

**Cleveland Metroparks
Board of Park Commissioners**

CHEERS Plan Concept

15 APRIL 2021



**Cleveland Harbor
Eastern Embayment
Resilience Study**



Today's Update

Early 2021 Community Engagement

Hybrid Concept

Phasing and Implementation

Views and Features

Next Steps

THE STUDY AREA

TO DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND >



< TO UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

ROCKEFELLER PARK

M.L.K. JR. DRIVE

ST. CLAIR AVENUE

E. 55TH STREET

FORMER FIRST ENERGY POWER PLANT

EAST 55TH MARINA

SOUTH GORDON PARK

E. 72ND STREET

NORTH GORDON PARK

EAST 72ND FISHING AREA

CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE

KIRTLAND PARK

BURKE LAKEFRONT AIRPORT

CDF 9

CDF 12

INTERSTATE 90

FEDERAL SHIPPING CHANNEL

LAKE ERIE



TOUCH THE WATER



LAKE ERIE



PLAY AT THE SHORE



CONNECT WITH NATURE



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E. 5TH STREET

INTERSTATE 90

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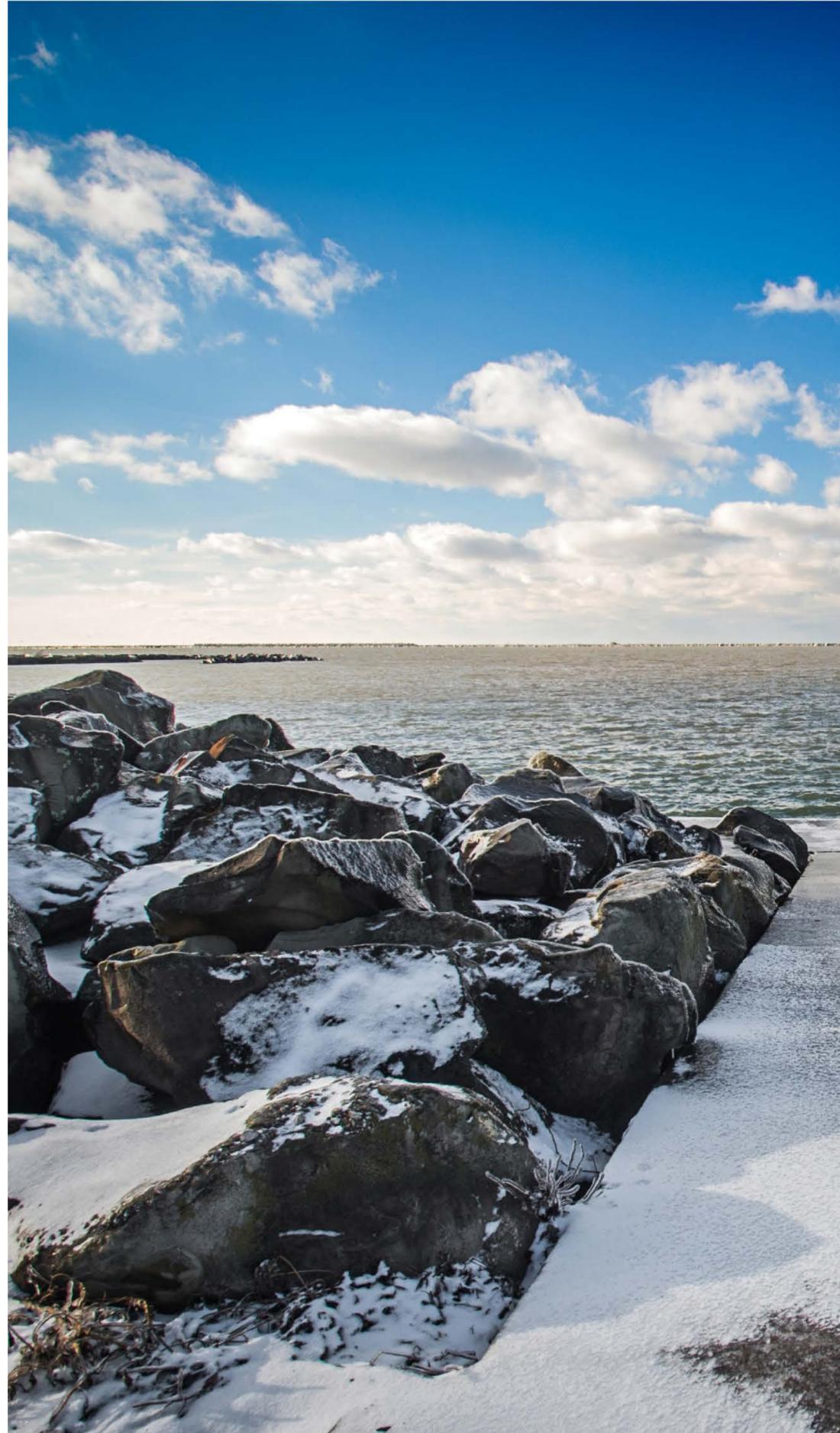
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Results

*from the survey, map explorer,
and virtual town hall*

- + 300 participants so far
- + additional community presentations (Black Environmental Leaders, etc.)

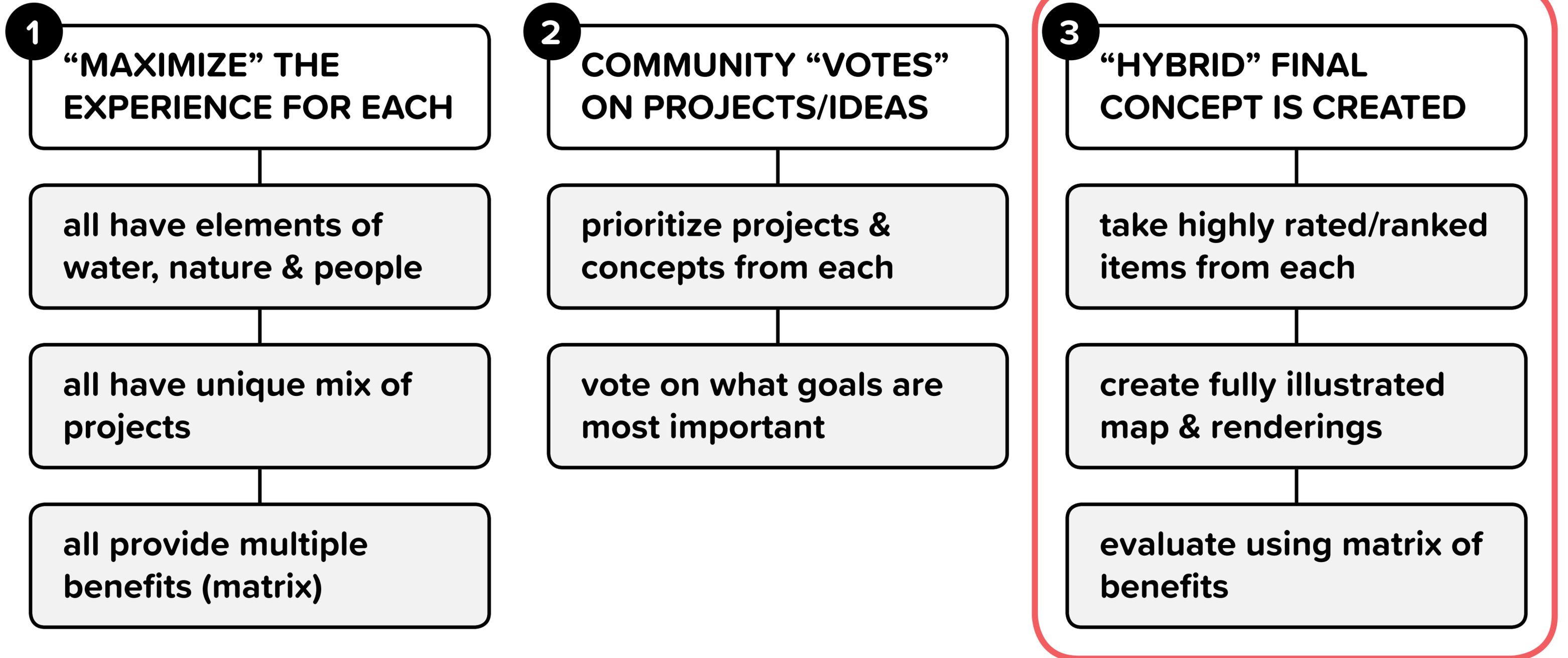


CHEERS
to a **NEW**
YEAR
& **NEW**
IDEAS!

Your input
will focus new
investment along
the Eastern
Lakefront.



How we get there!



Priority Goals

Top Ranked Goals (as of March 2021)

#1



Create more opportunities to touch and engage with the water.

30%
(78 VOTES)

#2



Use dredge material to create more park space and habitat areas to buffer critical infrastructure

29%
(74 VOTES)



Provide a diversity of water-based recreation opportunities (fishing, wading, watersports, etc.)

29%
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#3



Enhance and create new wetland areas and protected coves that protect infrastructure & provide new habitat space

28%
(71 VOTES)



Create new greenway connections from the lakefront to the adjacent communities

28%
(71 VOTES)

“Gold Star” Project

If you could only invest in ONE project (as of Feb. 2021)



THE ISLAND

16%
(40 VOTES)



THE COVE

13%
(34 VOTES)



THE SHORE

11%
(27 VOTES)



THE BOARDWALK

10%
(25 VOTES)

Additional Ideas

Based on comments from the public meeting + open ended questions

NATURE & HABITAT

- + add underwater habitat
- + need wetlands and mudflats
- + support bird population
- + keep the nature preserve
- + keep some areas natural and serene
- + expose the natural beauty

ACCESS & EQUITY

- + build in more access
- + make it equitable
- + no one should need a car to get there
- + careful of navigation channels

IMPLEMENTATION

- + what does it look like year-round
- + activities for all seasons
- + fundraising - what will it cost and how do we help get it done?
- + want to do it all!



Connect

Create more opportunities to touch and engage with the water



Protect

Use dredge material to create more park space and habitat areas to buffer critical infrastructure



Program

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Connect

Create new greenway connections from the lakefront to the adjacent communities

ED. BREAKWALL

LAKE ERIE

CLEVELAND
LAKEFRONT
NATURE
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FORMER FIRST
ENERGY PLANT

SOUTH
GORDON
PARK

ROCKEFELLER
PARK

T. CLAIR AVE

E 72ND ST

E 71ST ST

E 74TH ST

E 79TH ST

ANSEL RD

KING JR DR

AST BLVD

105TH

Top-Rated Goals

THE COVE



THE LAWN



FED. BREAKWALL

LAKE ERIE

THE BOARDWALK



THE SHORE



CULTURAL TRAIL



THE ISLAND



I-90

FORMER FIRST ENERGY PLANT

SOUTH GORDON PARK

GREENWAYS



HABITAT TRAIL



ALTON AVE

ST. CLAIR AVE

E 72ND ST

ROCKEFELLER PARK

Top-Rated Projects

SUPP

ADD

ST

ST

E 79TH ST

ANSEL RD

KING JR DR

EAST BLVD

105TH

City-wide

- + Stores up to 1.7m CY of dredge material (over 10 years)
- + Protects and improves safety along I-90 and other essential infrastructure
- + Equity in recreation amenities
- + Tourism

Nature

- + New natural areas
- + Aquatic restoration / water quality
- + Habitat restoration (in-water and nearshore)
- + 6,000 LF of softened shoreline
- + Connected green corridors

Access

- + Diversity of trail experiences (multi-use, nature, boardwalks)
- + Strengthened neighborhood street connections and access points
- + Connects to existing trails

Community

- + Places to engage with water
- + New passive recreation space that build on what people already love (fishing, picnic)
- + Unites existing park spaces along the shore
- + A go-to destination for the east
- + Playspaces / Intergenerational

D. BREAKWALL

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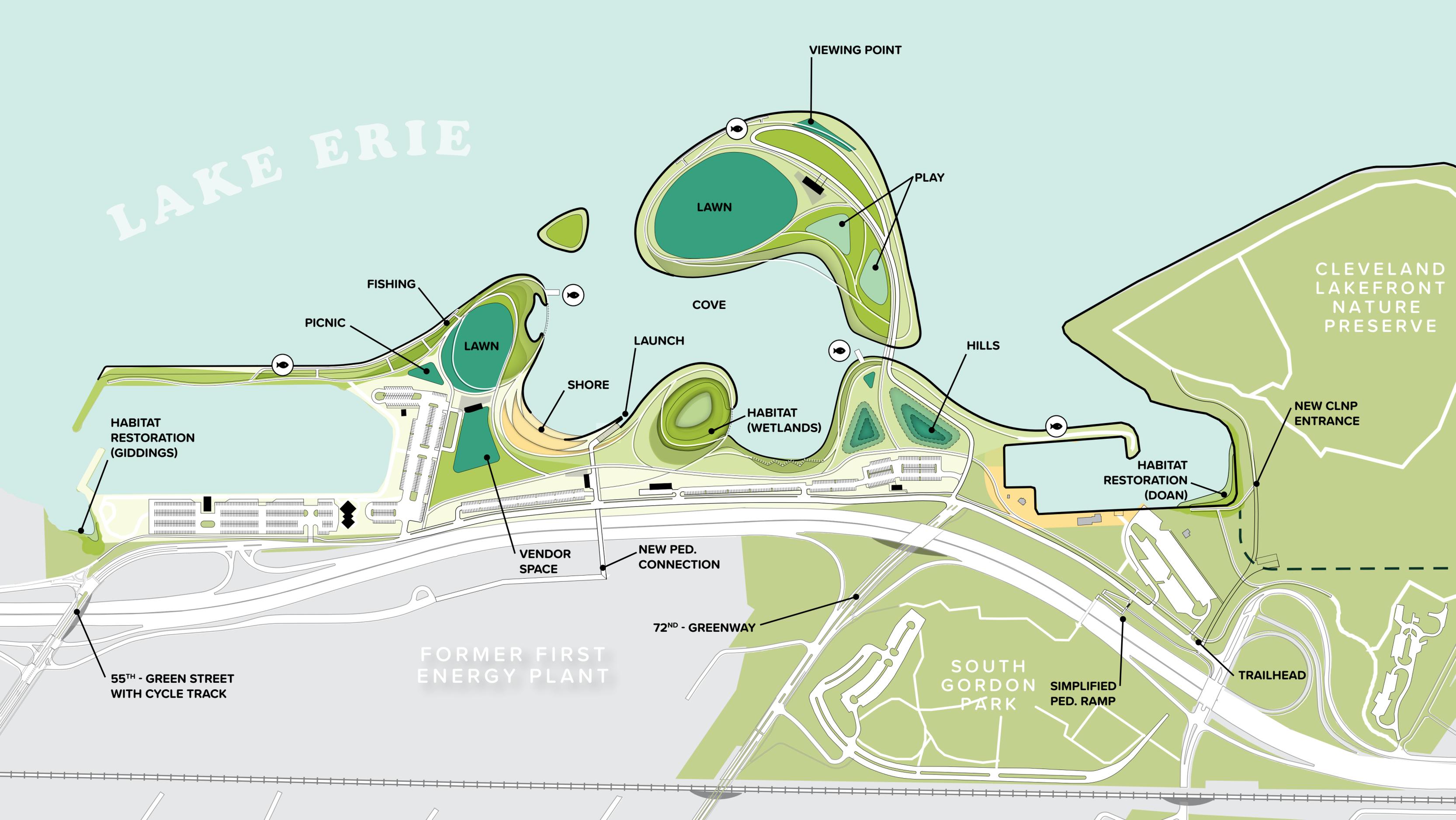
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HABITAT
(WETLANDS)

HILLS

HABITAT
RESTORATION
(GIDDINGS)

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NEW CLNP
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72ND - GREENWAY

FORMER FIRST
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SOUTH
GORDON
PARK

SIMPLIFIED
PED. RAMP

TRAILHEAD

55TH - GREEN STREET
WITH CYCLE TRACK

HARDENED

SEMI-HARDENED

SOFTENED

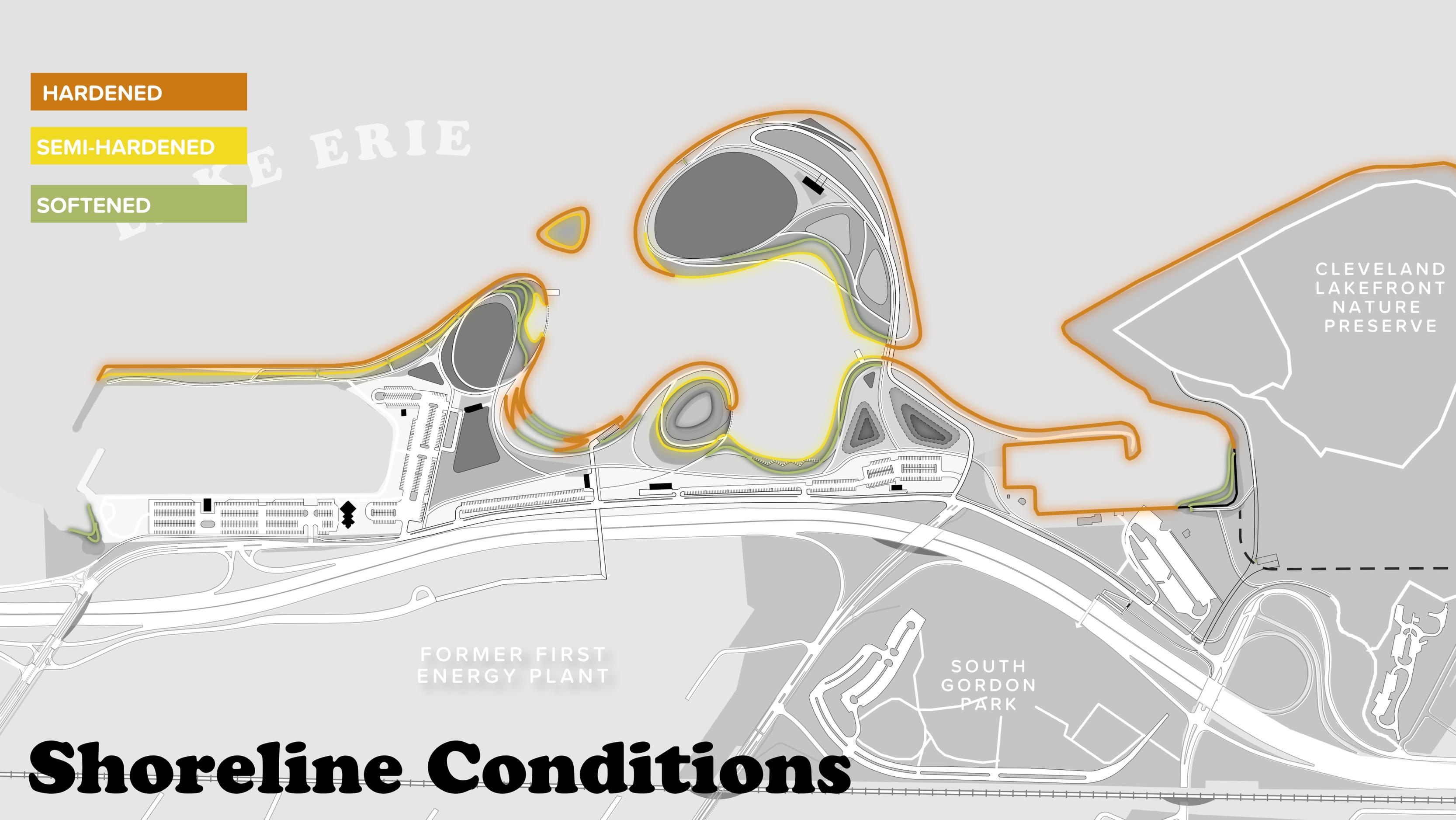
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Shoreline Conditions

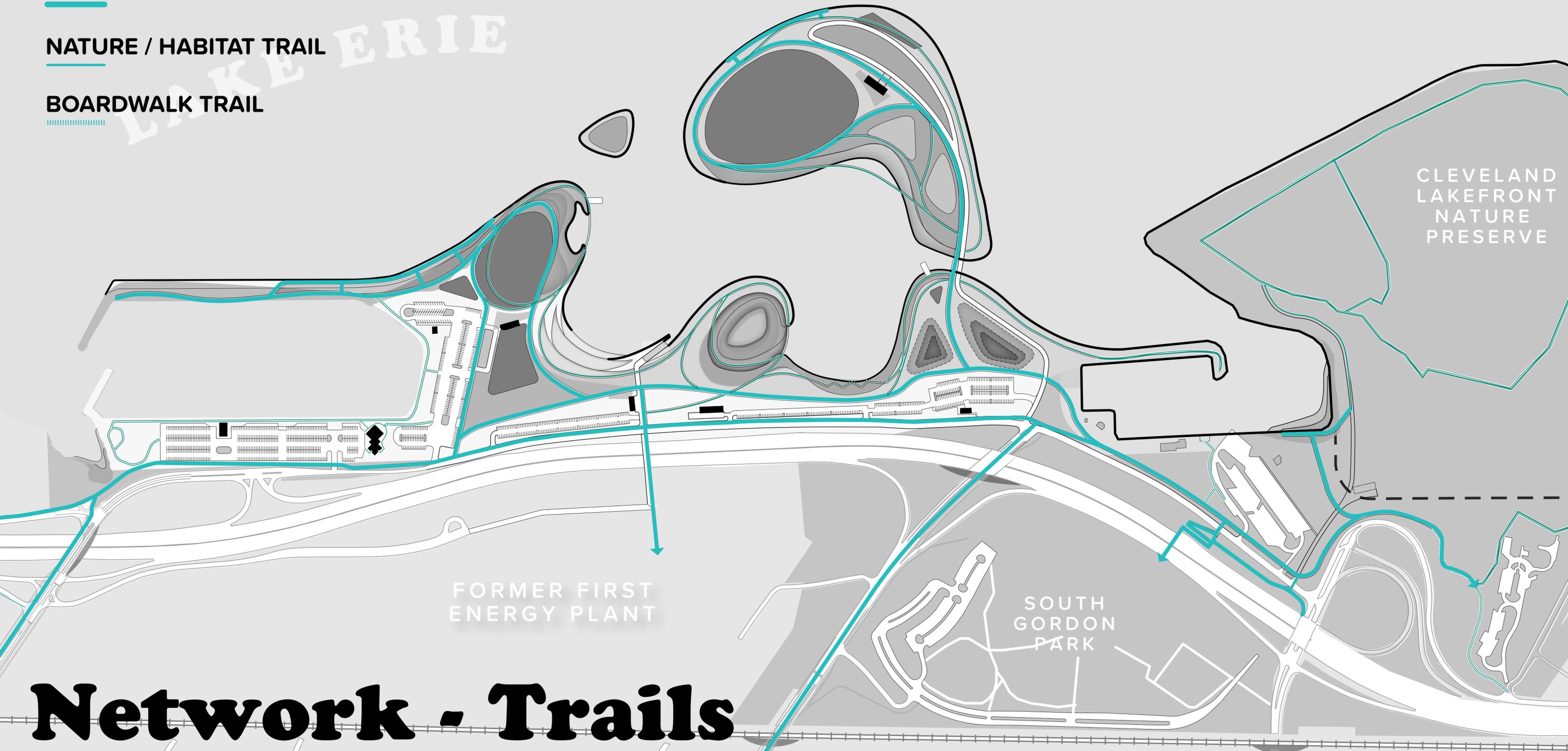


MULTI-USE TRAIL

NATURE / HABITAT TRAIL

BOARDWALK TRAIL

LAKE ERIE



Network - Trails

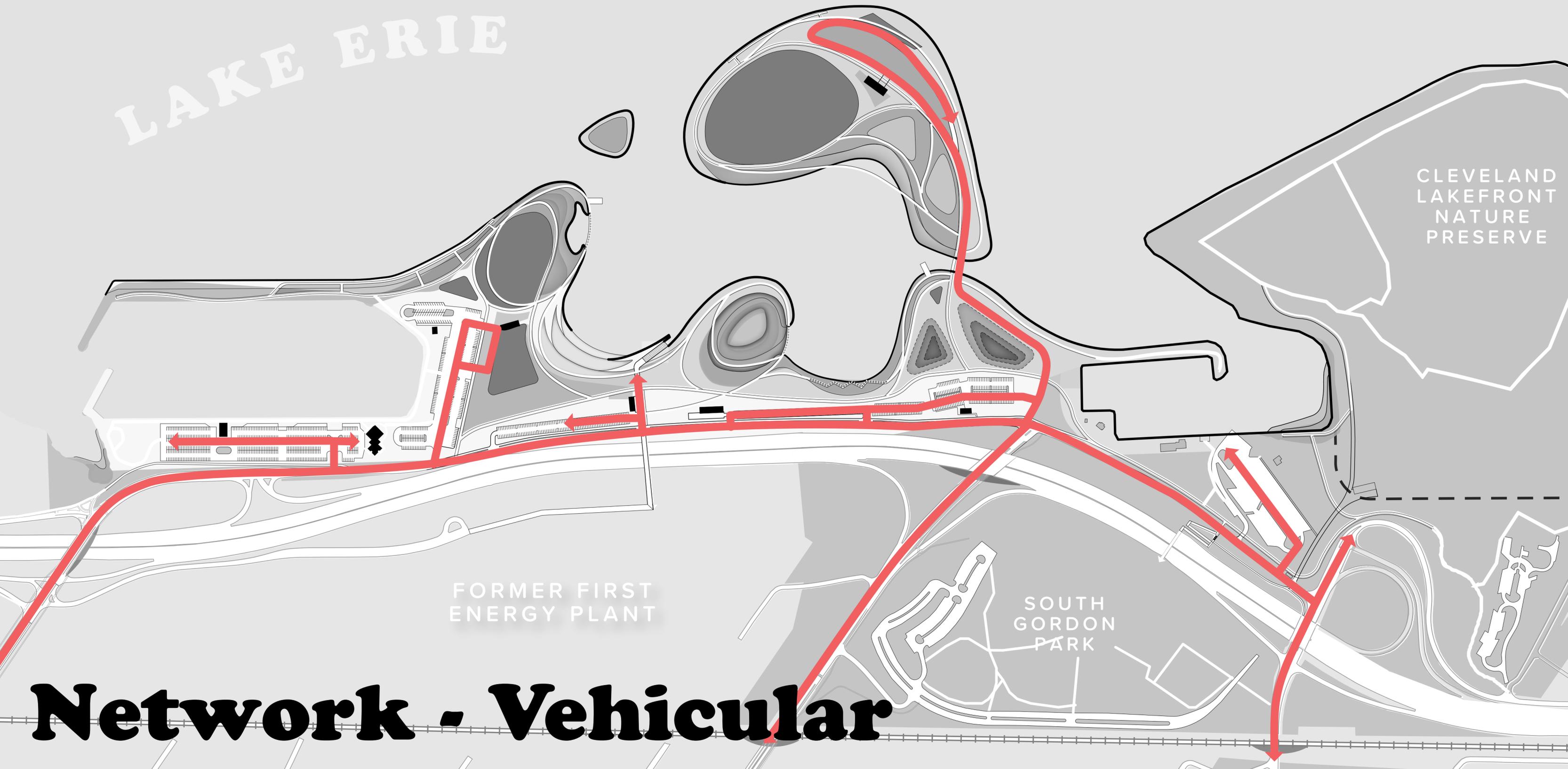
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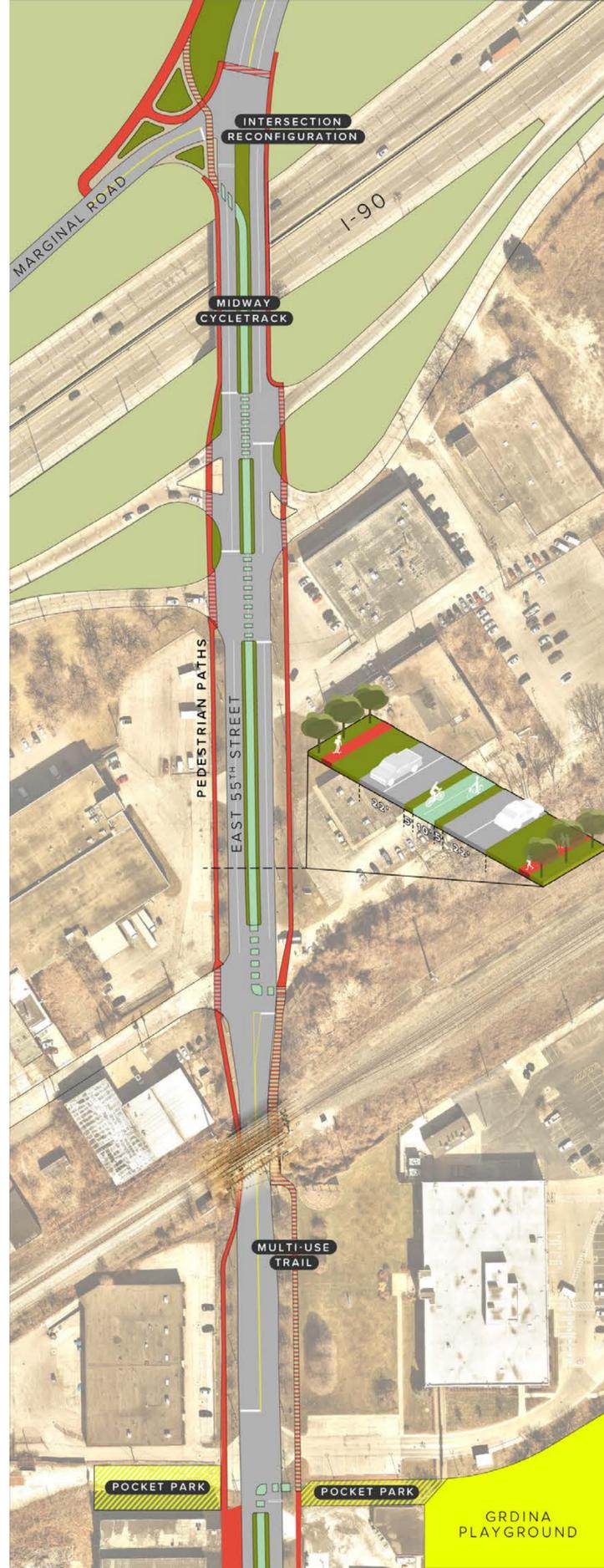
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Network - Vehicular



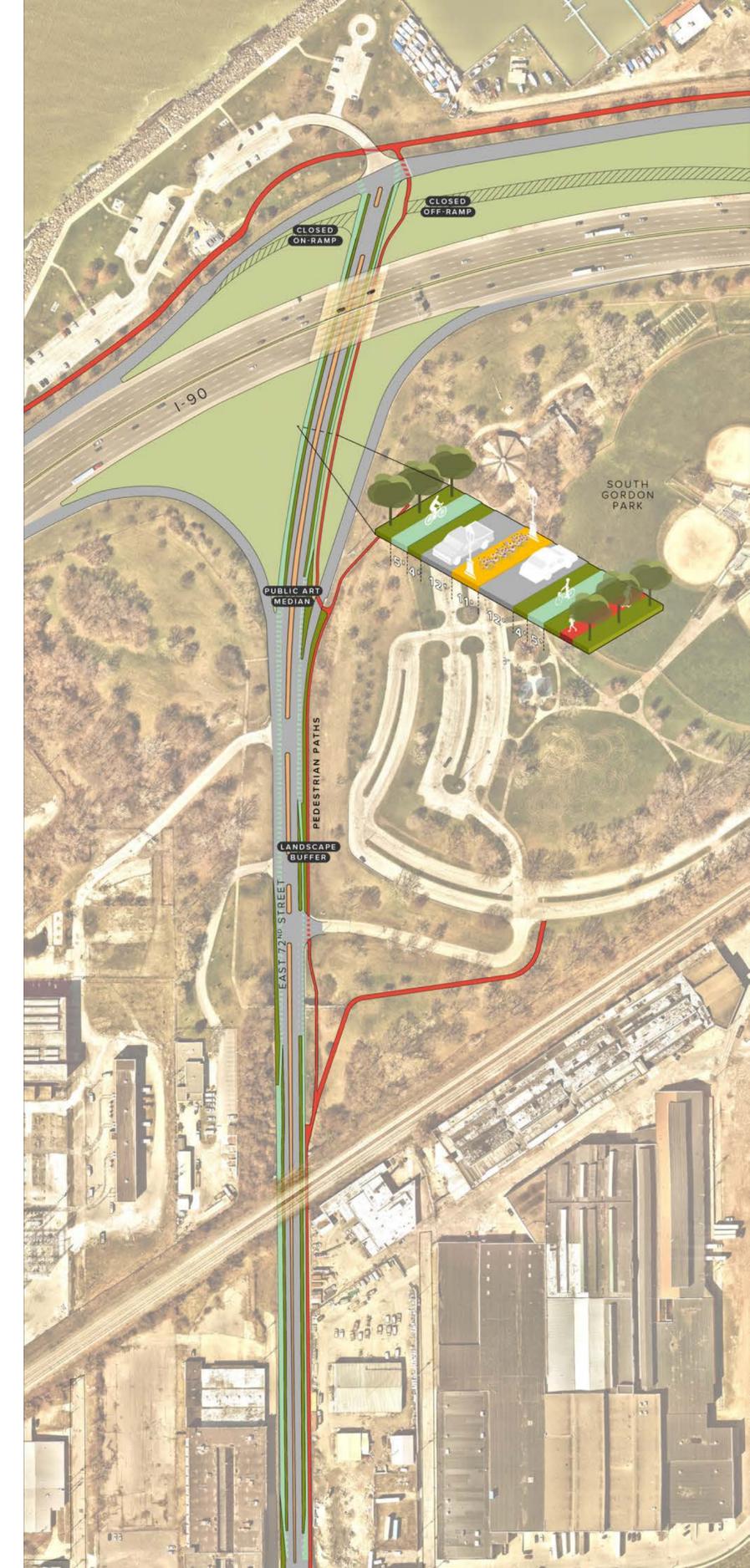
E 55th

- + mid-way cycle track
- + multi-use trail
- + connections to pocket parks & existing parks
- + simplified intersections @ Marginal

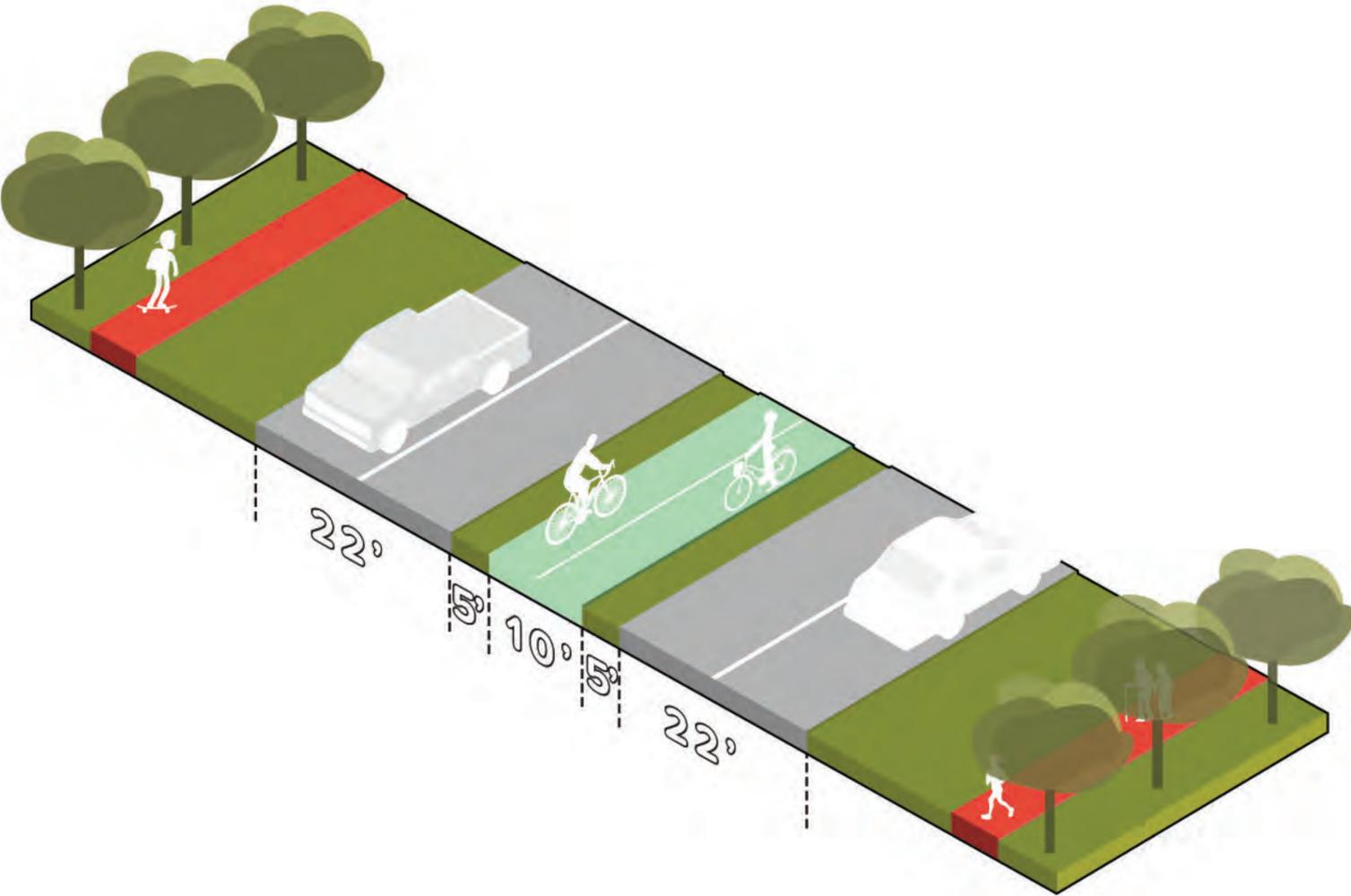


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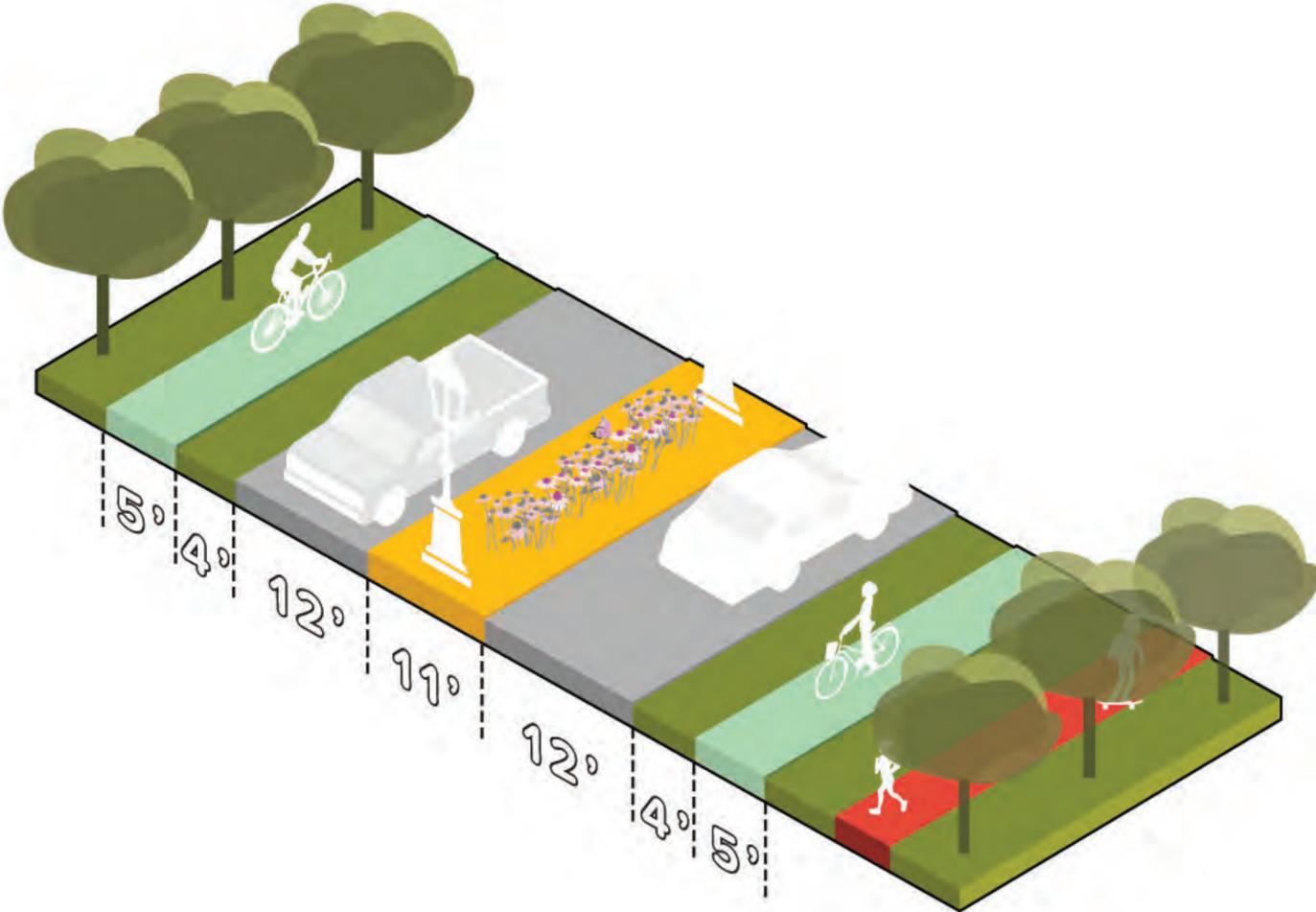
- + enhanced gateways with art & signage
- + greened bicycle lane buffers
- + simplified lakeside connection with reduced on/off ramps



E 55th



E 72nd



Phasing & Early Actions

**How do we generate
excitement & keep
the community's
interest?**

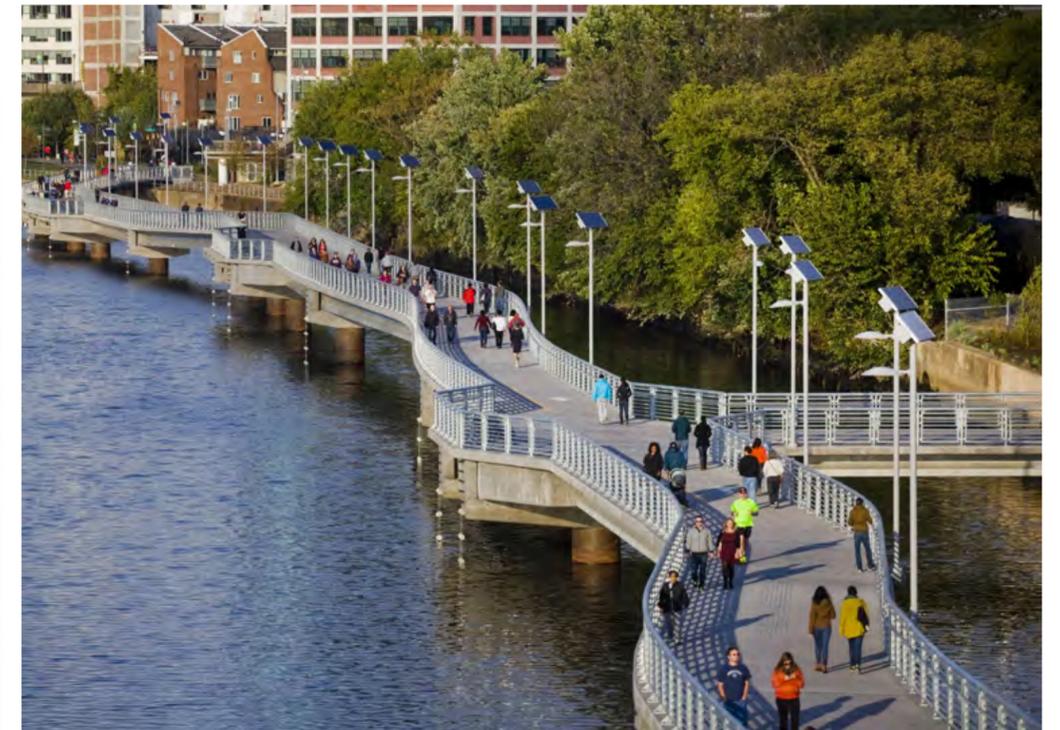
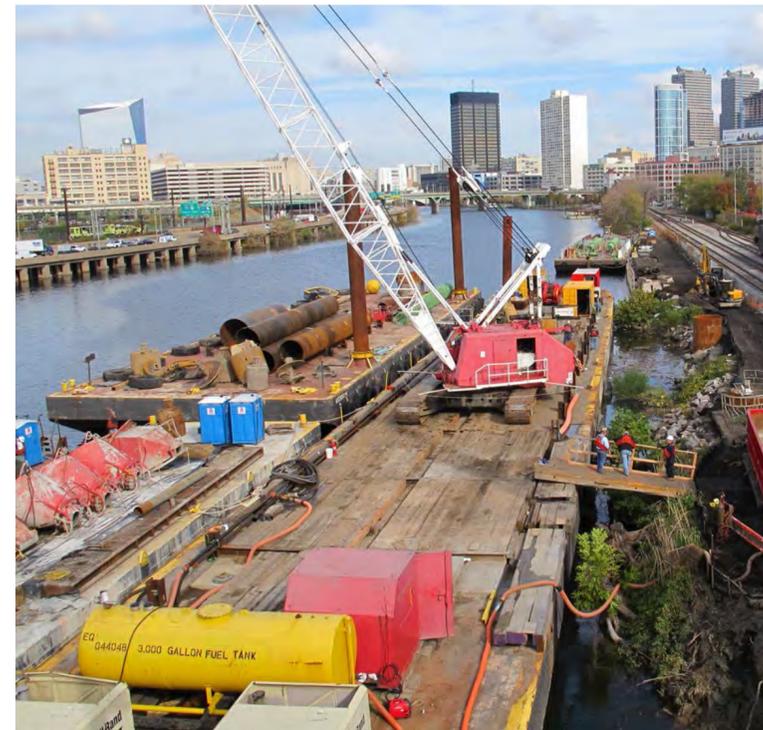
Emphasize the benefits

We listened to you, we understand what you want and what you love



Honest & transparent phasing

How long will it take, what will be disturbed in the process, who is involved. Continue the engagement with community partners.



**YOU'RE AT THE END OF THE TRAIL
FOR NOW, BUT A NEW PORTION IS
COMING SOON**

Start with short-term wins

Demonstrate success and generate buy-in, excitement, and funding for future phases



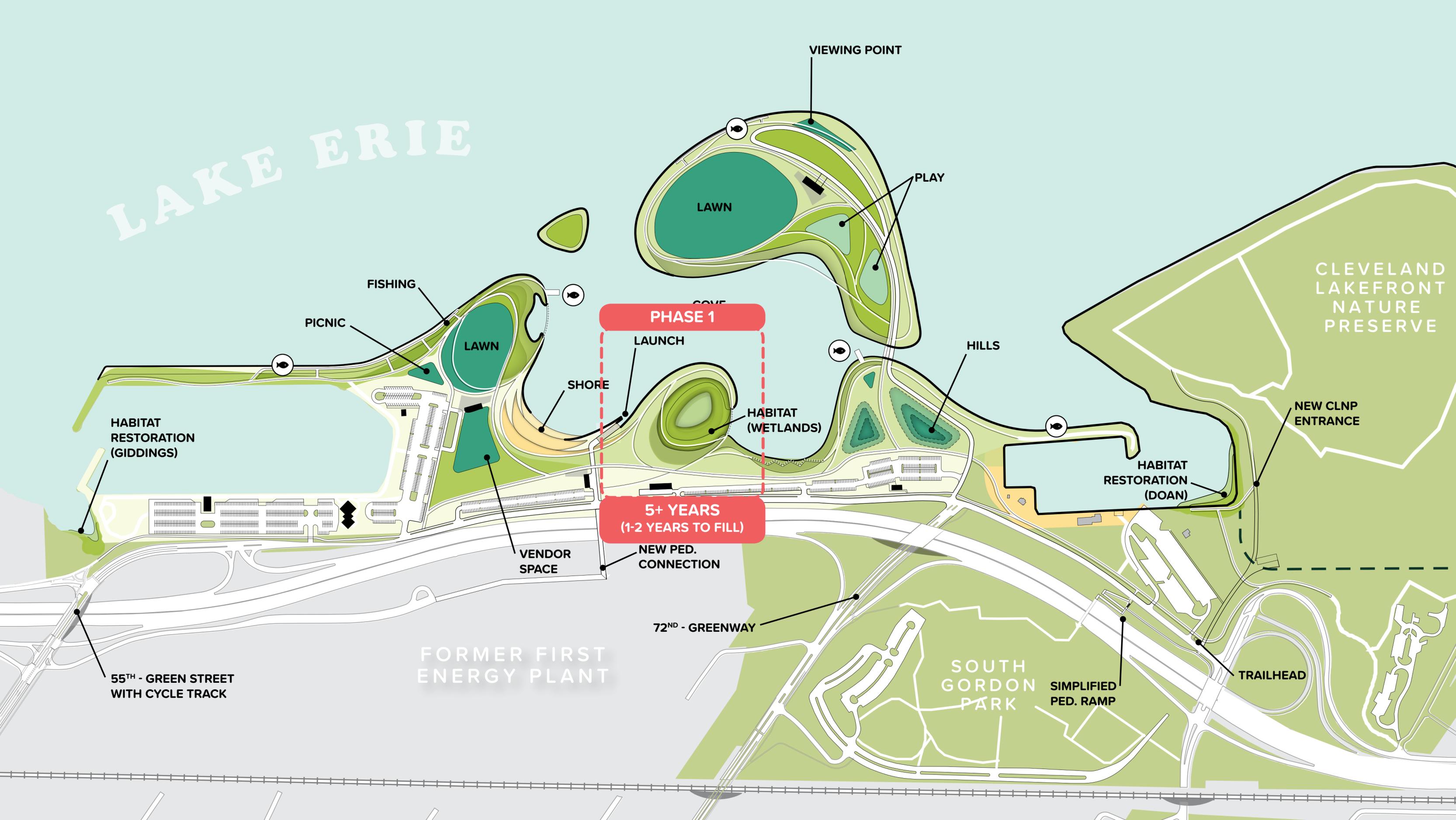
Potential Early Action Projects

Demonstrate success and generate buy-in, excitement, and funding for future phases

- + naturalize a portion of the shore**
- + new fishing amenities at E 55th**
- + picnic structures and seating at 55th or North Gordon Park**
- + food / drink kiosks**
- + wayfinding**
- + improved community connections**
- + education & communications (clearly communicate the progress)**

OTHERS?

LAKE ERIE



PHASE 1

5+ YEARS
(1-2 YEARS TO FILL)

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LAKEFRONT
NATURE
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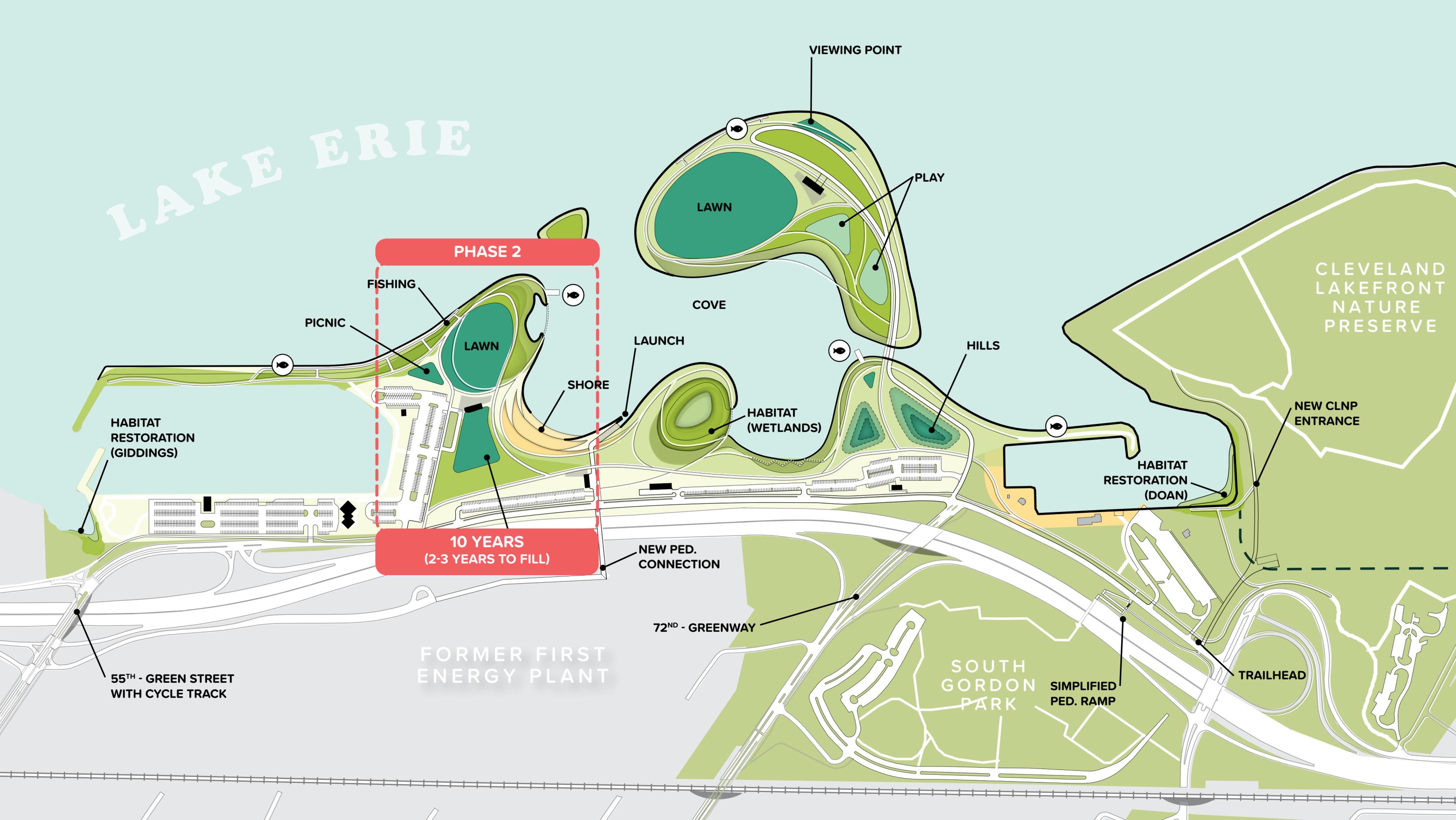
FISHING

VIEWING POINT

PLAY

COVE

LAKE ERIE



PHASE 2

FISHING

PICNIC

LAWN

SHORE

LAUNCH

HABITAT (WETLANDS)

COVE

PLAY

VIEWING POINT

HILLS

HABITAT RESTORATION (GIDDINGS)

HABITAT RESTORATION (DOAN)

NEW CLNP ENTRANCE

CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE

10 YEARS (2-3 YEARS TO FILL)

NEW PED. CONNECTION

72ND - GREENWAY

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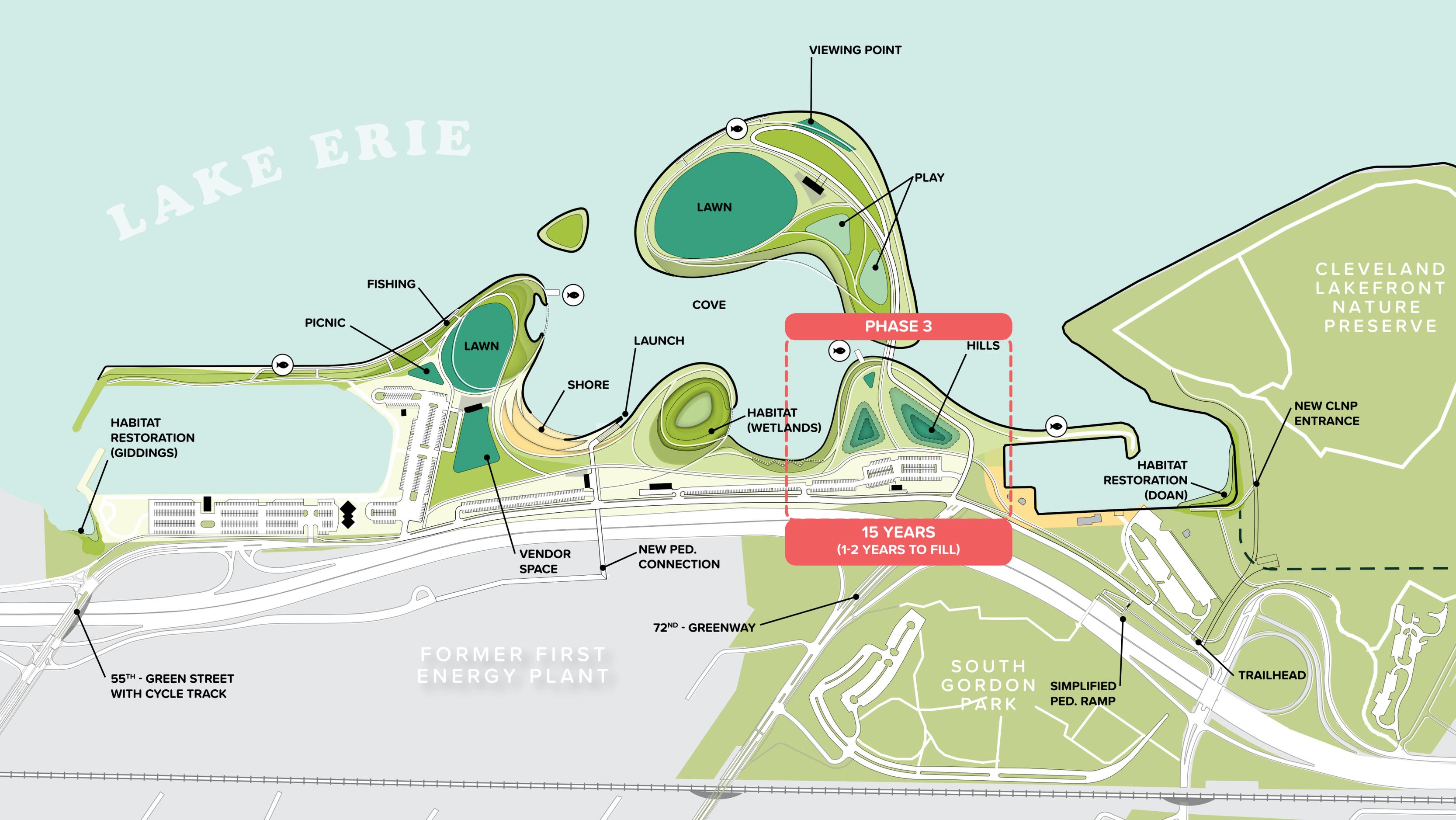
FORMER FIRST ENERGY PLANT

SOUTH GORDON PARK

SIMPLIFIED PED. RAMP

TRAILHEAD

LAKE ERIE



VIEWING POINT

PLAY

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COVE

PHASE 3

HILLS

PICNIC

FISHING

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LAUNCH

SHORE

HABITAT (WETLANDS)

HABITAT RESTORATION (GIDDINGS)

CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE

NEW CLNP ENTRANCE

HABITAT RESTORATION (DOAN)

15 YEARS (1-2 YEARS TO FILL)

VENDOR SPACE

NEW PED. CONNECTION

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FORMER FIRST ENERGY PLANT

SOUTH GORDON PARK

SIMPLIFIED PED. RAMP

TRAILHEAD

LAKE ERIE

PHASE 4

15+ YEARS
(10 YEARS OF FILL; 3-7 YEARS DESIGN + PERMIT)



FISHING

PICNIC

LAWN

COVE

LAUNCH

15+ YEARS

(10 YEARS OF FILL; 3-7 YEARS DESIGN + PERMIT)

HILLS

SHORE

HABITAT (WETLANDS)

HABITAT RESTORATION (DOAN)

NEW CLNP ENTRANCE

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55TH - GREEN STREET WITH CYCLE TRACK

OVERALL PROJECT
AREA = 150 ACRES

NEXT PHASE OF NFWF FUNDING - PRELIMINARY SUBMITTAL



Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study



Next Steps

Complete current concept plan and details by mid-May

Identify and pursue funding

NFWF - initial submittal for construction documents

Expand partnership

Black Environmental Leaders

Other potential funders

Ongoing engagement

Safe Routes to Parks

Transportation studies and neighborhood plans

Community engagement with partners

Short-term wins

East 72nd Comfort Station Lake

Erie Water Trail

LAKE ERIE



HABITAT "C": WETLANDS, TRAILS, BIRDWATCHING

LAKE ERIE



THE SHORE:
KAYAKING, WADING, WATER

AND
ONT
E
RESERVE

LAKE ERIE



**GATEWAYS:
NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

AND
ONT
E
RESERVE

Information at www.clevelandmetroparks.com/cheers Community Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY APRIL 22ND @ 7PM *(via Zoom)*



**check out
the plan for CHEERS!**