

GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

PARK PLAN

SEPT 2025

OVERALL NOTES

- Garfield Park Reservation will continue to function as a hub of community wellness and activity with newly improved and expanded facilities and programs
- Continue to work with neighbors on natural resources projects and drop in programs. Protect historical features, improve circulation, and expand opportunities for recreation
- Improve bike and pedestrian access to expand the service area of the park

MILL CREEK FALLS

- Refer to Area Plan; open views into the park and add restroom and play area. Reconfigure access to better focus on the waterfall once area roadway projects occur.
- Mill Creek Falls becomes an important connection and transition point between the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Trail and existing park trails and connections to the south and southwest
- Work with ODOT, RTA, and other partners to simplify traffic patterns and improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in the area

E.131ST - MLK TRAIL CONNECTION

- Explore potential connections to the southeast and north along East 131st upon ODOT's completion of the White House Bridge replacement
- Long term, explore potential of Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Corridor and partnership opportunities with Calvary Cemetery

GARFIELD PARK PRESCHOOL AND PARKING

- Continue successful programming
- Improve parking lot lighting
- Develop trail connection between Broadway and the Garfield Parkway Loop Trail. Utilize existing sidewalk and reduce impacts from adjacent parking by installing parking blocks or reconfiguring curb.

WINDY RIDGE PICNIC AREA

- Reconfigure drive and parking
- Add flush restroom and trailhead amenities to help activate trail to Mill Creek Falls

GARFIELD POND & PROGRAM CENTER

- Activate new program center with a variety of public programs including fishing and paddle sport 'try-its'

WHITE HOUSE BRIDGE/ BROADWAY RAILROAD OVERPASS

- Continue coordination with ODOT project and connect to pending trail facility along the south side of the new bridge

MILL CREEK & CULVERT REPLACEMENT

- Expand upstream protection efforts
- Daylight portion of existing culvert as part of replacement project
- Henry Street bridge project will add solid retaining wall at current industrial access

RED OAK PICNIC AREA

- Update play structure

GARFIELD PARKWAY LOOP TRAIL

- Add fitness zone or stations

WOLF CREEK VALLEY

- Continue tree plantings and forest restoration efforts
- Create trail node and interpret Iron Springs remains (dates to late 1800s)

TROLLEY TURN AREA

- Continue to manage and monitor new plantings

IRON SPRINGS PICNIC AREA

- Consider nature play or play structure
- Reduce mowing; add woodland edge and pollinator plantings

MILL CREEK CONNECTOR AND GARFIELD BLVD CONNECTOR TRAIL

- Refer to Ohio & Erie Canal page for connection to Towpath
- Address maintenance challenges at vegetated wall along Mill Creek Connector near Bacci Park
- The Garfield Boulevard Connector Trail will open in 2026

All Purpose Trail

Water

Wetlands

Other Parks

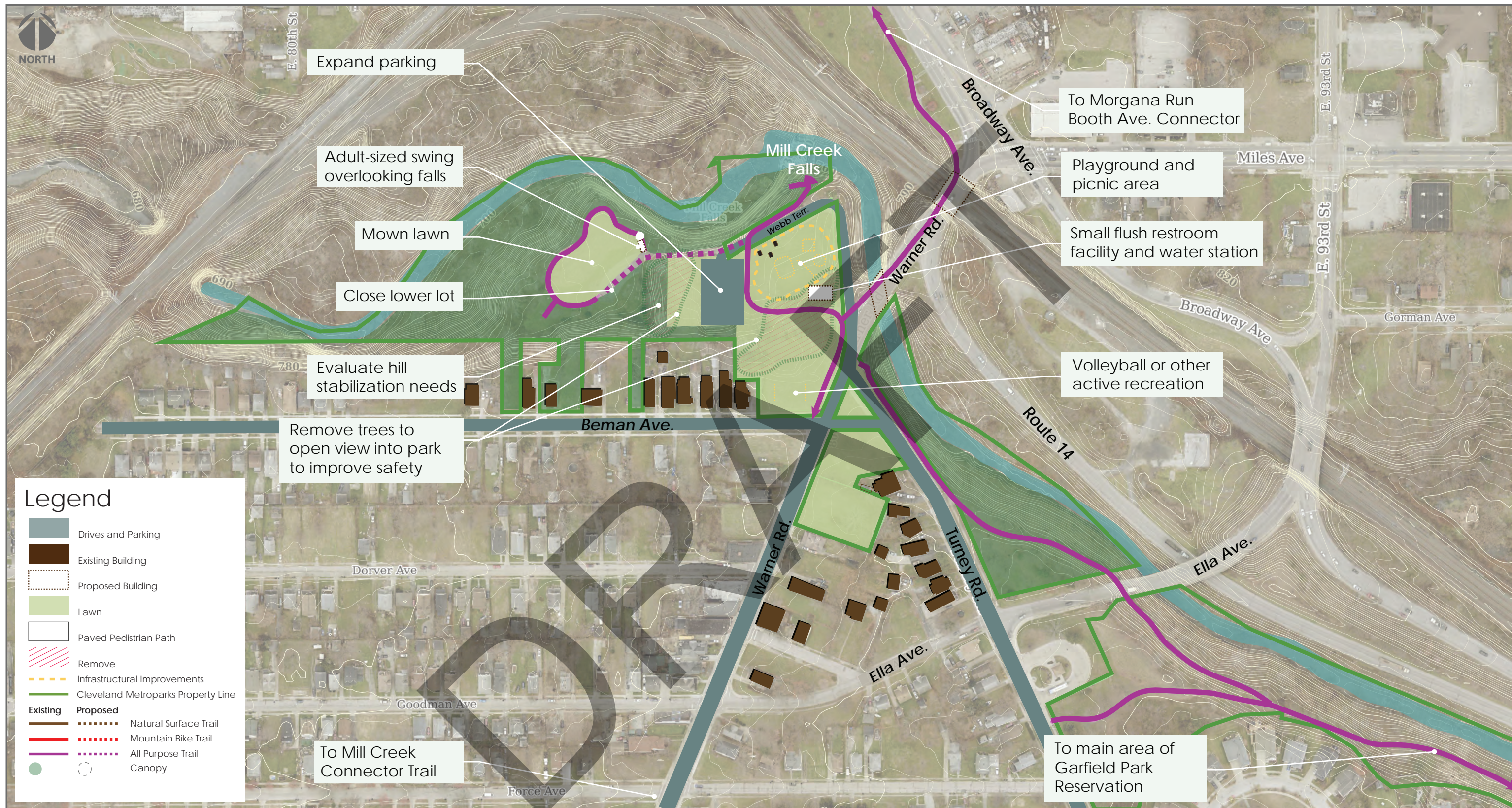
Trailhead

Proposed Trails (Various Entities)

Land Protection

Garfield Park Reservation: 224 acres





Mill Creek Falls Short Term Concept

September 2025

