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Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Cleveland City Planning Commission

January 3, 2025

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Lillian Kuri, Commission Chair

Marka Fields, Interim Director



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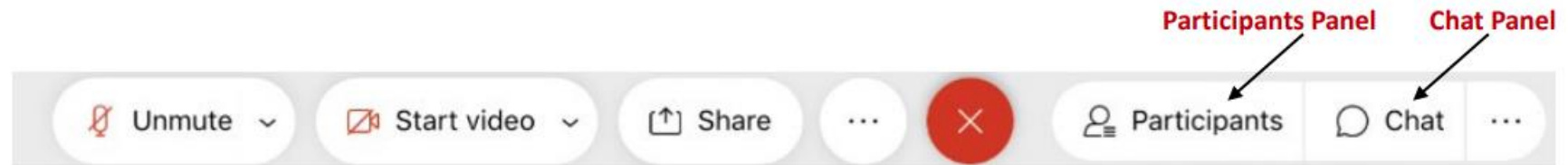
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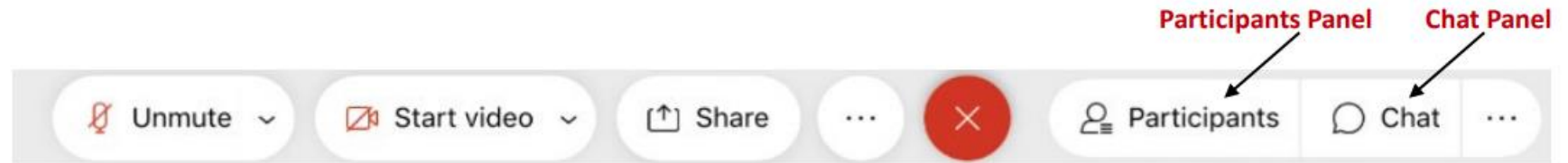
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Proper channels for public comment:

- Sending an e-mail to the cityplanning@clevelandohio.gov address with a comment or a letter
- Calling and/or leaving a message at 216-664-2210
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- The Chair will call each agenda item and then each applicant will be invited to proceed through their presentation.
- Each presentation should be completed prior to questions and comments from the Commission in order to facilitate a smooth presentation.
- Once the presentation has concluded, the Chair will ask Planning staff to summarize Design Review Advisory Committee recommendations (if applicable) and any public comments received.
- Public comments received through the proper channels by the deadline are distributed to Commission members prior to the meeting through Dropbox. Staff will also identify any members of the public present and scheduled to speak.
- Public comment is allowed at the discretion of the Chair and any individual providing public comment is permitted two (2) minutes to speak to the agenda item in which they have an interest.
- The Chair will then request a recommendation from staff, if applicable.
- The Commission will then begin deliberations and project review.
- Any Commission member, except the Chair, may make a motion at any point after an agenda item has been called.

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August Fluker, Vice Chair

Charles Slife, Council Member

Dr. Denise McCray-Scott

Erika Anthony

Andrew Sargeant

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Call to Order and Roll Call



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Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting



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Downtown/Flats Design Review



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DF2024-047 – Canal Basin Park

Jan 3, 2025

Project Address: 1575 Merwin Ave

Type: New Construction – City of Cleveland Park

Project Representative: Jim McKnight, City of Cleveland &

Nina Chase, Merritt Chase

Approval Level: Conceptual

Ward 3- Councilmember McCormack

SPA: Cuyahoga Valley

Canal Basin Park *Cleveland, Ohio*

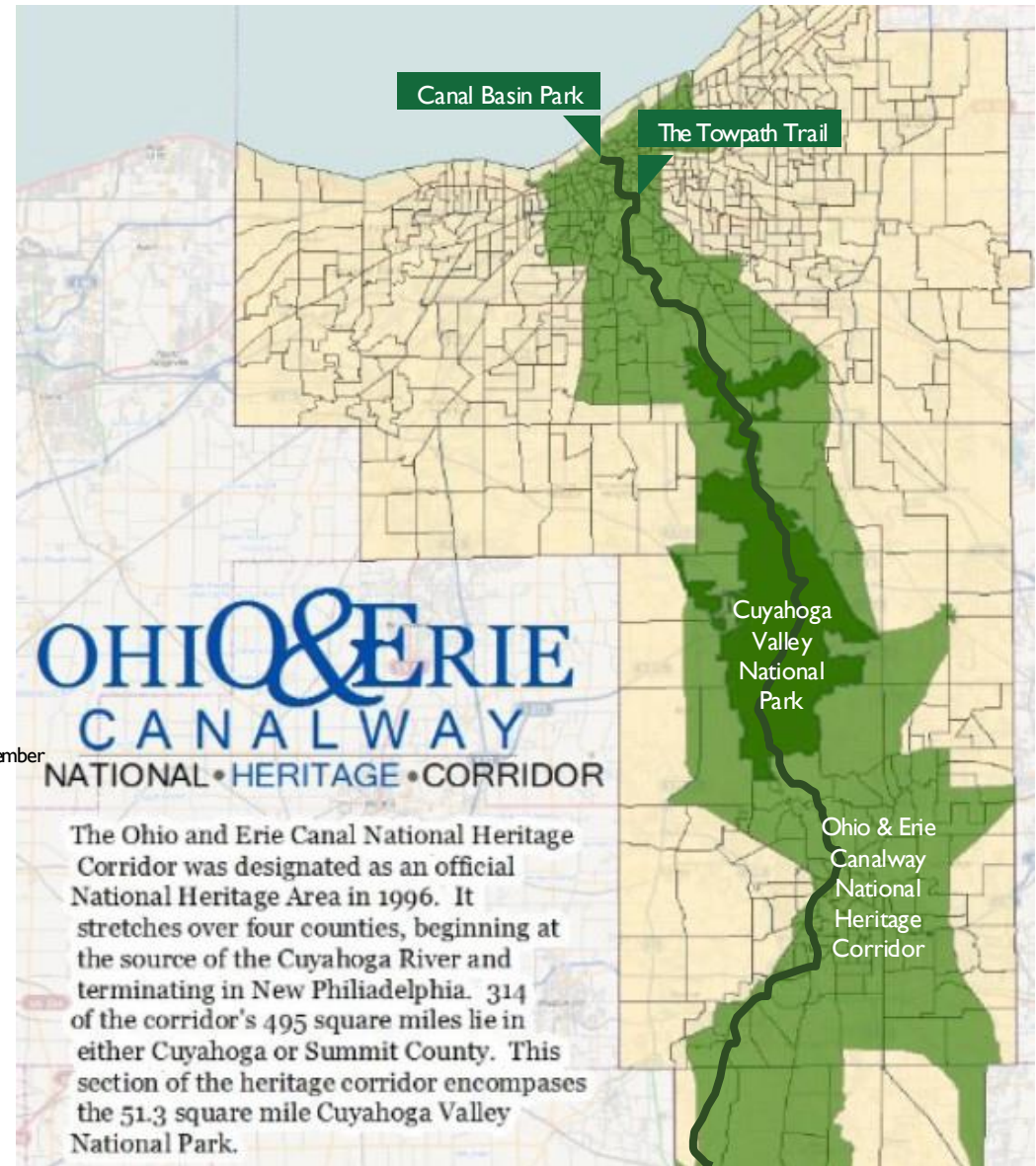
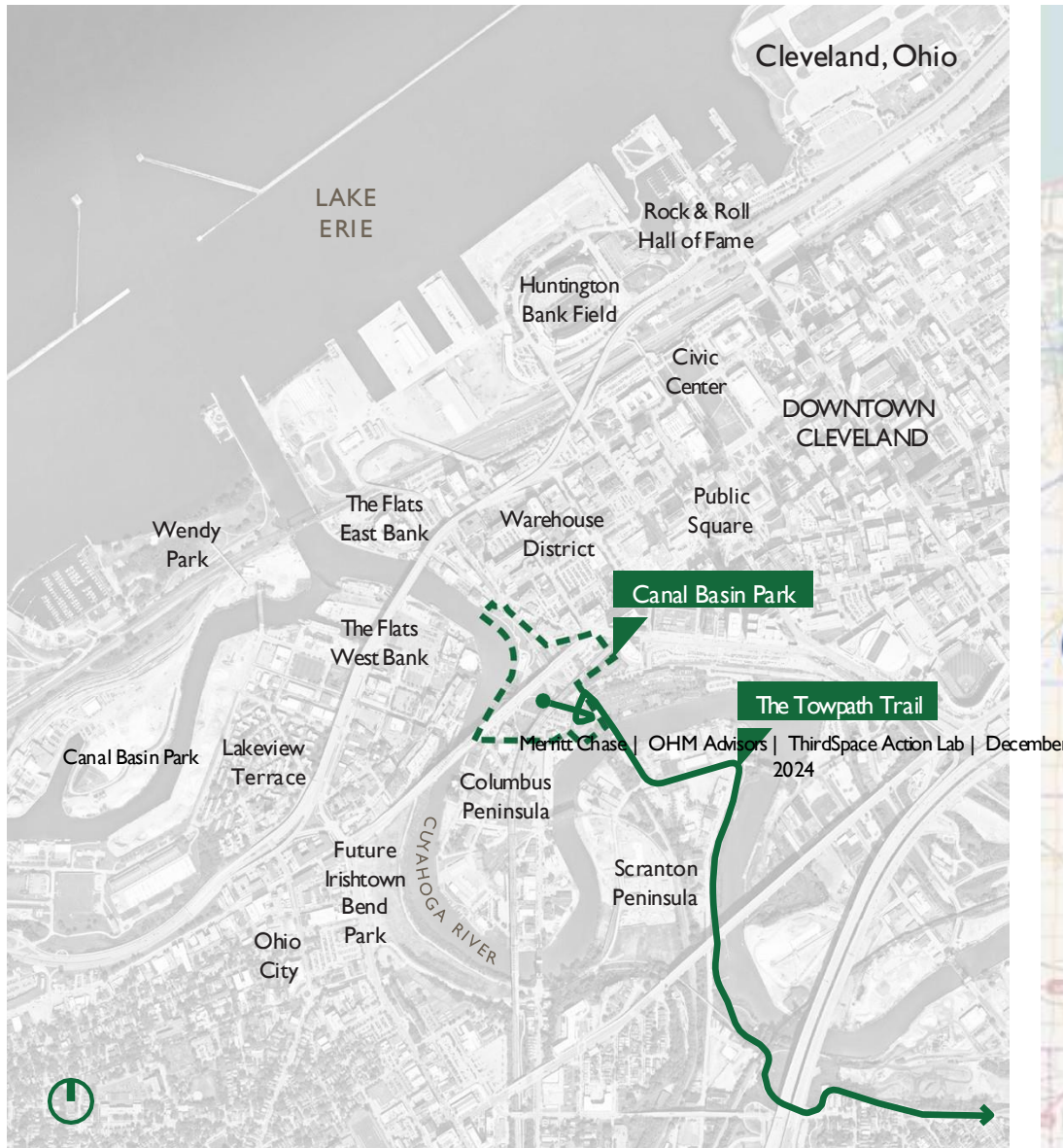
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Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

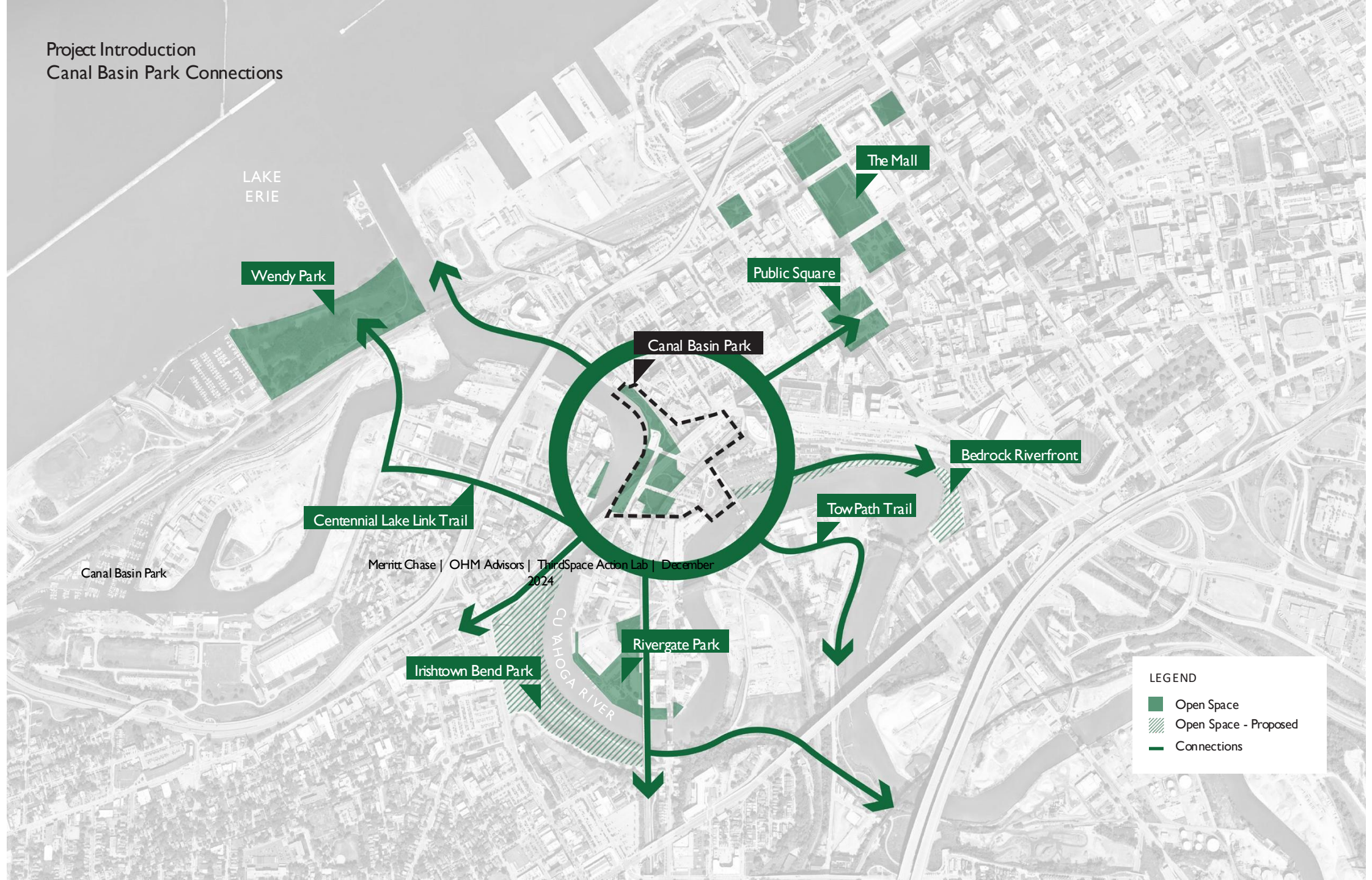
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Project Introduction
Park History and Existing Conditions
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Schematic Design Plan
Phasing Strategy

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Canal Basin Park Location



Project Introduction
Canal Basin Park Connections



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Wendy Park

The Mall

Public Square

Canal Basin Park

Bedrock Riverfront

Centennial Lake Link Trail

TowPath Trail

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Rivergate Park

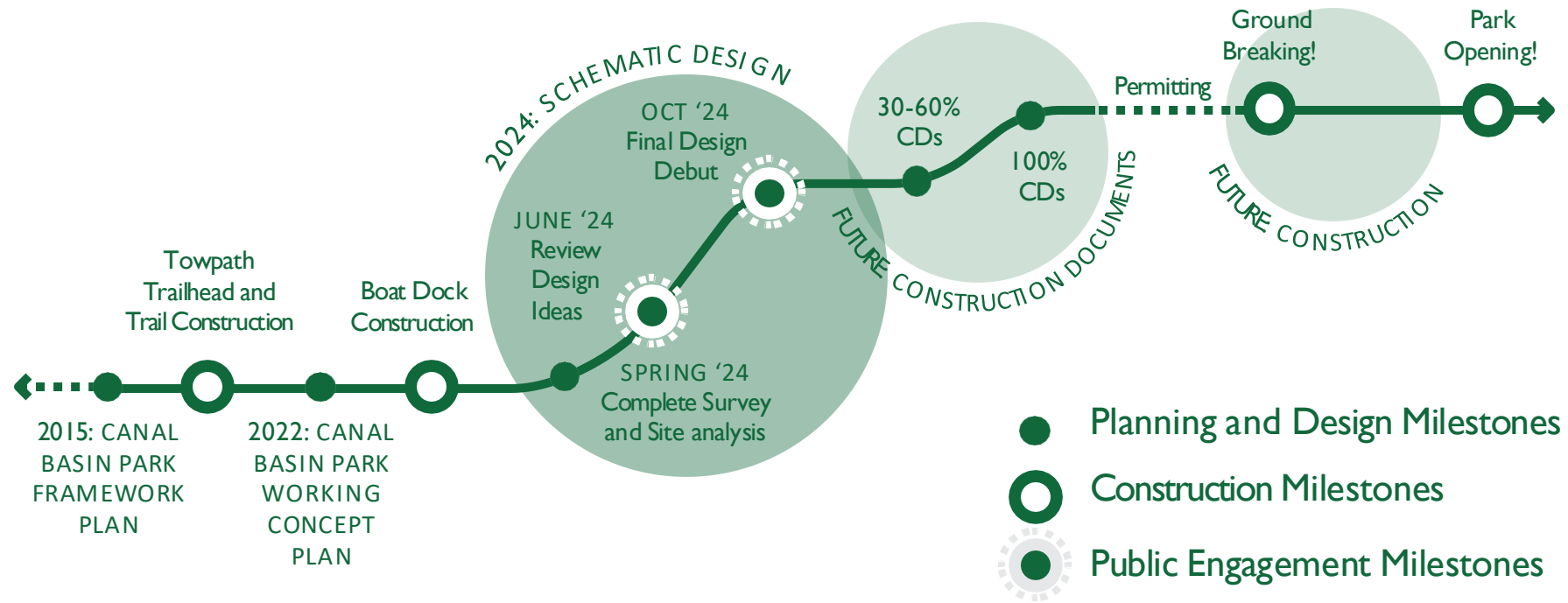
Irishtown Bend Park

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- Open Space
- Open Space - Proposed
- Connections

Project Introduction
Schedule



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Previous Plans

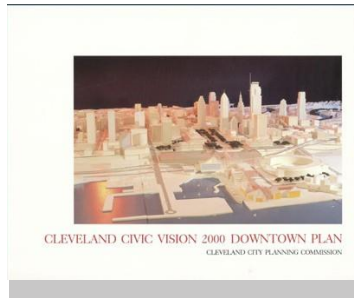
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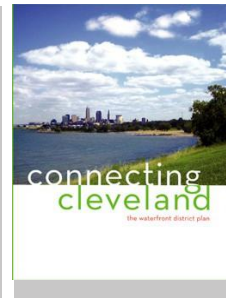
Canal Basin Park Working Preliminary Plan, 2022



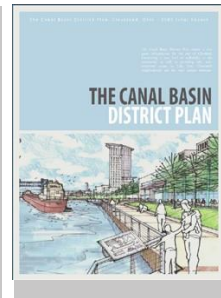
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Previous Plans



Cleveland Civic Vision Downtown Plan
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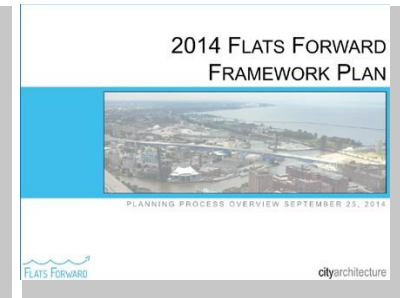
Waterfront District Plan
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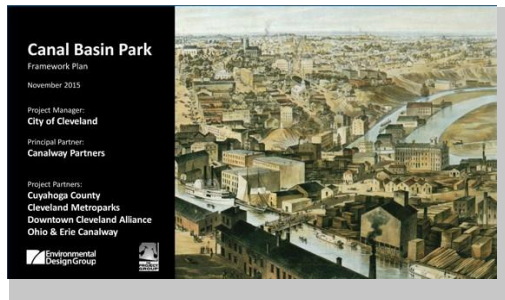
Canal Basin District Plan
2010



Wendy Park on Whiskey Island | Management Plan
2012



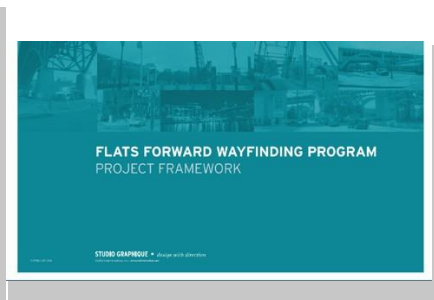
Flats Forward Framework Plan
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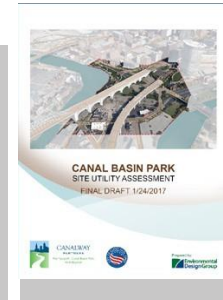
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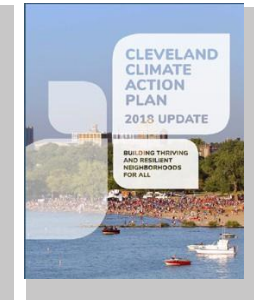
The Cleveland Tree Plan
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Flats Forward Wayfinding Program
2016



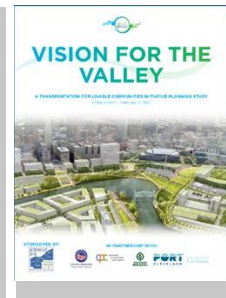
Canal Basin Park Site
Utility Assessment
2017



Cleveland Climate Action
Plan Update
2018



Cleveland Tree Plan: Tree Canopy
Progress Report
2020



Vision for the Valley
2021



Cleveland Flats: Design Guidelines
2022



Cuyahoga Riverfront Master Plan
2023



Irishtown Bend

Project Introduction
Key Themes

1. History & Identity



2. Context & Connectivity



3. Inclusion & Belonging



4. Amenities & Programming



5. Infrastructure & Utilities

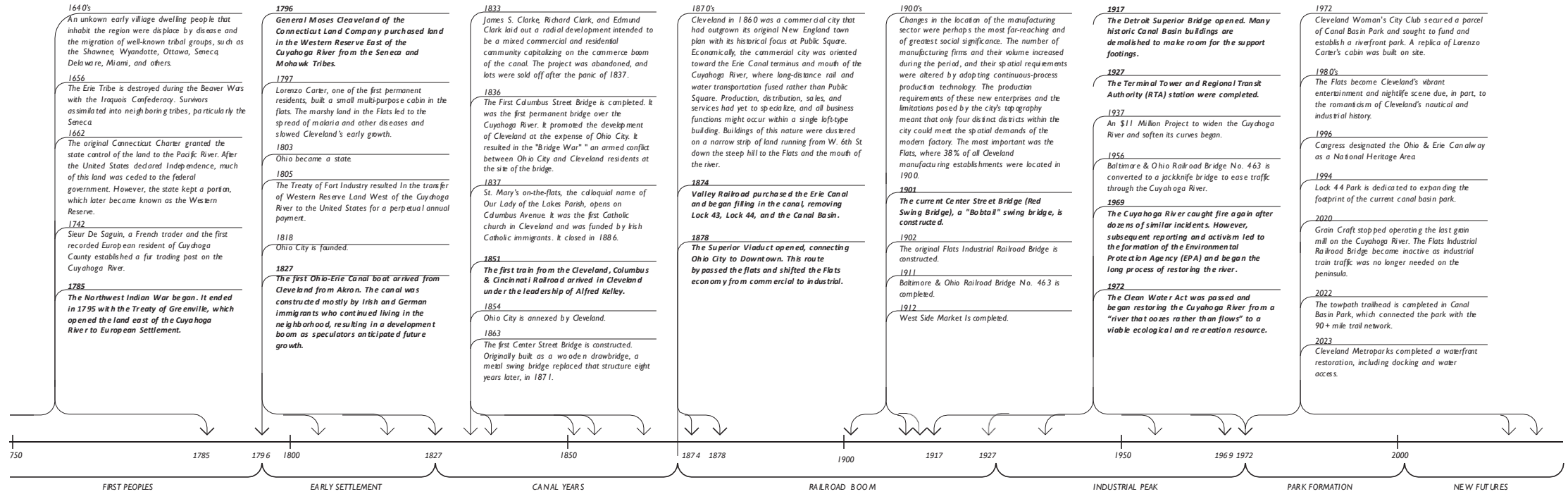


6. Funding & Operations



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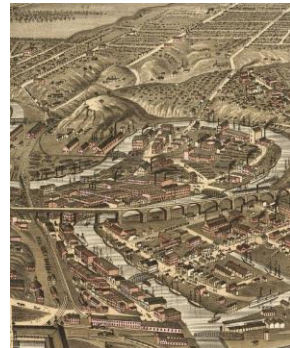
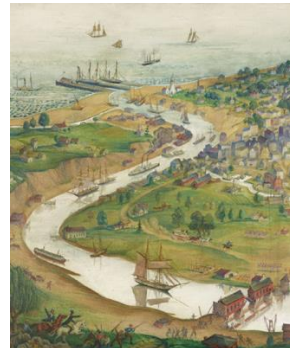
Park History Timeline



River Canal Basin Park



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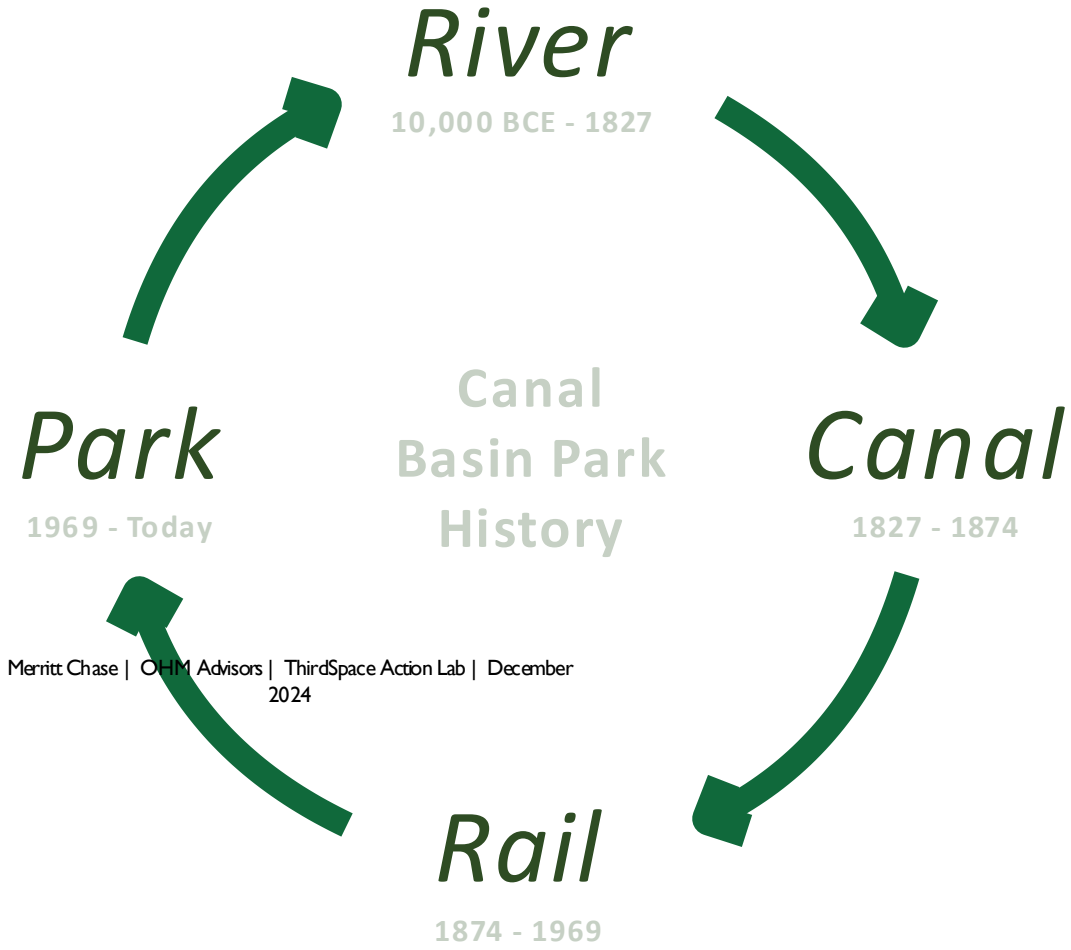


Rail



Park





Park History
Historical Themes | River | 10,000 BCE -1827

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Canal Basin Park

Edge of bluffs
"on the hill"

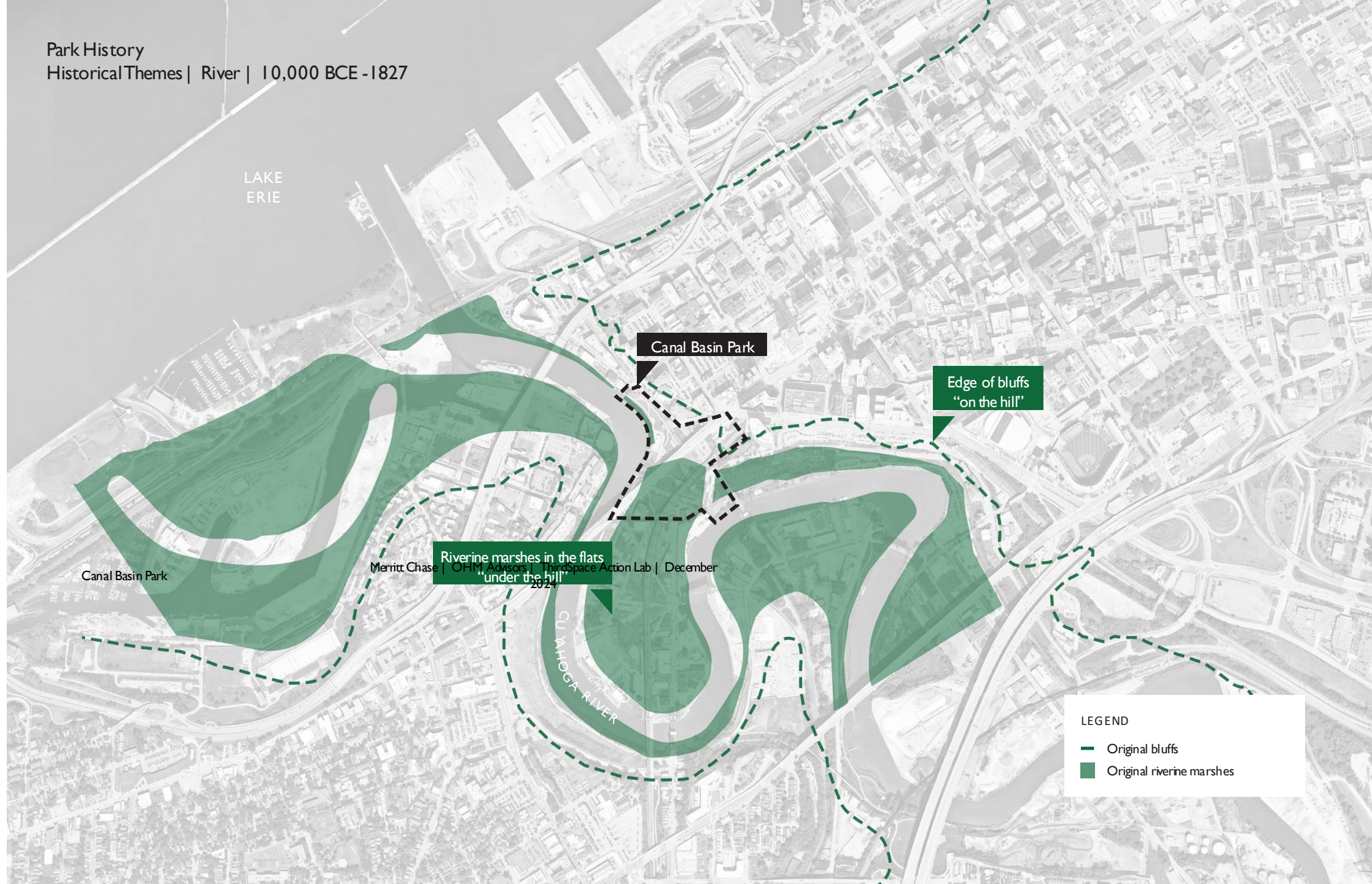
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Riverine marshes in the flats
"under the hill"
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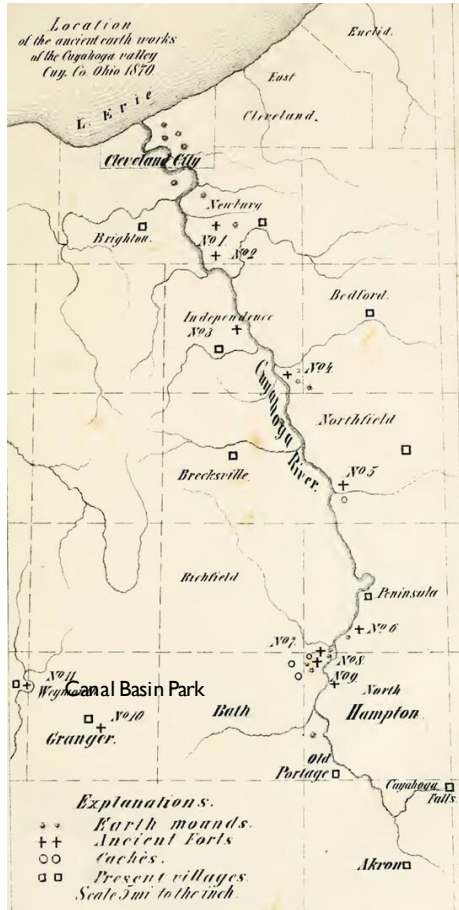
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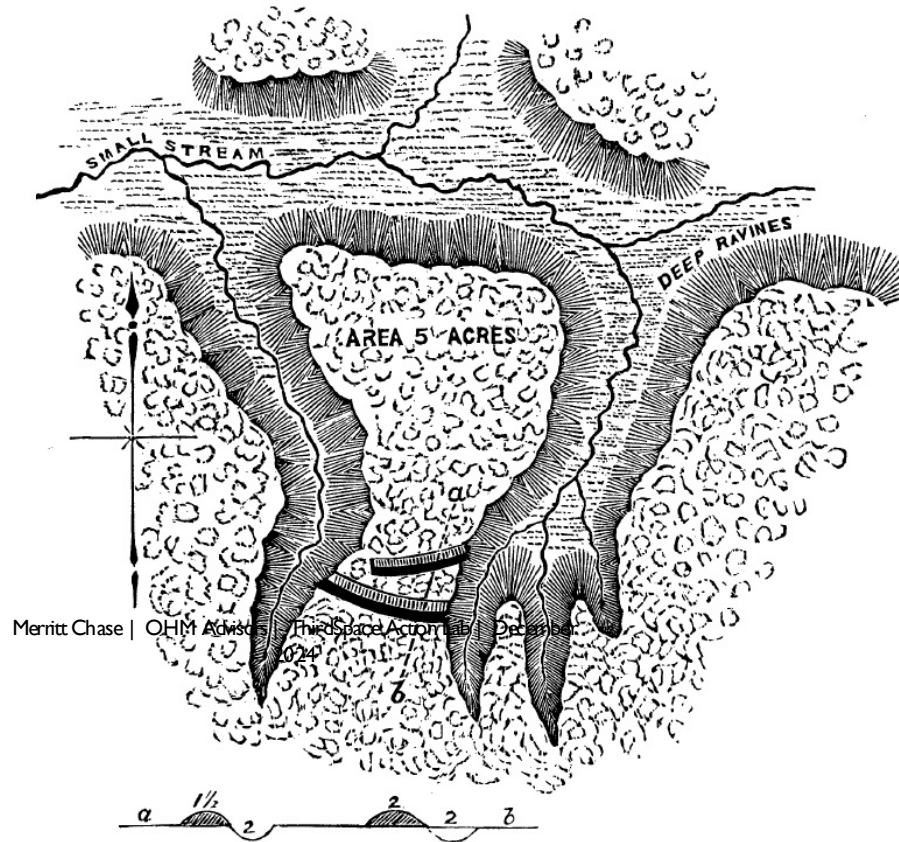
- Original bluffs
- Original riverine marshes



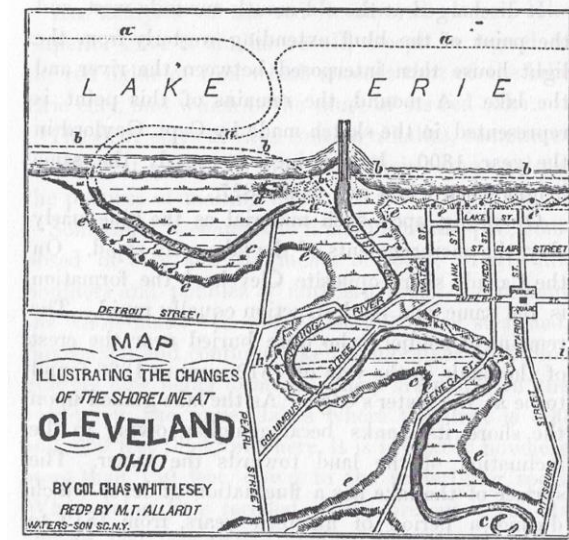
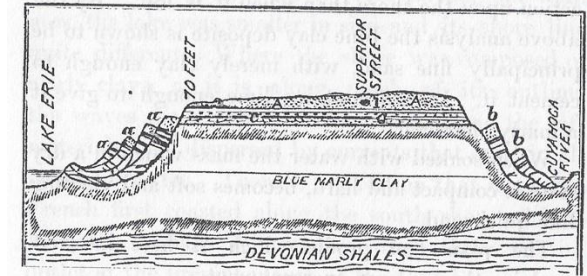
Park History
 Historical Themes | River | 10,000 BCE -1827



Indigenous settlements along the Cuyahoga River

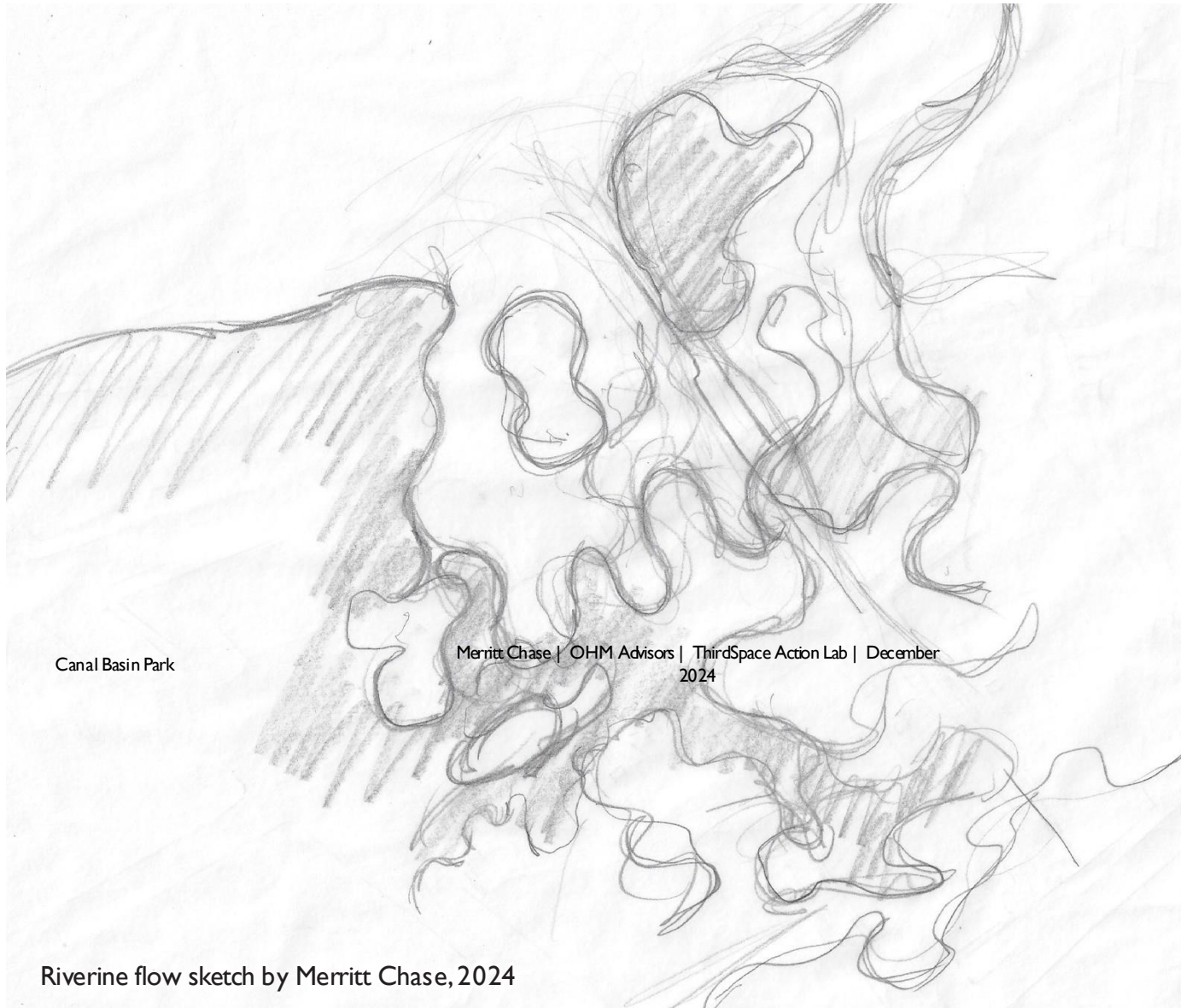


Indigenous settlement patterns on bluffs above rivers and ravines



Cleveland geology and colonial settlement patterns “on the hill”

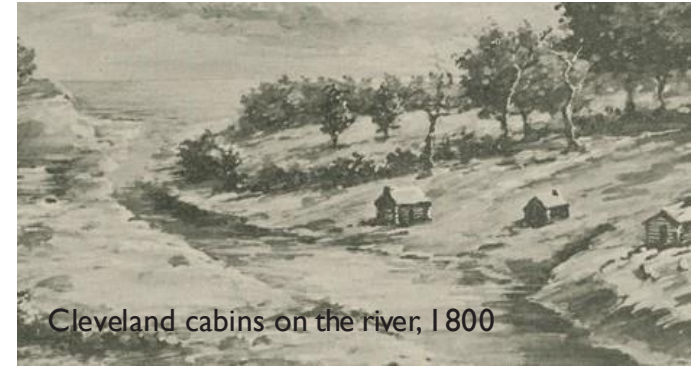
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Riverine flow sketch by Merritt Chase, 2024



Cleveland cabins on the river, 1800



Cuyahoga National Park, today



Cuyahoga National Park, today

Park History
Historical Themes | Canal | 1827 - 1874

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Canal terminus is constructed
and in operation in 1827

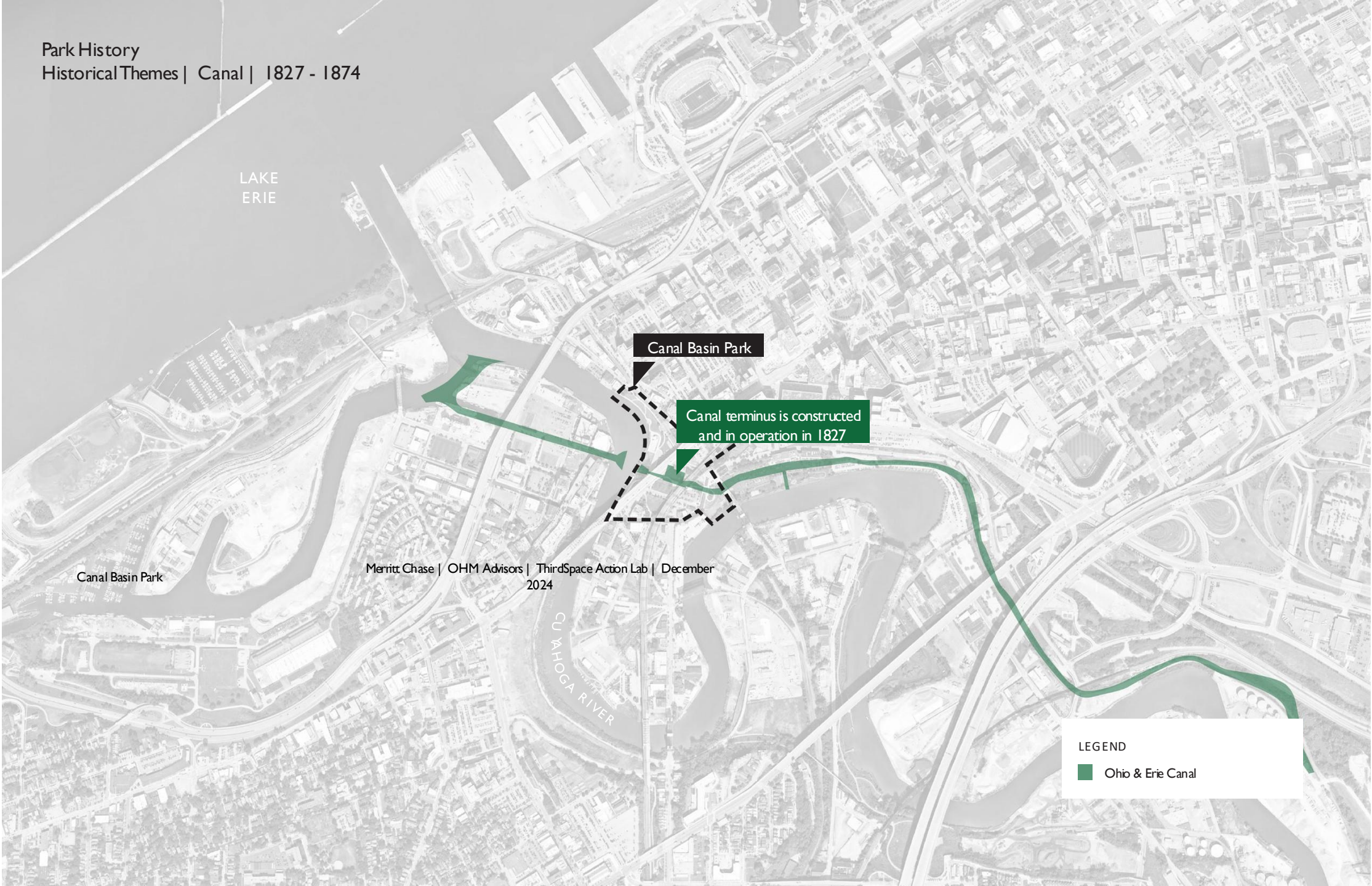
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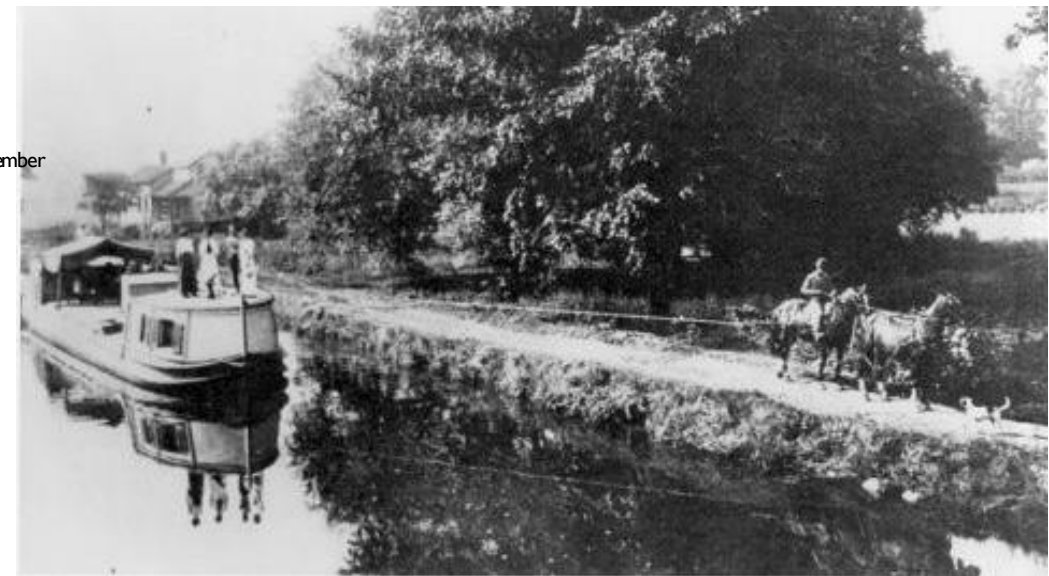
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- Ohio & Erie Canal



Park History
Historical Themes | Canal | 1827 - 1874



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Growth around the canal basin, 1810-1839, painting by Frederick Dana Marsh, 1933

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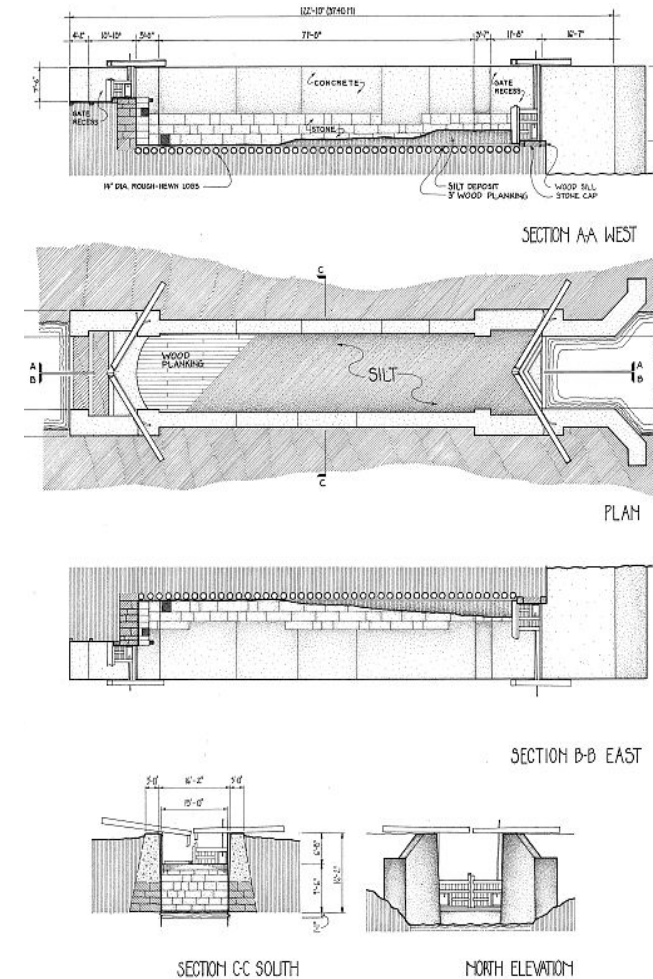
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The Flats, Downtown Cleveland, and Superior Avenue, 1853



Canal and canal basin, 1874



Typical canal lock construction, undated

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Park History
Historical Themes | Rail | 1874 - 1969

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Valley Railroad purchases the Erie Canal and fills in the canal and the Canal Basin in 1874

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Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis Railroad connected through the Flats in 1851

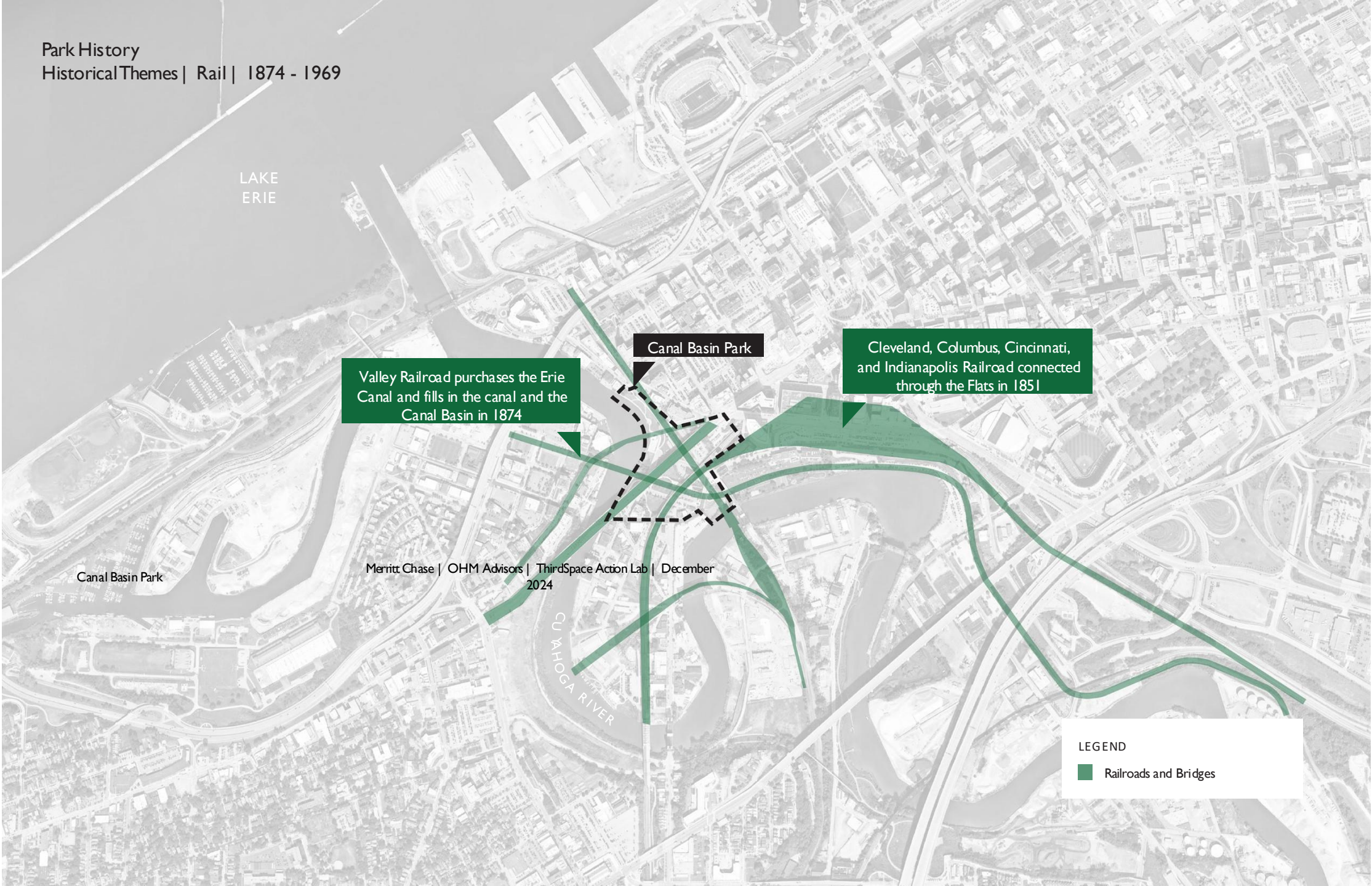
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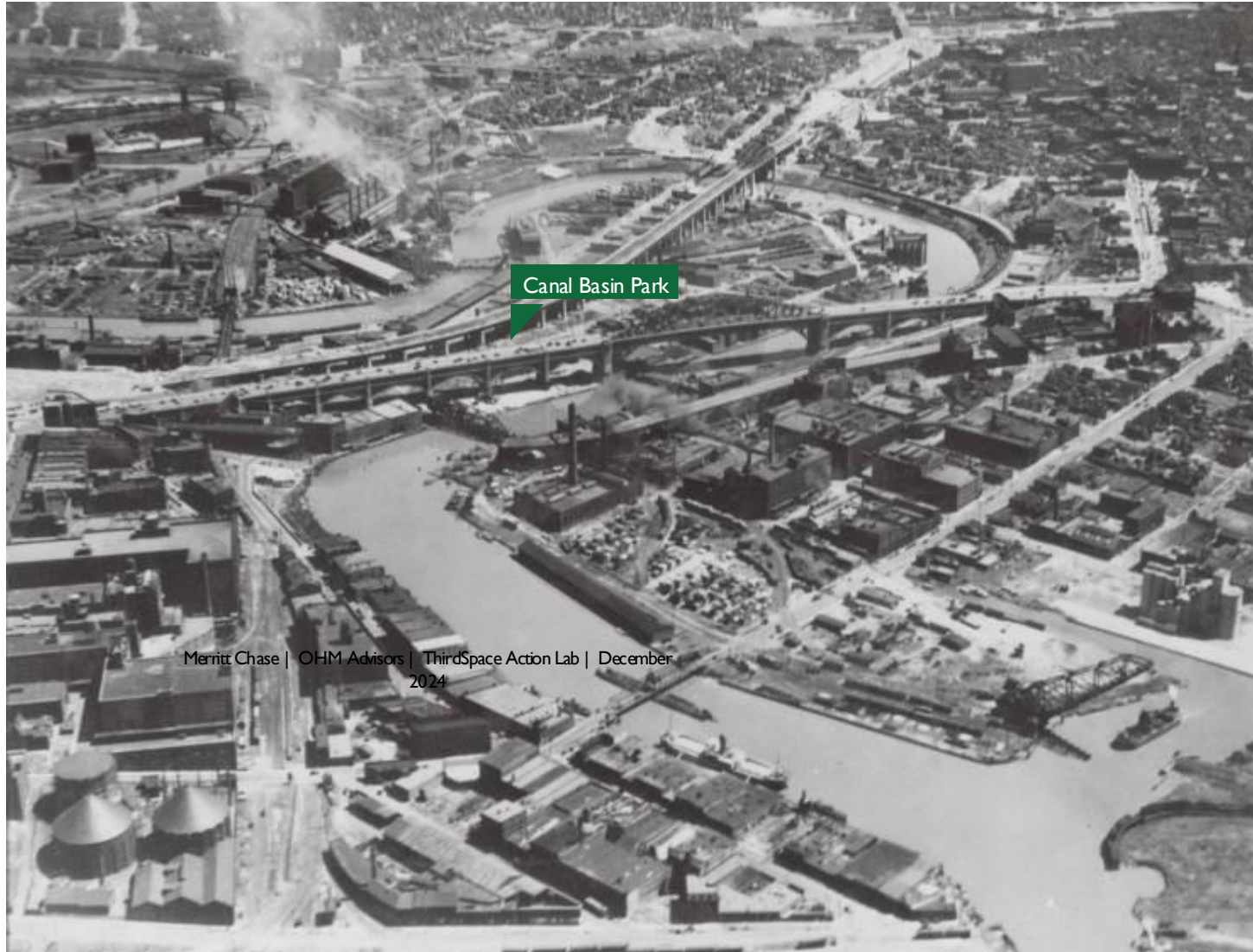
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 Railroads and Bridges





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The Flats, 1934



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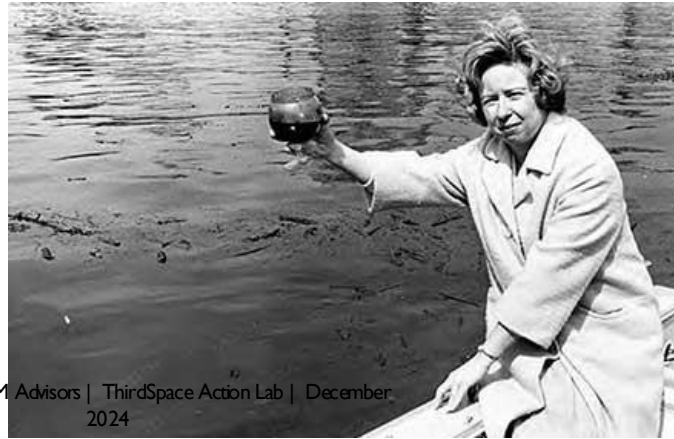


Cuyahoga River fire, undated

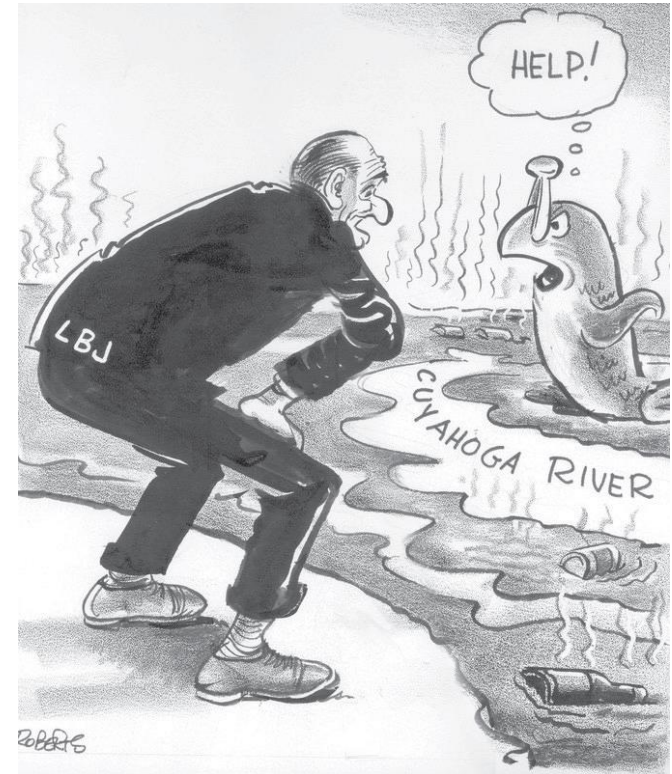
Dominance of the City, Ora Coltman, 1933



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Mayor Stoke's Pollution Tour, 1969



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Betty Klatic, 1960's

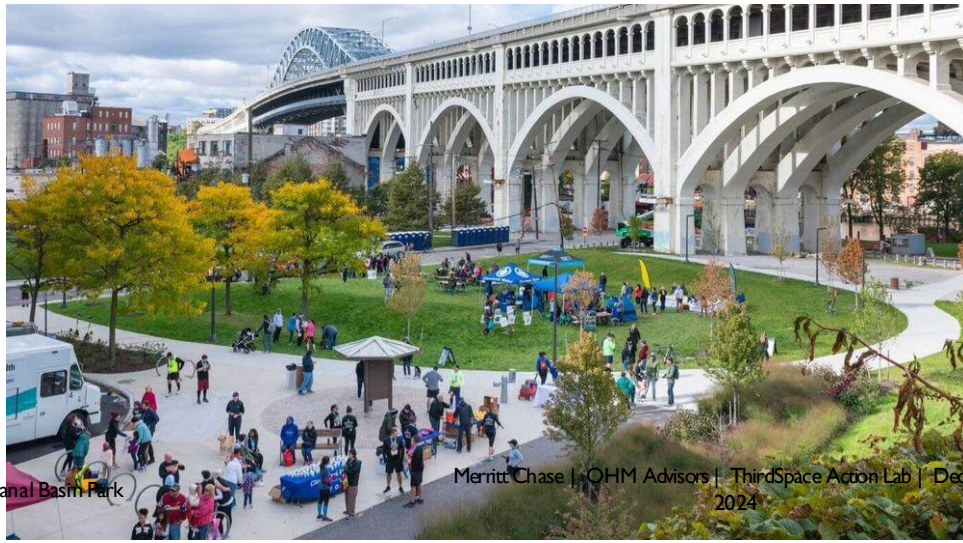


LBJ cartoon, 1969

Park History
Historical Themes | Park | 1969 - Today



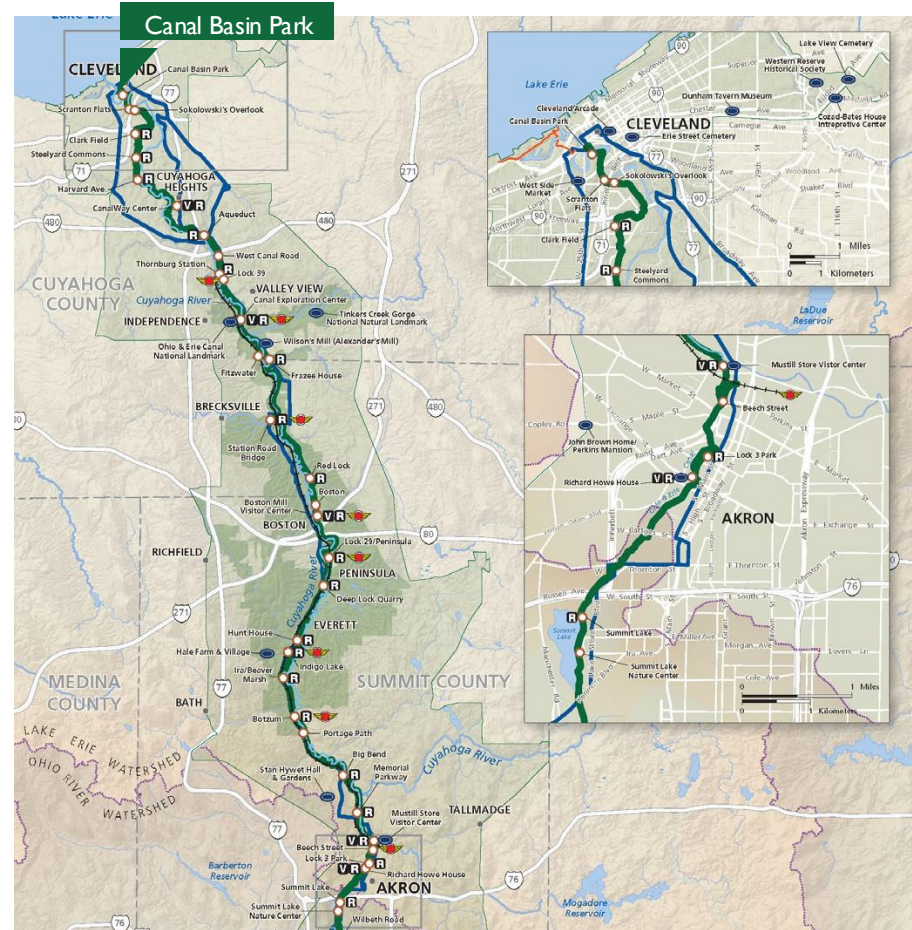
Park History
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Canal Basin Park, Today



Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Today

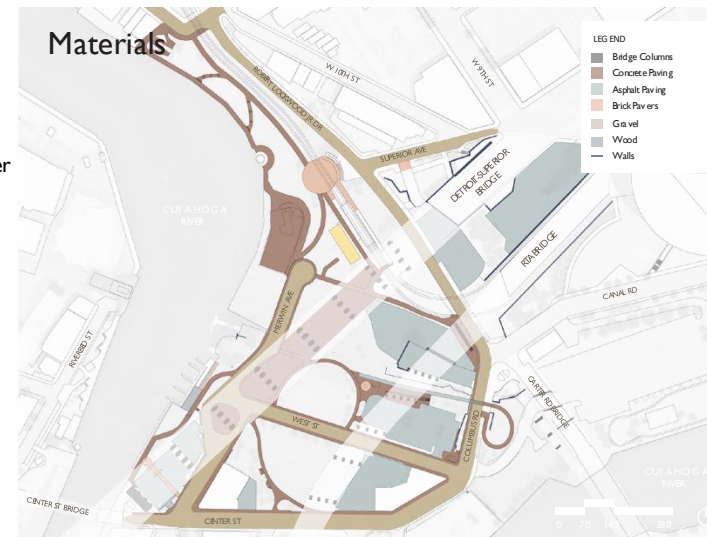
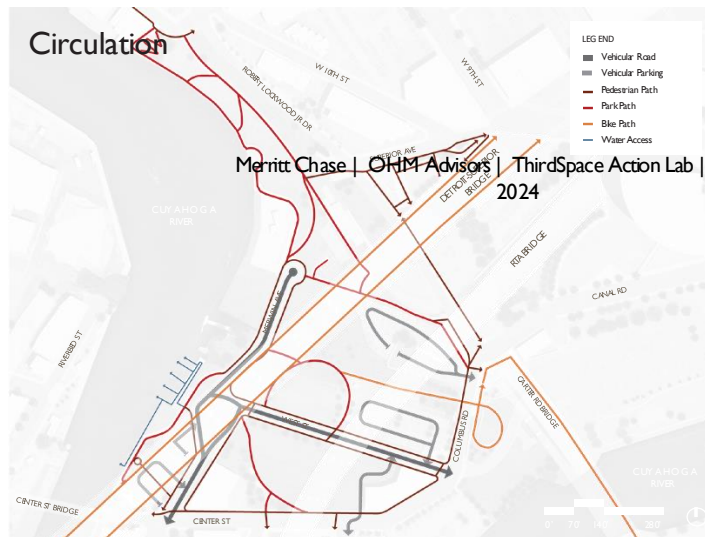
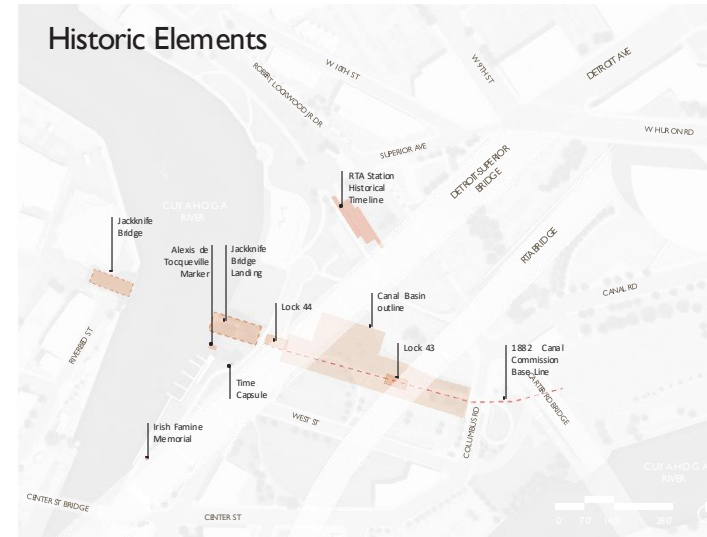
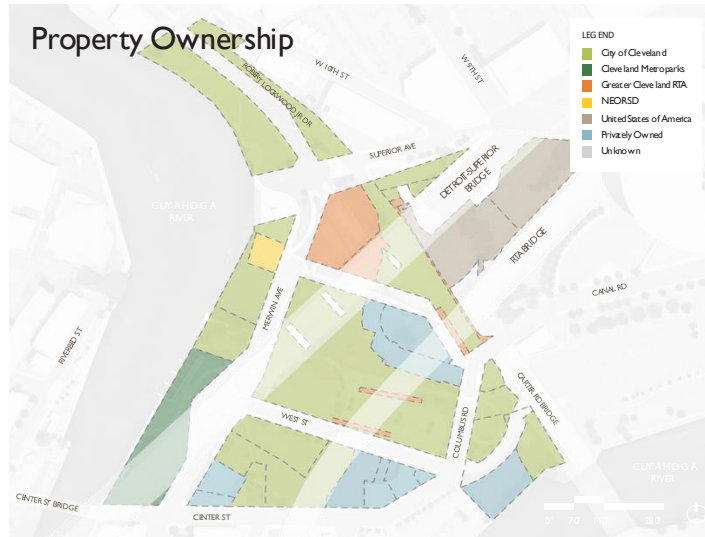
Existing Conditions Survey, Environmental Phase I, and Bulkhead Assessment

Canal Basin Park



UTILITY PLAN LEGEND		
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	CS	COMBINED SEWER
		STORM
	G	GAS
	W	WATER
		WATER LATERAL
	OH-E	ELECTRIC OVERHEAD
	FO	COMMUNICATION LINES
	CTV	

Existing Conditions
 Existing Conditions | Inventory & Analysis



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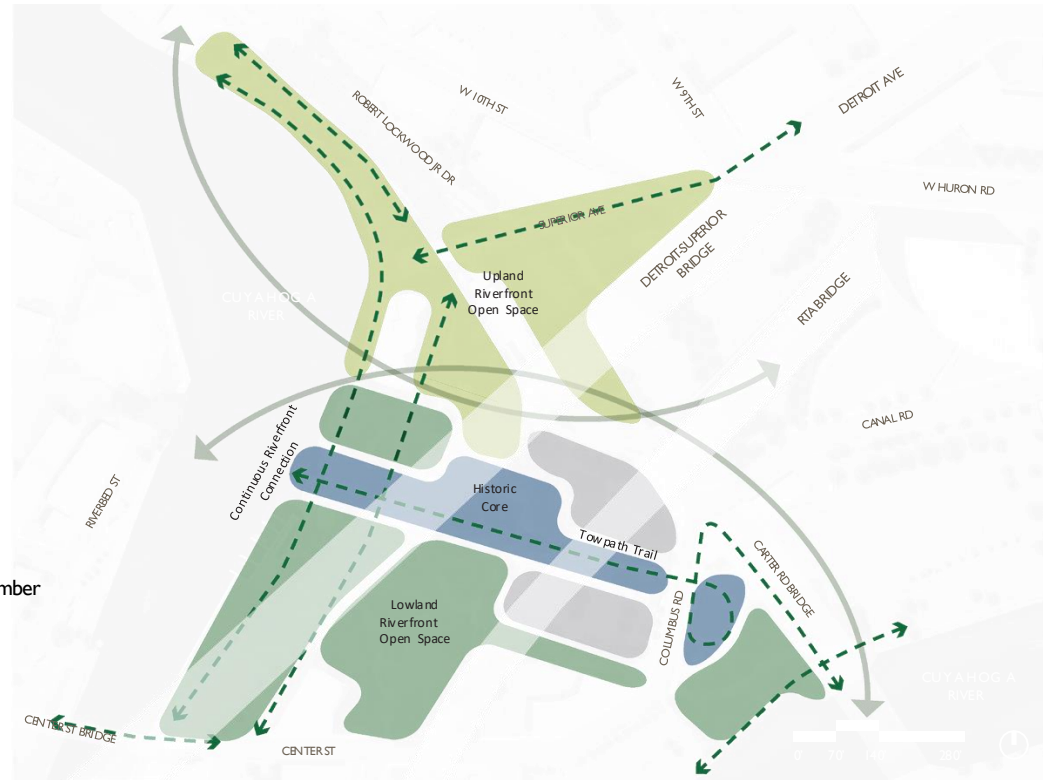
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Existing Conditions Park Structure

Existing Park Structure



Proposed Park Structure

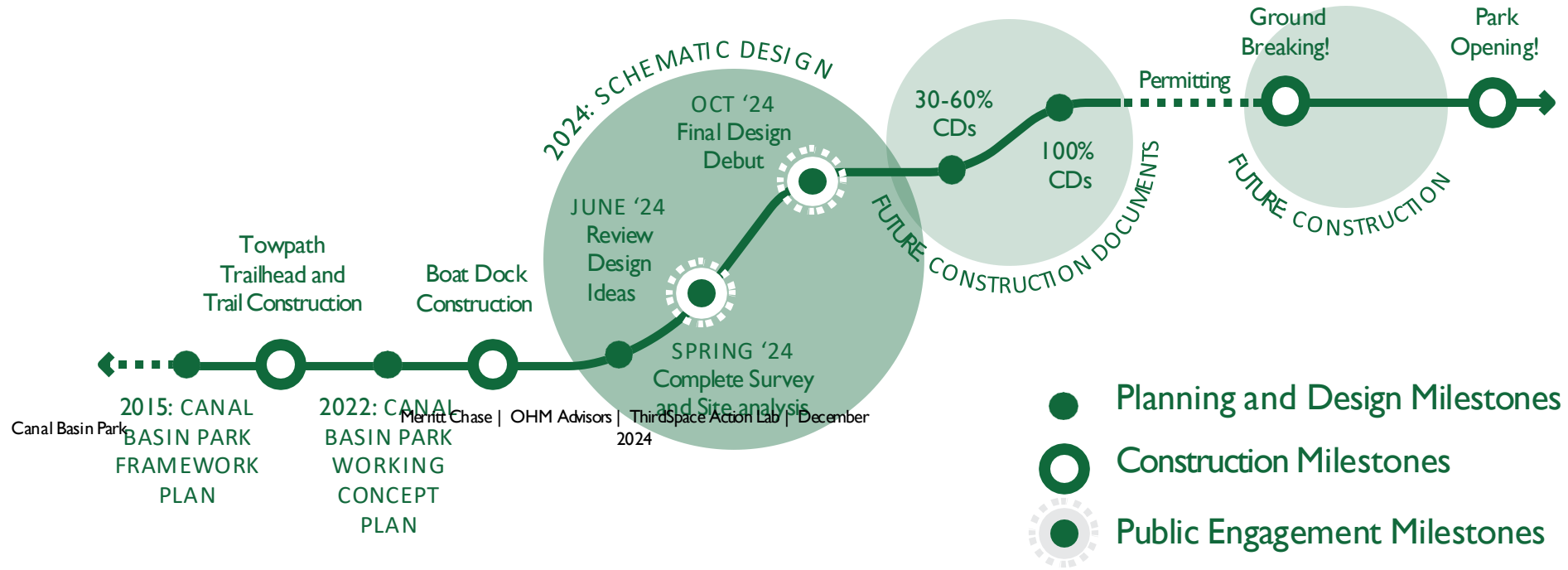


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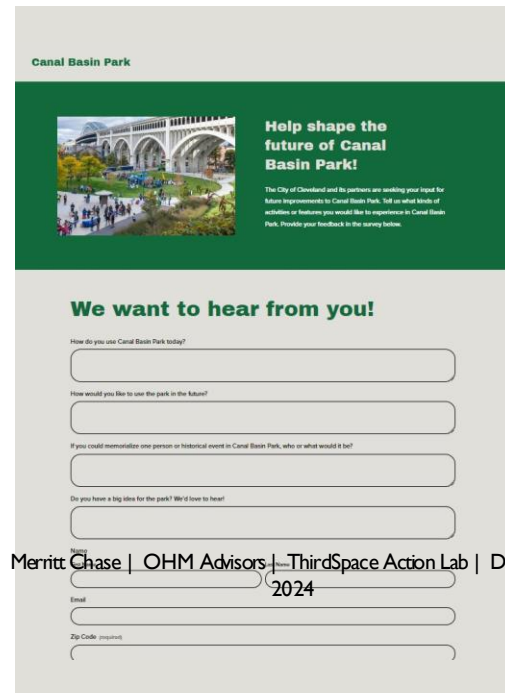
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Public Engagement Schedule





Flyer



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Online Survey



Yard Signs in the Park



Historic Canal Basin Outline in the Park

Public Engagement
June 2024 | Rediscover Veterans Memorial Bridge Event



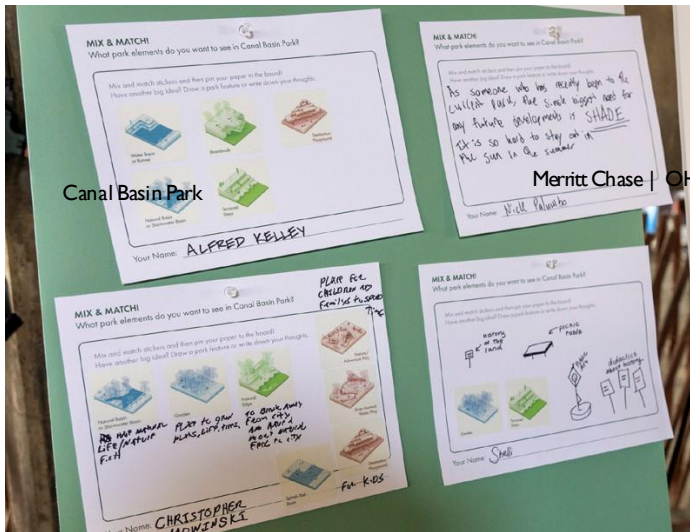
Tabling on the Veterans Memorial Bridge



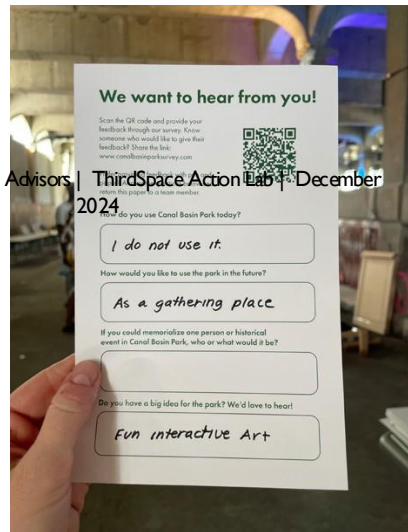
Interactive Boards



Physical Model



Mix & Match Stickers and Sketching Activities



Survey Handout



Walking Tours



Tour Handout

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Public Engagement
June 2024 | Tabling



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Public Engagement
June 2024 | Walking Tours



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2. How would you like to use the park in the future?
3. What park features would you like in the park?
 1. How do you use Canal Basin Park today?
4. If you could memorialize one person or historical event in Canal Basin Park who or what would it be?
5. Do you have a big idea for the park?

Connect to larger park and trail networks.

"Expansion of the green space and trails would be great."



"Like to see it as a clear connector to the center street bridge and the centennial trail to Wendy Park"



"Something me and my kids can use each week."



Create a family-friendly park destination.

"Fun destination to take my kids"

"Would love for it to be a place to hang out especially in the summer!"

"Playing with our granddaughter"

"have natural life/ natural fish, under garden - place to grow plants, life, trees"

"show how important canals were to the growth of the region and the entire state"

Incorporate ecological features!

Celebrate the historical significance of this place!

"The workers that constructed the Ohio Canal"



"Highlight the river burning, and start of the EPA"



"So much of the waterfront is not available to Clevelanders"

"I feel like the big Cleveland historical event that isn't properly memorialized is the Cuyahoga River fire which invigorated the environmental movement"

"A park that is alive and dynamic, not just a green space."

"Rain gardens"

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Design a comfortable riverfront park with water access.

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"A site for enjoying the river."



"Listening to concert at Jacob's Pavilion"



Plan for community programming.

"Themed seasonal events"

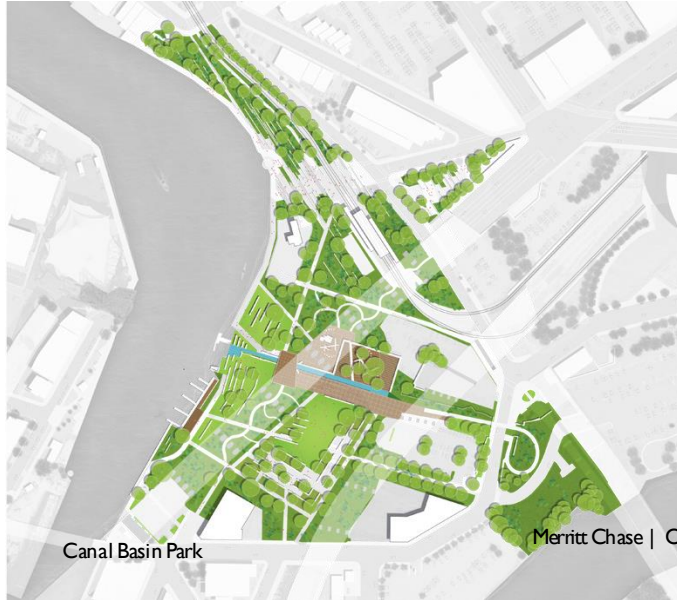
"Honestly, just plant a ton of trees. Give me shade and help me escape from all the gray and asphalt of downtown."

"Neighborhood block party"

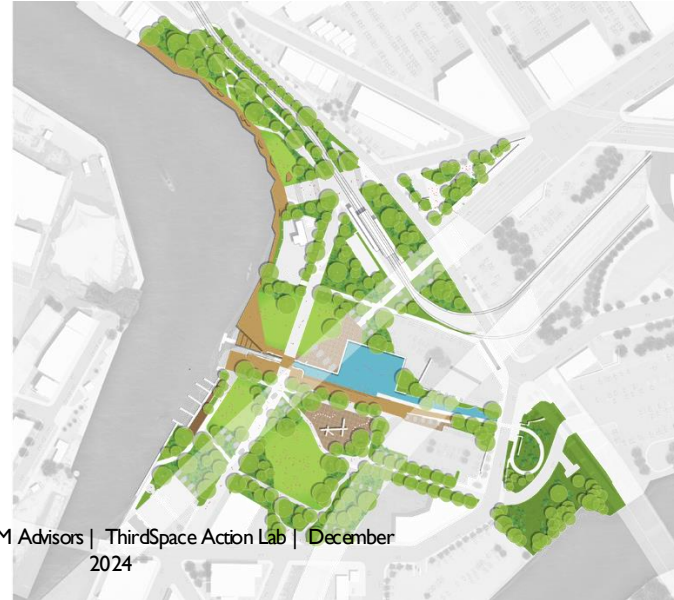


"A place to walk, be entertained, get snacks"

Concept Version 1 Canal Garden



Concept Version 2 Basin Park



Concept Version 3 River Experience



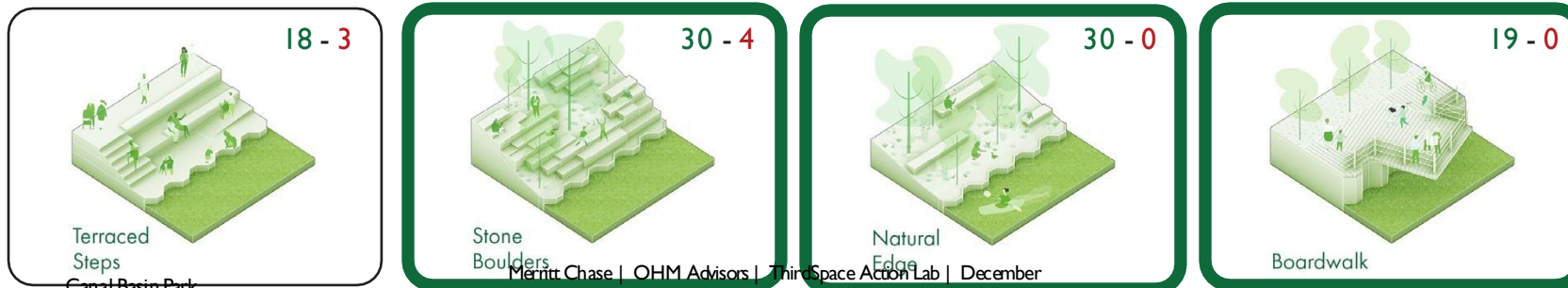
What park features do you like in each plan?

What features would you change?

Interpretation of the Historic Canal Basin



Access to the River



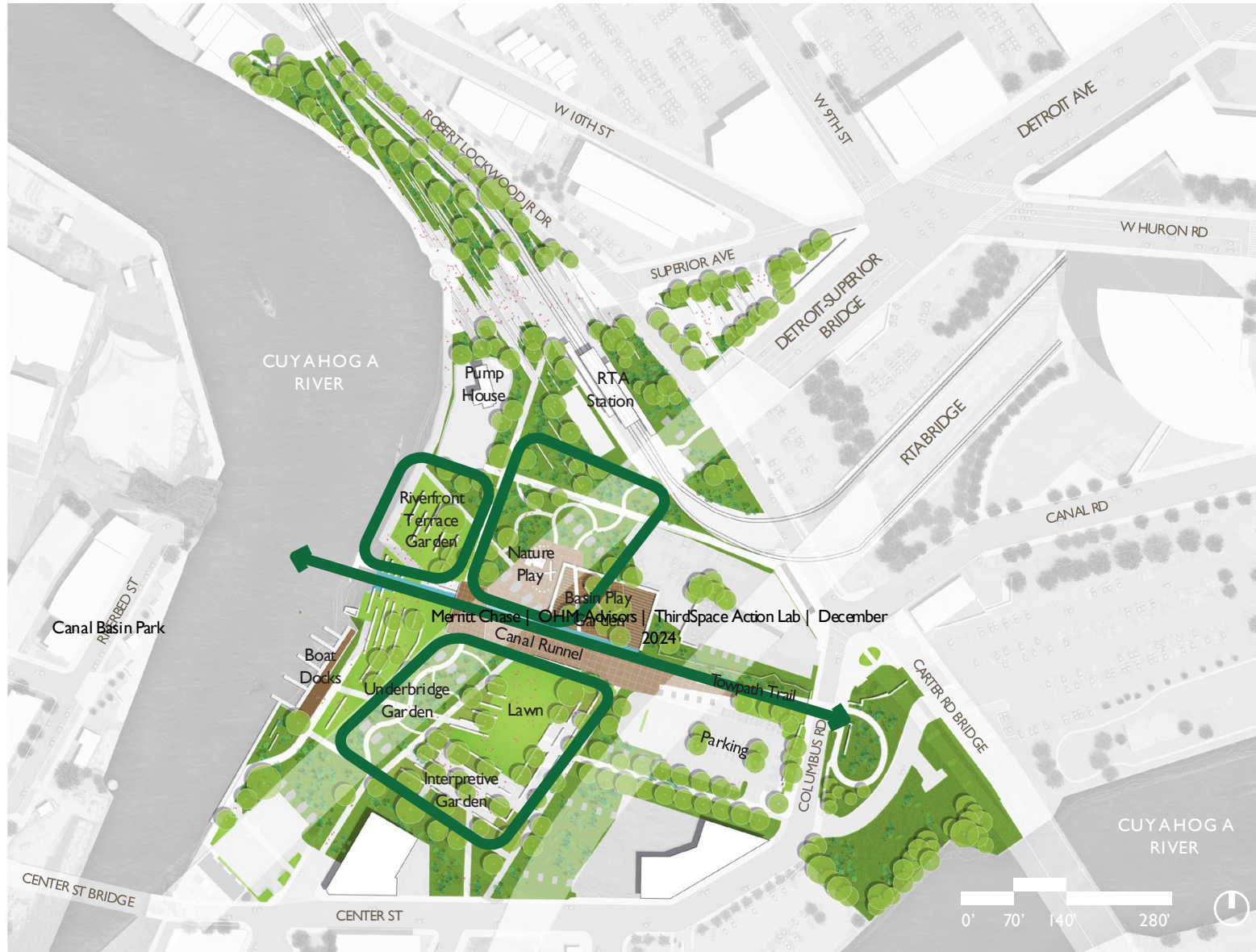
Playful Elements



Yes - No
 Responses

 Preferred Park Features

Public Engagement
 June 2024 | Park Feature Preferences | Concept Version I Canal Garden



Runnel



Garden



Stage



Stone Boulders



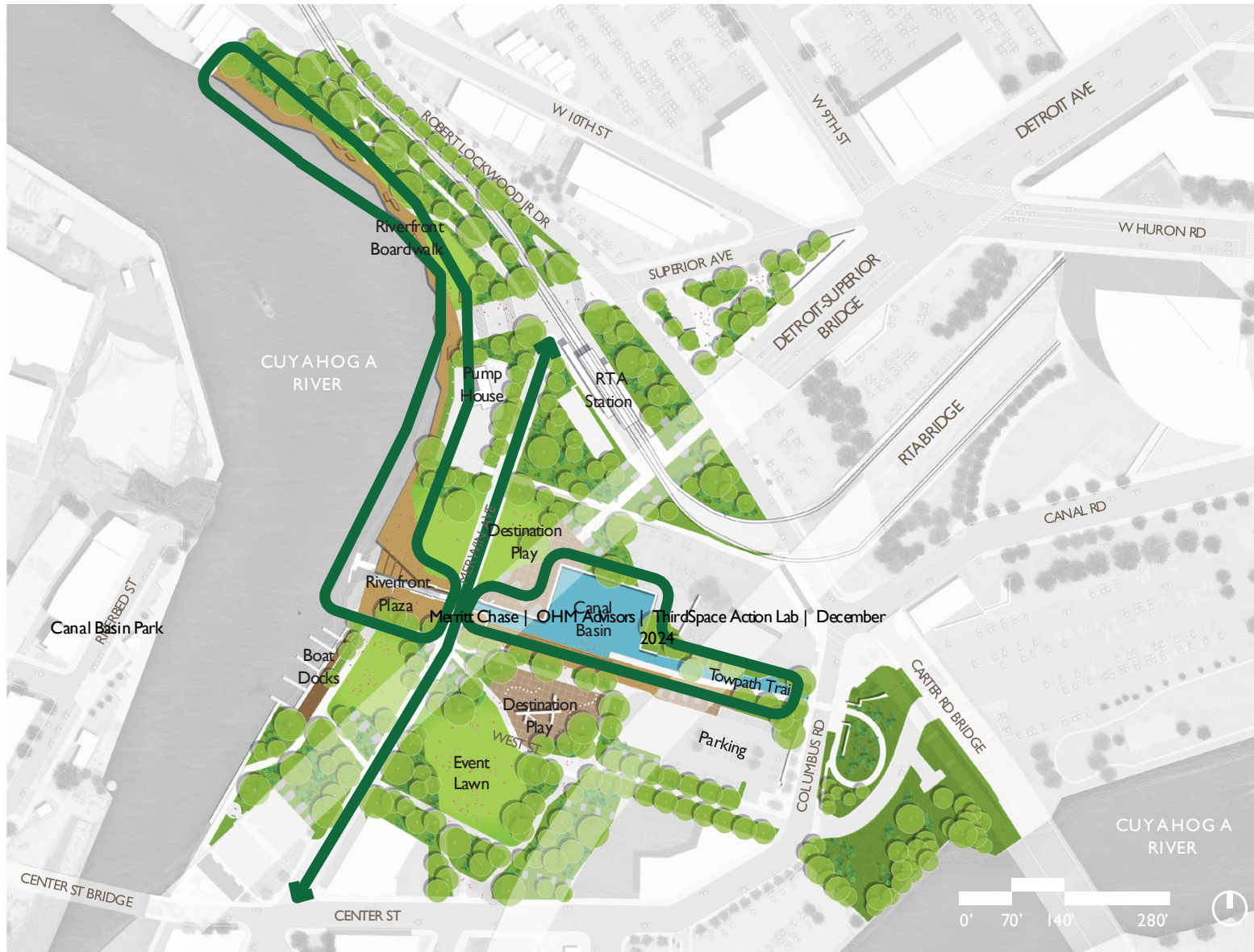
Nature/
Adventure Play



Terraced Steps

 Preferred Park Features

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Water Basin



Boardwalk



Terraced Steps

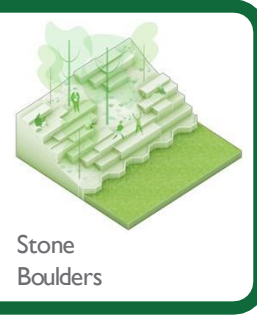


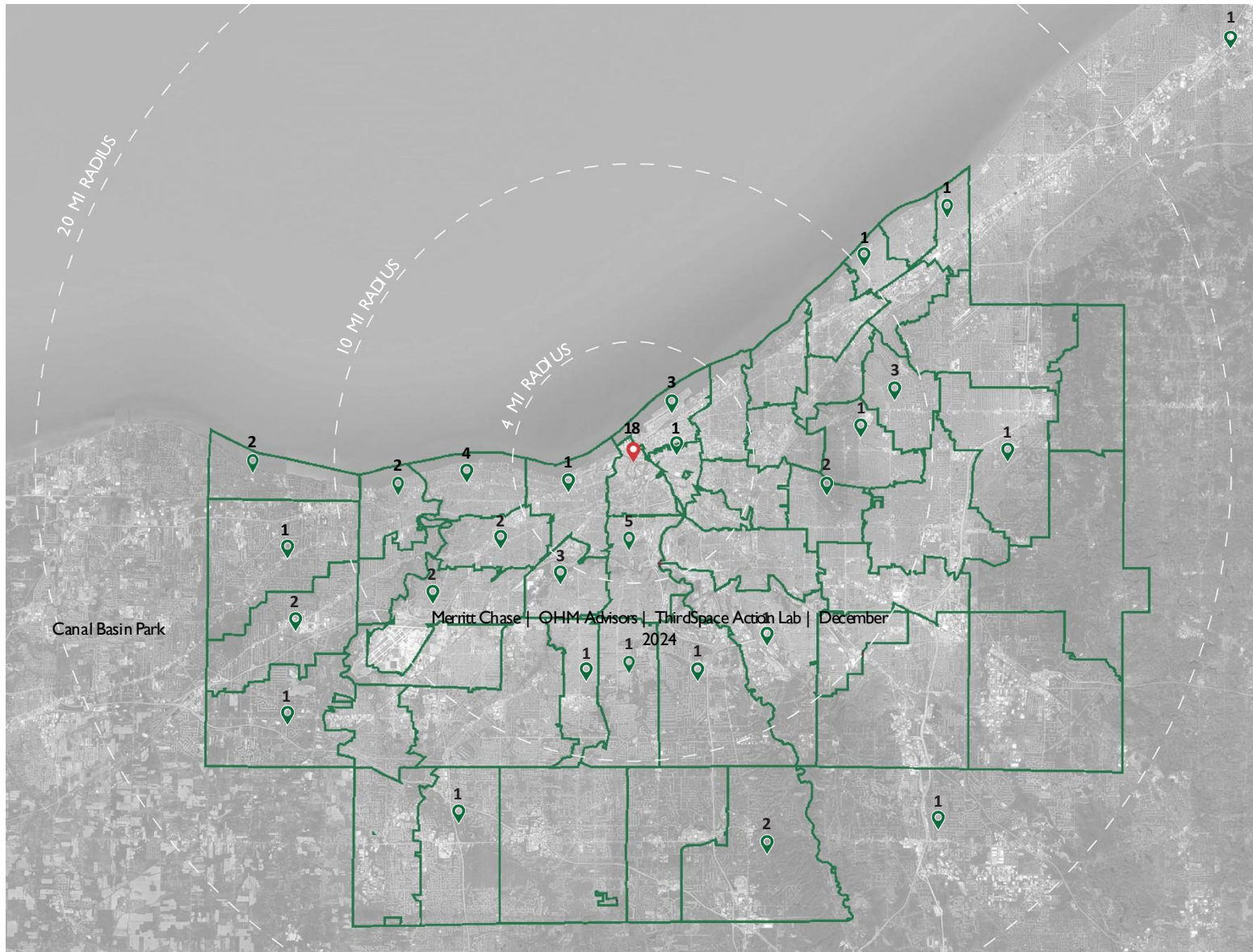
Destination Play



Preferred Park Features

Public Engagement
June 2024 | Park Feature Preferences | Concept Version 3 River Experience





Tabling - 200+ Interactions

Walking Tours - 25-30 Attendees

Survey respondents - 68 Responses

- 28 different zip codes
- 26% - 44113 (Downtown, The Flats, Ohio City, Tremont)
- 7% - 44109 (Clark-Fulton, Brooklyn Centre, Old Brooklyn, South Hills)
- 6% - 44107 (Lakewood, Birdtown, Clifton Park, Gold Coast)

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Schematic Design Plan
Final Plan



The Future of Canal Basin Park
Downtown Cleveland's Riverfront Park

Canal Basin Park will be a 20-acre urban riverfront park in Downtown Cleveland.

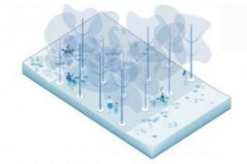
The park will include new features, including a continuous riverfront boardwalk with a Towpath Trail Mile Zero riverfront terrace and an ecological interpretation of the historic Canal Basin as the stormwater management system for the park.

Additional amenities include a Cuyahoga River-themed playground, a renovated dog park, native plantings, and open spaces for both gathering and relaxation.

Schematic Design Plan
Final Plan | Park Elements



Stormwater Basin



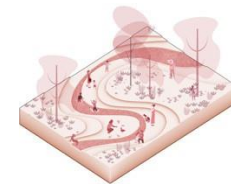
Garden



Boardwalk

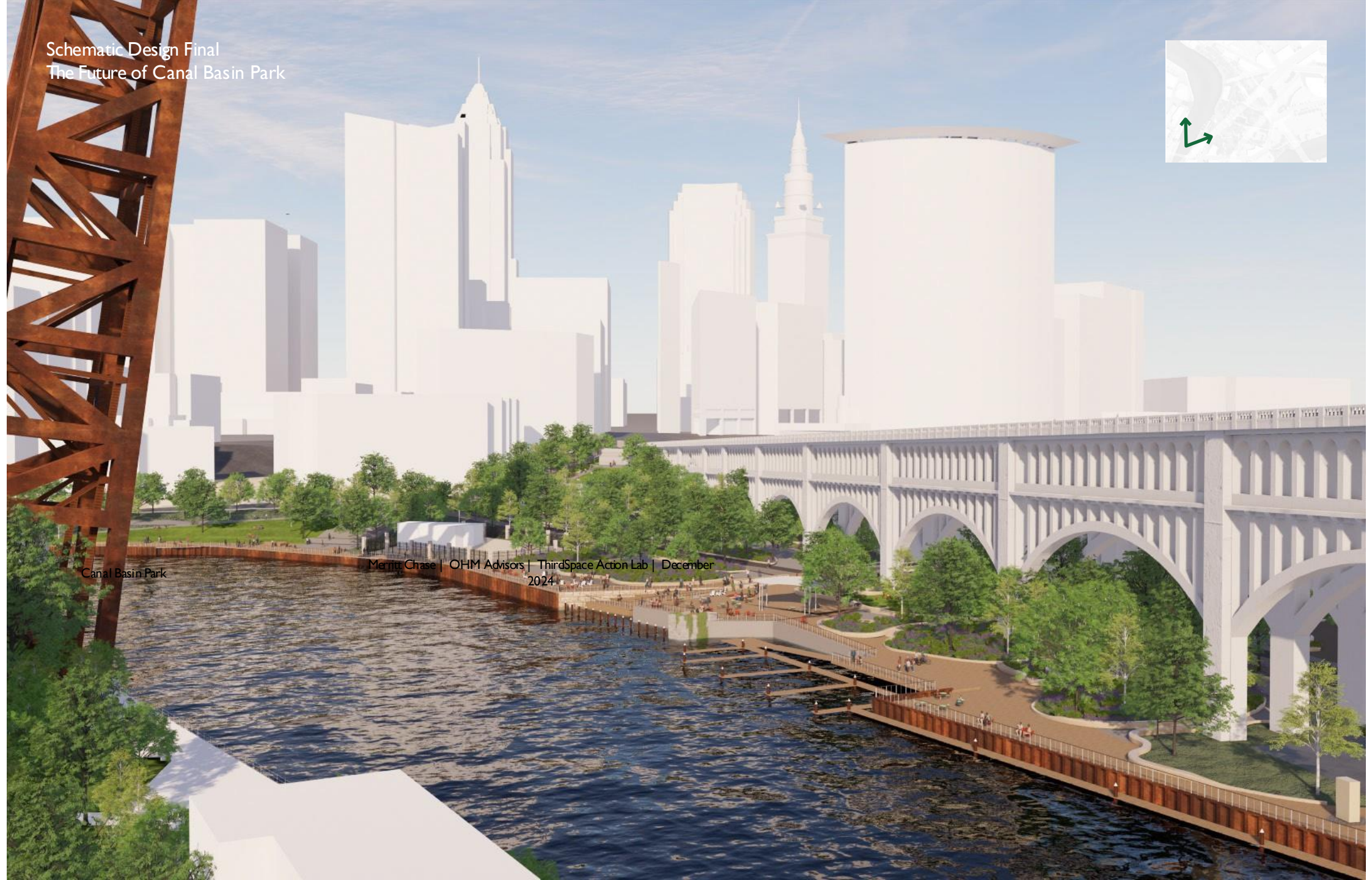


Stone Boulders



Cuyahoga River Play

Schematic Design Final
The Future of Canal Basin Park



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The Future of Canal Basin Park

Welcoming Riverfront Spaces

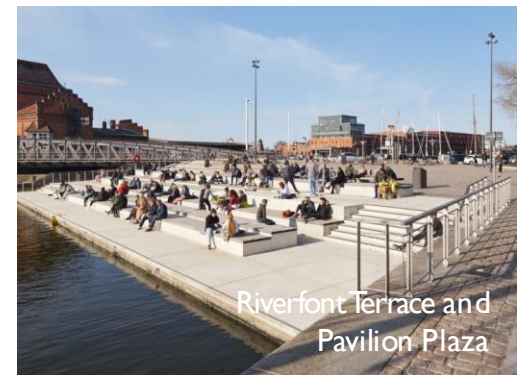
Historical and Ecological Features

Family-Friendly Destinations

Open Spaces for Community Activities

Connections to Nearby Parks and Trails

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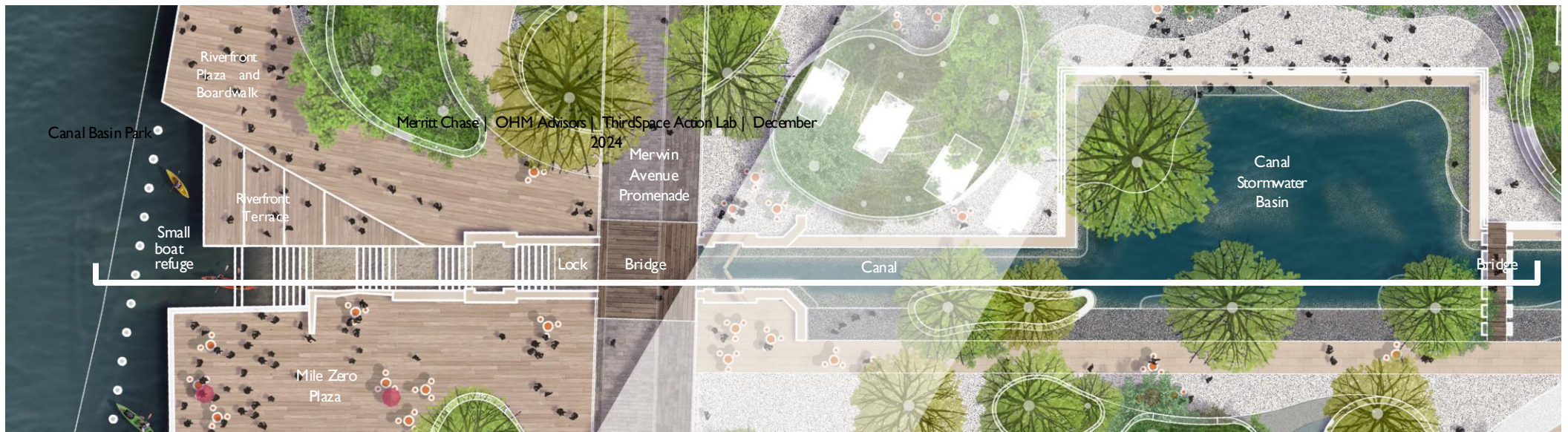
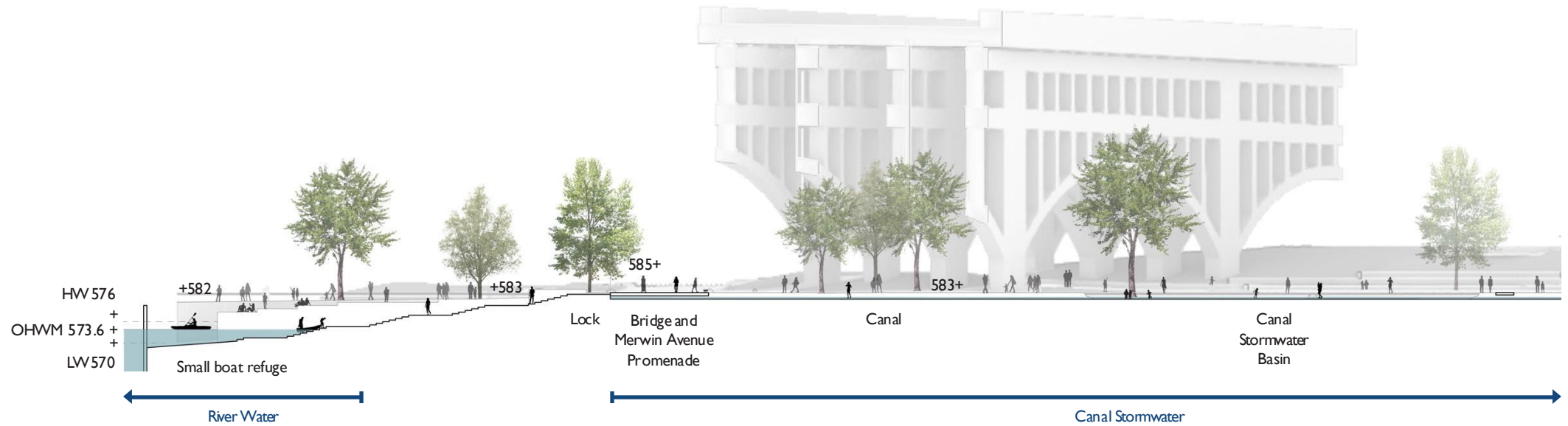
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Schematic Design Final
 Welcoming Riverfront Spaces + Historical and Ecological Features



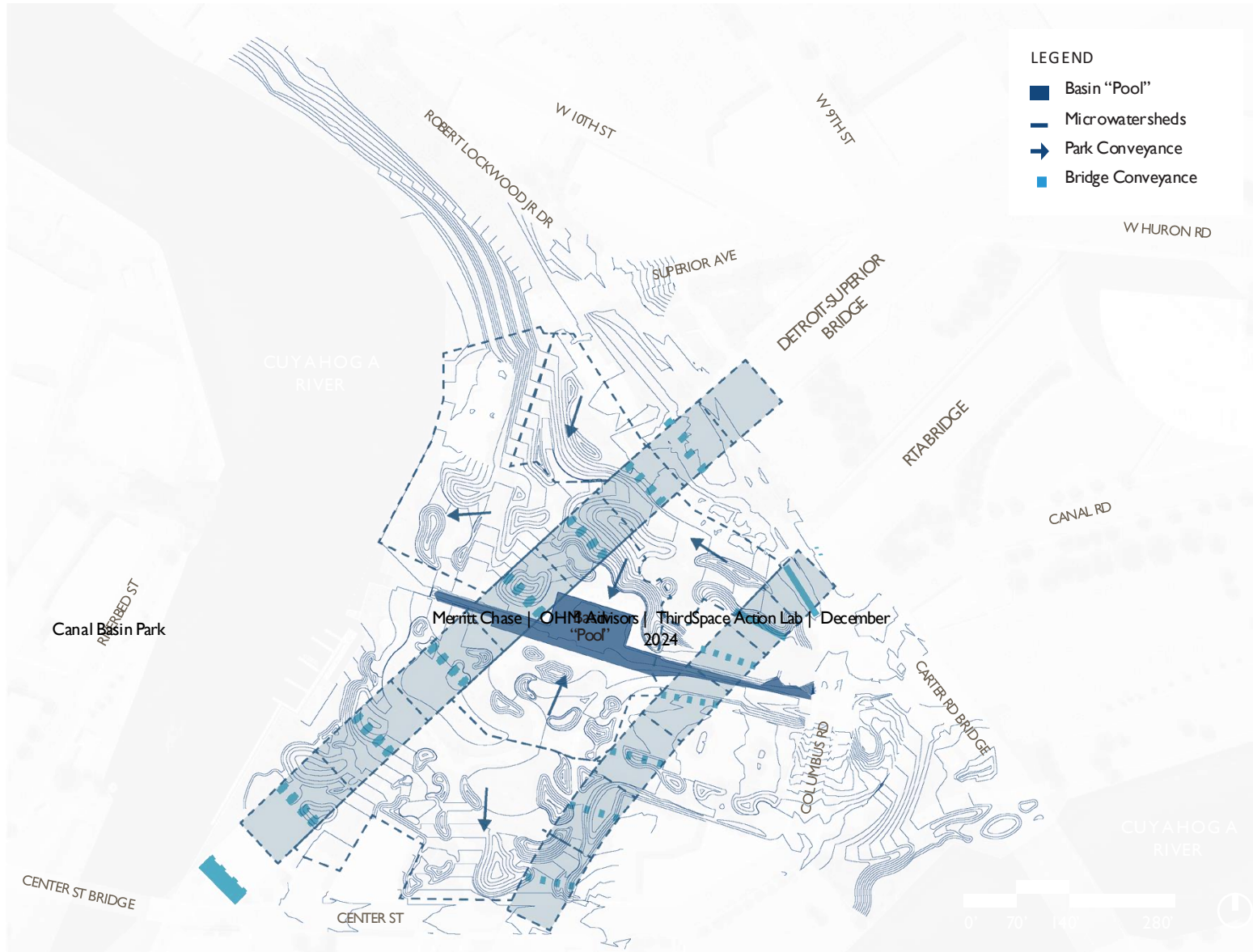
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Historical and Ecological Features



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Historical and Ecological Features | Canal Stormwater Basin

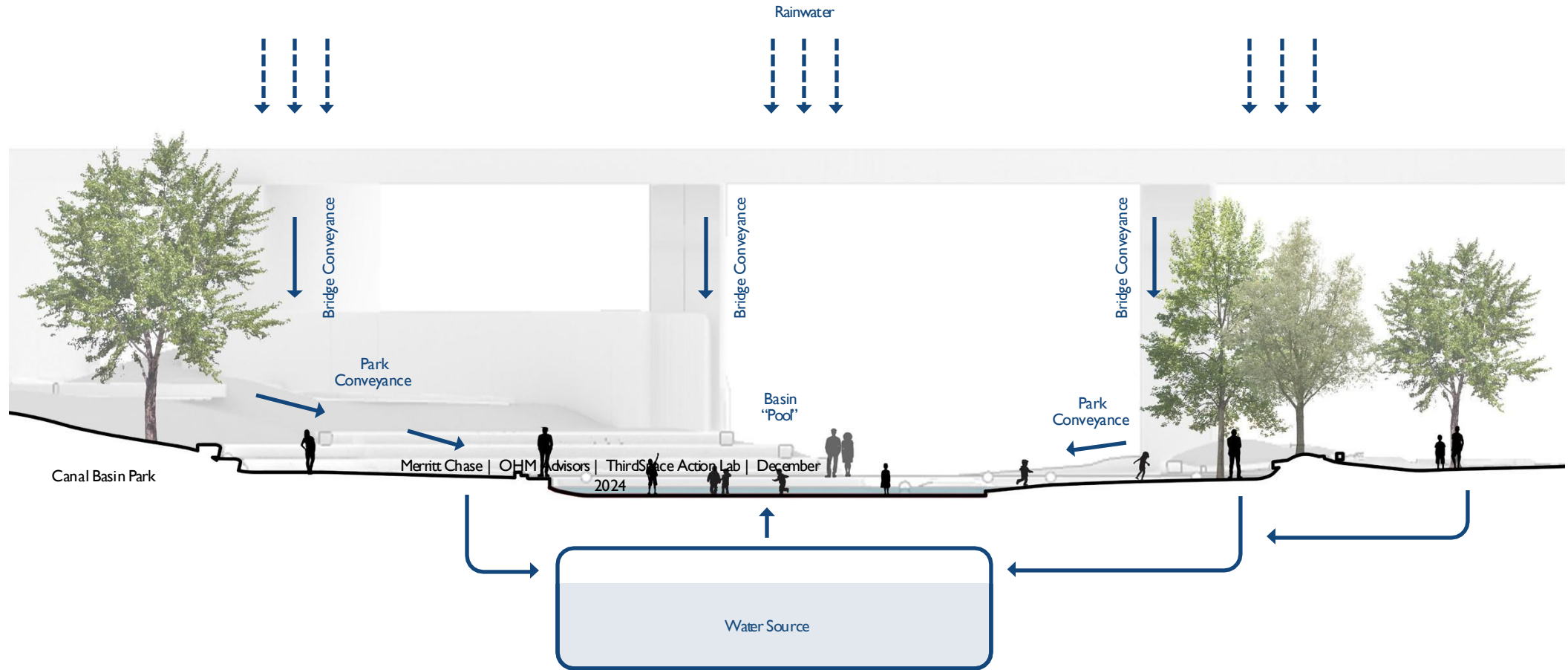


The historic outline of the Canal Basin will be reinterpreted as a stormwater collection system for the park.

This new “clean water” feature celebrates Cleveland and the Cuyahoga River’s role in inspiring the modern environmental movement, specifically the creation of the Clean Water Act, after industrial pollutants caught the river on fire multiple times in the late 1960s.

The Canal Basin stormwater system will collect surface runoff from the park and the bridges overhead, treat the water in cisterns, and recirculate the water into the Basin “Pool.” Berea stone walls and native plants will reference the canal’s cultural, ecological, and industrial history.

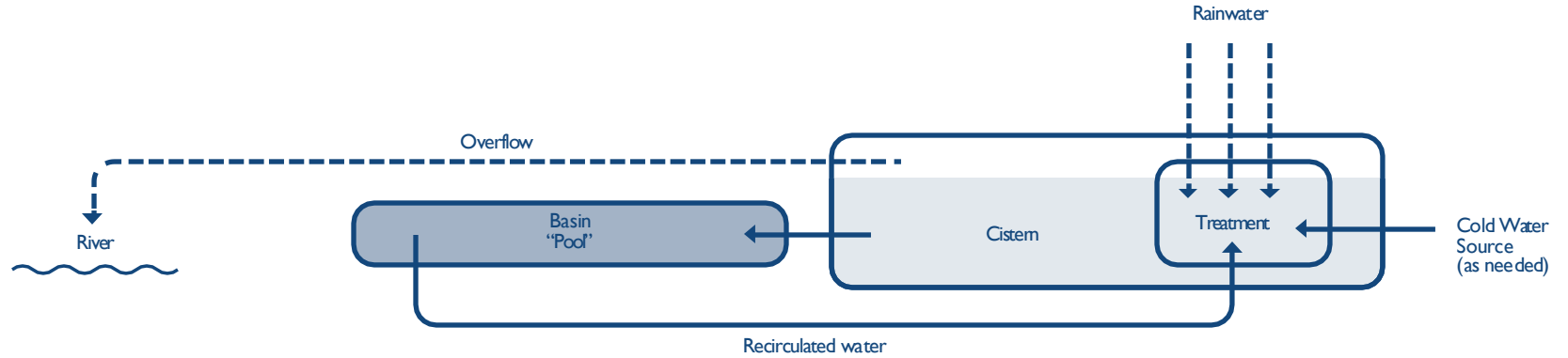
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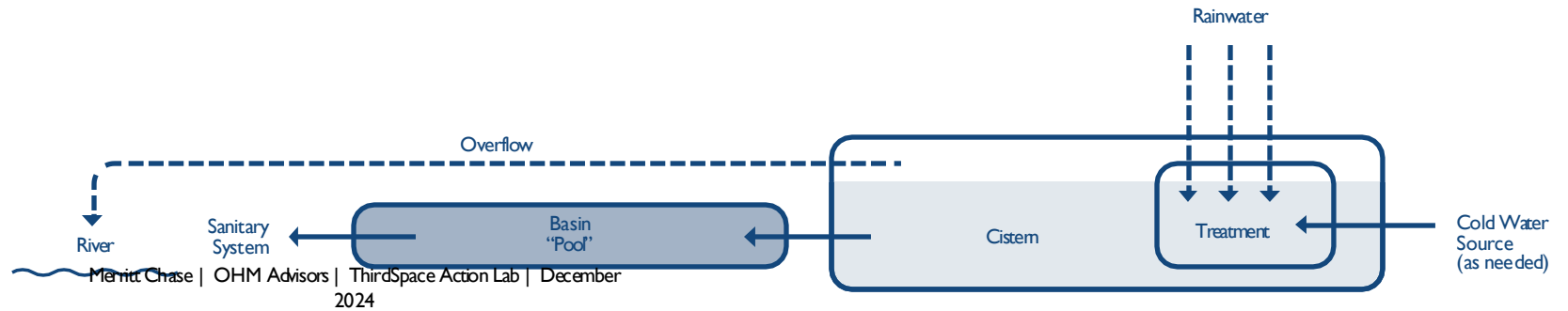
Basin "Pool" Option 1
 Recirculated Treated Stormwater

Sustainability ● ● ●
 Complexity ● ● ●



Basin "Pool" Option 2
 Treated Stormwater

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 Complexity ● ● ○

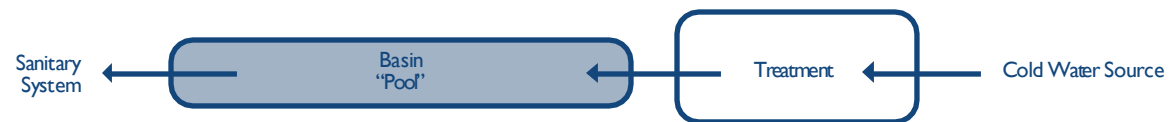


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Basin "Pool" Option 3
 Treated Freshwater

Sustainability ○ ○ ○
 Complexity ● ○ ○



Schematic Design Final
Historical and Ecological Features | Planting Inspired by Native Ecology



Upland River Planting



Lowland River Planting



Lowland River Planting

Schematic Design Final
Family Friendly Destinations | Cuyahoga River-themed Playground



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Family Friendly Destinations | Cuyahoga River-themed Playground



Schematic Design Final
Open Space for Community Gathering



Gathering Lawn



Paths



Seating

Schematic Design Final
Open Space for Community Gathering | Gathering Lawns



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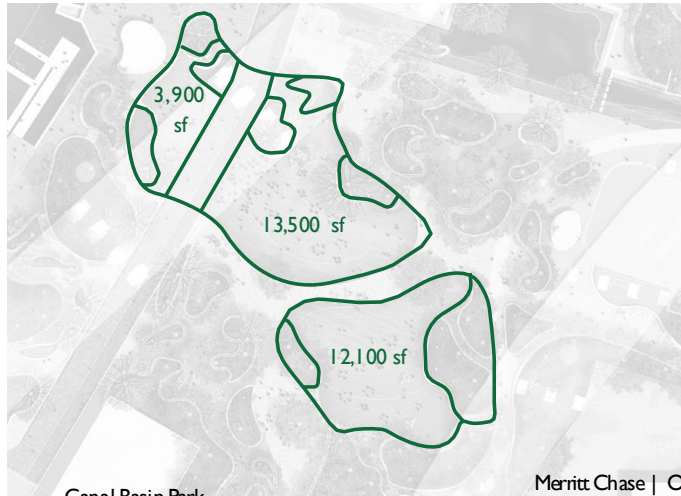
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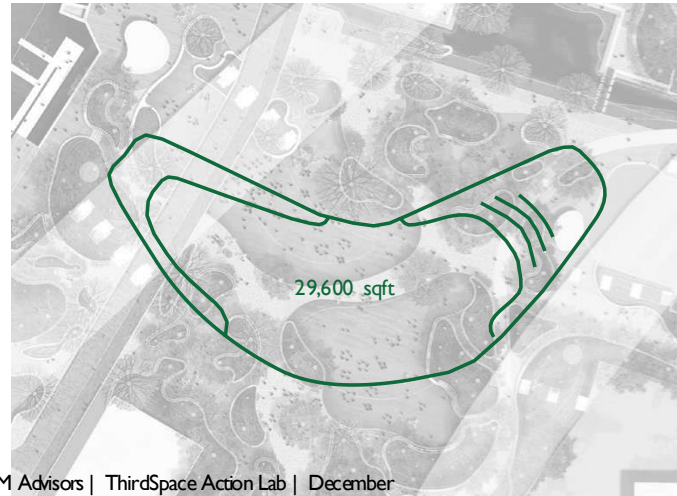
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Open Space for Community Gathering | Gathering Lawns | Scale Comparisons



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Canal Basin Park - Proposed Lawns
29,500 sqft

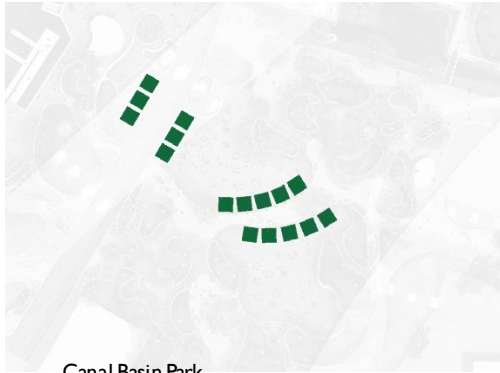


Public Square Lawn
28,600 sqft



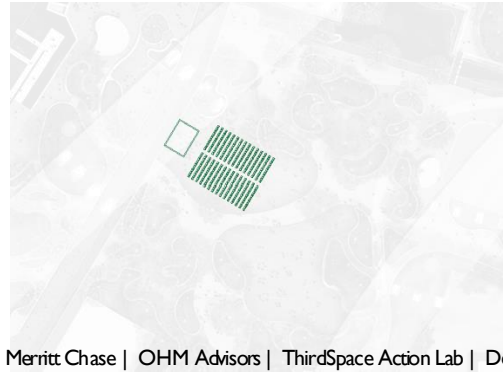
Mall C Lawn
70,000 sqft

Schematic Design Final
Open Space for Community Gathering | Gathering Lawns | Program Capacity



Canal Basin Park

Market Tents



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Event with 24'x36' Stage
390 People Seated

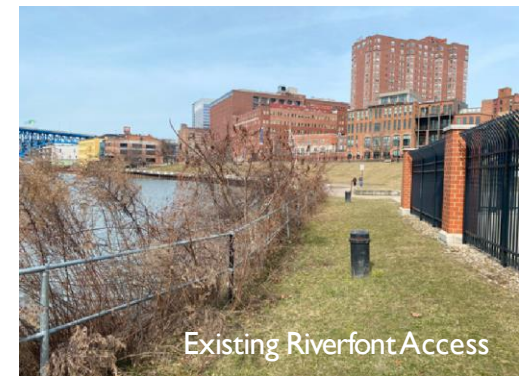
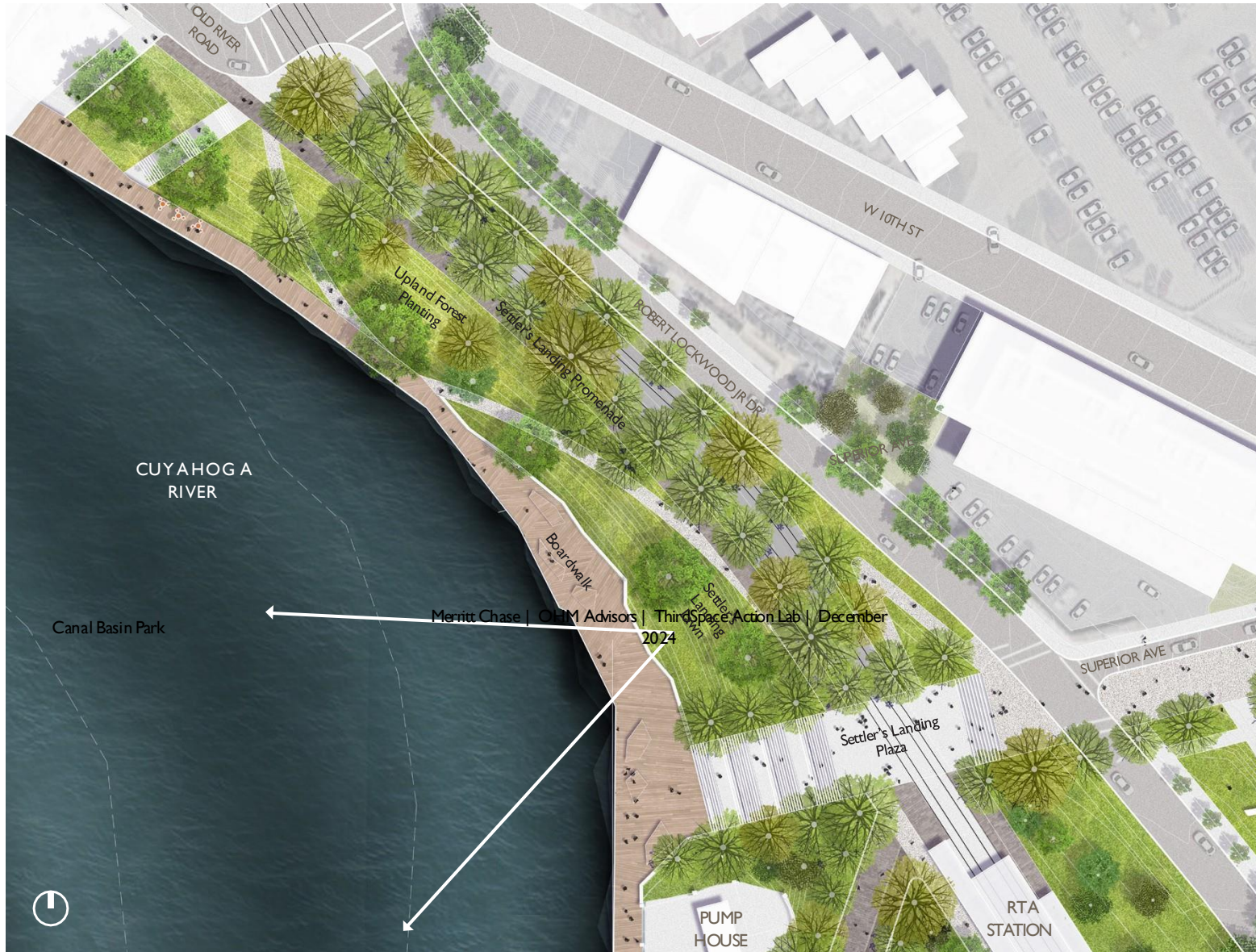


Movie Night
450 People Seated on Blankets

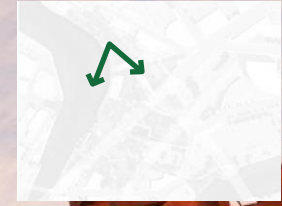


Concert
1500 People Standing

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Open Space for Community Gathering | Settler's Landing Lawn



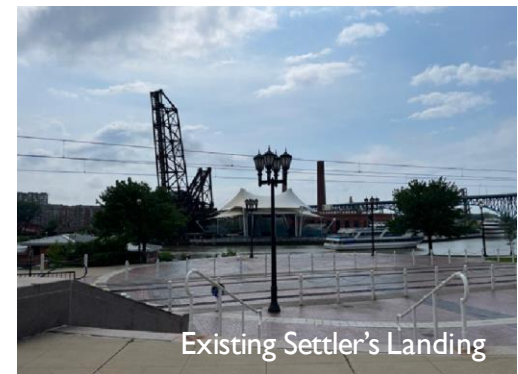
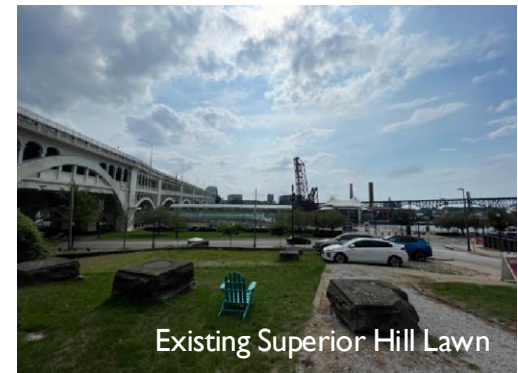
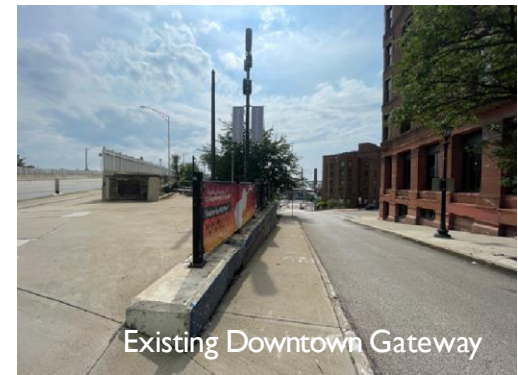
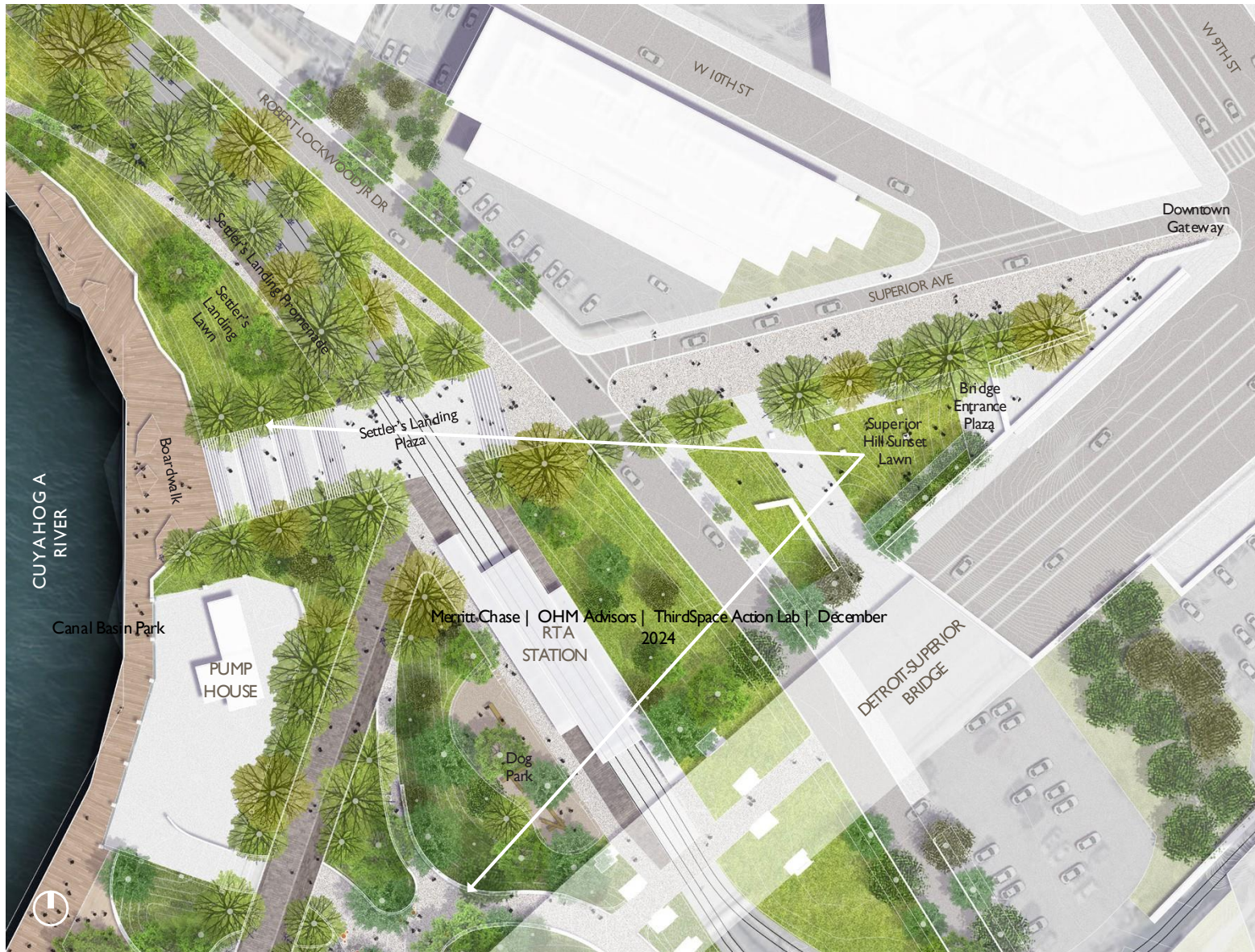
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Open Space for Community Gathering | Settler's Landing Lawn



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Schematic Design Final
Open Space for Community Gathering | Superior Hill Sunset Lawn



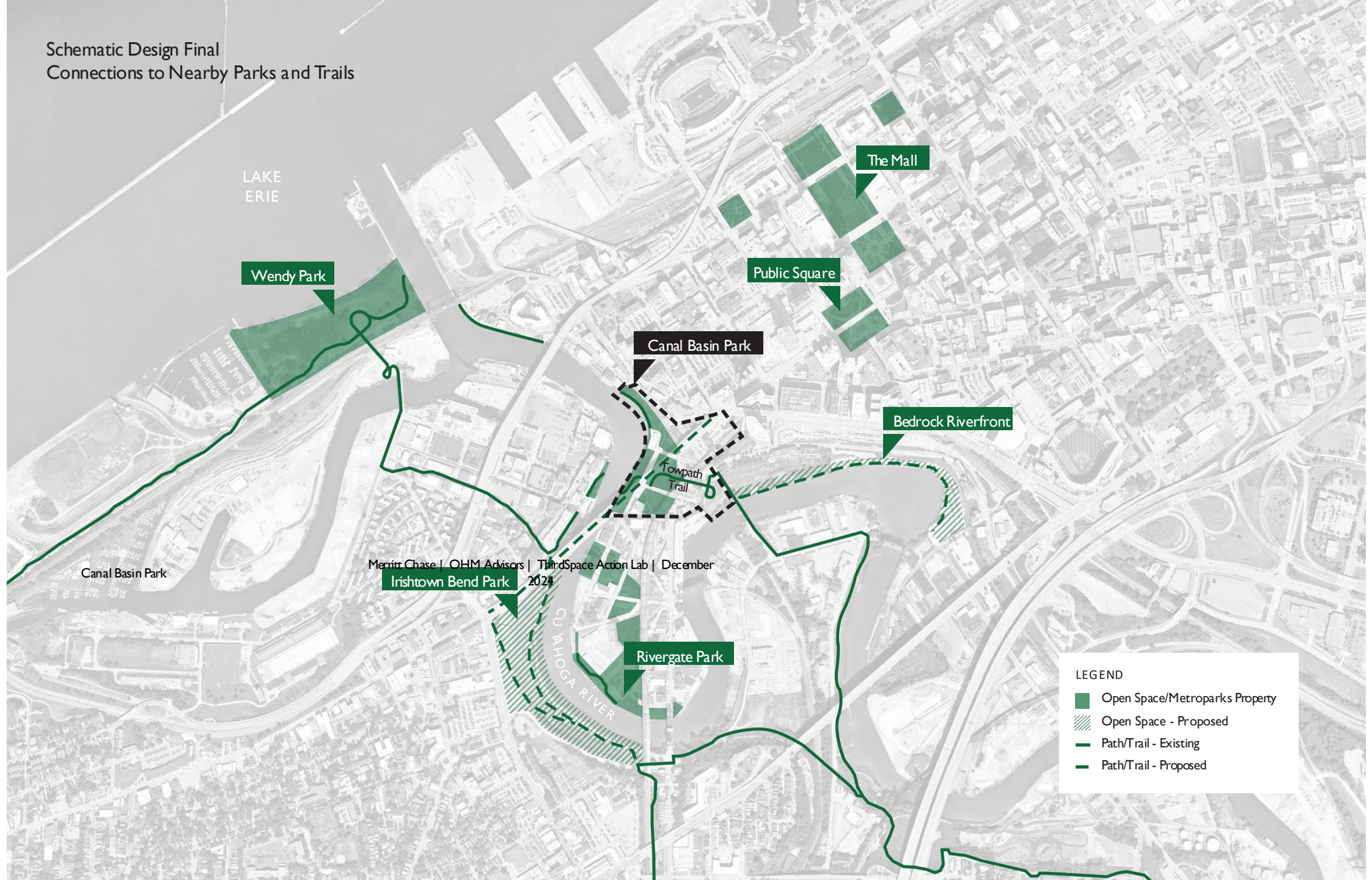
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Schematic Design Final
Connections to Nearby Parks and Trails



LAKE
ERIE

Wendy Park

The Mall

Public Square

Canal Basin Park

Bedrock Riverfront

Fowpath
Trail

Canal Basin Park

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Irishtown Bend Park

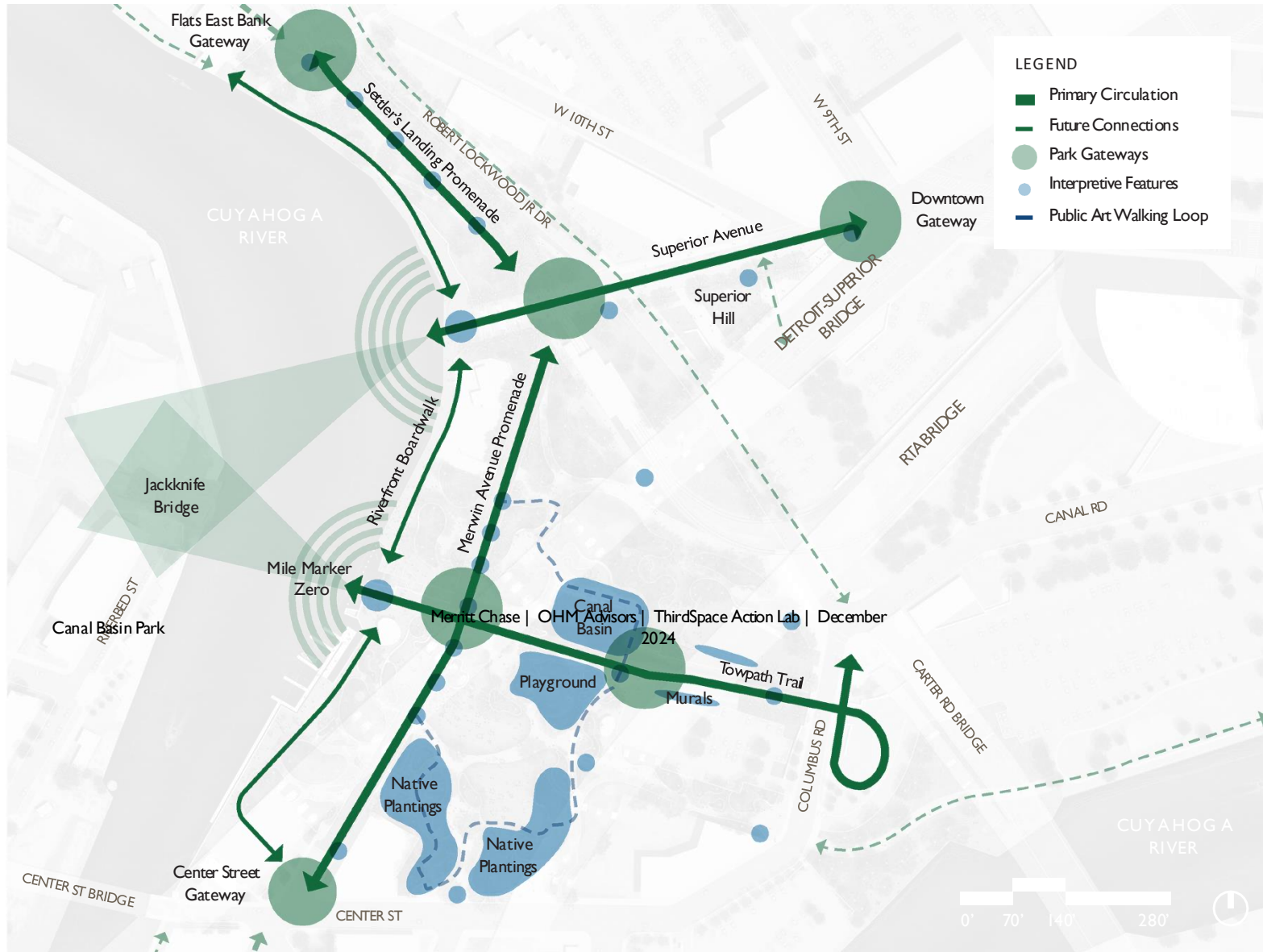
Rivergate Park

CUYAHOGA RIVER

LEGEND

- Open Space/Metroparks Property
- Open Space - Proposed
- Path/Trail - Existing
- Path/Trail - Proposed

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 Connections to Nearby Parks and Trails | Park Circulation and Public Art



Schematic Design Final
Connections to Nearby Parks and Trails



THE
TOWPATH
TRAIL

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Connections to Nearby Parks and Trails



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Schematic Design Final
October 2024 Debut | Trust for Public Land's Walk to a Park Day



The City of Cleveland, Canalway Partners, and the design team hosted a public event with food, music, and games



Design boards provided updates on the project and the final schematic design

Schematic Design Final
October 2024 Debut | Temporary Installations to Showcase Ideas from the Schematic Design Plan



White construction flags outlined the location of the historic Canal Basin



Adirondack chairs provided seating and tested the potential for riverfront community gathering space



Canal Basin Park



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Real-time “Before” and “After” installations provided a glimpse of the future park improvements.

THE FUTURE OF CANAL BASIN PARK WELCOMING RIVERFRONT SPACES

Canal Basin Park will be Downtown Cleveland's riverfront park. The park will include a continuous riverfront boardwalk and spaces for both gathering and relaxation.



The City of Cleveland and its partners are updating the vision for Canal Basin Park. Help shape its future!

Scan the QR code to learn more about the project and provide your feedback.



Schematic Design Final
October 2024 Debut



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THE FUTURE OF CANAL BASIN PARK

OPEN SPACES FOR COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

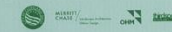
Large gathering lawns will provide space for a wide variety of activities and events. Sloped lawns near Settler’s Landing will take advantage of sunset views over the river.



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Canal Basin Park

Marina Chase | OHM Advisors | ThirdSpace Action Lab | December 2024

Welcoming gateways and paths will create strong connections to nearby parks and trails. Pedestrian and cyclist routes are prioritized throughout the park.



This project is a part of the Marina Chase project. For more information, please contact us at info@thirdspaceactionlab.com. We welcome your feedback.



Real-time “Before” and “After” installations provided a glimpse of the future park improvements.

Schematic Design Final
October 2024 Debut | 3D Models



The Physical 3D model illustrated the park improvements and the park's context

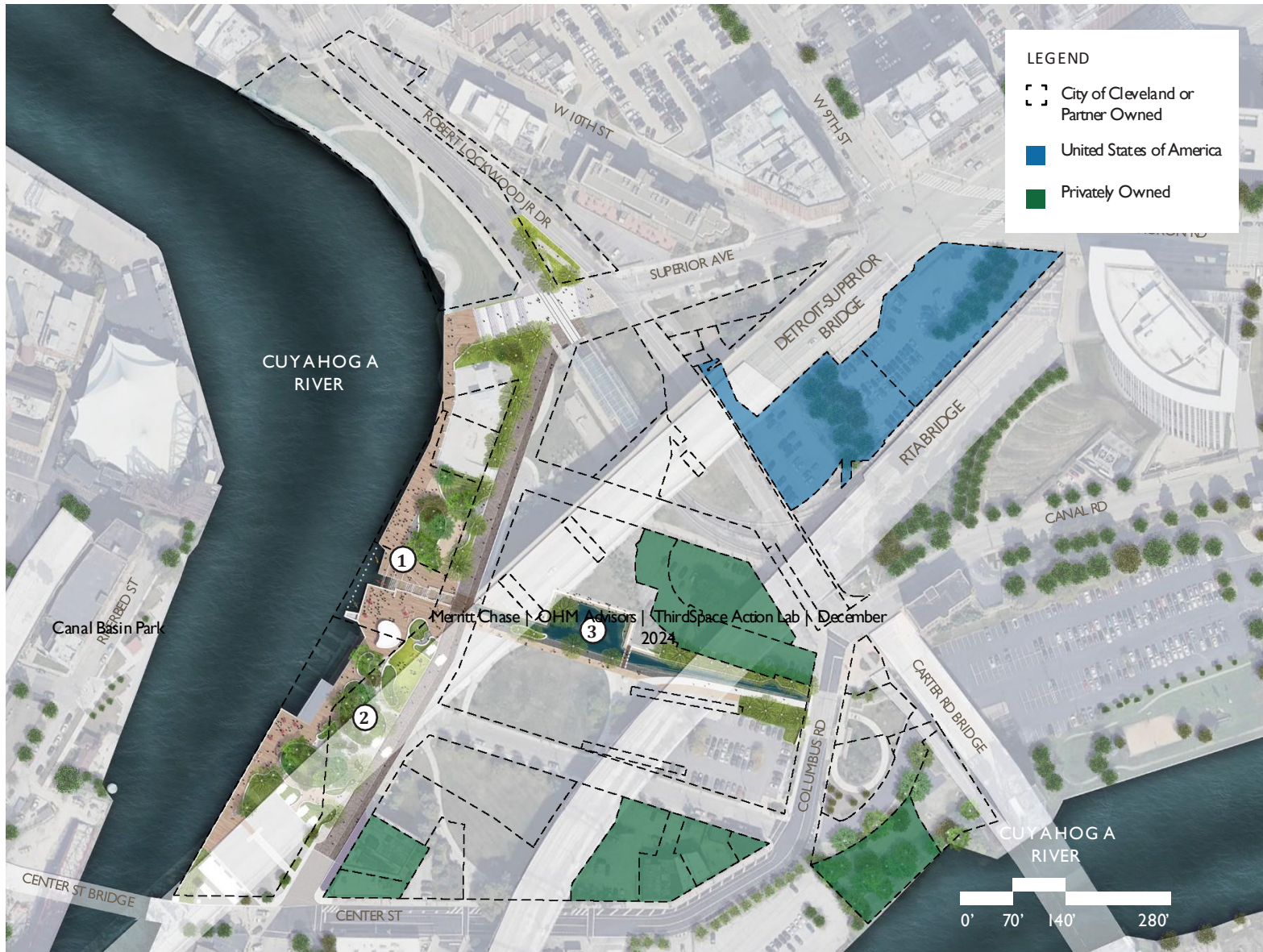


A virtual 3D model gave stakeholders an immersive “on the ground” experience.



Project Introduction
Park History and Existing Conditions
Public Engagement
Schematic Design Plan
Phasing Strategy

Phasing Strategy
Phasing & Implementation



- ① Riverfront Improvements
- ② Merwin Ave and Utility Consolidation
- ③ The Canal Basin

An architectural rendering of a park featuring a large, multi-arched bridge in the background. The bridge has a series of arches and is supported by a series of columns. In the foreground, there is a wooden boardwalk that crosses a shallow, landscaped water feature with reeds and grasses. People are shown sitting on stone steps, walking, and playing in the park. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with trees and a clear sky. The entire image has a green tint.

Thank you

Cleveland City Planning Commission

Staff Report



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Jan 3, 2025



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Downtown/Flats Design Review District

Design Review Advisory Committee

Meeting Motion and Report Form

Meeting Location: City Hall Room 514, 601 Lakeside Avenue

Case Number: DF 2024-047

Meeting Date: 12/12/2024

Project Name: Canal Basin Park

Project Address: _____

Contact Person: Jim McKnight

Architect/Contractor: Merritt Chase

General Description: City of Cleveland Park Project

Motion by Design Review Committee:

Conceptual Approval

Approve: Yablonsky, Bogart, Brown, Geist, Schwartzberg, Soltis, Zarfoss

Disapprove:

Abstain:

Non-Voting Members:



Downtown/Flats Design Review – City Planning Commission

Staff Report

Friday Jan 3, 2025

Cleveland City Hall, Virtual Webex

Begins: 9:00 AM

New Construction – Seeking Conceptual Approval

Project: DF 2024-047 - Canal Basin Park

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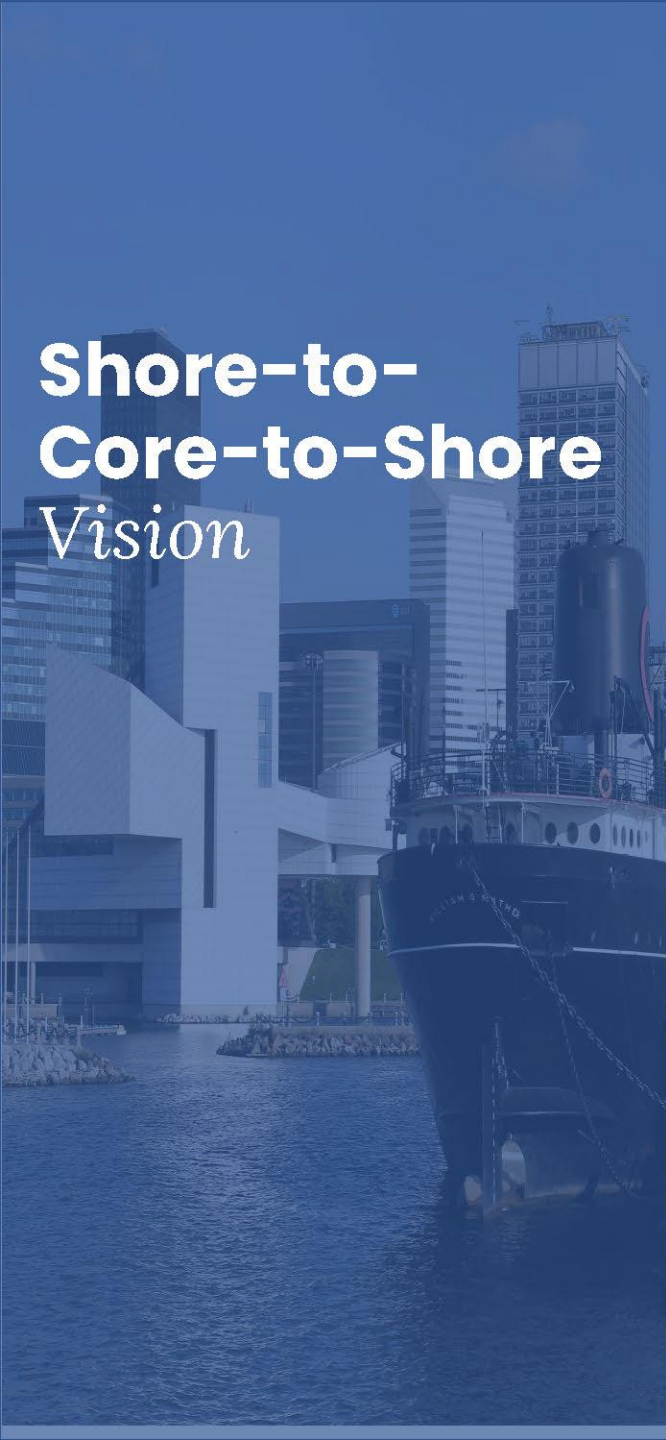
New Construction – City of Cleveland Park

Address: 1575 Merwin Ave

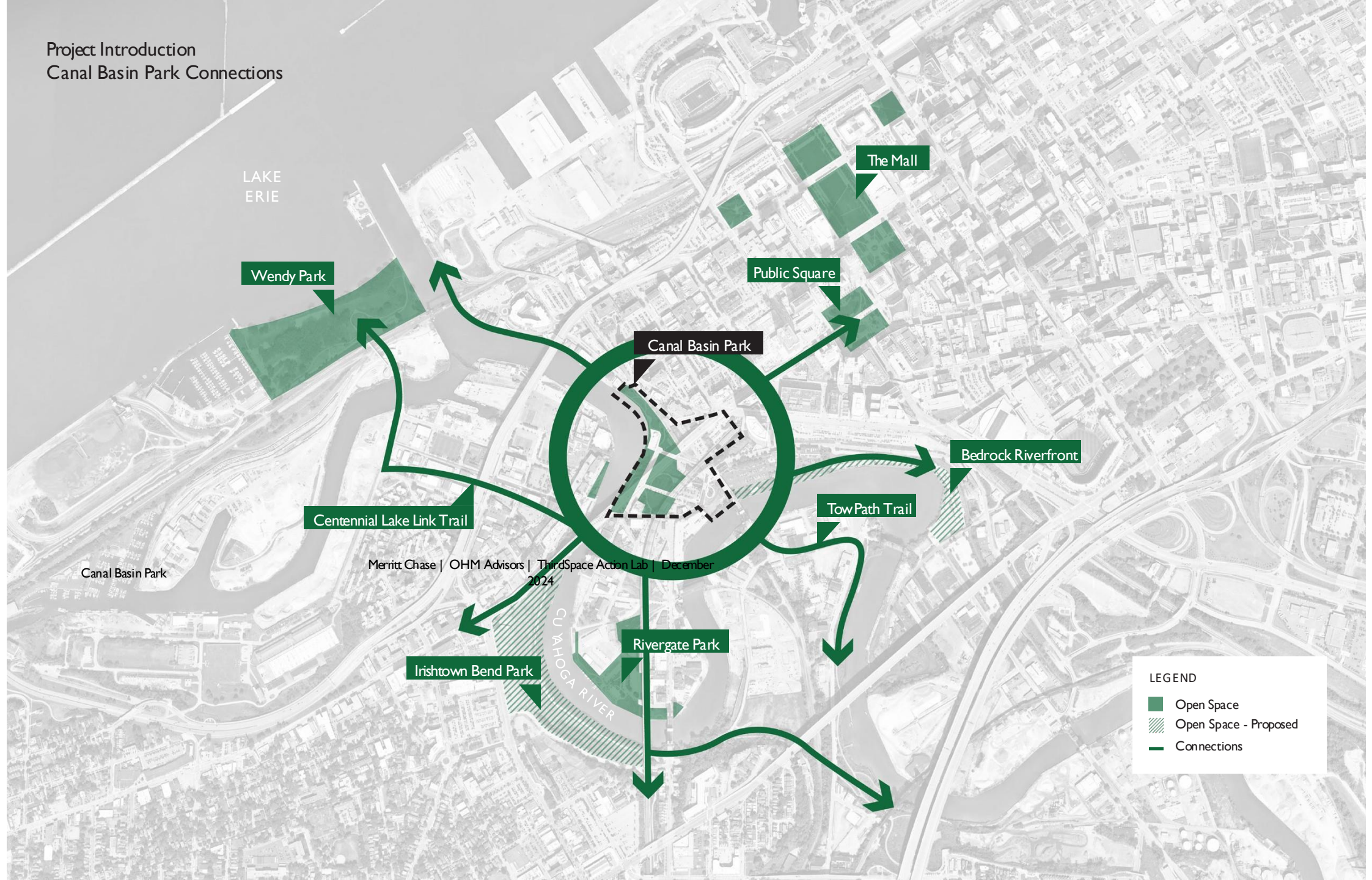
Representative: Jim McKnight, City of Cleveland / Nina Chase, Merritt Chase

- **Staff Recommendation:** Approve
 - Mayor Bibb & Shore-to-Core-to-Shore Initiative
 - Epicenter of the Flats and Cleveland’s industrial heritage, uncovering and showcasing history
 - Trail connectivity & the “zero-mile”
 - Towpath, Redline Greenway, all-ages/abilities protected bike lanes plan, Center & Columbus Street Bridges to the West Bank(s) & Lakefront
 - Will be a major component & connection in the planned 1.25 miles of riverwalk, extending from the Flats East Bank and encompassing Bedrock’s Cuyahoga Riverfront Master Plan
 - Detroit/Superior Bridge & County Underline connection to Irish Town Bend Park
 - Important recreational hub, which may have major implications on the rest of Columbus Road Peninsula – Merwin’s Wharf, the Foundry, & Rowing Foundation
 - Highest & best uses – Riverfront Destination

Shore-to-Core Vision



Project Introduction
Canal Basin Park Connections



LAKE ERIE

Wendy Park

The Mall

Public Square

Canal Basin Park

Bedrock Riverfront

Centennial Lake Link Trail

TowPath Trail

Canal Basin Park

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Rivergate Park

Irishtown Bend Park

CUYAHOGA RIVER

LEGEND

- Open Space
- Open Space - Proposed
- Connections



Gateway

Bedrock
CRMP

West Side
Market

Public
Square,
Malls,
North Coast
Harbor

Canal Basin
Park

Merwin's
Wharf

Irish Town Bend
Park

Flats East
Bank

Wendy Park

Detroit-Superior
Bridge

Ohio City

Edgewater
Beach



Cleveland City Planning Commission

Mandatory Referrals



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Ord. 1314-2024 Designating New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church (former Kinsman Jewish Center) as a Cleveland Landmark

Jan 3, 2025



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Cleveland Landmark Nomination

November 14, 2024



Cleveland Landmark Nomination

New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church (former Kinsman Jewish Center)

3474 E 147th Street

Ward #1 Councilperson Joseph T. Jones

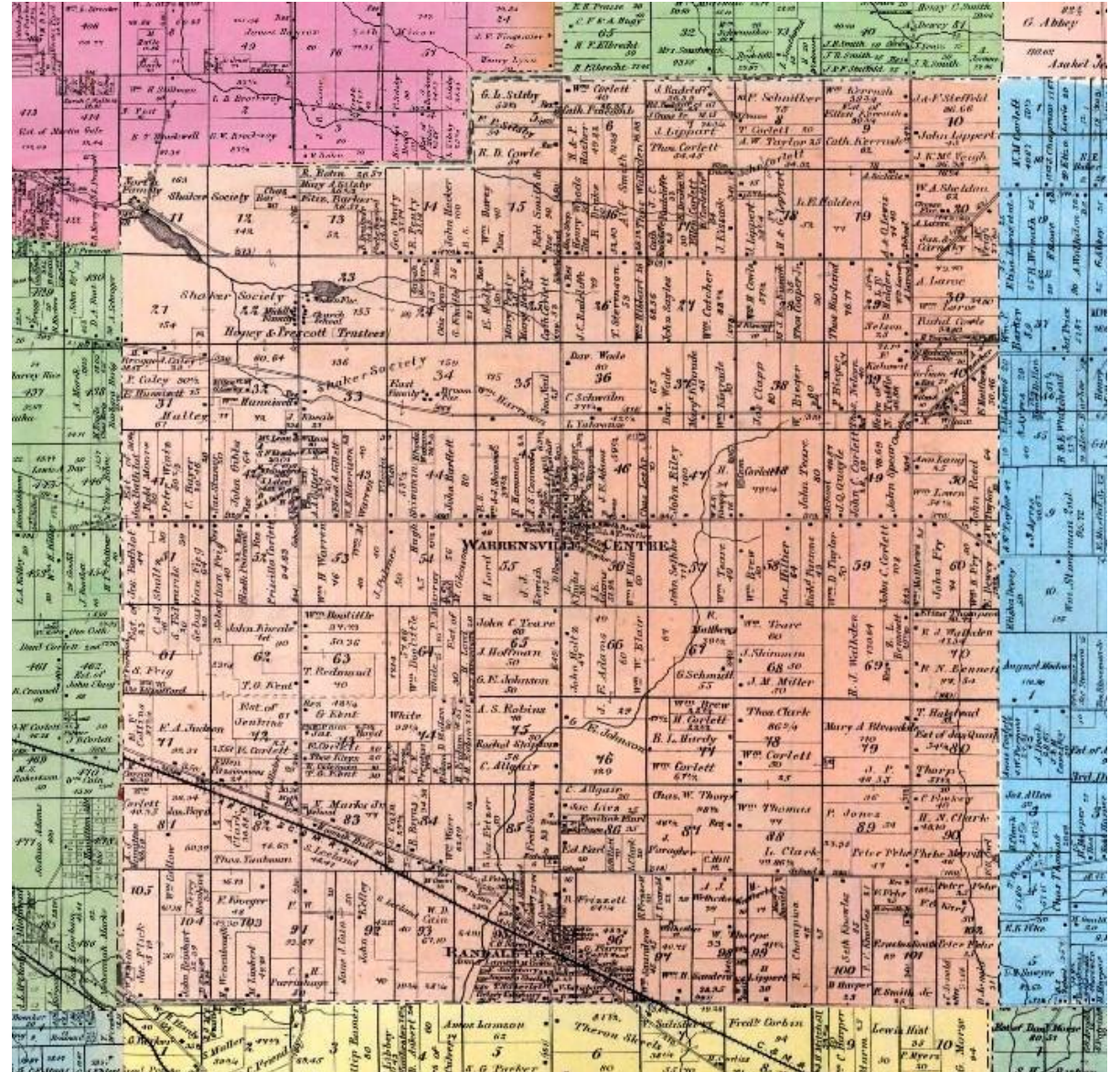


Location



East View Village

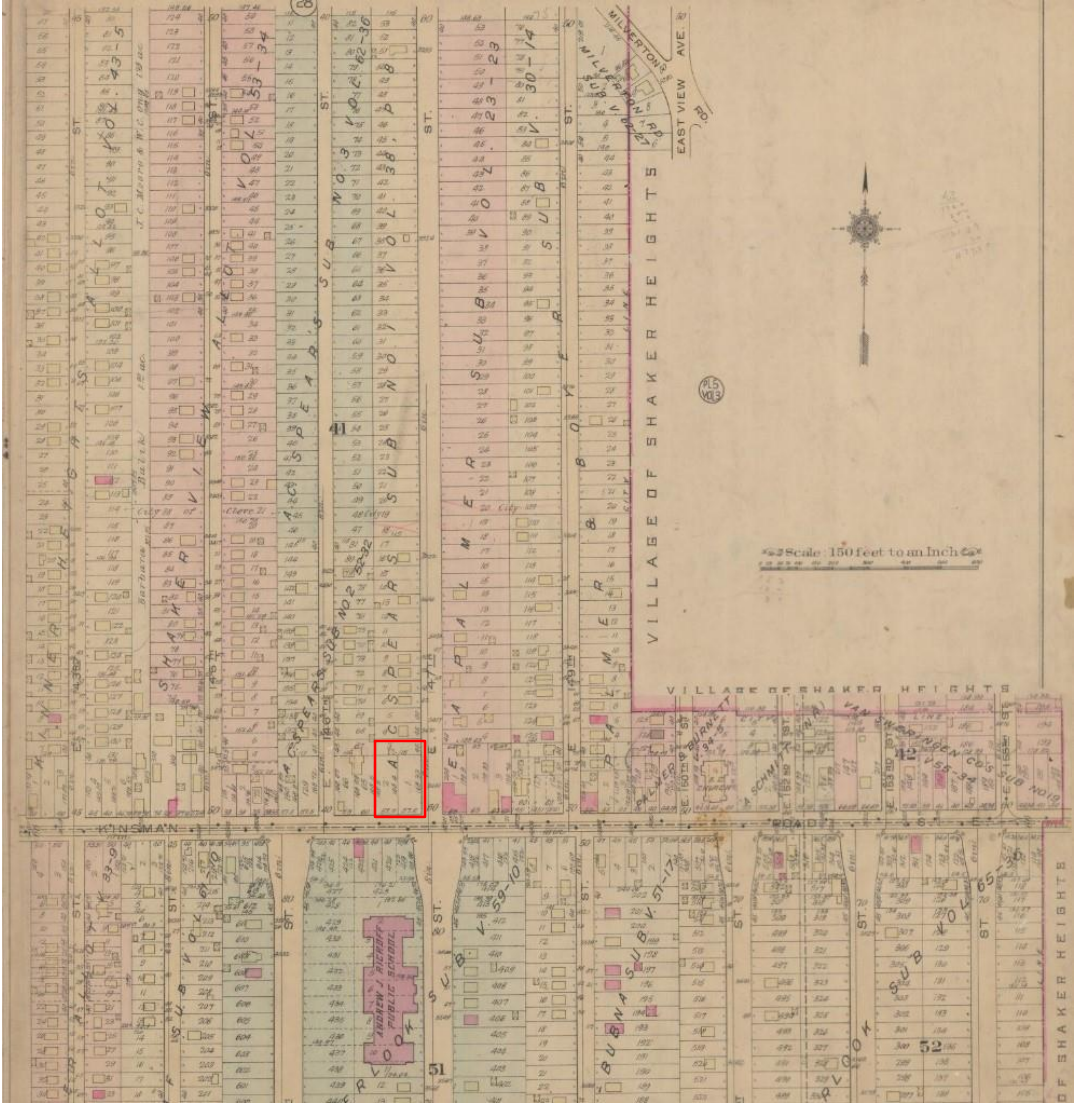
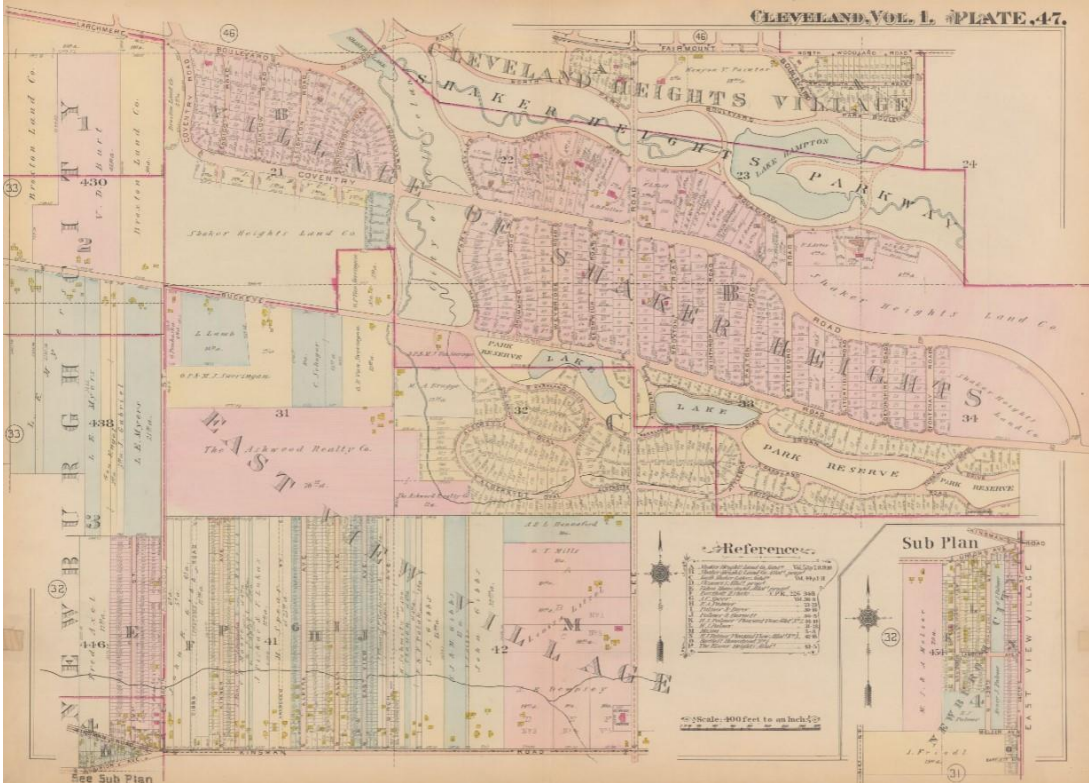
- Warrensville Township



East View Village

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East View Village



A Jewish Neighborhood

- Kinsman – Mt. Pleasant
- 1925 – about 30 percent of Cleveland's Jewish Population living here
- More mixed ethnically and nationally
- Working Class families
- Architecture matching working class aesthetic
 - Orthodox Synagogues
 - Jewish Carpenter's Hall
 - Socialist Farband Center
 - Council Educational Alliance – Central facility

Kinsman Jewish Center

- B'nai Jacob Kol Israel
 - Formed in late 1920s
 - Incorporated in 1930
 - One of the first Orthodox congregations to be organized along non-national lines
- Designed by Architect Max Weis
 - Only the first phase built
 - Dedicated in 1932



Maxwell Weis (AKA White)

- Primarily designed apartment buildings
- Family of Architects

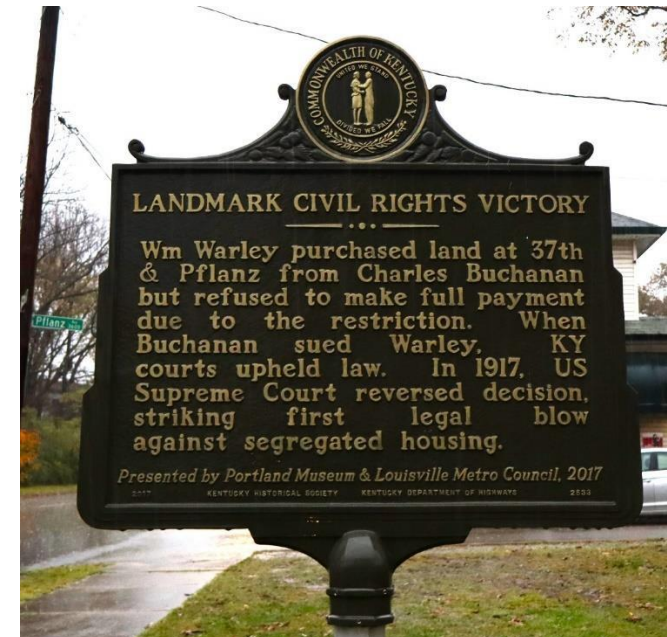
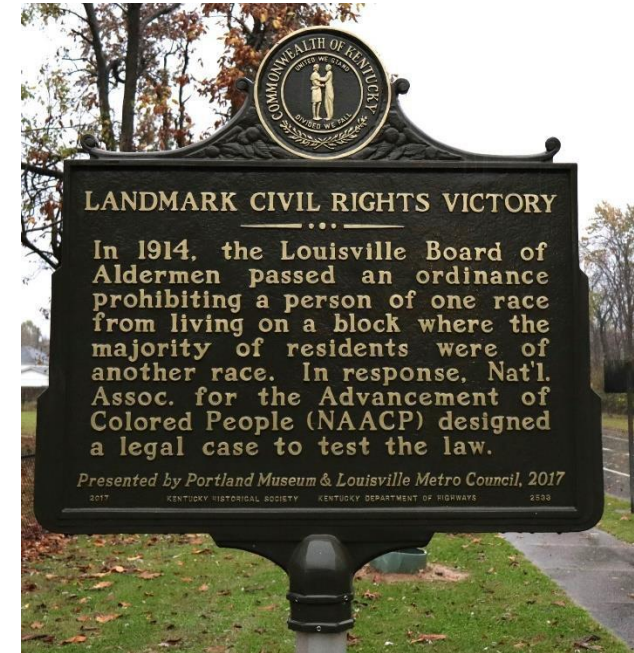


Kinsman Jewish Center

- Fewer than 30 families to start, grew to almost 400 by 1940
 - Daily afternoon Hebrew School (1933)
 - Sisterhood (1934)
 - Jewish nursery school (1950)
 - Young Women's League (1950s)

Laws and Legislation

- Buchanan v Warley (1917)
- Shelley v. Kraemer (1948)
 - McGhee v Snipes
 - Violated the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment
 - Only banned State enforcement
- Equal Opportunity in Housing executive order (1962)
- Civil Rights Act (1968)
 - Fair Housing Act



Local Deed Restrictions

- Van Sweringen Company deed restrictions
 - “Restriction No. 15”
 - 1925 – Added restriction to deeds
- Van Sweringen Company bankruptcy
 - Unsold lots
 - 1953 – Shaker Heights Resolution 5955
 - 1959 – bankruptcy ended after 23 years

13. The grantee herein hereby agrees to require that these restrictions be recited at length in all future deeds of the premises hereby conveyed.

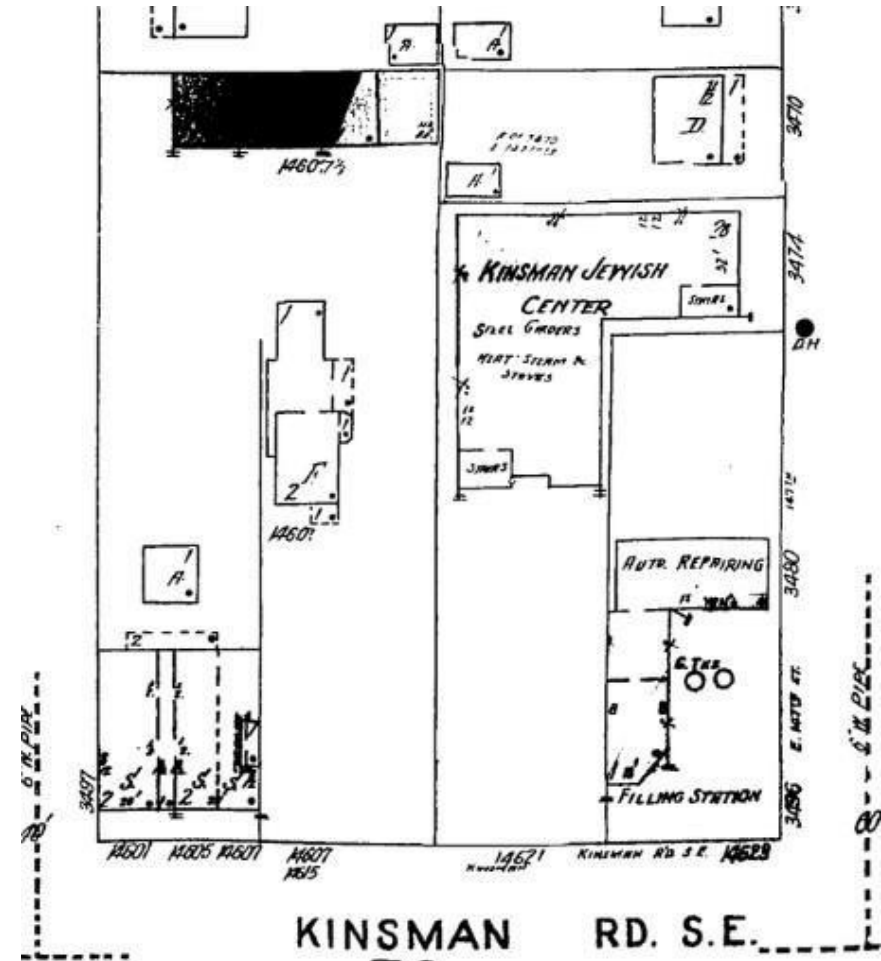
14. No heating apparatus, in, or for any building upon the premises hereby conveyed, shall be operated with any but smoke-free fuel, unless such apparatus be equipped, operated and maintained with such devices as will prevent smoke.

15. The premises hereby conveyed shall not be sublet nor shall the title or possession thereof pass to another without the written consent of The Van Sweringen Company, except that said The Van Sweringen Company may not withhold such consent, if and after a written request has been made to The Van Sweringen Company, to permit such alienation by a majority of the owners of the legal title of all land on both sides of the street or streets upon which this subplot abuts within a distance of 500 feet from the respective sidelines of the subplot hereby conveyed.

In witness whereof, said The Van Sweringen Company hereunto sets its hand and corporate seal by its President M. J. Van Sweringen and its Secretary B. L. Jenks, this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord

Eastward Movement

- 1949 – Interest in moving eastward
- 1955 – Major loss of membership
 - Split of congregation
- 1958 – Sale of building to New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church
- 1959 – Merged with two other congregations to become the Warrensville Center Synagogue in South Euclid



New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church

- Founded by Rev. Abraham Gristel (1876-1936)
- Lived in Chattanooga, TN (1906-1917)
 - Employed as a Molder at Cahill Iron Works
 - Lived in Bushtown
- 1914 – Listed as Pastor of New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church
- Appears in 1918 Cleveland City Directory
 - 1920 Census lists occupation as Minister

New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church

- 1922 – First reference to the church in the City Directory
 - Orange Avenue near E 31st St
- 1924 – Church address listed as 3031 Orange Ave
- 1925 – Church relocates to 3207 Scovill Ave
- 1929 – Church nor Pastor listed in City Directory
- 1930 Census Gristel's occupation listed as a mixer at paving company
- 1931 – Listed as the minister of a church in Barberton, OH
- 1932 – Church now shown at 2482 E 33rd St

New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church

- 1934 – Church listed at 2848 E 33rd St.
 - Rev. T.J. Rice, Jr., Pastor
 - Rice was Pastor about 1933 to 1938
 - Church address listed in various locations on E 33rd St
- 1937 – Church moves to 3602 Scovill
 - Van Talmadge Hunt, Pastor (1938-1939)
- Congregation dwindled to almost no members

Era of Stabilization

- Arthur James W. Warren (1912-1967)
 - 1930 – Living on family farm with parents and 5 siblings
 - 1940 – Became pastor of New Sardis
 - 1940 – Working as a cooper in a barrel factory and running a boarding house
 - 1950 – Proprietor of a retail grocery and confectionary store; wife and 9 children

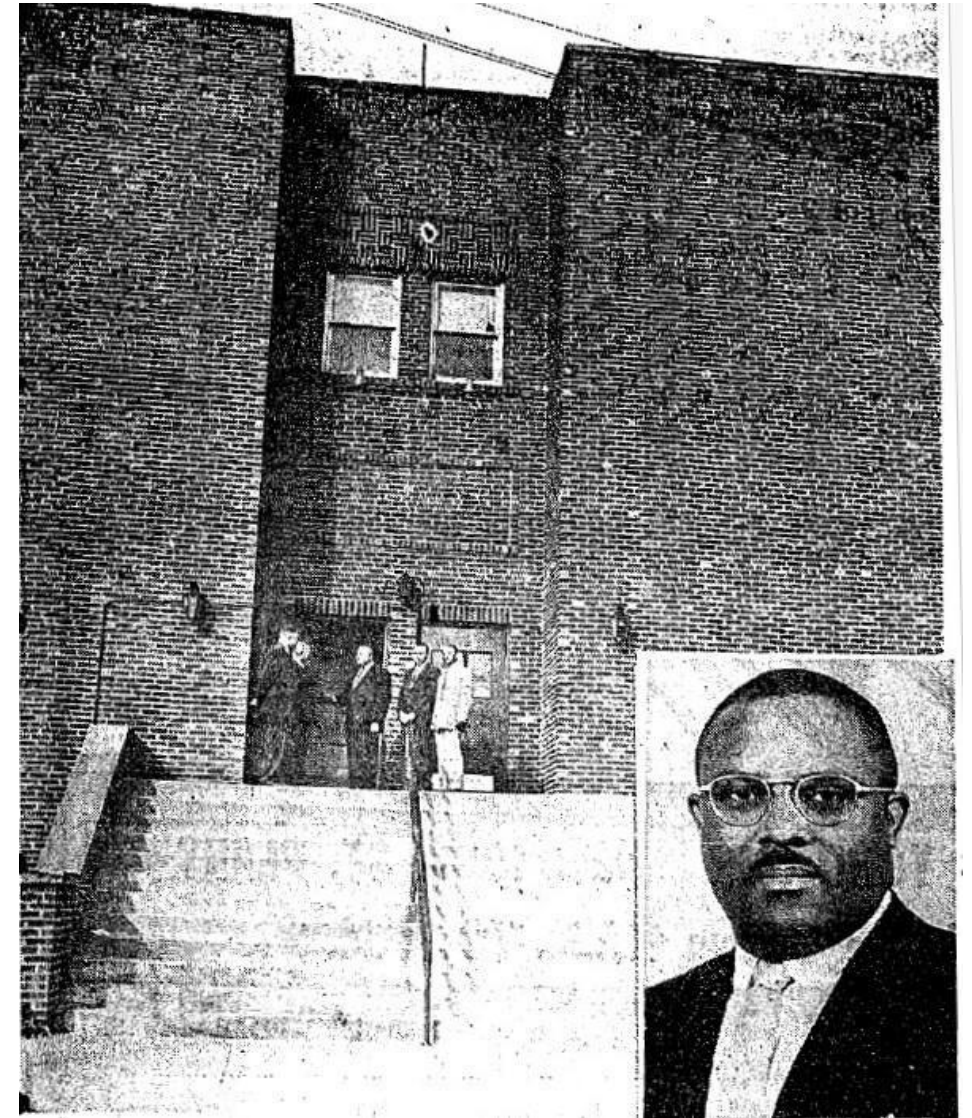


REV. A. J. W. WARREN

Cleveland Call & Post, 10/22/1949

Era of Stabilization

- 1943 – Moved to 10525 Hudson Avenue
 - Former St. James AME Church and Church of God in Christ
- 1950 – Moved to 9014 Cedar Avenue
 - Former Mt. Zion Congregational Church and Infant's Rest Home (Orphanage)
- 1958 – Moved to 3474 E. 147th Street
 - Former Kinsman Jewish Center



Cleveland Call And Post, 11-8-1958

A New Home



New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church

- Under Warren's leadership, membership grew to its largest in the 1960s
- At its peak there were 1500 members
- Warren passed away in 1967
- Elder Terry M. Batts, Sr.
 - Nov. 1968 – July 1986
- Elder Jimmy Warren
 - 1986-1988
- Elder Larry D. Tatum
 - 1988- 2023
- Elder Dr. Vincent E. Stokes II
 - 2023-

1999 Addition

- Designed by Whitley & Whitley
 - Established in 1963
 - Architects and Urban Planners
 - Multiple buildings designed in the Mt. Pleasant – Kinsman neighborhood
- Contributions Nationally
 - New York
 - Chicago
 - Atlanta



Significance

- Its character, interest or value is part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city
- The property relates to other distinctive cultural properties in the neighborhood which may also be eligible for preservation activity
- The property is identified as the work of architects whose work has contributed to the development of the neighborhood and city
- The property's location is a familiar visual feature of the community

Current Conditions











New Sardis
Primitive Baptist Church

COMMUNITY DAY
POSTPONED
UNTIL SEPT 7TH

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- **Chair: Jeff Bogart (Term 2)**
- **Vice Chair: Greg Soltis (Term 2)**

Euclid Buckeye Design Review Region

- **Chair: Chris Trotta (Term 1)**
- **Vice Chair: David Wilson (Term 1)**

Northeast Design Review Region

- **Chair: Scott Neiswander (Term 1)**
- **Vice Chair: Michelle Bandy-Zalatoris (Term 1)**

Central Southeast Design Review Region

- **Chair: Matt Hils (Term 1)**
- **Vice Chair: Dawn Mayes (Term 1)**

Near West Design Review Region

- **Chair: Kerry Sandoval (Term 1)**
- **Vice Chair: John Gallagher (Term 1)**

Far West Design Review Region

- **Chair: Maggie Young (Term 2)**
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Adjournment



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