

## Re-Connecting Cleveland: Pathways to Opportunity Summary of Relevant Community Plans

The following locally developed community master plans or studies include some or all of the Re-Connecting Cleveland project elements. A summary of relevant portions, including page numbers, of these plans or studies is provided in this document.

1. *2014 Flats Forward Framework Plan*
2. *The Canal Basin District Plan*
3. *Canal Basin Framework Plan*
4. *Cleveland Bikeway Master Plan*
5. *Cleveland Metroparks 2020 Plan: The Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan*
6. *Cleveland Metroparks Lakefront Reservation Master Plan*
7. *Cleveland Waterfront District Plan*
8. *Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan*
9. *Duck Island Neighborhood Plan*
10. *Gordon Square Community Master Plan*
11. *Ohio City Vision, Transit-Oriented Development: Inter-Modal Urban Design & Wayfinding Plan for the Market District*
12. *Step Up Cleveland: Vision & Tactical Plan for Downtown Cleveland*
13. *Towpath Trail Extension: Alignment and Design Study*
14. *Vibrant NEO 2040: A Vision, Framework, and Action Products for Our Future*
15. *Wendy Park on Whiskey Island: Management Plan 2012*
16. *West 65<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan*

1. *2014 Flats Forward Framework Plan*, Flats Forward and City Architecture, September 25, 2014

This framework plan focuses on economic development activities for the Flats neighborhood of the city of Cleveland, with an emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.

- Outlines need for a multipurpose trail network and Cleveland Metroparks role in planning for new trail facilities (pp. 6, 7)
- Depicts Wendy Park Bridge (as Lake Link Trail) and Whiskey Island Connector (Edgewater-Wendy Park Connector Trail on map) as part of Cleveland Metroparks network of planned and existing trails at Lakefront Reservation (p. 13)
- Depicts news articles of Wendy Park Bridge and other planned and existing improvements within the Flats by Cleveland Metroparks (p. 16)
- Displays Wendy Park Bridge and the various transportation conflicts and solutions within the Flats (pp. 32, 33, 36)

2. *The Canal Basin District Plan, Cleveland, Ohio – 2009 Final Report*, Ohio Canal Corridor, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, City of Cleveland and JJR Baker, 2009

This study, funded by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative, emphasizes bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the Canal Basin District of the city of Cleveland and the integration of recreational and economic development.

- Depicts the numerous amenities linked by the Whiskey Island Connector, Wendy Park Bridge, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, and Canal Basin Park Connector (pp. 9, 10)
- Displays network of planned multipurpose trail routes including the Whiskey Island Connector, alignment for Wendy Park Bridge, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, and Canal Basin Park Connector (p. 20)
- Illustrates alignment for numerous connected pedestrian and biking routes including Whiskey Island Connector, Wendy Park Bridge, and Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector (p. 26)
- Highlights the potential transportation loops achieved by the Whiskey Island Connector and Wendy Park Bridge (p. 32)

3. *Canal Basin Framework Plan*, City of Cleveland, November 2015

High-level schematic plan outlining parameters for the future design of Canal Basin Park.

- Depicts connections to the Canal Basin Park area, including the Red Line Greenway, Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail (listed as Lake Link Trail, Irishtown Bend, and Wendy Park Bridge) (p. 8)
- Lists “connections” as an emerging theme (p. 22)

4. *Cleveland Bikeway Master Plan*, Cleveland City Planning Commission, March 2013

Bikeway master plan map for the city of Cleveland illustrating existing, planned, and proposed on-road and off-road bikeway facilities.

- Identifies Wendy Park Bridge alignment, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, Canal Basin Park Connector, and Red Line Greenway
- Displays that the narrow roadway corridor for Whiskey Island Connector is currently used as an on-road route, highlighting the conflicting transportation uses

5. *Cleveland Metroparks 2020 Plan: The Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan*, Cleveland Metroparks, February 2012

Strategic plan developed to guide decision making for the Cleveland Metroparks Board of Commissioners and staff over the next 10 years and beyond. The plan addresses both the internal operations and management of the Park District and its external relationship to the region it serves.

- References Wendy Park Bridge (as Lake Link Trail) as part of potential parkways and all purpose trails that can be used as viable bicycle and transportation routes as part of an active transportation system (p. 24)
- Addresses need to reduce conflicts between different modes of travel to enhance safety and recreational experience (p. 36)

6. *Cleveland Metroparks Lakefront Reservation Master Plan*, Cleveland Metroparks, March 2015

Master plan document depicting feasible and desired improvements to Cleveland Metroparks Lakefront Reservation. The master plan was developed through extensive engagement with the community.

- Prominently depicts Wendy Park Bridge (Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail) and Whiskey Island Connector (trail connection to Edgewater Park/Wendy Park) as pieces of the master plan

7. *Cleveland Waterfront District Plan*, City of Cleveland, 2004

Waterfront plan produced for the city of Cleveland that illustrates numerous long-range economic, residential, recreation, and transportation improvement opportunities.

- Identifies the need for connectivity from the Flats district to the lakefront along the same alignment of Wendy Park Bridge
- Depicts Whiskey Island Connector link from Edgewater Park to Wendy Park

8. *Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan*, City of Cleveland, 2002

Comprehensive plan for the city of Cleveland that seeks to create transportation connections between people, places, and opportunities.

- Plans for pedestrian and bicycle transportation routes that connect Clevelanders to waterfronts and other destinations relevant to all projects within TIGER application (p. 4)

9. *Duck Island Neighborhood Plan*, Tremont West Development Corporation and Kent State University Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, February 2014

Plan developed for neighborhood of Duck Island, located nearby the growing Ohio City and Flats neighborhoods in the city of Cleveland, to balance new development opportunities with the needs of the existing neighborhood residents.

- Reference to Red Line Greenway, Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail (as Lake Link Trail) that links Wendy Park Bridge, Canal Basin Park Connector, and Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector linking directly to the neighborhood (p. 7)
- Depicts development interest generated from planned Red Line Greenway and Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail (as Lake Link Trail) (p. 10)
- Depicts Red Line Greenway and desire to link Duck Island neighborhood (p. 15)
- Outlines the importance of embracing the Red Line Greenway to stimulate development and help transport residents to Regional Transit Authority (RTA) station (p. 20)

10. *Gordon Square Community Master Plan*, Gordon Square Arts District, October 2014

Master plan study conducted for Gordon Square Arts District in the city of Cleveland that guides the continued development of the district and emphasizes bicycle and pedestrian linkages.

- Document emphasizes the need for Whiskey Island Connector by repeatedly depicting need for bicycle and pedestrian transportation access to Edgewater Park and Wendy Park

11. *Ohio City Vision, Transit-Oriented Development: Inter-Modal Urban Design & Wayfinding Plan for the Market District*, Ohio City Incorporated, December 2011

Visioning plan, funded by the NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative, for the Market District of the Ohio City neighborhood in the city of Cleveland that focuses on inter-modal transportation linkages. The plan depicts numerous bicycle and pedestrian transportation linkages, and improvements for wayfinding throughout the neighborhood district.

- Depicts the Red Line Greenway (as RTA Trail) and linkages to the Market District of Ohio City neighborhood (p. 19)
- Depicts Red Line Greenway (as Proposed Trail along RTA Line) and linkages to the Market District and Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail (as Lake Link Trail), which connects to the Flats neighborhood of Cleveland and Wendy Park Bridge, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, Canal Basin Park Connector, and Whiskey Island Connector (p. 25)
- Depiction of circulation plan and the importance of the Red Line Greenway and Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail (as Lake Link Trail) to the multi-modal transportation system of the Market District (p. 26, 29, 34)

12. *Step Up Cleveland: Vision & Tactical Plan for Downtown Cleveland*, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, July 2014

Strategic vision plan prepared for the Downtown Cleveland Alliance focused on linking development, public spaces, and destinations within Downtown Cleveland. The document contains elements of numerous recent plans and strategies for the downtown area of the city of Cleveland and is intended to combine these efforts to create a focused guide to public and private investment decisions.

- Market assessment component of document reinforces the importance of connectivity and developing pedestrian and bicycle linkages in downtown Cleveland (Appendix A)
- Depicts Wendy Park Bridge and Canal Basin Park Connector as important linkages within downtown transportation plan for Cleveland (p. 18)
- Map displaying Wendy Park Bridge and Canal Basin Park within downtown Cleveland (p. 20)
- Highlights the importance of creating green corridors and linkages to the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie via Wendy Park Bridge and Canal Basin Park (p. 25)
- Depicts the waterfront transportation linkages created by Wendy Park Bridge and Canal Basin Park (p. 37)

13. *Towpath Trail Extension: Alignment and Design Study*, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, October 2002

Design study for the final segment of the 101-mile Towpath Trail to Canal Basin Park in downtown Cleveland.

- Depicts the Canal Basin Park Connector and Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector (p. 11, 17)
- Depicts plan to create a connection to Wendy Park (p. 18)

14. *Vibrant NEO 2040: A Vision, Framework, and Action Products for Our Future*, Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, March 2014

A multidisciplinary 12-county plan for Northeast Ohio, funded by a \$4.25 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative grant, that looked at long-term trends for the region across economic development, housing, environment, placemaking, and

transportation, and modeled alternative future development scenarios. The plan, based on broad participation from the public and stakeholders, includes a number of recommendations and initiatives for a preferred scenario that look to enhancing walking and bicycling as transportation options to increase regional mobility and improve public health, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and develop a regional approach to protecting air, water, and soil quality.

- Specific recommendations and initiatives that Re-Connecting Cleveland supports are:
  - Recommendation 6: Enhance walking and cycling as transportation options to increase regional mobility and improve public health (pp. 123, 126)
  - Initiative 6.1: Expand the existing bicycle lane and trail system and connect it to regional transit hubs via on-and-off-street facilities (p. 126)
  - Recommendation 7: Preserve our natural areas for future generations, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and develop a regional approach to protecting air, water, and soil quality (pp. 123, 126)
  - Initiative 7.1: Expand and connect the existing network of parks, trails, rivers, lakes, and natural areas through continued partnerships with private land owners, land conservancies, land trusts, community members, and local governments (p. 126)
- The importance of trails as transportation and as a means of stabilizing and advancing existing communities was also noted and depicted throughout the plan (pp. 44, 64, 71, 103, 173, 215)
- Environmental benefits of parks, greenways, and trails, especially in relation to Lake Erie, was also described and depicted in the plan (pp. 71, 215)

15. *Wendy Park on Whiskey Island: Management Plan 2012*, City of Cleveland 2012

Management plan for Wendy Park developed by extensive committee and stakeholder group participation for the responsible development and management of Wendy Park.

- Depicts Wendy Park Bridge, Canal Basin Park Connector and pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Towpath Trail and city of Cleveland (p. 23)
- Displays the current connectivity problems and need for Wendy Park Bridge and Whiskey Island Connector (p. 25)
- Depicts potential future uses of Wendy Park, and linkages to downtown Cleveland via Wendy Park Bridge (p. 41, 46)

16. *West 65<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan*, Stockyard, Clark-Fulton, & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office, Detroit Shoreway Community Development, City of Cleveland, June 2013

Corridor plan, funded by the NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative, focused on the West 65<sup>th</sup> Street corridor of the city of Cleveland.

- Outlines Whiskey Island Connector, Wendy Park Bridge, Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, Red Line Greenway, and Canal Basin Park Connector as depicted on the Cuyahoga County Greenspace Plan (p. 10)