

TIME TO EXPLORE

Cleveland Metroparks

2019 RESERVATION PLAN UPDATE

Dec. 19, 2019

Cleveland Metroparks
Board of Park Commissioners

Lakefront Reservation
and the Lakefront Portion of
Euclid Creek Reservation

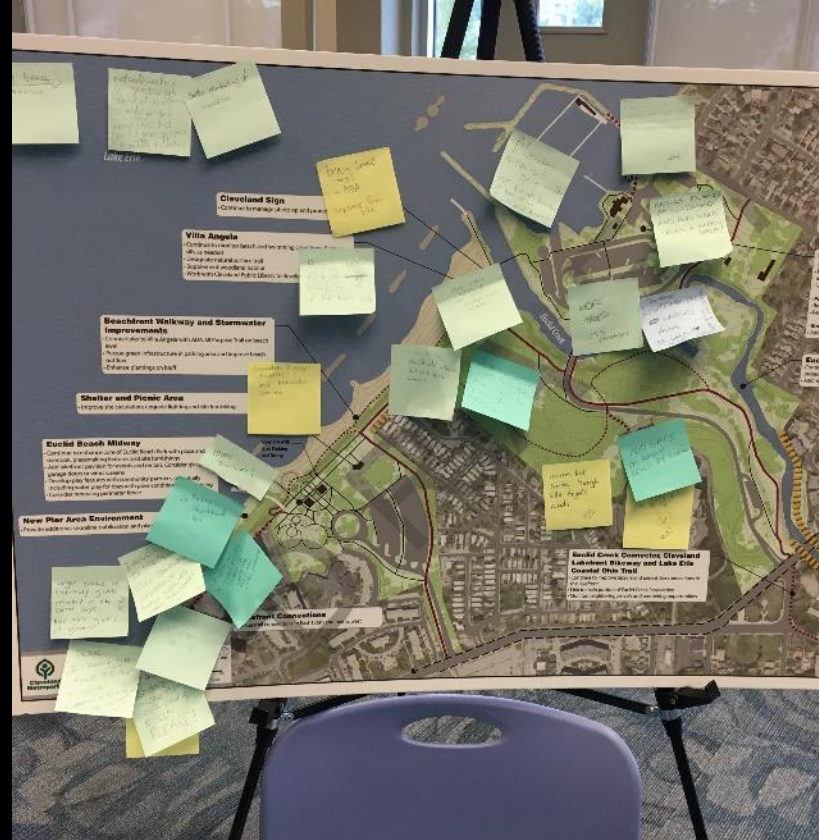


Input from Year-long Stakeholder Process:

- Increase Natural Areas and Habitat
- Encourage Recreation on and along Lake Erie
- Improve Access from Neighborhoods
- Provide Regional Destinations Welcoming to All
- Maintain Clean and Safe Parks

Image: Aerial Agents






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Reservation Plan Open Houses 2019

Lakefront Reservation and the lakefront portion of Euclid Creek Reservation

Master Plans for Lakefront Reservation and the lakefront portion of Euclid Creek Reservation are being updated this year. The plans will help shape efforts in the parks over the next two to 20 years. Please join Cleveland Metroparks staff at the following Open Houses to share your ideas for the future of the lakefront parks.



OPEN HOUSES: 5 - 7 p.m. each evening with a short presentation at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11 Collinwood Recreation Center 16300 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland	Tuesday, September 17 Lakefront Administrative Center 8701 Lakeshore Blvd. NE Cleveland	Wednesday, September 18 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Gymnasium 1355 West 70th Street Cleveland
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Stakeholder and Public Involvement

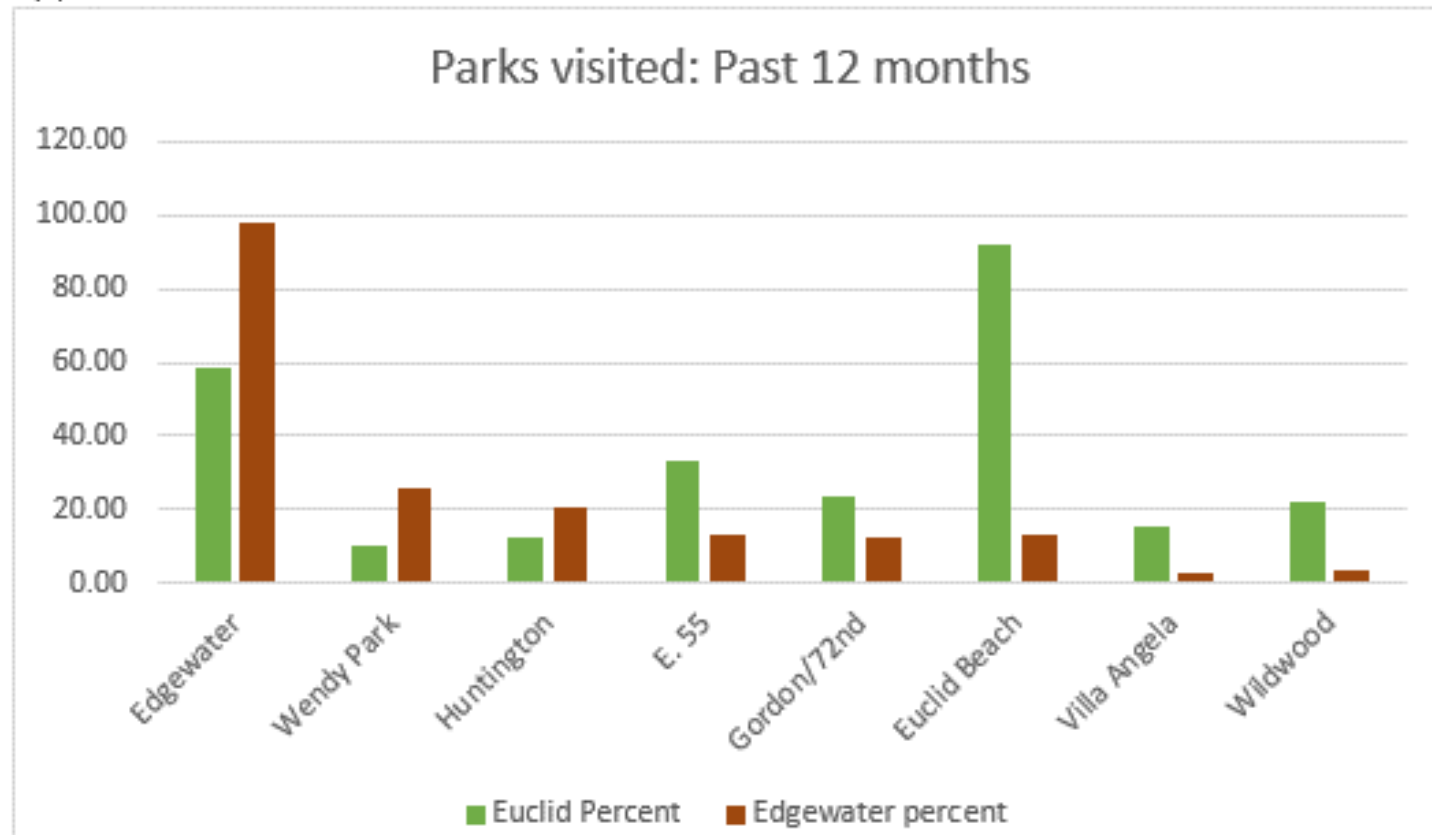
- In-person surveys at Edgewater Live & Euclid Beach Live
- Meetings with 14 agencies & community organizations
- MENTI survey
- Three Public Open Houses
- Online plans and comment form: clevelandmetroparks.com/reservationplans

Summer 2019 In-Person Surveys at Edgewater Live and Euclid Beach Live (236 responses)

Response Highlights

1. → Which park areas have you visited in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)

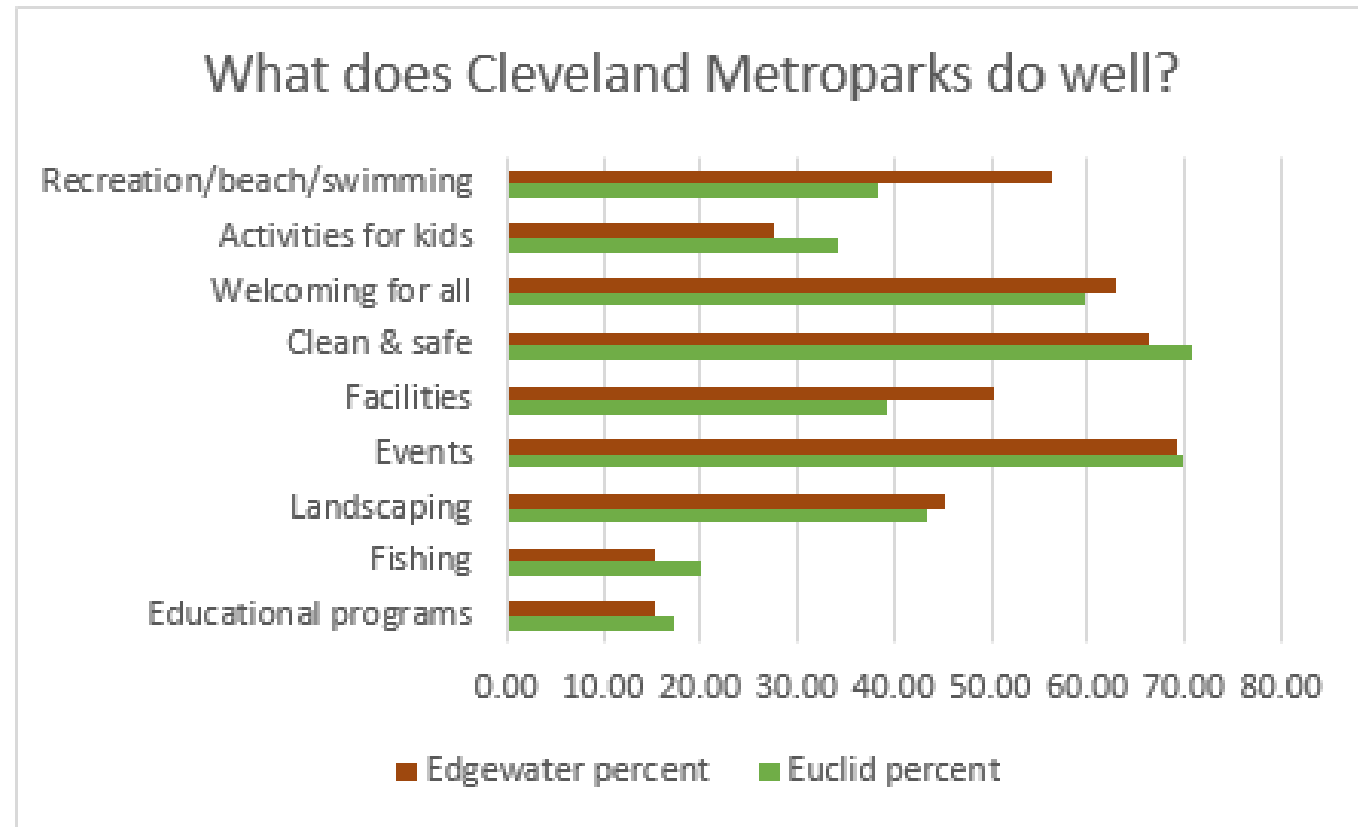
Figure 1. Graph comparing Edgewater and Euclid responses to “lakefront parks visited in the past 12 months” by percent



- A high percentage of respondents in both groups (65-75%) indicated that *events, welcoming for all, and clean and safe* are all things they feel the Metroparks does well.

What does Cleveland Metroparks DO WELL at the lakefront? (Select up to 4)

Figure 5. Graph comparing Edgewater and Euclid responses to “what does Cleveland Metroparks do well?” by percent



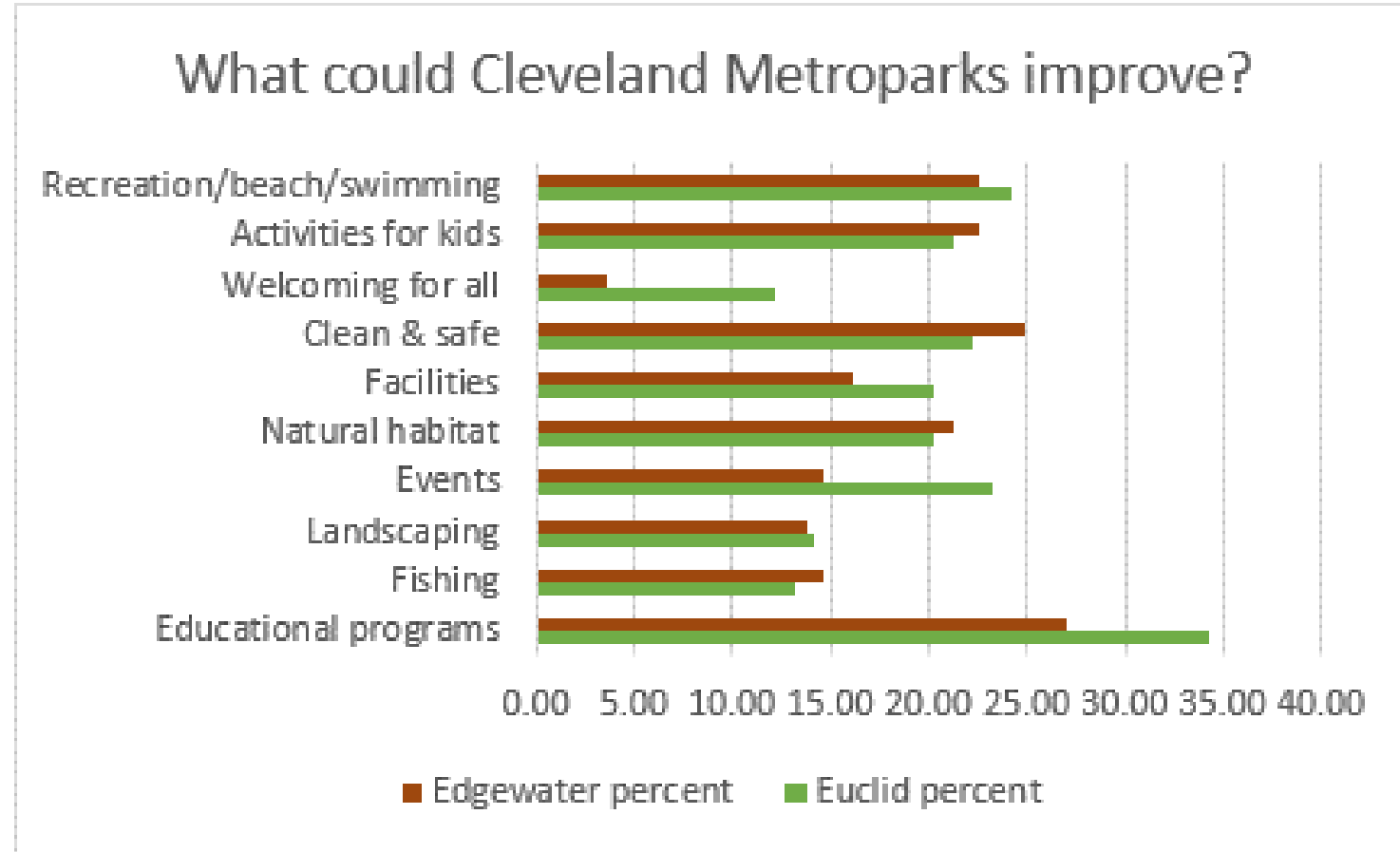
- There was an overall low response to this question (only 1/3 of respondents)

- Both locations indicated *natural habitat, clean & safe, activities for kids, and recreation/ beach/ swimming* could be improved (20-25%)

- More Euclid Beach respondents than Edgewater respondents indicated they felt *educational programs, events, and welcoming for all* could be improved

What could Cleveland Metroparks IMPROVE at the lakefront? (Select up to 4)

Figure 7. Graph comparing Edgewater and Euclid responses to “what could Cleveland Metroparks improve?” by percent



How would you prioritize these items?



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Please provide any additional comments here.

Thank you!

Adding public transportation options. RTA, trol lies, bike access, and water taxis.

You guys rock n roll

Think about WINTER!!!
Cleveland is a 4 season city (not including construction season).

Thank you for all you do!

Would love to see swings and a playground at Edgewater

Playground for kids

Please always keep equity in mind as it relates to the different parks along the lakefront and dedicating limited resources

Euclid Beach is awesome!!

Thanks for all you do! More trees and natural habitat really makes a difference, especially in large field area of Edgewater park.



Please provide any additional comments here.

Thank you!

Put a real restaurant in wildwood!

Create more connectivity between parks along the lakefront!

Please continue to transform Cleveland's lakefront. Keep up the good work, and keep making great plans. .

I ♥ Metroparks

We used to have access to Euclid Beach from the north end of E 156th, but the high rises blocked access. Please work with them to restore an entrance there

I think riding jealous and boats are not safe because of all the rocks and kids playing and swimming

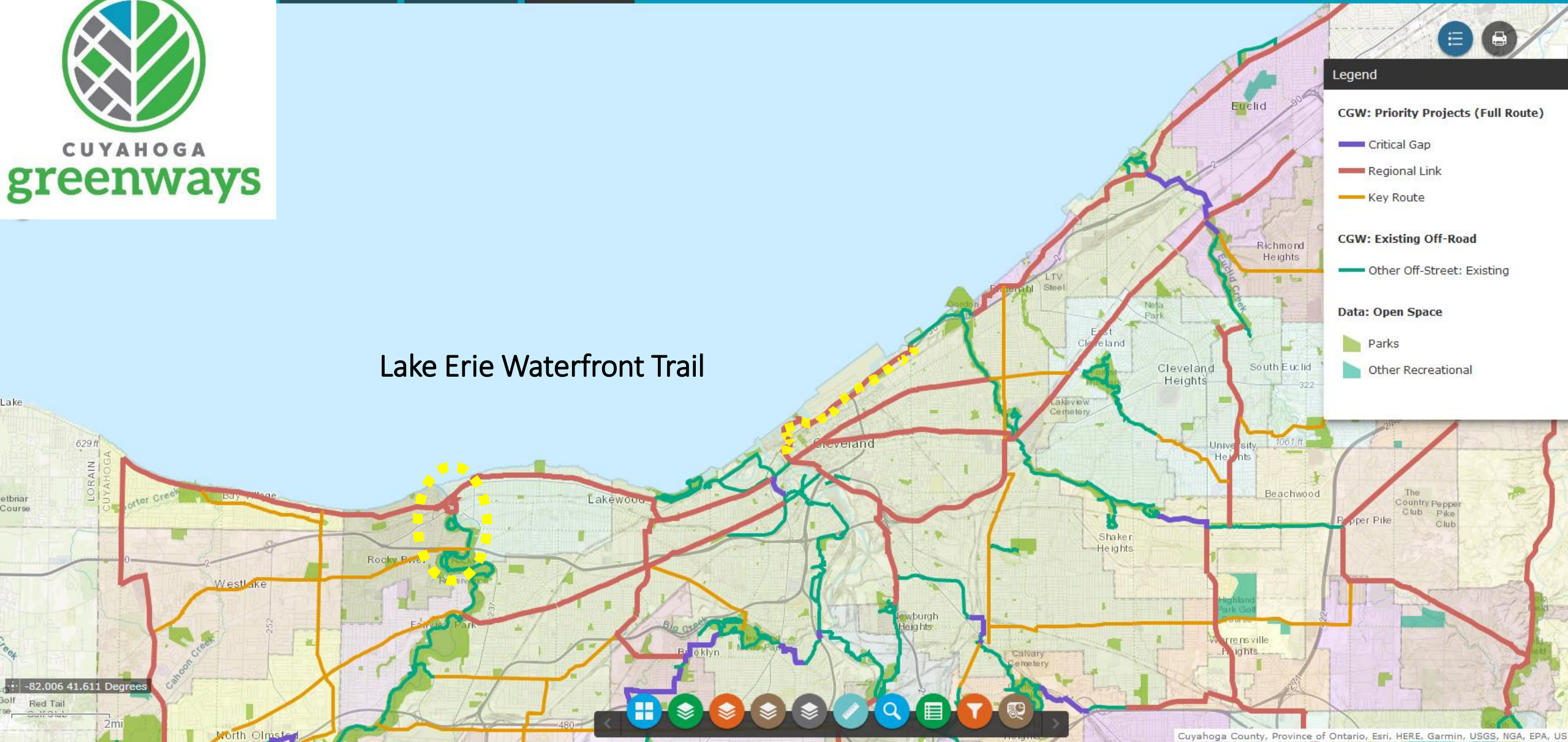
Stock the marina store with the lake equipment not pond fishing stuff





- Route Evaluation
- Implementation
- Interactive Map

Lake Erie Waterfront Trail



Legend

CGW: Priority Projects (Full Route)

- Critical Gap
- Regional Link
- Key Route

CGW: Existing Off-Road

- Other Off-Street: Existing

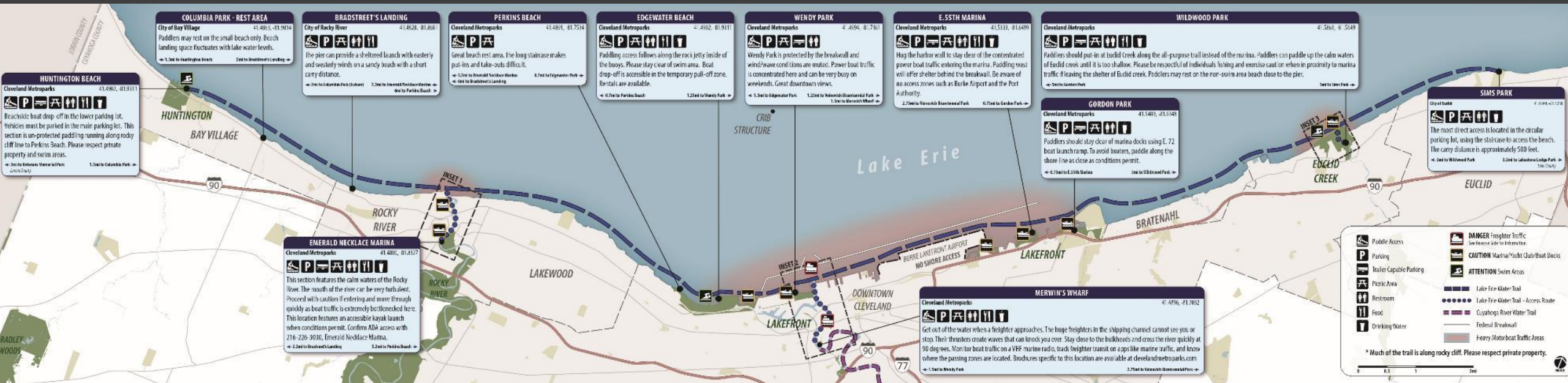
Data: Open Space

- Parks
- Other Recreational

-82.006 41.611 Degrees

Lake Erie Water Trail – Cuyahoga County

A **water trail** is a recreational boating route along a waterway with strategically located access points similar to a hiking trail or bikeway.



Partners include the cities of Bay Village, Rocky River, Lakewood, Cleveland, and Euclid.

Submittal for designation from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources pending

Cuyahoga County Lakefront Public Access Plan

Focus Areas, with Cuyahoga Greenways TLCI Plan



- LEGEND**
- Focus Area
 - TLCI Study Area
 - Euclid Waterfront Project Area
 - ★ Lake Erie Water Trail Paddle Access Point
 - East Shoreway Relocation Proposal



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Lakewood Park & Solstice Steps



Rocky River Bradstreet Landing

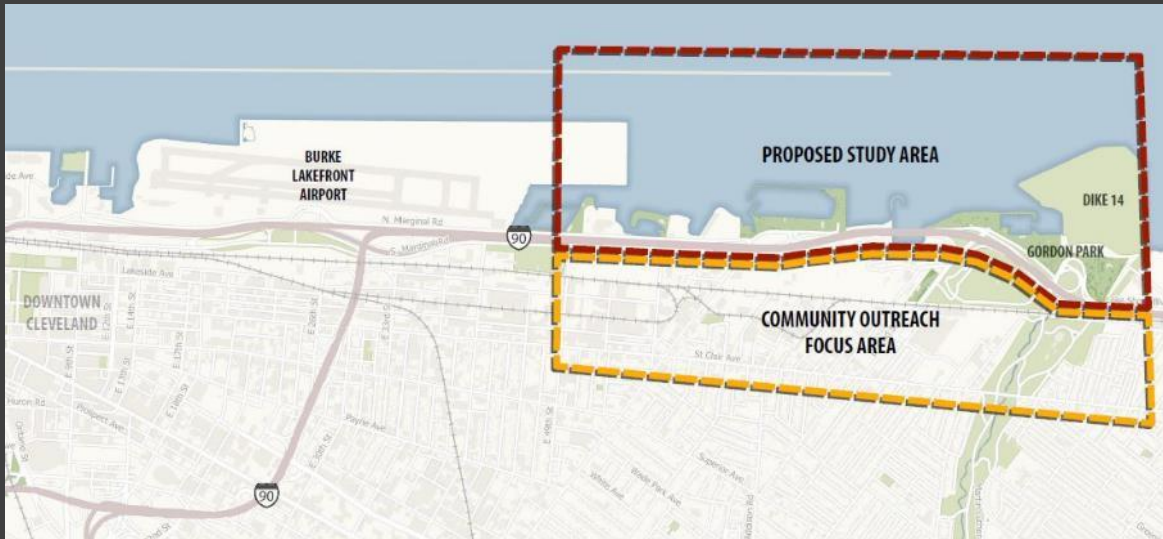
Lakefront Landscape Master Plan

- Internal team toured lakefront; work will continue in 2020
- Developing recommendations and plant palettes across lakefront parks
- Considering maintenance needs, culture, history, and habitat



CHEERS

Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study



- \$251,000 Planning Study
- Year-long effort kicks off in early 2020; additional stakeholders and partners will be identified
- Grant Partners:
 - City of Cleveland
 - Cleveland Metroparks
 - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 - Ohio Department of Transportation
 - Port of Cleveland



LOOKING BACK –

All 18 reservation plans updated over the past five years
Capital investment of over \$16 million in lakefront parks
Renewed interest and energy in connections and active recreation

UPCOMING FUNDED LAKEFRONT PROJECTS –

Edgewater	Lindsey Family Nature-Based Playground Whiskey Island Connector Trail and Lighting
Wendy Park	Wendy Park Bridge
Rivergate	Recreational Docks (BIG funds)
Canal Basin Park	Forum Pavilion (LAND studio)
Irishtown Bend	Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail (design)
E. 55 th /72 nd /Gordon	Comfort Station
Euclid Creek	Connector Trail (main reservation)

Continued efforts to enhance connections, habitat and landscape improvements,
and ongoing planning efforts (Vision for the Valley, CHEERS, Cuyahoga Greenways)

