

# GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

## PARK PLAN

DEC 2025

### OVERALL NOTES

- Garfield Park Reservation will continue to function as a hub of community wellness and activity with newly improved and expanded facilities and programs
- Continue to work with neighbors on natural resources projects and drop in programs. Protect historical features, improve circulation, and expand opportunities for recreation
- Improve bike and pedestrian access to expand the service area of the park

### MILL CREEK FALLS

- Refer to Area Plan; Improve lighting and open views into the park. Add restroom and play area. Reconfigure access to better focus on the waterfall once area projects are complete
- Mill Creek Falls becomes an important connection and transition point between the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Trail and existing park trails and connections to the south and southwest
- Work with ODOT, RTA, and other partners to simplify traffic patterns and improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in the area

SEE AREA PLAN

### E.131ST - MLK TRAIL CONNECTION

- Explore potential connections to the southeast and north along East 131st upon ODOT's completion of the White House Bridge replacement
- Long term, explore potential of Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Corridor and partnership opportunities with Calvary Cemetery

### GARFIELD PARK PRESCHOOL AND PARKING

- Continue successful programming
- Improve parking lot lighting
- Develop trail connection between Broadway and the Garfield Parkway Loop Trail. Utilize existing sidewalk and reduce impacts from adjacent parking by installing parking blocks or reconfiguring curb.

### WINDY RIDGE PICNIC AREA

- Reconfigure drive and parking
- Add flush restroom and trailhead amenities to help activate trail to Mill Creek Falls

### TROLLEY TURN AREA

- Continue to manage and monitor new plantings

### IRON SPRINGS PICNIC AREA

- Consider nature play or play structure
- Reduce mowing; add woodland edge and pollinator plantings

### GARFIELD PARKWAY LOOP TRAIL

- Add fitness zone or stations

### WOLF CREEK VALLEY

- Continue tree plantings and forest restoration efforts
- Create trail node and interpret Iron Springs remains (dates to late 1800s)

### GARFIELD POND & PROGRAM CENTER

- Activate new program center with a variety of public programs including fishing and paddle sport 'try-its'
- Supplement plantings and reduce mowing on steep slopes

### WHITE HOUSE BRIDGE/ BROADWAY RAILROAD OVERPASS

- Continue coordination with ODOT project and connect to pending trail facility along the south side of the new bridge

### MILL CREEK & CULVERT REPLACEMENT

- Expand upstream protection efforts
- Daylight portion of existing culvert as part of replacement project
- Henry Street bridge project will add solid retaining wall at current industrial access

### RED OAK PICNIC AREA

- Update play structure

### MILL CREEK CONNECTOR AND GARFIELD BLVD CONNECTOR TRAIL

- Refer to Ohio & Erie Canal page for connection to Towpath
- Address maintenance challenges at vegetated wall along Mill Creek Connector near Bacci Park
- The Garfield Boulevard Connector Trail will open in 2026

All Purpose Trail

Water

Mill Creek Falls Connection (Sidewalk & Bike Lanes)

Wetlands

Other CM Trails

Other Parks

Proposed Trails (Various Entities)

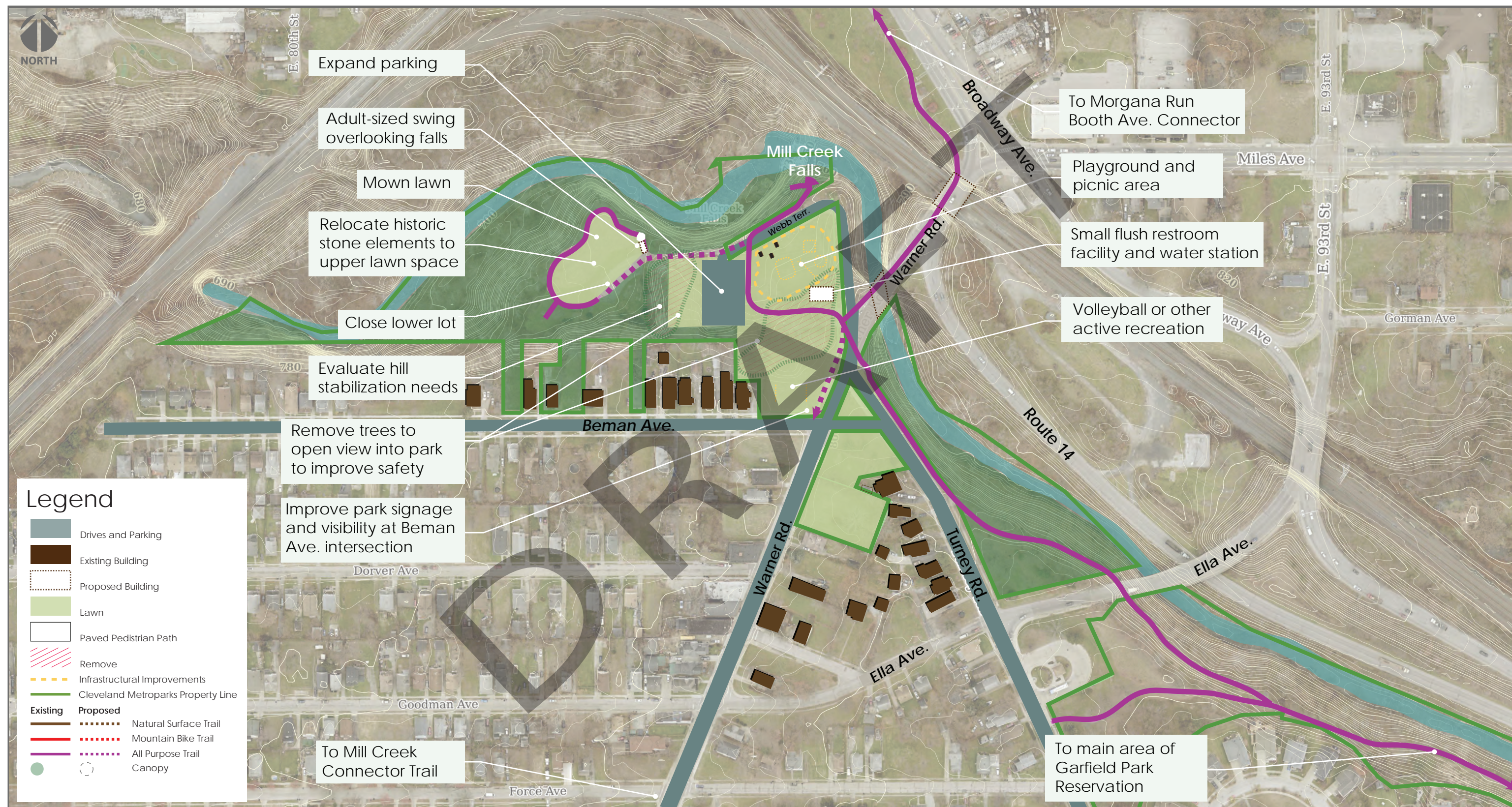
Trailhead

Land Protection

Garfield Park Reservation: 224 acres







# Mill Creek Falls Short Term Concept

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