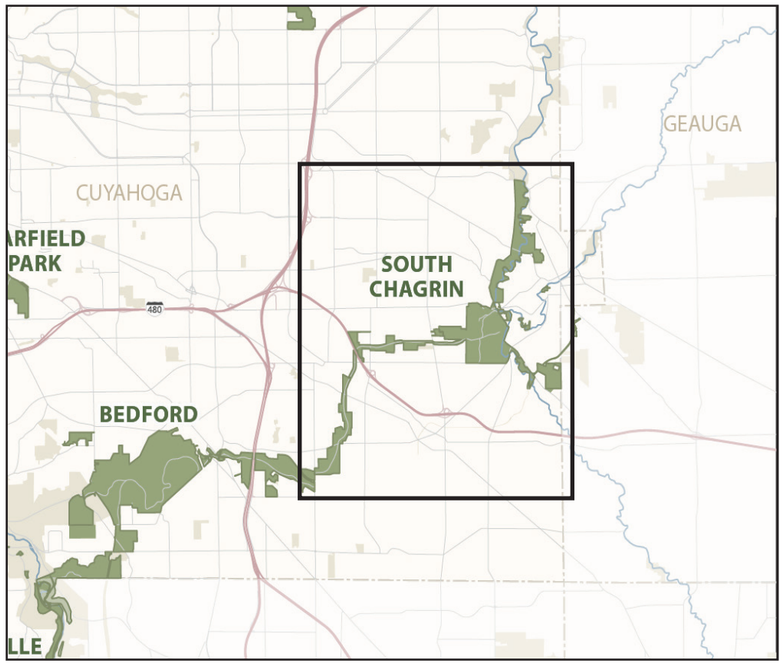
Collaborate with surrounding communities to expand trail connectivity

COME OUT AND PLAY

Use existing landmarks, placemaking opportunities, and wayfinding to help orient guests and contribute to the character of the reservation. Provide programs for guests to experience and learn about South Chagrin's resources.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Consolidate overall trail network to help reduce impacts on resources and control ongoing maintenance burden. Modernize utility infrastructure.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Breathtaking rock formations, a majestic meandering river, crystal clear streams and waterfalls, and a landscape dotted with reminders of the Valley's history: South Chagrin Reservation offers the visitor a haven for meditation and wonder. Unique soil supports the abundant growth of Black Birch throughout the forest. Sulphur Springs and its cold water tributaries form the centerpeice of the reservation. Before the land became part of Cleveland Metroparks, its oldest core had been protected and treasured by a number of local personalities, all adept to the study and enjoyment of nature. Most of the reservation's facilities were constructed in the 1930's by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Many of these facilities still stand, including Look About Lodge, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a distinction that parallels the Chagrin River's Scenic River designation.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Polo Field all purpose trail loop
2. Miles Road entry area updates
3. Arbor Lane picnic area and trailhead
4. Chagrin Falls connector trail
5. Harper Ridge area improvements

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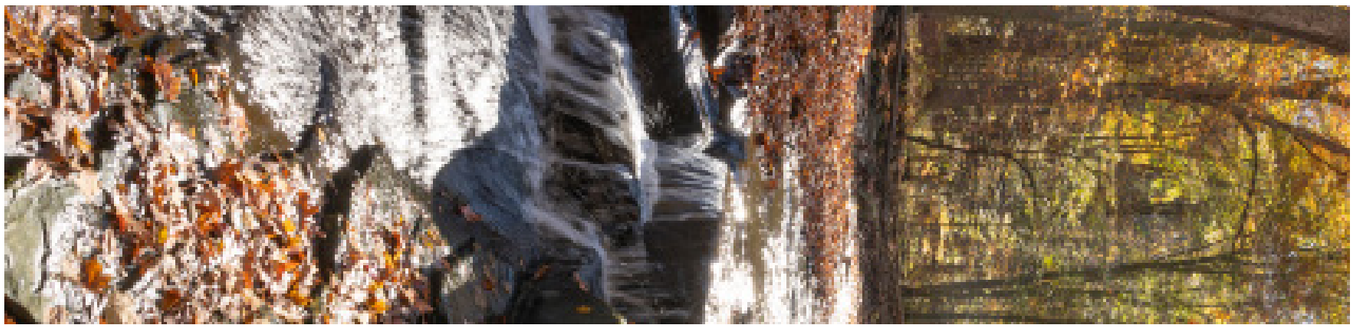

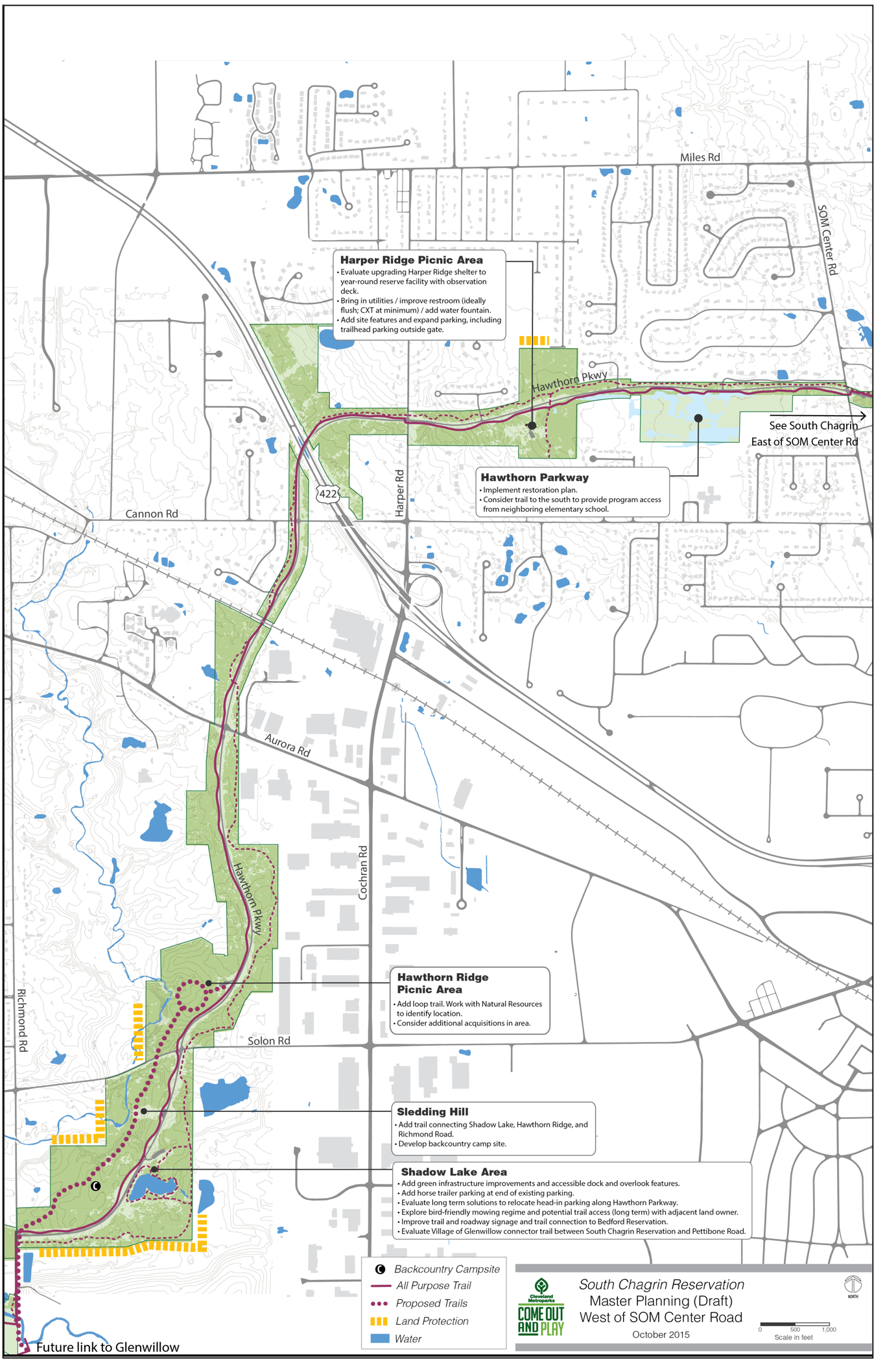
Miles Rd
SOM Center Rd
Harper Ridge Picnic Area
• Evaluate upgrading Harper Ridge shelter to year-round reserve facility with observation deck.
• Bring in utilities / improve restroom (ideally flush; CXT at minimum) / add water fountain.
• Add site features and expand parking, including trailhead parking outside gate.
Hawthorn Pkwy
See South Chagrin East of SOM Center Rd
Hawthorn Parkway
• Implement restoration plan.
• Consider trail to the south to provide program access from neighboring elementary school.
422
Harper Rd
Cannon Rd
Aurora Rd
Cochran Rd
Hawthorn Pkwy
Hawthorn Ridge Picnic Area
• Add loop trail. Work with Natural Resources to identify location.
• Consider additional acquisitions in area.
Richmond Rd
Solon Rd
Sledding Hill
• Add trail connecting Shadow Lake, Hawthorn Ridge, and Richmond Road.
• Develop backcountry camp site.
Shadow Lake Area
• Add green infrastructure improvements and accessible dock and overlook features.
• Add horse trailer parking at end of existing parking.
• Evaluate long term solutions to relocate head-in parking along Hawthorn Parkway.
• Explore bird-friendly mowing regime and potential trail access (long term) with adjacent land owner.
• Improve trail and roadway signage and trail connection to Bedford Reservation.
• Evaluate Village of Glenwillow connector trail between South Chagrin Reservation and Pettibone Road.
Backcountry Campsite
All Purpose Trail
Proposed Trails
Land Protection
Water
Future link to Glenwillow
Cleveland Metroparks
COME OUT AND PLAY
South Chagrin Reservation
Master Planning (Draft)
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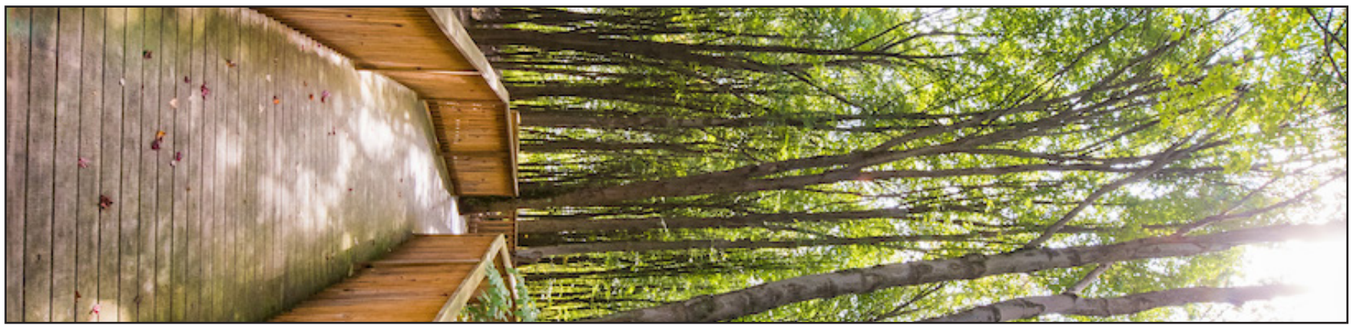

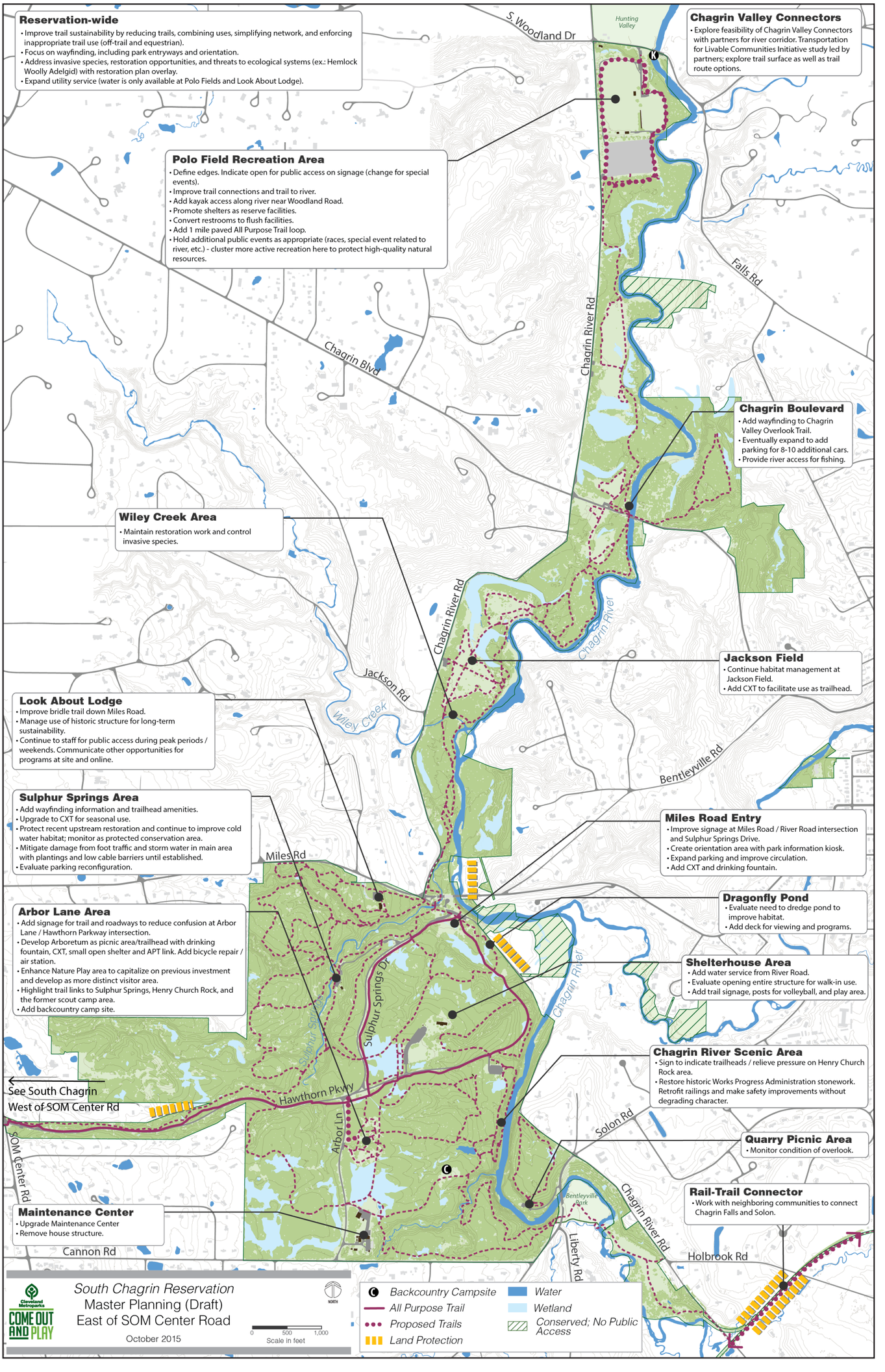
Reservation-wide
• Improve trail sustainability by reducing trails, combining uses, simplifying network, and enforcing inappropriate trail use (off-trail and equestrian).
• Focus on wayfinding, including park entryways and orientation.
• Address invasive species, restoration opportunities, and threats to ecological systems (ex.: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid) with restoration plan overlay.
• Expand utility service (water is only available at Polo Fields and Look About Lodge).
Polo Field Recreation Area
• Define edges. Indicate open for public access on signage (change for special events).
• Improve trail connections and trail to river.
• Add kayak access along river near Woodland Road.
• Promote shelters as reserve facilities.
• Convert restrooms to flush facilities.
• Add 1 mile paved All Purpose Trail loop.
• Hold additional public events as appropriate (races, special event related to river, etc.) - cluster more active recreation here to protect high-quality natural resources.
Wiley Creek Area
• Maintain restoration work and control invasive species.
Look About Lodge
• Improve bridle trail down Miles Road.
• Manage use of historic structure for long-term sustainability.
• Continue to staff for public access during peak periods / weekends. Communicate other opportunities for programs at site and online.
Sulphur Springs Area
• Add wayfinding information and trailhead amenities.
• Upgrade to CXT for seasonal use.
• Protect recent upstream restoration and continue to improve cold water habitat; monitor as protected conservation area.
• Mitigate damage from foot traffic and storm water in main area with plantings and low cable barriers until established.
• Evaluate parking reconfiguration.
Arbor Lane Area
• Add signage for trail and roadways to reduce confusion at Arbor Lane / Hawthorn Parkway intersection.
• Develop Arboretum as picnic area/trailhead with drinking fountain, CXT, small open shelter and APT link. Add bicycle repair / air station.
• Enhance Nature Play area to capitalize on previous investment and develop as more distinct visitor area.
• Highlight trail links to Sulphur Springs, Henry Church Rock, and the former scout camp area.
• Add backcountry camp site.
Maintenance Center
• Upgrade Maintenance Center
• Remove house structure.
Chagrin Valley Connectors
• Explore feasibility of Chagrin Valley Connectors with partners for river corridor. Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative study led by partners; explore trail surface as well as trail route options.
Chagrin Boulevard
• Add wayfinding to Chagrin Valley Overlook Trail.
• Eventually expand to add parking for 8-10 additional cars.
• Provide river access for fishing.
Jackson Field
• Continue habitat management at Jackson Field.
• Add CXT to facilitate use as trailhead.
Miles Road Entry
• Improve signage at Miles Road / River Road intersection and Sulphur Springs Drive.
• Create orientation area with park information kiosk.
• Expand parking and improve circulation.
• Add CXT and drinking fountain.
Dragonfly Pond
• Evaluate need to dredge pond to improve habitat.
• Add deck for viewing and programs.
Shelterhouse Area
• Add water service from River Road.
• Evaluate opening entire structure for walk-in use.
• Add trail signage, posts for volleyball, and play area.
Chagrin River Scenic Area
• Sign to indicate trailheads / relieve pressure on Henry Church Rock area.
• Restore historic Works Progress Administration stonework. Retrofit railings and make safety improvements without degrading character.
Quarry Picnic Area
• Monitor condition of overlook.
Rail-Trail Connector
• Work with neighboring communities to connect Chagrin Falls and Solon.
S. Woodland Dr
Hunting Valley
Falls Rd
Chagrin River Rd
Chagrin Blvd
Jackson Rd
Wiley Creek
Chagrin River
Bentleyville Rd
Miles Rd
Sulphur Springs Dr
Hawthorn Pkwy
Arbor Ln
SOM Center Rd
Cannon Rd
Solon Rd
Liberty Rd
Holbrook Rd
Bentleyville Park
See South Chagrin
West of SOM Center Rd
Cleveland Metroparks
COME OUT AND PLAY
South Chagrin Reservation
Master Planning (Draft)
East of SOM Center Road
October 2015
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Scale in feet
NORTH
Backcountry Campsite
All Purpose Trail
Proposed Trails
Land Protection
Water
Wetland
Conserved; No Public Access

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**				
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		Expand utility service (water is only available at Polo Fields and Look About Lodge)				
2	**Chagrin Valley Connectors**	Explore feasibility of Chagrin Valley Connectors with partners for river corridor Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative study led by partners; explore trail surface as well as trail route options				
3	**Polo Field Recreation Area**	Define edges Indicate open for public access on signage (change for special events)				
		Improve trail connections and trail to river				
		Add kayak access along river near Woodland Road				
		Consider converting shelter to 4 season reserve facility				
		Convert restrooms to flush facilities				
		Add one mile paved all purpose trail loop				
		Hold additional public events as appropriate (races, special event related to river, etc) - cluster more active recreation here to protect high-quality natural resources				
4	**Chagrin Boulevard**	Add wayfinding to Chagrin Valley Overlook Trail				
		Eventually expand to add parking for 8-10 additional cars				
		Provide river access for fishing				
5	**Wiley Creek Area**	Maintain restoration work and control invasive species				
6	**Look About Lodge**	Improve bridle trail down Miles Road				
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		Continue to staff for public access during peak periods/weekends Communicate other opportunities for programs at site and online				
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		Upgrade to restroom for seasonal use				
		Protect recent upstream restoration and continue to improve cold water habitat; monitor as protected conservation area				
		Mitigate foot traffic and storm water damage with plantings Add cable barriers until established				
		Evaluate removal of shelter and reconfiguration of site				
8	**Arbor Lane Area**	Add signage for trail and roadways to reduce confusion at Arbor Lane/Hawthorn Parkway intersection				
		Develop Arboretum as trailhead with drinking fountain, restroom and All Purpose Trail link Add bicycle repair/air station				
		Enhance Nature Play area to capitalize on previous investment and develop as more distinct visitor area				
		Highlight trail links to Sulphur Springs, Henry Church Rock, and the former scout camp area				
		Add backcountry camp site				
9	**Jackson Field**	Continue habitat management at Jackson Field				
		Add restroom to facilitate use as trailhead				
10	**Miles Road Entry**	Improve signage at Miles Road / River Road intersection and Sulphur Springs Drive				
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		Evaluate opening entire structure for walk-in use				
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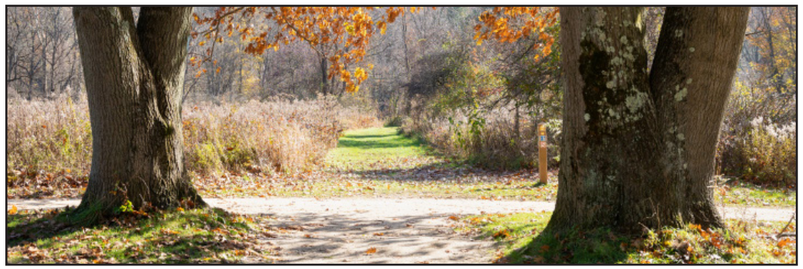
13	**Chagrin River Scenic Area**	Sign to indicate trailheads / relieve pressure on Henry Church Rock area				
		Restore historic Works Progress Administration stonework Retrofit railings and make safety improvements without degrading character				
14	**Quarry Picnic Area**	Monitor condition of overlook				
15	**Rail-Trail Connector**	Work with neighboring communities to connect Chagrin Falls and Solon				
16	**Maintenance Center**	Upgrade Maintenance Center				
		Remove house structure				
17	**Hawthorn Parkway**	Implement restoration plan				
		Consider trail to the south to provide program access from neighboring school				
18	**Harper Ridge Picnic Area**	Evaluate upgrading Harper Ridge shelter to year-round reserve facility with observation deck				
		Bring in utilities / improve restroom (ideally flush; CXT at minimum) / add water fountain				
		Add site features and expand parking, including trailhead parking outside gate				
19	**Hawthorn Ridge Picnic Area**	Add loop trail Work with Natural Resources to identify location				
		Consider additional acquisitions in area				
20	**Sledding Hill**	Add trail connecting Shadow Lake, Hawthorn Ridge, and Richmond Road				
		Develop backcountry camp site				
21	**Shadow Lake Area**	Add green infrastructure improvements and accessible dock and overlook features				
		Add horse trailer parking at end of existing parking				
		Evaluate long term solutions to relocate head-in parking along Hawthorn Parkway				
		Explore bird-friendly mowing regime and potential trail access (long term) with adjacent land owner				
		Improve trail and roadway signage and trail connection to Bedford Reservation				
		Evaluate Village of Glenwillow connector trail between South Chagrin Reservation and Pettibone Road				
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			**12**	**10**	**17**	**14**	**7**



WASHINGTON RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2003

2020 ACREAGE: 59

2020 VISITATION: 117,305

2019 VISITATION: 115,798

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Expand park to include adjacent open space and connecting corridors. Consider nearby areas bisected by roads or railroads.

RELEVANCY

Continue successful golf education programming and investigate opportunities to partner with other entities to expand educational offerings in alignment with park district goals.

CONNECTIONS

Support partner efforts to complete planned trail connection to Downtown Cleveland and potential connection to Towpath Trail via Harvard Road corridor.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Work with surrounding municipalities and organizations to improve area wayfinding and to identify programs and features to increase neighborhood use of park.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Continue to work with partners to advance Cleveland Metroparks mission and provide community benefits.

RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

Originally the home of the Forest City Amusement Park, the land was purchased by the City of Cleveland and enhanced with a variety of recreational amenities. In 2003, Cleveland Metroparks assumed stewardship of the park from the City and acquired additional land, which became the home of the Washington Golf Learning Center, in partnership with the First Tee of Cleveland. The golf course is America's first public golf facility to receive an Audubon International Gold certification.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Trail and neighborhood connections
   - Partner to add bike and pedestrian links along the Harvard Rd. corridor from the Towpath Trail to points east of I-77
   - Work with proposed routes including the Downtown Connector and existing pedestrian bridge to better link park and neighborhoods east of I-77 [see also 2018 concept plan]

2. Arborview Picnic Area – add flush restroom

3. Expand park property where feasible

"... parks provide access to recreational opportunities, increase property values, spur local economies, combat crime, and protect cities from environmental impacts. Parks are now recognized as powerful tools for urban communities and local economies."

- City Parks Alliance

All Purpose Trail
Other CM Trails
Planned & Funded Trails
Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation: 372 acres
Washington Reservation: 59 acres

Steelyard Commons

Trail & Neighborhood Connections
- Work with proposed routes and existing pedestrian bridge - link park and Downtown connector
- Expand park property where feasible

Arborview Picnic Area
- Create loop trail
- Add play and fitness areas
- Replace porta potty with flush restroom facility

Washington Streetscape
- Add street trees and crosswalks

Former Ball Field
- Remove ballfield
- Consider moving soccer field to this area
- Add/improve crosswalks

Trail Connections
- Continue to study future trail connection options between Brookside Park/Zoo and Towpath Trail

Towpath Trail/Harvard Trailhead
- Improve signage & wayfinding
- Explore other trailhead opportunities along corridor
- Add wayfinding to/from CanalWay Center
- Identify opportunities for Kayak access and promote water trail
- Work with partners to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity along Harvard Rd corridor

Towpath Trail Overlook
- Clear sightlines to restore views of valley
- Maintain access for interpretive tours via cart

Settler's Bluff Picnic Area
- Shelter renovation pending

Harmody Park/Treadway Creek Trail
- Leverage existing trail to link Towpath to Brookside

Ohio & Erie Canal Mountain Bike Trail

Morgan's Hollow Hollow Picnic Area
- Renovate shelter
- Upgrade site electrical

Canalway Center
- Improve access to building and site
- Add boot cleaning/bike cleaning station & interpretive
- Improve ADA access to Towpath

Park Entrance
- Improve sightlines & signage
- Update entry and remove island

Blue Heron Marsh
- Boardwalk impacted by beaver activity - elevate and improve one section with dipping deck access
- Remove the remainder of boardwalk

Bridge/Trail Connection to Schaaf Rd
- Explore opportunities to better link neighborhoods west of Cuyahoga River

Park Management Center
- Study development of a new facility and access drive to park

Overall
- Maximize regional, state & national awareness and tourism of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, including:
  - 5.7 miles of the Towpath Trail, which follows the historic Ohio & Erie Canal
  - The trail, canal and park are located within the Ohio & Erie National Heritage corridor
  - The Ohio & Erie Canalway Scenic Byway passes alongside the reservation
  - Cuyahoga River Water Trail (pending ODNR designation)
- Work with partners to address the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern designation and continue upstream mitigation efforts
- Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation opened to the public in 1999. Several facilities are now in need of renovation

Ohio & Erie Canal
- Develop standards for management and mitigation of bank slumping
- Potentially relocate segments of trail
- Northern Zone - accessible and fishing activities
- Southern Zone - naturalized/historic canal profile

Canal Rd/ E.49th St
- Explore potential trailhead/ADA access
- Identify opportunities for kayak access and promote water trail

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Washington Reservation
Master Plans
December 2017
Scale in feet: 0 250 500

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**				
1	**Overall Notes**	Look at long term connections and potential expansion				
		Update amenities or management approach to optimize use by surrounding neighborhoods and increase active use of the park				
2	**Trail and Neighborhood Connections**	Work with proposed routes and existing pedestrian bridge - link park and neighborhoods to east of I-77				
		Expand park property where feasible				
		Partner to add wayfinding and bike/pedestrian improvements along Washington Blvd south to Harvard Rd				
		Partner to add bike and pedestrian links along the Harvard Rd corridor from the Towpath Trail to points east of I-77				
3	**Arborview Picnic Area**	Create loop trail				
		Add flush restroom				
		Add play and fitness area				
4	**Washington Streetscape**	Add street trees and crosswalks along Washington Blvd				
		Update triangular island and USS Maine Memorial				
5	**Former Ballfield (E. 49th Street Corridor)**	Remove ballfield				
		Consider adding markings for youth size soccer field				
		Add / improve crosswalks				
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:		1	1	6	5	1

WEST CREEK RESERVATION

RESERVATION MASTER PLANS

RESERVATION STATISTICS

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2006

2020 ACREAGE: 426

2020 VISITATION: 172,479

2019 VISITATION: 158,129

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROTECTION

Demonstrate the capacity of the natural world to recover from human impacts. Work with current and new partners to expand the park's scope of protection within the watershed, improve community resilience, and implement strategies for improved stormwater management and urban environmental stewardship.

RELEVANCY

Serve Greater Cleveland throug the reservation's programs, trails, and facilities. Identify opportunities to leverage the capacity, tools, and partners of the Watershed Stewardship Center for education, community outreach, and environmental leadership.

CONNECTIONS

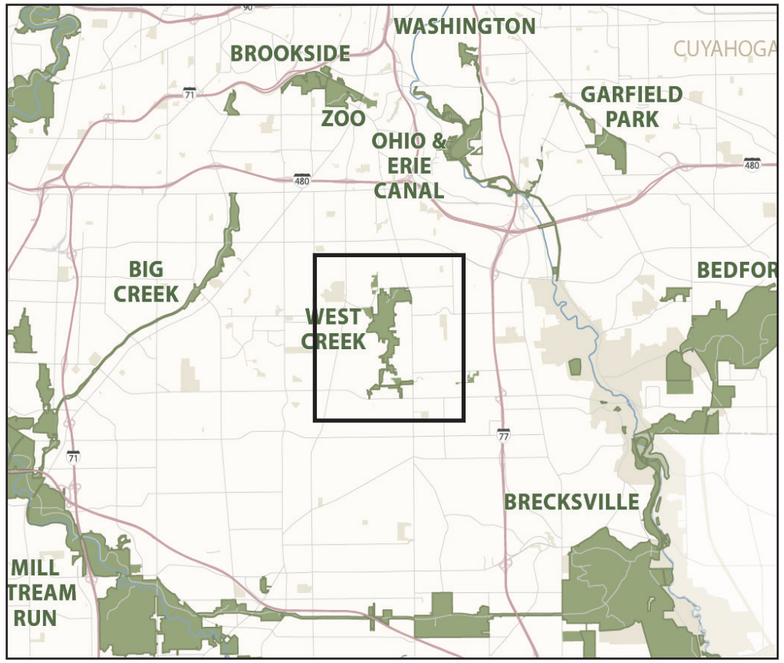
Improve connections to adjoining neighborhoods, community destinations, and regional assets such as the Towpath, while also reducing the number of unsactioned trails within the park to protect sensitive resources.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Improve wayfinding throughout the reservation. Capitalize on community ownership in the park. Improve access and expand health and wellness message along with continued environmental stewardship.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Maintain park facilities with current best practices and strive to restore habitat functions impacted by past land use. Continue to adopt management, research and education programs, and facilities as future trail links and park expansion bring new challanges and opportunities.



RESERVATION DESCRIPTION

West Creek Reservation was formed in 2006 when Cleveland Metroparks began management of property protected by the City of Parma and the West Creek Preservation Committee. The parks harbors a diverse variety of wildlife in the park's valleys and ravines, steep forested hillsides, and natural, as well as manmade wetlands. Park amenities include picnic shelters, trails, and the Watershed Stewardship Center. The Center was developed through a partnership with the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District and West Creek Conservancy. It promotes the enhancement and protection of urban watersheds through education and outreach programs.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

1. Continue to work with West Creek Conservancy for trail connections and land protection, including additional acquisitions (Parmadale, etc)

2. Develop trailheads and amenities, including flush restrooms

3. Develop overlook deck with views to downtown

4. Continue to implement latest stormwater best management practices and demonstrate latest technology

" The Preservation of land could be one of the greatest legacies we as a community leave to those who come after us."

- Brian M. Zimmerman
Cleveland Metroparks Cheif Executive Officer

Management Center

Keystone Picnic Area and Reservable Shelter

Watershed Stewardship Center
- Investigate alternatives for bicycle connectivity along West Ridgewood – roadway width cannot accommodate cyclists
- Work with partners for connections / opportunities to link to adjacent properties

Monarch Picnic Area
- Trail connection to the north and eventual link to Cuyahoga River
- Conserve buffer to west if possible

Lookout Ridge Trail and West Ridgewood Wetland
- Potential overlook to downtown (Coordinate with St. Sergius. Note WKYC line of sight easement to Fenn Tower at CSU.)
- Address sidewalk along Broadview; consider replacing with APT

Bluebird Point
- Promote as trailhead / access point for core portion of park
- Add natural surface loop if adjacent land becomes accessible (Parmadale)
- Continue monitoring landfill cap and vegetation plus antenna structures
- Consider adding cameras to broadcast towers

Skinners Run Trail
- Add neighborhood connections
- Work with Parma to improve pedestrian access and add crosswalk(s) on Broadview
- Pursue stream restoration opportunities and mitigate severe erosion at bridges
- Designate route(s) and utilize boardwalks to avoid wetland impacts

Parmadale Property
- Work with partners to determine highest and best use of the property in accordance with Park District mission and goals and West Creek Reservation Vision and Guiding Principles

Center Park and Greenbriar Trail
- Make trailhead more prominent. Add crosswalk(s) to connect to sidewalks
- Add CXT, and small cookhouse-type shelter or tent
- City of Parma has issues along Parkview Drive / settlement and erosion at former Crile landfill

Dentzler Road Trailhead
- Evaluate long term potential to regrade trail
- Incorporate drainage improvements
- Make trail connections to the south through new acquisition

Overall
- Continue to partner to expand land protection and regional connections (see West Creek Conservancy Plans)
- Work with Trails Development Manager to assess routes and improve sustainability of trail system. Pursue neighborhood connections and remove unsanctioned trails
- Evaluate potential all-purpose trail routes and pavement types

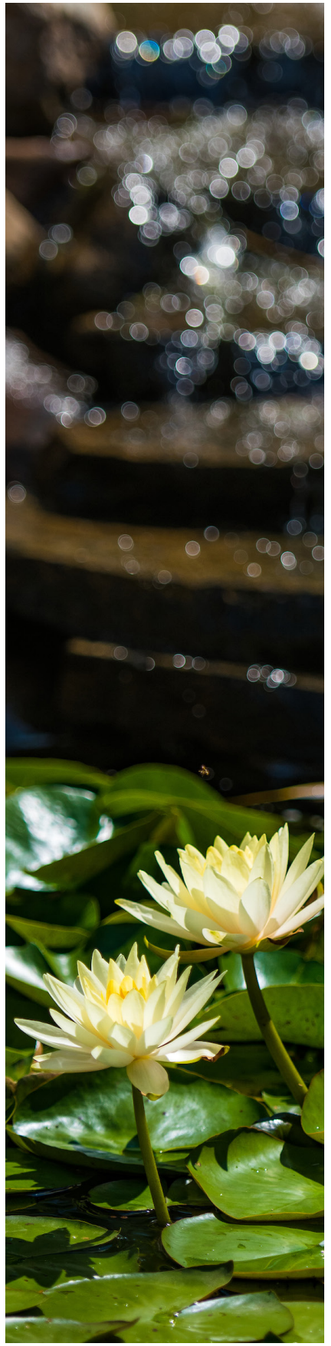
Coventry Road Connection

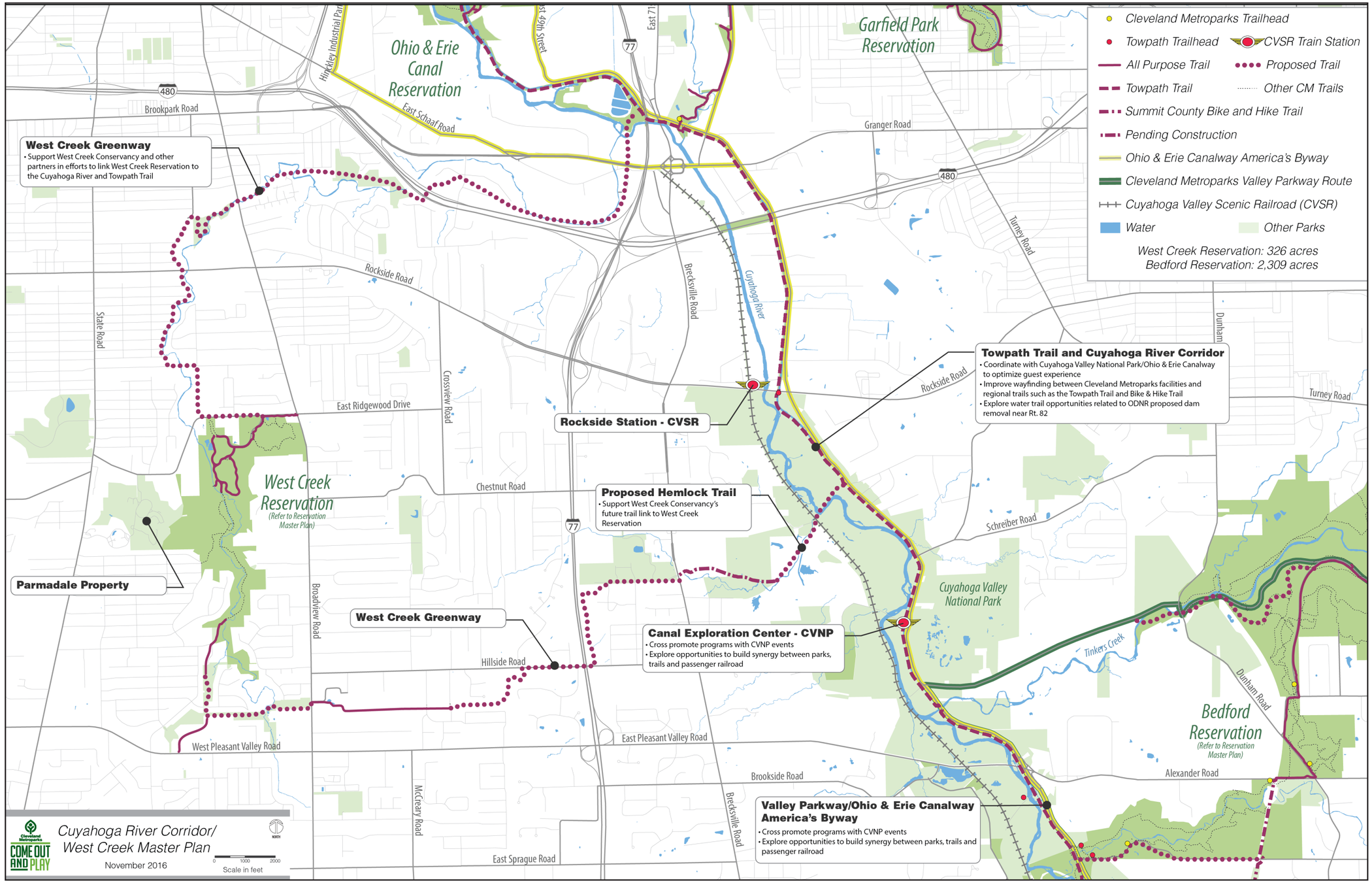
Proposed Overlook

Priscilla Ave
Dellwood Dr
Alden Dr
Winthrop Dr
W. 25 St
State Rd
S. Park Blvd
Corbell Dr
W. Ridgewood Dr
W. Ridgewood Dr
E. Ridge
Broadview Rd
Rustic Trl
Park Dr
Center Dr
Stanfield Dr
Klusner Ave
Hetzel Dr
Marda Dr
Hilltop Dr
Jeanne Dr
Augustine Dr
Dentzler Rd
Sherwood Dr
Robinhood Dr
Nottingham Dr
Marko Ln
Meadow Ln
Parkview Ave
W. Parkview Dr
Edgecliff Dr
Augustine Dr
Glengarry Dr
Lancelot Dr
Avalon Dr
Parkhaven Dr
Lourdes Dr
Parkview Dr
Fatima Dr
Guadalupe
Shiloh Cir
Gettysburg Dr
Ironcliffe Blvd
Vicksburg Dr
Coventry Rd
Broadview Rd
West Pleasant Valley Rd

All Purpose Trail
Other Trails
Proposed Trails
Land Protection
Water
Wetlands
Other Parks
West Creek Reservation: 326 acres

West Creek Reservation
Master Plan
November 2016
Scale in feet 0 250 500

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Garfield Park Reservation
West Creek Reservation
(Refer to Reservation Master Plan)
Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Bedford Reservation
(Refer to Reservation Master Plan)
Brookpark Road
East Schaaf Road
Granger Road
Rockside Road
East Ridgewood Drive
Chestnut Road
Hillside Road
West Pleasant Valley Road
East Pleasant Valley Road
Brookside Road
East Sprague Road
Schreiber Road
Turney Road
Dunham Road
Alexander Road
Tinkers Creek
Cuyahoga River
Brecksville Road
Broadview Road
Crossview Road
McCreary Road
State Road
Hinckley Industrial Park
East 49th Street
East 71
480
77
West Creek Greenway
• Support West Creek Conservancy and other partners in efforts to link West Creek Reservation to the Cuyahoga River and Towpath Trail
Rockside Station - CVSR
Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga River Corridor
• Coordinate with Cuyahoga Valley National Park/Ohio & Erie Canalway to optimize guest experience
• Improve wayfinding between Cleveland Metroparks facilities and regional trails such as the Towpath Trail and Bike & Hike Trail
• Explore water trail opportunities related to ODNR proposed dam removal near Rt. 82
Proposed Hemlock Trail
• Support West Creek Conservancy's future trail link to West Creek Reservation
Parmadale Property
West Creek Greenway
Canal Exploration Center - CVNP
• Cross promote programs with CVNP events
• Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails and passenger railroad
Valley Parkway/Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway
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Cleveland Metroparks Trailhead
Towpath Trailhead
CVSR Train Station
All Purpose Trail
Proposed Trail
Towpath Trail
Other CM Trails
Summit County Bike and Hike Trail
Pending Construction
Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway
Cleveland Metroparks Valley Parkway Route
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR)
Water
Other Parks
West Creek Reservation: 326 acres
Bedford Reservation: 2,309 acres
Cuyahoga River Corridor/
West Creek Master Plan
November 2016
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Scale in feet
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COME OUT AND PLAY

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT AND PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
Item	**Area**	**Action**					
1	**Lookout Ridge Trail and West Ridgewood**	Potential overlook to downtown (Coordinate with St. Sergius. Note WKYC line of sight easement to Fenn Tower at Cleveland State University.)					
		Address sidewalk along Broadview; consider replacing with APT			■		
2	**Bluebird Point**	Promote as trailhead / access point for core potion of park				■	
		Add natural surface loop if adjacent land becomes accessible (Parmadale)			■		
		Continue monitoring landfill cap and vegetation plus antenna structures					■
3	**Watershed Stewardship Center**	Investigate alternatives for bicycle connectivity along West Ridgewood – roadway width cannot accommodate cyclists			■		
		Work with partners for connections / opportunities to link to adjacent properties			■		
4	**Monarch Picnic Area**	Partner for trail connection to the north and eventual link to Cuyahoga River			■		
		Conserve buffer to west if possible	■				
5	**Skinners Run Trail**	Add neighborhood connections and wayfinding			■		
		Work with Parma to improve pedestrian access and add crosswalk(s) on Broadview		■			
		Pursue stream restoration opportunities and mitigate severe erosion at bridges	■				
		Designate route(s) and utilize boardwalks to avoid wetland impacts					■
6	**Parmadale**	Work with partners to determine highest and best use of the property in accordance with Park		■			
7	**Center Park and Greenbriar Trail**	Make trailhead more prominent. Add crosswalk(s) to connect to sidewalks			■		
		Add CXT and small cookhouse-type shelter or tent				■	
		City of Parma has issues along Parkview Drive / settlement and erosion at former Crile landfill					■
8	**Dentzler Road Trailhead**	Evaluate long term potential to improve trail and incorporate drainage improvements					■
		Make trail connections to the south through new acquisition			■		
9	**Overall**	Continue to partner to expand land protection and regional connections (see West Creek Conservancy Plans)	■				
		Work with Trails Development Manager to assess routes and improve sustainability of trail			■		
		Evaluate potential all-purpose trail routes and pavement types					■
10	**West Creek**	Support West Creek Conservancy and other partners in efforts to link West Creek Reservation		■			
TABULATION OF ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH STRATEGIC GOALS:			3	4	9	2	5