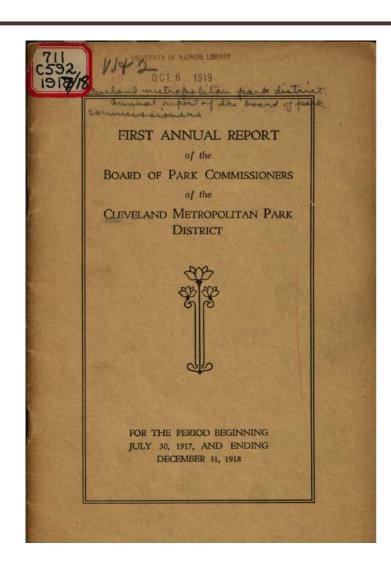


#### **Founding Mission**

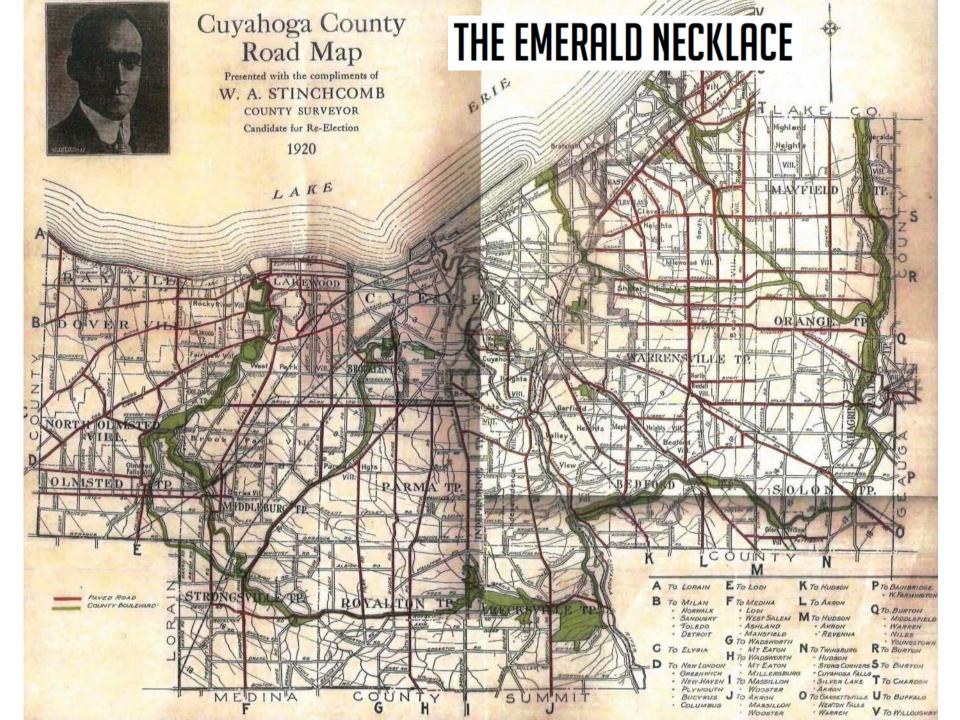
To provide these rural parks and open spaces for the people of the great City of Cleveland and its surrounding communities, as well as to conserve and preserve the valleys in the district, already beautified by nature, clearly appeared to be the reason for the creation of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District under the law.

At Cleveland Metroparks core:

Regional park system created under Ohio
Revised Code Chapter 1545
Conservation – Recreation – Education
We work to connect people and communities
across Northeast Ohio



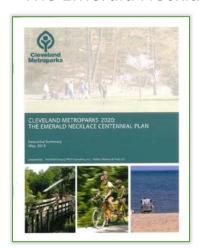




#### **Strategic Directions**

#### Cleveland Metroparks 2020:

#### The Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan



#### **Seven Key Directions**

**Green Infrastructure:** Provide and promote the environmental, economic, and community health benefits of green infrastructure.

**Scale:** Deliberately address the interaction with the surrounding community and the Northeast Ohio region.

Cleveland and Inner Ring Suburbs: Strengthen Cleveland Metroparks role in the City of Cleveland and the inner ring suburbs.

**Outdoor Recreation:** Expand natural resource-based outdoor education. Support community health and wellness, connect people to nature, and contribute to Northeast Ohio's attractiveness.

**Regional Greenway System:** Fill gaps within the Emerald Necklace, link to adjacent systems, and provide open space and recreational resources to underserved areas.

**Lakefront:** Improve and manage Cleveland Lakefront State Parks and Wendy Park. Address sustainable funding, security, etc.

**Financial Sustainability:** Establish a sustainable business/funding plan to support Cleveland Metroparks capital, operations, and maintenance needs.

#### 2015 Strategic Planning Update



#### **Five Strategic Goals**

**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

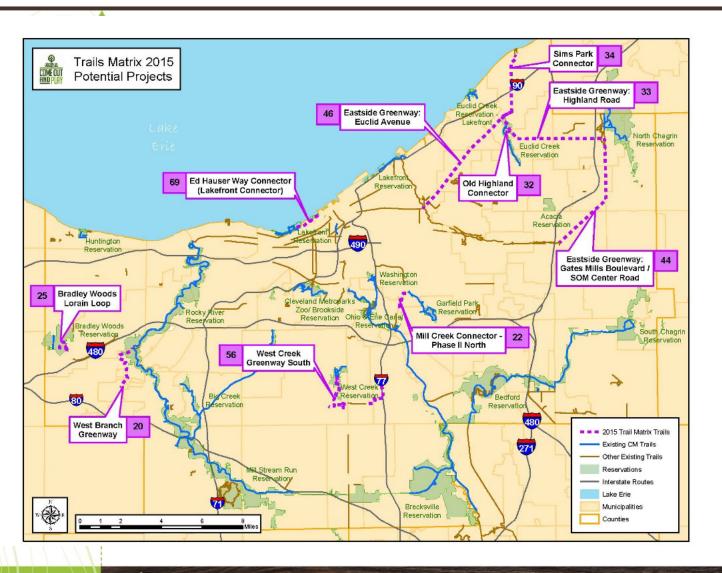
Connections: Advance connections and trail systems that complete the Emerald Necklace and, in partnership with other agencies and communities, connect with local, state, and regional trail networks, communities, and places of interest.

**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.

**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.

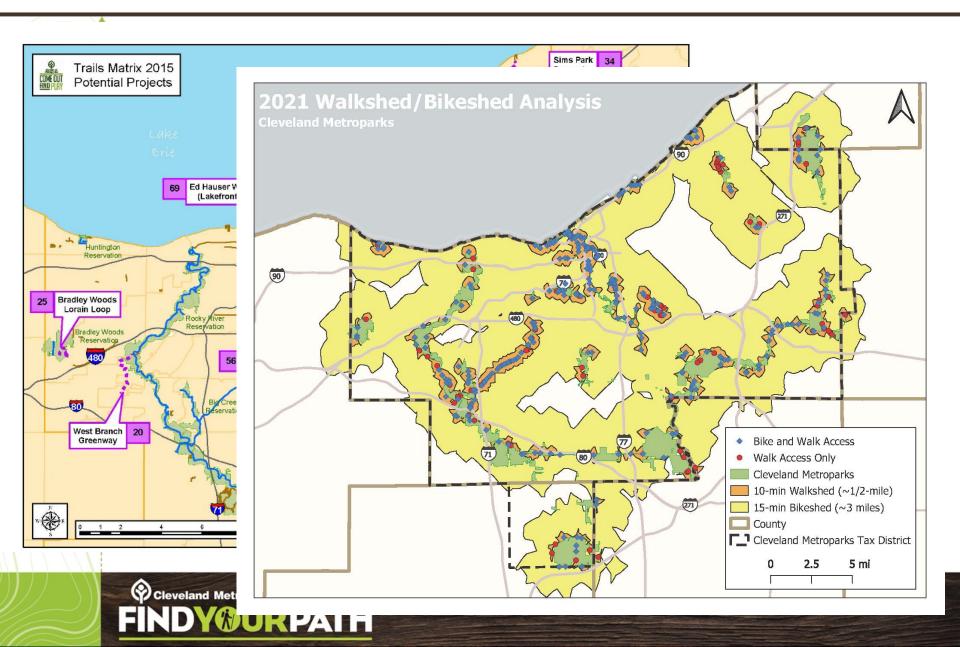
**Organizational Sustainability:** Continue sustainable business practices to support Cleveland Metroparks capital, operations, and maintenance needs over the next ten-year levy cycle and beyond.

#### **Planning Tools**

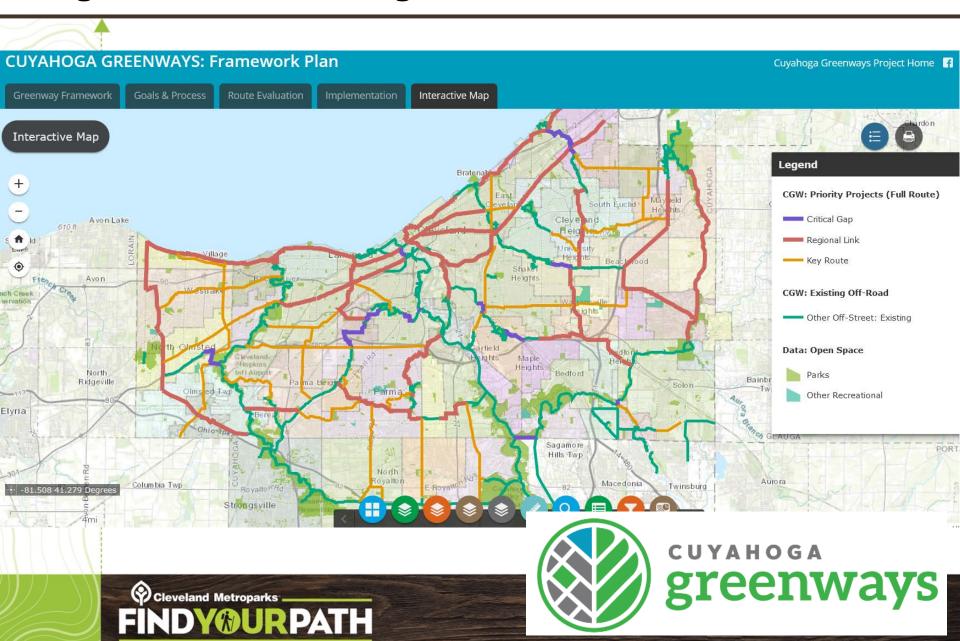




# **Planning Tools**



#### **Regional Trail Planning**



#### **Environmental Justice Areas**

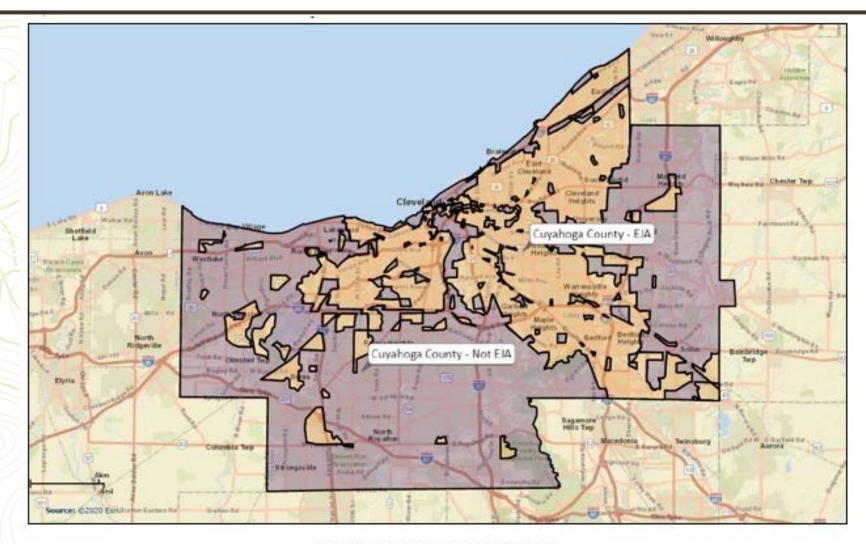
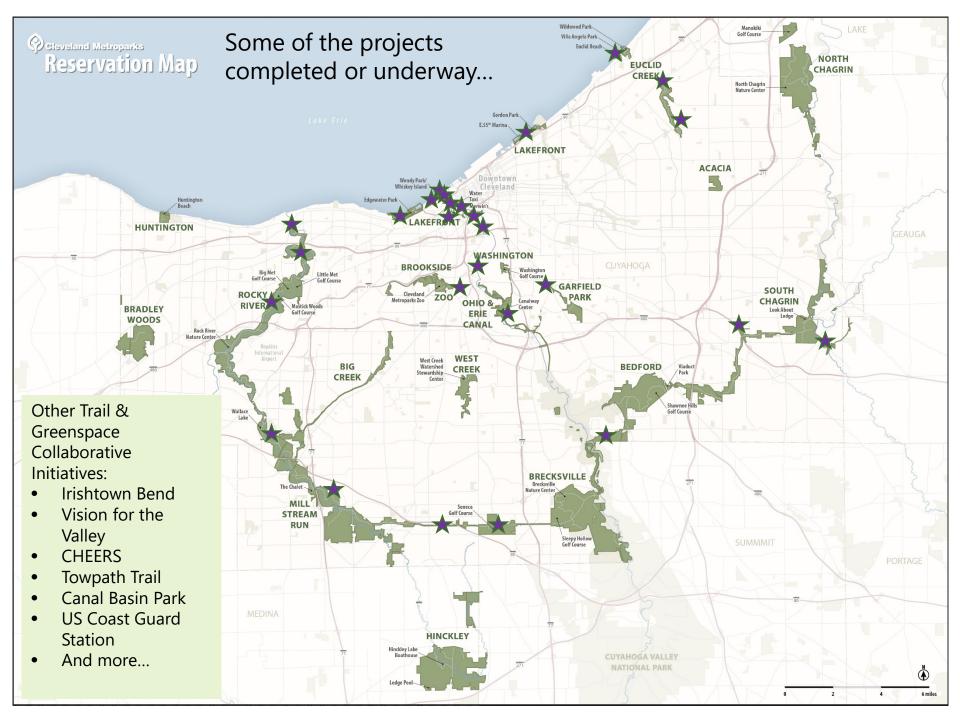
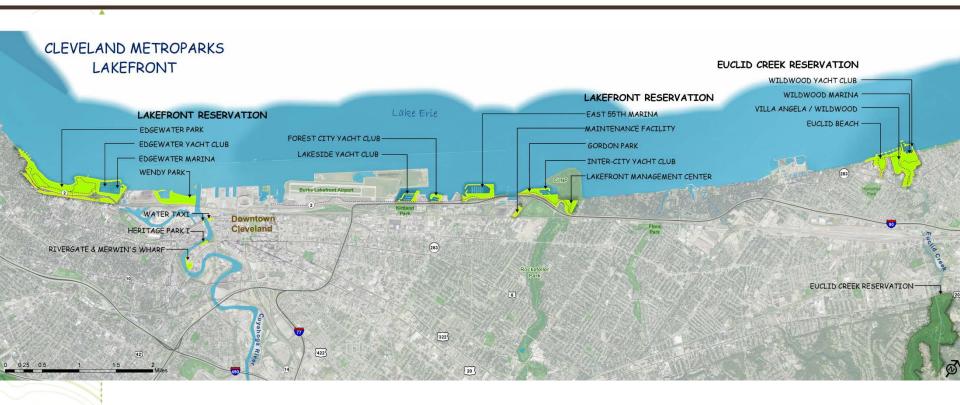


Figure 1: EJA and Non-EJA Boundaries



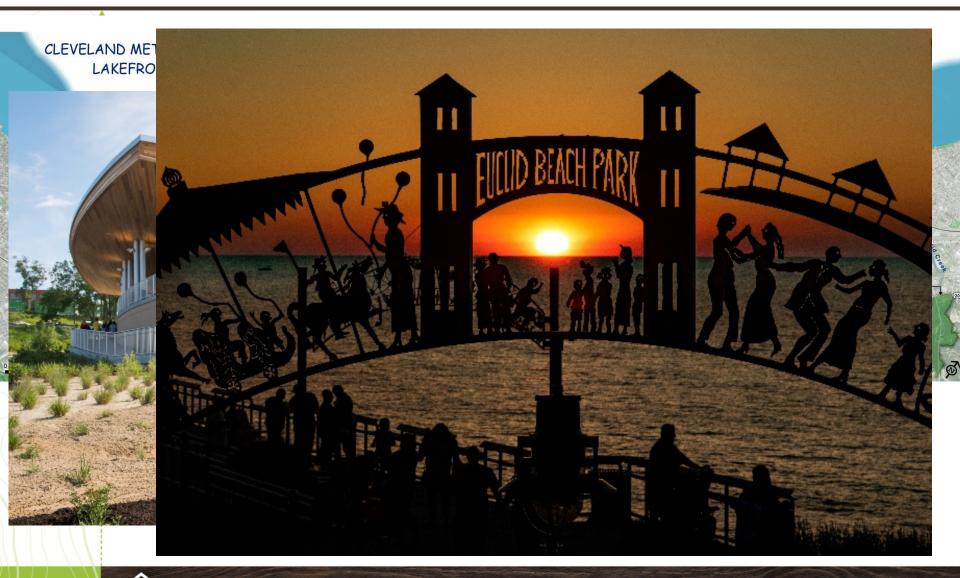




CLEVELAND METROPARKS
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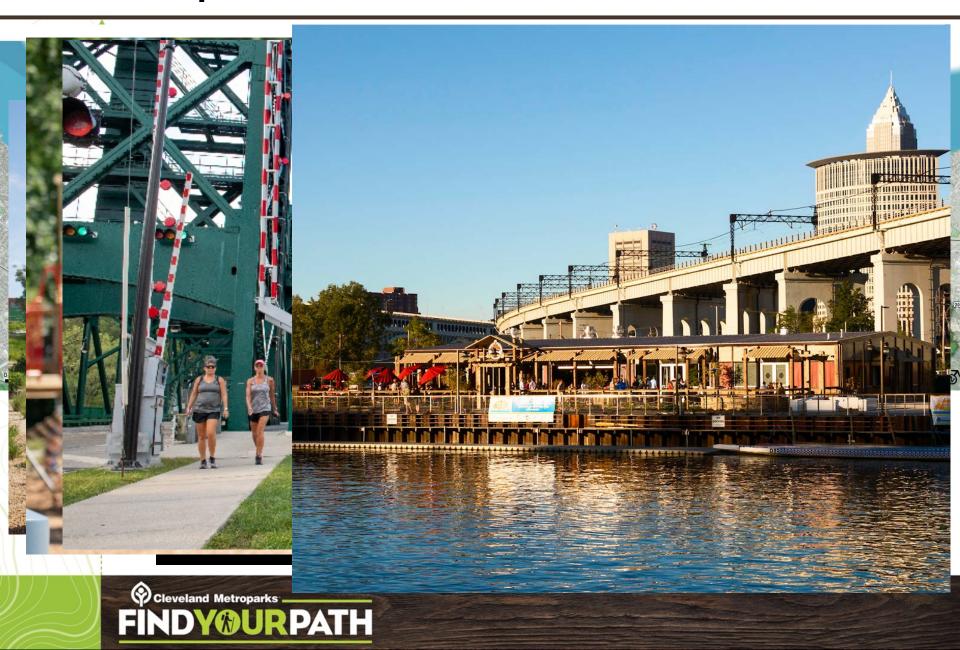


















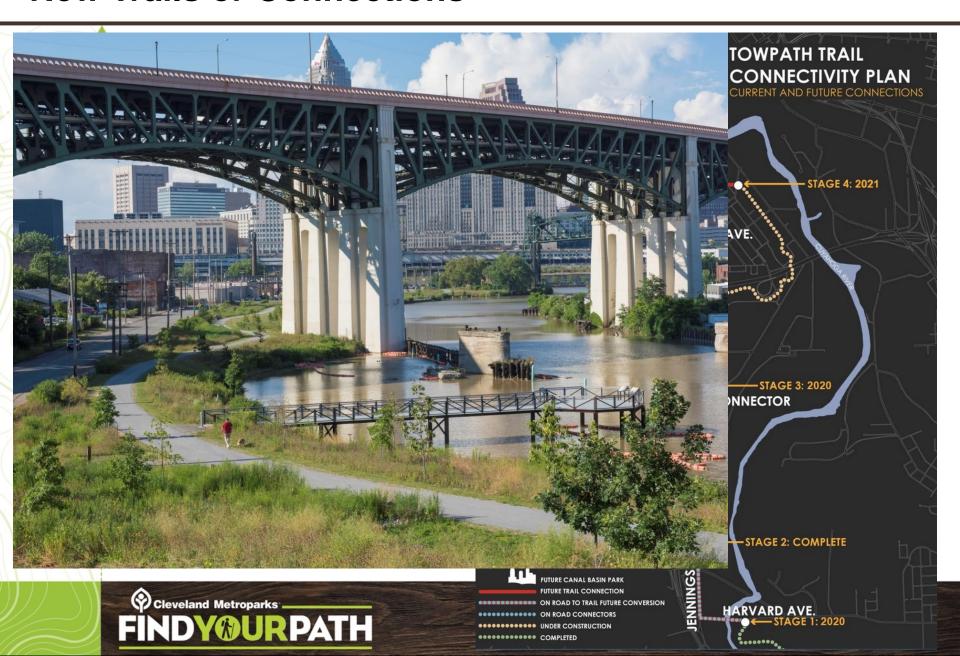






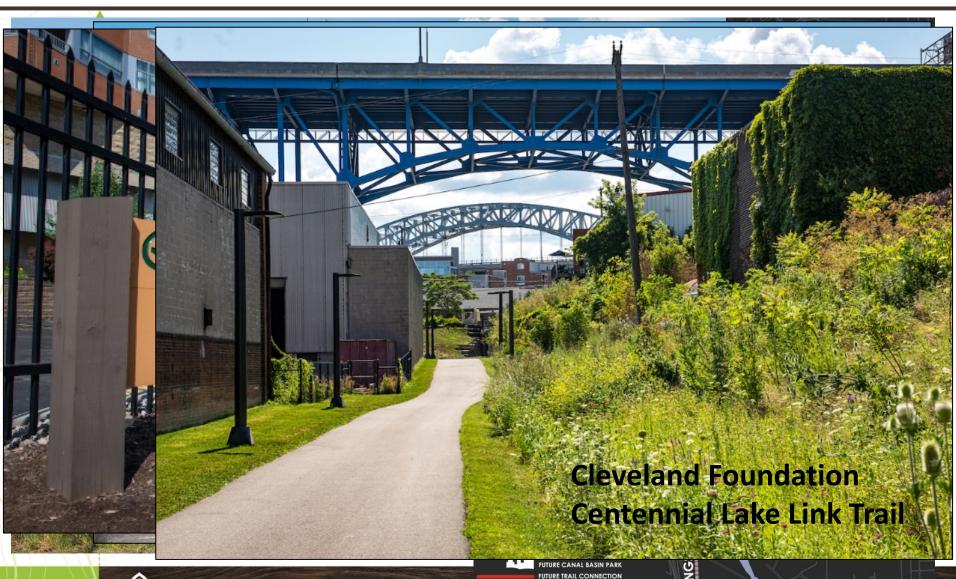
















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FUTURE CANAL BASIN PARK

FUTURE TRAIL CONNECTION

ON ROAD TO TRAIL FUTURE CONVERSION

ON ROAD CONNECTORS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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## Walkshed/Bikeshed Update

#### 2021 Update

Tax District Population: 1,261,100

- Walkshed: 150,664 (11.9%)
- Bikeshed: 1,034,030 (82.0%)

Tax District EJ Population: 730,721

- Walkshed: 104,871 (14.4%)
- Bikeshed: 590,240 (80.8%)

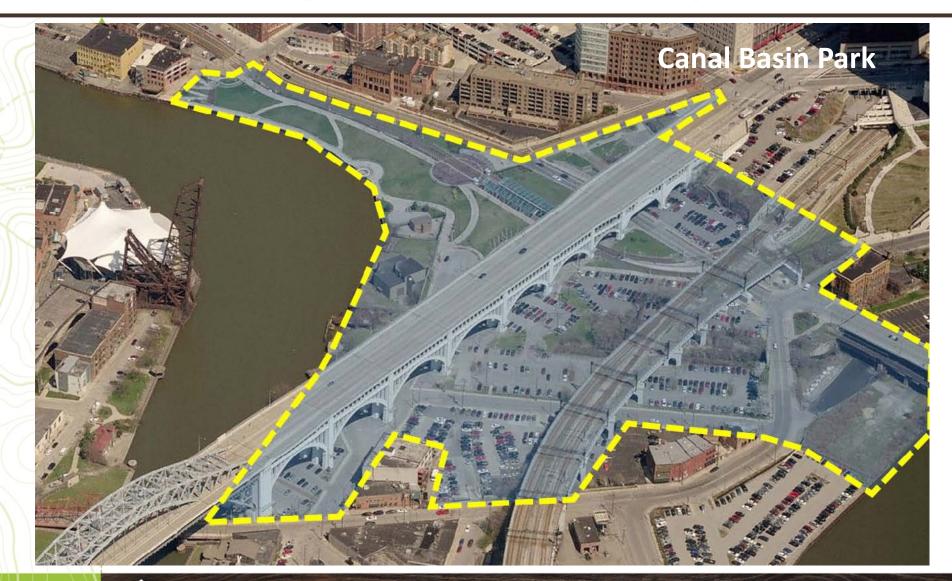
When 2021 access is compared to 2015 access this represents an increase of: Tax District:

- Walkshed: 15.8%
- Bikeshed: 0.7%

Tax District EJ Population:

- Walkshed: 24.1%
- Bikeshed: 0.1%















**Canal Basin Park** 



Future City of Canal Basin

# VISION FOR THE VALLEY













