

CLEVELAND PLANNING & LANDMARKS COMMISSIONS

CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW* October 06, 2023

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

LOCATION: WEST 25TH STREET BETWEEN FRANKLIN AVENUE & COLUMBUS AVENUE TO THE SOUTH; VETERANS MEMORIAL

BRIDGE TO THE NORTH; AND THE CUYAHOGA RIVER TO THE EAST.

SCALE: 25 ACRES (EXCLUDING 25TH STREET & FRANKLIN R.O.W. IMPROVEMENTS & OHIO CITY FARM IMPROVEMENTS,

WHICH ARE BY OTHERS AND UNDER SEPARATE DESIGN REVIEW).

INVESTMENT: \$40M

PARKING: WHILE NO PARKING WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE PARK BOUNDARIES, THE DESIGN TEAM IS COORDINATING WITH

THE FRANKLIN AVENUE & WEST 25TH STREET REDESIGNS TO ADD STREET PARKING SPACES (APPROXIMATELY 17 & 25 RESPECTIVELY). IN ADDITION, THE DESIGN TEAM IS COORDINATING WITH THE CITY, CLEVELAND METROPARKS, & LUTHERAN HOSPITAL FOR USE OF THEIR EXISTING PARKING AREAS FOR PARK USERS. ALL OF WHICH ARE WITHIN A

5-10 MINUTE WALK TO THE PARK.

SUSTAINABILITY: SUSTAINABLE FEATURES FOR THE PARK INCLUDE: "GREEN" BULKHEAD ALONG THE RIVER; ECOLOGICAL

RESTORATION; FLOOD CONTROL & STORMWATER TREATMENT WETLANDS; CARBON SEQUESTRATION THROUGH A REFORESTATION PLAN; REDUCTION IN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT; CLIMATE CHANGE-ADAPTIVE PLANT SELECTION; AND

LOCALLY-SOURCED MATERIALS.

TREE PRESERVATION: SITE TREES HAVE ALREADY BEEN REMOVED AS PART OF THE PORT OF CLEVELAND'S RE-GRADING OF THE SITE,

WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR STABILIZATION. THE STABILIZATION EFFORT WILL BE THE BASE UPON WHICH THE PARK

IMPROVEMENTS ARE BUILT, INCLUDING A REFORESTATION PLAN THAT WILL ADD APPROXIMATELY 1,000 NATIVE AND

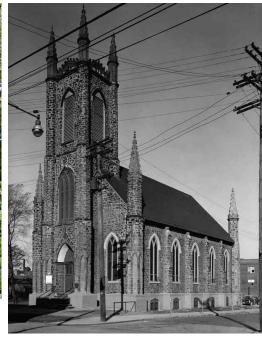
ADAPTIVE TREES TO THE SITE.

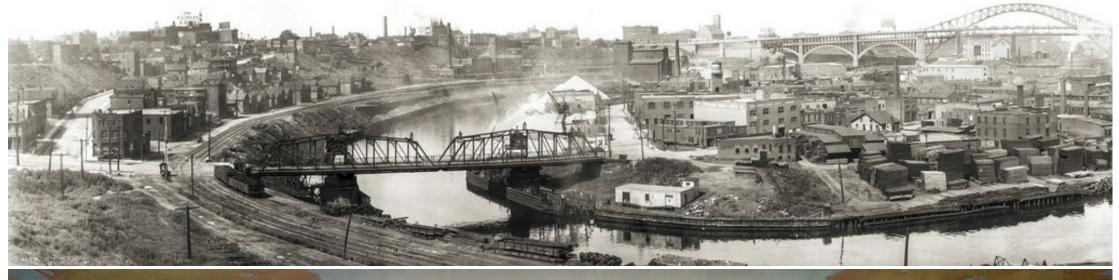










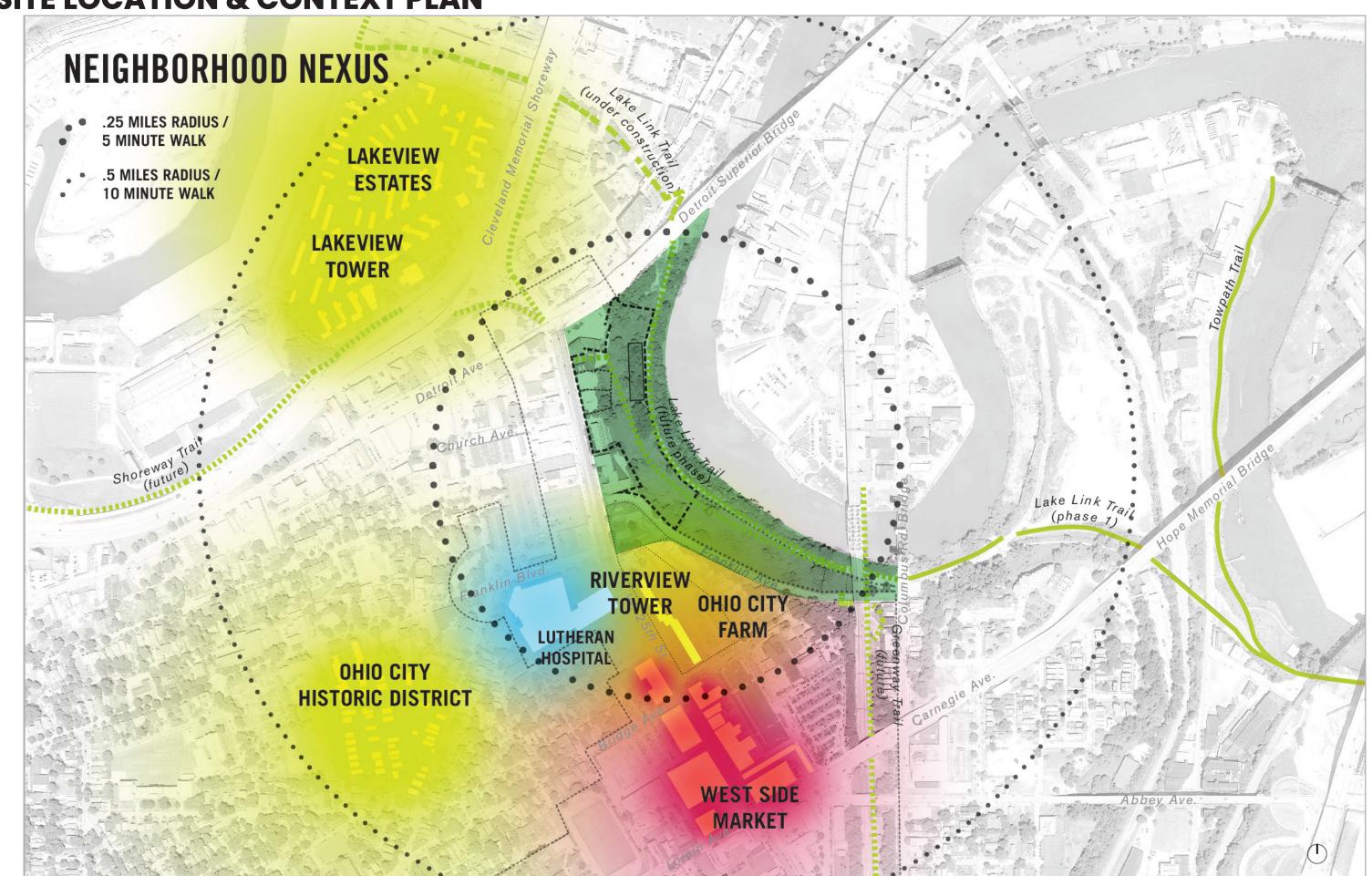




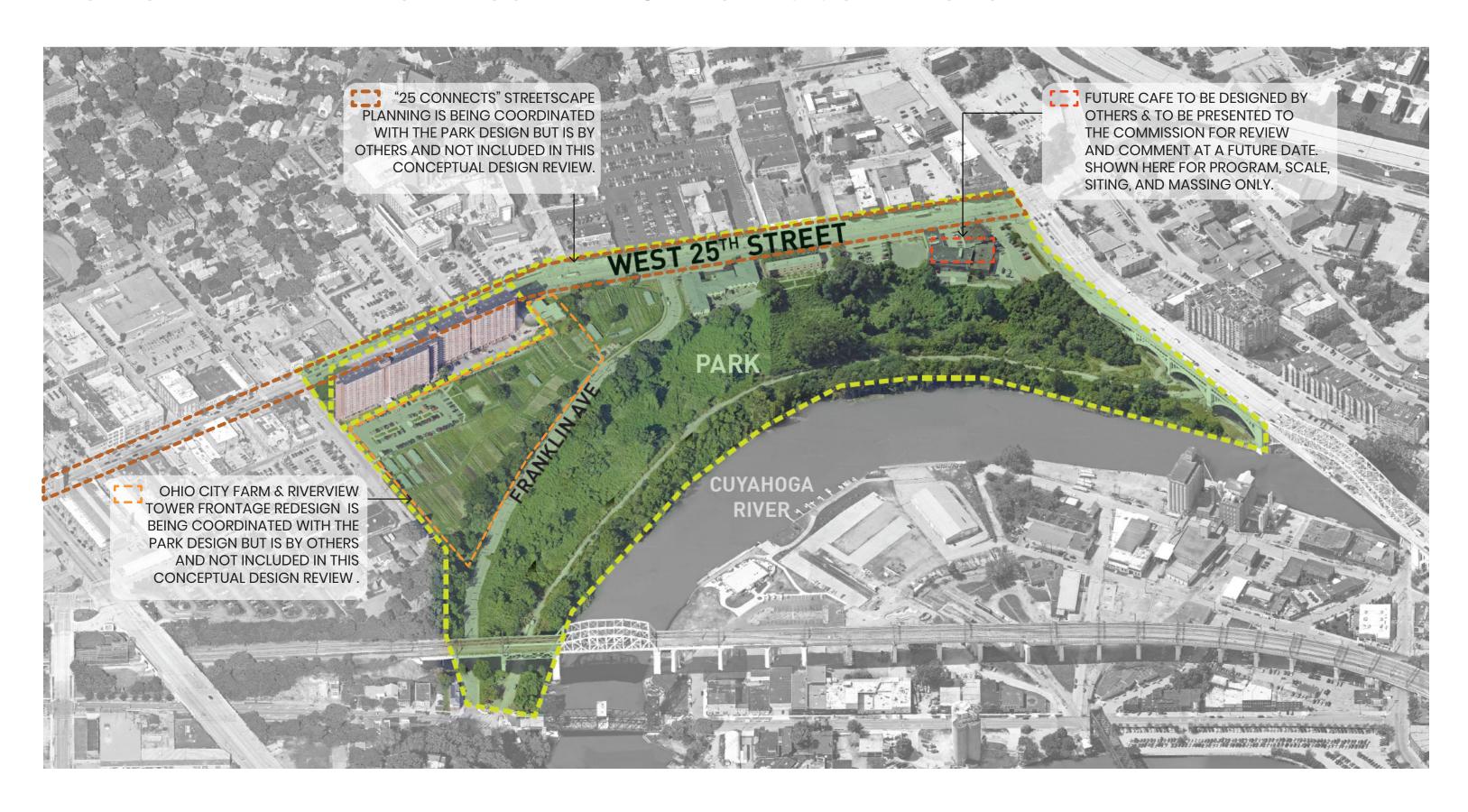




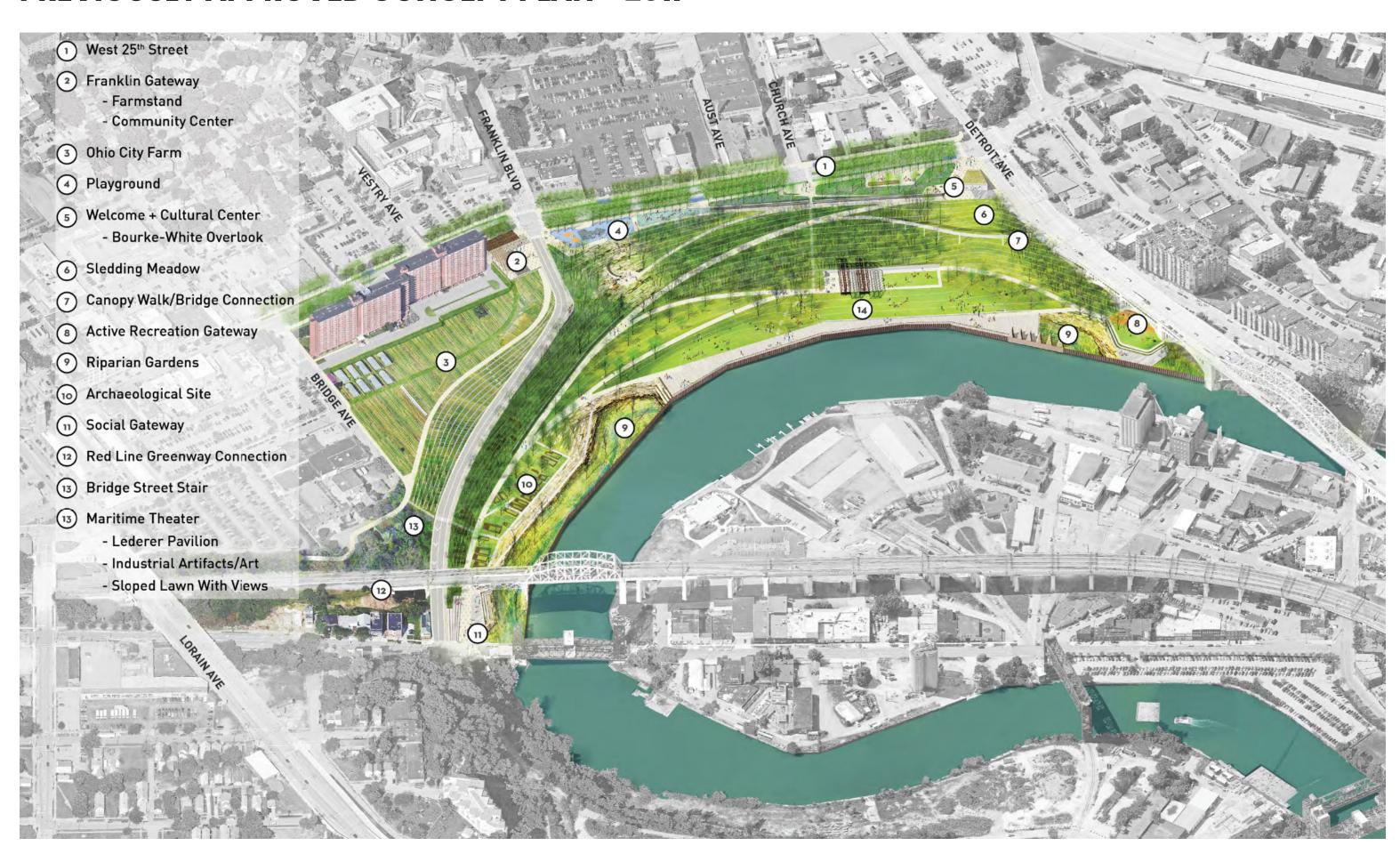
SITE LOCATION & CONTEXT PLAN



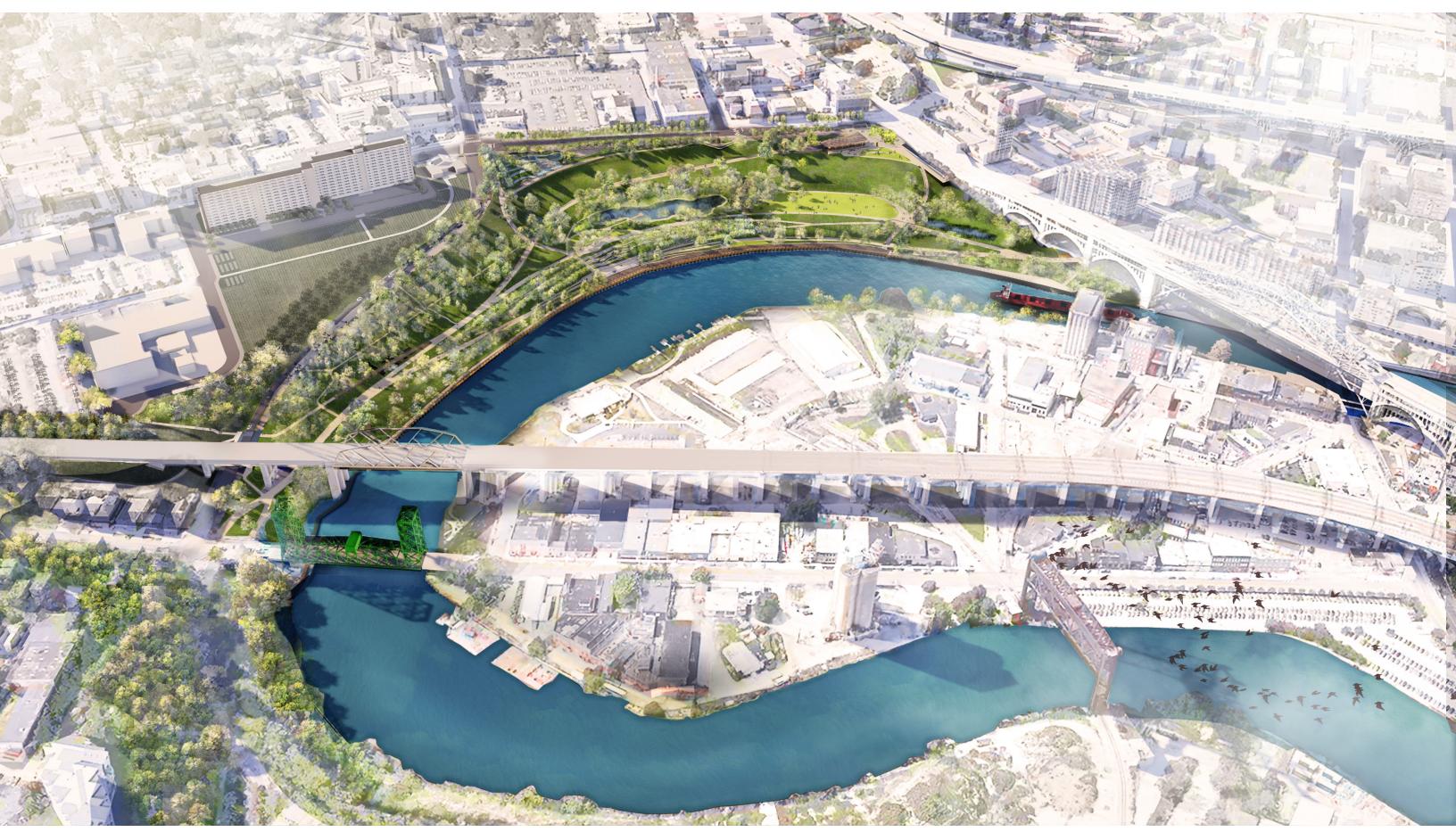
IRISHTOWN BEND PARK SITE BOUNDARY & EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

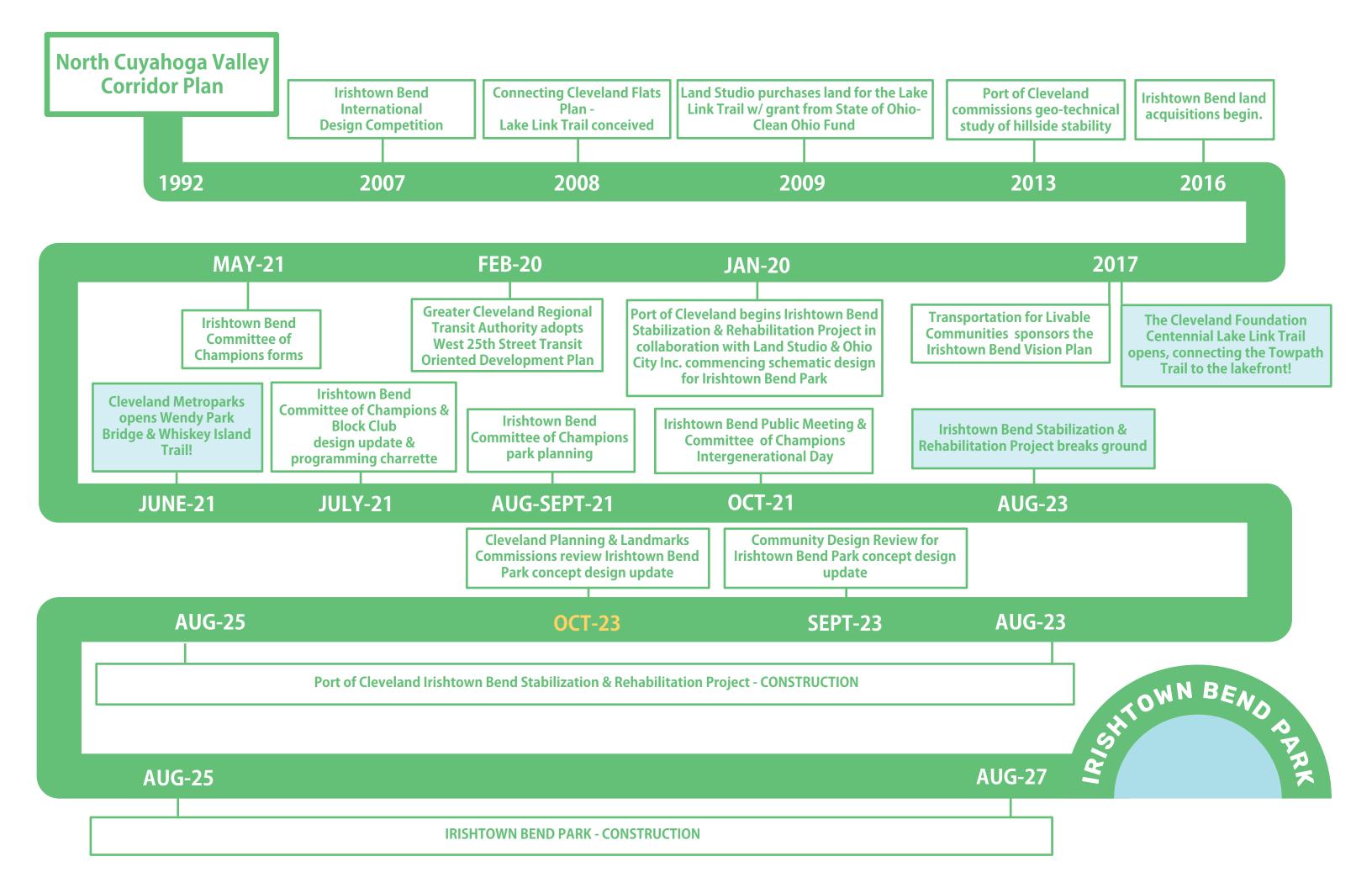


PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONCEPT PLAN - 2017



2023 DESIGN UPDATE

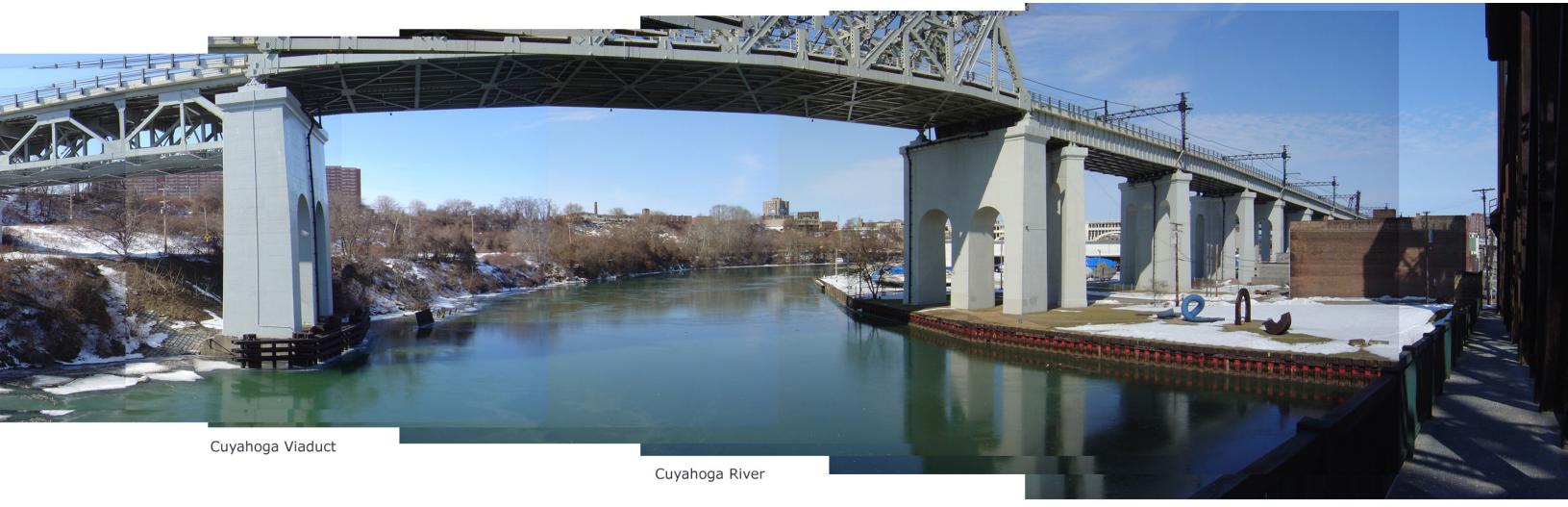












Columbus Road Bridge

Port Sector

BIG AND GROWING



22,000+

Jobs dependent or supported

\$4.7B

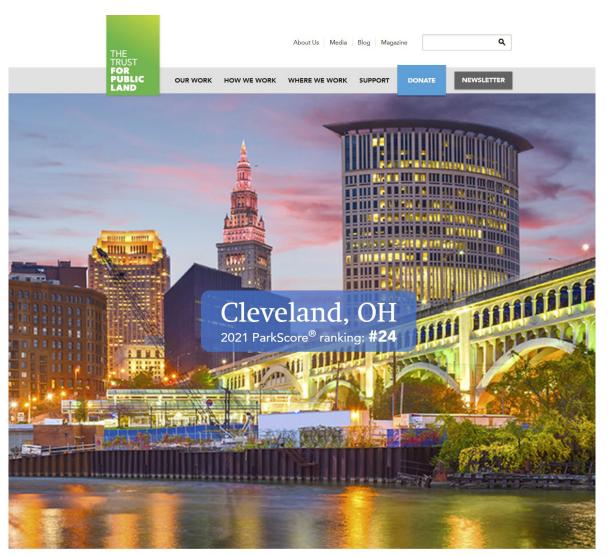
Annual economic value to the region

\$1.8B

Annual total personal income

\$240M

Annual taxes paid to local and state government



Our analysis is based on five characteristics of an effective park system: access, investment, acreage, amenities, and equity.

6% of Cleveland's city land is used for parks and recreation.



National median 15%



Steven Litt, The Plain Dealer

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Lake Link Trail First Look

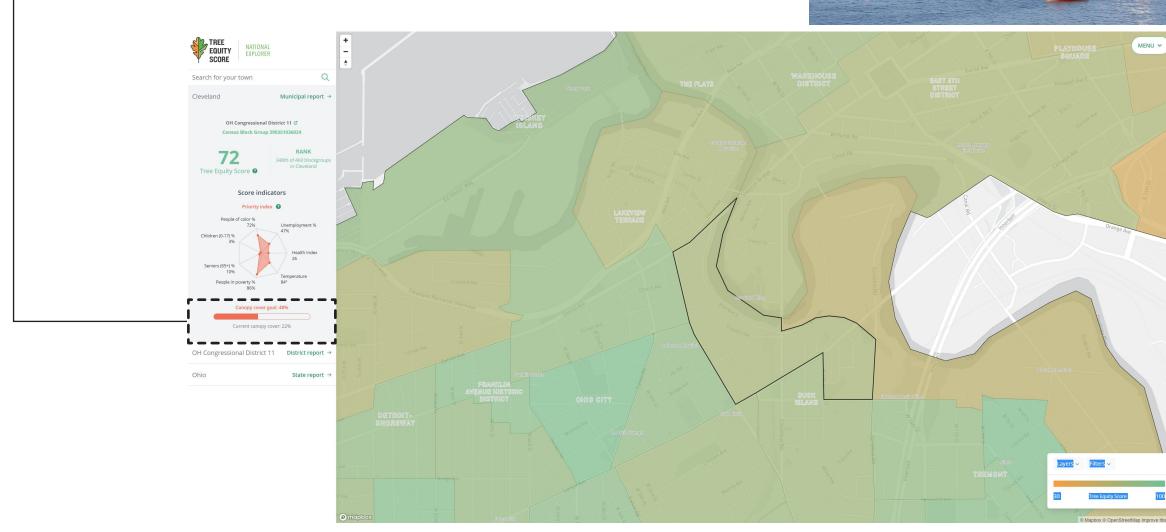
Roderic Benson, who lives at Lakeview Estates, was out on the new Lake Link Trail Tuesday before workers had a chance to stripe the 10-foot asphalt path. "It's easier to take your kids and dogs out here and you don't have to deal with traffic," he said.

EQUITY, CLIMATE & TREES

Canopy cover goal: 48%

Current canopy cover: 22%





CONNECTING CLEVELAND: 2020 CITYWIDE PLAN

GOAL: Provide high-quality recreation opportunities and facilities that meet the needs of Clevelanders of all ages, ability levels, incomes and interests

Policies



I. Waterfront Access. Maximize public access to the lakefront, riverfront and stream valleys, including safe and convenient access from nearby neighborhoods for pedestrians and bicyclists.



2. Waterfront Recreation. Develop and expand publicly accessible recreation sites along the lakefront and waterways.



3. Bikeways. Create a comprehensive network of bicycle routes, bicycle lanes and multi-purpose trails, safely linking neighborhoods to recreation sites, schools, shopping areas, places of employment and other destinations throughout the City and the region.



4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Amenities. Provide bicycle racks, benches, water fountains and other amenities to encourage bicycling and pedestrian travel throughout the City.



5. Serving Neighborhoods. Ensure that a wide range of recreation facilities are equitably distributed throughout the City, with playgrounds located within approximately 1/4-mile (a 5-minute walk) of all residents.



6. Quality of Facilities. Provide recreation facilities competitive with the best available in the region, consolidating large-scale facilities at transit-accessible locations.



7. Diverse Programming. Offer a diversity of recreation programs to serve the recreation needs and interests of Clevelanders of all ages, incomes, lifestyles and ability levels.



8. Serving Working Adults. Provide recreation services and equipment geared to the interests and schedules of working adults, supplementing recreation services oriented principally to children and seniors.



9. Sharing Resources. Increase the availability and quality of recreation services through shared use of facilities owned by the City, School District, YMCA and other nonprofit organizations.



10. Sharing Responsibilities. Improve maintenance at public parks and recreation centers through "adopt-a-park" programs and corporate sponsorships.



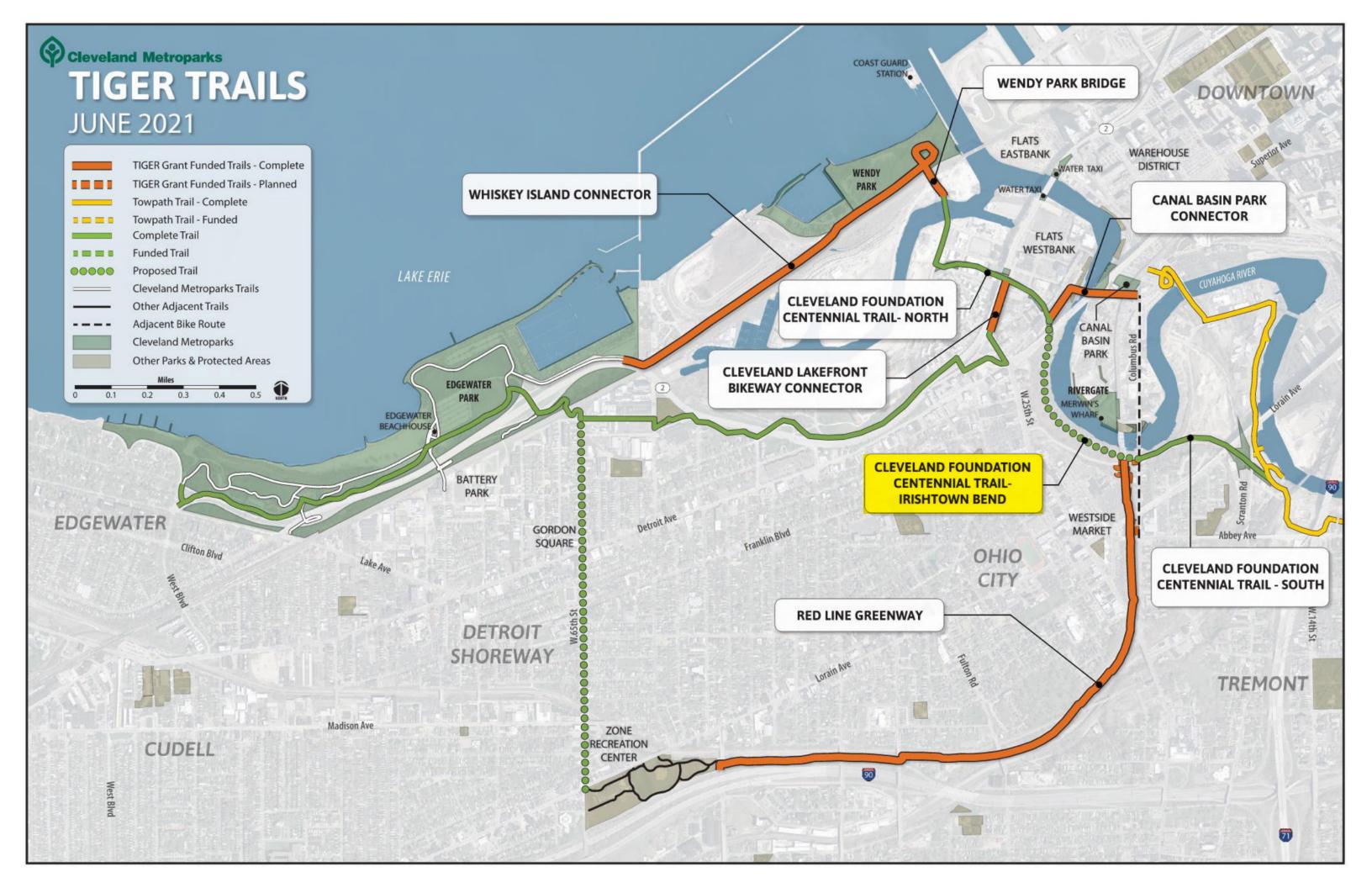
II. Community Gardens. Reserve land for both temporary and permanent use as community gardens in every neighborhood throughout the City.

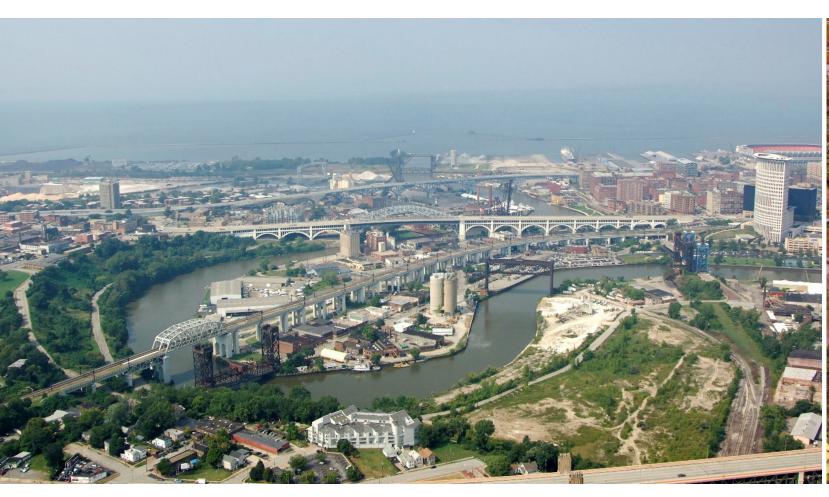


12. Preserving Natural Areas. Identify and protect natural areas characterized by stream valleys, wetlands, hillsides, forests and other environmentally sensitive and valuable features.

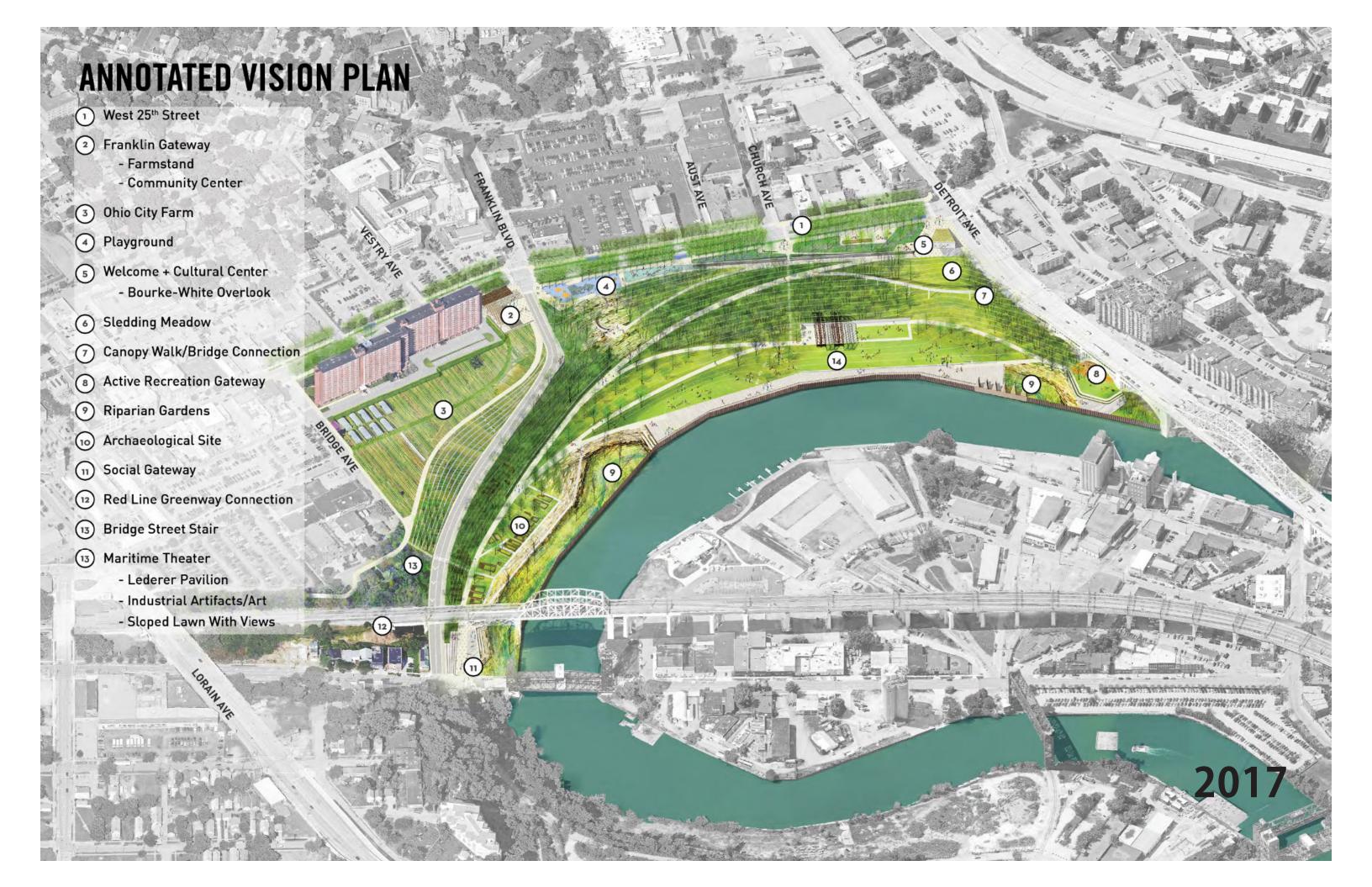


13. Urban Forest. Protect and expand the supply of street trees and landscaped areas within Cleveland's urbanized districts, maximizing environmental and aesthetic benefits.

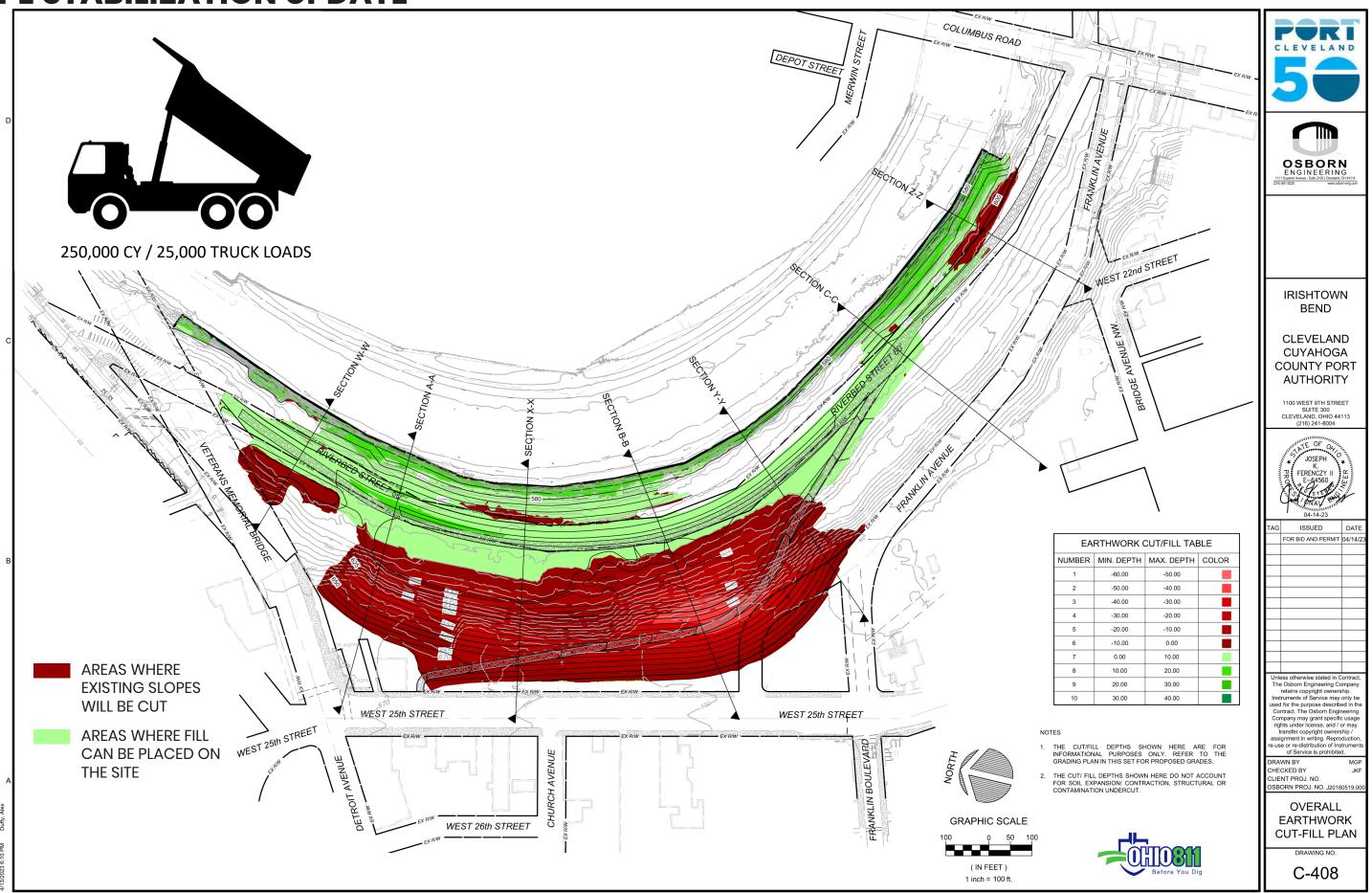




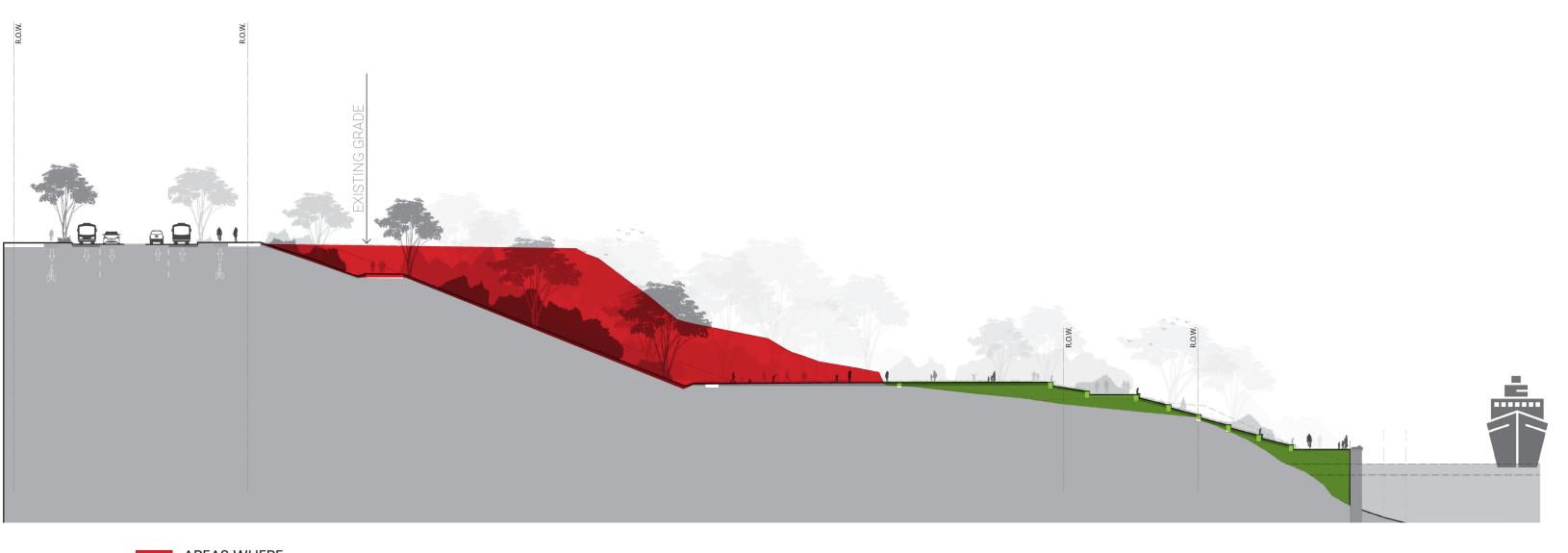




SLOPE STABILIZATION UPDATE



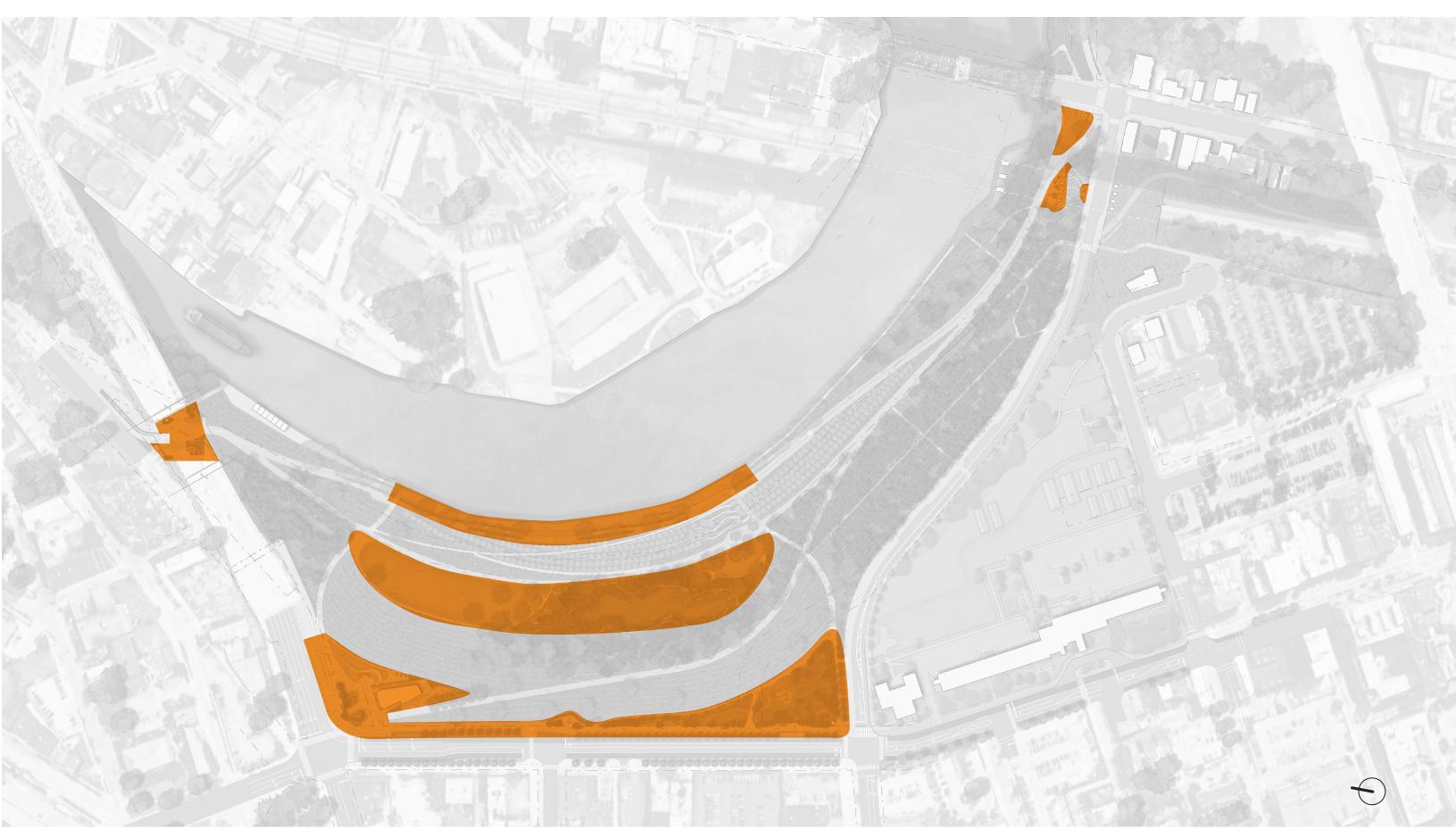
SLOPE STABILIZATION UPDATE



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AREAS WHERE FILL
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THE SITE

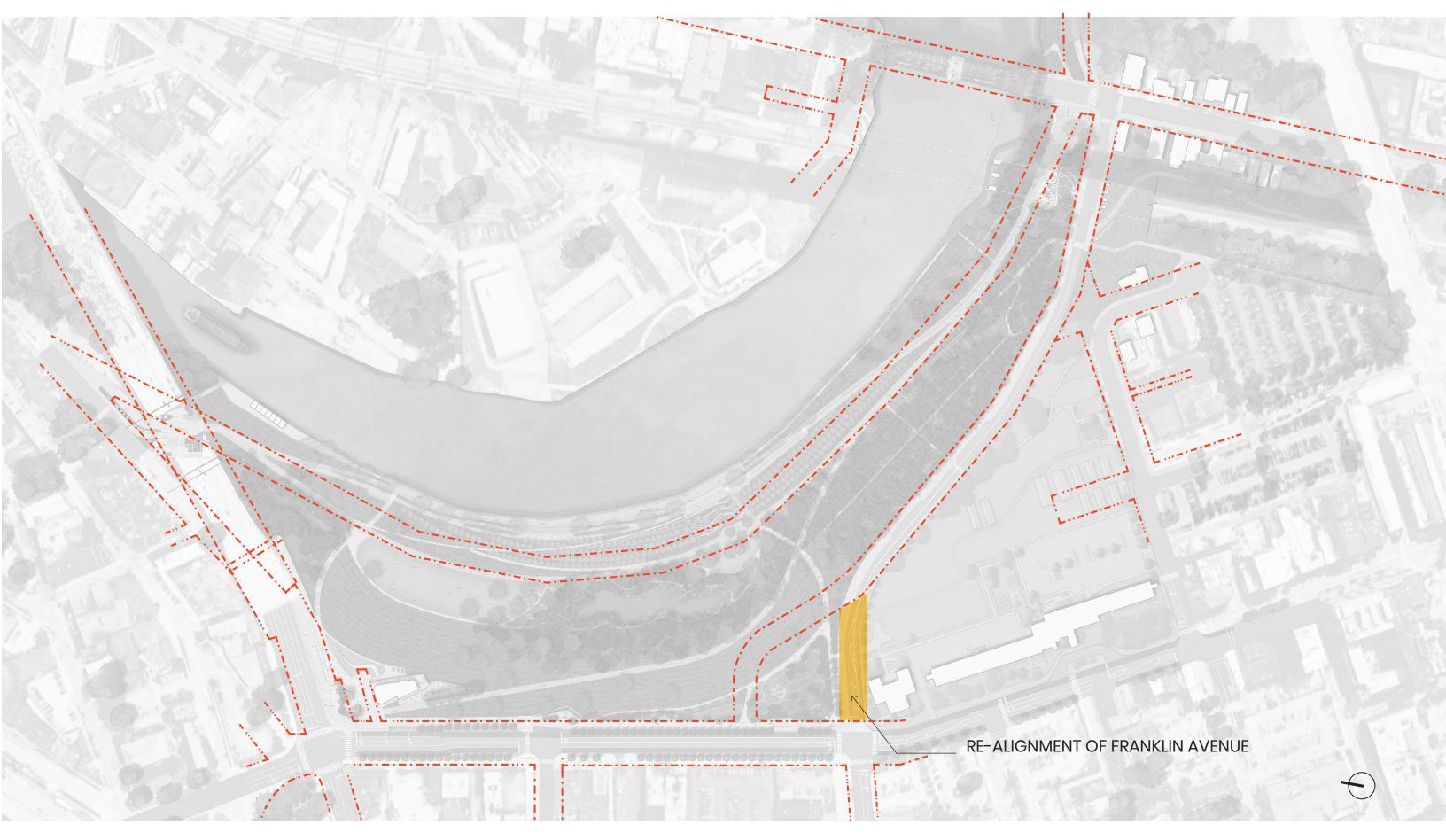
LEVEL-ISH AREAS FOR PROGRAM



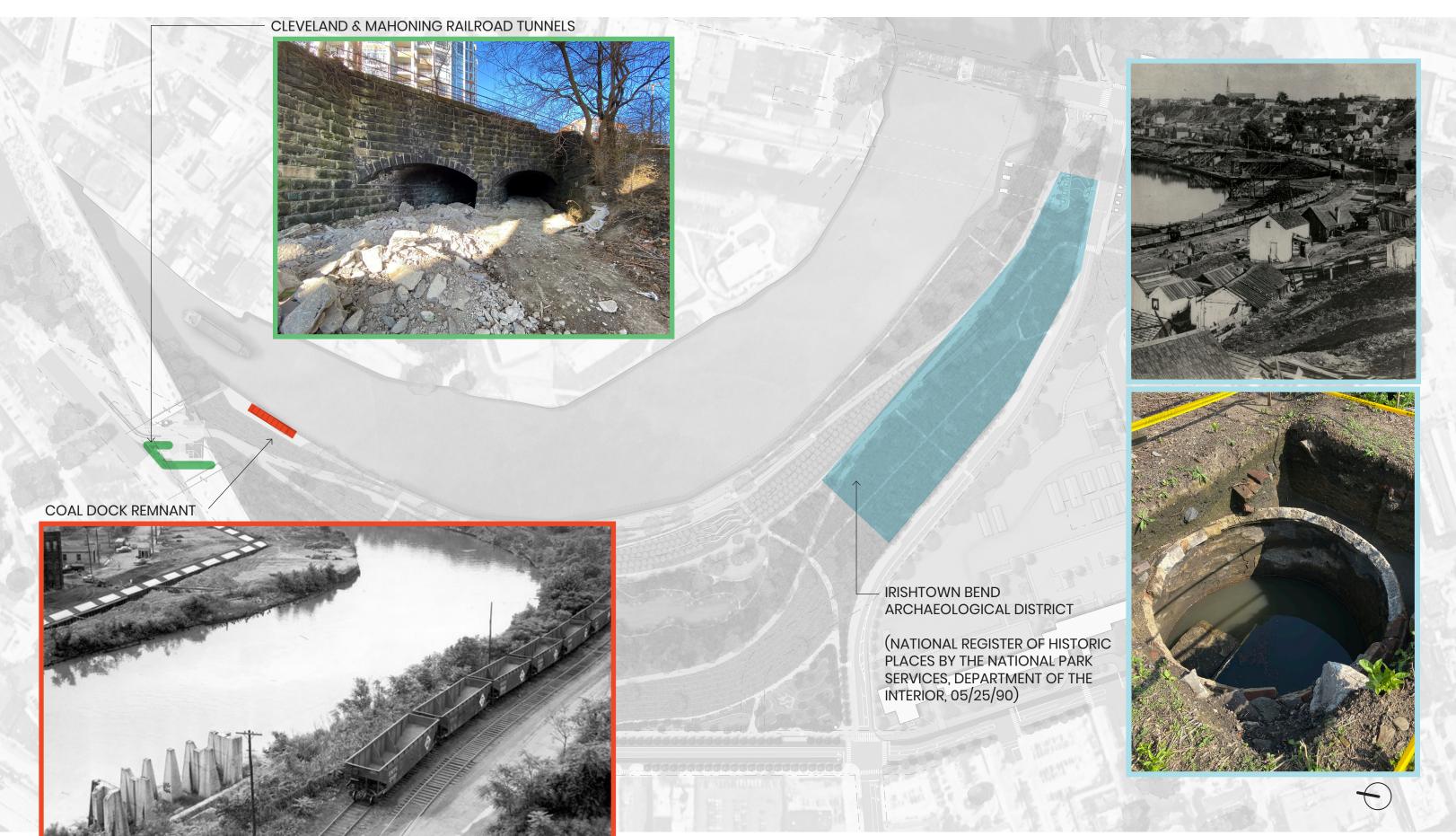
CLEAN OHIO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM OVERLAY



CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY & UTILITY EASEMENTS



SITE REMNANTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERPRETATION



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (2016 - PRESENT)

WHAT ARE IRISHTOWN BEND'S OUTSTANDING FEATURES?

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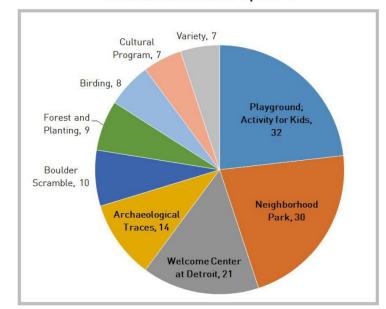


WHERE IS THERE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT?



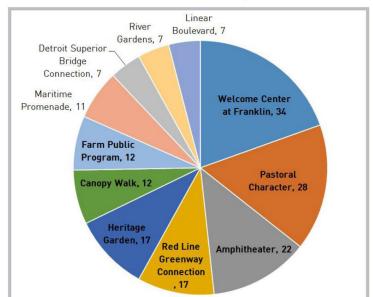


Favorite Elements of Option A

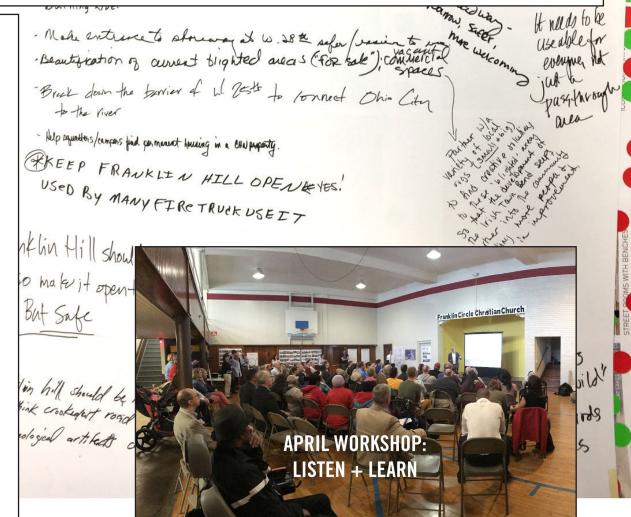


- Playground / Activity for Kids
- Programming and Neighborhood Emphasis
- Entrance at W. 25th and Detroit
- Archaeological site treatment (traces)
- Topographic play / Boulder Scramble
- Ecological program: canopy forest, bird blinds
- Culture Walk/History
- Variety

Favorite Elements of Option B



- Welcome Center at Franklin (centrally located)
- Pastoral Character (more ecologically focused)
- Amphitheater
- Bridge Connections to Trails
- Heritage Gardens
- Canopy Walk and Bridge Connections
- Farmstand / Public-facing Farm Program
- Maritime Promenade and Riparian Gardens



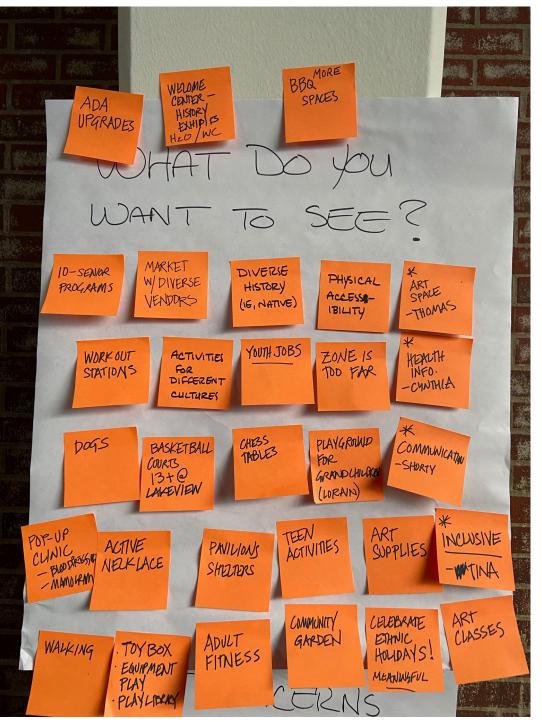


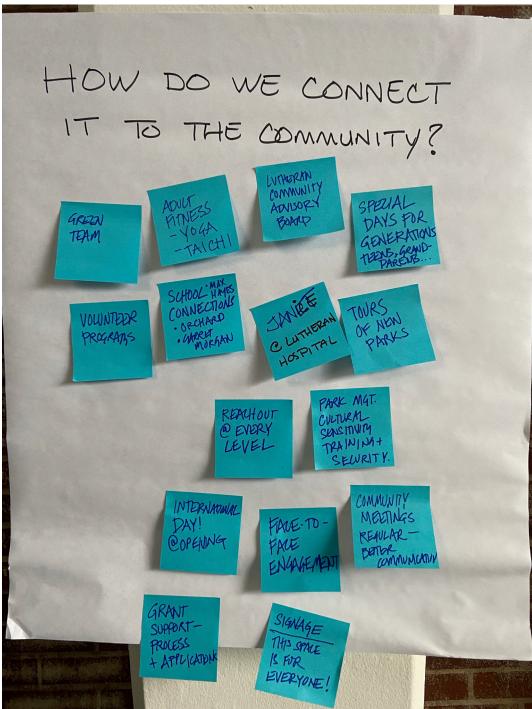


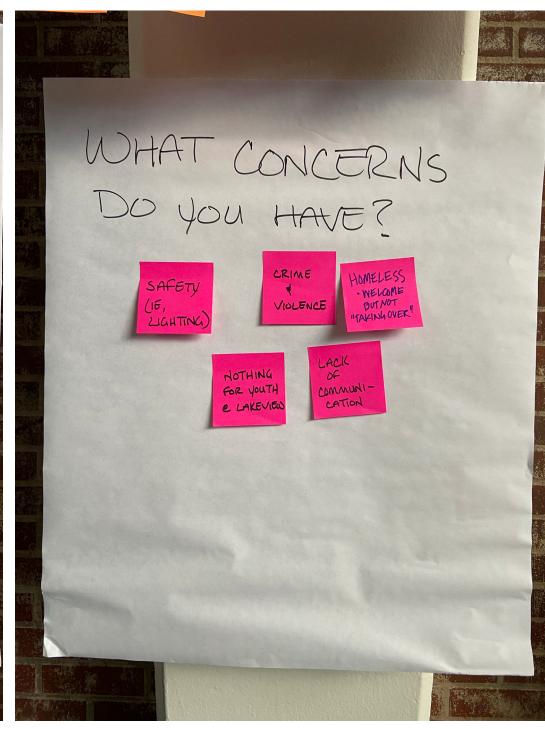




COMMITTEE OF CHAMPIONS FEEDBACK







- 1. Multi-generational spaces, especially spaces for teens.
- 2. Inclusive process with open communication for residents to share ideas and to stay informed.
- 3. Programming for diverse users. Include adult fitness & wellness classes, art classes & supplies, markets, and international festivals.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

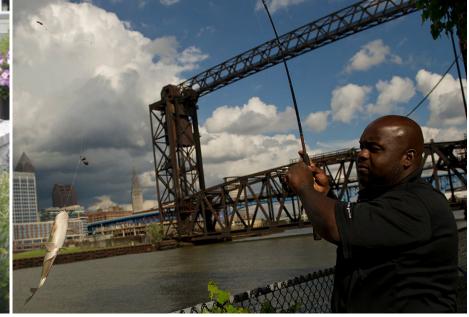




















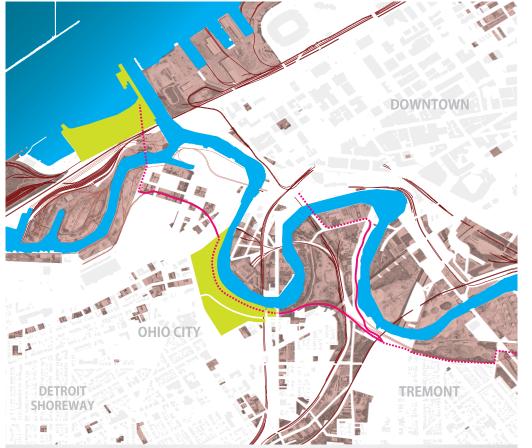




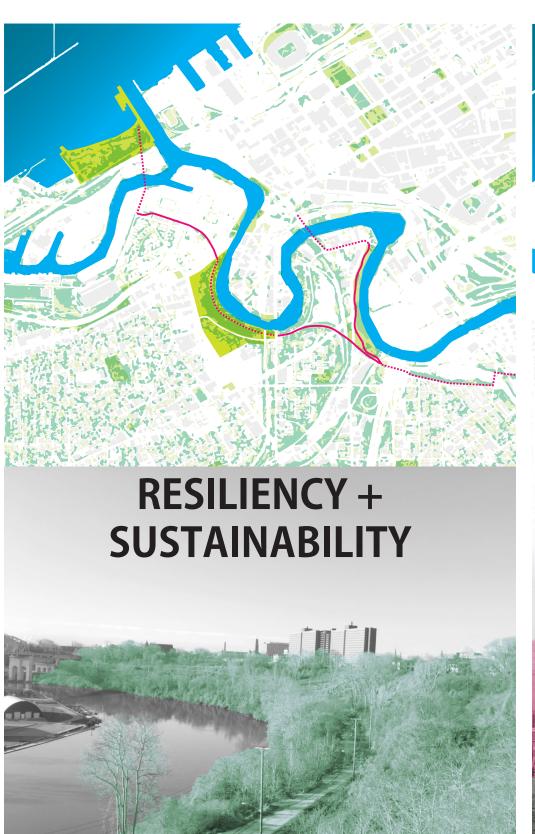


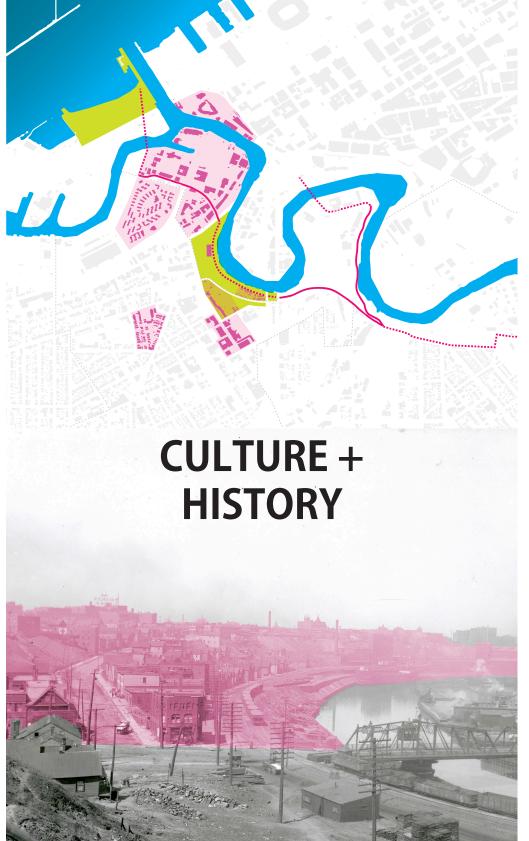








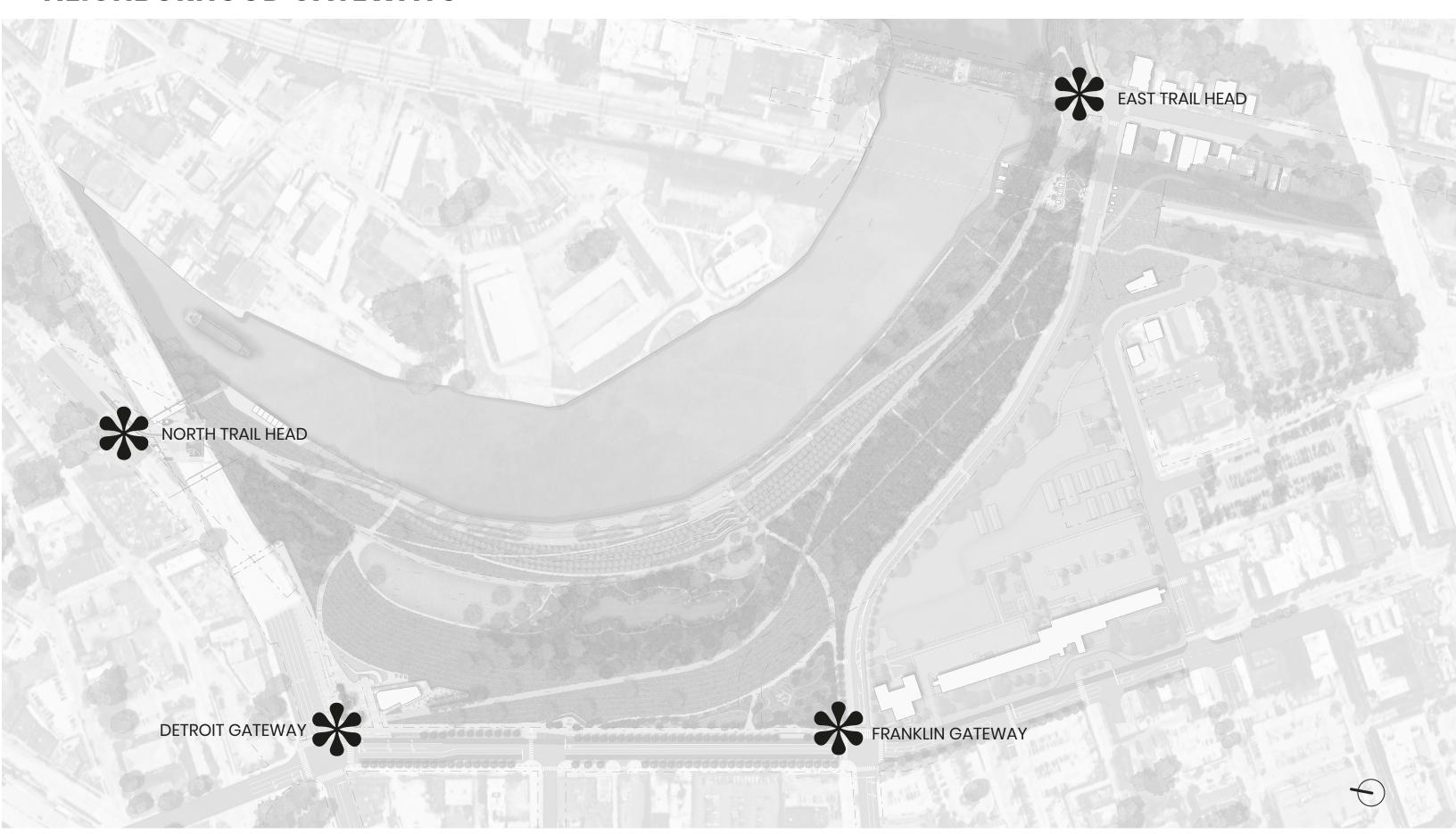




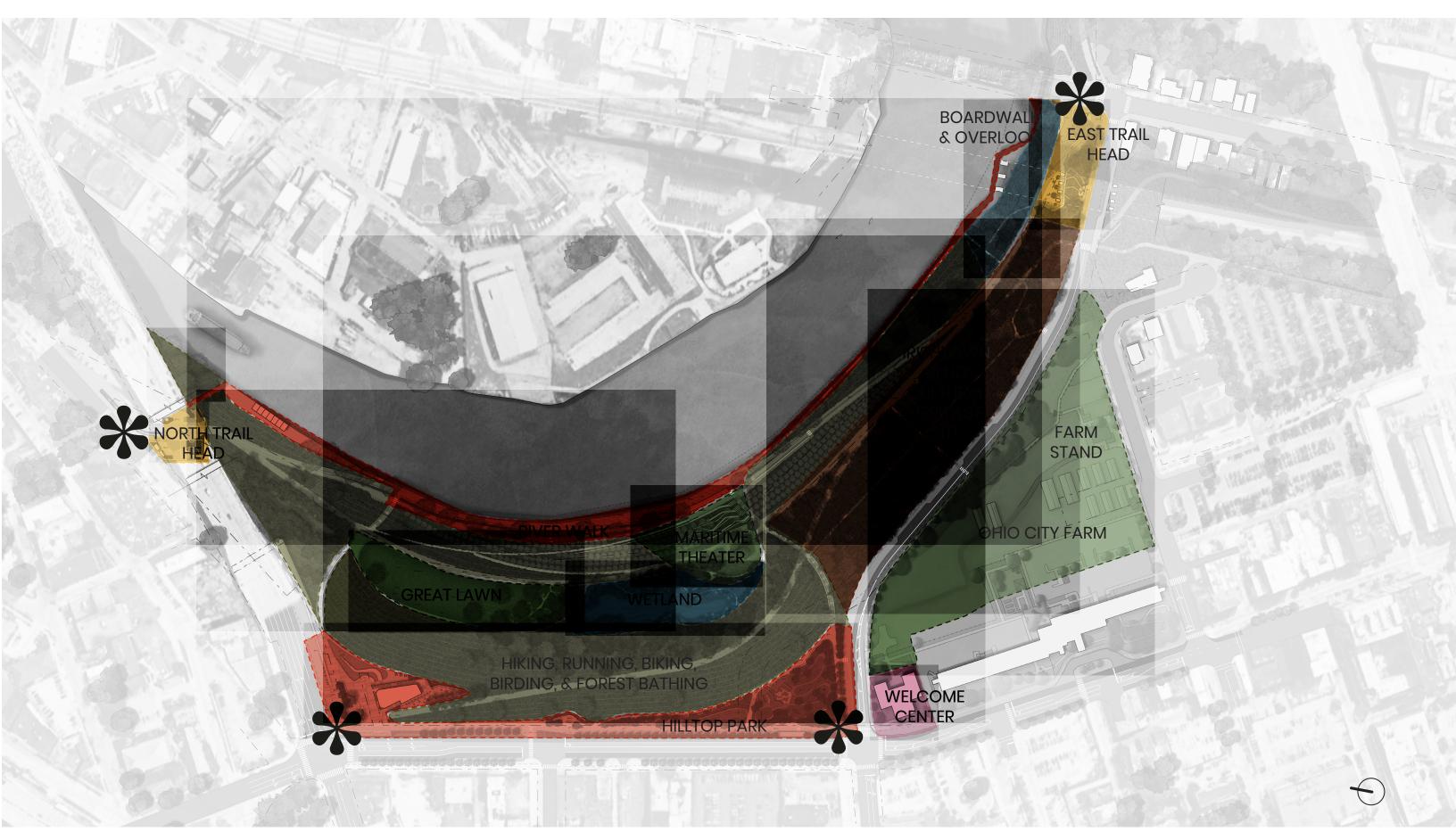


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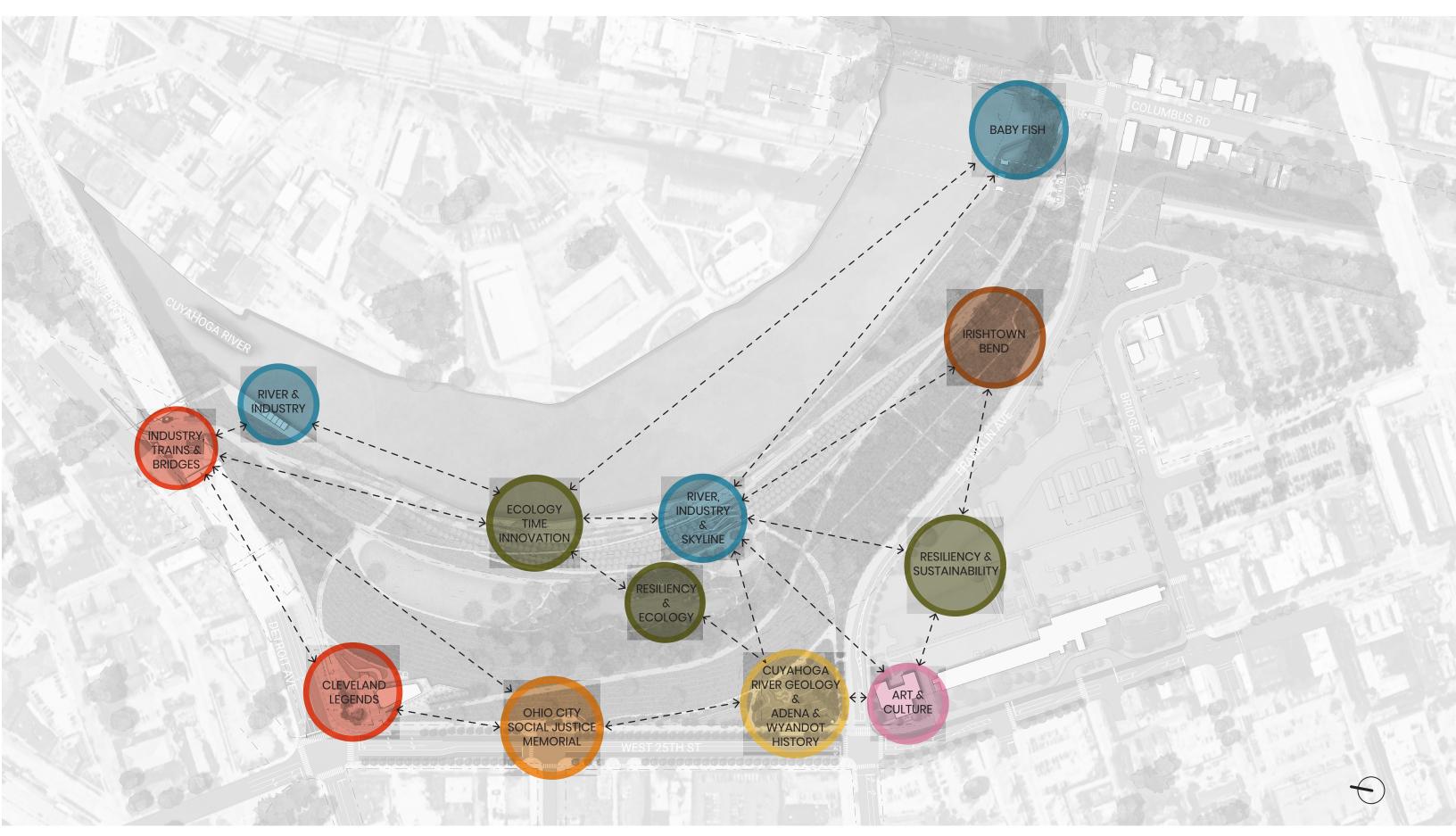
NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAYS



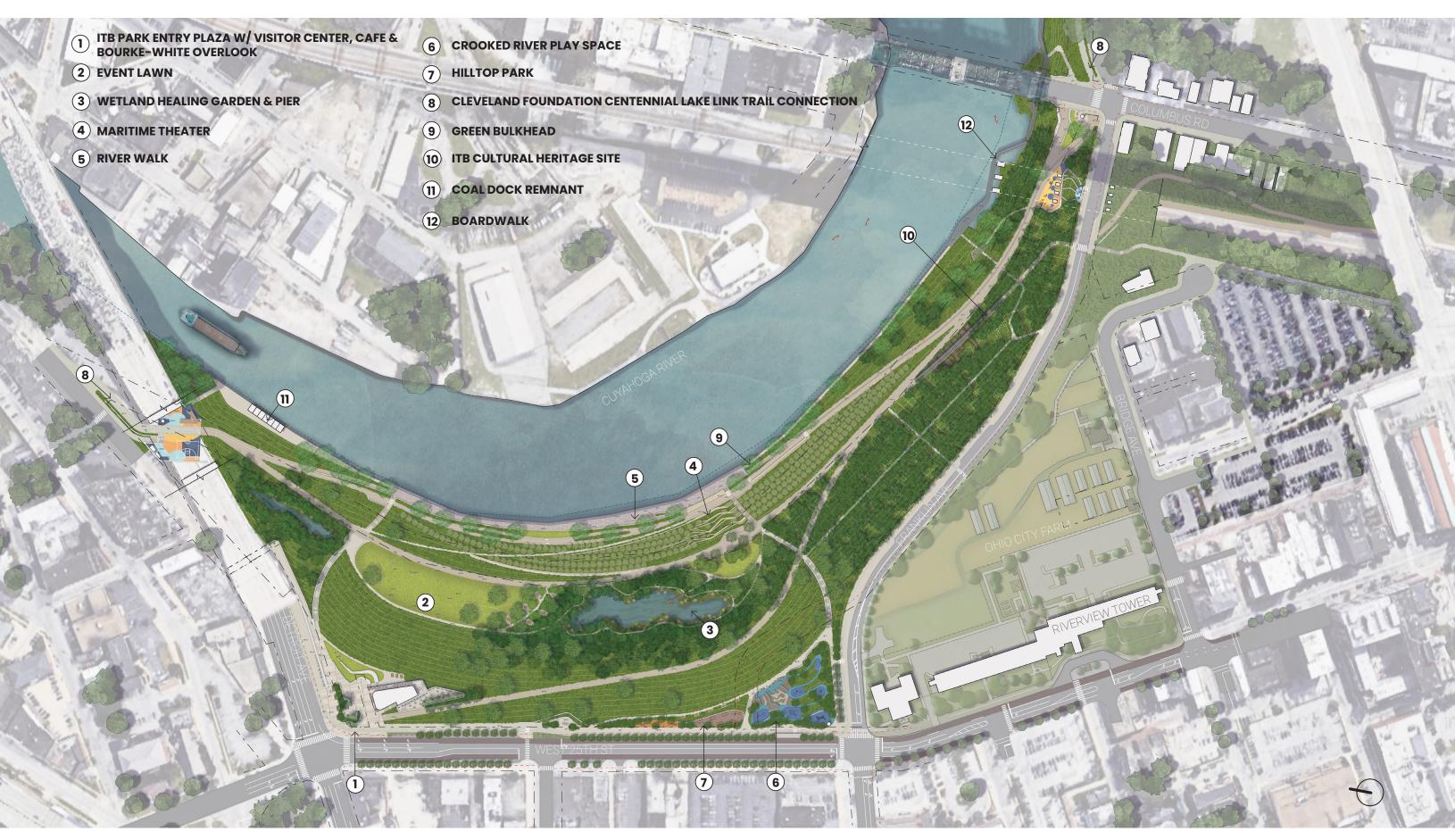
PARK PROGRAMS



SITE STORIES - POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR INTERPRETATION & PUBLIC ART



IRISHTOWN BEND PARK



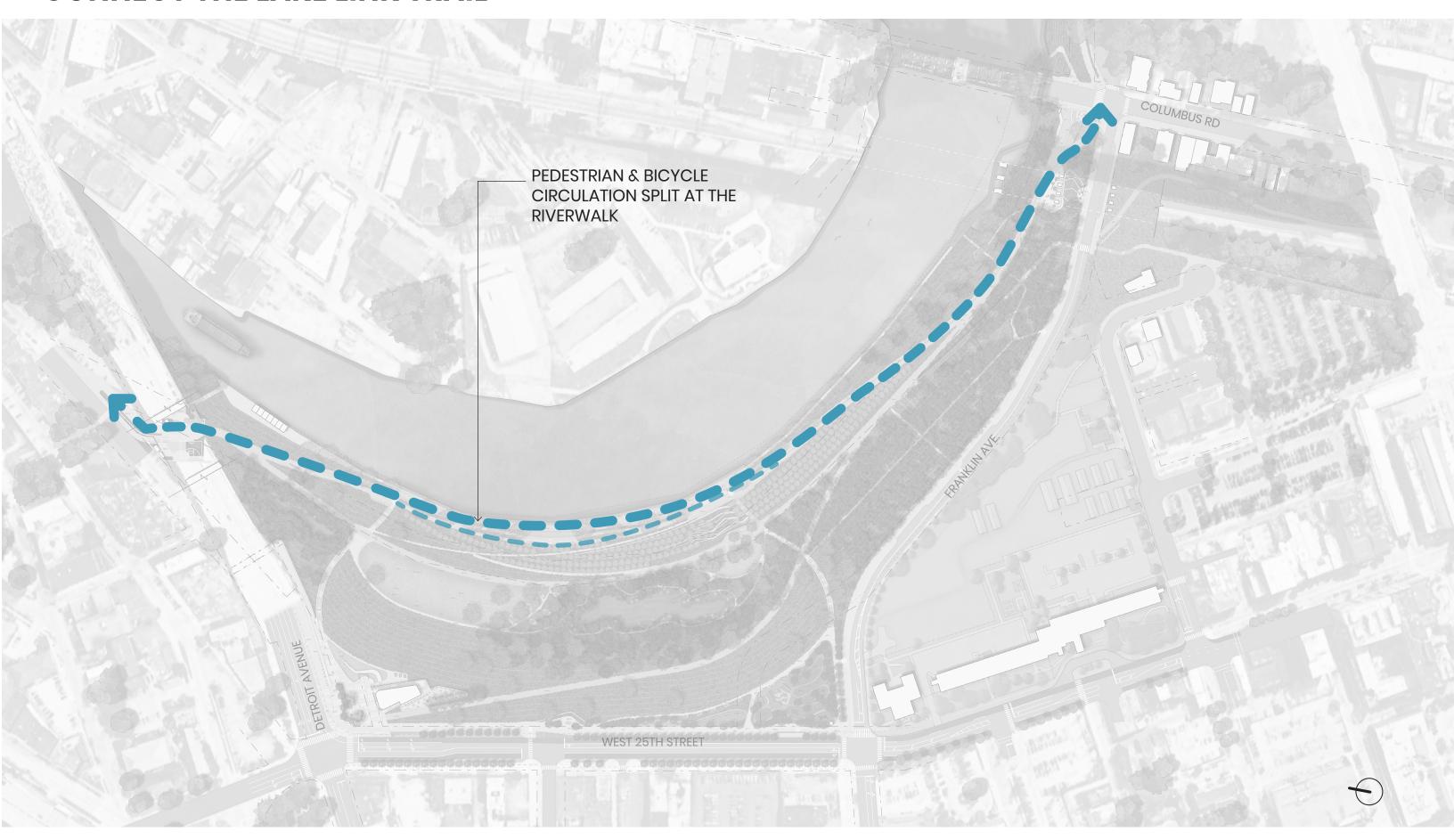
SITE SECTION



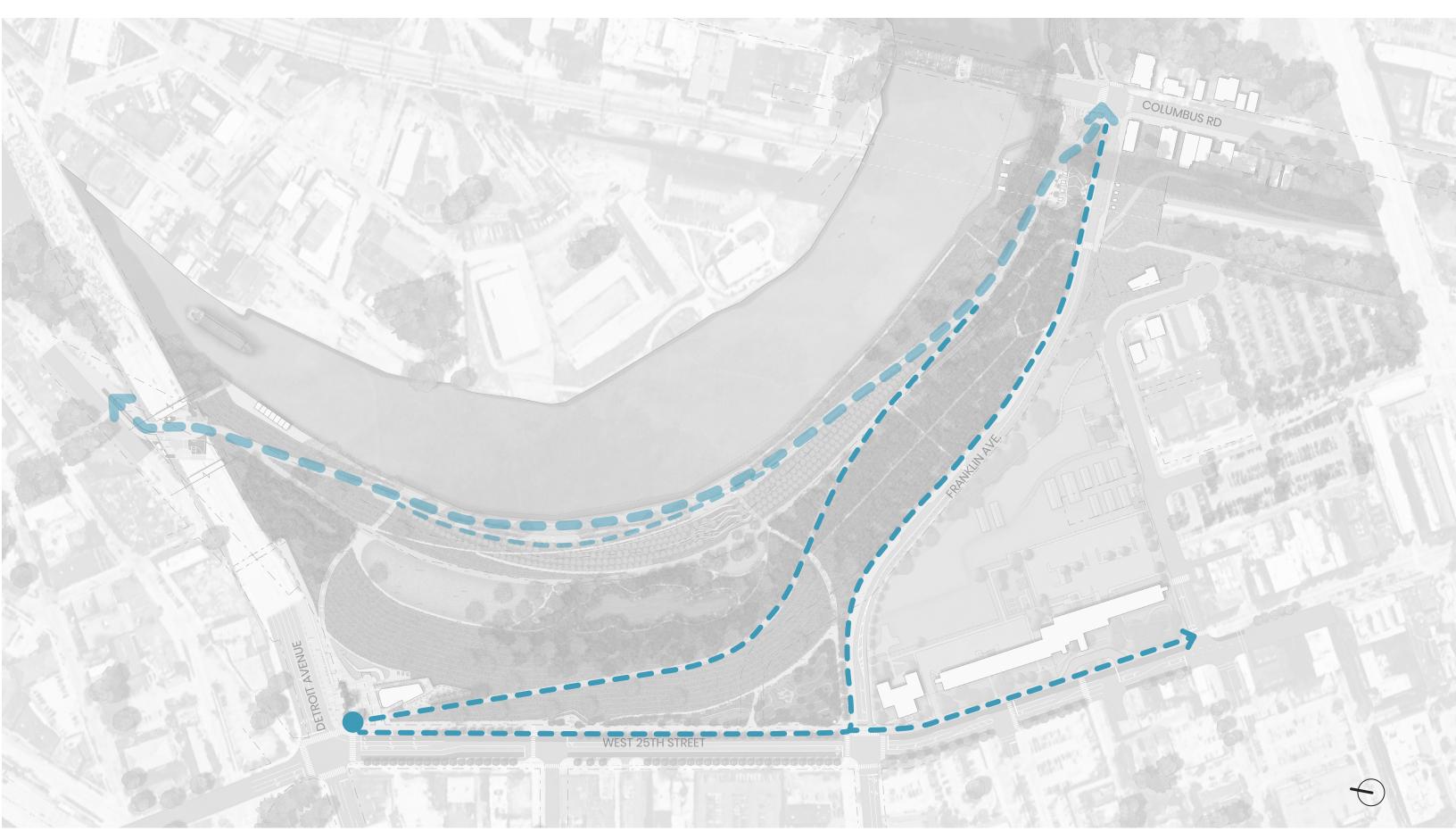
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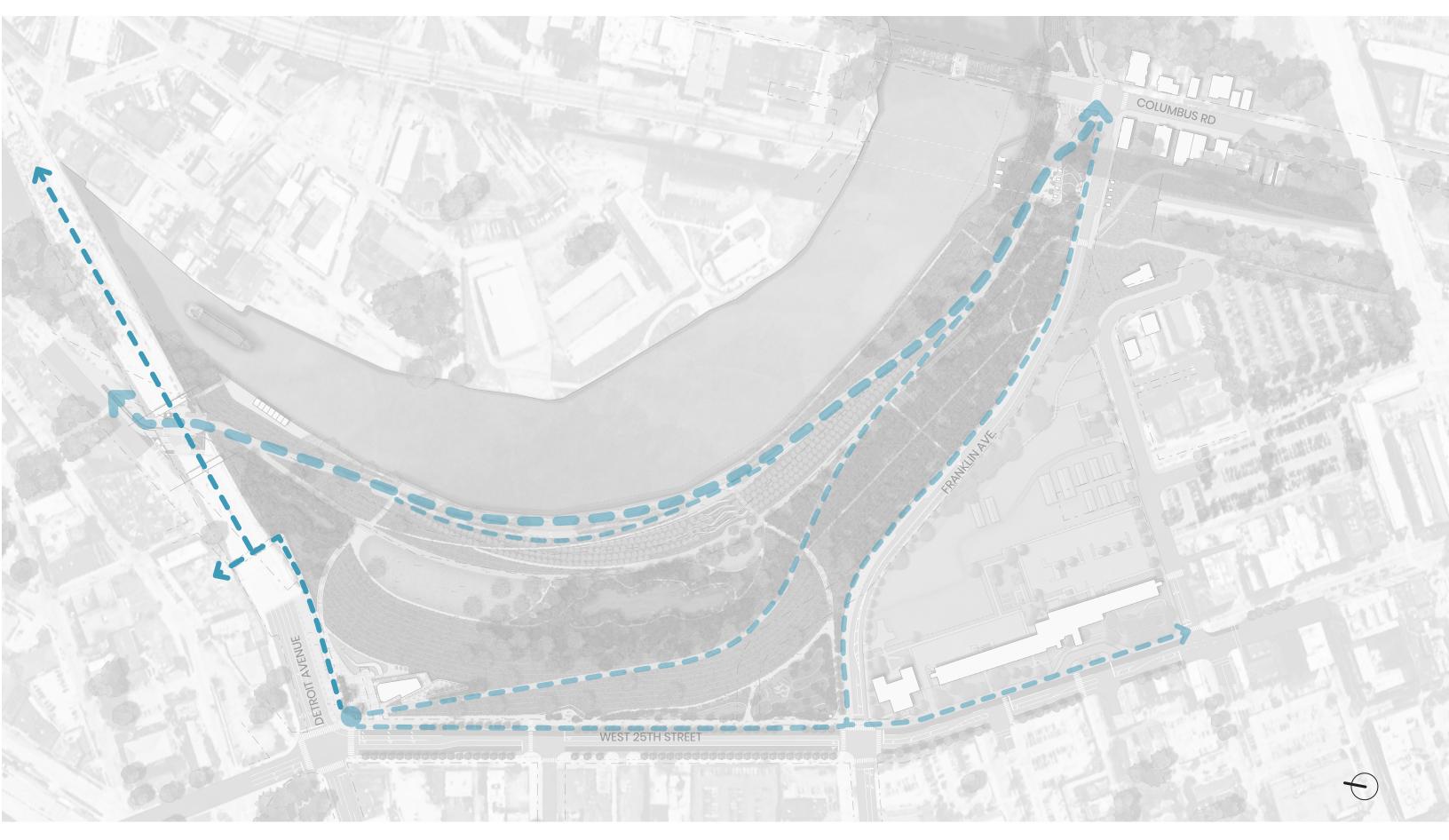
CONNECT THE LAKE LINK TRAIL



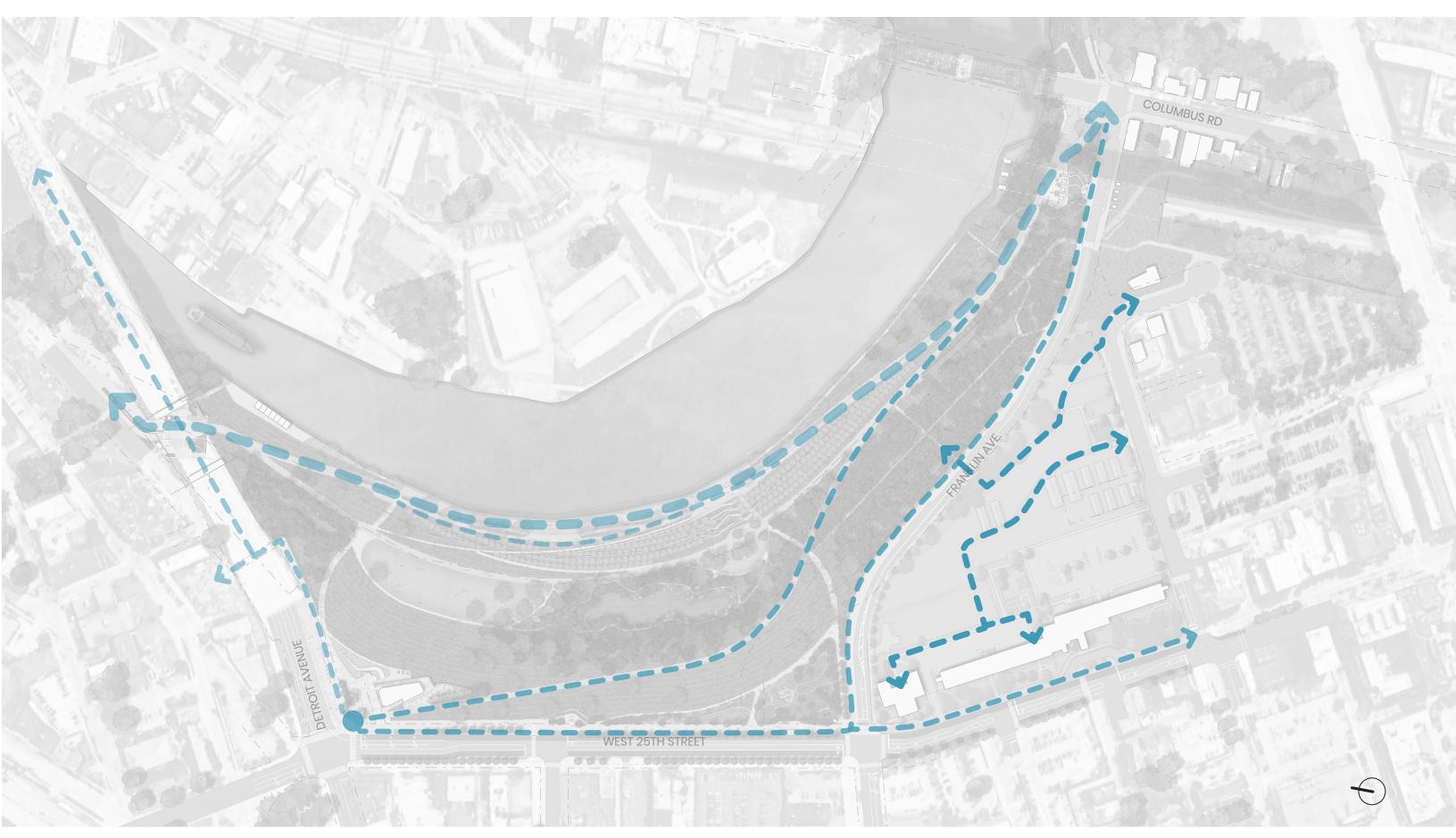
CONNECT TO WEST 25TH STREET



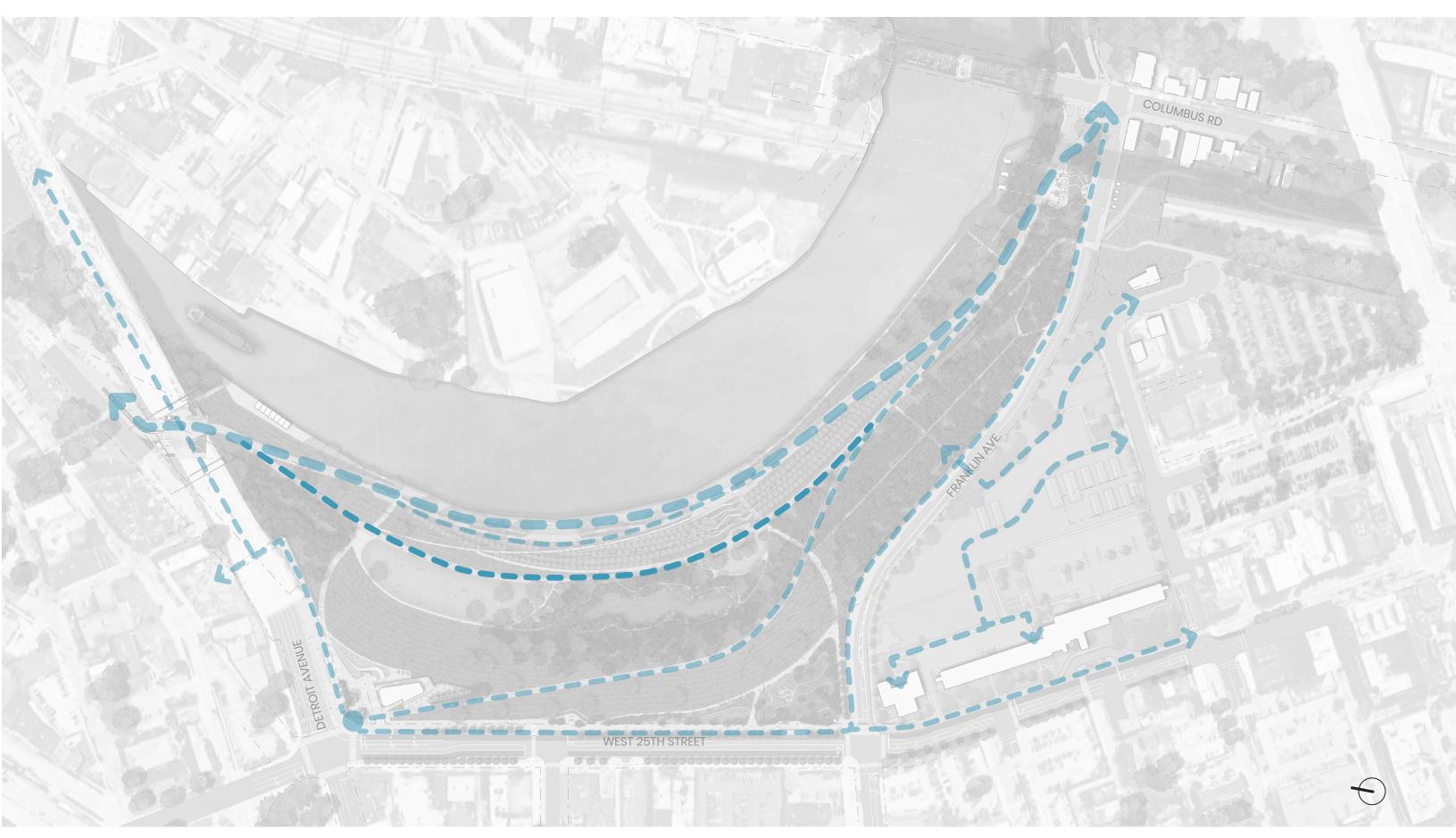
CONNECT TO VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE UNDERCARRIAGE & BRIDGEWORKS



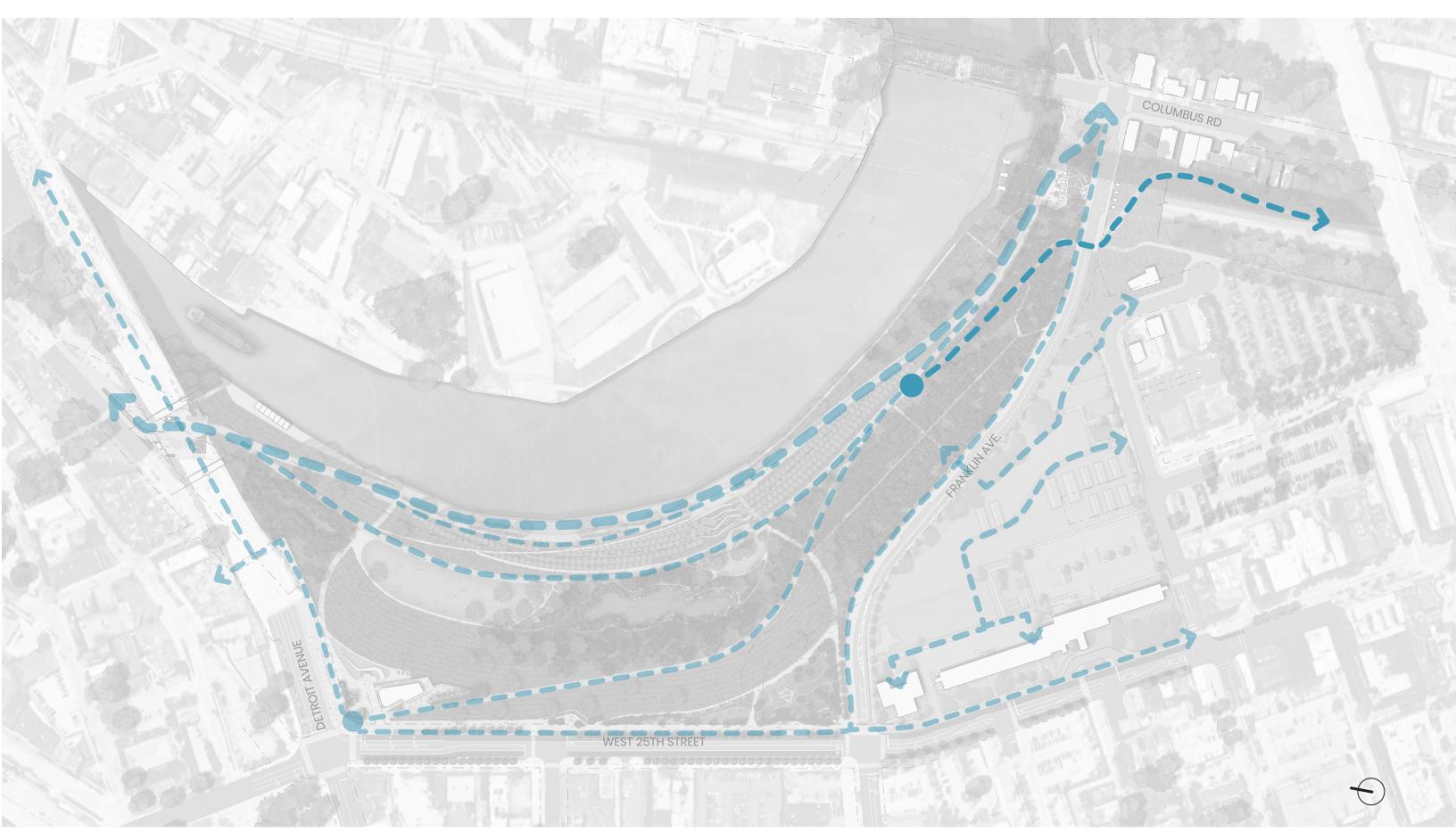
CONNECT TO OHIO CITY FARM & RIVERVIEW TOWER



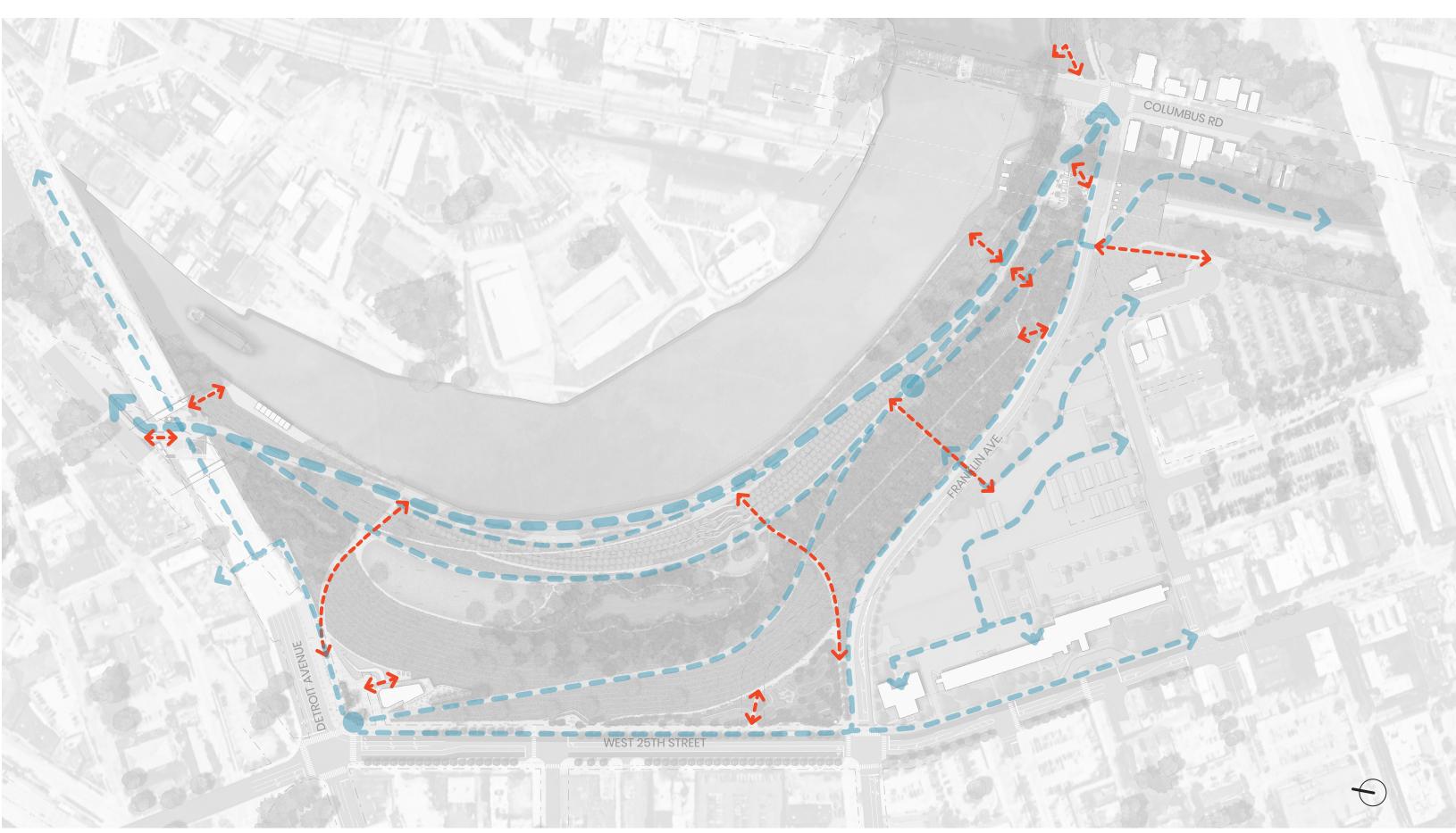
CONNECT TO DETROIT AVENUE ALONG OLD RIVERBED STREET



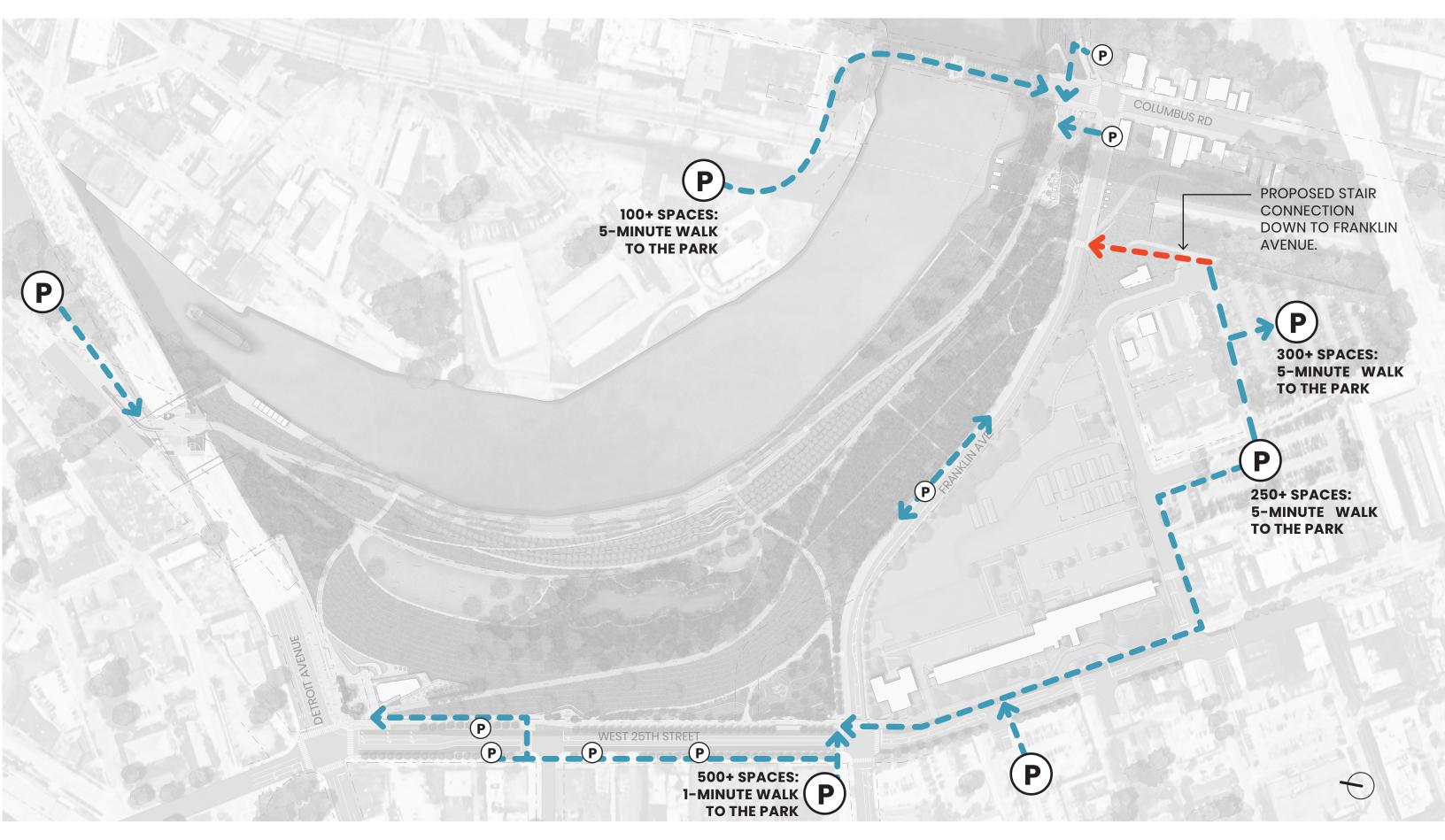
CONNECT TO THE REDLINE GREENWAY



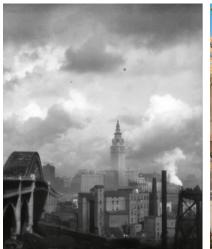
CONNECT BY STAIR UP & DOWN THE HILLSIDE



CONNECT THE PARK TO PARKING



HILLTOP PROGRAMS @ ITB PARK







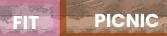




MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE OVERLOOK & WELCOME CENTER CAFE





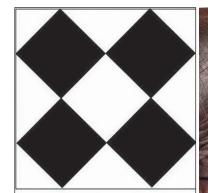


PLAY

GATHER

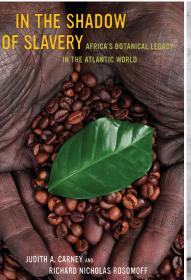
SOCIALIZE

WEST 25TH STREET



Crossroads

Keep going and travel to the crossroads in Cleveland, Ohio. Nicknamed "Hope", this vibrant Underground Railroad station, was the last stop where slaves would board a boat to Canada.











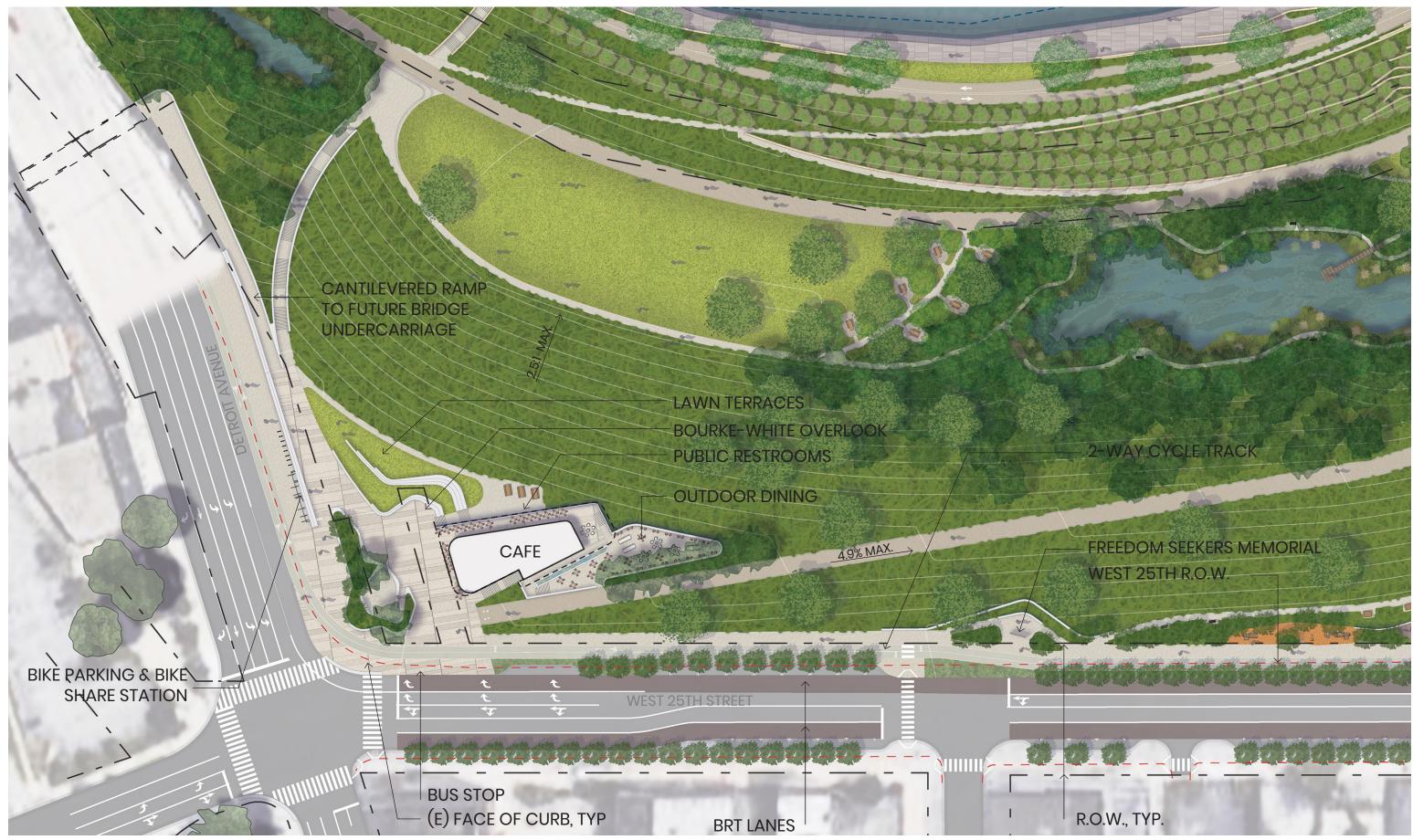


VIEW FROM PARK TO SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & FREEDOM SEEKERS MEMORIAL GARDEN

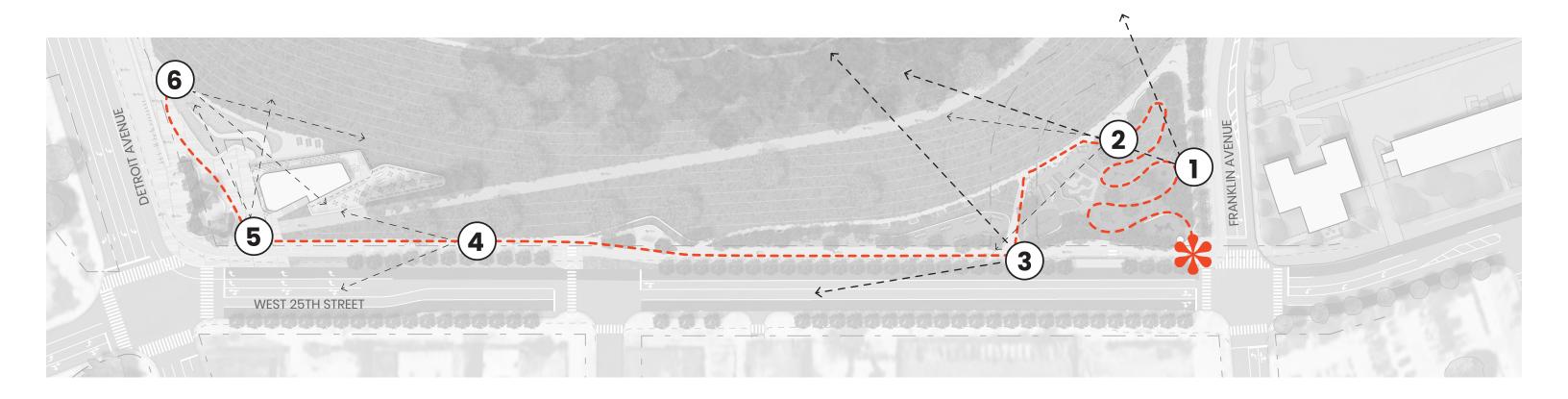
CROOKED RIVER PLAY SPACE @ ITB PARK



ENTRY PLAZA, CAFE, & WELCOME CENTER



WEST 25TH STREET & HILLTOP PARK - KEY PLAN FOR VIEWS 1-6





EXISTING CONDITION



CROOKED RIVER PLAY SPACE @ IRISHTOWN BEND PARK



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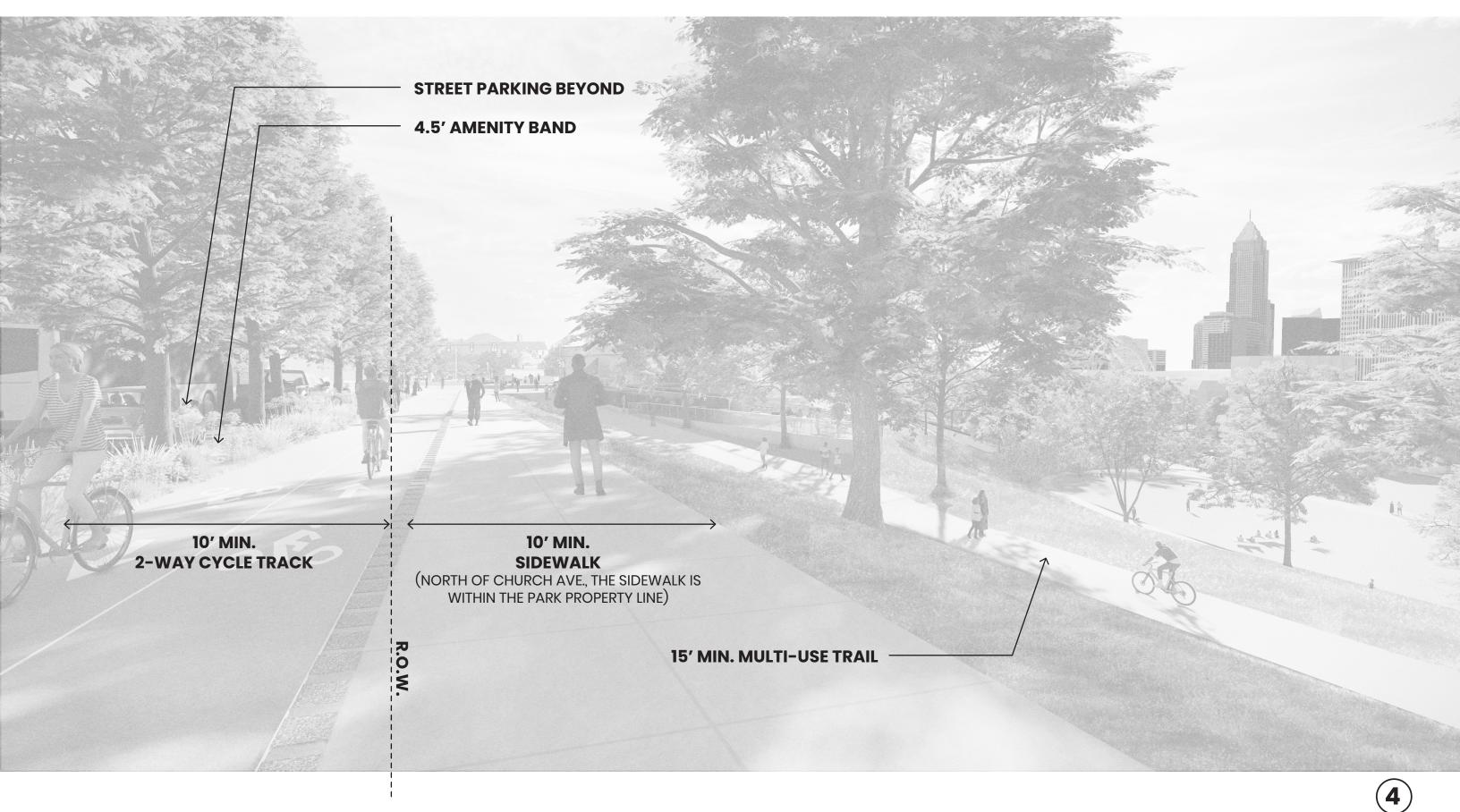
HILLTOP GRILL GARDEN @ IRISHTOWN BEND PARK



WEST 25TH "COMPLETE STREET" ALONG IRISHTOWN BEND PARK



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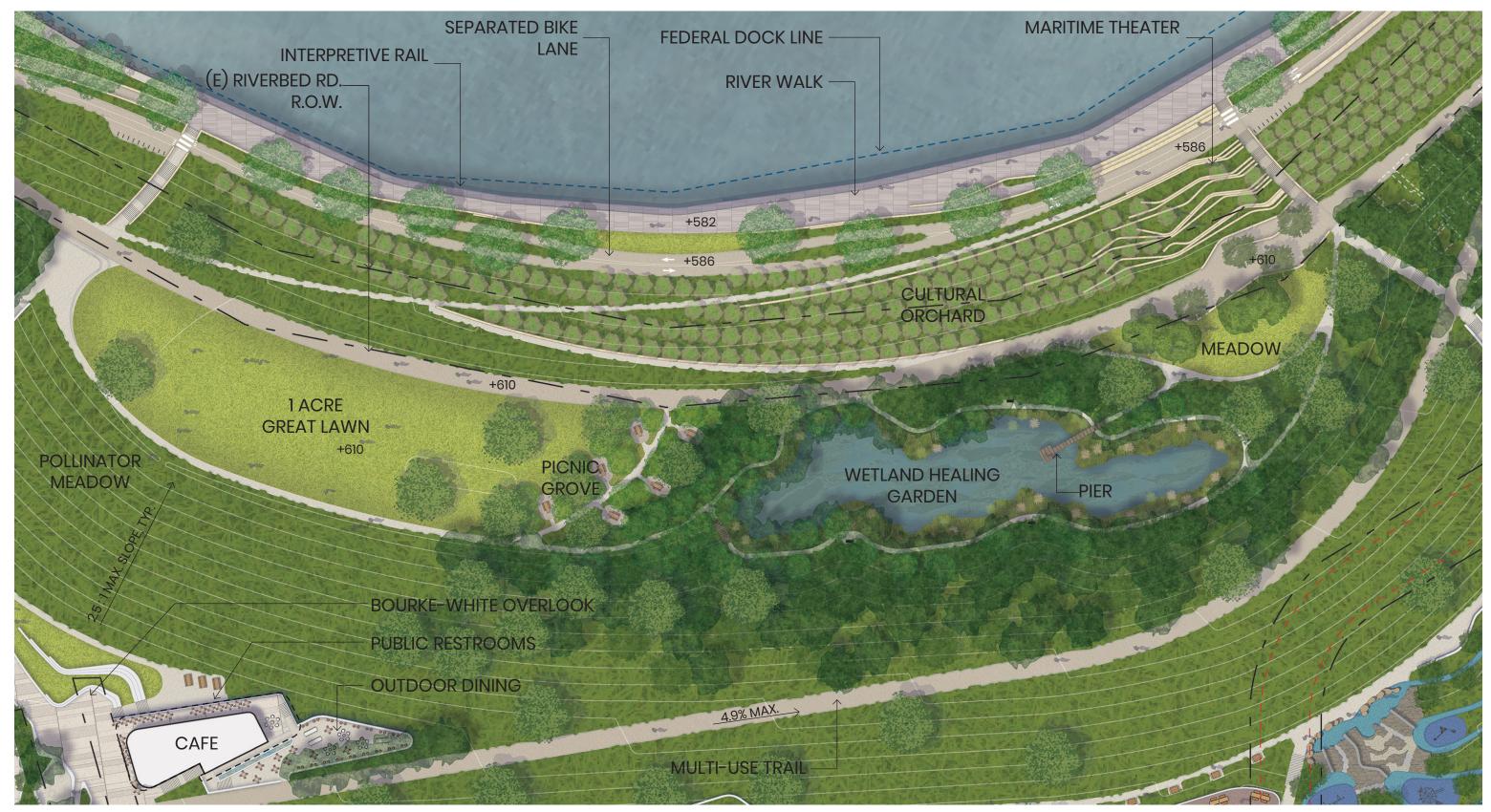
CAFE AND ENTRY PLAZA



CAFE AND LAWN TERRACES

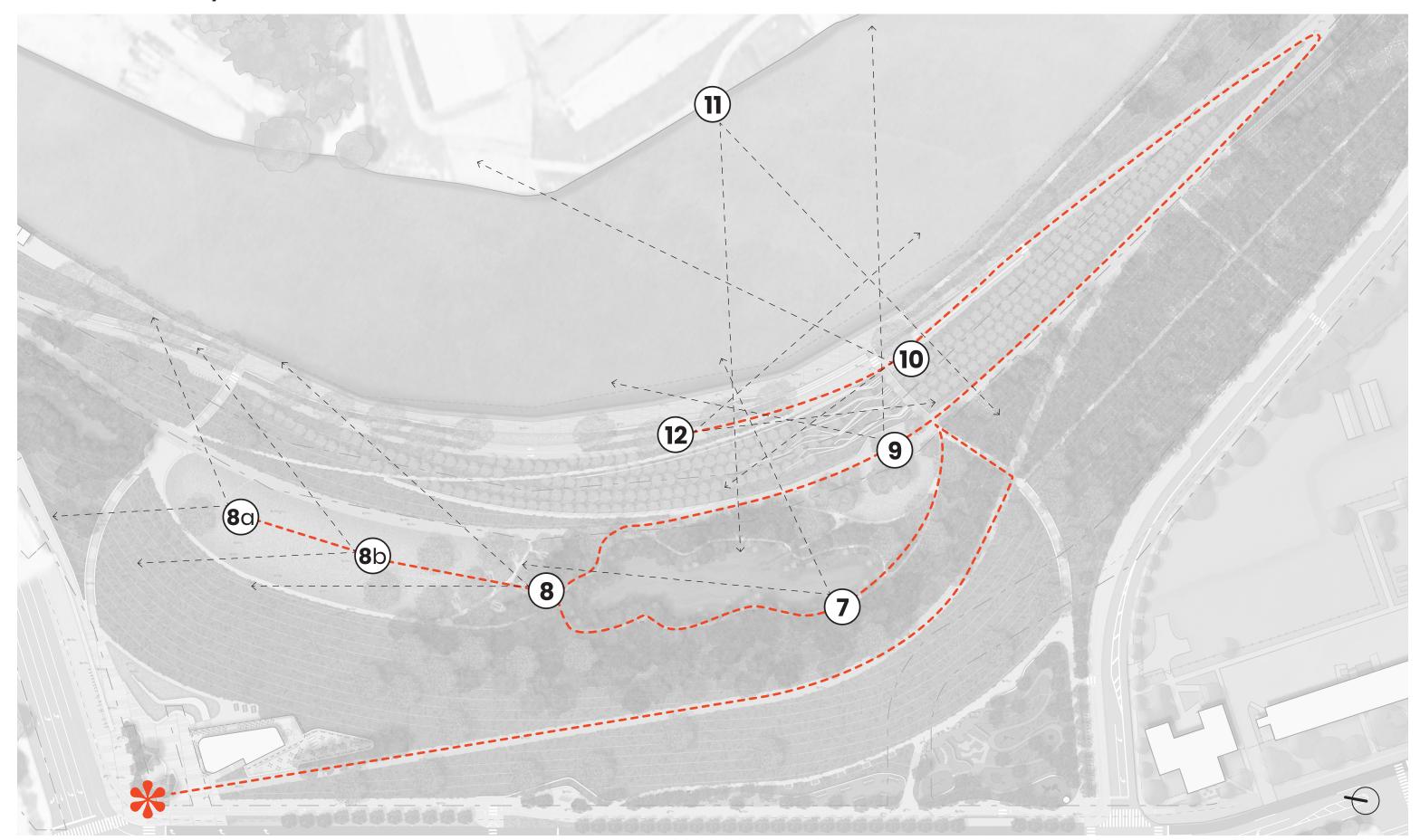


MARITIME THEATER, GREAT LAWN, & WETLAND HEALING GARDEN





GREAT LAWN, & WETLAND HEALING GARDEN - KEY PLAN FOR VIEWS 7-12



WETLAND HEALING GARDEN - LOOKING NORTHEAST



PICNIC GROVE & GREAT LAWN - LOOKING NORTH



GREAT LAWN - LOOKING NORTH



GREAT LAWN - LOOKING NORTH



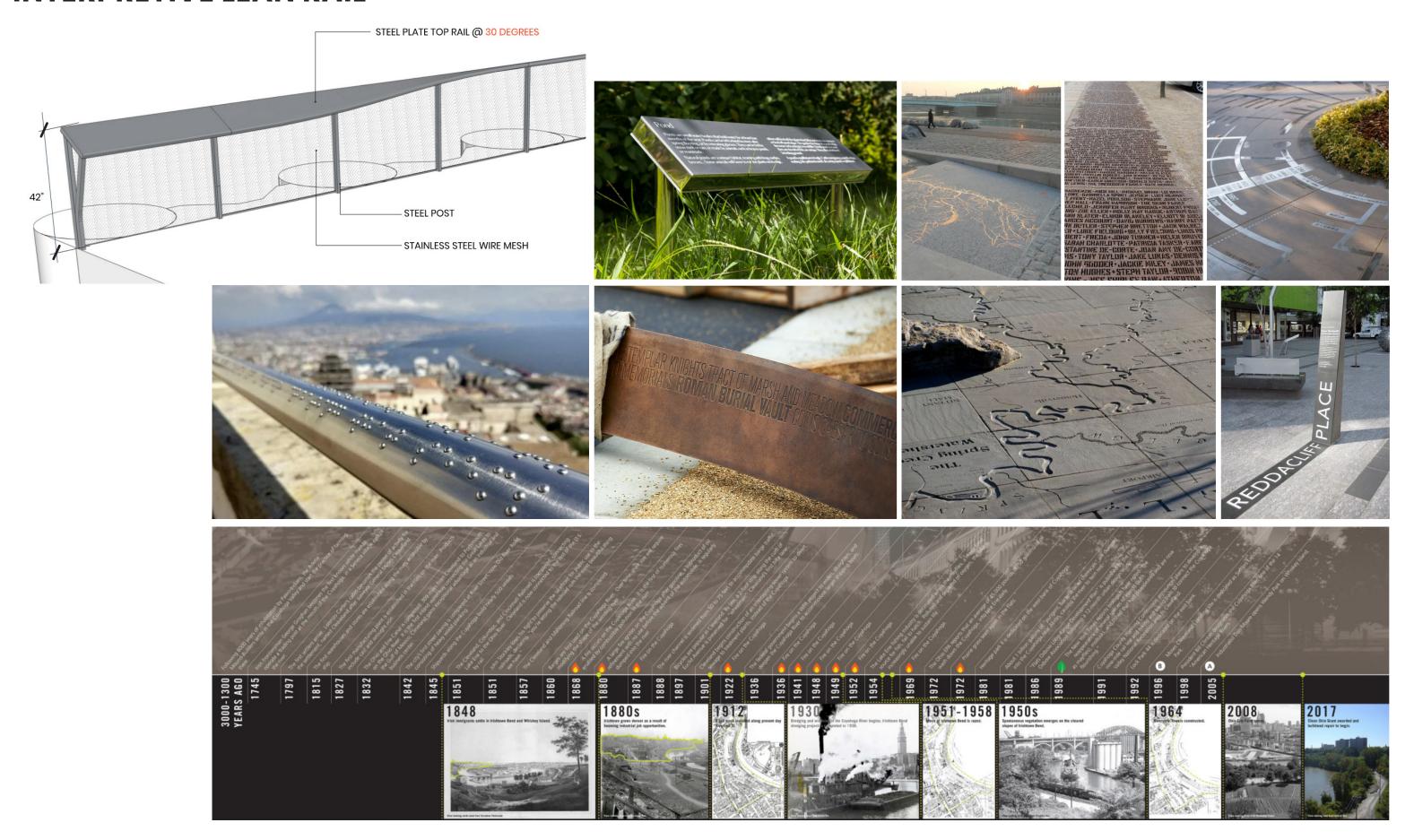
MARITIME THEATER OVERLOOK - LOOKING NORTHEAST



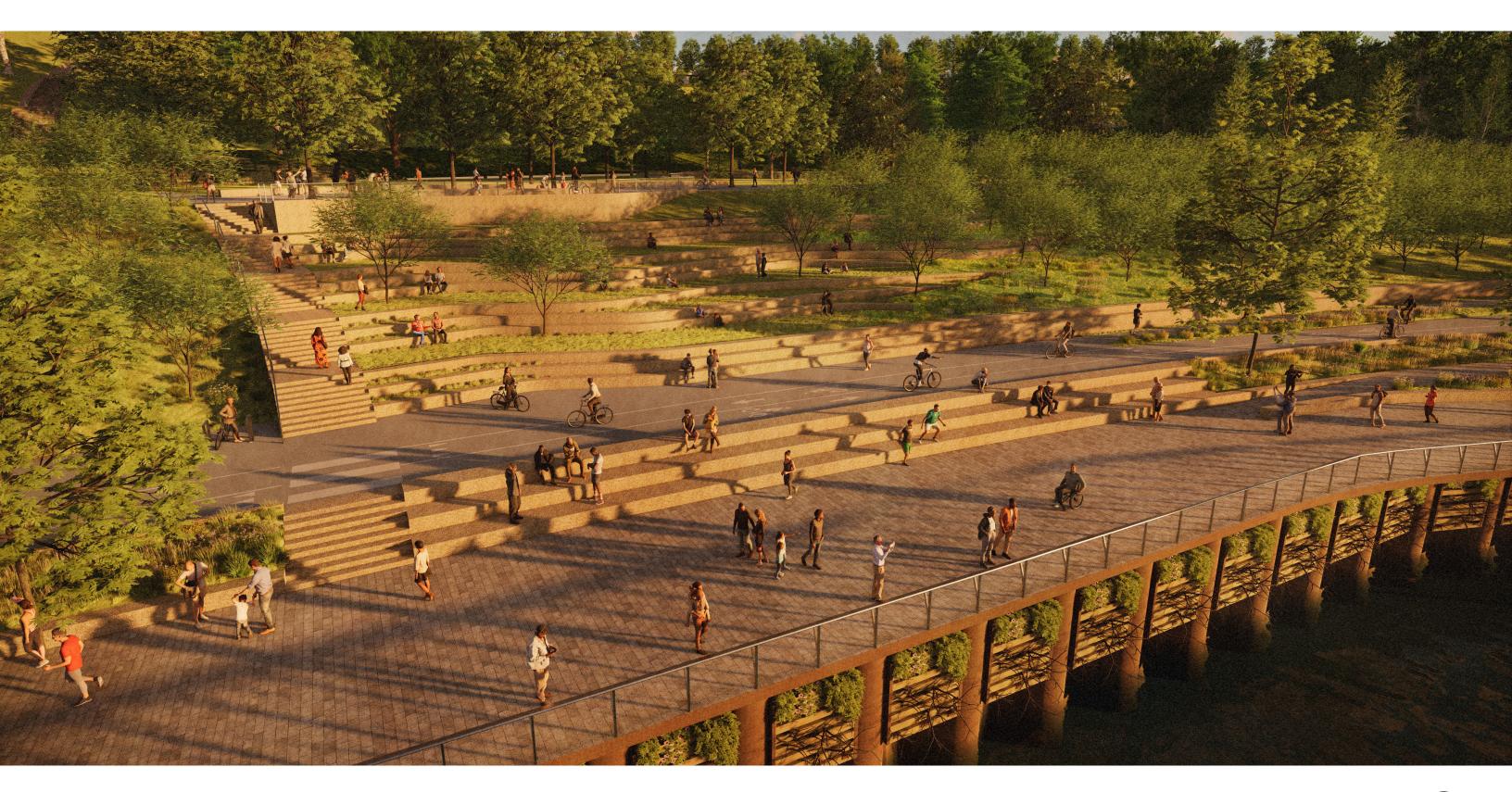
MARITIME THEATER & RIVER WALK - LOOKING NORTH



INTERPRETIVE LEAN RAIL



MARITIME THEATER & RIVER WALK - LOOKING WEST



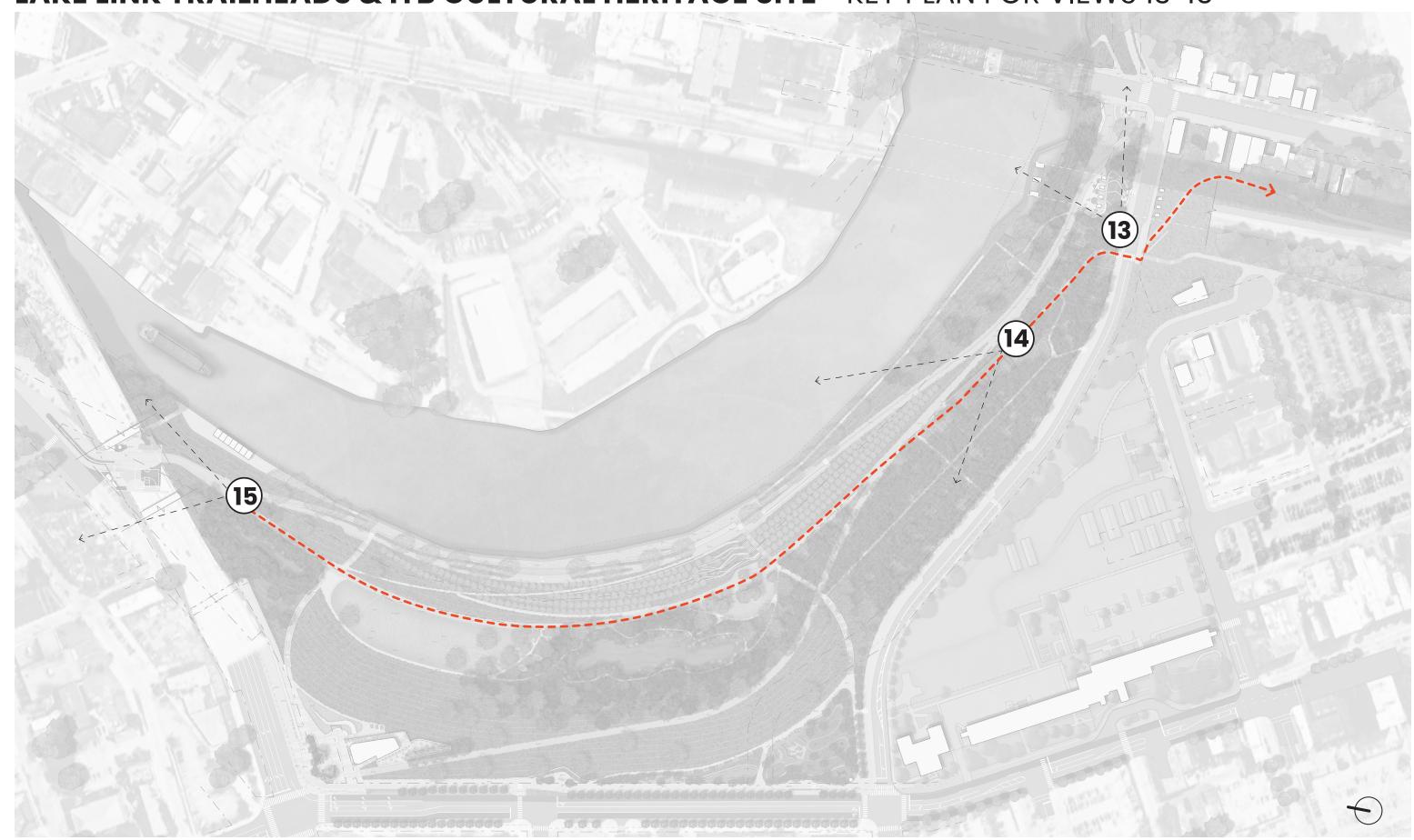
RIVER WALK - LOOKING SOUTH



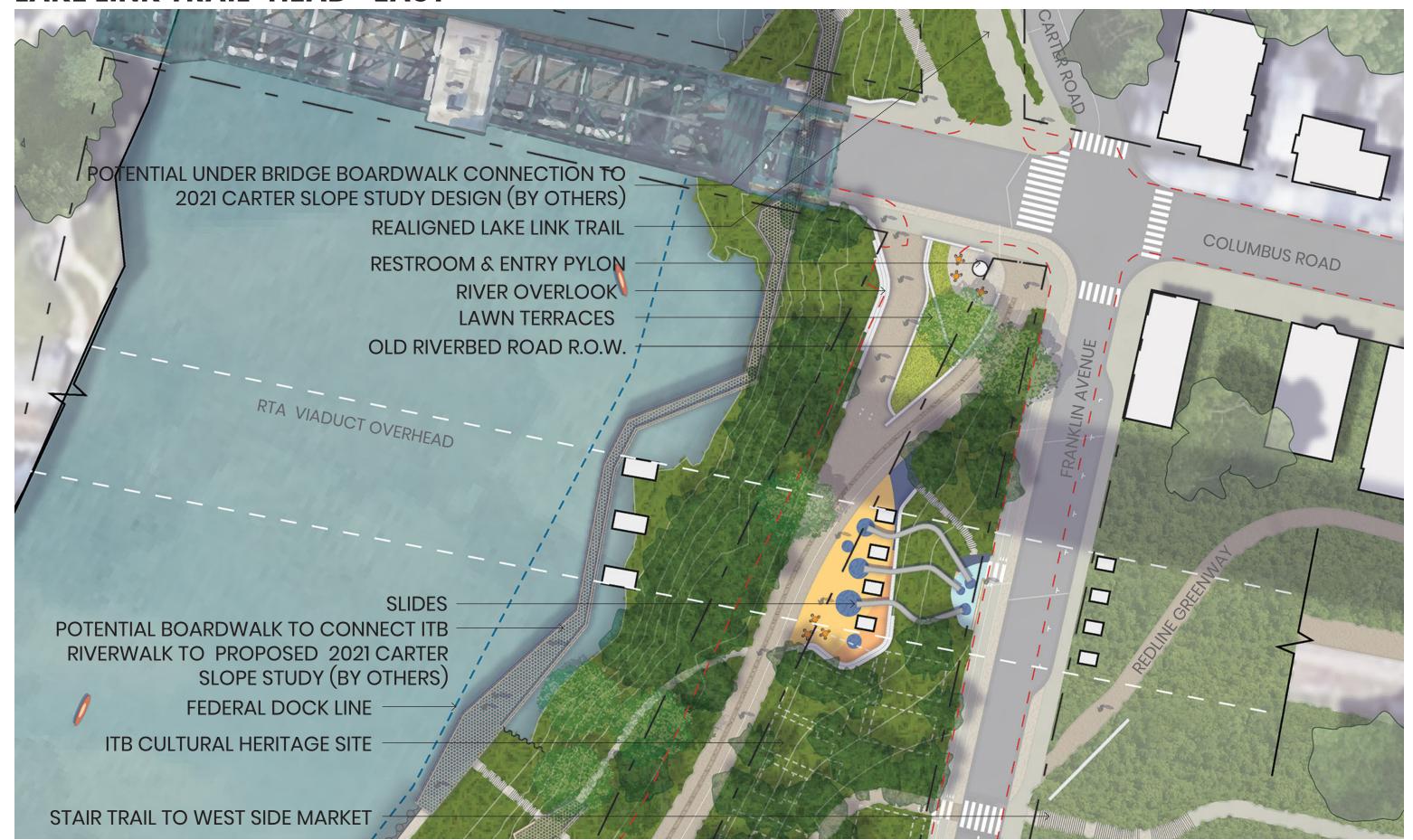
KEY DIMENSIONS



LAKE LINK TRAILHEADS & ITB CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE - KEY PLAN FOR VIEWS 13-15



LAKE LINK TRAIL-HEAD -EAST

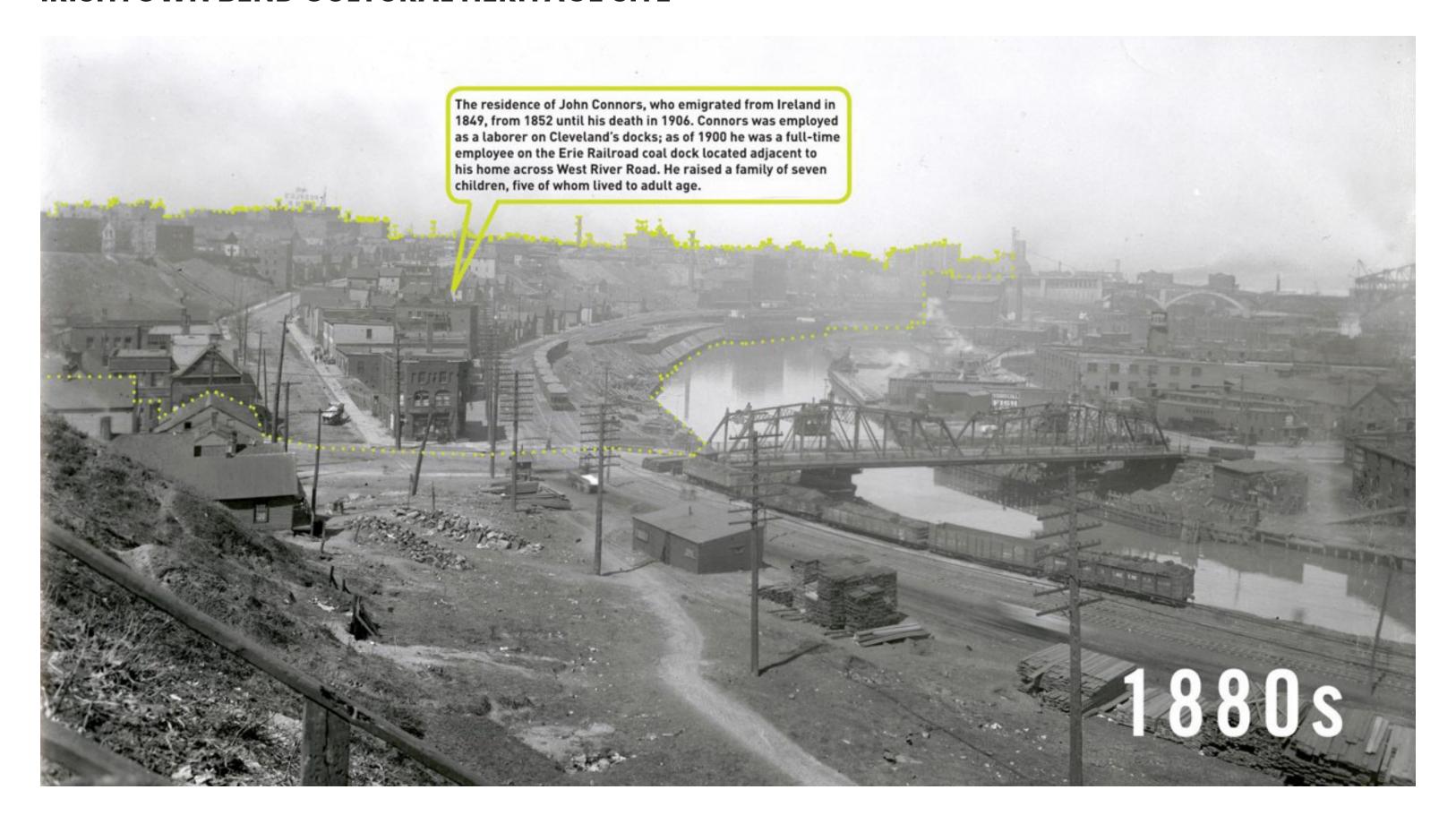




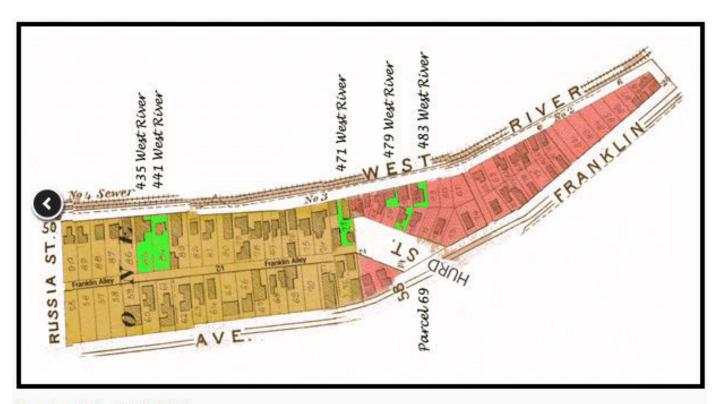
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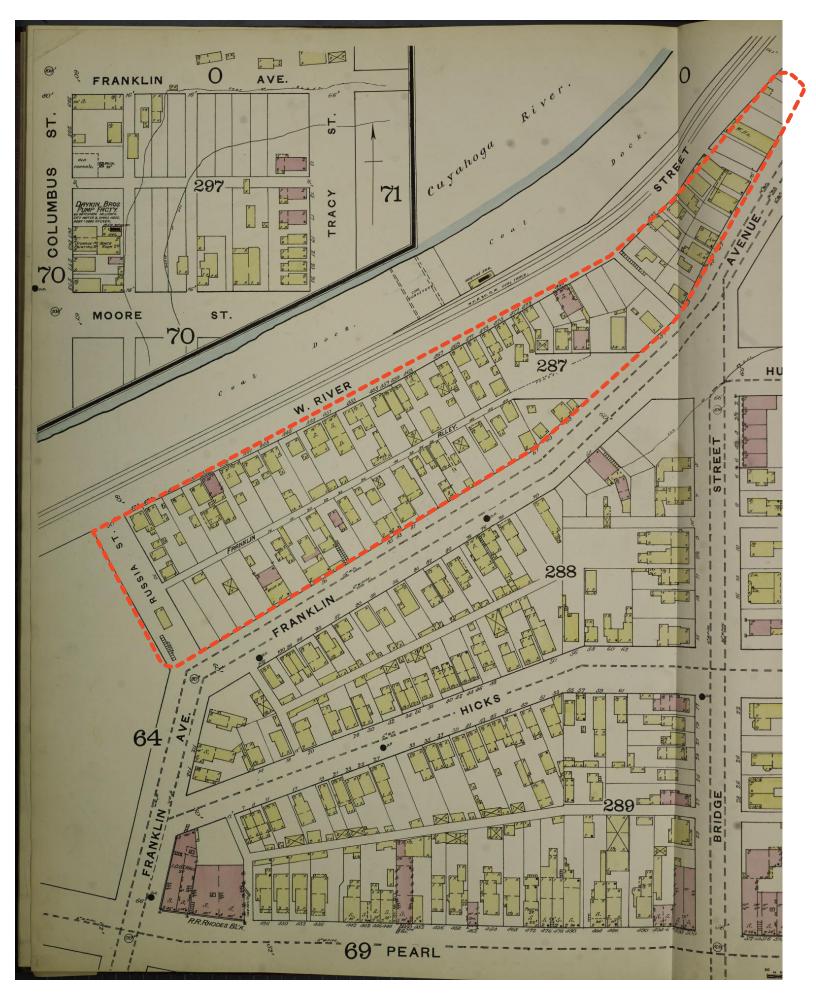
IRISHTOWN BEND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE



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Housing Plots Detail: 1892.



IRISHTOWN BEND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE - 2023 EXCAVATIONS







IRISHTOWN BEND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE - PRECEDENTS













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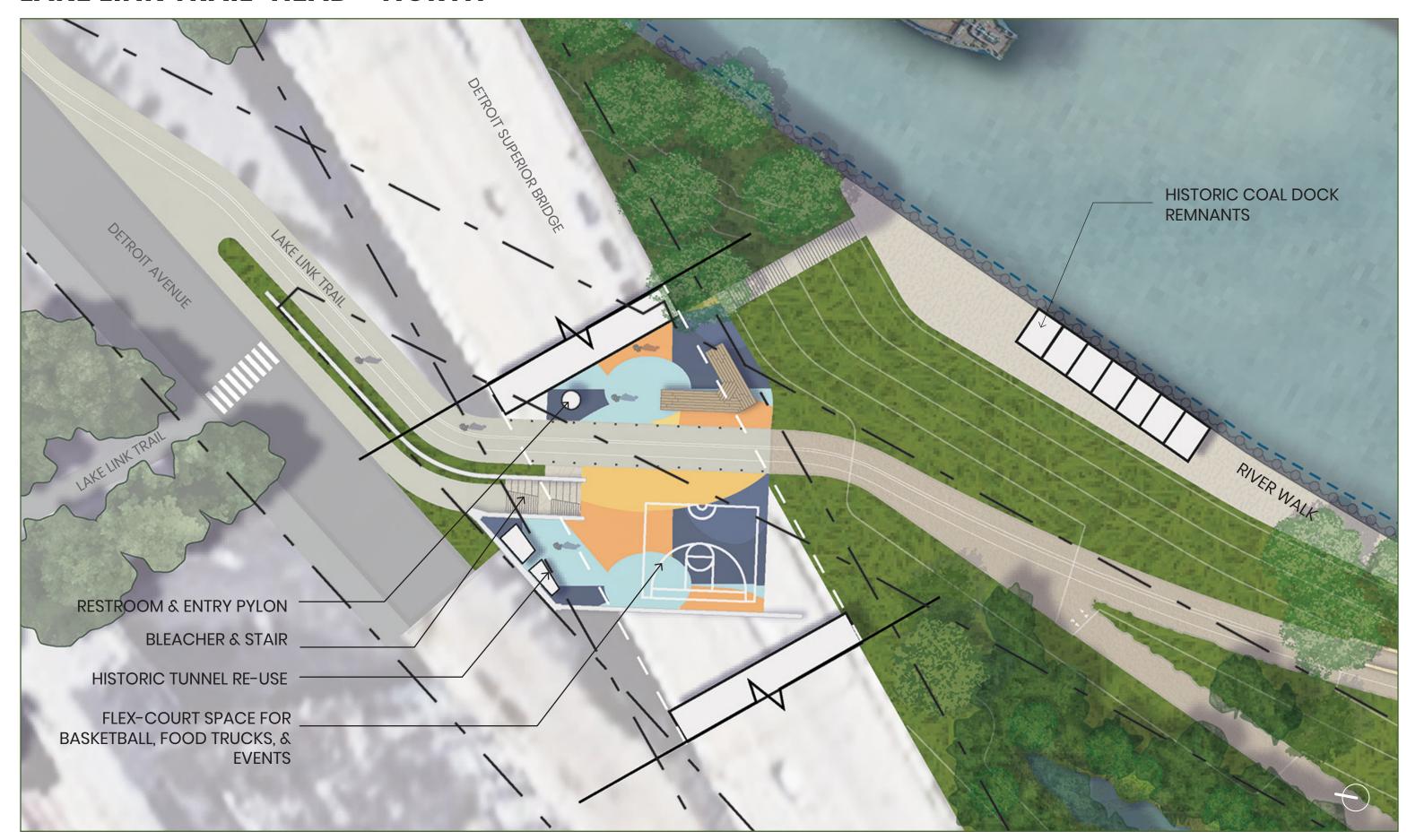














IRISHTOWN BEND PARK



