

Reservation-wide Considerations

- Steep side slopes and erosion-prone shale present challenges along the Rocky River Valley. Work with surrounding communities to protect sensitive park lands and closely monitor development adjacent to the park to ensure best practices
- Partner to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the park. Encourage development of routes identified in the Cuyahoga Greenways and Community Confluence Plans to improve a network extending beyond park property and to reduce vehicles in the park
- Expand land protection where feasible through acquisition, easements, or overlays to mitigate impacts from urbanization
- Continue to provide fishing access throughout the park
- Prioritize the replacement of vault restrooms nearing end of service life throughout the park
- Prioritize conservation areas within Rocky River Reservation to help balance the intense use of the park. Consider select removal of ballfields or pavement where possible, along with wetland, meadow, and stream restoration initiatives
- Evaluate low head dams and fords throughout the reservation to determine impact and opportunities for removal
- Consider interpretation of historic and cultural elements across the reservation

ROCKY RIVER RESERVATION
PARK PLAN

SEPT 2026

All Purpose Trail

Natural Surface Trail

Proposed Trails

Other Paved Trail

Other Proposed Trails

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Water

Wetlands

Cleveland Metroparks

Other Parks

Fishing Area

Existing RTA Transit Stop

Rocky River Reservation: 2,584 Acres

Connections North

- Encourage bike and pedestrian improvements to Detroit Road bridge in partnership with Rocky River and Lakewood
- Improve awareness of the park at Sloane and Detroit intersection - add overlook and update signage; consider mural or wayfinding on parapet wall in coordination with Lakewood

Clifton Road Bridge Project

Emerald Necklace Marina

- Assess seawall structure for short or long term capital needs
- Explore extending access north along the river
- Consider improvements to Emerald Necklace Marina building and restaurant, including new seating areas, expanded food offerings, small nature play, and accessibility improvements

Scenic Park

- Add natural surface trail up hillside to link marina to Sloane and Detroit intersection
- Add all purpose trail link along south side of entry drive; address drainage and grades in solution
- Expand play area near shelter on south side and assess parking needs

Valley Parkway South of Bridge

- Address all purpose trail crossing and alignment to reduce congestion and improve safety

Rockcliff Area

- Coordinate with Rocky River's initiative to link new all purpose trail to existing Rockcliff all purpose trail
- Add wayfinding on Wooster, Hilliard, and Rockcliff
- Monitor retaining wall and assess options

Memorial Field

- Study field and parking use
- Replace Romtec
- Relocate APT away from river

Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial Area

- Consider natural surface trail or potentially stairs to provide access to the river and create a loop
- Connect along drive to future Hogsback Lane trail

Hogsback Lane

- Review gravel staging area off Hogsback Lane; screen if needed for park operations
- Coordinate potential improvements with partners and in conjunction with Hilliard Road Bridge, including bike and pedestrian access along Riverside and Hogsback Lane

Hilliard Rd Bridge

- Continue to coordinate with Cuyahoga County for the proposed replacement bridge and bike and pedestrian improvements, along with proposed Hilliard Boulevard all purpose trail

Tyler Field and Barn

- Relocate all purpose trail away from river
- Consider reducing league use
- Continue upkeep on barn structure
- Pursue eventual natural surface trail connection to Rocky River Dr. / Munn Rd.

Morley Ford

- Improve existing trail and wayfinding

Lorain Road Bridge

- Address wash-outs at scuppers

Kason Swamp

- Evaluate embankment erosion of shale cliff to the north below Lorain Road

Park OPs/Maintenance Center/Rangers

- Complete land acquisition.
- Assess Coe Creek culvert and surrounding drainage
- Review pavement extents and consider green infrastructure

Old Lorain Connector

- Add signage and wayfinding for new all purpose trail connection



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Big Met Golf Course
• Renovate and update existing clubhouse

Sycamore Picnic Area
• Replace canopy with small shelter and upgrade electric service

North Mastick Picnic Area
• Replace small shelter and restroom

FAIRVIEW PARK

Mastick Road/Puritas Road
• Add pedestrian timers to signal
• Add pavement markings, lighting, and signage at intersection to improve safety

Valley Parkway
• Work with Police to enforce speed limit and educate drivers and cyclists
• Consider adding bike lanes between Wooster Road and Puritas Road

Cottonwood Picnic Area
• Eliminate one ballfield
• Replace restroom
• Maintain as reserve shelter

Mastick Woods Golf Course
• Remove concrete drainage channel and replace with natural stream channel
• Remove clubhouse and replace with a new structure

Rocky River Bridle Trail (RR1)
• Add signage that bridle trail is an out-and-back due to wetlands and topography. Incorporate current unsanctioned trail routes to expand system where possible. Avoid ridge in the middle of Little Met

PURITAS AVE

Rocky River Stables
• Improve area bridle trails

South Mastick Picnic Area
• Consider upgraded play area
• Complete connections to Valley Parkway all purpose trail

GRAYTON RD

ROCKY RIVER DR

480

BROOKPARK RD

Brookpark Road Bridge
• Continue coordination with proposed Brookpark Road bridge improvements and potential bike and pedestrian improvements

CLEVELAND

BROOK PARK

RT. 237

SNOW RD

HENRY FORD BLVD

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Mount Pleasant
• Rehabilitate and improve existing trail and address drainage

Fort Hill
• Minimize impacts to manage cultural resources
• Monitor cliff erosion along river
• Improve trail connection

Little Cedar Point Picnic Area
• Promote use as trailhead with APT along south side of Cedar Point Road and potential second set of steps to Fort Hill - reference 2015 Trail Plan
• Expand if needed to serve as alternative to Rocky River Nature Center parking for trail users

Frostville
• Develop and finalize site master plan for affiliate area
• Work with community to add all purpose trail along south side of Cedar Point Road to connect Valley Parkway to Columbia Road

Cedar Point Road
• Add all purpose trail link from Lewis Road / Frostville along south side of road to connect to existing Valley Parkway trail
• Participate in Aerozone and Cuyahoga Greenways plans to expand access into valley using the current trail link

Lewis Road Riding Ring
• Reduce mowed area; expand sanctioned trails and remove bootlegs

West Branch Rocky River
• Consider resource protection along with future greenway connection

Rocky River Nature Center
• Add all purpose trail links to Valley Parkway trail
• Pursue relocating electric service underground
• Ongoing building upkeep and maintenance needs (roof leaks, etc.)
• Encourage use of other parking areas for non-nature center uses

Lawrence Grist Mill Remains
• Consider removal of deteriorating historic river ford while retaining fishing opportunities

Big Cedar Point Picnic Area
• Improve trail connection to Rocky River Nature Center
• Evaluate shelter and restroom upgrades

Maple Grove Picnic Area
• Proposed new sugar shack and shelter; replace restroom; improve area trails

Lagoon Picnic Area
• Replace picnic shelter or add a four-season lodge. Incorporate historic stone walls as part of exterior features
• Reconfigure to expand parking
• Connect drives
• Remove one ballfield and add meadow restoration
• Develop nature play area
• Remove lowhead dam in main channel of river

A detailed map of the Rocky River Reservation, showing a network of trails (All Purpose, Natural Surface, Proposed, Other Paved, Other Proposed) and land protection areas. The map includes surrounding roads like Clague Rd, Mastick Rd, W 220th St, Country Club Blvd, Great Northern Blvd, Butternut Rd, Columbia Rd, Lewis Rd, Spafford Rd, Barrett Rd, Aerospace Pkwy, and Grayton Rd. It also shows nearby parks like Fairview Park and Brookpark, and the Cleveland area to the east. A red box highlights the 'AREA PLAN' section. Various callout boxes provide specific project details for different areas. A north arrow and a scale bar (0 to 2,000 ft) are located in the bottom left corner.

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Expand Bike and Pedestrian Connections
• Utilize existing facilities and coordinate with the Brook Park New Community Authority to ensure bike and pedestrian connections between Rocky River Reservation and the Stadium District

Willow Bend Picnic Area
• Complete natural surface trail link in partnership with the cities of Berea and Brook Park
• Transition reserve area to public area and trailhead use when Lagoon Picnic Area improvements are completed

Barrett Road Sledding Hill
• Expand natural surface trail network and connect to Berea Falls

Falls Lane
• Close Falls Lane to vehicular traffic and reconfigure as all purpose trail with trailhead parking adjacent to Valley Parkway
• Study site for potential new facility

Berea Falls Overlook
• Improve wayfinding to promote dramatic views
• Re-align intersection of Valley Parkway and Barrett Road
• Add parking, a bike fix-it station, and a restroom in green space between Valley Parkway and Barrett Road
• Formalize natural surface trail to river and remove unsanctioned paths

Valley Parkway, Nobottom Road, and Bagley Road
• Improve wayfinding and parkway streetscape. Improve bike and pedestrian crossings in the area.
• Paint or wrap jersey barrier to enhance park setting between trail and Barrett Road
• Pursue improvements to trail conditions and drainage issues with city of Berea

