

## Cuyahoga Greenway Partners Countywide Initiative for Trails & Bikeways

Cleveland Metroparks Board of Park Commissioners Update March 18, 2021





#### VISION:

A completed, countywide network of off-road trails and on-road, <u>low-stress</u> pedestrian and bicycle facilities accessible for persons of <u>all ages and abilities</u> for *transportation, exercise and enjoyment*.

Building off Eastside Greenway
 Funded through NOACA's TLCI Program
 Twenty (20) Community Meetings
 43 (of 59) Communities participating



## Community Engagement



#### CORE TEAM

- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Cleveland Metroparks
- NOACA

#### Consultant Team:

- SmithGroup
- WSP
- Guide

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

*Representatives from each community in the County invited* 

## PUBLIC WORKSHOPS & SURVEYS

- 4 Rounds of meetings
- Two surveys

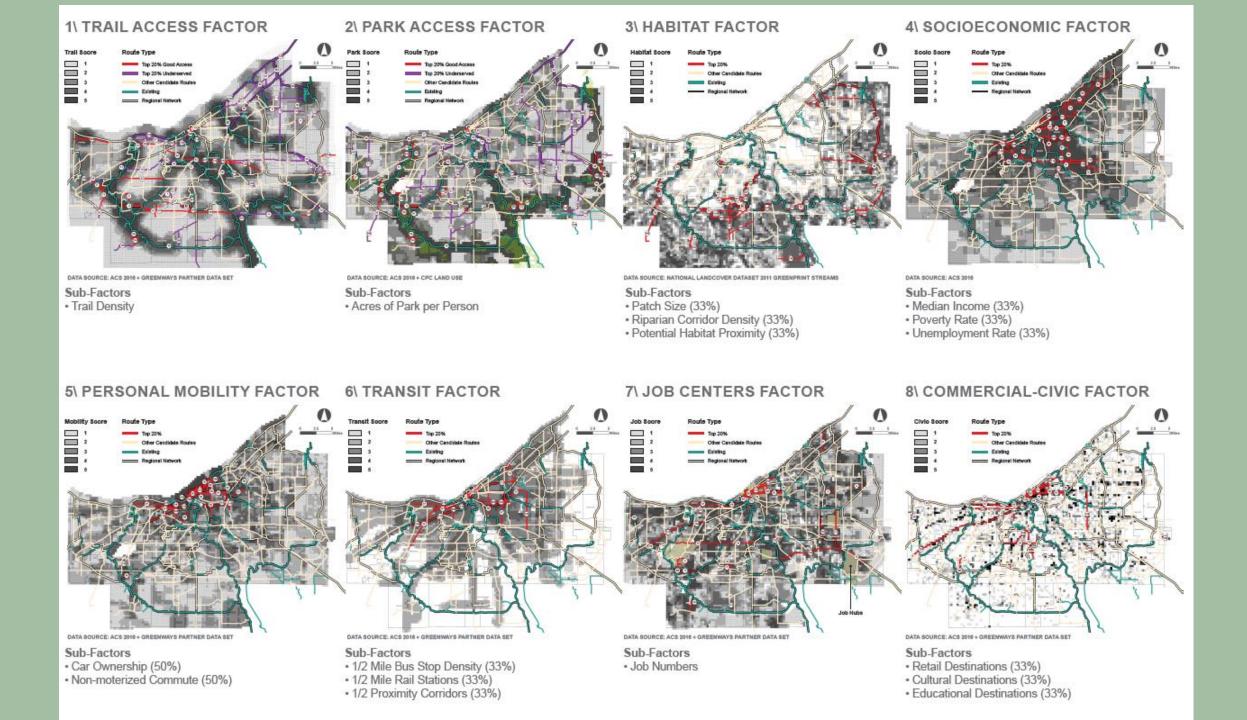
#### **PROJECT TEAM**

- RTA
- NEORSD
- GCRTA
- Bike Cleveland
- City of Cleveland Planning Commission
- West Creek Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
- Greater Cleveland Partnership

#### **TECHNICAL TEAM**

- City of Broadview Heights
- City of Cleveland Office of Sustainability
- City of Cleveland Traffic Engineering
- City of Lakewood
- City of Shaker Heights
- Cuyahoga County Public Works
- Cuyahoga County Dept. of Sustainability
- Cuyahoga Greenway Partners
- Cuyahoga River Restoration
- Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- First Suburbs Consortium
- LAND studio
- National Park Service
- ODOT District 12
- Rails to Trails Conservancy
- UH Bikes
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy

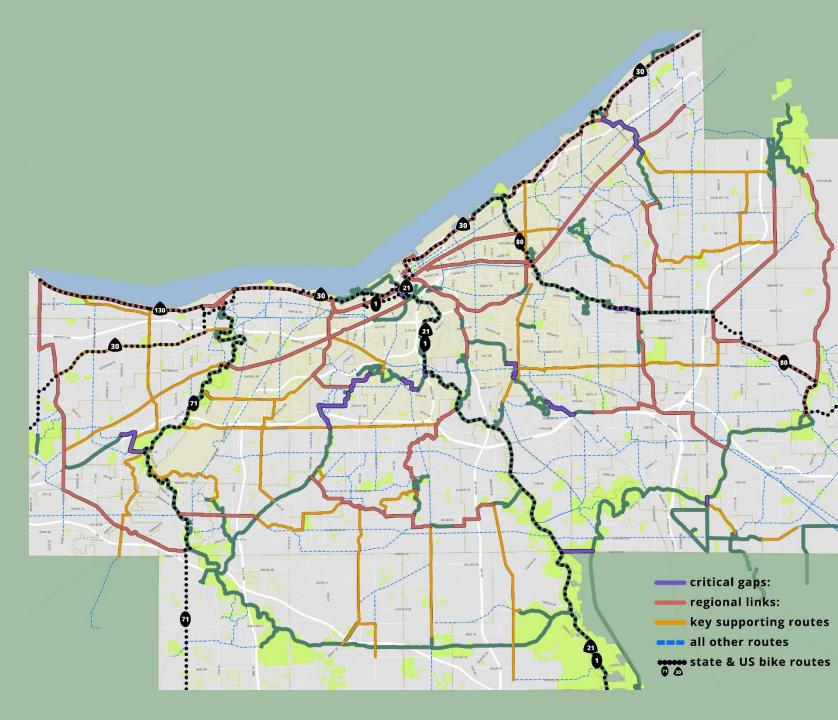




## **Plan Priorities**

- Critical Gaps

   (12 projects & 14 miles)
- 2. Regional links(27 projects & 122 miles)
- 3. Key Supporting Routes(30 projects & 107 miles)
- = 69 projects, 243 miles (40% of the 634 miles of future routes in the overall network)







#### **Cuyahoga Greenway Partners** – Driving Implementation

- 1. Raising Awareness: Community Leaders & Public
  - New Website
  - Community Outreach & Communications
- 2. Project Collaboration and Assistance
  - Facilitation, Guidance, Training
- 3. Advocacy
  - Integration into New State Trail Plan
  - State Legislative Trails Caucus
  - Local & State Policies
  - Funding

www.countyplanning.us/projects/cuyahoga-greenways

Bike Cleveland

- Cleveland City Planning Commission
- **Cleveland Metroparks**
- Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works
- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park/National Park Service
- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
- Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer DistrictODOT
- □ Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land
- \*CCPC/Mayors & Managers initially

# FUNDING

**Ongoing** funding programs:

- Clean Ohio Trails Fund
- Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) - planning and implementation
- State Capital



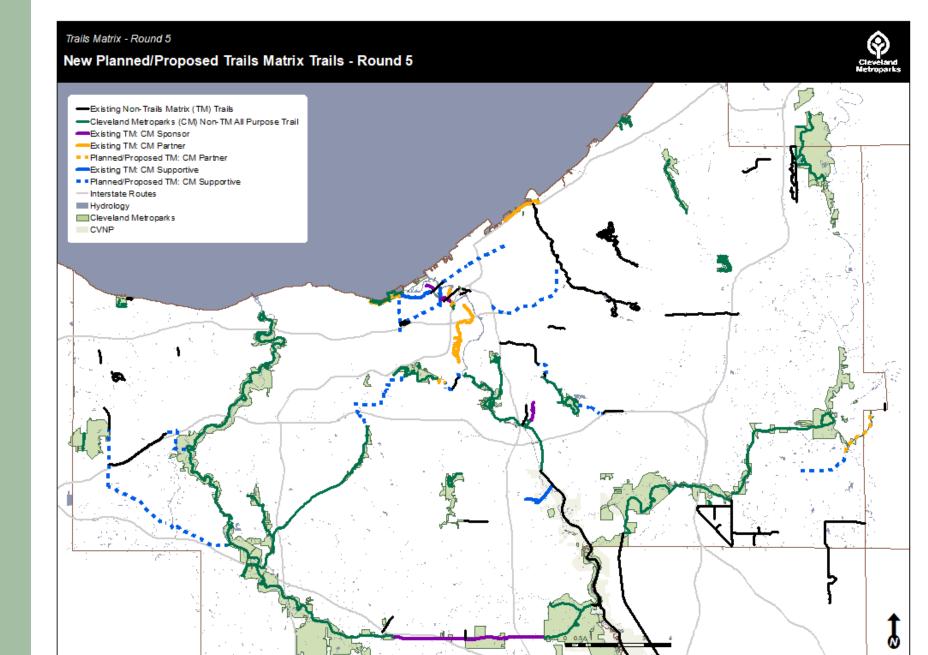
## New or Discretionary Funding Opportunities:

- BUILD Grant (Planning and/or Construction)
- Potential Stimulus
   Funding
- New Transportation Act/ Earmarks

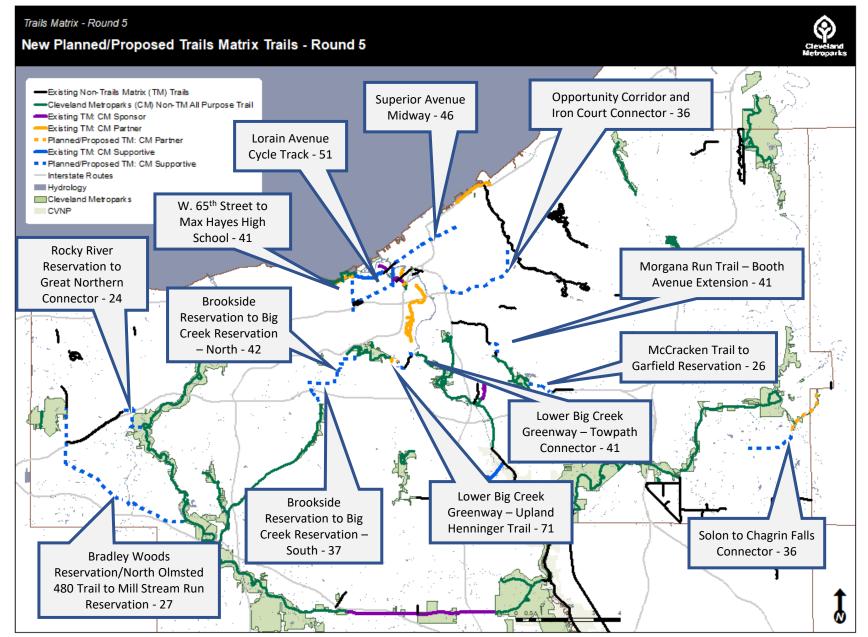
## **Project Collaboration URGENT for 2021 Funding Opportunities**



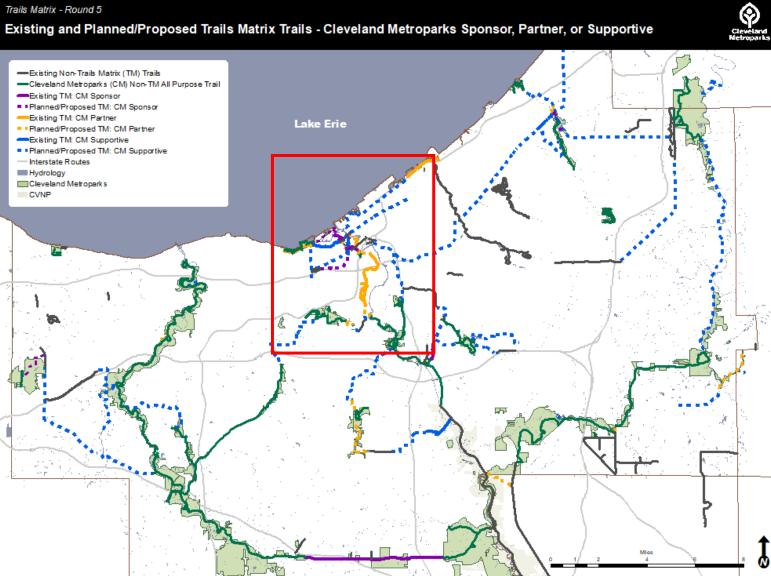
Advance connections and trail systems that complete the Emerald Necklace and, in partnership with other agencies and communities, connect with local, state and regional trail networks, communities and places of interest.



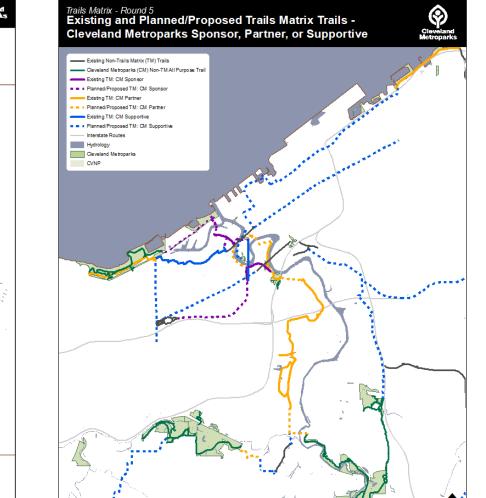
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To further show support for this foundational planning document and as a sign of commitment to advancing the proposed network of trails, staff asks the **Board authorize a resolution to adopt the** *Cuyahoga Greenways Plan* as a guiding planning document for Cleveland Metroparks for the continued development of Cuyahoga County's trail network

## Discussion