

Bedford • Brecksville
Hinckley • West Creek
2016 Reservation Plan Updates

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Cleveland Metroparks 2020: The Emerald Necklace Centennial Plan

Seven Key Directions

Green Infrastructure

Scale

Cleveland and Inner

Outdoor Recreation

Regional Greenway &

Lakefront

Financial Sustainability

+ Seven Action Areas

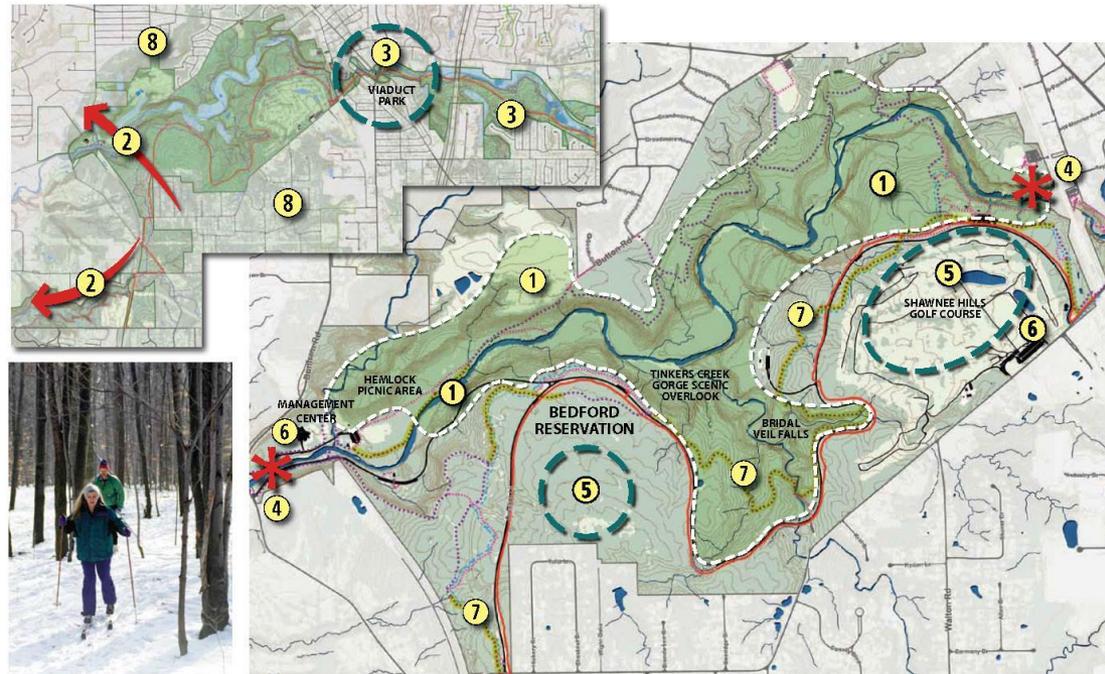


CLEVELAND METROPARKS 2020 THE EMERALD NECKLACE CENTENNIAL PLAN

BEDFORD RESERVATION - Concept Plan

LEGEND

- RESERVATION BOUNDARIES
- RESTRICTED ACCESS
- FACILITY FOOTPRINTS
- ROADS AND PARKING
- TRAILS**
 - APT
 - BRIDLE
 - HIKING
- LAND COVER**
 - TREES
 - GRASS AND MEADOWS
- HYDROLOGY**
 - HYDROLOGY
 - SURVEYED WETLANDS
 - NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY
- RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - CORE PROTECTION AREA
 - TRAIL ENHANCEMENT
 - BUILDING IMPROVEMENT
 - OUTDOOR RECREATION
 - ENTRY/ARRIVAL
 - REGIONAL CONNECTION
 - NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION



2015 Strategic Planning Update



Acquire & manage parks to conserve natural resources and contribute to green infrastructure



Advance trails that connect with local, state and regional trails



Expand and strengthen outdoor recreation



Support resurgence of City of Cleveland



Continue sustainable business practices





Reservation Plan Updates

- Plans updated on a rotating basis
- Internal stakeholders guide plan development
- Public outreach includes open houses and online comments
- Process:
 - Kickoff – January
 - Concept 1 - March
 - Concept 2 - May
 - Chiefs – July
 - Draft to Board – August 18th
 - Outside Stakeholder Meetings and Public Comment - September
 - Evaluate Input / Edits – October
 - Draft Final to Board – December

Plan Elements

Master Plan Framework

Vision

Overarching Big Idea



Guiding Principles

Relate Strategic Goals to Specific Reservation

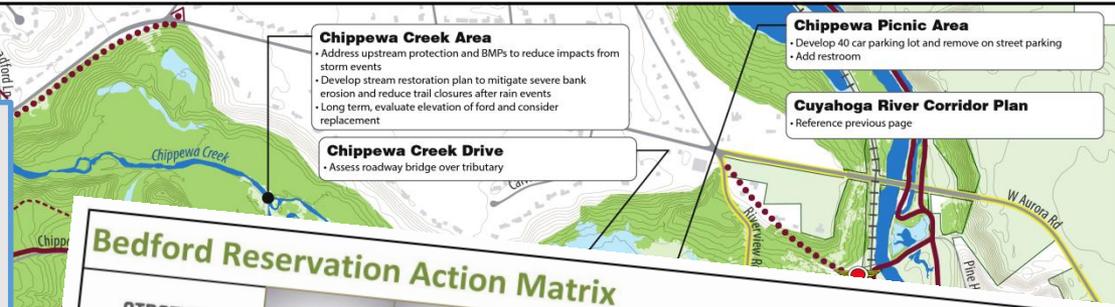


Actions

Park Features, Programming, and Management Activities – tie back to Strategic Goals

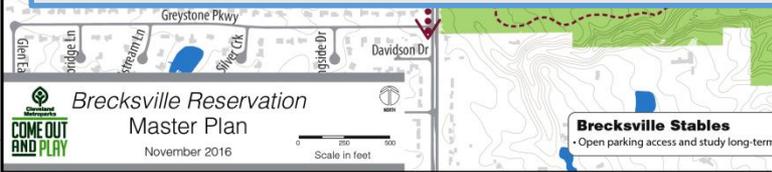


Park Work Plans



Bedford Reservation Action Matrix

STRATEGIC GOALS		PROTECTION	RELEVANCY	CONNECTIONS	COME OUT & PLAY	ORGANIZATIONAL
Item	Area	Action				
1.0	Hawthorn Parkway					
2.0	Proposed Glen Willow Trail					
3.0	Forbes Woods					
4.0	271 Corridor					
5.0	Viaduct Park					
6.0	Willis Picnic Area					
7.0	Former Field Office					
8.0	Egbert Picnic Area					
9.0	Shawnee Hills Golf Course					
10.0	Lost Meadows Reserve Area					
11.0	Bridal Veil Falls and Deerlick Creek					
12.0	North Side - Button Road					



PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Common Comments

- Strong turn out from bridle trail users and advocacy for trails / trailer parking
- Support for stream corridor protection

Bedford

- Support for trail connection to downtown Bedford
- Agree with need to add trail along Richmond to connect with South Chagrin – should accommodate bikes, horses, and pedestrians

Brecksville

- Support for trail connections to neighborhoods to the north (not to Echo Hills)
- Concern about stables and bridle trails

Hinckley

- Interest in regional connections to Richfield Park (Crowell Hilaka) and to Allardale – must accommodate bike/ped/horses

West Creek

- Concern about trail and bridge connections within park
- Support for the continual improvement of park
- Interest in neighborhood and regional connections





BEDFORD RESERVATION

2,309 acres

Total Trails: 38 miles

All Purpose Trail: 8.2 miles

Bridle: 14.5 miles*

Hiking only: 15.2 miles

Mountain Bike: 10 Miles*

**shared-use along with Hiking*

Bedford Reservation Vision and Guiding Principles

Vision

Bedford Reservation's vision is to protect the resources of this National Natural Landmark while encouraging visitors to explore the trails leading to the riffles of Tinker's Creek, deep hemlock ravines, dramatic waterfalls, and meadows and forests. Bedford's Gorge Parkway offers an historic, scenic experience with signature stops and attractions.

Guiding Principles

PROTECTION: Maintain high ratio of natural areas to developed areas. Pursue protection of adjacent fragile areas, such as floodplains, steep slopes, and stream channels, where development would negatively impact park resources.

RELEVANCY: Continue the success of sustainable trail enhancements, improve community connections, and assess options to further integrate Shawnee Hills Golf Course with park offerings and landscapes.

CONNECTIONS: Strengthen wayfinding and connectivity of the Emerald Necklace, particularly the Parkway and trail connections to Brecksville and South Chagrin, as well as to Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Towpath, and Summit County Bike Hike Trail. Improve bike and pedestrian access from adjacent neighborhoods.

COME OUT AND PLAY: Expand opportunities for users. Maximize the feeling of sanctuary and retreat for park guests while capitalizing on nearby regional attractions and recent acquisitions.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY: Address aging park infrastructure with historically appropriate repairs. Study stream restoration needs and pursue funding. Work with partners to reduce urbanization impacts.

BEDFORD RESERVATION PRIORITIES

- Lost Meadows Shelter
(replacement of canopy with
20x40 permanent structure)
- Tinker's Creek Watershed
stewardship and corridor
restoration (walls, etc.)
- Trail Connection to Towpath
(APT and Bridle) – north route
and south route
- Trail Connection along Richmond
Rd.



Willis Picnic Area

- Partner with the City of Bedford to reduce environmental impacts from ballfield management
- Discourage bootleg trails by providing a sanctioned trail

Viaduct Park

- Improve connections to downtown Bedford with improved wayfinding and signage
- Work with Bedford as they pursue trails, including a potential bridge to the Parkway
- Improve wayfinding at Broadway and better approach / entry to park
- Improve bridle trail condition along Egbert Road to Union Street

271 Corridor

- Consider protection of additional property along west side of 271 along Bear Creek
- Investigate funding for mitigation of stormwater impacts from 271

Hawthorn Parkway

- Provide all purpose trail connection (bridle/bike/hike) and improved wayfinding to/from South Chagrin Reservation along Richmond Road
- Protect sensitive vernal pools north of bridle trail near Tinker's Creek
- Consider opportunities to improve habitat value at nearby landfills through changes to vegetation and mowing practices
- Plan for future connections to north and southeast

Former Field Office

- Due to existing utilities connections, consider using former field office site for new flush restrooms and Bike Hub / meeting point for trail users and programs. Bike wash could be located here as well.

Proposed Glen Willow Trail

- Support the City of Glen Willow's future trail link

Forbes Woods

- Complete new trail / boardwalk and picnic area changes at Forbes Woods

	All Purpose Trail		Water
	Other Trails		Wetlands
	Proposed Trails		Other Parks
	City of Bedford All Purpose Trail		
	Land Protection		
	Possible Improvement Site		

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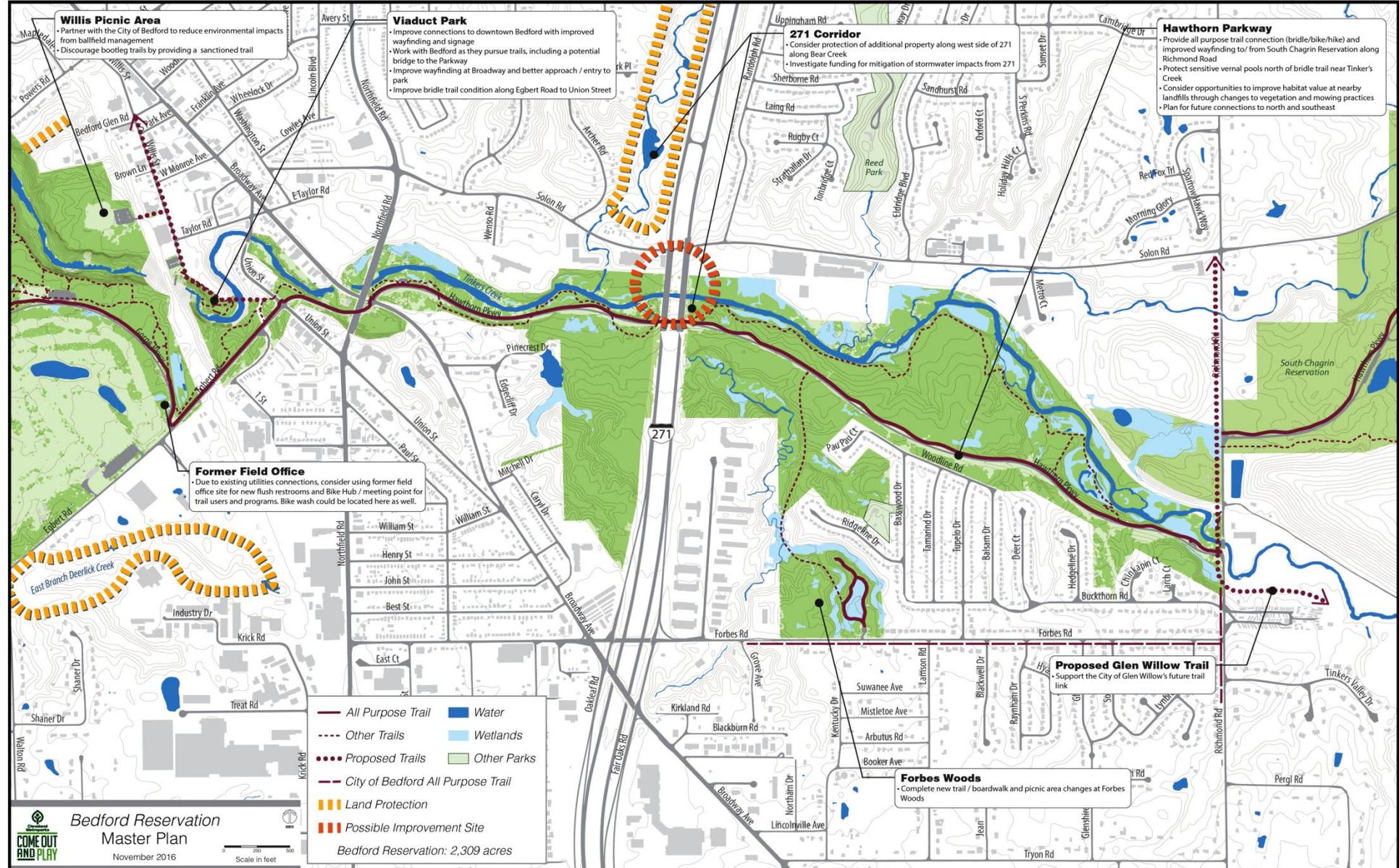


Bedford Reservation Master Plan

November 2016

Scale in feet

0 200 400





- All Purpose Trail
 - - - Other Trails
 - · · Proposed Trails
 - Land Protection
 - Water
 - Wetlands
 - Other Parks
 - C Backcountry Campsite
- Bedford Reservation: 2,309 acres

North Side - Button Road

- Investigate options for land protection along Hemlock Creek to Turney Road and beyond.
- Study future trail connection to park from south end of Lee Road (gas easement)
- Remedy erosion issues and protect high quality natural resources
- Enforce no dumping regulations at Hutchinson Field
- Continue Meadows Area Circle Emerald habitat restoration. Develop a small 6 car trailhead with gate and signage: Circle Emerald Bird Sanctuary. Add sanctioned loop trail and connect to Hemlock Picnic area

Egbert Picnic Area

- Add electric and lighting service to facilitate evening programs
- Add play structure to accommodate use patterns (childcare / outside day camps)
- Consider an in-stream trail crossing to the north side of Tinker's Creek

Tinker's Creek Valley

- Consider in-stream mitigation to address stream bank erosion and stabilization upstream from channelized area
- Pursue land protection along tributaries

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area

- Area will be upgraded and accessibility improvements will occur
- Remove ballfield, add sand volleyball and monarch way station

Maintenance Complex

- Add plantings, a salt shed, and a cold-storage equipment shed

Astorhurst/Tinker's Creek

- Remove existing buildings. Develop picnic area with restroom and small shelter
- Restore and enhance creek and floodplain connections
- Provide all purpose trail connections (including possible bridge to Tinker's Creek Road) and trailhead amenities

Tinker's Creek Road

- Provide APT or other bicycle accommodation and bridle trail

See Cuyahoga River Corridor

Hermit's Hollow Picnic Area

Gorge Parkway

- Study removal of on-street parking and potential to convert pavement to APT
- (Dunham Rd. to Overlook Ln.) Designate and sign a new APT connection to Tinker's Creek Road along existing bridle trail to help complete the Emerald Necklace APT and strengthen connections to CVNP. Improve surface with compacted stone

Scenic Overlook

Shawnee Hills Golf Course and South of Parkway

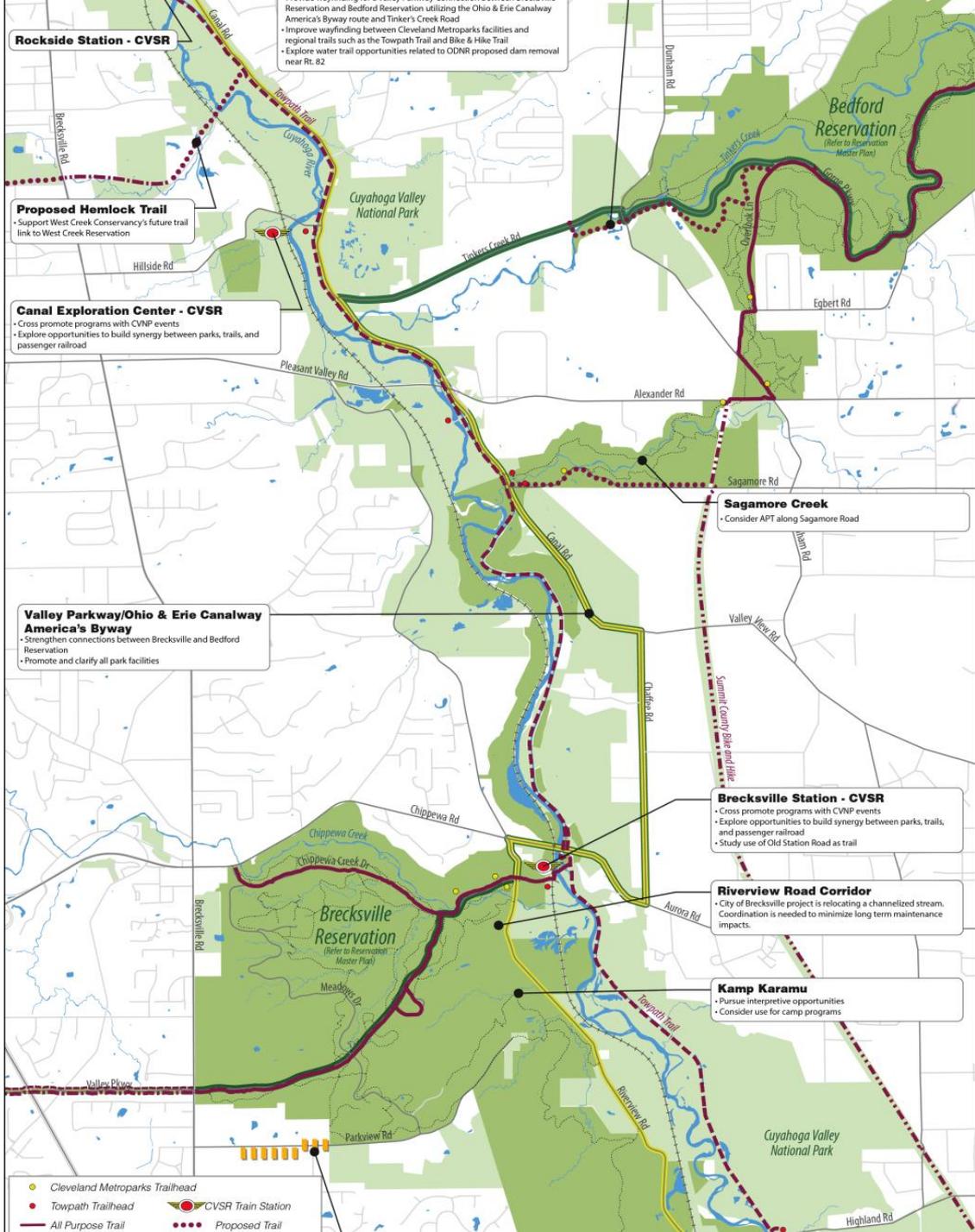
- Continue greening efforts by golf course staff – consider Audubon certification program
- Add rain garden at wash pad to capture clippings
- Dredge pond

Lost Meadows Reserve Area

- Add permanent shelter and electric service. Replace/upgrade water service.

Bridal Veil Falls and Deerlick Creek

- Study potential accessibility improvements via service route
- Explore land protection opportunities upstream to mitigate development impacts



Advance trails that connect parks to neighborhoods and to local, state, and regional networks



BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION 3,983 acres

TRAILS: 36.5 miles total

All Purpose Trail (APT - paved): 5.8 miles

Bridle: 17.8 miles (8.5 @ Valley Pkwy)

Hiking (natural surface): 12.9 miles

Brecksville Reservation Vision and Guiding Principles

Vision

The mature forests and scenic streams of Brecksville Reservation predate surrounding development and provide a transition from built-up areas to the rural Cuyahoga River Valley. Stewardship of the park will focus on large-scale ecosystem protection and the park's rich cultural history, including Depression-era buildings and trails as well as generations of nature programs.

Guiding Principles

PROTECTION: Mitigate the impacts of unsanctioned trails and property encroachment. Engage partners to address upstream development practices impacting stormwater runoff within the Chippewa Creek and Snowville watersheds.

RELEVANCY: Continue the tradition of nature education. Build on historic programs connecting guests to hiking, education, and recreation in scenic and peaceful natural area surroundings.

CONNECTIONS: Strengthen the reservation's role as a major node in the Emerald Necklace by enhancing wayfinding between Mill Stream Run and Bedford Reservations and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Manage trails to protect resources and improve guest experience. Work with partners to provide greater connections to adjacent neighborhoods.

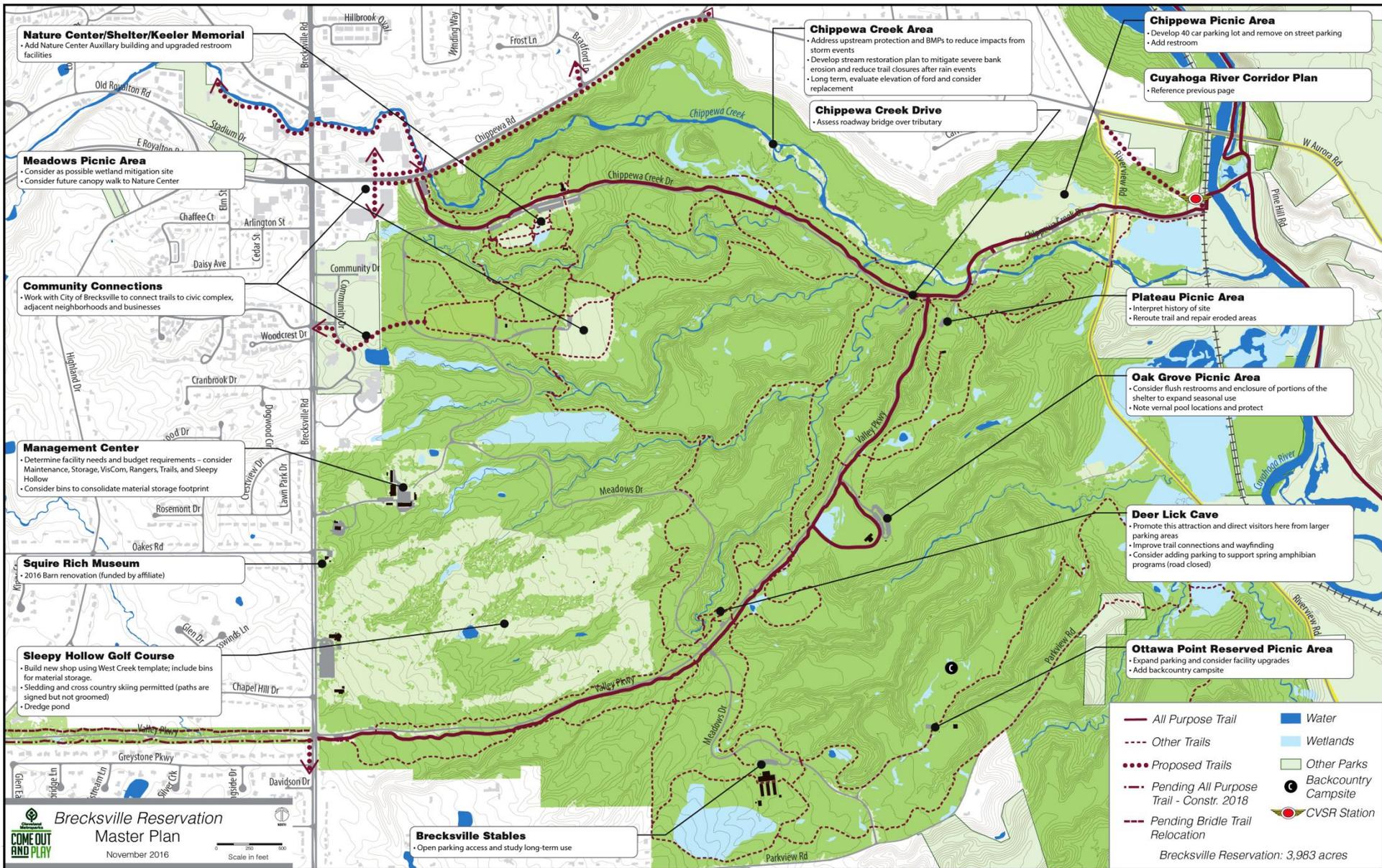
COME OUT AND PLAY: Promote synergy between Brecksville Reservation and adjacent parks and trails. Expand recreational offerings to strengthen the park's role as a regional hub.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY: Address need for indoor program space to support education efforts. Assess park management and specialty functions (Trails, VisCom, golf course management, trail crew) to identify facility needs and ongoing operational efficiencies.

BRECKVILLE RESERVATION PRIORITIES

- Nature Center Auxiliary Building
- Utility infrastructure (water, sewer, fiber)
- Chippewa Field Parking and Restroom Development (investigate floodplain and utility issues)
- Overall Chippewa Creek watershed stewardship efforts and trail / bridge
- New Management Center





Nature Center/Shelter/Keeler Memorial
 • Add Nature Center Auxillary building and upgraded restroom facilities

Meadows Picnic Area
 • Consider as possible wetland mitigation site
 • Consider future canopy walk to Nature Center

Community Connections
 • Work with City of Brecksville to connect trails to civic complex, adjacent neighborhoods and businesses

Management Center
 • Determine facility needs and budget requirements – consider Maintenance, Storage, VisCom, Rangers, Trails, and Sleepy Hollow
 • Consider bins to consolidate material storage footprint

Squire Rich Museum
 • 2016 Barn renovation (funded by affiliate)

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
 • Build new shop using West Creek template; include bins for material storage
 • Sledding and cross country skiing permitted (paths are signed but not groomed)
 • Dredge pond

Brecksville Stables
 • Open parking access and study long-term use

Chippewa Creek Area
 • Address upstream protection and BMPs to reduce impacts from storm events
 • Develop stream restoration plan to mitigate severe bank erosion and reduce trail closures after rain events
 • Long term, evaluate elevation of ford and consider replacement

Chippewa Creek Drive
 • Assess roadway bridge over tributary

Chippewa Picnic Area
 • Develop 40 car parking lot and remove on street parking
 • Add restroom

Cuyahoga River Corridor Plan
 • Reference previous page

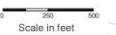
Plateau Picnic Area
 • Interpret history of site
 • Reroute trail and repair eroded areas

Oak Grove Picnic Area
 • Consider flush restrooms and enclosure of portions of the shelter to expand seasonal use
 • Note vernal pool locations and protect

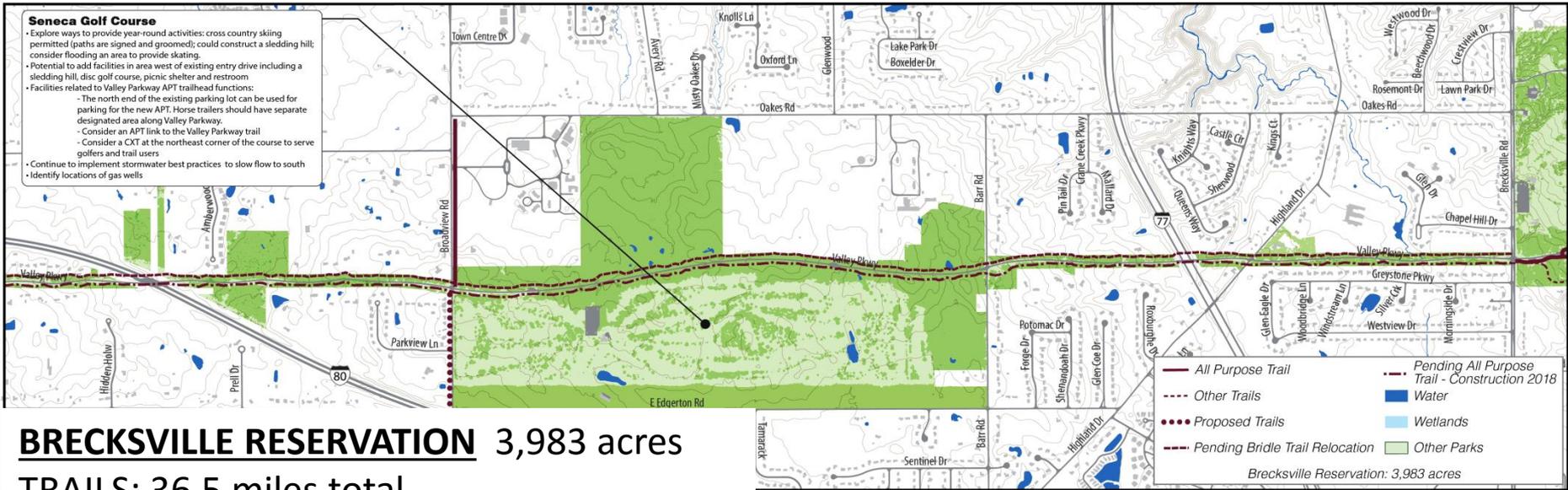
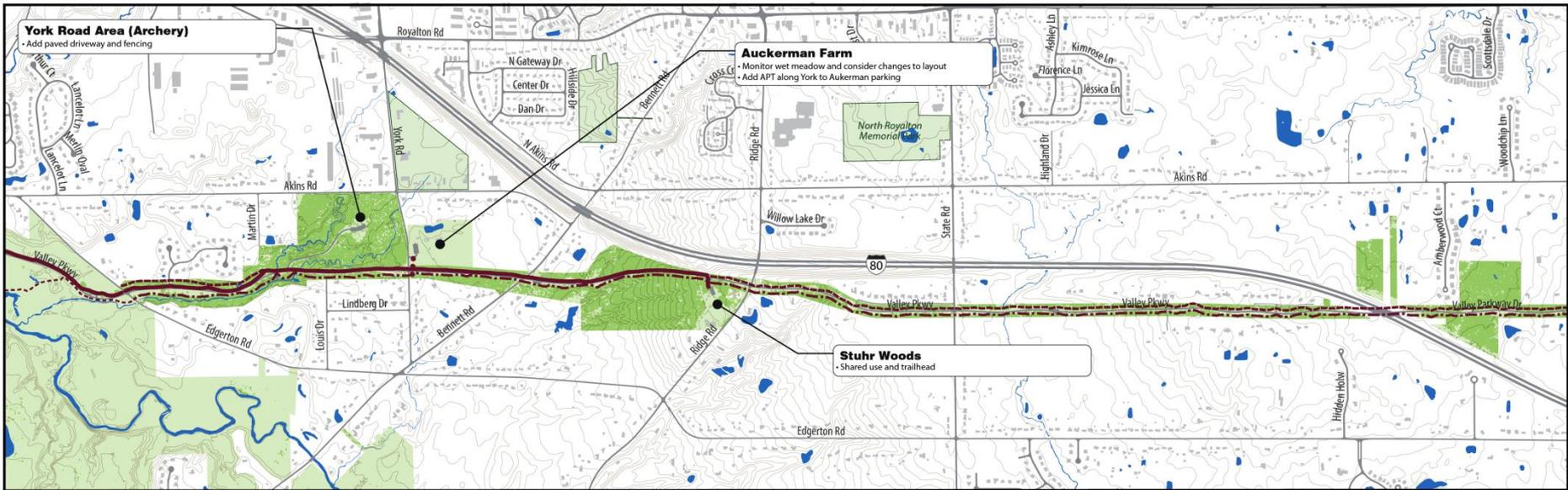
Deer Lick Cave
 • Promote this attraction and direct visitors here from larger parking areas
 • Improve trail connections and wayfinding
 • Consider adding parking to support spring amphibian programs (road closed)

Ottawa Point Reserved Picnic Area
 • Expand parking and consider facility upgrades
 • Add backcountry campsite

- All Purpose Trail
- - - Other Trails
- Proposed Trails
- - - Pending All Purpose Trail - Constr. 2018
- - - Pending Bridle Trail Relocation
- Water
- Wetlands
- Other Parks
- Backcountry Campsite
- CVSR Station



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Hiking (natural surface): 12.9 miles

Additional 6 miles APT @ Valley Pkwy
 Ph. 1 Underway; complete June 2017

Ph. 2 Construction 2017/18



Hinckley Reservation 2,953 acres

Trails Total: 24 miles

All Purpose Trail (asphalt): 3.4 mi.

Bridle Trails: 10.6 mi.

Hiking Trails (natural surface): 10 mi.

Hinckley Reservation Vision and Guiding Principles

Vision

Hinckley Reservation offers a glimpse into past land uses giving way to the forces of nature. Significant contiguous natural resources and a variety of recreational opportunities combine to create a park that will continue to serve as a unique regional destination.

Guiding Principles

PROTECTION: Protect the East Branch of the Rocky River, its tributaries, and other sensitive resources within the reservation. Partner to anticipate future impacts and extend resource protection beyond park boundaries.

RELEVANCY: Serve as a special destination for park users to hike, recreate, and observe nature. Continue to provide some park functions not offered in other reservations in balance with natural resources.

CONNECTIONS: Improve internal trail system, including the designation of trail loops linking multiple attractions. Partner with adjacent park systems to promote a network of trails, open space, and recreational opportunities.

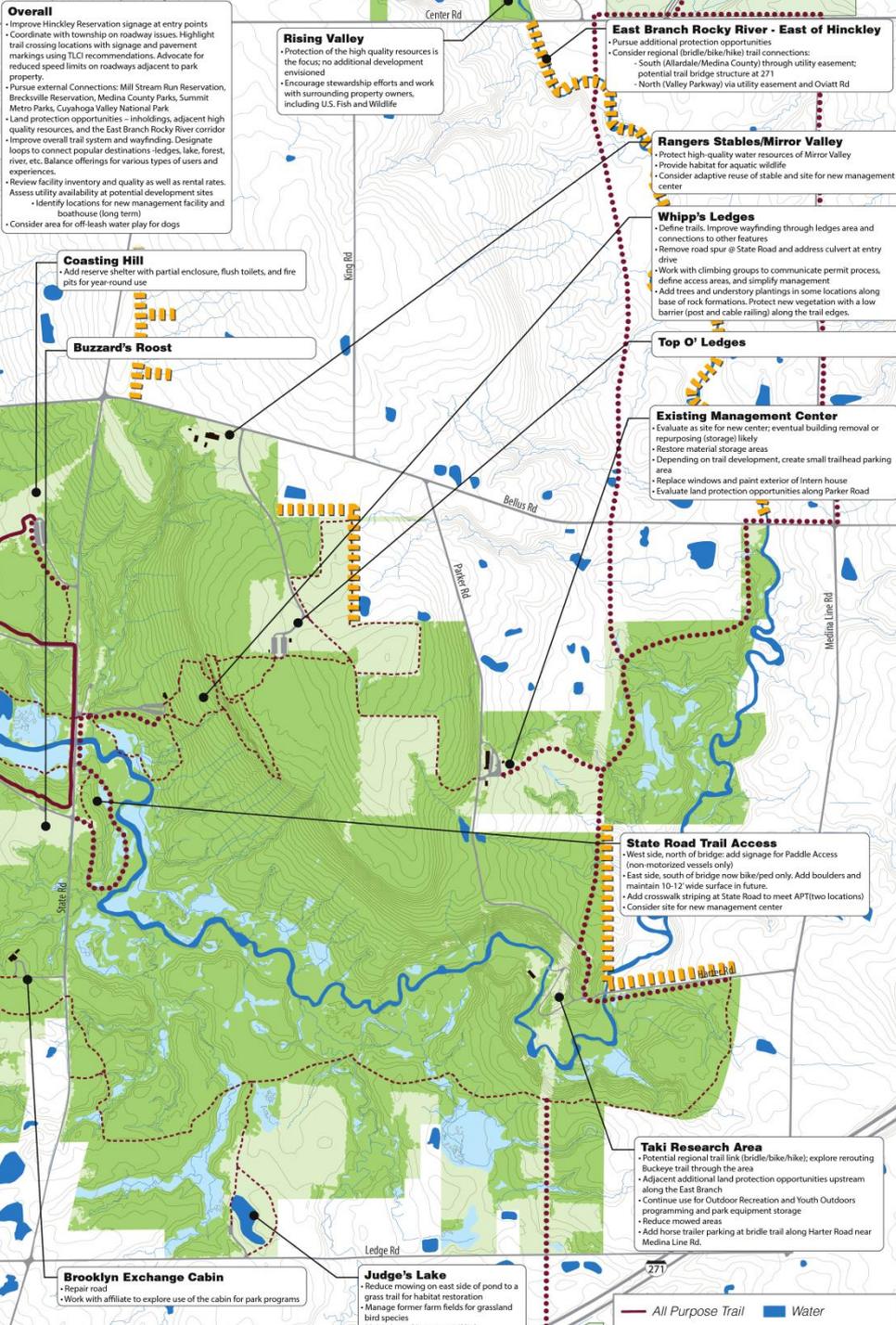
COME OUT AND PLAY: Support the unrivaled opportunities for water recreation at Hinckley Lake, the East Branch of the Rocky River, and Ledge Pool Recreation Area, along with rock climbing at Whipp's Ledges. Work to balance trails, including bridle trails, with resource protection.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY: Right-size number of guest facilities. Upgrade quality to enhance visitor experience and minimize maintenance. Replace management center in consideration of long-term park operations.

HINCKLEY RESERVATION PRIORITIES

- Hinckley Lake and Dam – structural repairs and dredge plus associated programs and features
- Protection of East Branch Rocky River / Rising Valley and key tributaries
- New Management Center
- Ledge Pool Improvements
- Plan for Worden’s Area





- Overall**
- Improve Hinckley Reservation signage at entry points
 - Coordinate with township on roadway issues. Highlight trail crossing locations with signage and pavement markings using TLC recommendations. Advocate for reduced speed limits on roadways adjacent to park property.
 - Pursue external Connections: Mill Stream Run Reservation, Brecksville Reservation, Medina County Parks, Summit Metro Parks, Cuyahoga Valley National Park
 - Land protection opportunities – inholdings, adjacent high quality resources, and the East Branch Rocky River corridor
 - Improve overall trail system and wayfinding. Designate loops to connect popular destinations -ledges, lake, forest, river, etc. Balance offerings for various types of users and experiences.
 - Review facility inventory and quality as well as rental rates. Assess utility availability at potential development sites
 - Identify locations for new management facility and boathouse (long term)
 - Consider area for off-leash water play for dogs

- Rising Valley**
- Protection of the high quality resources is the focus; no additional development envisioned
 - Encourage stewardship efforts and work with surrounding property owners, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife

- East Branch Rocky River - East of Hinckley**
- Pursue additional protection opportunities
 - Consider regional (bridle/bike/hike) trail connections:
 - South (Allardale/Medina County) through utility easement; potential trail bridge structure at 271
 - North (Valley Parkway) via utility easement and Oviatt Rd

- Rangers Stables/Mirror Valley**
- Protect high-quality water resources of Mirror Valley
 - Provide habitat for aquatic wildlife
 - Consider adaptive reuse of stable and site for new management center

- Whipp's Ledges**
- Define trails. Improve wayfinding through ledges area and connections to other features
 - Remove road spur @ State Road and address culvert at entry drive
 - Work with climbing groups to communicate permit process, define access areas, and simplify management
 - Add trees and understory plantings in some locations along base of rock formations. Protect new vegetation with a low barrier (post and cable railing) along the trail edges.

- Top O' Ledges**

- Existing Management Center**
- Evaluate as site for new center; eventual building removal or repurposing (storage) likely
 - Restore material storage areas
 - Depending on trail development, create small trailhead parking area
 - Replace windows and paint exterior of Intern house
 - Evaluate land protection opportunities along Parker Road

- State Road Trail Access**
- West side, north of bridge: add signage for Paddle Access (non-motorized vessels only)
 - East side, south of bridge now bike/ped only. Add boulders and maintain 10-12' wide surface in future.
 - Add crosswalk striping at State Road to meet APT(two locations)
 - Consider site for new management center

- Taki Research Area**
- Potential regional trail link (bridle/bike/hike); explore rerouting Buckeye trail through the area
 - Adjacent additional land protection opportunities upstream along the East Branch
 - Continue use for Outdoor Recreation and Youth Outdoors programming and park equipment storage
 - Reduce mowed areas
 - Add horse trailer parking at bridle trail along Harter Road near Medina Line Rd.

- Coasting Hill**
- Add reserve shelter with partial enclosure, flush toilets, and fire pits for year-round use

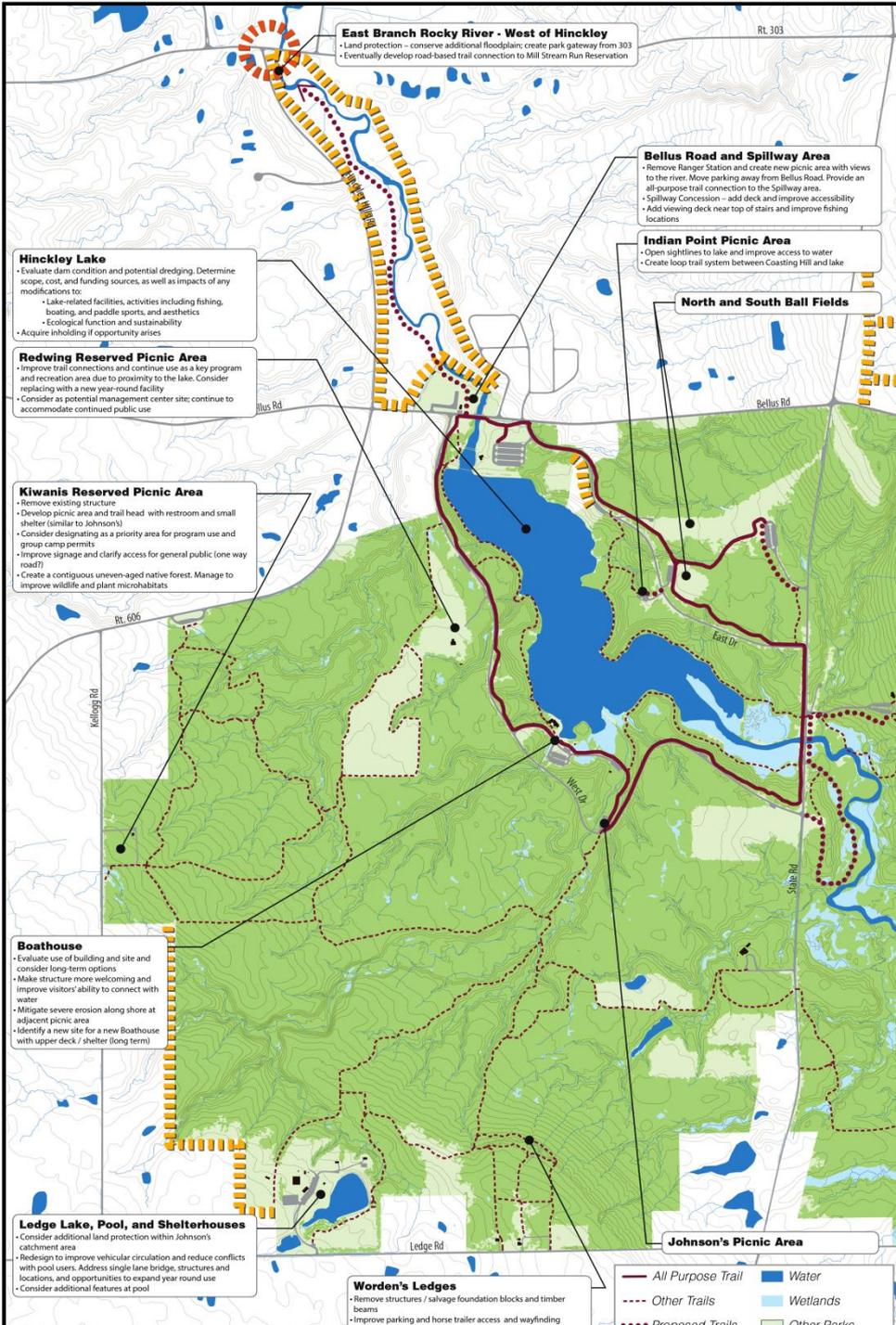
- Buzzard's Roost**

- Brooklyn Exchange Cabin**
- Repair road
 - Work with affiliate to explore use of the cabin for park programs

- Judge's Lake**
- Reduce mowing on east side of pond to a grass trail for habitat restoration
 - Manage former farm fields for grassland bird species

271

— All Purpose Trail ■ Water



East Branch Rocky River - West of Hinckley
 • Land protection – conserve additional floodplain; create park gateway from 303
 • Eventually develop road-based trail connection to Mill Stream Run Reservation

Bellus Road and Spillway Area
 • Remove Ranger Station and create new picnic area with views to the river. Move parking away from Bellus Road. Provide an all-purpose trail connection to the Spillway area.
 • Spillway Concession – add deck and improve accessibility
 • Add viewing deck near top of stairs and improve fishing locations

Indian Point Picnic Area
 • Open sightlines to lake and improve access to water
 • Create loop trail system between Coasting Hill and lake

North and South Ball Fields

Hinckley Lake
 • Evaluate dam condition and potential dredging. Determine scope, cost, and funding sources, as well as impacts of any modifications to:
 • Lake-related facilities, activities including fishing, boating, and paddle sports, and aesthetics
 • Ecological function and sustainability
 • Acquire inholding if opportunity arises

Redwing Reserved Picnic Area
 • Improve trail connections and continue use as a key program and recreation area due to proximity to the lake. Consider replacing with a new year-round facility
 • Consider as potential management center site; continue to accommodate continued public use

Kiwanis Reserved Picnic Area
 • Remove existing structure
 • Develop picnic area and trail head with restroom and small shelter (similar to Johnson's)
 • Consider designating as a priority area for program use and group camp permits
 • Improve signage and clarify access for general public (one way road?)
 • Create a contiguous uneven-aged native forest. Manage to improve wildlife and plant microhabitats

Boathouse
 • Evaluate use of building and site and consider long term options
 • Make structure more welcoming and improve visitors ability to connect with water
 • Mitigate severe erosion along shore at adjacent picnic area
 • Identify a new site for a new Boathouse with upper deck / shelter (long term)

Ledge Lake, Pool, and Shelterhouses
 • Consider additional land protection within Johnson's catchment area
 • Redesign to improve vehicular circulation and reduce conflicts with pool users. Address single lane bridge, structures and locations, and opportunities to expand year round use
 • Consider additional features at pool

Worden's Ledges
 • Remove structures / salvage foundation blocks and timber beams
 • Improve parking and horse trailer access and wayfinding

Johnson's Picnic Area

- All Purpose Trail
- - - Other Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Other Paths
- Water
- Wetlands
- Other Parks



WEST CREEK RESERVATION

326 acres

Total Trails: 4.3 miles

APT: 1.8 miles

Hiking: 2.5 miles

West Creek Reservation Vision and Guiding Principles

Vision

Created through a grassroots effort, West Creek Reservation winds through the core of Ohio's seventh largest city. This park connects the community to the scenic West Creek valley while serving as a living laboratory for the development, implementation, and evaluation of emerging best practices for urban habitat and watershed restoration.

Guiding Principles

PROTECTION: Demonstrate the capacity of the natural world to recover from human impacts. Work with current and new partners to expand the park's scope of protection within the watershed, improve community resilience, and implement strategies for improved stormwater management and urban environmental stewardship.

RELEVANCY: Serve Greater Cleveland through the reservation's programs, trails, and facilities. Identify opportunities to leverage the capacity, tools, and partners of the Watershed Stewardship Center for education, community outreach, and environmental leadership.

CONNECTIONS: Improve connections to adjoining neighborhoods, community destinations, and regional assets such as the Towpath, while also reducing the number of unsanctioned trails within the park to protect sensitive resources.

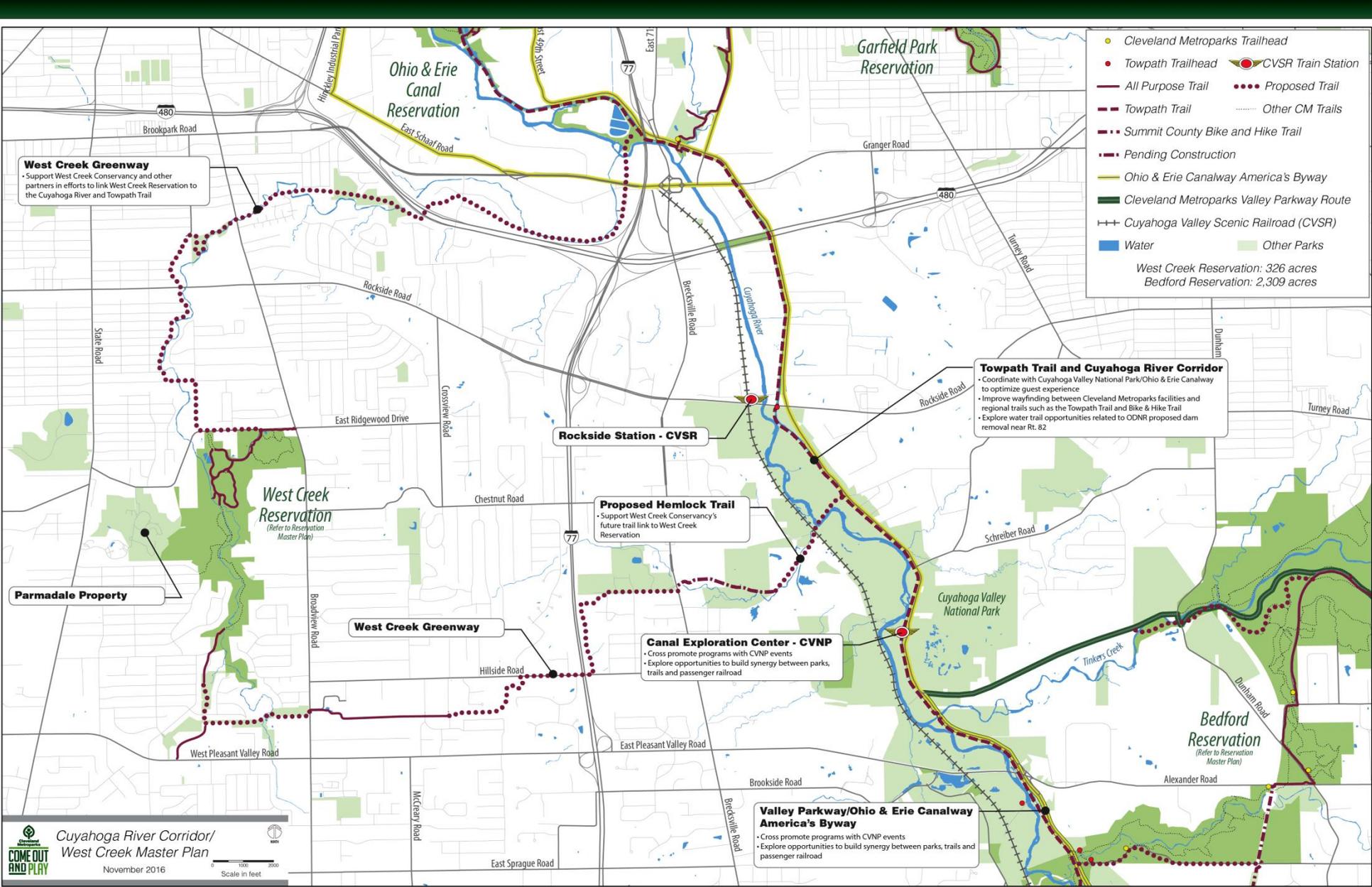
COME OUT AND PLAY: Improve wayfinding throughout the reservation. Capitalize on community ownership in the park. Improve access and expand health and wellness message along with continued environmental stewardship.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY: Maintain park facilities with current best practices and strive to restore habitat functions impacted by past land use. Continue to adapt management, research and education programs, and facilities as future trail links and park expansion bring new challenges and opportunities.

WEST CREEK RESERVATION PRIORITIES

- Continue to work with West Creek Conservancy for trail connections and land protection, including additional acquisitions (Parmadale, etc.)
- Develop trailheads and amenities, including flush restrooms
- Develop Overlook Deck with views to Downtown
- Continue to implement latest stormwater BMPs and demonstrate latest technology





West Creek Greenway
 • Support West Creek Conservancy and other partners in efforts to link West Creek Reservation to the Cuyahoga River and Towpath Trail

Rockside Station - CVSR

Proposed Hemlock Trail
 • Support West Creek Conservancy's future trail link to West Creek Reservation

Canal Exploration Center - CVNP
 • Cross promote programs with CVNP events
 • Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails and passenger railroad

Valley Parkway/Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway
 • Cross promote programs with CVNP events
 • Explore opportunities to build synergy between parks, trails and passenger railroad

Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga River Corridor
 • Coordinate with Cuyahoga Valley National Park/Ohio & Erie Canalway to optimize guest experience
 • Improve wayfinding between Cleveland Metroparks facilities and regional trails such as the Towpath Trail and Bike & Hike Trail
 • Explore water trail opportunities related to ODN proposed dam removal near Rt. 62

● Cleveland Metroparks Trailhead
● Towpath Trailhead ● CVSR Train Station
— All Purpose Trail - - - Proposed Trail
- - - Towpath Trail - - - Other CM Trails
- - - Summit County Bike and Hike Trail
- - - Pending Construction
— Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway
— Cleveland Metroparks Valley Parkway Route
— Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR)
■ Water ■ Other Parks

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Watershed Stewardship Center

- Investigate alternatives for bicycle connectivity along West Ridgewood – roadway width cannot accommodate cyclists
- Work with partners for connections / opportunities to link to adjacent properties

Monarch Picnic Area

- Trail connection to the north and eventual link to Cuyahoga River
- Conserve buffer to west if possible

Lookout Ridge Trail and West Ridgewood Wetland

- Potential overlook to downtown (Coordinate with St. Sergius. Note WKYC line of sight easement to Fern Tower at CSU)
- Address sidewalk along Broadview; consider replacing with APT

Bluebird Point

- Promote as trailhead / access point for core portion of park
- Add natural surface loop if adjacent land becomes accessible (Parnadale)
- Continue monitoring landfill cap and vegetation plus antenna structures
- Consider adding cameras to broadcast towers

Skinners Run Trail

- Add neighborhood connections
- Work with Parma to improve pedestrian access and add crosswalk(s) on Broadview
- Pursue stream restoration opportunities and mitigate severe erosion at bridges
- Designate route(s) and utilize boardwalks to avoid wetland impacts

Parnadale Property

- Work with partners to determine highest and best use of the property in accordance with Park District mission and goals and West Creek Reservation Vision and Guiding Principles

Center Park and Greenbriar Trail

- Make trailhead more prominent. Add crosswalk(s) to connect to sidewalks
- Add CXT, and small cookhouse-type shelter or tent
- City of Parma has issues along Parkview Drive / settlement and erosion at former Crile landfill

Dentzler Road Trailhead

- Evaluate long term potential to regrade trail
- Incorporate drainage improvements
- Make trail connections to the south through new acquisition

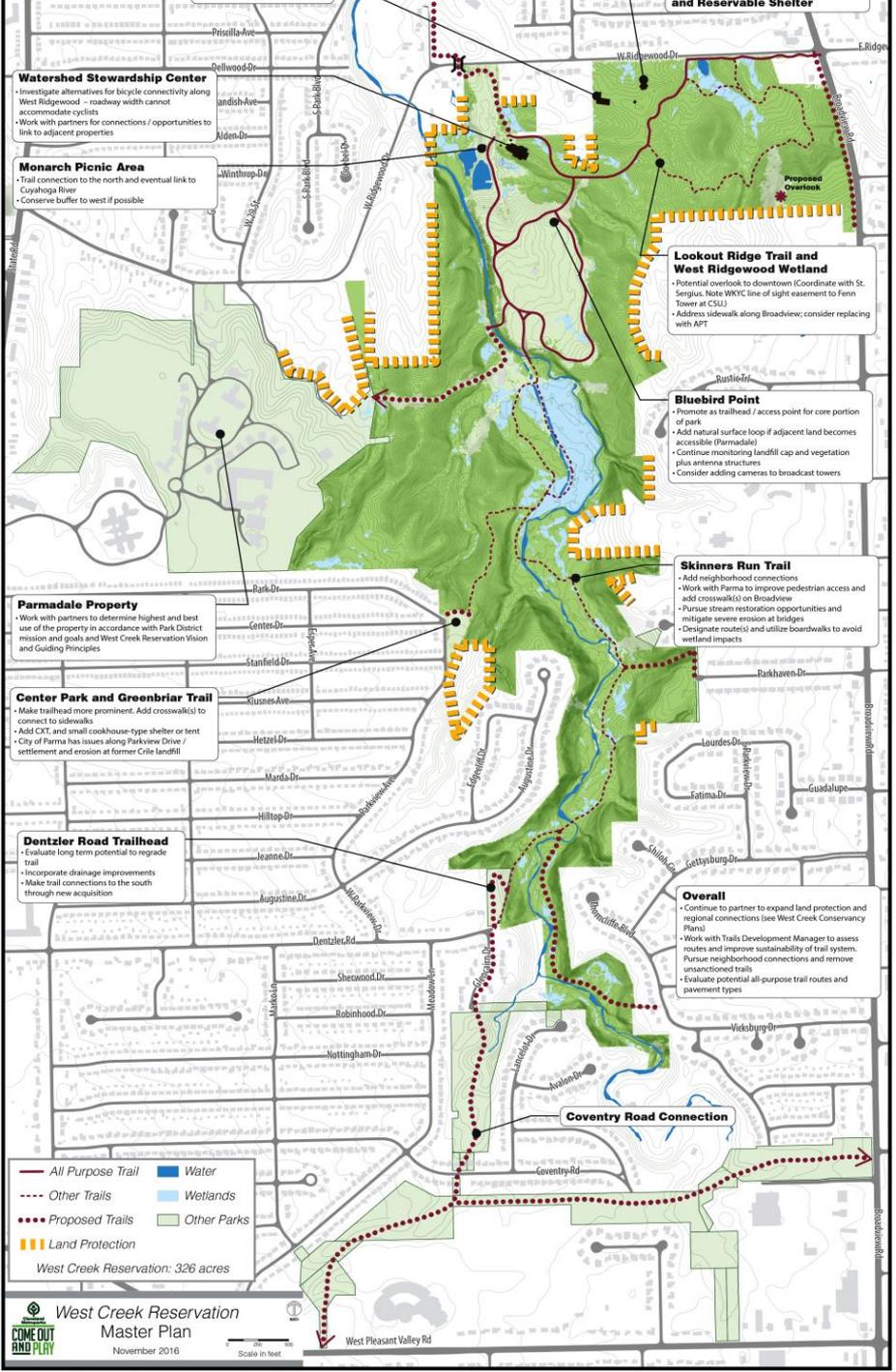
Overall

- Continue to partner to expand land protection and regional connections (see West Creek Conservancy Plans)
- Work with Trails Development Manager to assess routes and improve sustainability of trail system. Pursue neighborhood connections and remove unsanctioned trails
- Evaluate potential all-purpose trail routes and pavement types

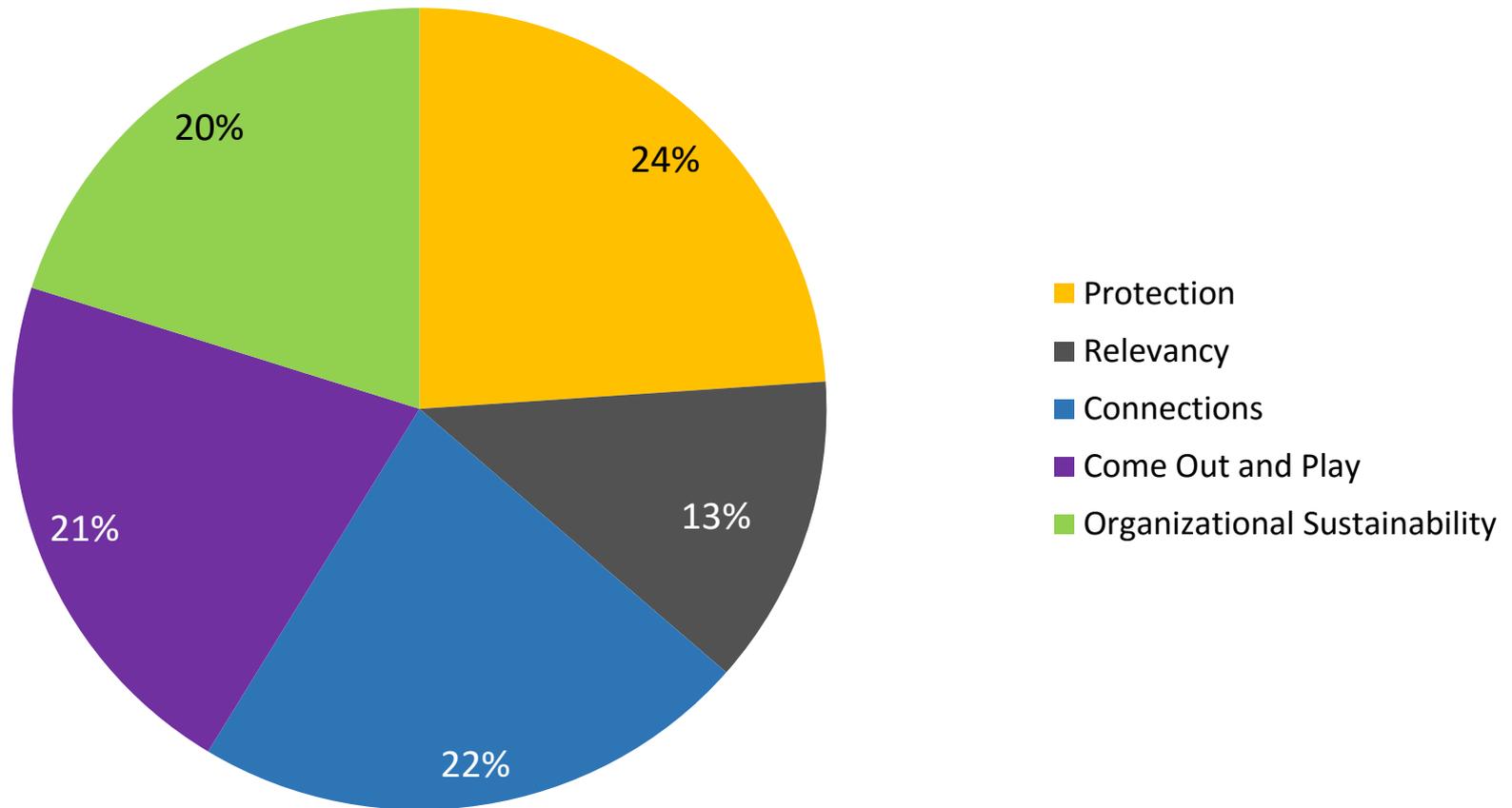
Coventry Road Connection

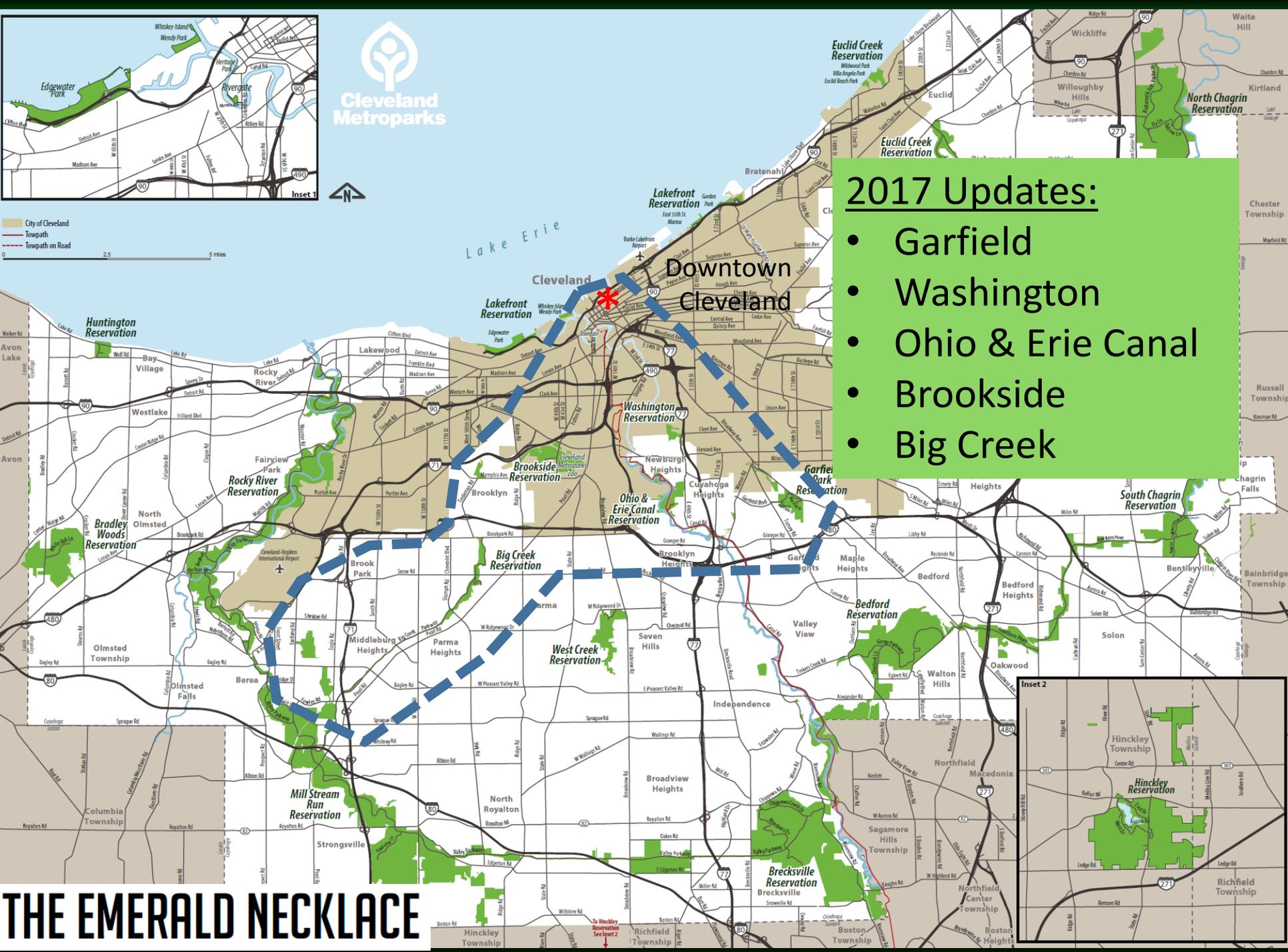
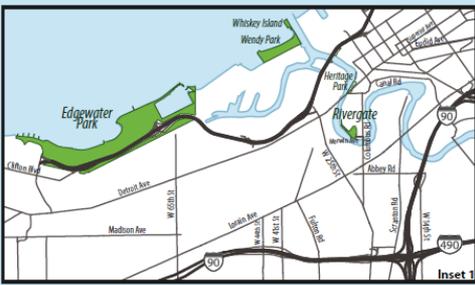
— All Purpose Trail ■ Water
- - - Other Trails ■ Wetlands
••••• Proposed Trails ■ Other Parks
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West Creek Reservation: 326 acres



Summary of Proposed Actions as Related to Strategic Goals





2017 Updates:

- Garfield
- Washington
- Ohio & Erie Canal
- Brookside
- Big Creek

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So the Brecksville Reservation See Inset 2