

OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

PARK PLAN

SEPT 2025

OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION OVERALL NOTES

- Maximize regional, state & national awareness and tourism of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, including:
 - 18.6 miles of paved all purpose trails, 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 in 1999; renovation is needed in some areas. Review and update parkwide interpretive signage.

TOWPATH TRAIL/HARVARD TRAILHEAD

- Improve wayfinding, including to/from CanalWay Center
- Work with partners to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity along the Harvard Road corridor

TOWPATH TRAIL OVERLOOK

- Donor-funded improvements are slated for 2025, including clearing sightlines and updating wayfinding
- Maintain access for interpretive tours via cart

SETTLER'S BLUFF PICNIC AREA

- Shelter renovation pending

JENNINGS ROAD TRAIL GAP

- Continue to work with partners to address the remaining gap between Brookside Park / Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and the Towpath Trail

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

OHIO & ERIE CANAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

MORGAN'S HOLLOW PICNIC AREA

- Renovate shelter
- Upgrade site electrical

CANALWAY CENTER

- Improve access to building and site, including Towpath Trail and canal
- Add boot cleaning / bike cleaning station and

BLUE HERON MARSH

- Boardwalk is impacted by beaver activity. Assess condition and potential solutions along with program staff

BRIDGE/TRAIL CONNECTION TO SCHAAF RD

- 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)

PARK ENTRANCE

- Improve sightlines & signage
- Update entry and remove island

CLEVELAND-CLIFFS BIKE PARK

- Continue to maintain this free public-use pump track and circuit, along with the reservation's 4.7 miles of mountain bike trails
- Add crosswalk signage and striping to reduce conflict between motorists and visitors to the Bike Park
- Promote public programs and events

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

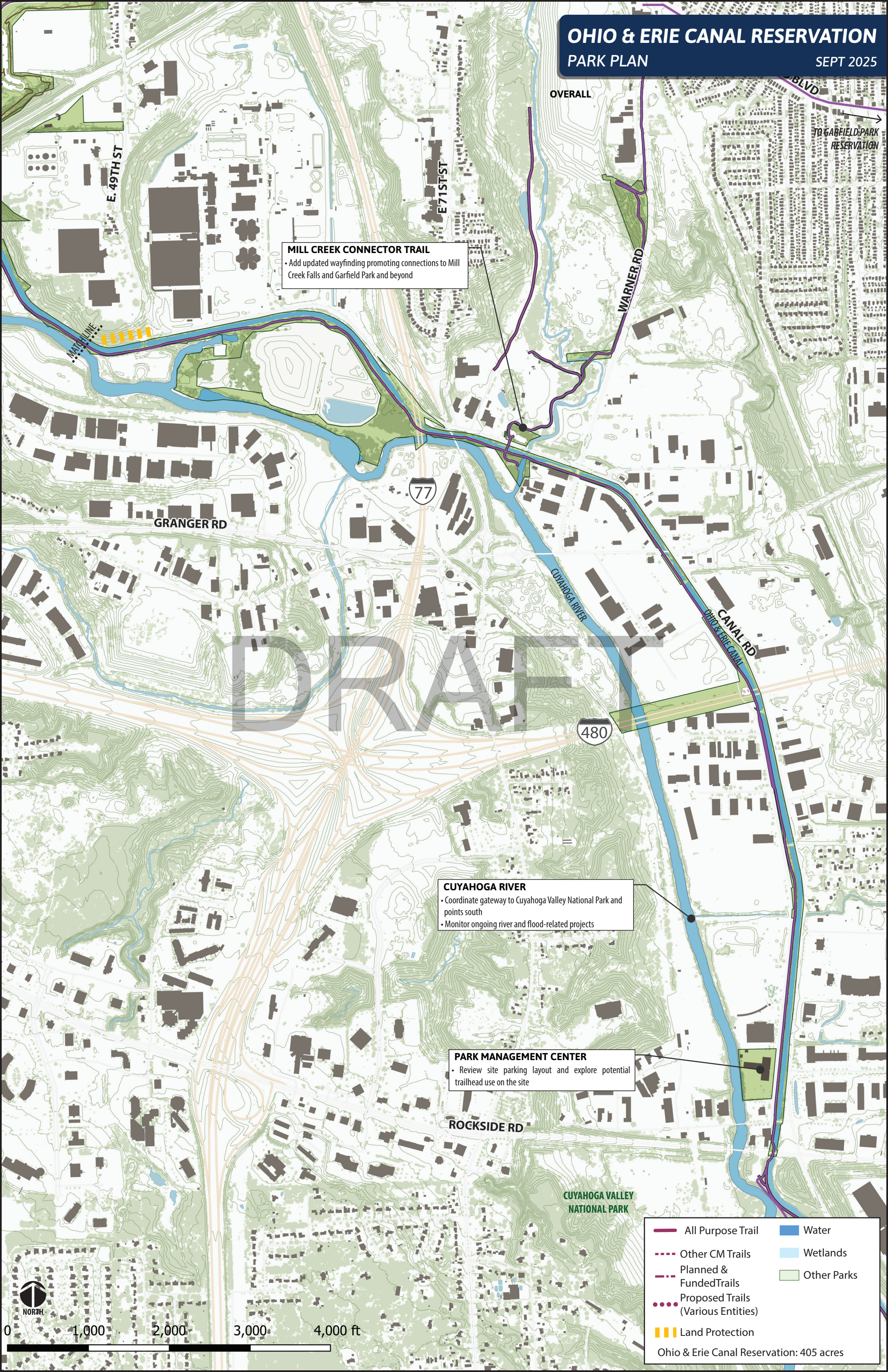
CANAL RD/ E.49TH ST

- Explore potential trailhead/ADA access
- Identify opportunities for kayak access and promote water trail

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

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation: 405 acres
Washington Reservation: 69 acres





MILL CREEK CONNECTOR TRAIL

- Add updated wayfinding promoting connections to Mill Creek Falls and Garfield Park and beyond

CUYAHOGA RIVER

- Coordinate gateway to Cuyahoga Valley National Park and points south
- Monitor ongoing river and flood-related projects

PARK MANAGEMENT CENTER

- Review site parking layout and explore potential trailhead use on the site

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