

# **Cleveland Metroparks**

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19 Million

recreational visits

18 Park Reservations

25,000
acres across
49 diverse communities

Nature Centers



**325** + MILES

of hiking, biking, bridle and all purpose trails

Outdoor Experiences served over a

HALF MILLION PEOPLE and hosted OVER 7,000 programs







2,000
ANIMALS
from around the world at
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo



2 CHAMPIONSHIP LAYOUTS

Manakiki and Sleepy Hollow listed in Golfweek's Best Public Courses



\*2024 numbers and figures





#### **OUR MISSION**

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





### **Edgewater Beach House**



The 12,000 square-foot, two-story beach house provides increased connections to the beach and Edgewater Park, as well as to nearby neighborhoods.

Guests can take in 360-degree views of Lake Erie, Downtown Cleveland and the nearby neighborhood, enjoy a dual-sided outdoor fireplace, lounge seating and a seasonal full-service food and beverage from the second-level open-air pavilion.

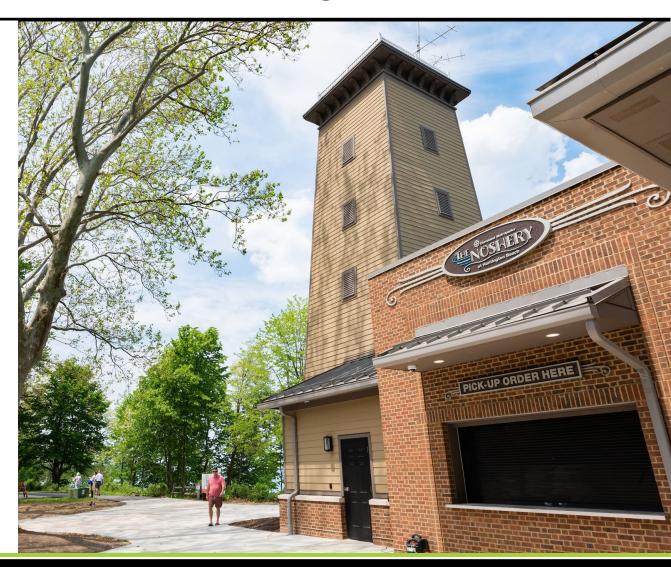
The Centennial Plaza can be utilized as a multifunctional space for special events, live music, gathering and enjoying views of our great lake.



### The Noshery and Sunset Picnic Plaza at Huntington Beach

The Noshery, home to the new concession building features made-to-order fare, as well as Honey Hut ice cream.

The 4,200-square-foot **Sunset Picnic Plaza** offers a fire pit, picnic tables, arbor, Adirondack chairs and provides a perfect place to enjoy the sunset with a meal, ice cream or beverage from The Noshery.





### Karen's Way Play Space

The project was funded by a generous gift from Karen's Way Inc.

Features include: a willow tunnel, slide, a playhouse and small stage, musical play components, two separate swing sets for ages 2-5 and ages 5-12, a water play feature and a 50-footlong kid-friendly zipline.

The swing set and zipline feature ADA inclusive seating.

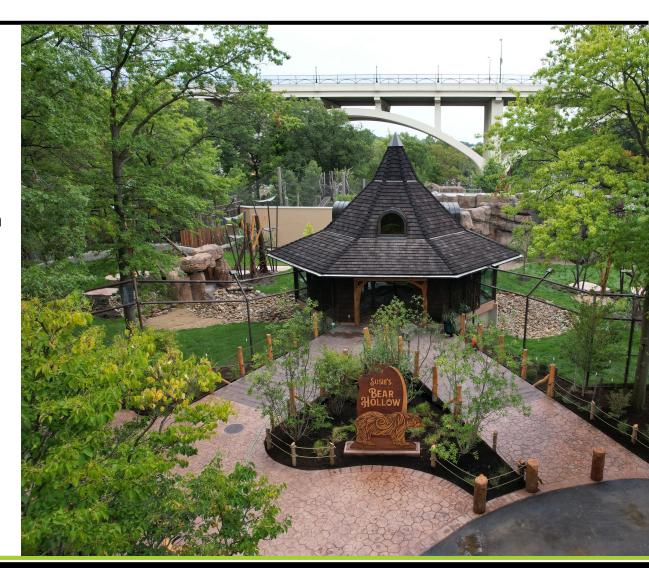




#### Susie's Bear Hollow

Susie's Bear Hollow opened in summer 2023. The project significantly improved and expanded the tropical bear habitats in Wilderness Trek, enhancing guest viewing and animal care efforts with Andean and sloth bears.

New features include climbing structures, elevated resting areas and dig pits to provide opportunities for the well as future reproduction of these keystone species.





### **Cleveland-Cliffs Bike Park**

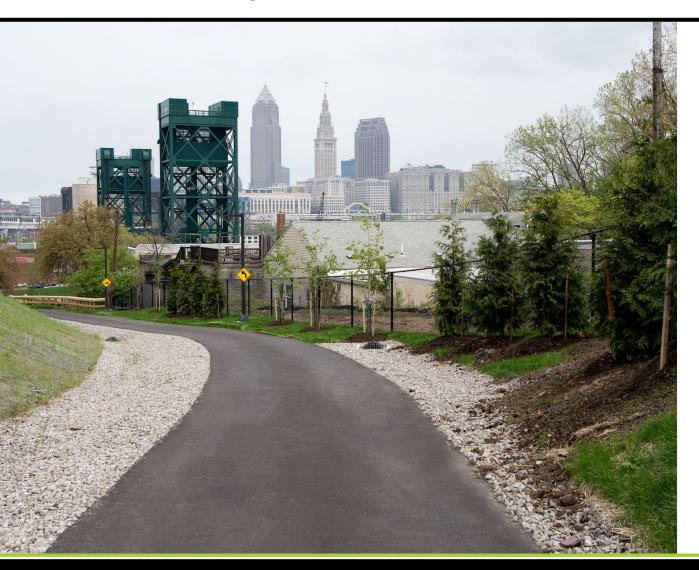
The new outdoor complex includes several first-of-its-kind features in the region including a public-use paved pump track, outdoor competition course, professional paved jump line and youth-focused bike playground.

New Cleveland-Cliffs Bike Park at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, made possible with generous support from The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation.





### **Red Line Greenway**



A nearly two-mile paved all purpose trail that links the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail to two RTA Red Line Rapid Transit stations and provides a primary active transportation corridor from West 65th Street to downtown Cleveland.

The accessible trail provides a major east-west connector route as part of the overall Re-Connecting Cleveland project that is expected to be completed next month.



### Wendy Park Bridge and Whiskey Island Trail



The two final pieces in the transformational \$16.45 million "Re-Connecting Cleveland" federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) trails project.

The now complete transportation network consists of 4+ miles of interconnected bike and pedestrian trails along with the signature Wendy Park Bridge.

This connection links more than 66,000 Cleveland residents to centers of employment, schools, parks and commerce and provides a new link between downtown Cleveland and its lakefront.



### **Cuyahoga Greenways Plan**

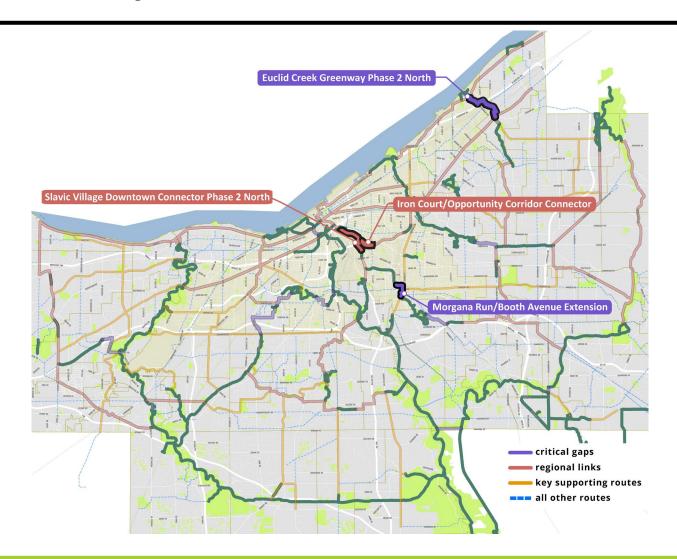
The Cuyahoga Greenways Plan is a countywide blueprint for trail development that will create a healthier and more sustainable future for residents of the region. Connecting people to jobs, transit, and parks, though expanded mobility options crossing municipal boundaries, will promote regional collaboration as routes are integrated into future capital projects and land use planning.

This proposed Greenways network is of the result of a planning effort coordinated by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Cleveland Metroparks, and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) with funding provided by NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI).





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# \$19.5 Million Award from Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Cleveland Metroparks was recently awarded a \$19.5 million federal grant, the largest ever bestowed upon the organization, by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

The investment fully funds construction of two key trail projects, the Slavic Village Downtown Connector North and the Morgana Run Extension, both identified in the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan.



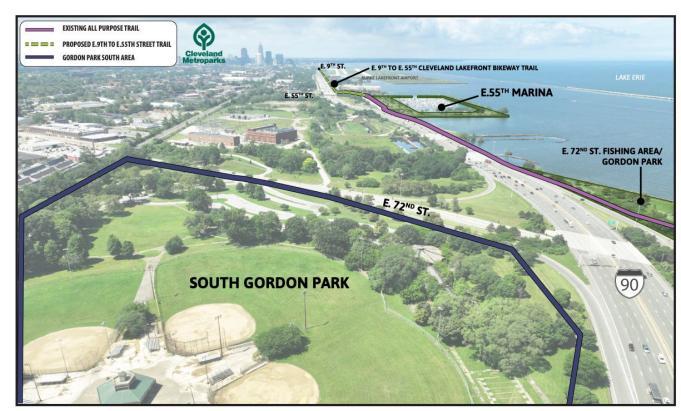
2024 RAISE CONSTRUCTION GRANT AWARD - SLAVIC VILLAGE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR NORTH & MORGANA RUN EXTENSION LEVELAND METROPARKS JUNE 20.



# Mandel Community Trail – E. 9<sup>th</sup> to E. 55<sup>th</sup> St.

Construction is underway on the Mandel Community Trail that will extend the paved all purpose trail from East 9th Street to East 55th Street adjacent to the Lake Frie shoreline.

The two-mile trail will provide the millions of visitors and guests to Cleveland's lakefront with a direct connection from downtown to University Circle. The project is supported by an historic gift by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation.



GORDON PARK SOUTH & E. 9TH TO E. 55TH CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT BIKEWAY

**JULY 2023** 



### **Euclid Creek Greenway**

Euclid Creek Greenway is a multi-phased trail project to improve connections to the lakefront on the east side of Cleveland.

The project will close a critical transportation gap in the region and connect the lower portion of Euclid Creek Reservation to its northern portion along the lakefront that includes Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood parks in the city of Cleveland.



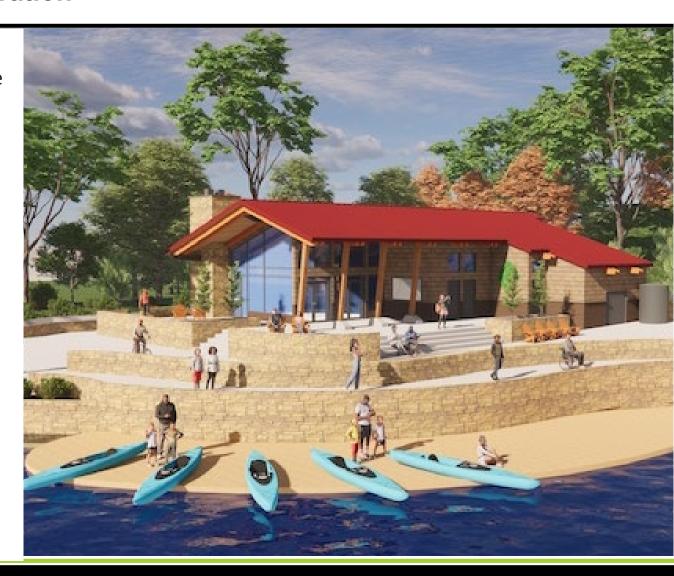


### **Garfield Pond Restoration**

Cleveland Metroparks and its partners are working to restore the historic Garfield Pond at Garfield Park.

The project includes the restoration of Garfield pond, Wolf Creek and adjacent wetlands as well as a new program center.

The pond will serve as the hub for Cleveland Metroparks
Youth Outdoors and Outdoor
Recreation programming
including; youth fishing and
'try it' watersports including
kayaking, fishing, and stand-up
paddle boarding.





### **Wallace Lake**

Wallace Lake
Improvement Project is
adding new concessions
and restroom buildings,
an outdoor classroom,
and a recreation
education area to this
popular spot in Mill
Stream Run Reservation.





### Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy (CHEERS)

CHEERS is led by the Port of Cleveland, Cleveland Metroparks, the City of Cleveland, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Department of Transportation and Black Environmental Leaders Association, a statewide non-profit advocacy group.





### Former Hornblower's Barge At Wildwood Marina



The 131-year-old Victorian-aged lake freighter Barge 225 arrived at its new home in late 2023 at Wildwood Park in Euclid Creek Reservation.



### Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center



The Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center is a world-class community center coming to E. 55th Street Marina.

The Sailing Center will be the first of its kind along Lake Erie in Ohio, providing unprecedented public access and sailing opportunities to the region.



### **Primate Forest at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**

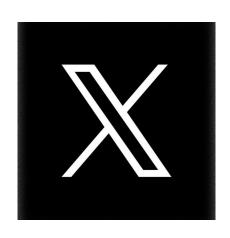
Construction is underway on most significant capital project in the Zoo's history.

Primate Forest will include four innovative and interactive spaces – the CrossCountry Mortgage Forest Home, and three distinct animal habitats, Tropical Forest, Orangutan Forest and Gorilla Forest.





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