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Cleveland Metroparks

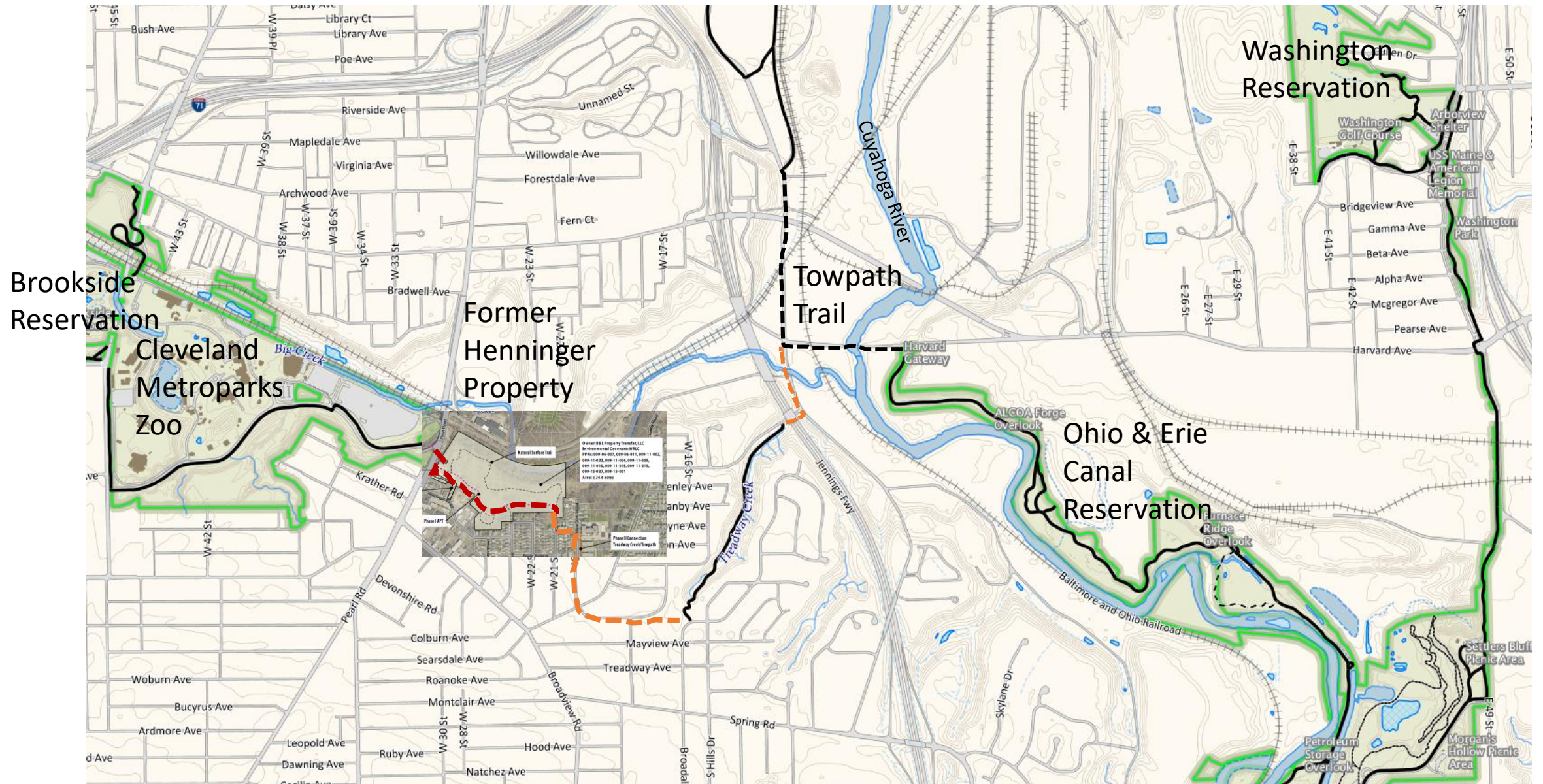
Henninger Trail Development Partnership

Board of Park Commissioners

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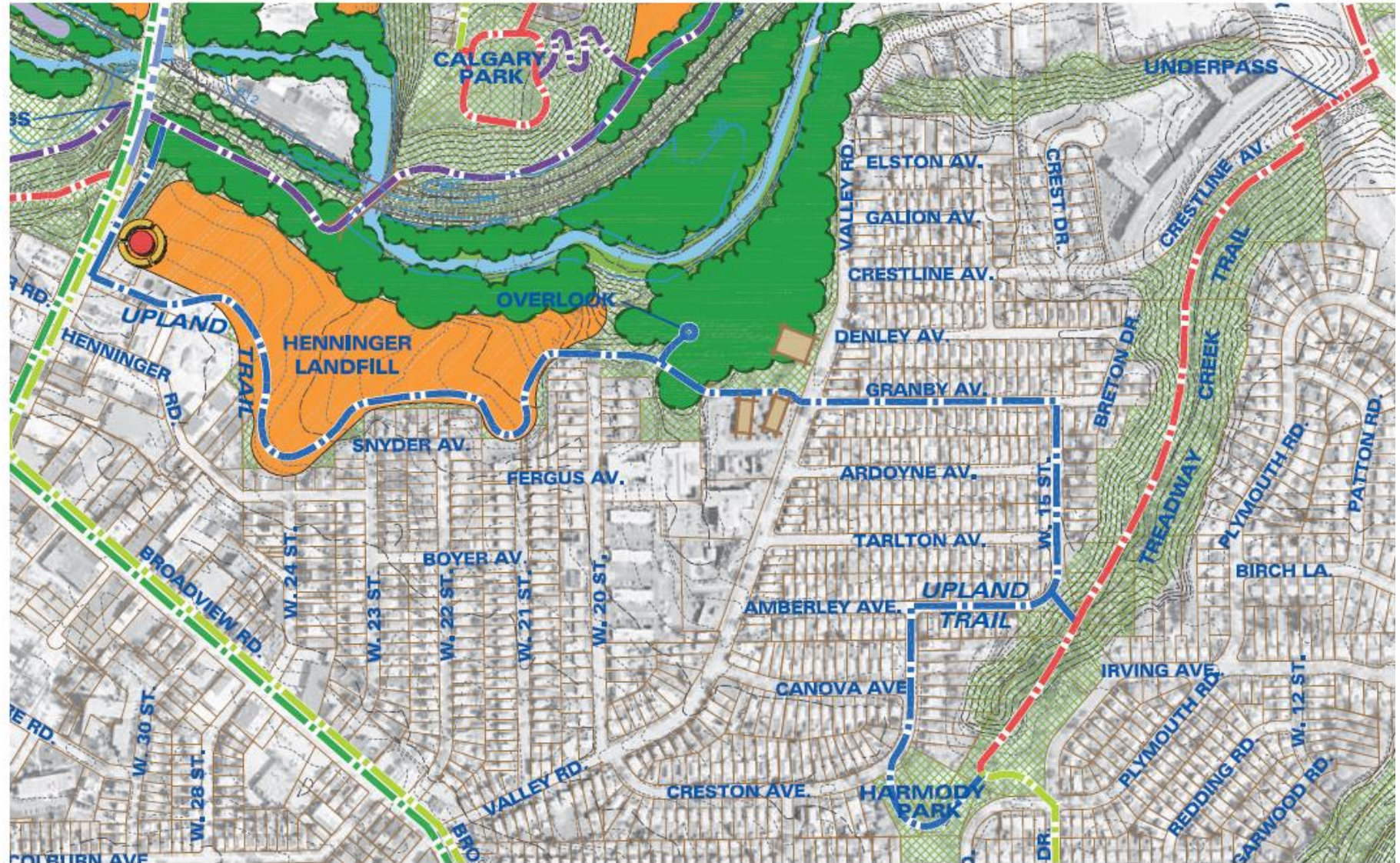


Project Location



Big Creek – 2008 Plan

- Big Creek trail connections planned in 2008
- Henninger Property is the site of the proposed upland route
- Plan prepared by Floyd Browne Group; participants:
 - Old Brooklyn CDC
 - City of Cleveland
 - Canalway Partners
 - Cleveland Metroparks
 - Big Creek Connects
 - 25-person Advisory Committee



Project History and Partners



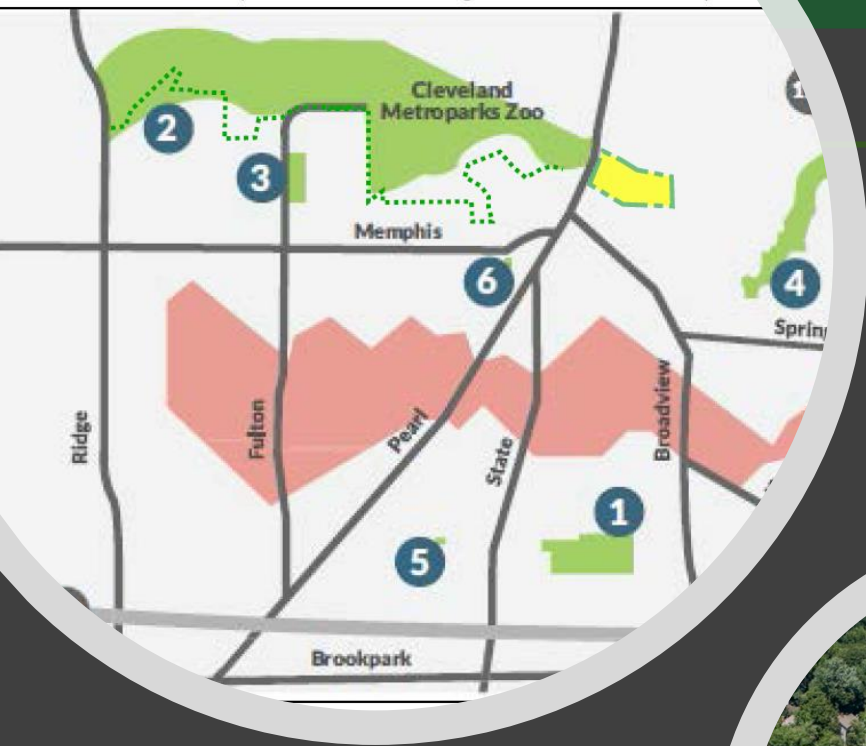
Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC) purchased the property in 2015 with a grant from Clean Ohio Green Space, conducted site environmental clean up, and recently obtained over \$400,000 in funding for trail construction.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has supported planning work and conducted community outreach. OBCDC obtained \$50,000 in grant funding from Cuyahoga County for the project.

The **City of Cleveland** planning department and council representatives have supported the project.

Cleveland Metroparks supported planning, provided conceptual plans, and will lead implementation. The trail connects Brookside Reservation and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo with the Towpath Trail as well as Ohio & Erie Canal and Washington Reservations.

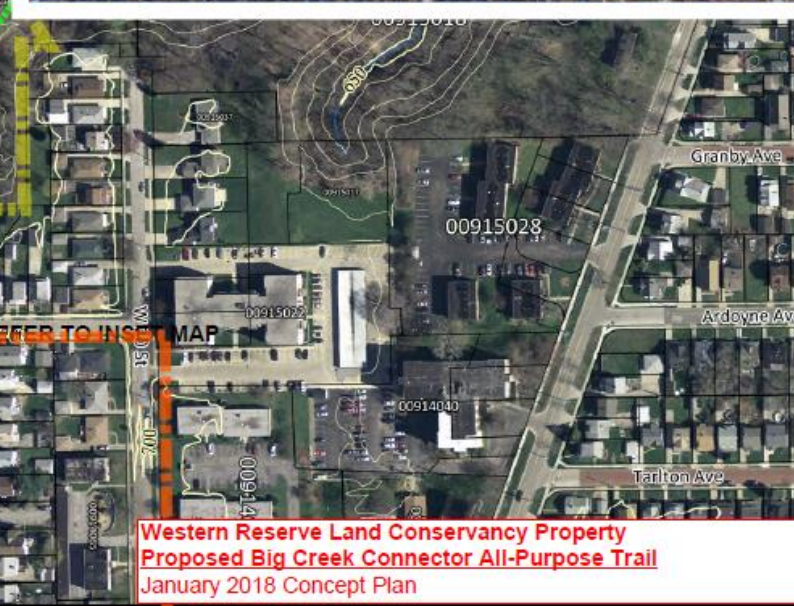
The route is included as a Critical Gap in the **Cuyahoga Greenways** plan.



Community Connections and Green Space

- Cleveland Metroparks is striving to connect parks and neighborhoods. The proposed trail connection is an important link
- OBCDC green space inventory indicated a need for more public open space in Old Brooklyn
- Partners have provided leadership in property acquisition and obtained funding for construction
- The Henninger site was formerly a construction landfill. WRLC conducted an environmental site assessment and completed remediation through Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program. WRLC successfully submitted a letter of no further action (NFA) and received of a covenant not to sue (CNS).

Next Steps



- WRLC and OBCDC have obtained funding to construct Phase I of the trail
- Cleveland Metroparks is exploring a Project Development Agreement with WRLC to design and construct the trail
- Survey, engineering, and construction to follow; trail to open in 2020