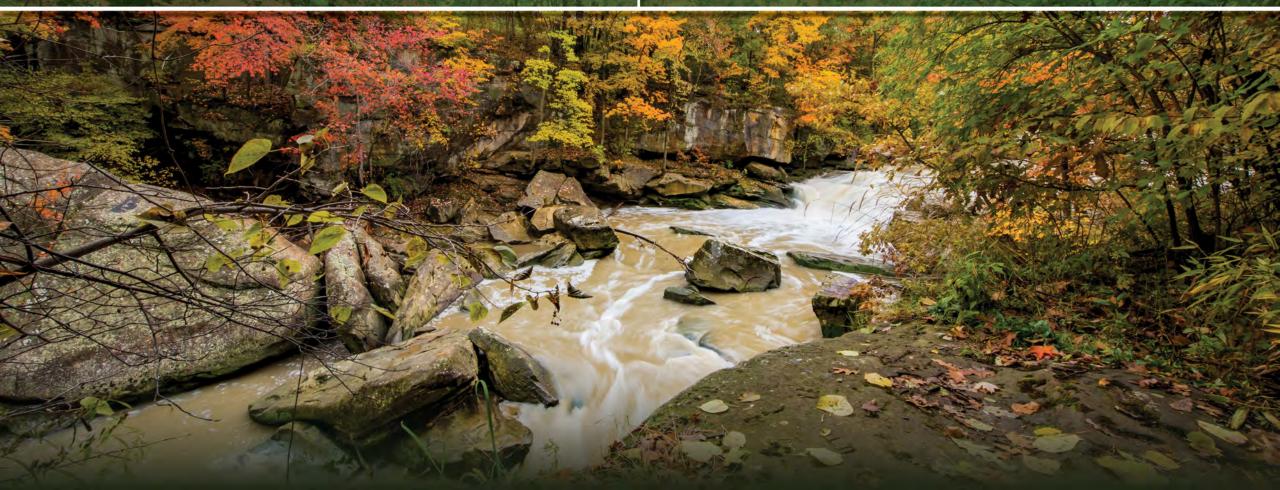


2025 Reservation Plans

Brookside, Garfield Park, Ohio & Erie Canal, Washington, and West Creek Reservations

Community Open Houses

October 2025





OUR MISSION

Protecting nature, connecting communities and inspiring conservation of our world.



Reservation Plans:

- Move the System Plan's six Core Goals to action
 - Connect expenditures to the System Plan
 - Track progress and show accountability
- Identify commitments to ongoing resource management and facility / infrastructure needs
- Assist in the pursuit of grants and other outside funding
- Cleveland Metroparks System Plan and Reservation Plans are required for the agency's national accreditation and recognition as a 5-time winner of the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation management

Planning Process

Kick-off: March 27th

Initial Drafts & Discuss Area Plans: May 29th

Area Concept Plans: July 18th

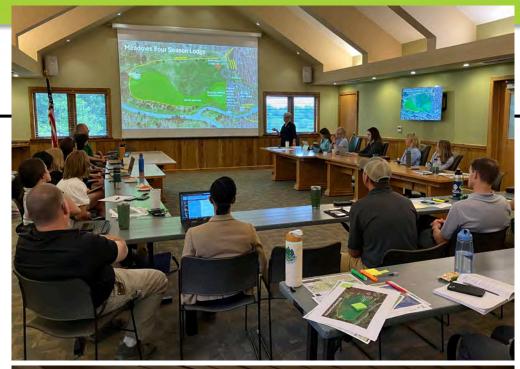
Draft Plans: early September

Introduce to Board: September 18th

Community Open Houses: October

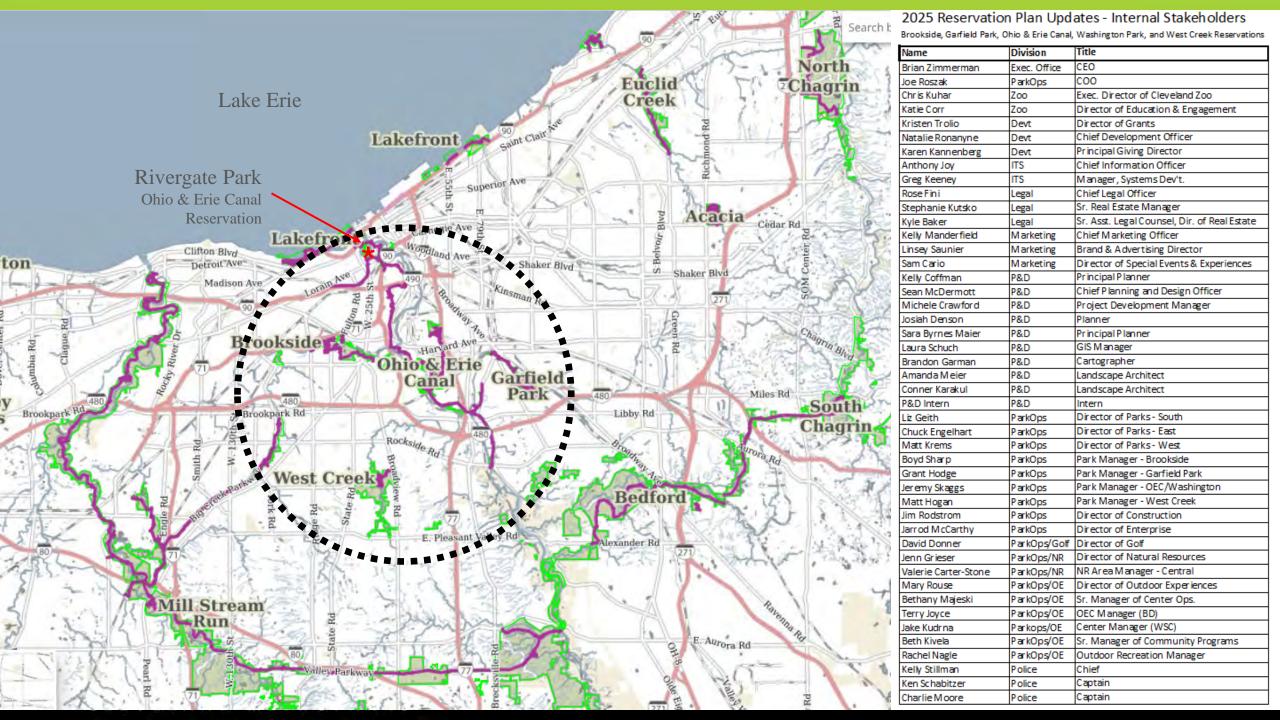
Review Input / Final Recommendations: late October

Present for Board Review: November 20th



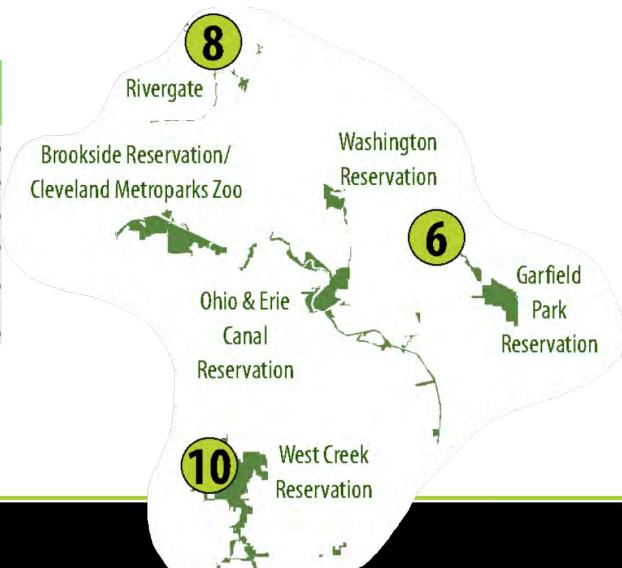




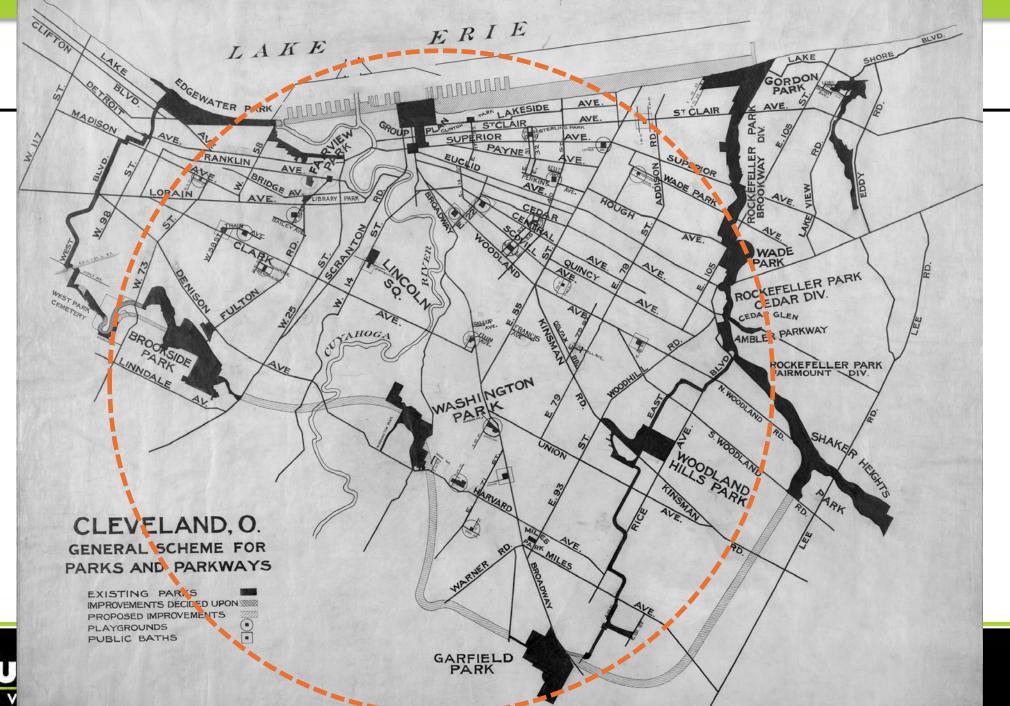


Changes since 2017 Reservation Plans:

| | 2017 | 2025 | Acreage | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Reservation | Acreage | Acreage | Increase | % Growth |
| Brookside + Zoo | 310 | 356 | 46 | 12.9% |
| Garfield Park | 219 | 224 | 5 | 2.2% |
| Ohio & Erie Canal | 372 | 405 | 33 | 8.1% |
| Washington Park | 59 | 68 | 9 | 13.2% |
| West Creek | 375 | 572 | 197 | 34.4% |
| Total: | 1,335 | 1,625 | 290 | 17.8% |









Common Themes

Our internal stakeholder team provided input including:

- The parks in Cuyahoga County's core are a combination of long-term protection and newer areas focused on restoration
- Trails and community connections are priorities for park users
- The Towpath Trail serves as a spine, linking to many secondary trails
- The parks provide respite from surrounding developed areas
- Natural resource management focuses on restoration and managing invasive species

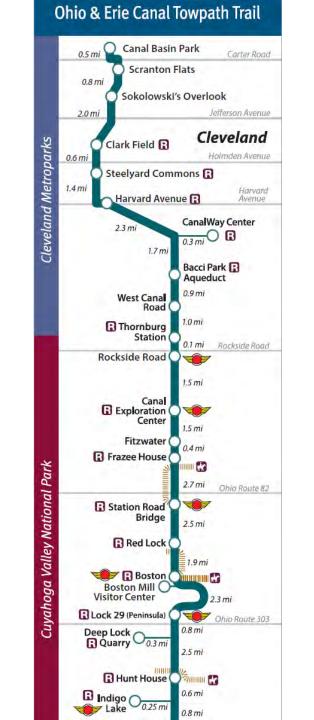


Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation



Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation & the Towpath Trail





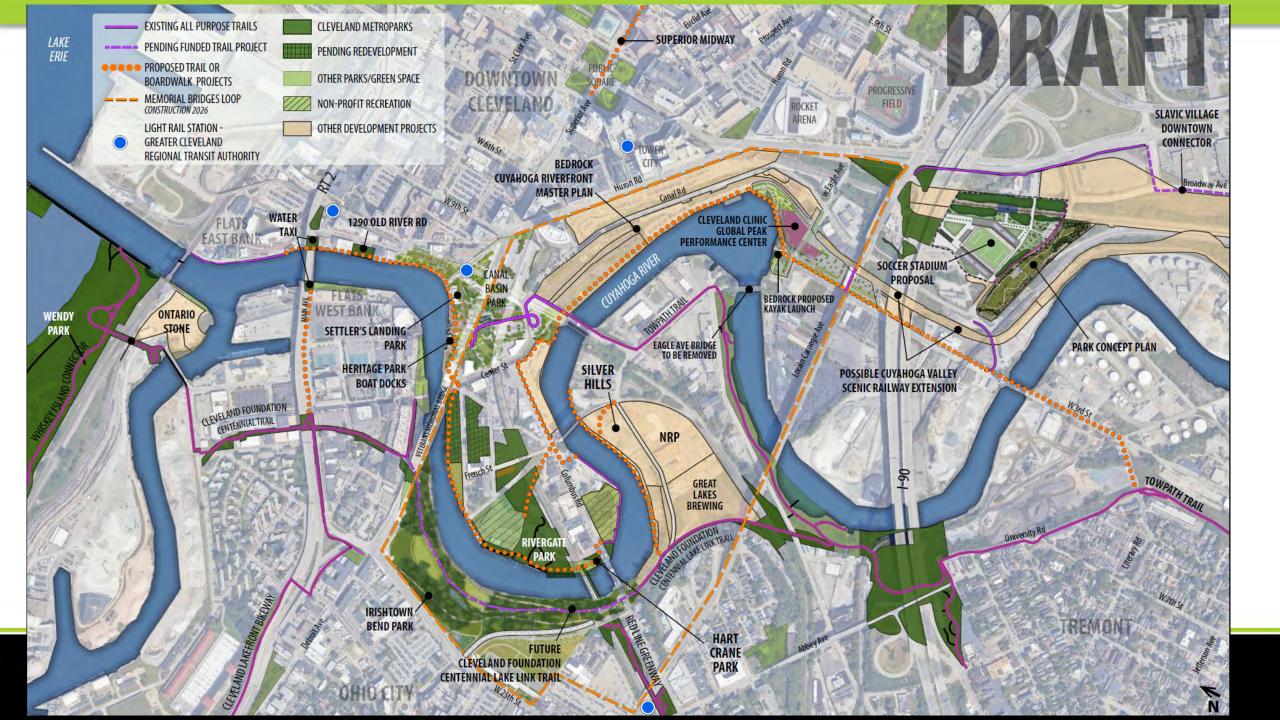
Rivergate Park

- Opened in 2011 to serve as a hub for community access to the Cuyahoga River; includes Merwin's Wharf restaurant
- Expansion includes adjacent properties, addition of Heritage Boat Docks, and area trails
- Rivergate Park is at the heart of efforts to improve public access to and along the Cuyahoga River, including the addition of 7 acres on the Columbus Peninsula, expanding the 2.8 acres of the initial 2012 park footprint
- Project Contact: Kelly Coffman, Cleveland Metroparks kbc@clevelandmetroparks.com
- Project Partners: Cleveland Rowing Foundation and Trust for Public Land helped establish the park; Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority recently provided access to several parcels to help expand the park
- clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/lakefrontreservation/rivergate-park









RIVERGATE PARK KEY POINTS:

- Rivergate Park is at the heart of efforts to improve public access to and along the Cuyahoga River, including the addition of 7 acres on the Columbus Peninsula, expanding the 2.8 acres of the initial 2012 park footprint
- Redevelopment is underway in numerous areas, including planning for parcels on the Columbus Peninsula owned by Cleveland Metroparks
- Continue development of Irishtown Bend Park, a vision developed by LAND studio, Ohio City Inc., and West Creek Conservancy
 - Hillside stabilization led by the Port of Cleveland complete in early 2026
 - Construction of the final segment of the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail in 2026 and park construction to begin in 2027 led by Cleveland Metroparks and partners
- Trail connections continue to expand through the efforts of many partners following the completion of the Towpath Trail in 2022. Funding is in place for the Slavic Village Downtown Connector via a federal RAISE grant (pending)
- Partners will provide updates about multiple efforts, including:
 - Memorial Bridges Loop Trail
 - Canal Basin Park
 - Hart Crane Park
 - Veterans Memorial Bridge

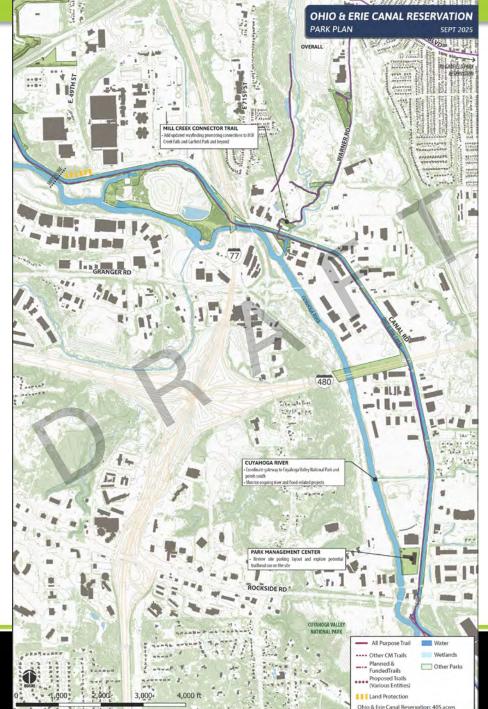
hio & Erie Canal Reservation: 405 acre

OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION KEY POINTS:

- Celebrate the return of bald eagles and river otters as highlights of the improved health of the Cuyahoga River. Continue to work with Cuyahoga River Area of Concern partners
- Continue stewardship of the Towpath Trail and Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Area as a key corridor linking downtown Cleveland to Cuyahoga Valley National Park and a spine for numerous trail spurs and community connections
- Promote continued activation of recently expanded mountain bike facilities including Cleveland-Cliffs Bike Park pump track
- Continue to expand public access along the downtown Cuyahoga River waterfront with Rivergate Park as an anchor destination
- Join the Oct. 20 Open House for updates from Cleveland Metroparks and partners on area projects

OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION KEY POINTS:

- Continued stewardship of the Towpath Trail, which also serves as northeast Ohio's segment of the Ohio to Erie Trail, linking the Ohio River to Lake Erie
- Addition of Park Management Center
- Pending completion of the all purpose trail link along Garfield Boulevard to connect the Towpath Trail to Garfield Reservation





Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Canal Basin Park Carter Road Scranton Flats 0.8 mi Sokolowski's Overlook 2.0 mi Cleveland Clark Field **Cleveland Metroparks** 0.6 mi Steelyard Commons 🖪 Harvard Avenue CanalWay Center 0.3 mi Bacci Park 📳 Aqueduct West Canal Road **Thornburg** Rockside Road **Exploration** Fitzwater Frazee House Station Road Red Lock 📝 😱 Boston 🔘 Boston Mill Deep Lock Quarry O 0.3 mi Hunt House Indigo O.25 mi

Washington Reservation





WASHINGTON RESERVATION KEY POINTS:

- Continue momentum after the park's recent nine-acre expansion including partnering with First Tee and the removal of vacated classroom trailers
- Replace parking area off Washington Blvd. in 2027 upon completion of Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Southerly Tunnel construction
- Begin construction of Slavic Village Downtown Connector South in 2026, a trail connecting Washington Park to downtown Cleveland, led by the City of Cleveland
- Expand parking and driving range at Washington Golf
 Course





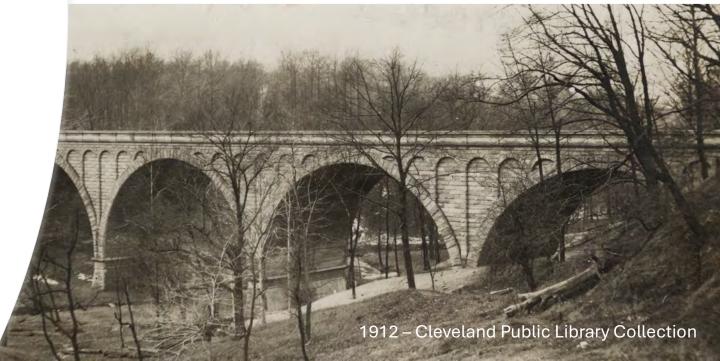
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Washington Park Timeline

- 1899 Park established by the City of Cleveland
- 1910 Bridge constructed over the 80' deep Burke Brook ravine
- 1948 Bridge demolished for I-77 construction, bisecting the park
- 1967 Republic Steel filled the ravine with construction debris, creating today's flat topography
- 1970 Cleveland Metropolitan Schools constructed the greenhouse and classrooms
- 2003 Cleveland Metroparks opens Washington Reservation and Washington Park Golf Course in partnership with First Tee of Cleveland
- 2023 Cleveland Metroparks lease expanded to include an additional 8 acres of the former campus





Brookside Reservation

















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Garfield Park Reservation

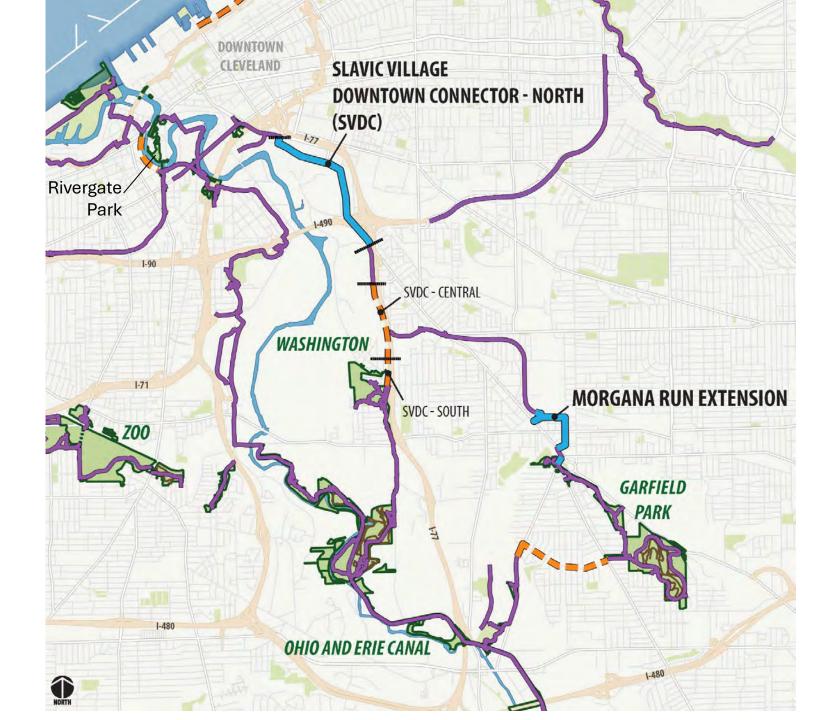


Slavic Village Downtown Connector Trail

Slavic Village Downtown Connector (SVDC) Trail - four phases; multiple funding sources and partners

SVDC – South construction to begin in 2026 led by the City of Cleveland









Garfield Pond and Stream Restoration

Garfield Park Reservation







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Reservation restoration



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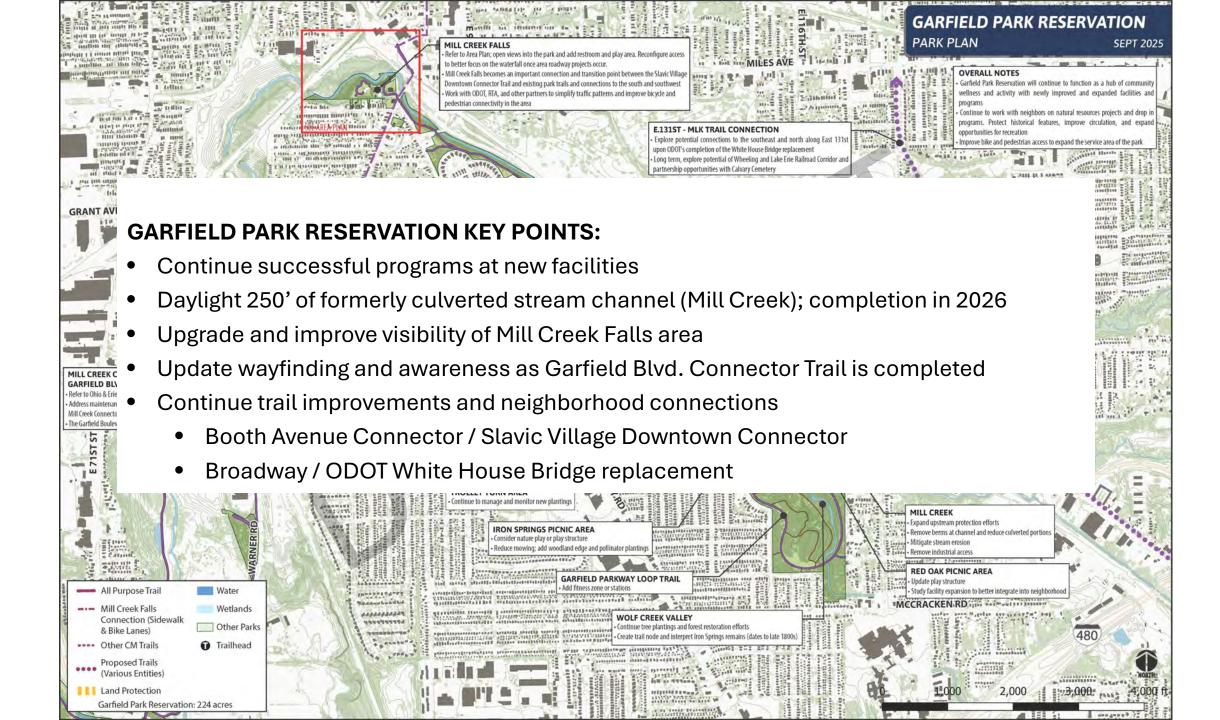
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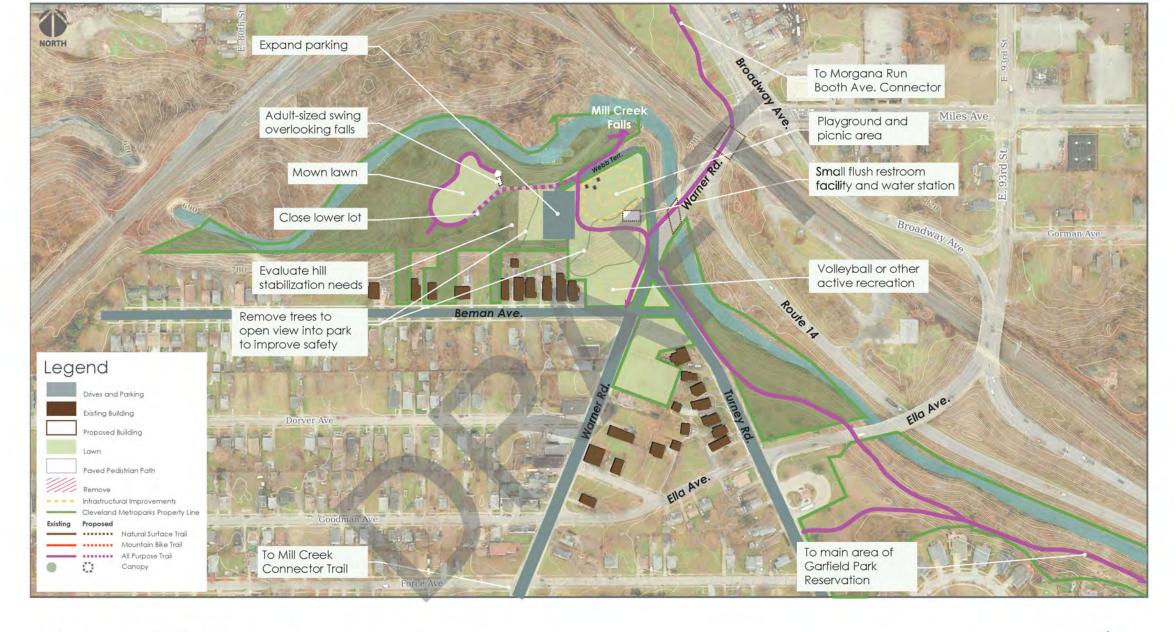
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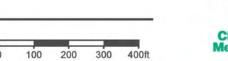






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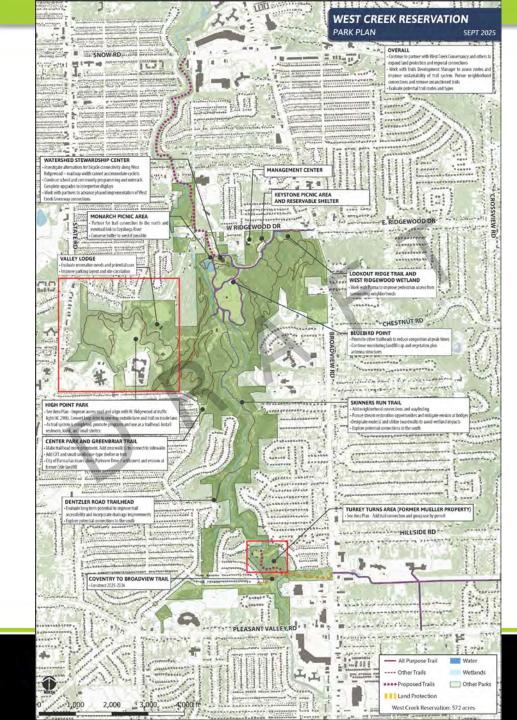
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West Creek Reservation

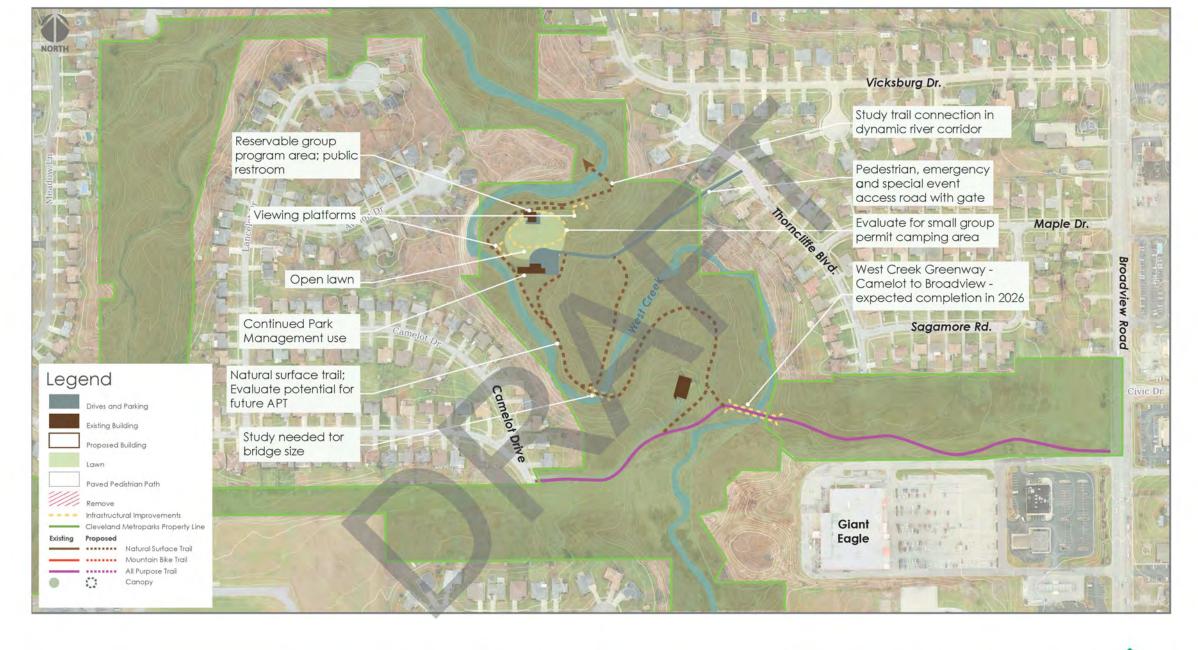




WEST CREEK RESERVATION KEY POINTS:

- Continue planning and access improvements to High Point Park, part of the park's recent 200 acre expansion (a 34% increase). Features to include:
 - Mountain bike trails
 - Improved vehicular access
 - Padua wetland restoration and potential lodge renovation
- Continue progress on West Creek Greenway:
 - Coventry to Broadview all purpose trail completion Spring 2026
 - Ridgewood to Grantwood all purpose trail under design
- Provide public programs and engagement at the Watershed Stewardship Center, including updates to interpretive displays and exhibits





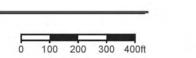














2025 Reservation Plan **OPEN HOUSES**

Cleveland Metroparks invites you to join our staff for Community Open Houses as part of the 2025 Reservation Plan updates! Each meeting will take place from 5:30-7:00 p.m. with a short presentation at 6:00.



Park Reservation Open Houses:

Brookside

Wednesday, October 1

Brookside Valley Shelter 4101 Park Drive Cleveland, OH 44144

Ohio & Erie Canal and Washington Tuesday, October 7

CanalWay Center 4524 E. 49th Street Cleveland, OH 44125

Garfield Park Thursday, October 9

Garfield Pond Program Center 11410 Broadway Avenue Cleveland, OH 44125

West Creek Thursday, October 16

Watershed Stewardship Center 2277 W Ridgewood Drive Parma, OH 44134

Rivergate & Flats Monday, October 20

Merwin's Wharf 1785 Merwin Avenue Cleveland, OH 44143

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Washington Reservation

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

All Reservations Wednesday, October 22 Virtual 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Register at clevelandmetroparks.com/2025plans

Open Houses

Plans, presentations, and a comment form are available at:

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