

2023 RAISE East Side Trails

CUY Metroparks RAISE Projects (PID 117320)

8/28/2024 – Cleveland Metroparks, in partnership with city of Cleveland, was awarded funding for the RAISE Planning Projects in November 2021 from the federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program through the US Department of Transportation. The 2023 RAISE East Side Trails project advances implementation of four priority trail projects identified in the 2019 [Cuyahoga Greenways Plan](#). This project continues engagement to determine the preferred routes and alignment for the projects as well as other design details.

Two of the projects, Slavic Village Downtown Connector (SVDC) and Morgana Run / Booth Ave Extension (MRBA) are proceeding through detailed design and engineering phases. The other two projects, Iron Court / Opportunity Corridor (ICOC), also referred to as Opportunity Corridor Connector, and Euclid Creek Greenway (ECG) will advance through a feasibility study phase, positioning the projects for future engineering.

In August 2023, extensive community engagement and outreach began for the project, including launch of a dedicated project website at www.2023raise.cuyahogagreenways.org. Project engagement summaries are available on this site along with maps and presentations from throughout the development process.

In addition to prior engagement activities, Cleveland Metroparks is soliciting public comment about the RAISE Planning Projects from August 28-September 30, 2024. Members of the public and stakeholders may comment on the entire project or any combination of the individual trails, which are summarized below. Project-related issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the effect of the project on local residents, air quality, economic impacts, etc.

- **SVDC:** The northern portion of the Slavic Village Downtown Connector will be a 1.7-mile trail that will link to an existing trail at E. 14th Street and Orange Avenue to the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Roseville Court, where an existing portion of the trail continues to Pershing Ave, all in the city of Cleveland.

The route will follow along Broadway Ave. and will include a "road diet" to remove excess vehicular lanes in order to create a paved shared-use trail that is fully separated from the roadway. The trail will be built within the existing public right-of-way and several sections of public property and private property easements.

The SVDC North was awarded construction funding from the RAISE program in June 2024, and construction is anticipated to begin by early 2026 with completion by 2028. Additional sections of the SVDC are under development with funding commitments.

- **MRBA:** The nearly one-mile Morgana Run / Booth Ave. Extension connects from the eastern end point of the existing 2.1-mile Morgana Run Trail at Jones Rd. and continues south to the Mill Creek Falls Area of Garfield Reservation, all in the city of Cleveland.

The proposed trail will be a paved, shared-use trail fully separated from adjacent roadways. The route will provide a connection under the railroad at Booth Ave., connect to Mills Park area, and improve street crossings along Booth Ave., E. 91st St., and Broadway Ave. The trail

will be built within the existing public right-of-way and on several small sections of public property.

The MRBA was awarded construction funding from the RAISE program in June 2024, and construction is anticipated to begin by early 2026 with completion by 2028.

- **ICOC:** The Iron Court / Opportunity Corridor (ICOC), also referred to as Opportunity Corridor Connector, is proposed to connect existing trails around E. 9th St. and Orange Ave. to the existing shared-use trail along the Opportunity Corridor that ends near the E. 55th St. RTA station.

Four routes, all in the city of Cleveland, are under consideration for the shared-use trail for this feasibility study as coordination continues with a private railroad to understand potential right-of-way and property needs.

- **ECG:** The Euclid Creek Greenway Extension is proposed to be a shared-use trail, separated from the roadway, that connects from Chardon Rd. near North St. to the lakefront area of Euclid Creek Reservation.

The preferred route in this feasibility study is to utilize Neff Rd. & Marcella Rd. The trail has two main segments: Chardon Rd. to St. Clair Ave. and St. Clair Ave. to the lakefront. Both sections will be largely within the existing public right-of-way with the northern portion also utilizing several small private property easements.

Construction funding for the portion of the ECG Extension from Chardon Rd. to St. Clair Ave. was awarded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program and the Clean Ohio Trail Fund program and is anticipated to begin by early 2026 and take approximately one year.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance so this worthwhile project can be completed at the earliest possible date. **Please submit comments of the proposed project via mail, phone, email, or through the comment form on our project webpage (www.clevelandmetroparks.com/RAISEplanning) by 9/30/2024.**

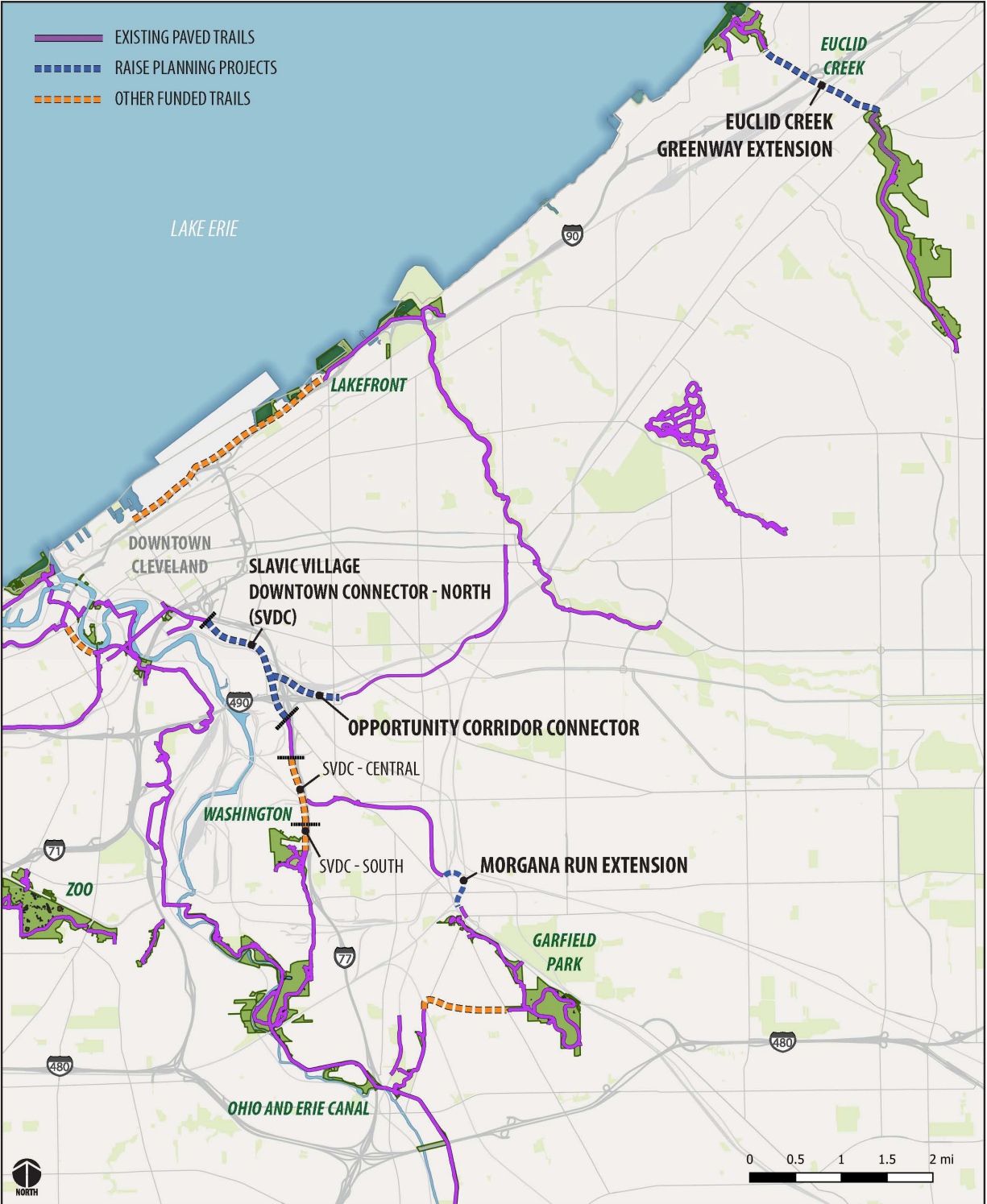
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