

Cuyahoga Greenway Partners Countywide Initiative for Trails & Bikeways

Cleveland Metroparks Board of Park Commissioners Update

March 18, 2021

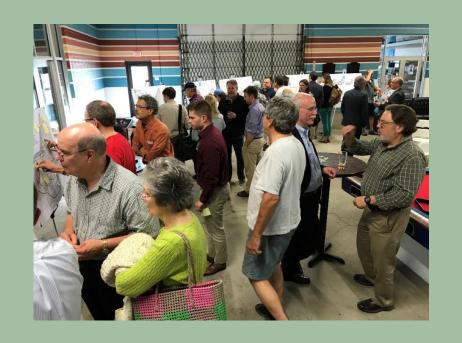




VISION:

A completed, countywide network of off-road trails and on-road, <u>low-stress</u> pedestrian and bicycle facilities accessible for persons of <u>all ages and abilities</u> for *transportation*, *exercise and enjoyment*.

- Building off Eastside Greenway
- > Funded through NOACA's TLCI Program
- > Twenty (20) Community Meetings
- > 43 (of 59) Communities participating



Community Engagement



CORE TEAM

- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Cleveland Metroparks
- NOACA

Consultant Team:

- SmithGroup
- WSP
- Guide

STEERING COMMITTEE

Representatives from each community in the County invited

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS & SURVEYS

- 4 Rounds of meetings
- Two surveys

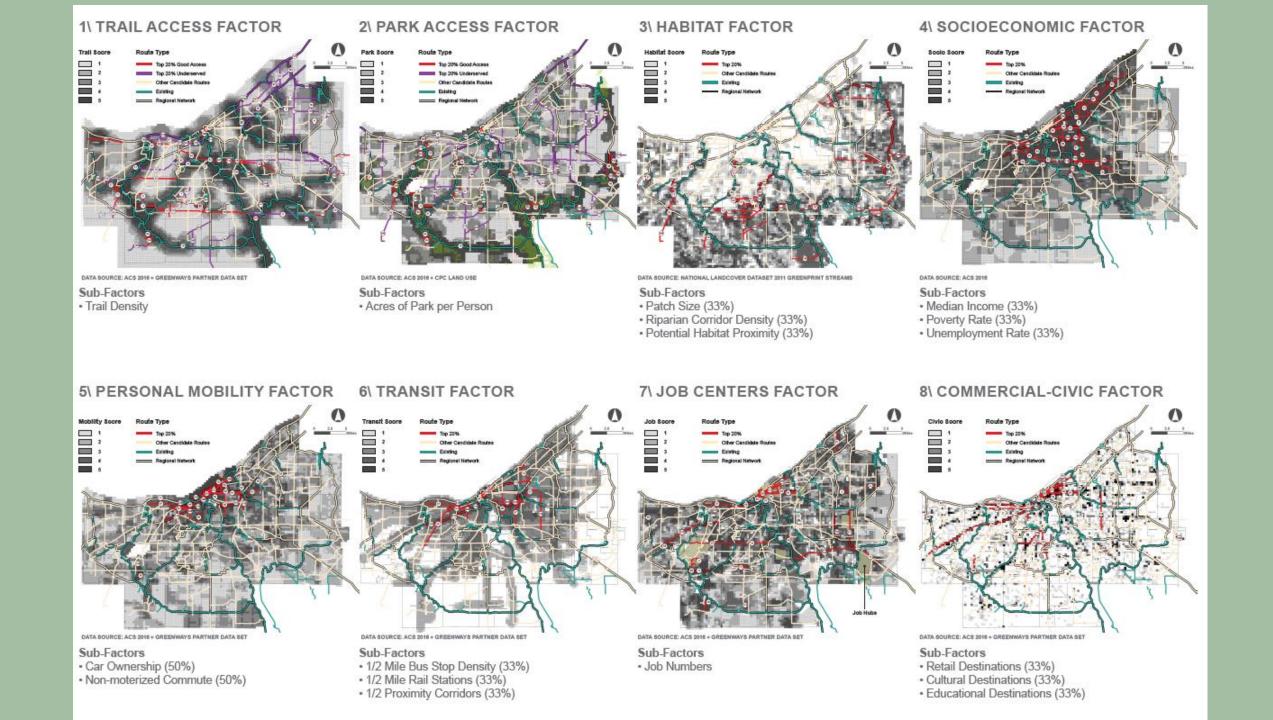
PROJECT TEAM

- RTA
- NEORSD
- GCRTA
- Bike Cleveland
- City of Cleveland Planning Commission
- West Creek Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
- Greater Cleveland Partnership

TECHNICAL TEAM

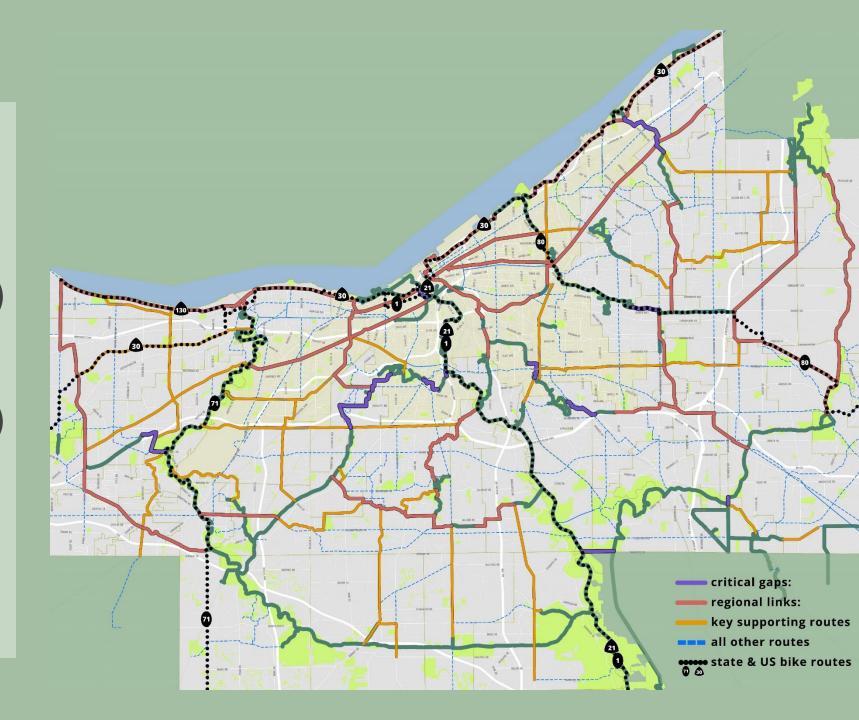
- City of Broadview Heights
- City of Cleveland Office of Sustainability
- City of Cleveland Traffic Engineering
- City of Lakewood
- City of Shaker Heights
- Cuyahoga County Public Works
- Cuyahoga County Dept. of Sustainability
- Cuyahoga Greenway Partners
- Cuyahoga River Restoration
- Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- First Suburbs Consortium
- LAND studio
- National Park Service
- ODOT District 12
- Rails to Trails Conservancy
- UH Bikes
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy





Plan Priorities

- Critical Gaps
 (12 projects & 14 miles)
- 2. Regional links(27 projects & 122 miles)
- 3. Key Supporting Routes (30 projects & 107 miles)
- = 69 projects, 243 miles (40% of the 634 miles of future routes in the overall network)







Cuyahoga Greenway Partners – *Driving Implementation*

- 1. Raising Awareness: Community Leaders & Public
 - New Website
 - Community Outreach & Communications
- 2. Project Collaboration and Assistance
 - Facilitation, Guidance, Training
- 3. Advocacy
 - Integration into New State Trail Plan
 - State Legislative Trails Caucus
 - Local & State Policies
 - Funding

Bike Cleveland
Cleveland City Planning Commission
Cleveland Metroparks
Cuyahoga County Department of
Public Works
Cuyahoga County Planning
Commission
Cuyahoga Valley National
Park/National Park Service
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit
Authority
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating
Agency
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer Distric
ODOT
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Trust for Public Land
*CCPC/Mayors & Managers - initially

www.countyplanning.us/projects/cuyahoga-greenways

FUNDING

Ongoing funding programs:

- Clean Ohio Trails Fund
- Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) - planning and implementation
- State Capital



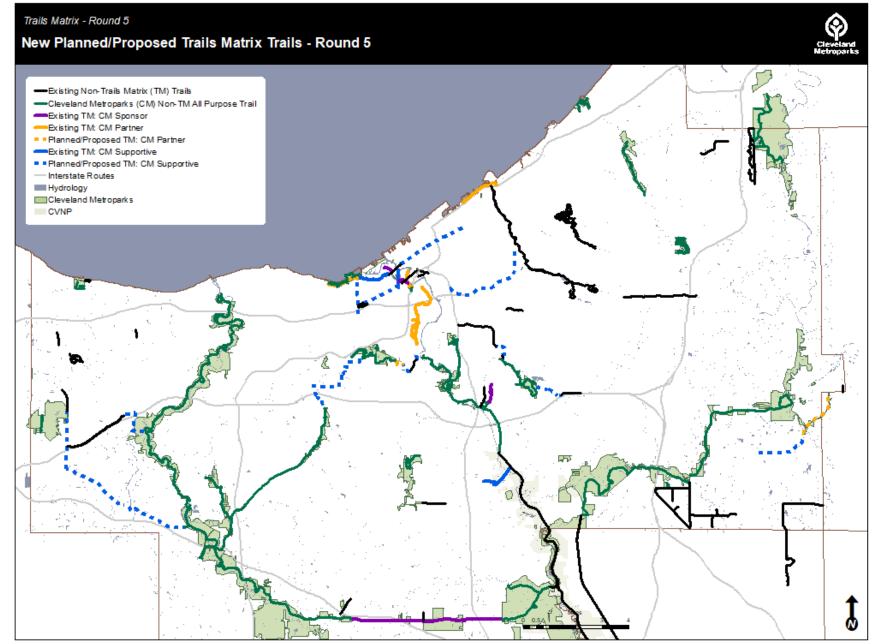
New or Discretionary Funding Opportunities:

- BUILD Grant (Planning and/or Construction)
- Potential Stimulus
 Funding
- New Transportation Act/ Earmarks

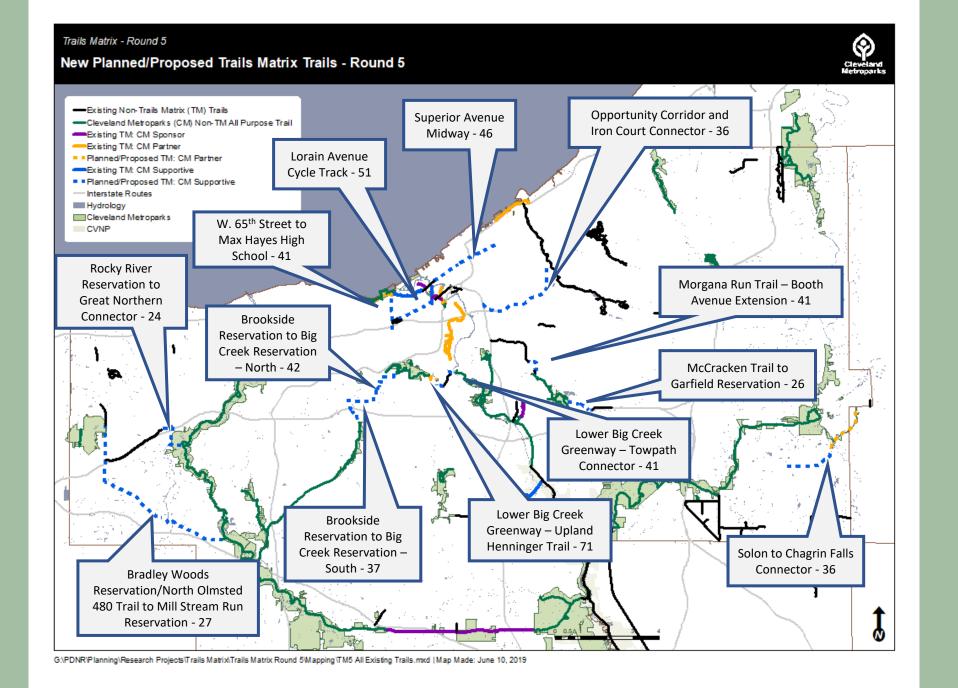
Project Collaboration URGENT for 2021 Funding Opportunities

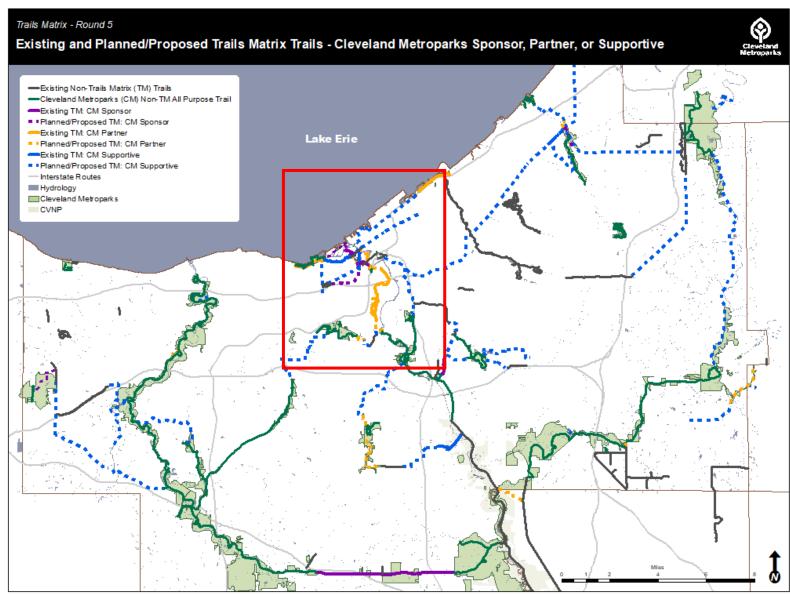


Advance connections and trail systems that complete the Emerald Necklace and, in partnership with other agencies and communities, connect with local, state and regional trail networks, communities and places of interest.

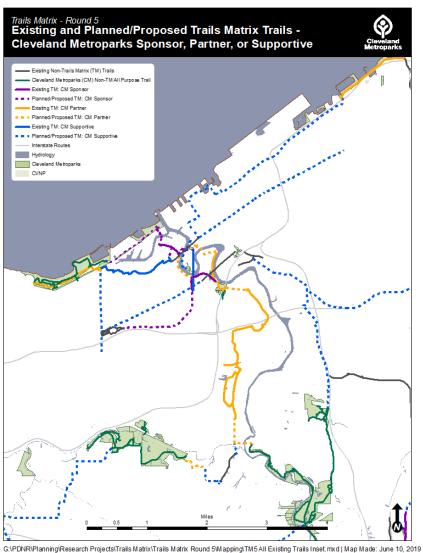


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To further show support for this foundational planning document and as a sign of commitment to advancing the proposed network of trails, staff asks the **Board authorize** a resolution to adopt the *Cuyahoga Greenways Plan* as a guiding planning document for Cleveland Metroparks for the continued development of Cuyahoga County's trail network

Discussion