



CUYAHOGA greenways

COMMUNITY MEETING #1 – AUGUST, 2017



County Planning



SMITHGROUP JJR



Guide

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Project Overview

3. Existing Conditions & Planning Context

4. Next Steps

5. Group Mapping Activity

- Missing links
- What would you like to see?



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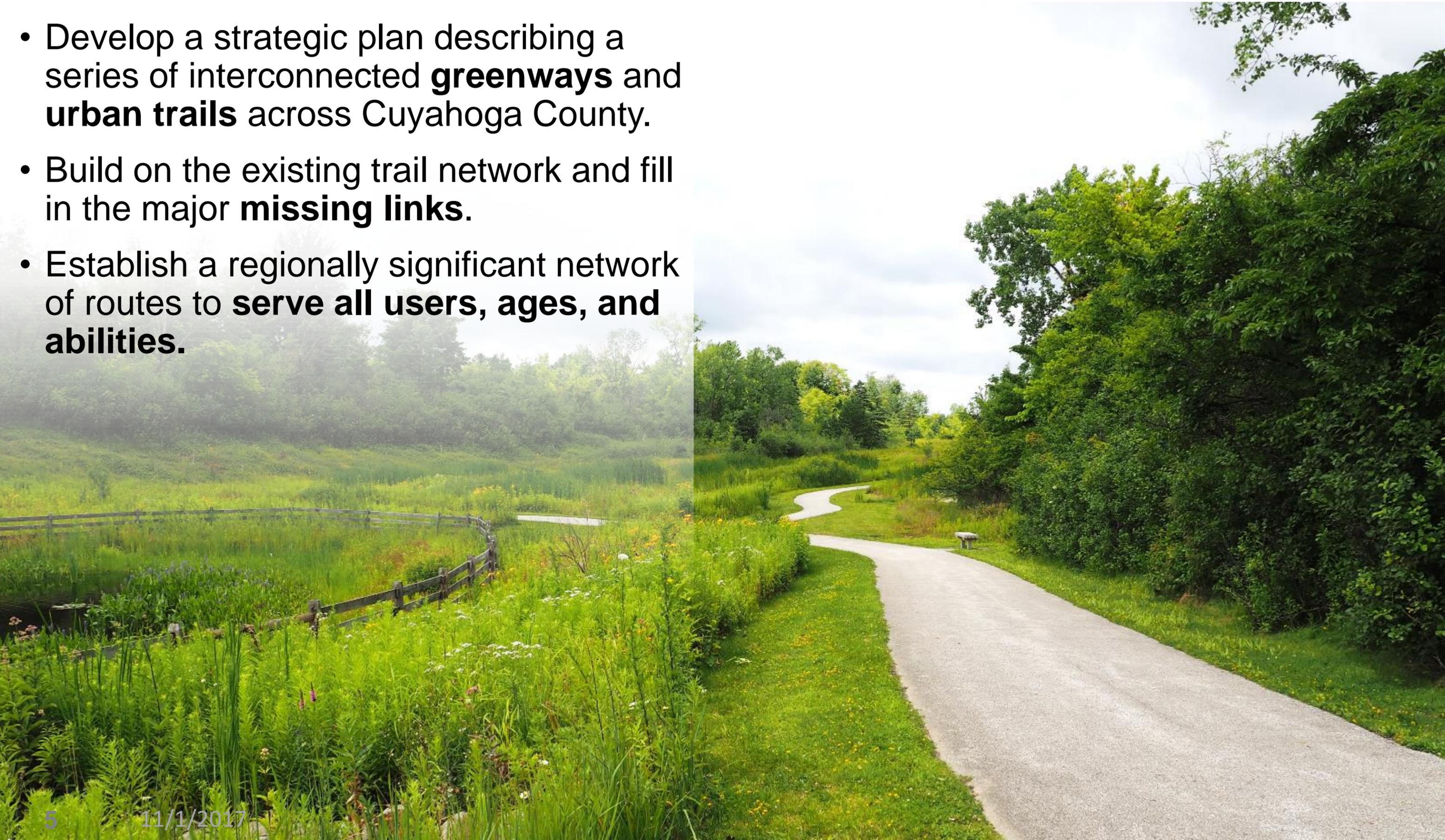


PROJECT OVERVIEW

Cuyahoga County Greenway Plan

PROJECT PURPOSE

- Develop a strategic plan describing a series of interconnected **greenways** and **urban trails** across Cuyahoga County.
- Build on the existing trail network and fill in the major **missing links**.
- Establish a regionally significant network of routes to **serve all users, ages, and abilities**.



GREENWAYS & URBAN TRAILS

- **Greenways** are dedicated, linear spaces that provide opportunities for recreation, non-motorized transportation, and natural features.
 - Typically includes shared-use trails, landscaping, natural amenities, and site furnishings
 - Typically off-street
 - Designed for all ages and all abilities
- **Urban Trails** are dedicated facilities that provide non-motorized connections through and between communities for recreation and access to jobs to community assets.
 - Typically located within public rights-of-way or other constrained spaces
 - Typically includes bicycle facilities and/or pathways separated from vehicle roadways
 - Designed for all ages and all abilities
 - May include additional landscaping, natural features, and site furnishings



Dequindre Cut, Detroit



Indianapolis Cultural Trail

BENEFITS OF GREENWAYS

Increases **mobility** and **transportation options**

- Connect jobs, commercial areas, institutions, and residents

Improves **community health** through **active living**

- Create attractive, safe and accessible places to walk, bike, hike, run, and more

Generates **economic activity**

- Add to property value, attract businesses and residents, and contribute to tourism

Provides **environmental** benefits

- Manage stormwater, protect and restore habitat, and improve air and water quality

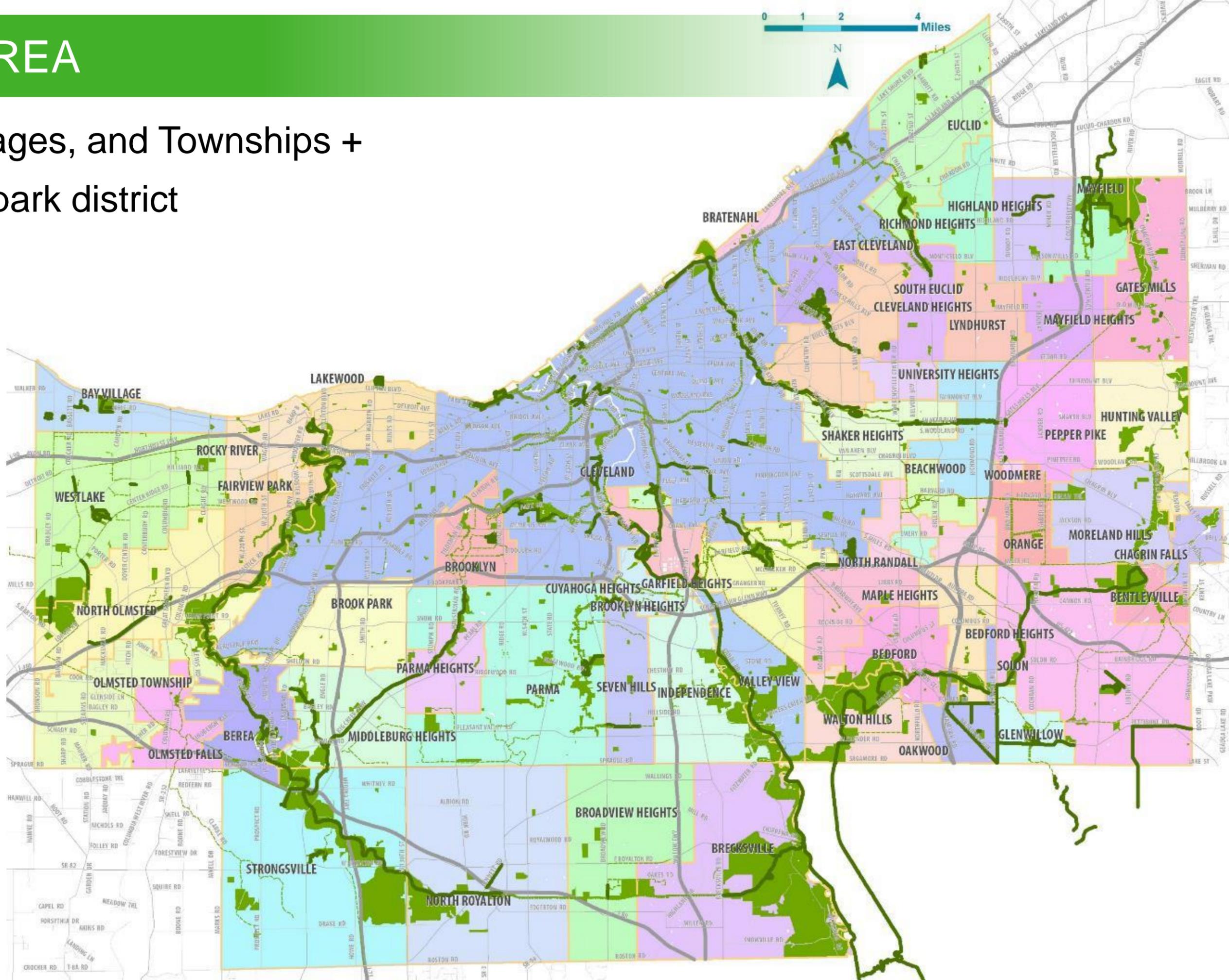
Enhancing **cultural awareness** and **community identity**

- Connect to local heritage, interpretive opportunities, and community recreation



PROJECT AREA

- 59 Cities, Villages, and Townships + County-wide park district

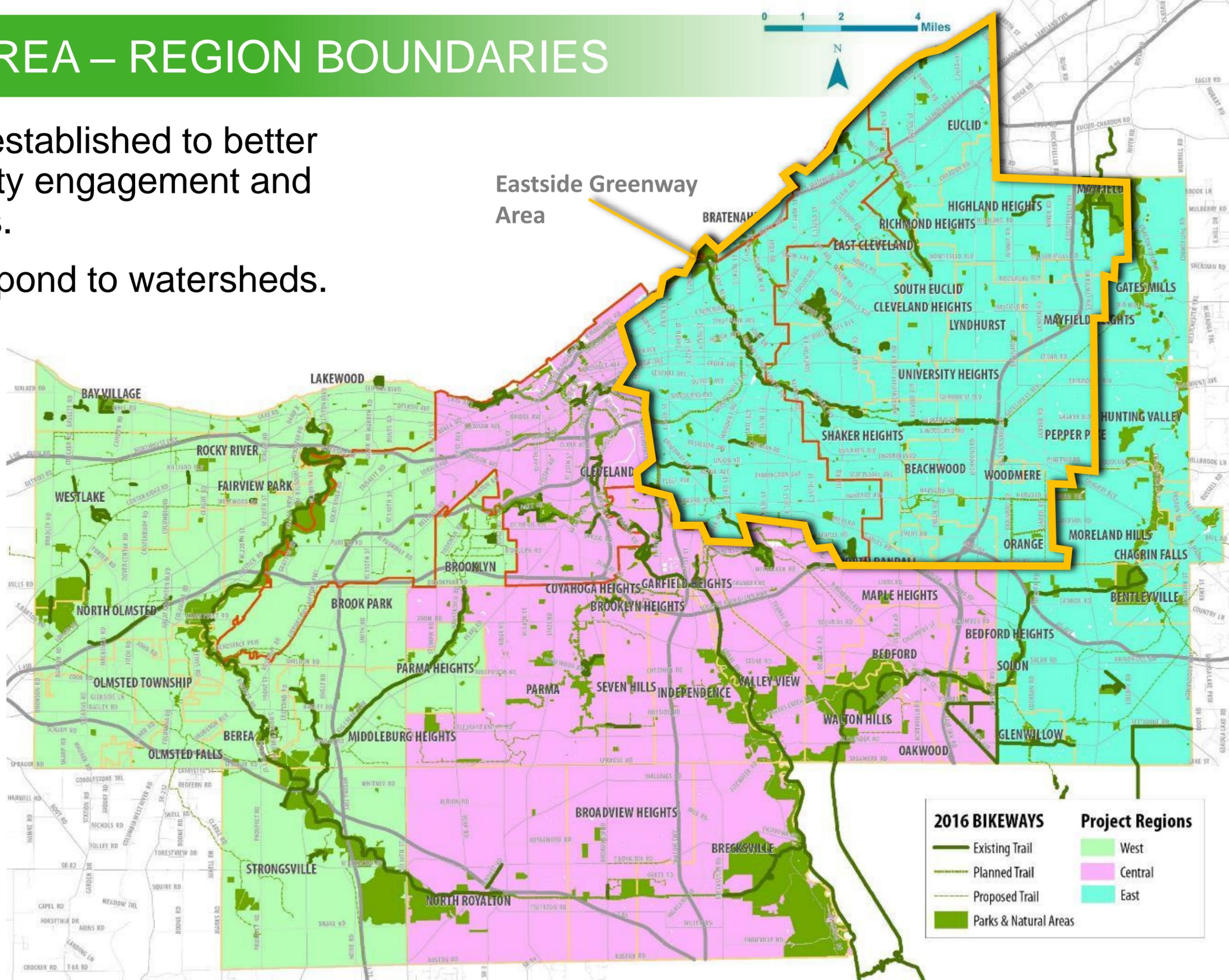


PROJECT AREA – REGION BOUNDARIES

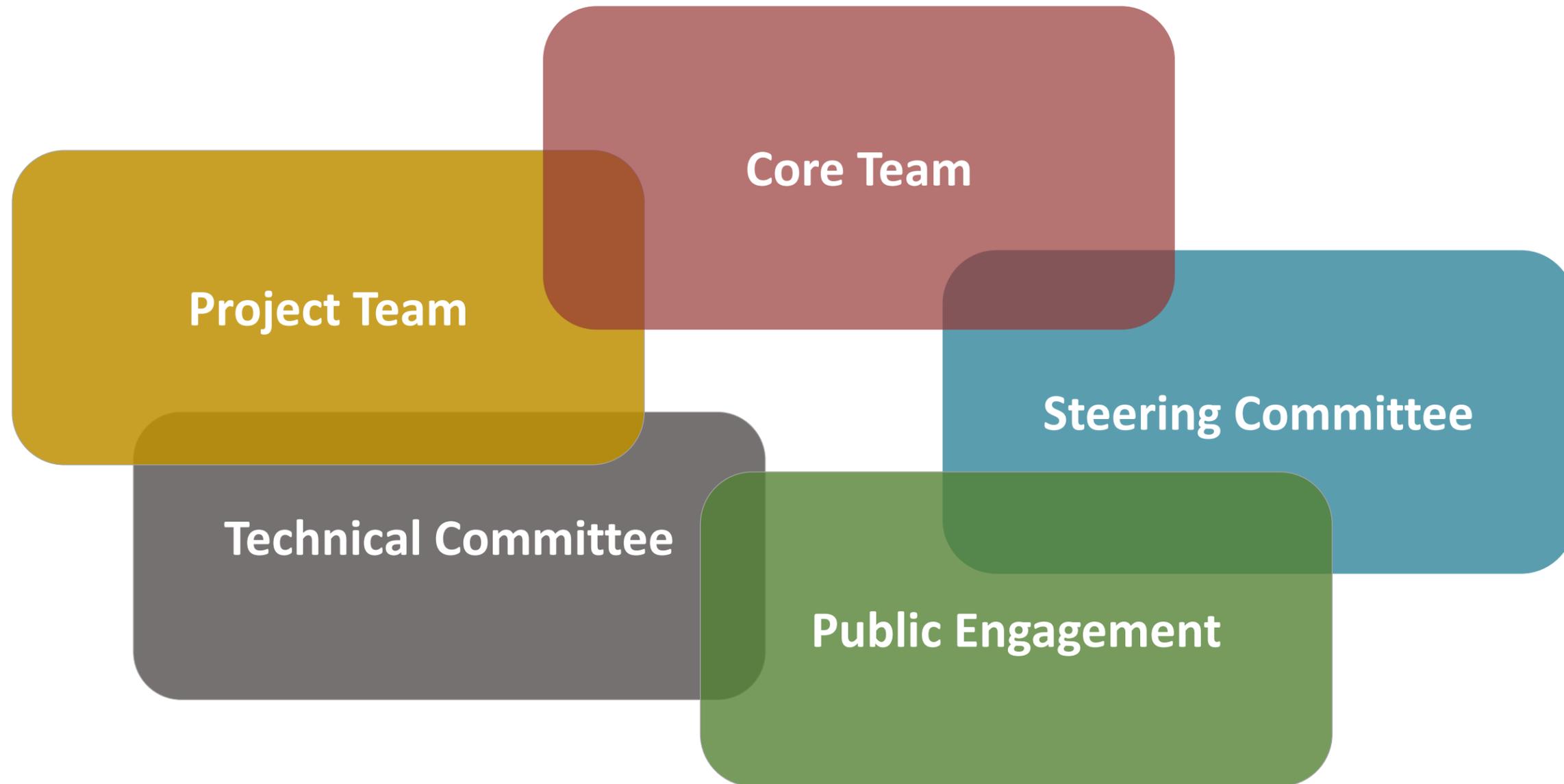
Three regions established to better focus community engagement and outreach efforts.

Roughly correspond to watersheds.

- WEST
- CENTRAL
- EAST



STRUCTURE + ROLES



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- **Core Team** - primary contact for this project responsible for providing guidance, direction and decision-making (*15+ meetings*)

Core Team

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

- Glenn Coyne Executive Director
- Jim Sonnhalter Manager of Planning
- Michael Mears Senior Planner

Cleveland Metroparks

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NOACA

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Project Team

Participating organizations:

NOACA

City of Cleveland Planning Commission

Cleveland Metroparks

West Creek Conservancy

NEORS

The Trust for Public Land

GCRTA

Cleveland Neighborhood Progress

Bike Cleveland

Greater Cleveland Partnership

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Technical Committee

Representatives from:

- 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

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Steering Committee

- *Mayors and City Managers*

Plus...

- Other Community Stakeholders

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- **Public Engagement** - responsible for providing perspective on important trail and greenway issues from their respective communities
 - *4 public meetings/workshops*
 - *Surveys*
 - *Project website / portal*

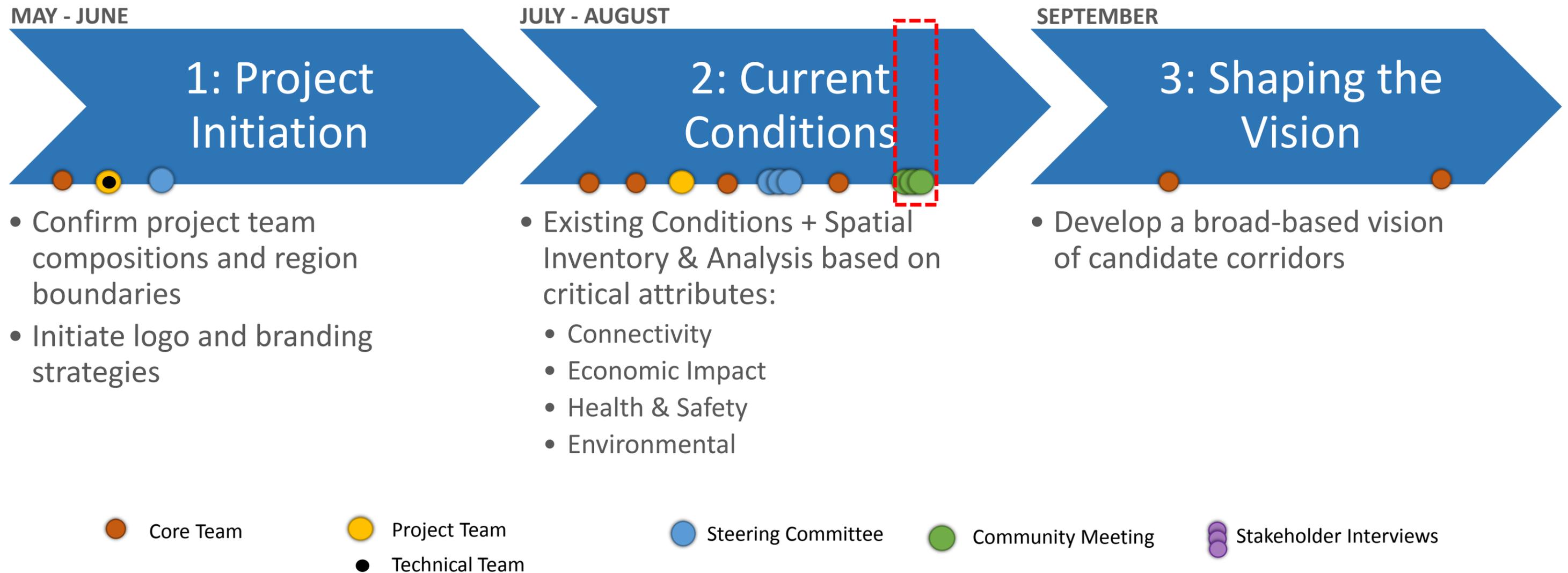
Public Workshops

- Area-wide meetings
- Regional meetings (West, Central, East regions)

Online Engagement

- Surveys
- Project website / portal

SCOPE SUMMARY



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OCTOBER - DECEMBER

4: Concept Development

- Utilize weighted goals/priorities to evaluate trail corridors and identify a connected network

JANUARY - MARCH

5: Draft Master Plan

- With Implementation Strategy + Short & Long-term Recommendations

APRIL - JULY

6: Final Report

● Core Team

● Project Team

● Steering Committee

● Community Meeting

● Stakeholder Interviews

● Technical Team



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Cuyahoga County Greenway Plan

CUYAHOGA COUNTY - TRAILS



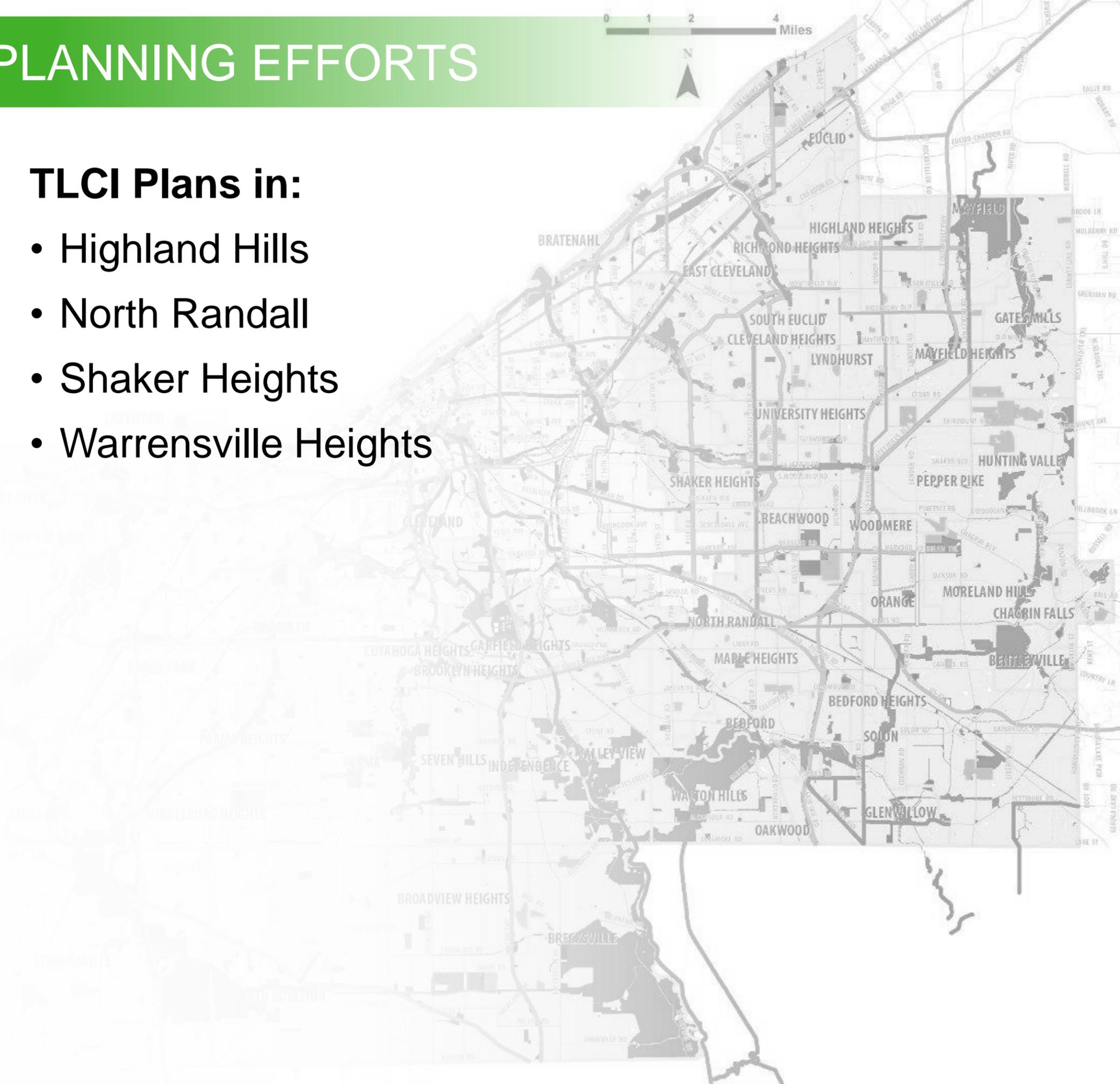
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING EFFORTS

Master Plans in:

- Bay Village
- Beachwood
- Brecksville
- Cleveland Heights
- Euclid
- Maple Heights
- Mayfield Village
- Olmsted Falls
- Parma
- Parma Heights
- Richmond Heights
- Rocky River
- Strongsville
- University Heights

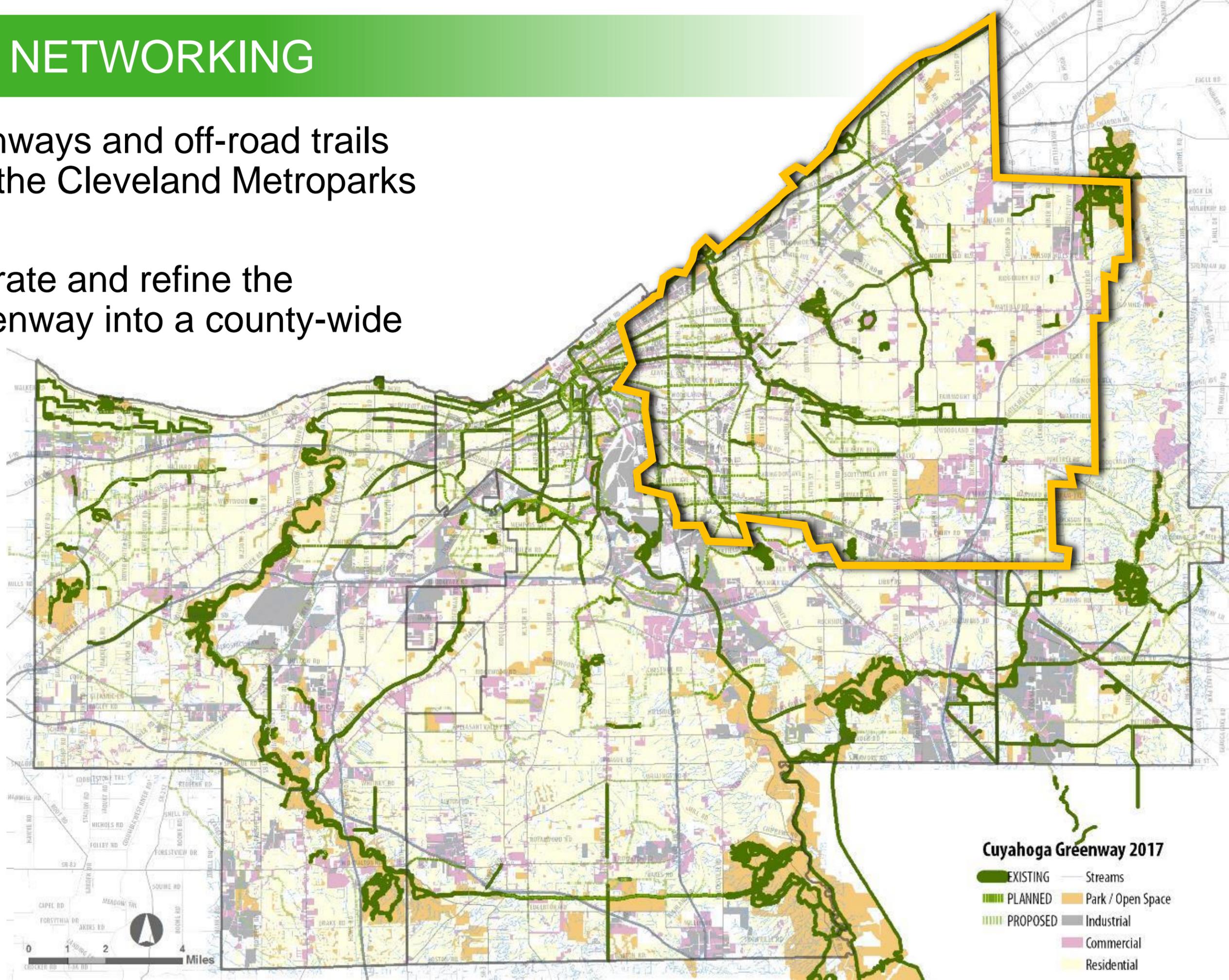
TLCI Plans in:

- Highland Hills
- North Randall
- Shaker Heights
- Warrensville Heights



GREENWAY NETWORKING

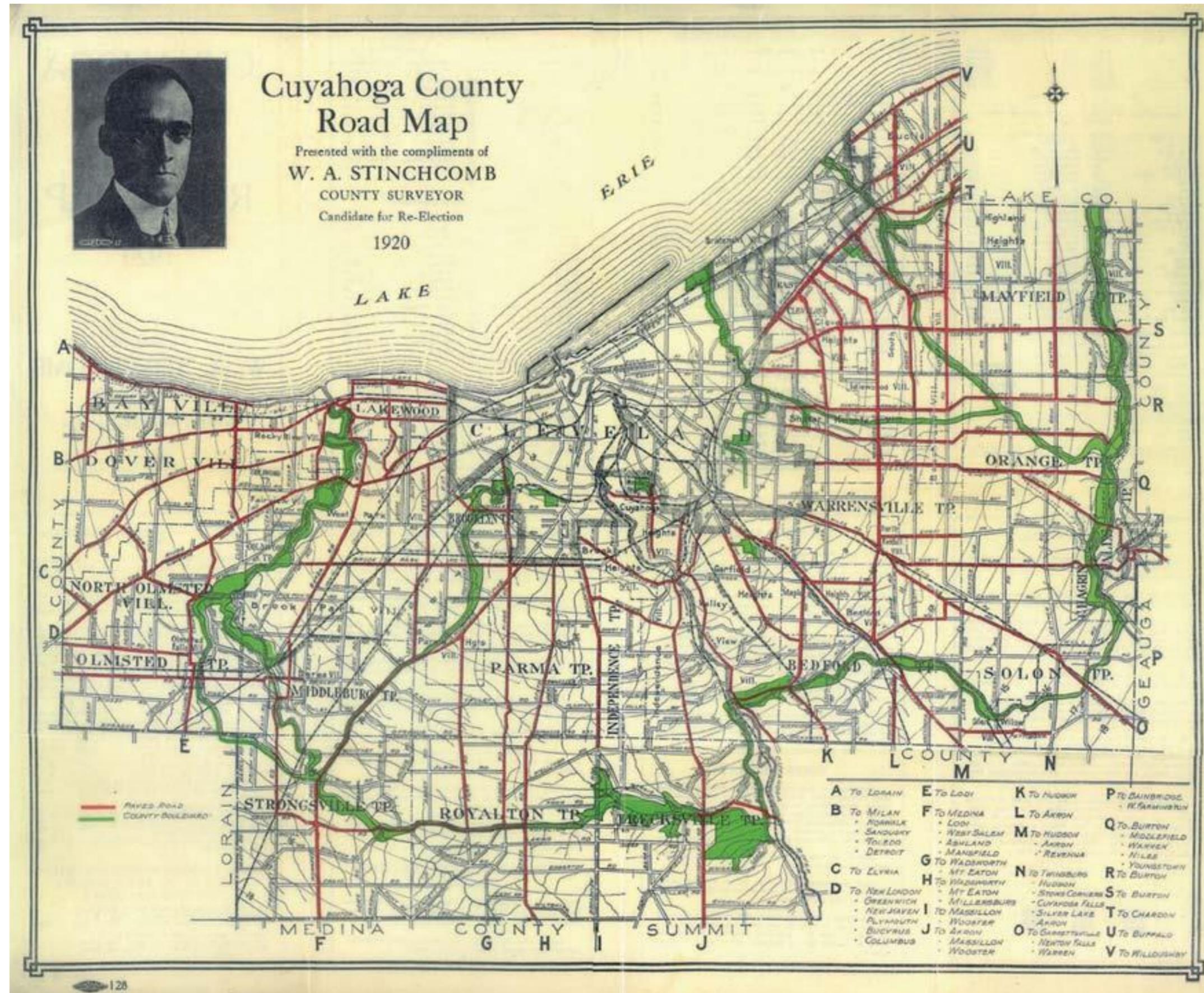
- Existing greenways and off-road trails mostly within the Cleveland Metroparks system
- Need to integrate and refine the Eastside Greenway into a county-wide network



CLEVELAND METROPARKS

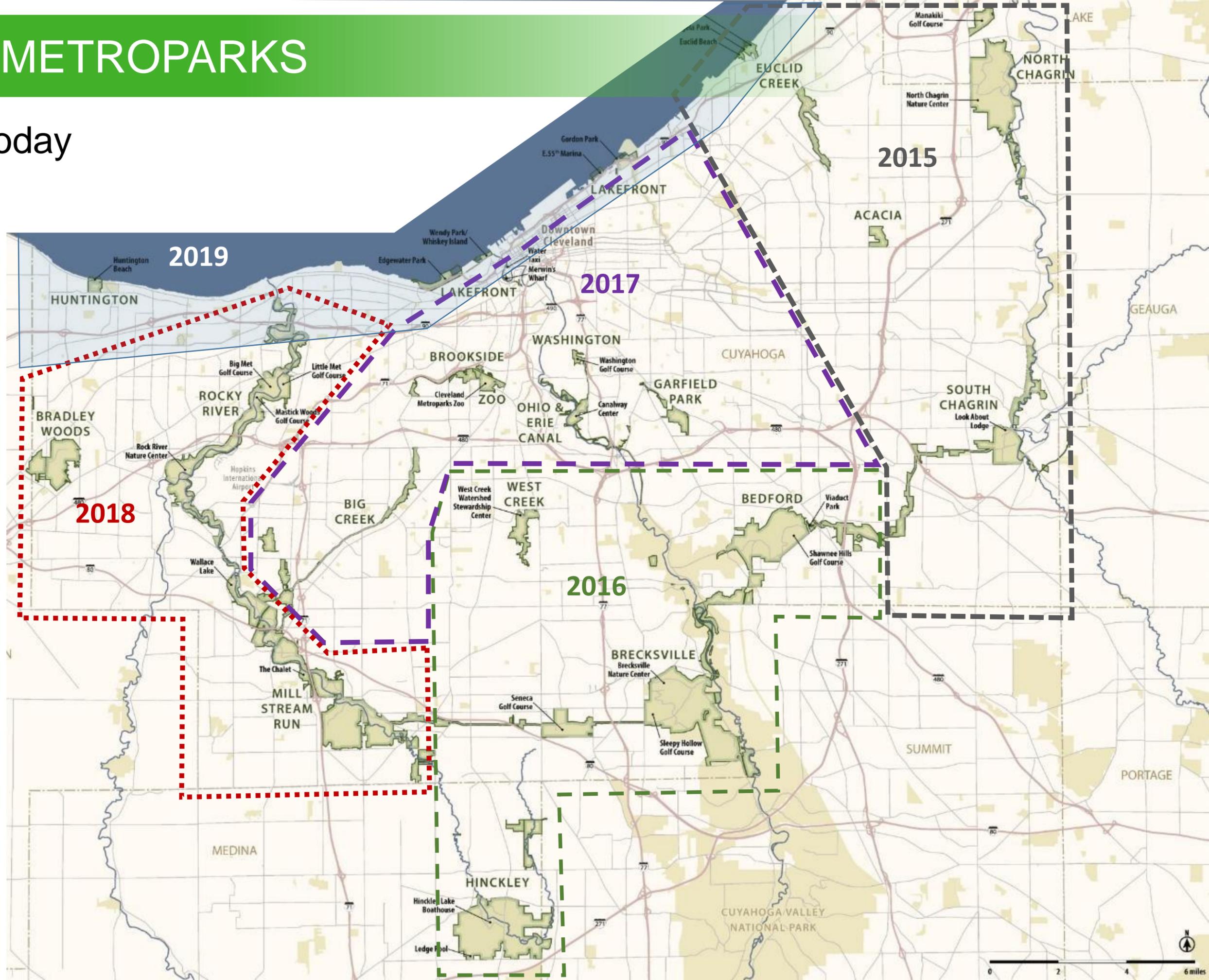
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- Greenway origins trace back to the Metroparks system



CLEVELAND METROPARKS

- Park System Today



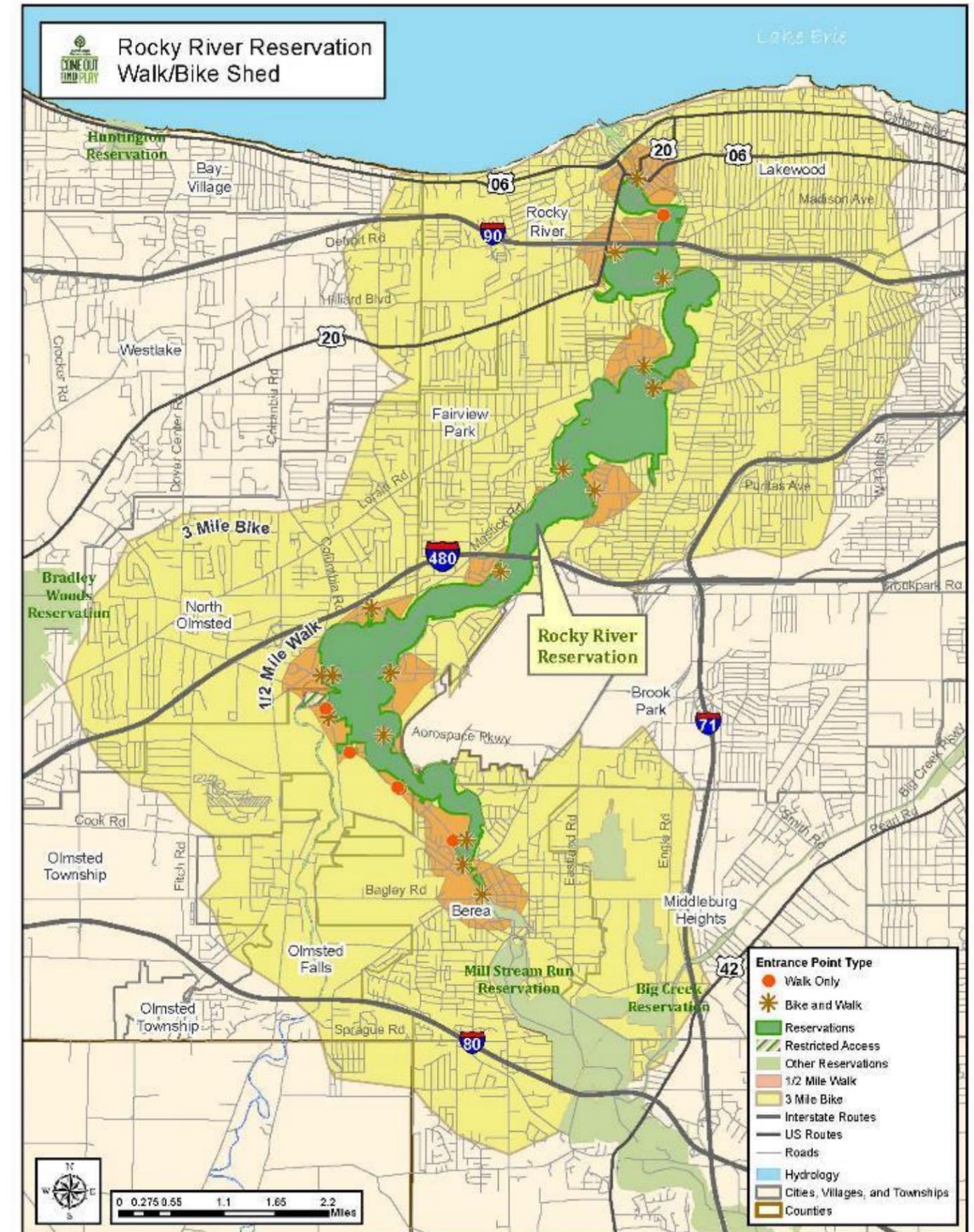
CLEVELAND METROPARKS

Internal Planning:

- Walk-Bike Shed Analysis
- Trails Matrix
- Surveys
- Demographic & Trends Analysis
- Studies

External Planning:

- Community Master Plans
- NOACA TLCI Studies

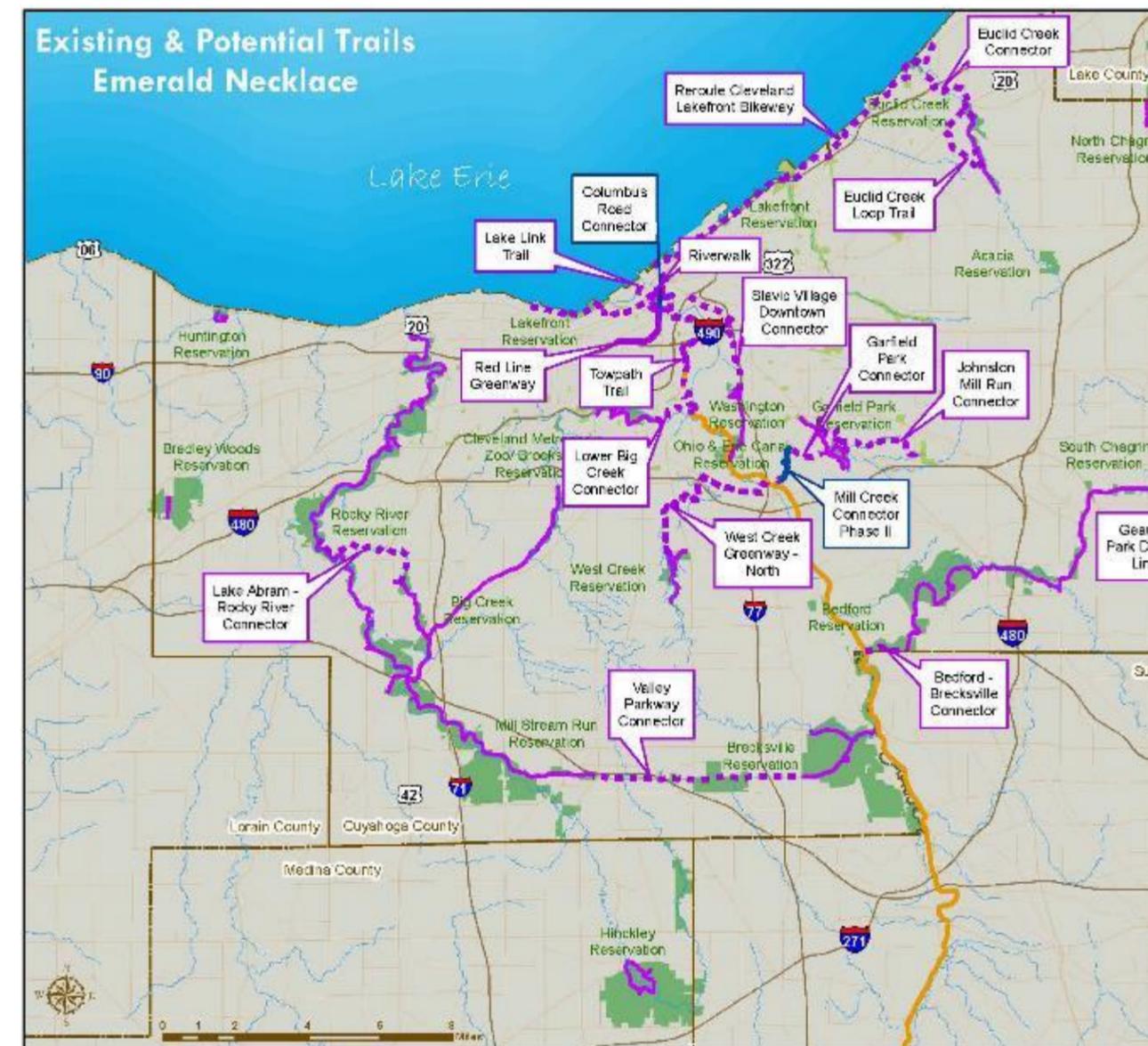


CLEVELAND METROPARKS

Trail Matrix Attributes

- Tool to evaluate potential opportunities for Cleveland Metroparks to pursue or support
- 14 attributes such as public benefit, user populations, and trail experiences

Type of Trail/Potential Popularity (choose all relevant)	Population Within One Mile of Trail (choose one)
Regional/Statewide	>25,000 (or considered a regional/statewide trail)
Park District/Countywide	10,000 - 25,000
Local	< 10,000
Community Benefit (choose all relevant)	Community Support/Partnerships (choose all relevant)
Filling "gap" in CM Trails or Regional Trails	Regional and/or Statewide Support
Links to CM	County/Park District Support
Connect CM to urban core	Local Support and meshes with community goals/plans
Opportunity to reach under-served areas	Partnerships agreed to cost share studies/construction
Link CM to Adjacent Park Districts/Trails	Known major opposition
High visibility of trail/trailheads/community identity	Planning (choose one)
Uses (choose all relevant)	Planning & design complete & meshes w/CM
Potential commuter route	Planning complete & meshes with CM vision
Fills recreational need (mountain bike, water trail, etc.)	Planning in process
Trail off-public roadways	No planning or does not mesh w/CM vision & design
Draw non-recreation users(wildlife)	Ease of Implementation (choose one)
Connects CM to community	Relatively easy implementation (CM property/crews)
Trail Experiences (choose all relevant)	Some difficulties, but nothing significant
Provides a destination	Plan not implementable as conceived/some redesign
Scenic/natural/vistas or urban funky experiences	Difficult implementation (ex: railroads/adverse owners)
Wayfinding - easy/direct route to follow	Known Challenges (choose all relevant)
Ease of parking and access to trail	No/minimal challenges
Cultural/historic sites	Significant site issues (slopes, soils, terrain, drainage)
Variety of habitats/sights/views/overlooks	Perceived safety concerns/isolation
Length of Trail (choose one)	Traffic congestion/several street crossings
>3 miles	Ownership not secured
1 to 3 miles	Environmental (brownfields; contaminated)
< 1 mile	Not compatible with natural resources (sensitive areas)



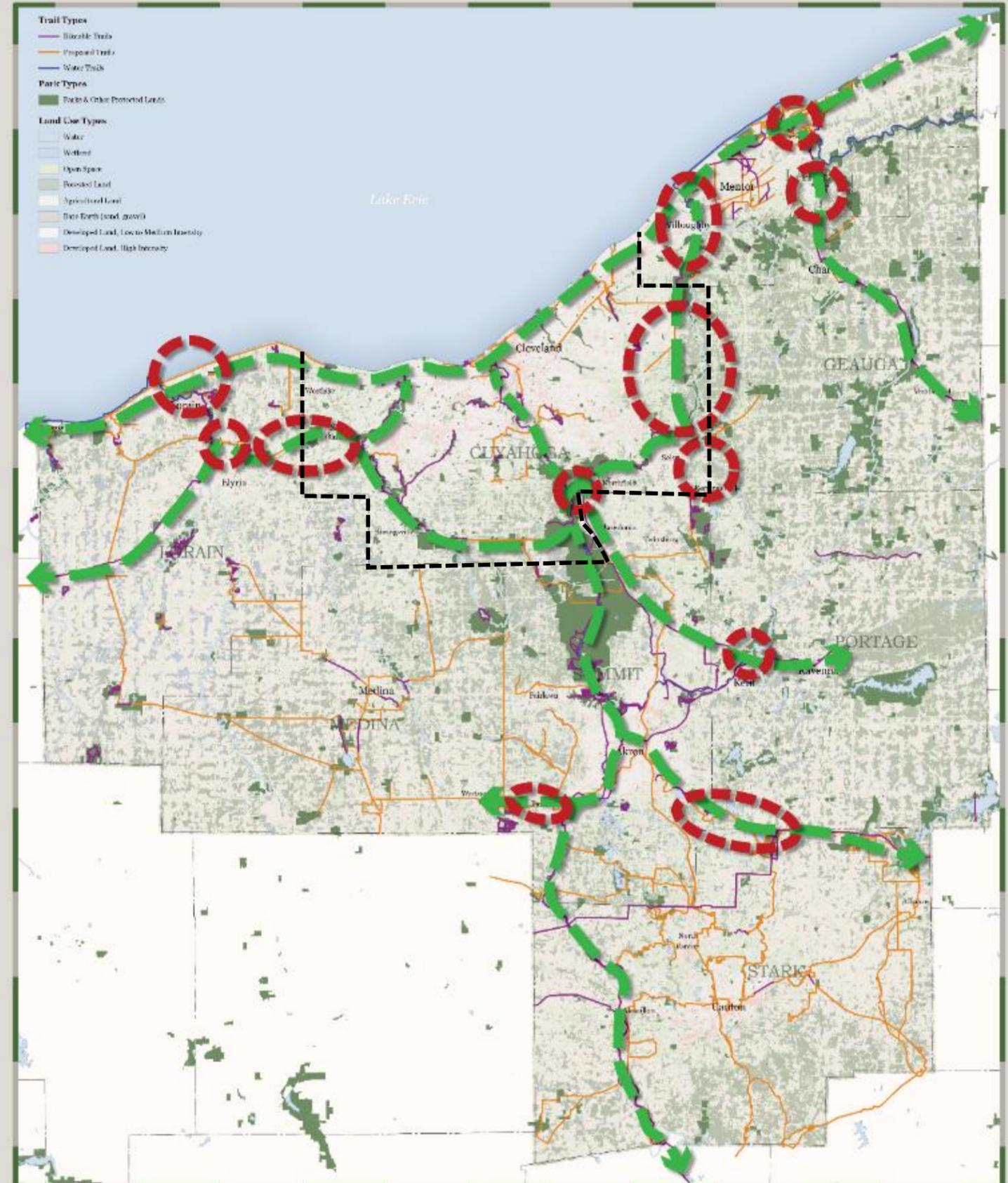
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- Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail & Scenic Byway (ODOT)
- Industrial Heartland Trail (RTC)
- National and State Bike Routes (ODOT)
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Northeast Ohio Regional Parks & Trails Trails by Type



CUYAHOGA GREENWAY PARTNERS

The **Cuyahoga Greenway Partners** is a **collaboration** to facilitate communication, keep focus and drive the **regional trail** effort raising the **visibility, prioritization, funding methods and implementation** of relevant actions in order to complete the **recreation, transportation-choice network**.

Active member organizations include:

- Bike Cleveland
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cleveland Planning Commission (CPC)
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH)
- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (CCPC) and Public Works (PW)
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP)
- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)
- Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS)
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC)
- The Trust for Public Land (TPL)



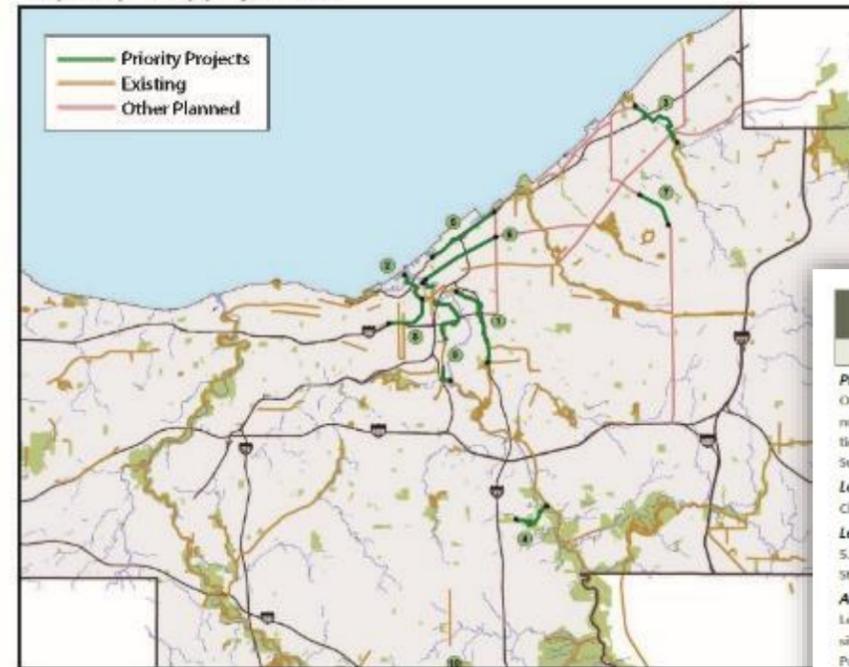
CUYAHOGA GREENWAY PARTNERS

Primary Activities/Goals

- Routine communication & feedback loop with municipalities
 - Tracking progress, coordination with local trail plans, leadership engagement
- Support for regional greenway network planning
 - Trail inventory
 - Build management capacity
 - Leverage & maximize funding
- Develop project sheets for projects
- Voice for trail and greenway advocacy
 - Messaging, marketing, promotion, regional collaboration



Top ten priority projects are:



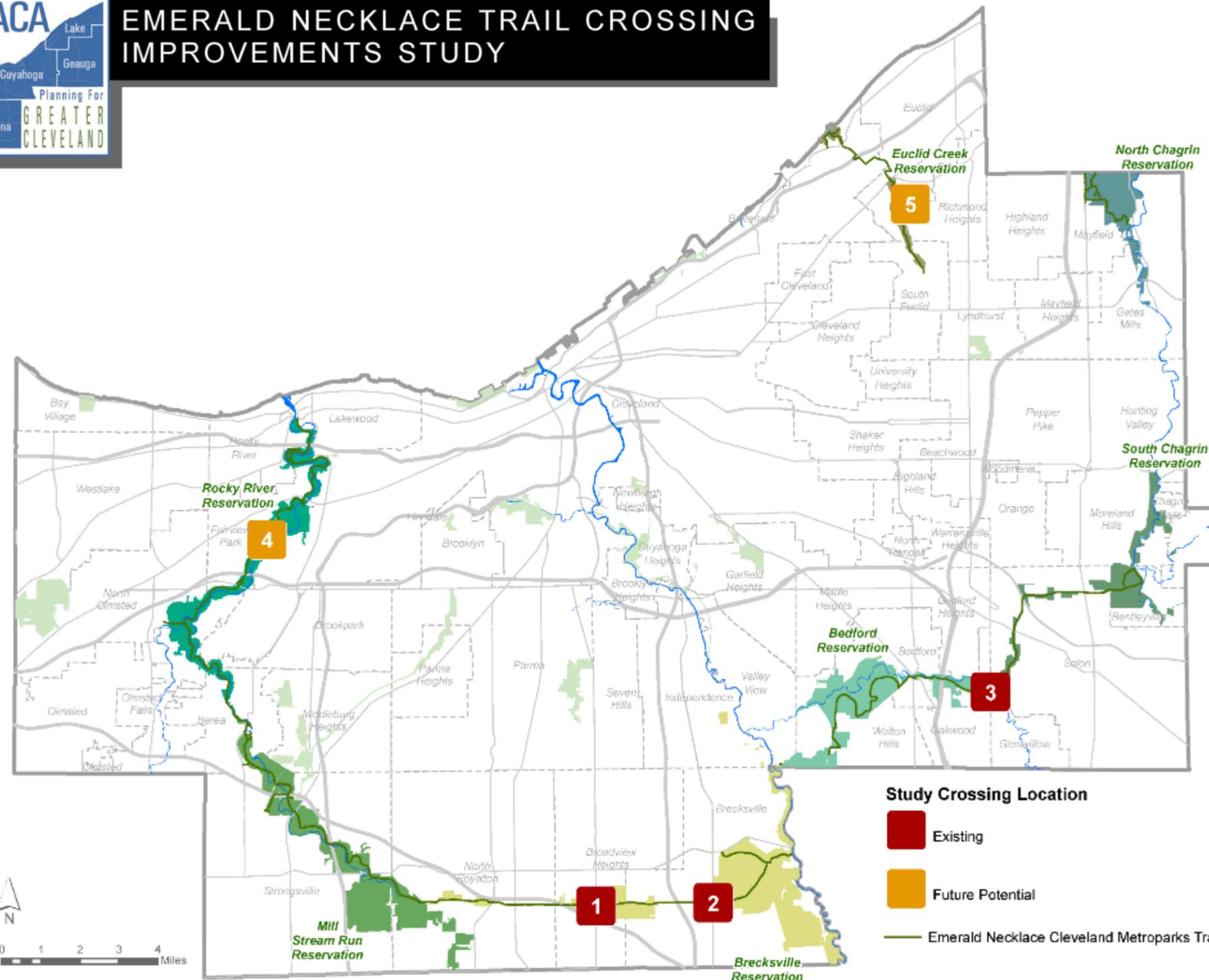
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NOACA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



EMERALD NECKLACE TRAIL CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS STUDY



What We Are Doing:

- Developing recommendations to improve the safety and functionality of five existing and future trail crossing locations:
 1. Broadview Rd.
 2. Brecksville Rd.
 3. Richmond Rd.
 4. Mastick Rd./Puritas Ave.
 5. Highland Rd.
- Developing crossing typologies, to better understand and improve all Emerald Necklace bike and pedestrian crossings

Public Meeting Schedule:

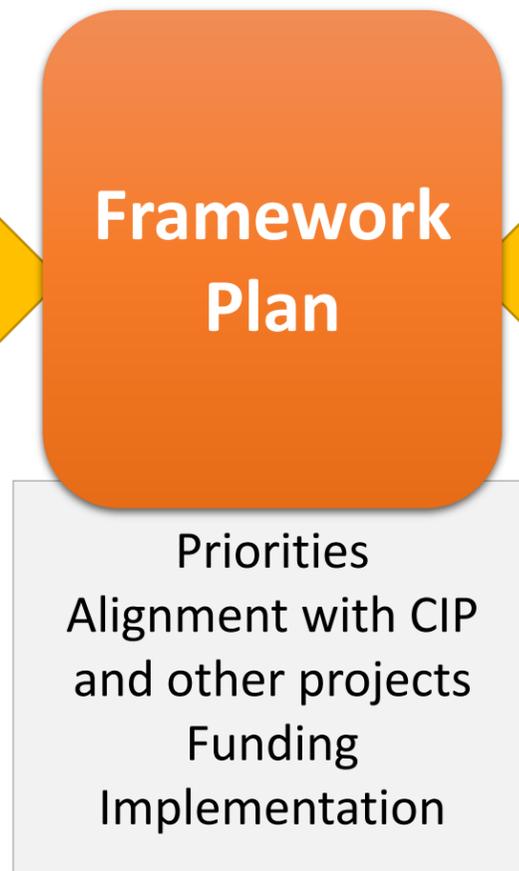
- Seek public feedback:
August 8th and 9th
- Present recommendations to public: January 2018

DATA SOURCES:
NOACA, Cleveland Metroparks

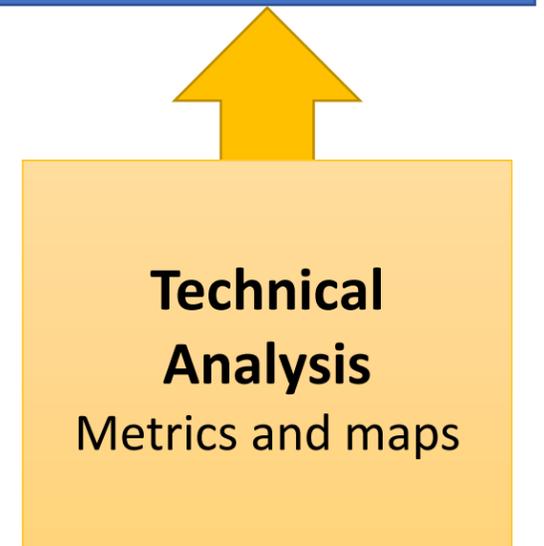
DATA ENRICHED, COMMUNITY DRIVEN

Planning process uses data and analysis resources to strengthen and empower stakeholder decision-making.

Where are the opportunities?



How well do candidates meet our goals?



KEY TOPICS

EQUITY

Socioeconomics

- Age
- Household Income
- Ethnicity

Mobility

- Car Ownership
- Types of commute

Physical Safety

- Crime
- Bike/Pedestrian crashes

Health & Wellness

- Activity Levels
- Fitness
- Civic Engagement

CONNECTIVITY

Links to Existing Non-Motorized Facilities

- GAP analysis

Access to Transit Services

- Limited transit service vs. high transit service

Connectivity to Open Spaces

- Parks
- Linear corridors
- Natural Areas

ECONOMIC

Connectivity to Assets

- Employment Centers
- Retail / Entertainment
- Cultural Centers
- Schools/Universities
- Institutions / Hospitals

Regional Trails & Tourism

Property Value

Visual Character

- Industrial
- Large roadway
- Tree canopy cover
- Waterway and water body
- Landmarks

ECOLOGY

Habitat Protection

- Within existing natural land cover
- Protected areas
- Within floodplain
- Within steep slope
- Within riparian/wetland buffer zone

Restoration & Open Space Creation

- Proximity to existing natural features
- % Tree Canopy Cover

Stormwater & Green Infrastructure

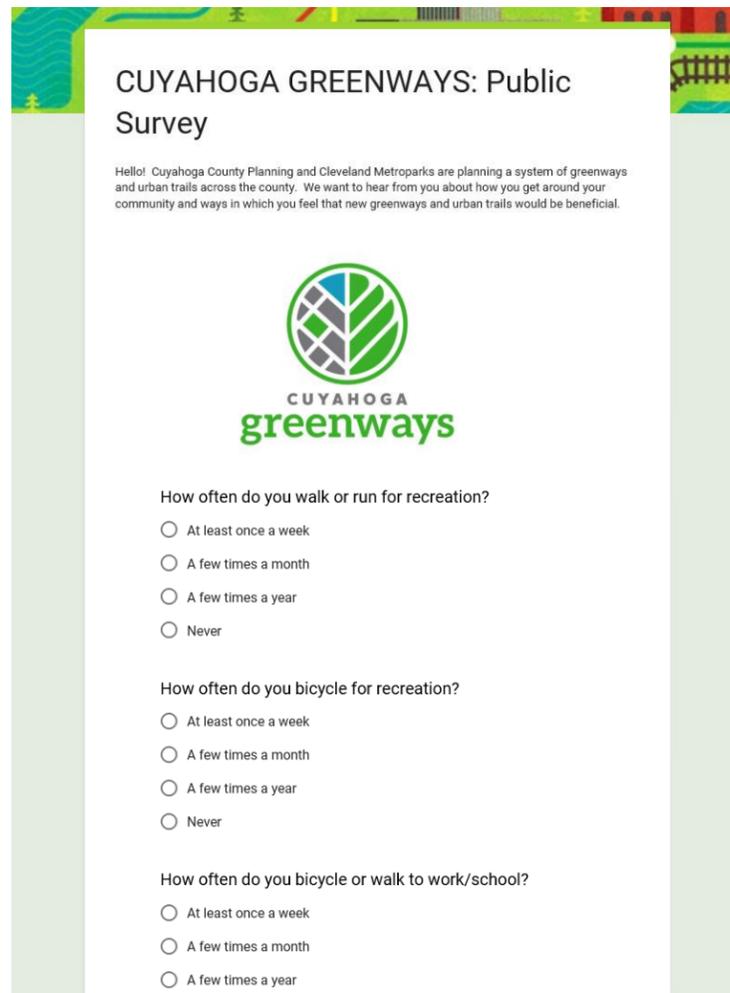


NEXT STEPS

Cuyahoga County Greenway Plan

NEXT STEPS

- Inventory & analysis mapping
- Identify & evaluate candidate routes
- Steering Committee & Project Team meetings
- Community Meetings – January, 2018
- Website/Survey: www.cuyahogagreenways.org



CUYAHOGA GREENWAYS: Public Survey

Hello! Cuyahoga County Planning and Cleveland Metroparks are planning a system of greenways and urban trails across the county. We want to hear from you about how you get around your community and ways in which you feel that new greenways and urban trails would be beneficial.



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greenways

How often do you walk or run for recreation?

At least once a week

A few times a month

A few times a year

Never

How often do you bicycle for recreation?

At least once a week

A few times a month

A few times a year

Never

How often do you bicycle or walk to work/school?

At least once a week

A few times a month

A few times a year

Never

- How you get around (mode)
- Use characteristics (frequency, barriers)
- Greenway benefits



BRANDING & LOGO



Cycling Jerseys



Banner & Trailblazer



Clothing, Apparel & Misc.



DISCUSSION

Cuyahoga County Greenway Plan

GROUP MAPPING SESSION

Use **BLUE** dots/markers to identify destinations that you currently access from the non-motorized network.

- E.g. employment centers, parks, retail districts

Use **GREEN** dots/markers to identify destinations that you would like to access from the greenway or urban trail system

- E.g. “Gaps” in the trail system,

Use **RED** dots/markers to indicate places where major problems or concerns exist.

- E.g. dangerous intersections, barrier streets

If you leave a dot, leave a note with it!

Website/Survey: www.cuyahogagreenways.org

