

# TIME TO EXPLORE

Cleveland Metroparks

## CHEERS

### November Progress Update

Board of Park Commissioners  
November 19, 2020



2.3 miles

**STUDY  
AREA**

1.2 miles

Dike 14

I-90

Gordon  
Park

E. 55<sup>th</sup> St

St. Clair Ave

**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH  
FOCUS AREA**

**Project Area**

**Cleveland Harbor  
Eastern Embayment  
Resilience Study**

# the Project Team & Stakeholders

## Partners



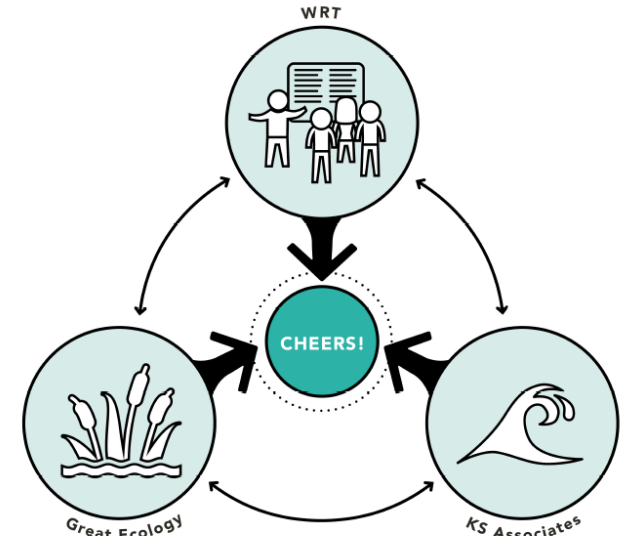
### project team

City of Cleveland staff  
 City of Cleveland - Ward 10  
 Councilman Hairston  
 Cleveland Neighborhood Progress  
 Cleveland Metroparks  
 Cuyahoga County  
 Doan Brook Watershed Partners  
 Famicos  
 First Energy  
 Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer  
 District (NEORS)  
 Northeast Ohio Areawide  
 Coordinating Agency (NOACA)  
 Trust for Public Land  
 University Circle, Inc.  
 USDA - Burke Wildlife Specialist

### stakeholder committee

Ariel International  
 Bike Cleveland  
 Bluestone Heights  
 Campus District  
 CEI  
 City of Cleveland - Wards 7  
 (Councilman Jones) and 9  
 (Councilman Conwell)  
 Cleveland Cultural Gardens  
 Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
 Cleveland State University - MUPD  
 Collinwood CDC  
 Cuyahoga Soil and Water  
 Conservation District  
 Cuyahoga County  
 Cuyahoga County Council District 7  
 Councilwoman Conwell  
 Destination Cleveland  
 Dominion Energy  
 Downtown Cleveland Alliance  
 City of Euclid  
 Forest City Yacht Club  
 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit  
 Authority (GCRTA)  
 Green City Blue Lake  
 Green Ribbon Coalition  
 Holden Parks Trust  
 Ingenuity  
 InterCity Yacht Club  
 Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail Scenic  
 Byway  
 Lakeside Yacht Club  
 LAND studio  
 MidTown / AsiaTown  
 MyCom Youth Council  
 ODNR Division of Wildlife  
 St. Clair Superior Development  
 Corporation  
 Shoreline  
 Slovenian National Home  
 St. Martin de Porres High School  
 The Foundry  
 UMADOP  
 US Army Corps of Engineers  
 Village of Bratenahl  
 West Creek Conservancy  
 Western Reserve Land Conservancy

## Consultant Team



# What is CHEERS?

CHEERS, aka, the **Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study** will be a community-focused resiliency plan for the eastern Cleveland lakeshore that will *Embrace the Lake* as an asset for future generations.

The year-long study will focus on leveraging *nature-based solutions* to improve the environment, reconnect communities to the lake, enhance public health and wellness, bolster the economy, and improve aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

## What do we mean by “Resilience”?



Contribute to the physical, ecological, and social resilience of the Lake Erie shoreline, local neighborhoods, and the larger community.

- + 50% Design Plans for in-water and nearshore habitat for the project area, including options for beneficial re-use of dredge material
- + Opportunities for increased community access and recreational uses along the Lake Erie shore
- + Significant stakeholder and community input

# Engagement

Check out updates & stay tuned for the next online meeting in August or September:

[ClevelandMetroparks.com/CHEERS](https://ClevelandMetroparks.com/CHEERS)

Send us an email:

[CHEERS@ClevelandMetroparks.com](mailto:CHEERS@ClevelandMetroparks.com)

Call and leave a voicemail:

**440-331-8593**

**CLEVELAND HARBOR EASTERN EMBAYMENT RESILIENCE STUDY**

Couldn't make it to a Walkshop last weekend? Use our handouts to take a self-guided tour and share your thoughts with us via email at [cheers@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:cheers@clevelandmetroparks.com)! See the routes below:

- [East 55th Marina & Park](#)
- [East 72nd Fishing Area](#)
- [Gordon Park Boat Ramp Area](#)
- [Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve & Park](#)

**CHEERS Virtual Scavenger Hunt!**

Weren't able to join us for a Walkshop? Come check out the trails, parks, and views along the Eastern Lakefront by joining our virtual Scavenger Hunt! We've set up questions and activities for 8 sites along the Lake. Explore alone or with your friends and family. Visit as many as you'd like and complete the activity for at least one site to be entered into a raffle to win one of 15 gift cards!

As you explore the lakefront, keep an eye out for one-of-a-kind furniture designed and created by Cleveland-area teens through the Making Our Own Space, or MOOS, program. MOOS

**CLEVELAND HARBOR EASTERN EMBAYMENT RESILIENCE STUDY**

Get involved!  
Meeting Archive  
Previous Plans and Studies  
CHEERS Documents  
FAQs  
2019 NFWF Grant Application  
Contact  
CHEERS WalkShops

**Join our virtual kick-off**

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm  
[ClevelandMetroparks.com/CHEERS](https://ClevelandMetroparks.com/CHEERS)

Embrace the Lake  
**CHEERS!**  
Embrace the Lake

Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study

JOIN OUR SELF-GUIDED EASTERN LAKEFRONT **Scavenger Hunt**

- 1**  
**START**  
Download the Survey123 app or use your smartphone browser to get started
- 2**  
**EXPLORE**  
Check out all **8 sites** along the lakefront!
- 3**  
**WIN!**  
Complete the activity for at least one site for a chance to win **one of 15 gift cards!**

Spot the **MOOS** seating along the way!

Embrace the Lake  
**CHEERS!**  
Embrace the Lake

# Walkshops

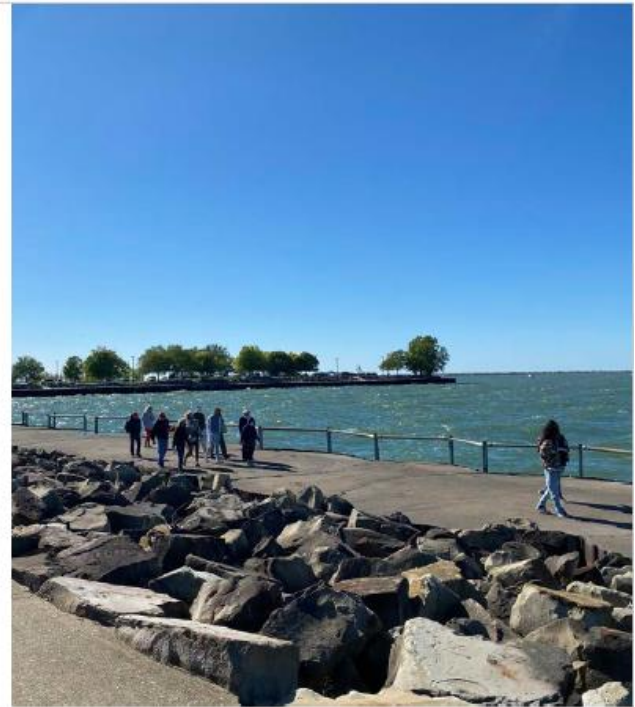
- + 4 tour routes & 3 time slots
- + 87 registrations
- + 12+ volunteers
- + followed COVID-19 protocols

**Takeaways:** More targeted engagement via intercept surveys and outreach to community groups is needed. More walkshops can be scheduled based on interest from groups!



**EMBRACE THE LAKE  
WALKSHOPS  
SEPT. 20TH & 21ST.**

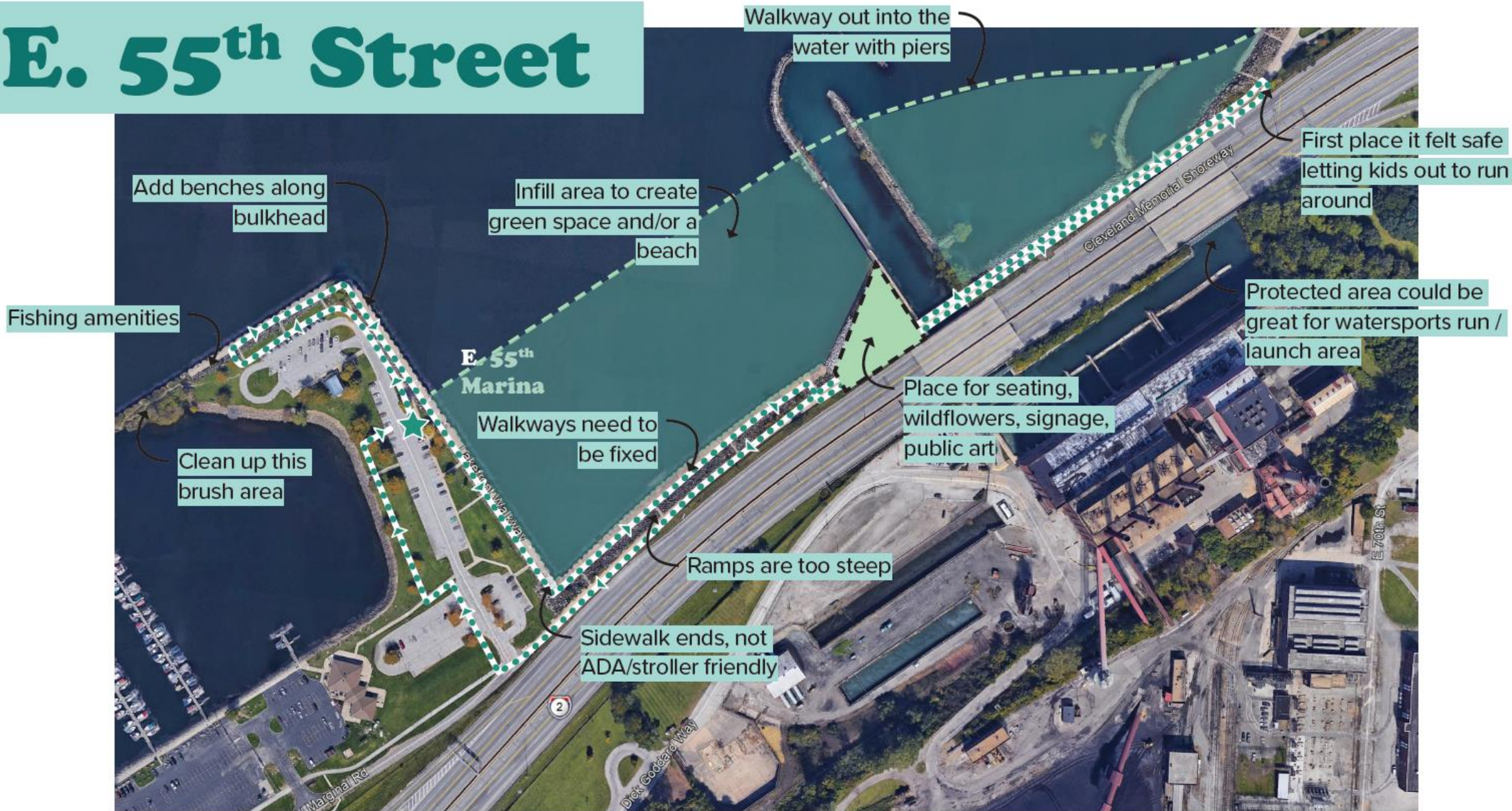






# Walkshop Observations and Suggestions

## E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street



# Walkshop Observations and Suggestions

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



# North Gordon Park



# Walkshop Observations and Suggestions

# CLNP



# Concept Development

# Goal is to bring water, nature & activity into balance



**WATER**

+



**NATURE**

+



**ACTIVITY**

# How?

**1**  
"MAXIMIZE" THE  
EXPERIENCE FOR EACH

all have elements of  
water, nature & activity

all have gradation of  
projects (basic-big ideas)

all have provide multiple  
benefits (matrix)

**2**  
COMMUNITY "VOTES"  
ON PROJECTS/IDEAS

prioritize projects &  
concepts from each

vote on the overall  
"balance" of elements

**3**  
"HYBRID" FINAL  
CONCEPT IS CREATED

take highly rated/ranked  
items from each

create fully illustrated  
map & renderings

evaluate using the  
project matrix

# WATER

- + More places to touch / engage with the water
- + Piers / Walkways that extend out into the water
- + Emphasis on watersports & fishing
- + Doan Brook & Giddings Brook restoration projects
- + BIG IDEAS:
  - water bridge
  - wave organ



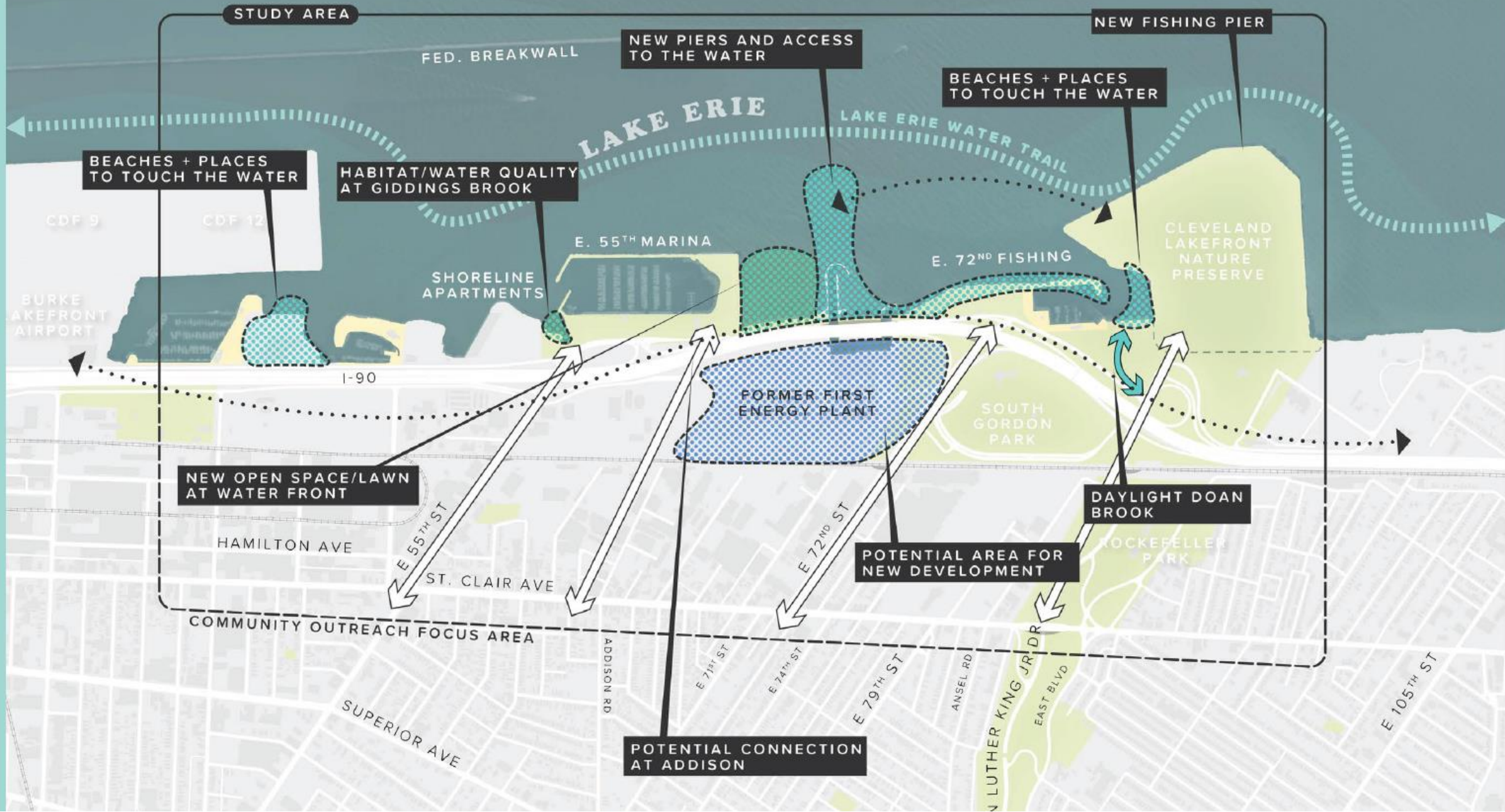
CROATIA'S SEA ORGAN



PIER 26 (NYC)



# WATER

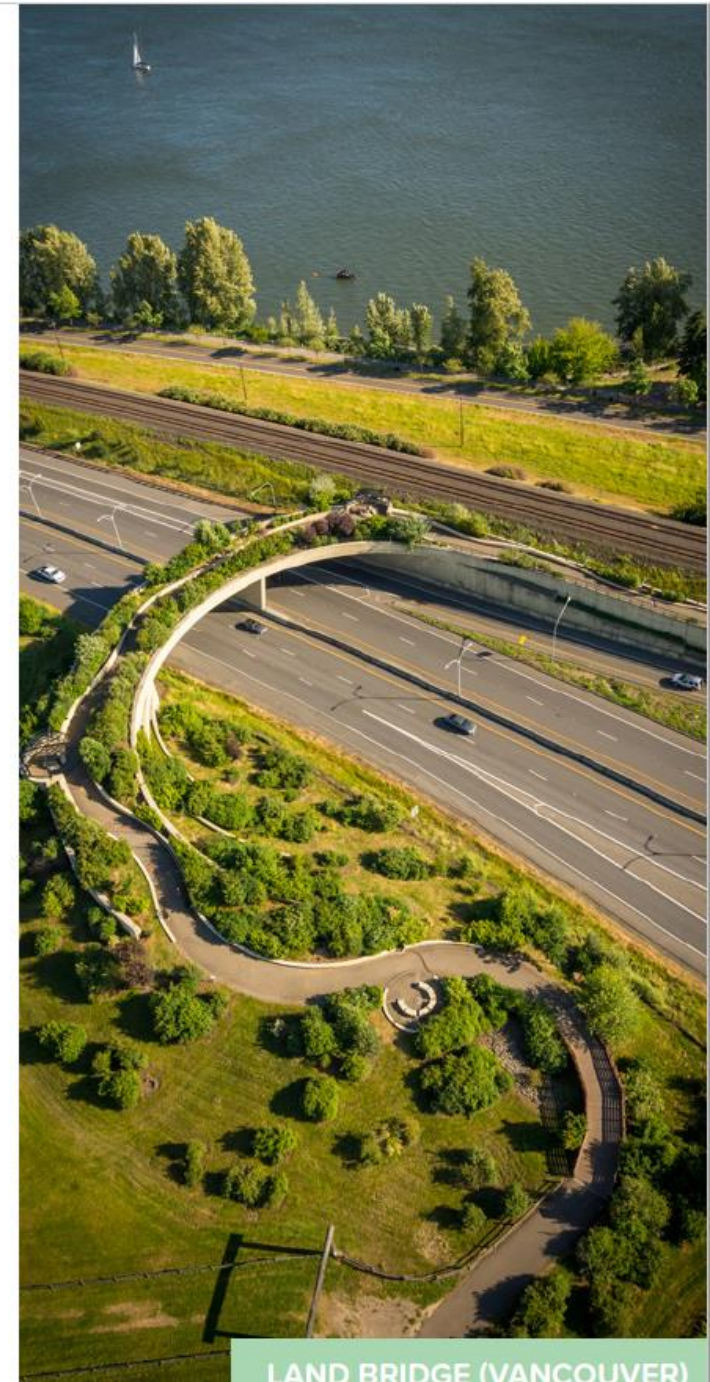


# NATURE

- + New ecotypes
- + Focus on nature-based recreation (birding, hiking, etc.)
- + Contiguous habitat spaces
- + BIG IDEAS:
  - habitat “barrier islands” / nature preserves
  - land bridge for people & wildlife

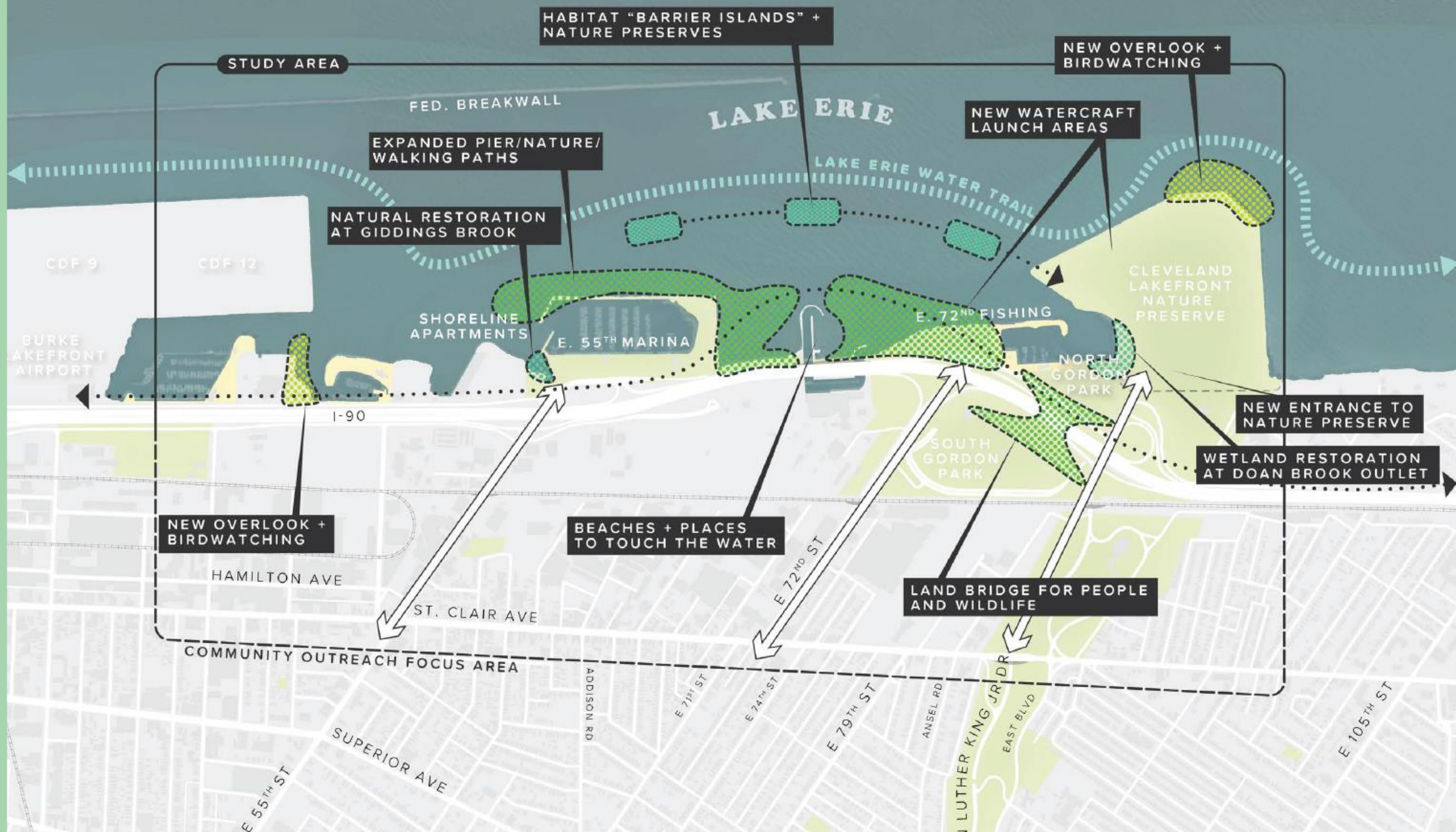


FLOATING ISLANDS (COPENHAGEN)



LAND BRIDGE (VANCOUVER)

# NATURE



# ACTIVITY

- + Use fill to create more open recreation spaces
- + Unite North and South Gordon Park & create new recreation space
- + Connect Kirtland Park & CPP property
- + Multi-use / active trails
- + BIG IDEAS:
  - moving segment of I-90 (based on 2017 FirstEnergy Plan)
  - new continuous park spaces

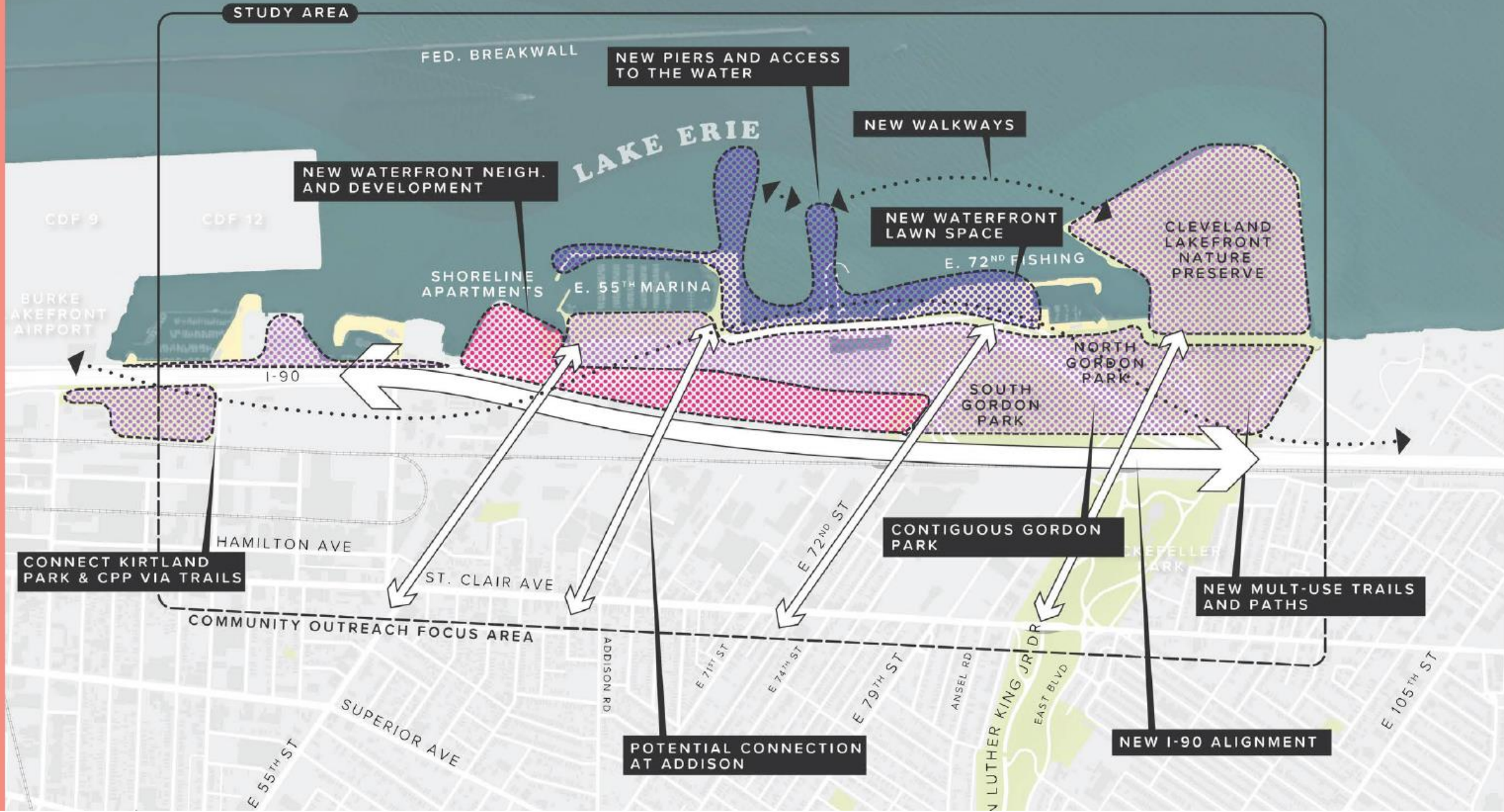


FIRSTENERGY PLAN (2017)



HUNTERS POINT SOUTH (NYC)

# ACTIVITY



# Next Steps

Concepts are currently being revised to reflect input from partners and stakeholders

December 3 – Partner, Project Team, and Stakeholder meeting

December 15 – Online Concept Review tools go ‘live’ for community engagement

January 15 – Online Community Meeting to summarize input and provide opportunity to discuss

February – April – Initial concepts refined into single draft final concept  
Identify key measures to address vulnerability  
Identify priority elements to be refined in technical design with project partners, stakeholders, and community input  
Develop technical design for key measures  
Develop preliminary cost estimates

Project Deliverables include a Conceptual Framework Plan, Project Renderings, and Technical Design of key measures (design development level details and cost estimates)