



# Gordon Park Community Meeting

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation

# Introduction



# Meeting Agenda

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1. Welcome and Partner Introductions – *Brian Zimmerman*
2. Cleveland Metroparks Project Updates
  - a) North Coast Harbor – *Brian Zimmerman*
  - b) Mandel Community Trail – *Sean McDermott*
  - c) Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center – *Sean McDermott*
  - d) CHEERS – *Kelly Coffman*
  - e) Gordon Park Improvements – *Kelly Coffman*
    - i. Park plan
    - ii. Construction underway
3. E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements – *Jillian Svala*
4. Q&A and Discussion
5. Adjourn

# North Coast Harbor

- Management of North Coast Harbor transferred to Cleveland Metroparks in January 2026
- Park District staff will operate the docks
- Refreshments will be available from a new concession located in the adjacent Harbor Verandas complex
- *Activities complement the Mandel Community Trail and the East 9<sup>th</sup> Street trailhead*



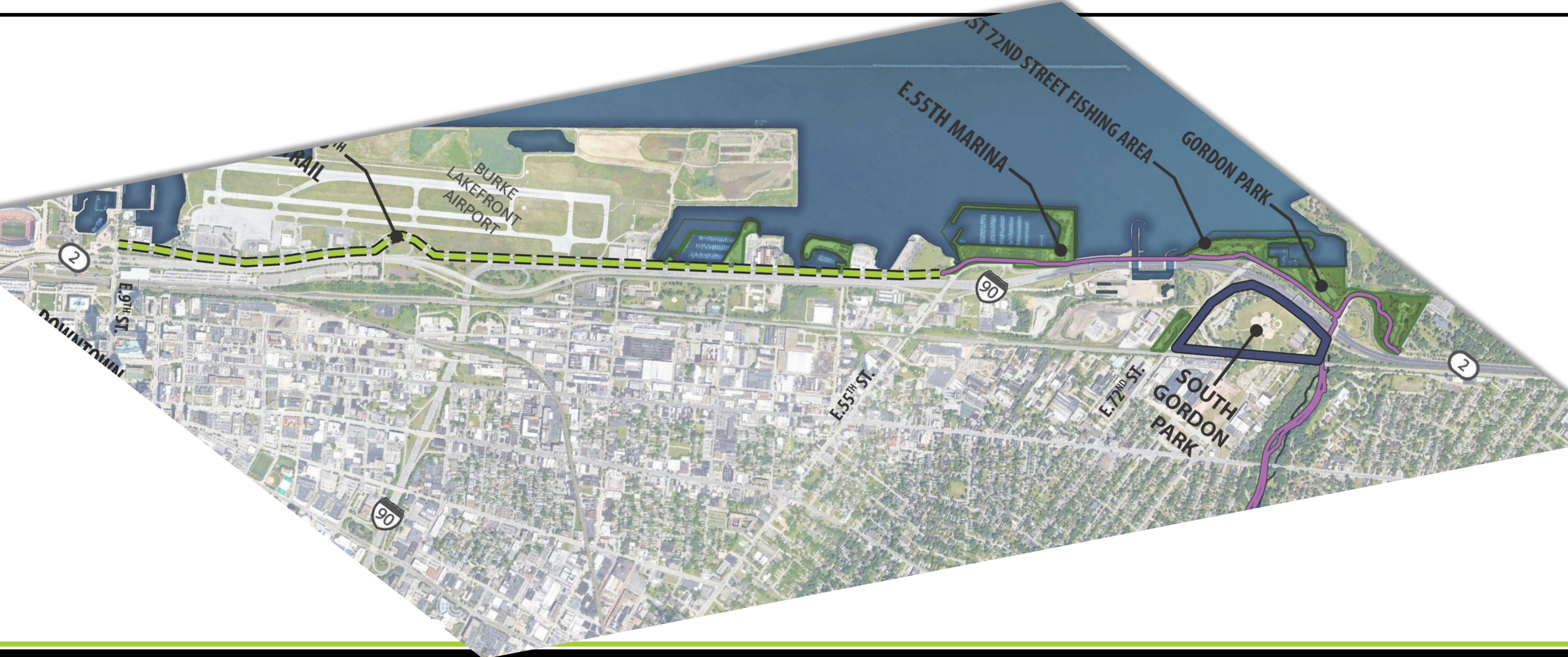
# Mandel Community Trail



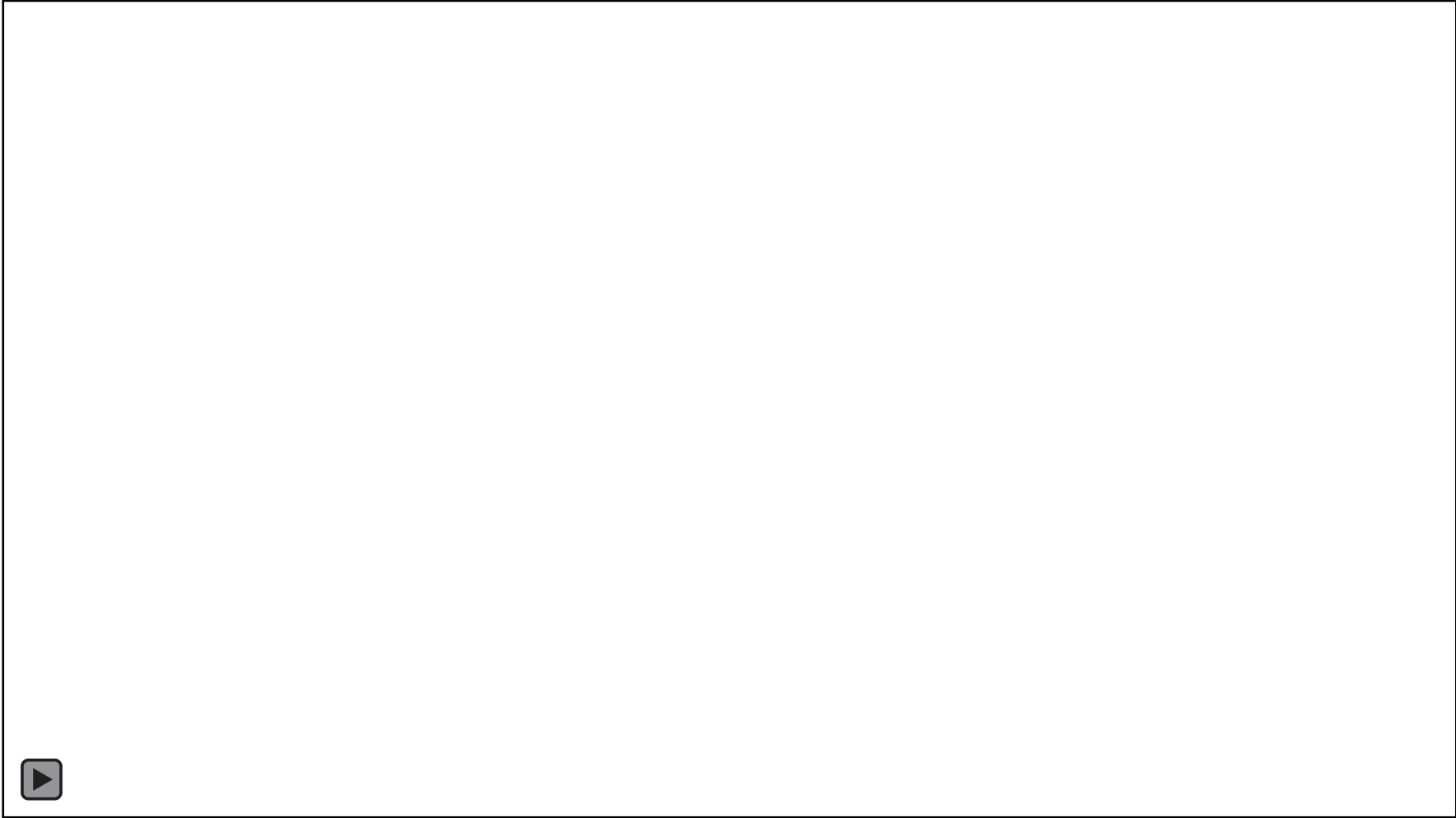
GORDON PARK SOUTH & E. 9<sup>TH</sup> TO E. 55<sup>TH</sup> CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT BIKEWAY

JULY 2023

# Mandel Community Trail



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# Mandel Community Trail – North Gordon Gateway



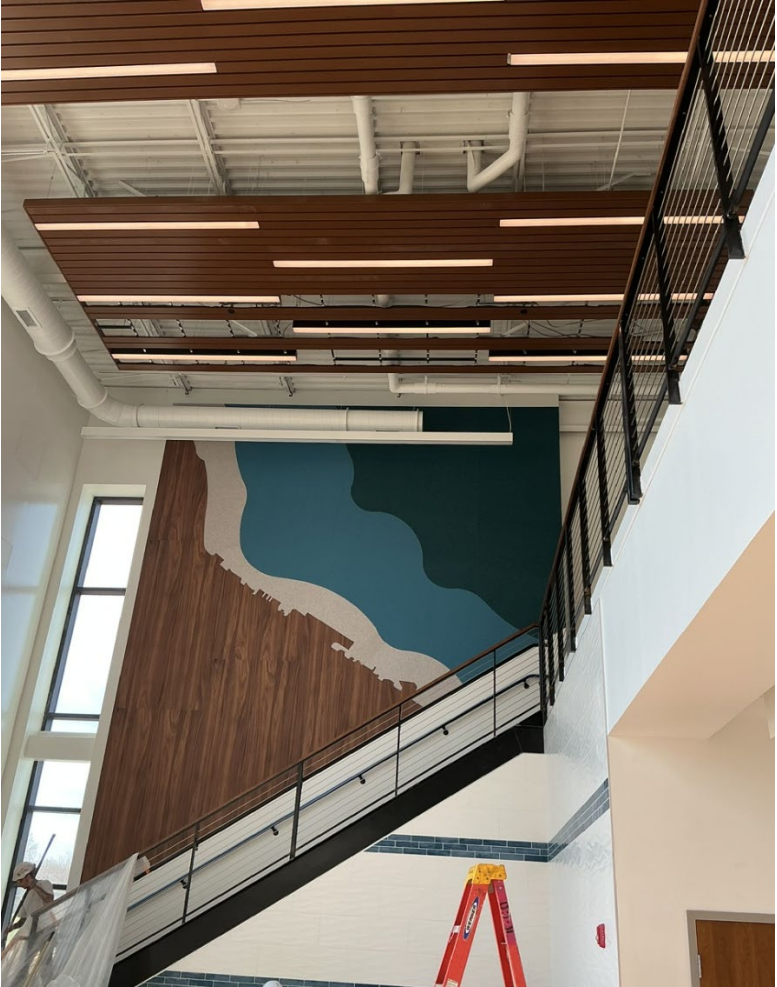
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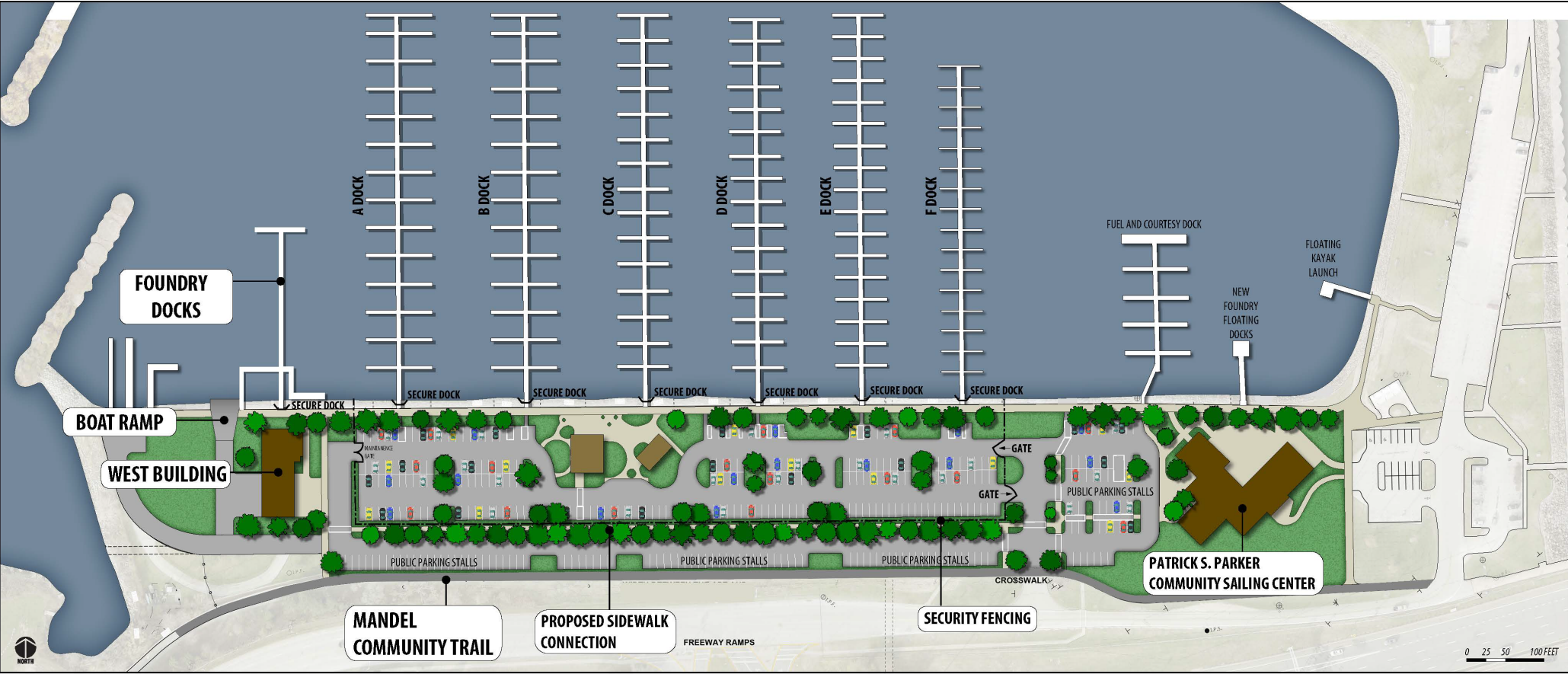
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**EAST 55TH MARINA CONCEPT PLAN - DRAFT**

LAKEFRONT RESERVATION

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE IS 2027

SEPTEMBER 2025



Extent of Federal Breakwall  
~2000' from existing shoreline

Lake Erie



# Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy

Approximate Extent of  
1876-1877 Natural Shoreline  
Source: ODNR



Gordon Park

Martin Luther King Jr Dr





# CHEERS – Early Action Habitat Loop

- Features will include wetlands, fishing areas, trails, and a sound berm to mitigate I-90 impacts
- Initial phase is partially funded
- Regulatory coordination is underway
- Construction anticipated to begin in 2028 and will address the urgent pending dredge capacity issue
- Park construction anticipated in 2031
- Work will not impact the existing Mandel Community Trail



# CHEERS – Early Action Habitat Loop



# Gordon Park Improvements - Plan

- 2024 – LAND studio-led park planning and community engagement process
- 2025 – Planning, park design, and engagement
- 2026 – Phase 1 Construction
- 2027 – Phase 1 Construction and re-opening



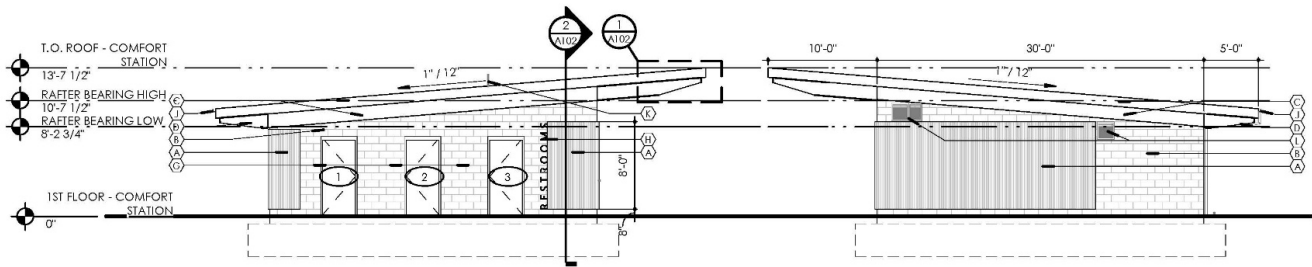
# Gordon Park Improvements – Phase 1

- Phase 1 improvements currently **under construction!**
- First phase includes:
  - Great Lawn/Promenade
  - New play space
  - Flush restrooms
  - Picnic pavilion
  - Grilling areas
  - Lighting
  - Upgrades to park entry and parking lots
  - Utility upgrades



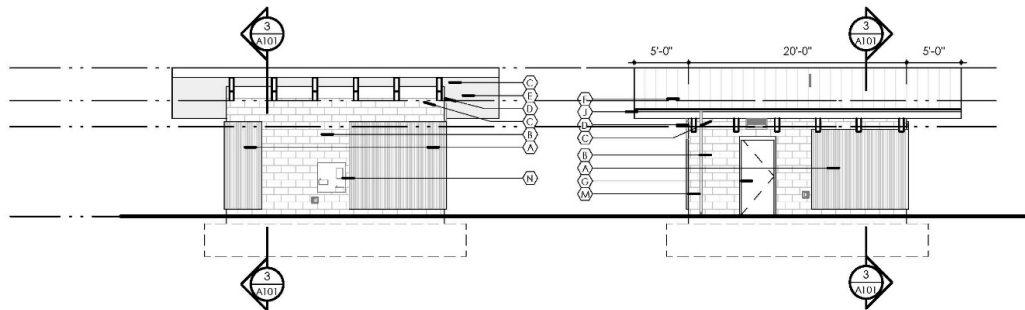


# Gordon Park Improvements – Restrooms



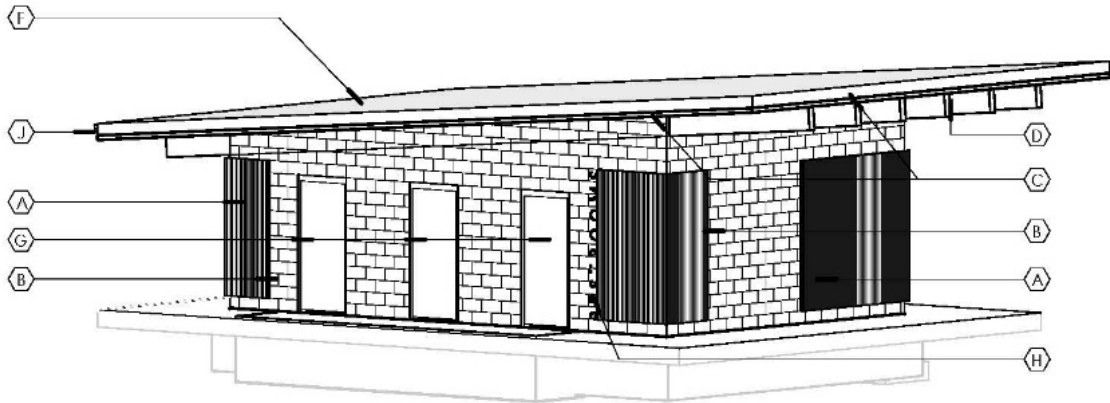
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8 NORTH ELEVATION  
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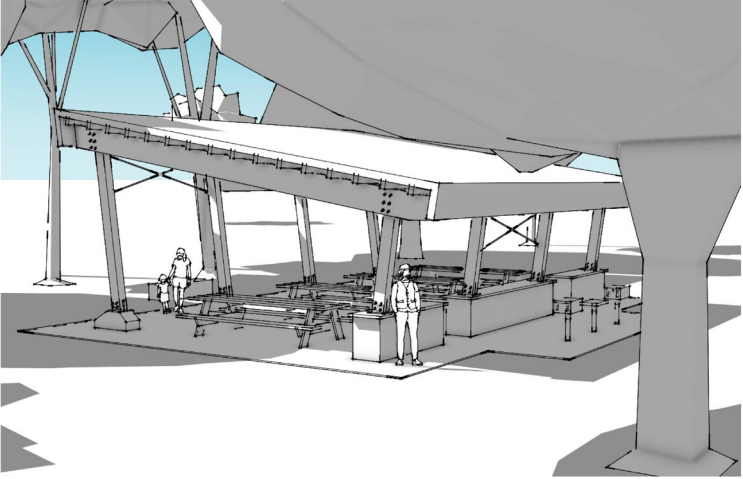
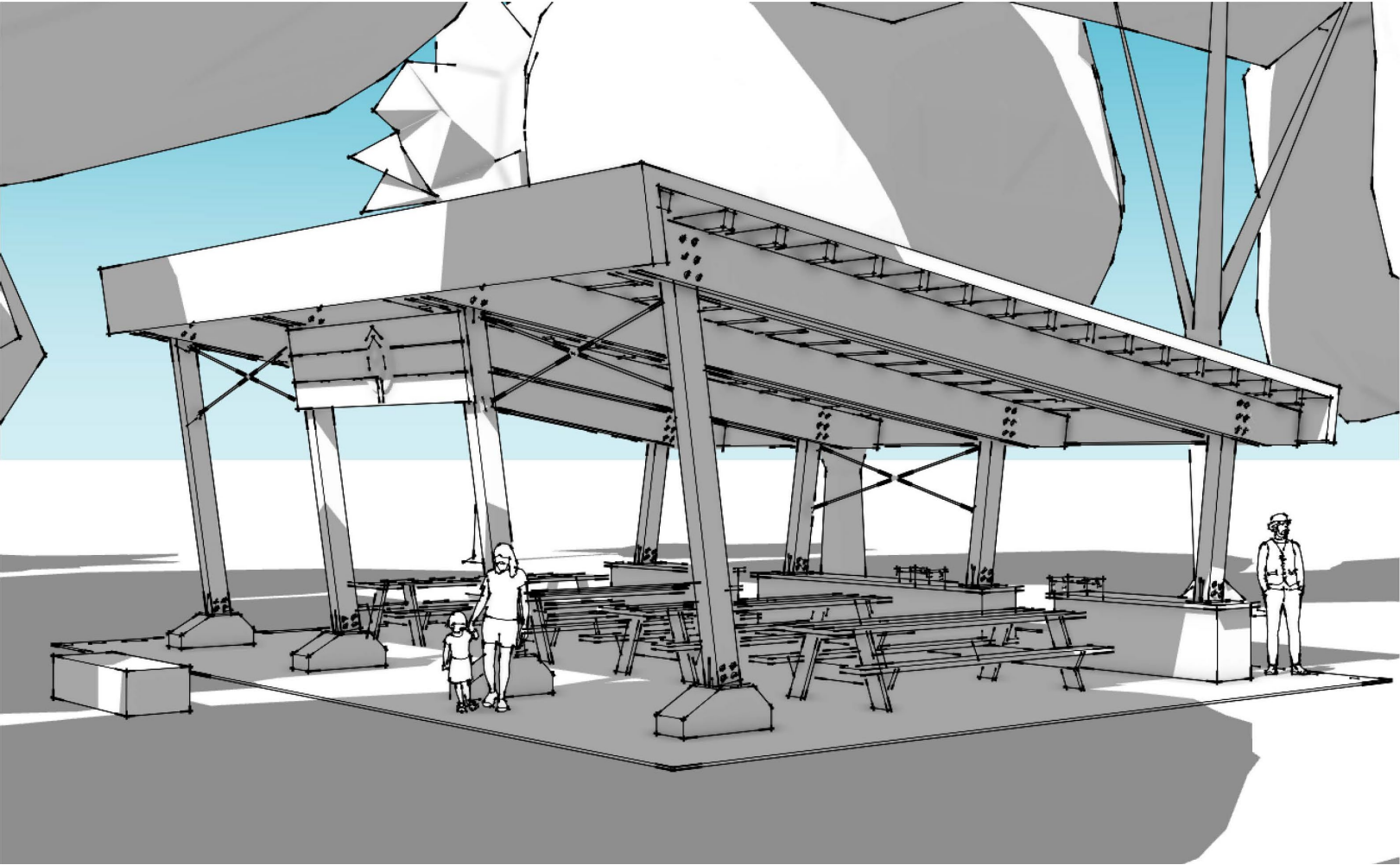
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# Gordon Park Improvements – Grilling Garden



# Gordon Park Improvements – Picnic Pavilion



# Gordon Park Improvements – Site Furnishings



# Gordon Park Improvements – Ph. 1 Construction



**Cleveland Metroparks** Capital Improvement  
**Gordon Park Phase 1 Improvements Coming Soon**

Gordon Park was donated to the City of Cleveland in 1912, providing access to Lake Erie for residents of Cleveland's east side neighborhood. Operation and management of the park was transferred to Cleveland Metroparks in 2023.

Grown from a neighborhood-based planning effort led by LAND studio in 2014, Cleveland Metroparks and community partners awarded design for improvements at Gordon Park over the past year. The first phase of improvements, supported by a generous grant from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, will reflect the community input gathered through the planning process.

Phase 1 improvements will preserve the Great Lawn and flood restoration, a new play space, grilling area, picnic pavilion, and upgrades to the park entry and parking lots.

Construction will begin in Spring 2026 and continue into Summer 2027. During this time, the park will be closed to the public for construction and the safety of the community.

Generous Support Provided in Partnership with:

- Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation

Project Partners:

- stClair Superior
- LAND
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

Project Team:

- NEXT GENERATION CONSTRUCTION
- MKSK
- BIALOSKY
- OSBORN ENGINEERING

For more information and to learn about additional nearby parks and projects, scan the QR code to visit the project webpage.

Additional phases of work to complete the community park vision will continue as funding opportunities become available.



# Gordon Park Improvements – Ph. 1 Construction



# Gordon Park Improvements – NEORSD Construction



May 2025



May 2026

# E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements

Louise Chen Jones  
Floral Mural –  
Completed Fall 2025



Currently Longest mural  
in Cleveland and Ohio

# E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements



## Louise Chen Jones Fish Mural – Currently Underway

- New mural at the E. 72<sup>nd</sup> and I-90 underpass
- Includes lighting improvements that have been completed



# E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements

## E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Banners - Spring 2026

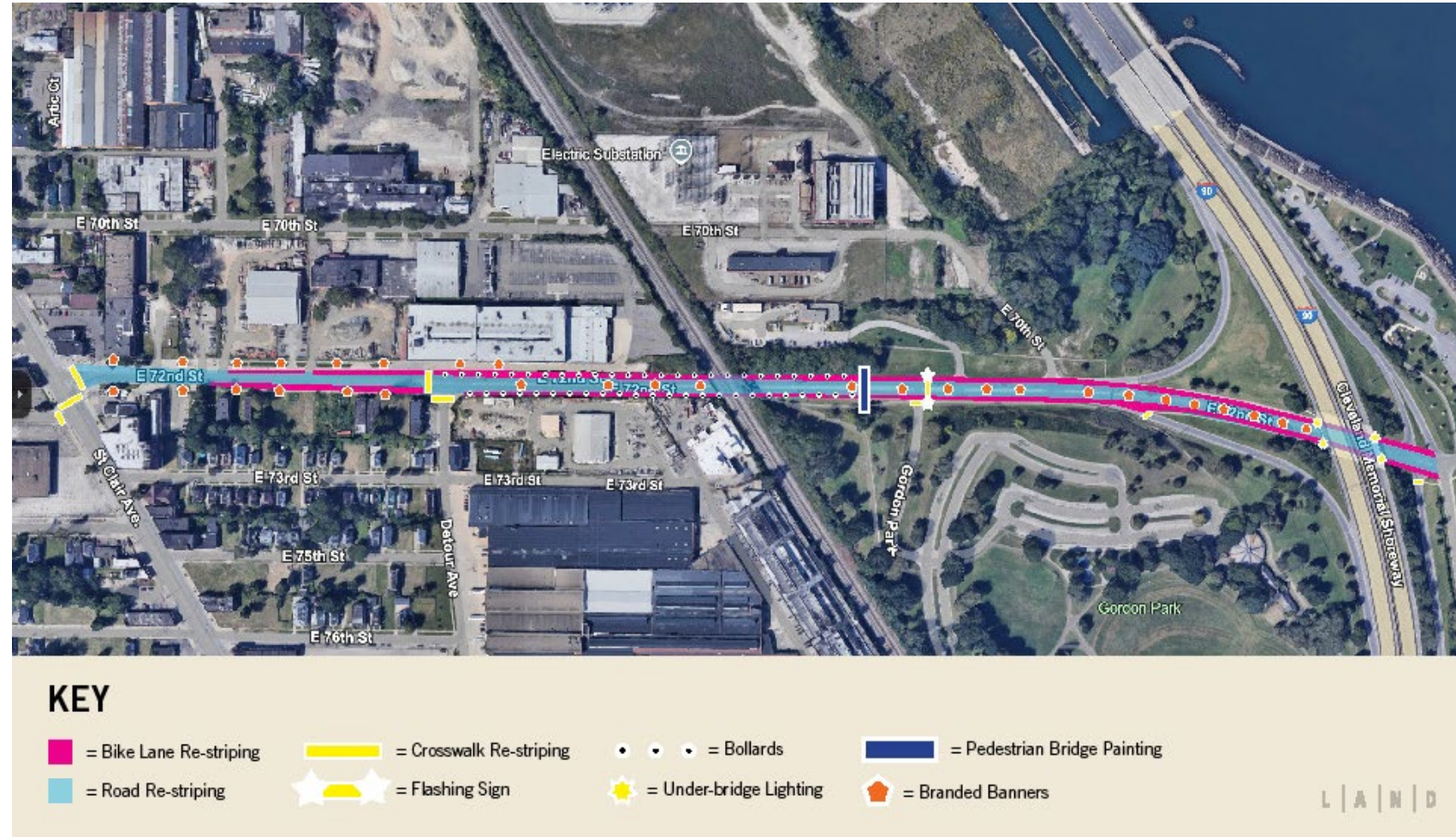
- Partnership between JJMMF, LAND studio, and St Clair Superior Development Corp
- Continue success around St. Clair Ave banners
- Utilize new wayfinding designs created by Guide Studio



# E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements

## E. 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Clean Up & Safety

- Enhancing pedestrian safety
- Bike lane re-striping
  - City exploring further enhancements
- Crosswalk painting in 2026
  - E. 72<sup>nd</sup> and St. Clair
  - E. 72<sup>nd</sup> and Detour
  - Gordon Park entrance
  - Crosswalks north of I-90
- Sidewalk extension on west side of E. 72<sup>nd</sup> from RR bridge to Gordon Park
- Ongoing landscaping and trash cleanup



# E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements



Railroad Bridge Lighting Improvements



- Questions and Comments -

Thank You!



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