

TIME TO EXPLORE

Cleveland Metroparks

2018 Plan Updates

MILL STREAM · ROCKY RIVER
· BRADLEY WOODS ·
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ROCKY RIVER

Common Themes

Scenic Park greening and Mile Marker Zero / Lake Erie bridges – **bike and pedestrian improvements**; water trail. Partnership & TLCI

Mastick Golf Course – future changes could include driving range and trail with bridge

Nature Center – River stabilization; add APT links; expand parking

Big Creek trail link (Brook Park's Abram Creek Plan)

West Branch of Rocky River resource protection

Lagoon Picnic Area renovation and improvements

Lake Erie

Reservation-wide Considerations

- Steep side slopes and erosion-prone shale present challenges along the Rocky River Valley. Work with surrounding communities to protect sensitive park lands and closely monitor development adjacent to the park to ensure best practices.
- Partner to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the park. Encourage development of routes identified in the Cuyahoga Greenways plan to improve a network extending beyond park property and reduce vehicles in the park.
- Expand land protection where feasible through acquisition, easements, or overlays to mitigate impacts from urbanization.
- The percentage of park development (25% of the park) currently exceeds Park District guidelines (20%) at Rocky River. Consider removal of ballfields or pavement where possible, along with wetland, meadow, and stream restoration initiatives.

Connections North

- Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements to bridge in partnership with Rocky River and Lakewood
- Improve awareness of park at Sloane and Detroit intersection - add overlook and signage
- Support efforts to extend a regional trail along Lake Erie
- Pursue creation of the Lake Erie Water Trail

Rockcliff Area

- Monitor retaining wall and assess options

Memorial Field

- Study field and parking use
- Replace Romtec
- Relocate APT away from river

- All Purpose Trail
- - - Other Adjacent Trails
- - - Other CM Trails
- Proposed Trails (Various Entities)
- Proposed Bike Improvements (Others)
- ▨ Land Protection
- Water
- Wetlands
- Other Parks
- T Trailhead
- K Kayak Launch

Rocky River Reservation: 2,580 acres

Scenic Park

- Reconfigure drives, boat lanes and parking to reduce paving. Add plantings to enhance park and improve views along with green infrastructure to mitigate stormwater runoff
- Add all purpose trail link along south side of entry drive
- Add stairway up hillside to link marina to Sloane and Detroit intersection
- Consider storage lockers for kayaks and stand up paddleboards
- Promote access point for Lake Erie Water Trail. Include informational signs

I-90 Bridge Abutments

- Work with ODOT to address erosion issues

Hilliard Rd Bridge

- Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements on Hilliard Rd and Bridge

Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial Area

- Add trail access

Hogsback Lane

- Improve bike/pedestrian access





Little Met Golf Course
• Consider APT and bridle trail link between Mastick Road and Old Lorain Road

Big Met Golf Course

Valley Parkway
• Work with rangers to enforce speed limit and educate drivers and cyclists
• Consider adding bike lanes between Wooster Road and Puritas Road

Sycamore Picnic Area

North Mastick Picnic Area

Mastick Road/Puritas Road
• Partner with Cuyahoga County to add all purpose trail along Mastick Road
• Add pavement markings and signage at intersection to improve safety

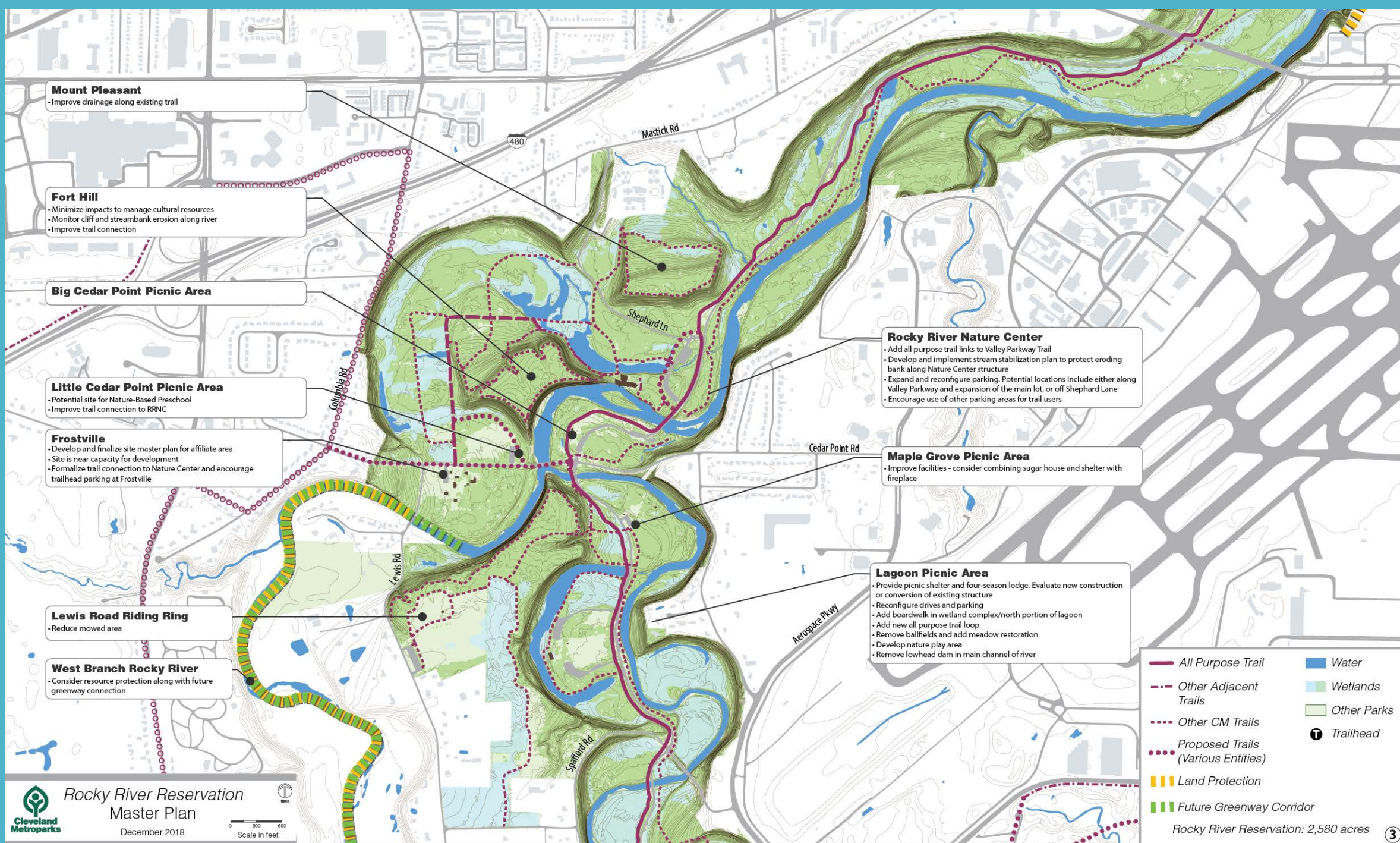
Mastick Woods Golf Course
• Consider adding driving range and redesign course
• Remove clubhouse
• Add all purpose trail link to Little Met/ Old Lorain. Maintain separate bridle trail
• Add trail and cart path bridge connection to Big Met

Rocky River Stables
• Improve area bridle trails

South Mastick Picnic Area
• Complete connections to Valley Parkway APT

Cottonwood Picnic Area
• Eliminate one ballfield
• Maintain as reserved shelter





Mount Pleasant
 • Improve drainage along existing trail

Fort Hill
 • Minimize impacts to manage cultural resources
 • Monitor cliff and streambank erosion along river
 • Improve trail connection

Big Cedar Point Picnic Area

Little Cedar Point Picnic Area
 • Potential site for Nature-Based Preschool
 • Improve trail connection to RRNC

Frostville
 • Develop and finalize site master plan for affiliate area
 • Site is near capacity for development
 • Formalize trail connection to Nature Center and encourage trailhead parking at Frostville

Lewis Road Riding Ring
 • Reduce mowed area

West Branch Rocky River
 • Consider resource protection along with future greenway connection

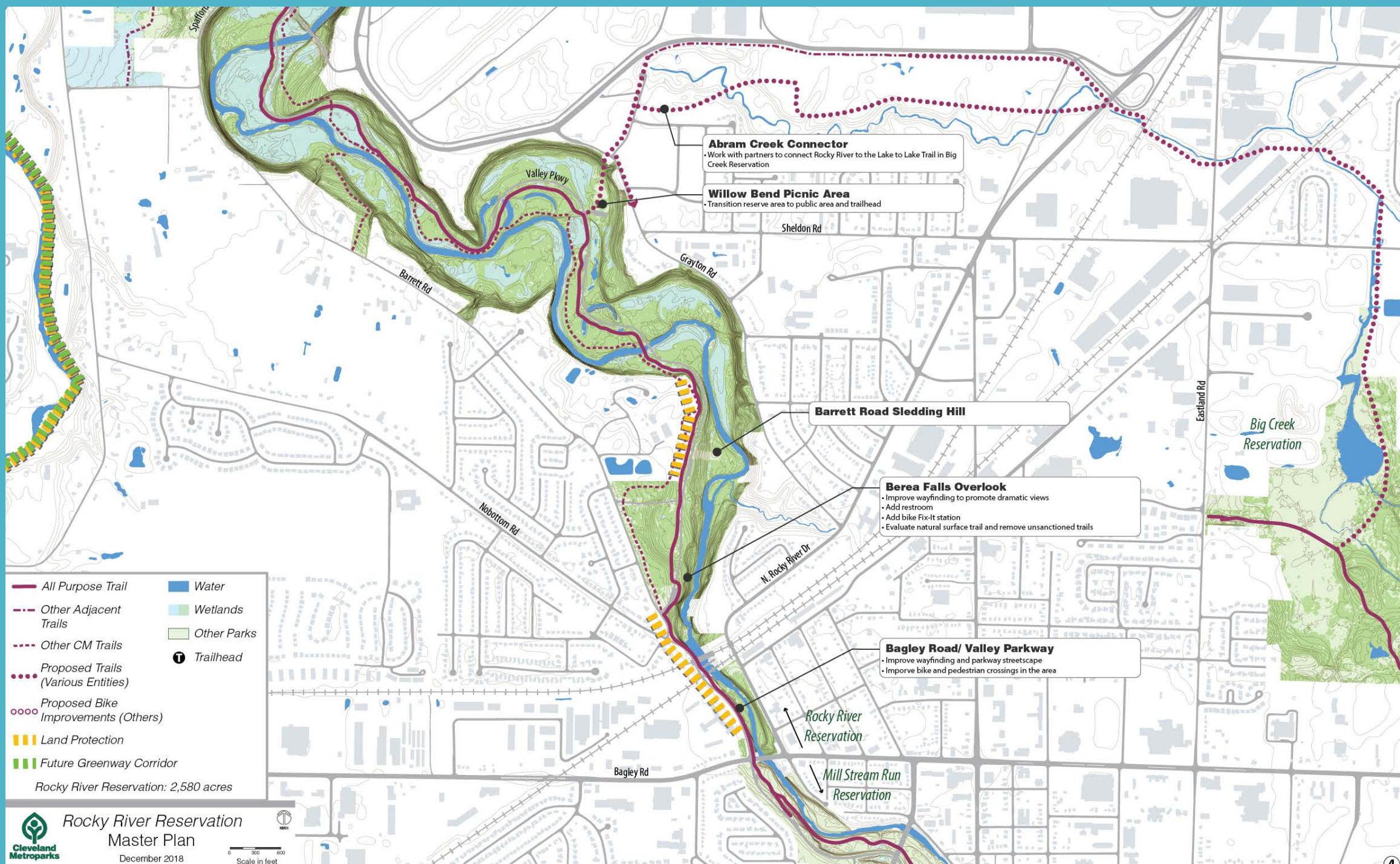
Rocky River Nature Center
 • Add all purpose trail links to Valley Parkway Trail
 • Develop and implement stream stabilization plan to protect eroding bank along Nature Center structure
 • Expand and reconfigure parking. Potential locations include either along Valley Parkway and expansion of the main lot, or off Shephard Lane
 • Encourage use of other parking areas for trail users

Maple Grove Picnic Area
 • Improve facilities - consider combining sugar house and shelter with fireplace

Lagoon Picnic Area
 • Provide picnic shelter and four-season lodge. Evaluate new construction or conversion of existing structure
 • Reconfigure drives and parking
 • Add boardwalk in wetland complex/north portion of lagoon
 • Add new all purpose trail loop
 • Remove ballfields and add meadow restoration
 • Develop nature play area
 • Remove lowhead dam in main channel of river

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| | Land Protection | | |
| | Future Greenway Corridor | | |

Rocky River Reservation: 2,580 acres **3**



Abram Creek Connector
 • Work with partners to connect Rocky River to the Lake to Lake Trail in Big Creek Reservation

Willow Bend Picnic Area
 • Transition reserve area to public area and trailhead

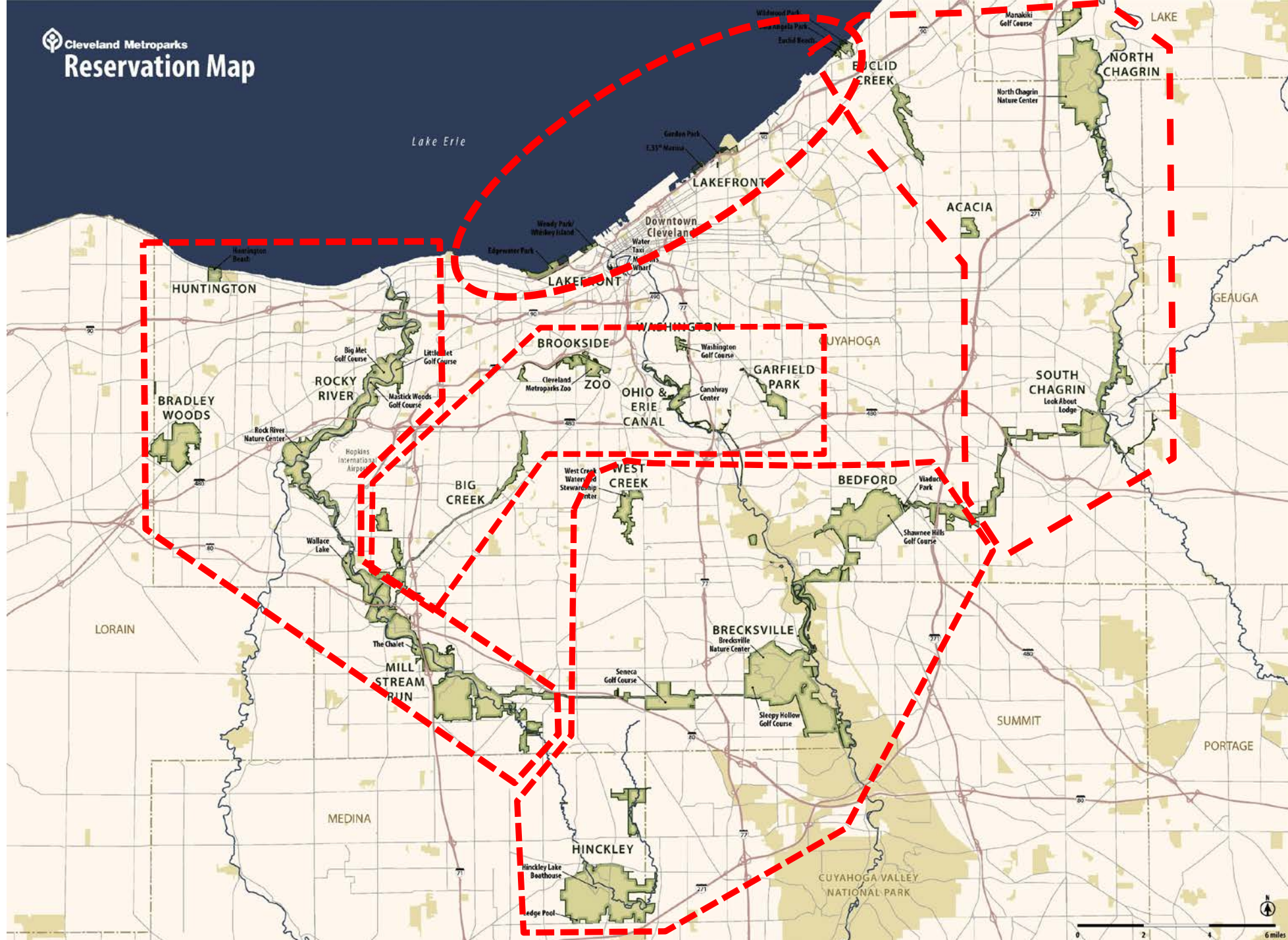
Barrett Road Sledding Hill

Berea Falls Overlook
 • Improve wayfinding to promote dramatic views
 • Add restroom
 • Add bike Fix-It station
 • Evaluate natural surface trail and remove unsanctioned trails

Bagley Road/ Valley Parkway
 • Improve wayfinding and parkway streetscape
 • Improve bike and pedestrian crossings in the area

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Reservation Map



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