

RAISE PROJECT UPDATE & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

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RAISE EAST SIDE TRAILS PROJECT



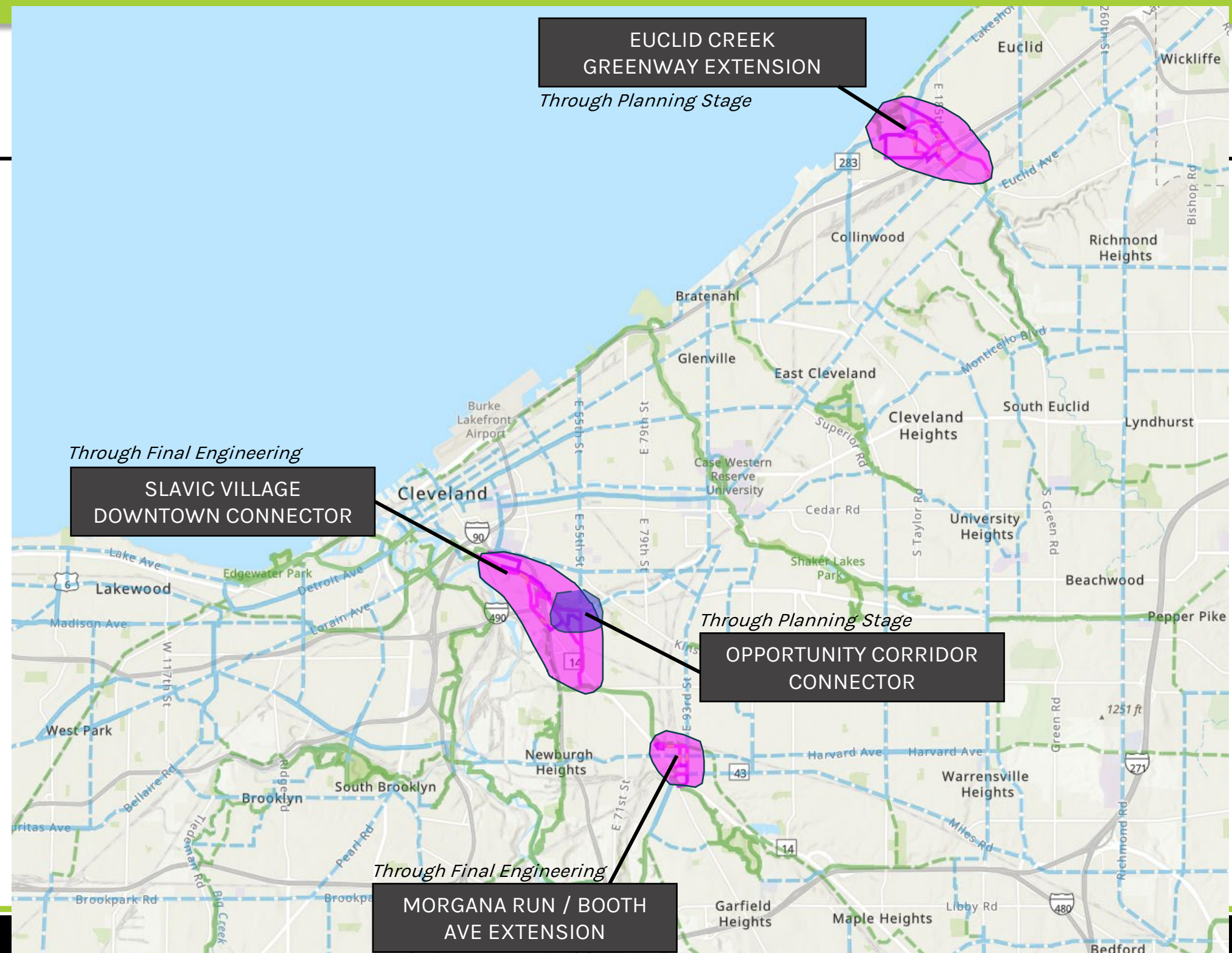
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RAISE PLANNING GRANT

- **Slavic Village Downtown Connector - North**

Connects to existing trails leading into the downtown area and existing trail along I-77, will connect to existing Morgana Run Trail through future phase (Planning through Final Engineering)

- **Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension**

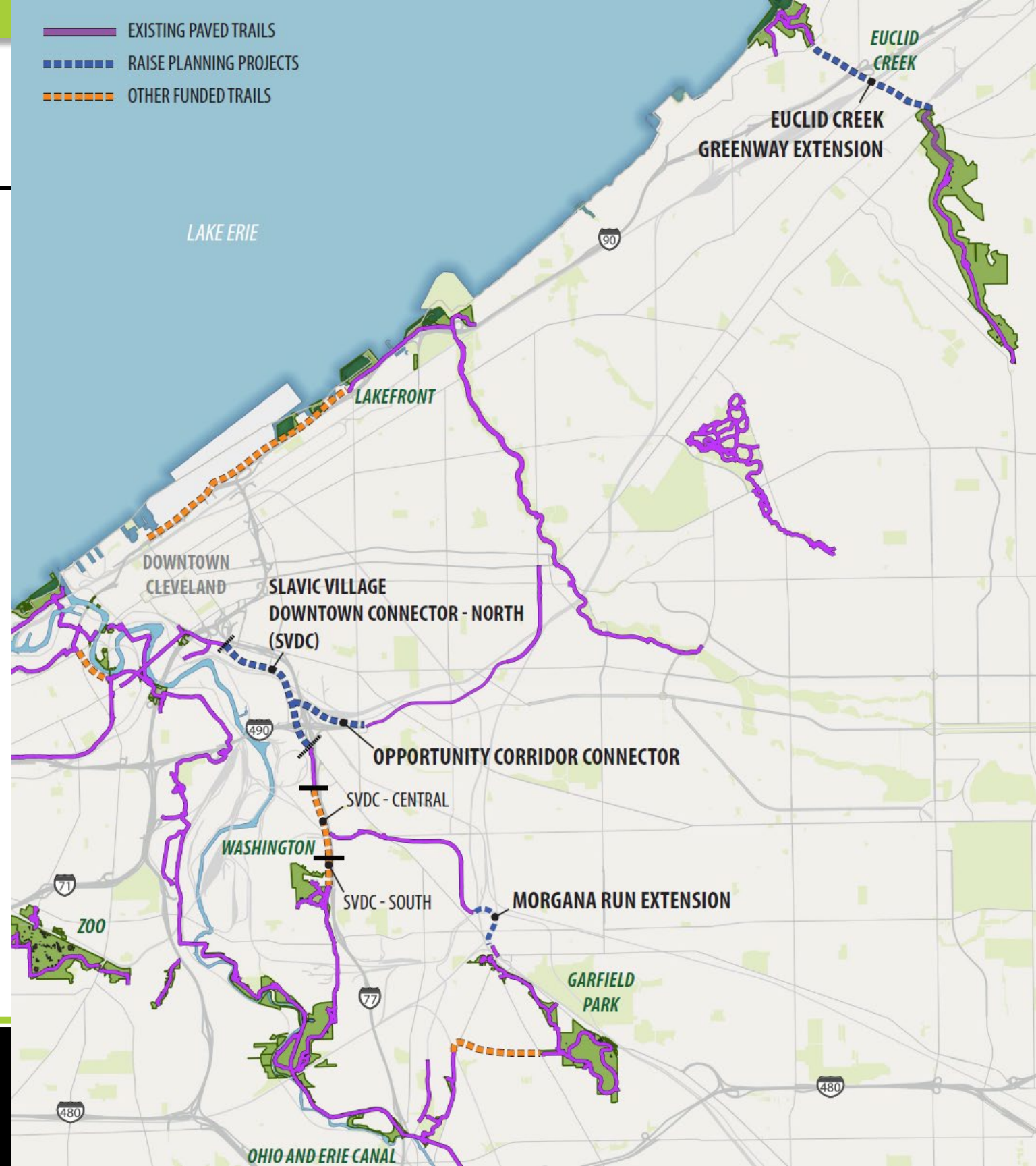
Completes a gap between existing Morgana Run Trail eastern terminus and Garfield Park Reservation – Mill Creek Falls area. (Planning through Final Engineering)

- **Euclid Creek Greenway Extension**

Completes connection between existing Euclid Creek Greenway and the lakefront portion of Euclid Creek Reservation (Planning only during RAISE Planning; Final Engineering funded; Construction Chardon to St. Clair funded)

- **Opportunity Corridor Connector**

Connects to Slavic Village Downtown Connector and to the existing trail at E. 55th St. (Planning only)



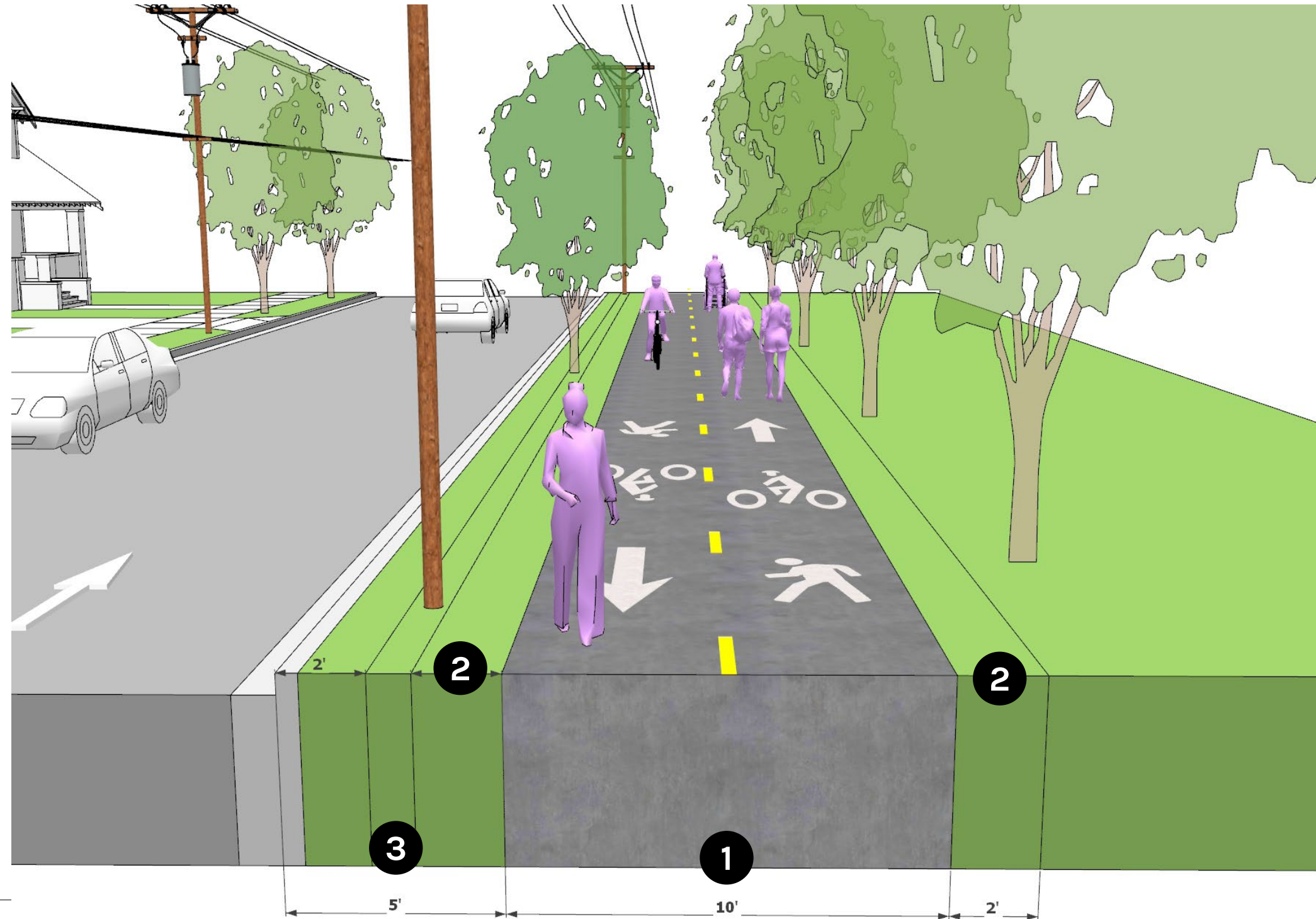
EXPERIENCES: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Connect to key recreational, economic, and civic destinations	Build accessible greenways that are safe and comfortable for all people	Support community health, resilience, and quality of life through green transportation infrastructure	Drive and attract economic growth
Connections to destinations (jobs, schools, recreation, stores, transit stops etc.)	Next to quieter streets with fewer cars	Opportunity for landscaping along the trail	Neighborhood support for trail
Direct route that is easy to follow	Visibility of the trail and to people on the trail with good lighting	Scenic views and vistas	Project Implementation (costs, maintenance needs, partners)
Comfortable and flat trail route	Physical safety and comfortable road crossings	Encourages fitness and recreation	Technical Challenge (engineering constraints, permitting, complexity)

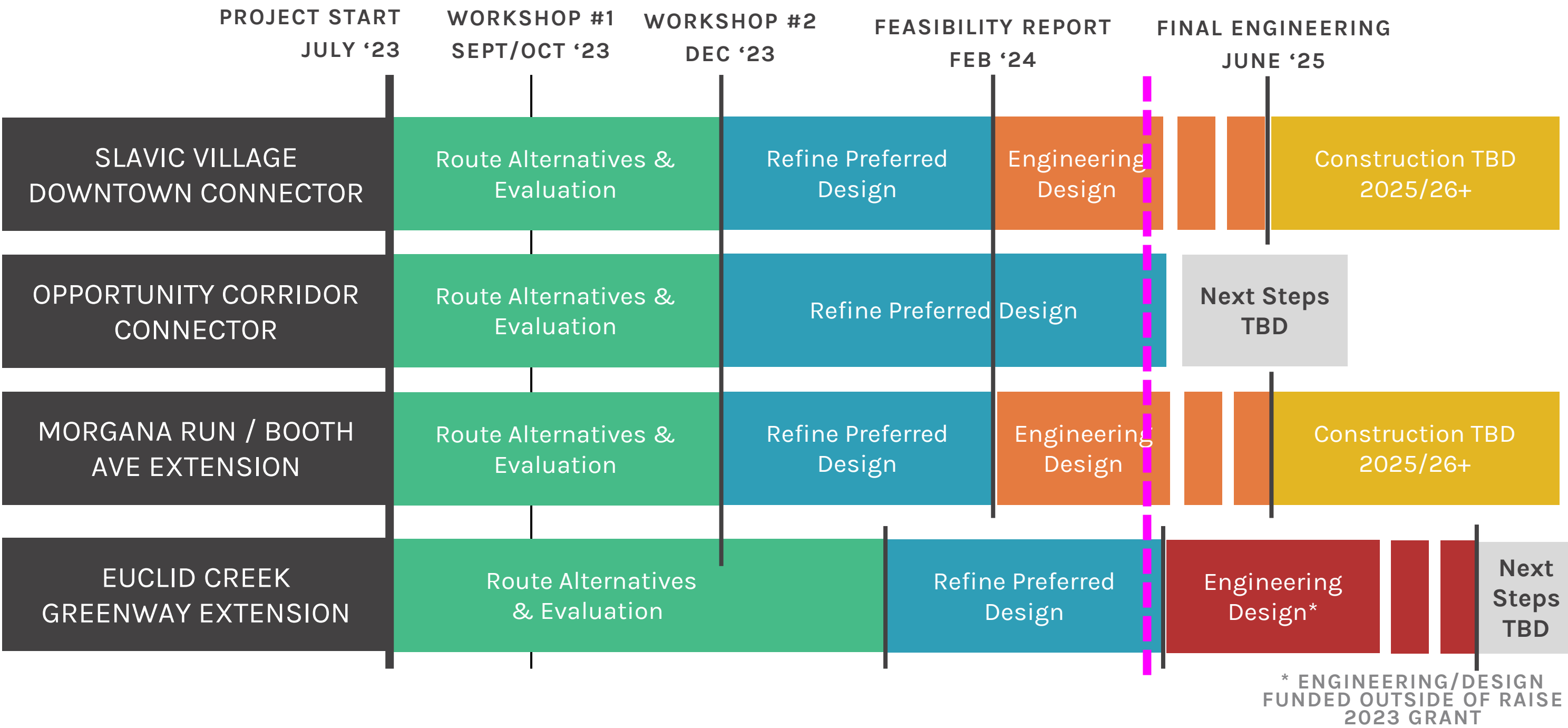
BASIS FOR TRAIL DESIGN

SHARED-USE TRAIL FOLLOWING THE STREET

- 1** 10-foot wide shared-use trail, asphalt
 - AASHTO requires a min. 10-foot trail width
 - ODOT requires a min. 10-foot trail width (or wider based on anticipated volumes)
- 2** 2-foot clear zones on either side of trail
- 3** 5-feet from face of curb to edge of trail for landscape zone
 - Allows for roadway and trail clearances
 - 4-feet min. needed to accommodate tree planting (per city standards)

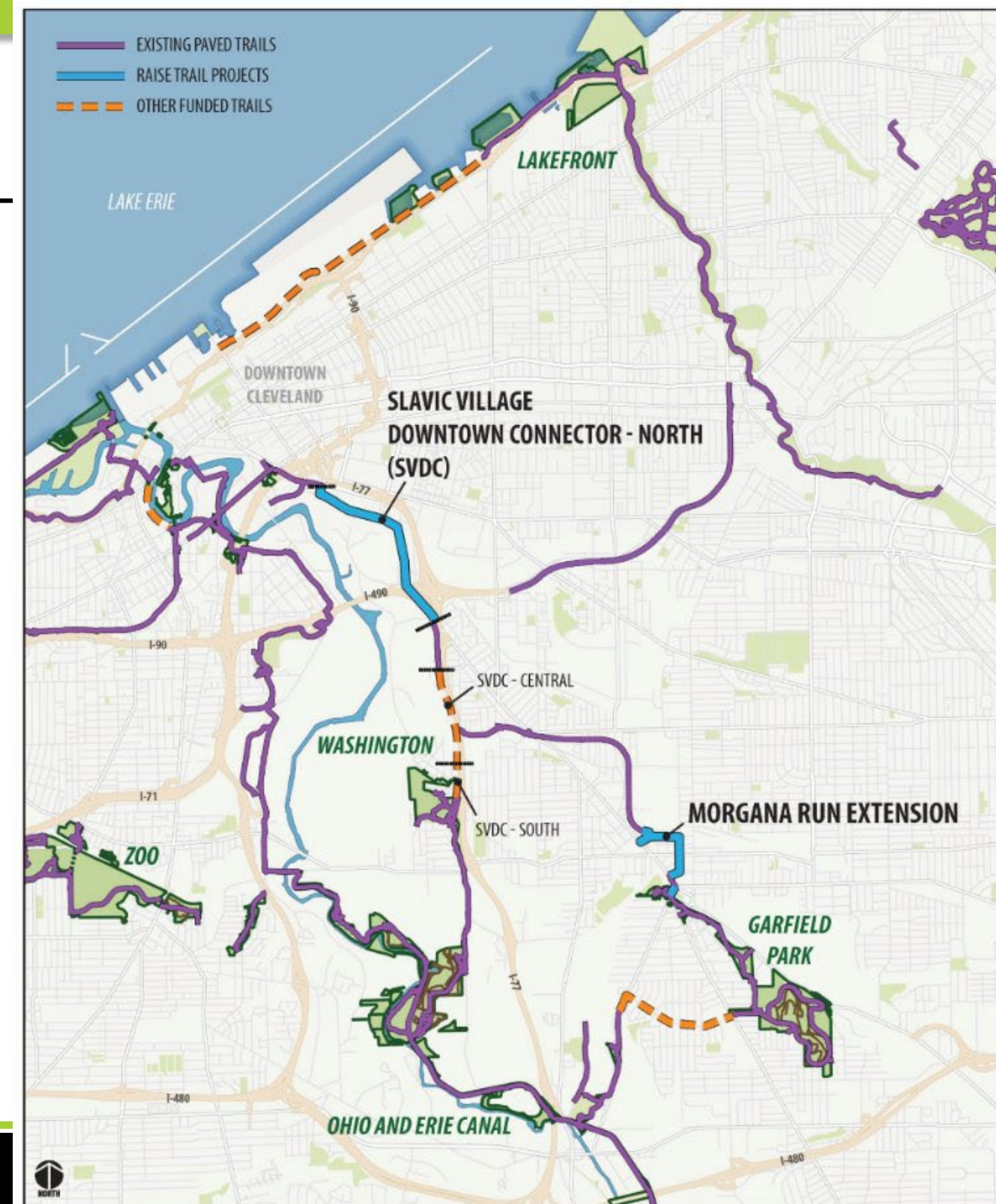


PROJECT SCOPE + TIMELINE



RAISE CONSTRUCTION GRANT

- \$19.5 million RAISE Construction Award - June 25, 2024
 - Slavic Village Downtown Connector – North
 - Morgana Run Extension
- Anticipated to bid project late 2025; construction to start early 2026, contingent on timing for federal grant agreement



SLAVIC VILLAGE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR - NORTH

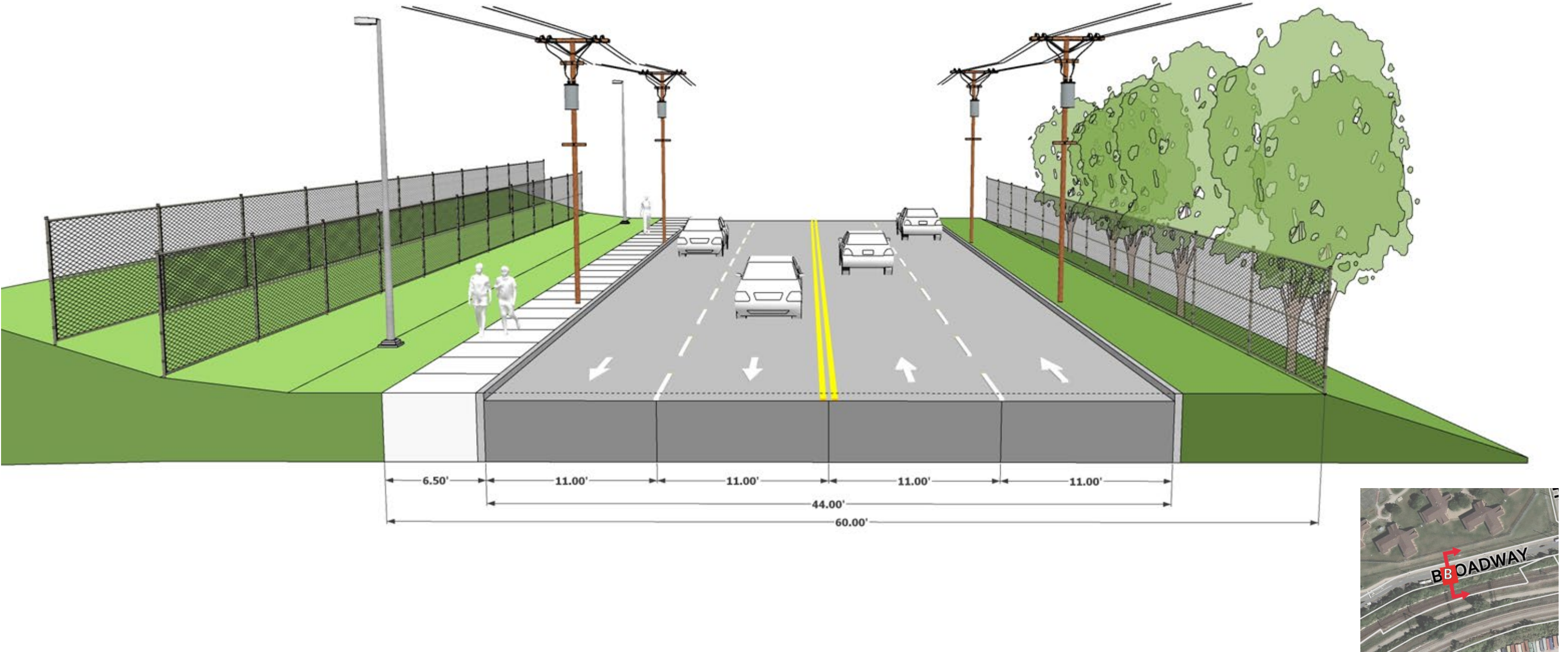
BROADWAY ALIGNMENT

1. Flatter route
2. Most direct
3. Better visibility to/from the trail
4. Opportunity to address safety and comfort concerns
5. More feasible to implement on a faster timeline
6. Fewer agency coordination/permitting requirements
7. Public ROW and City parcels



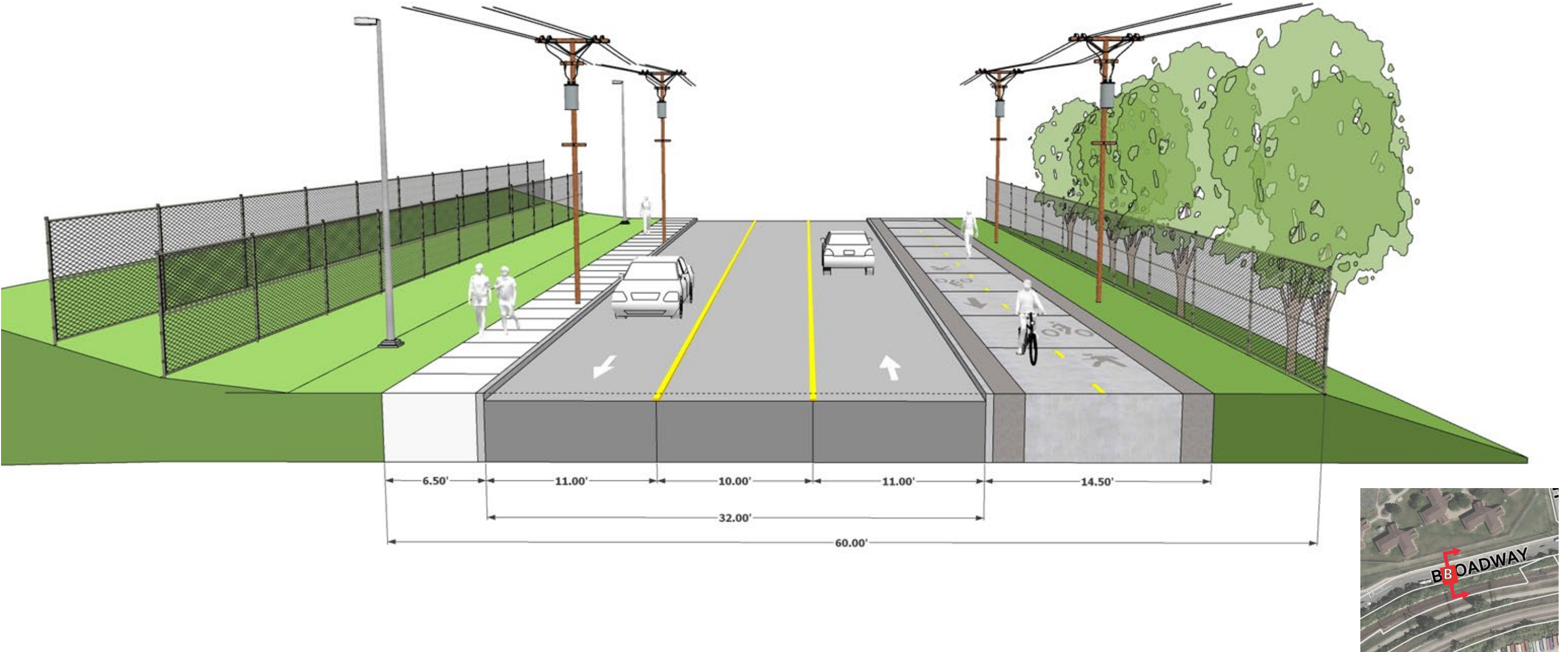
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BROADWAY BLUFF NEAR 30TH: EXISTING



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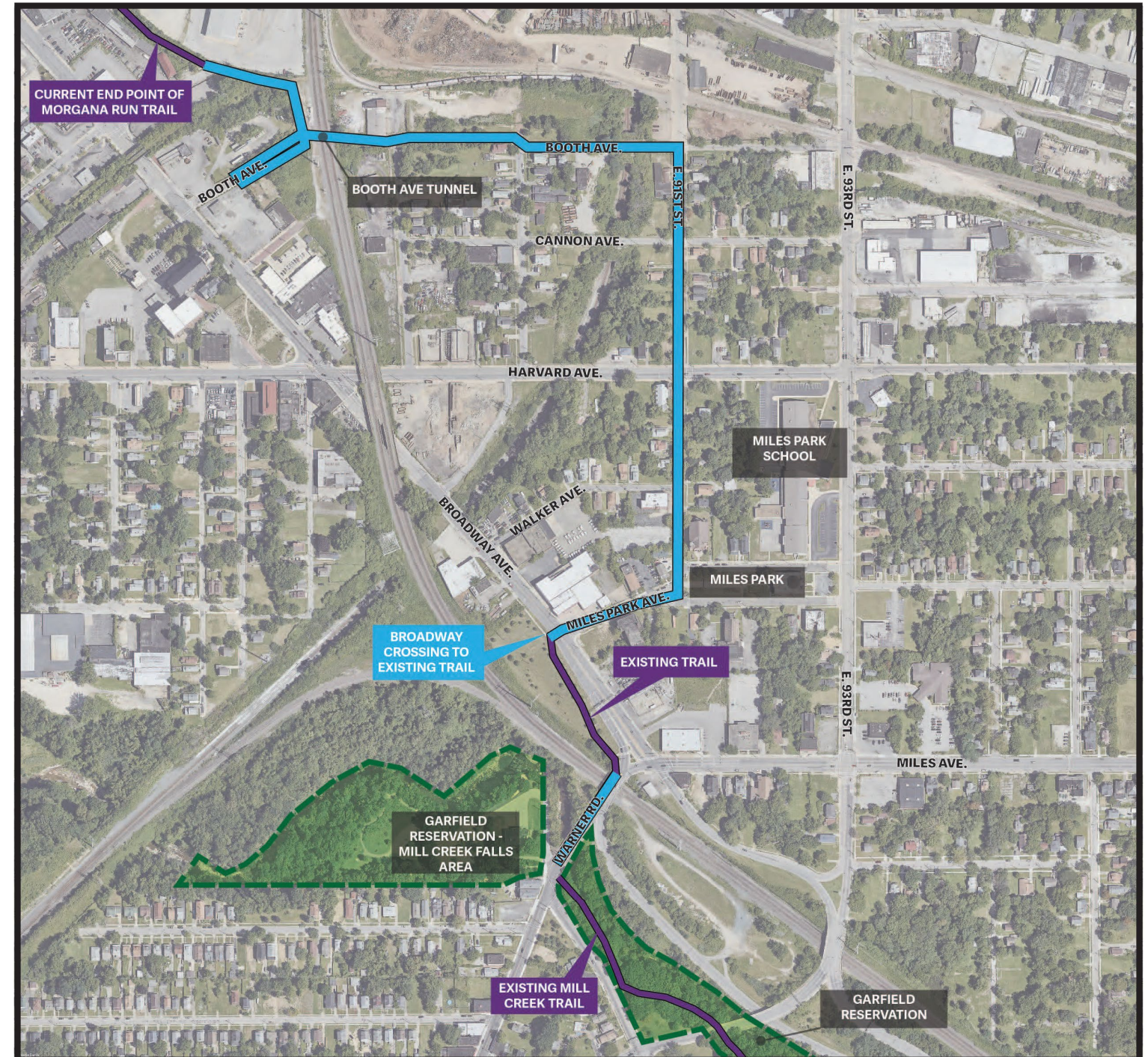
BROADWAY BLUFF NEAR 30TH: PROPOSED



MORGANA RUN/BOOTH AVE. EXTENSION

91ST ST. ALIGNMENT

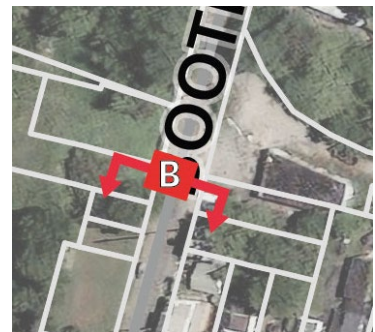
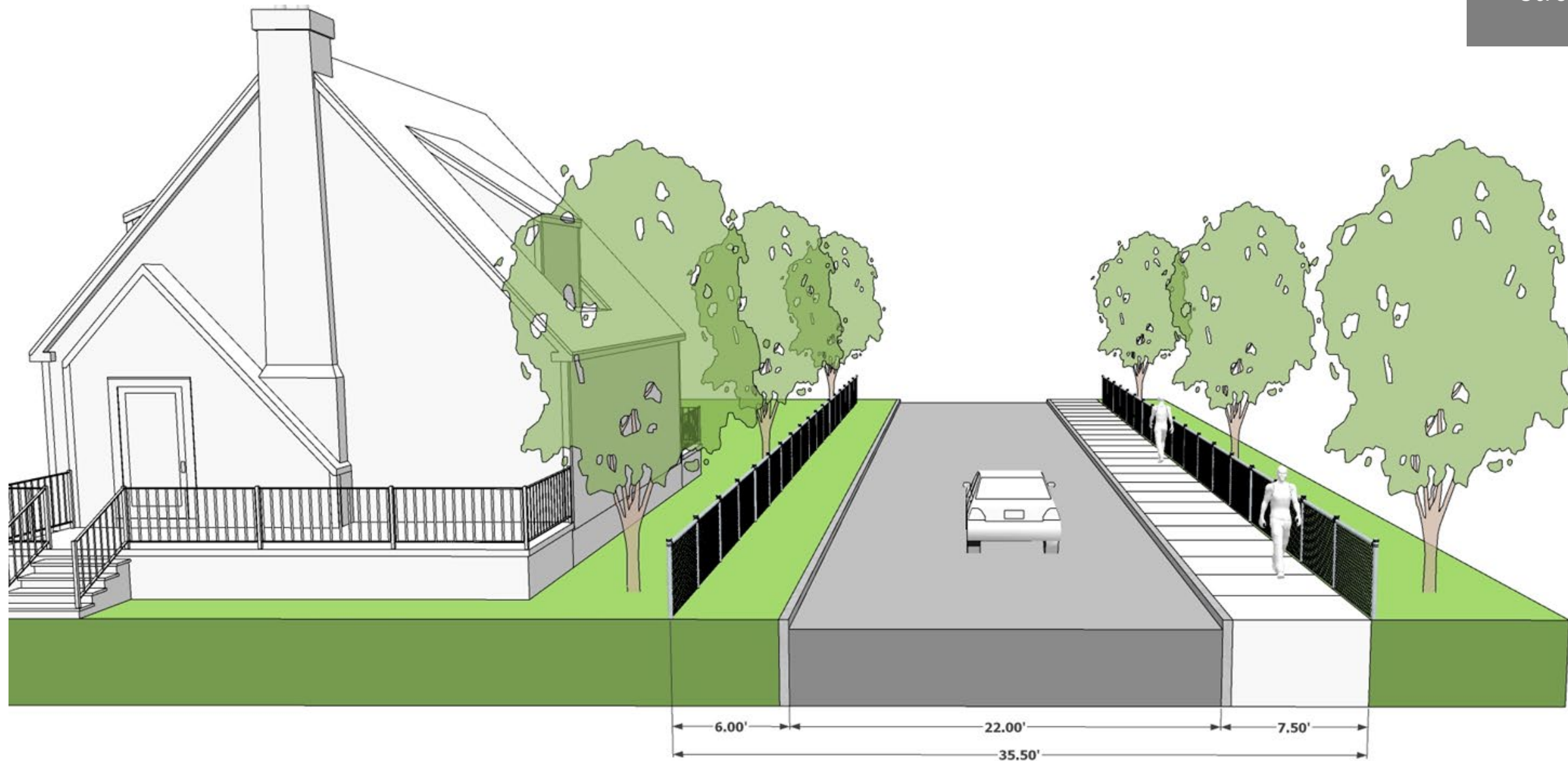
1. Preferred route by survey respondents
2. On a calmer, less stressful street
3. Connects to Union Miles plaza space
4. Utilizes existing trail connection and improves crossing at Broadway at Miles Park
5. Shorter, more direct overall route
6. Not contingent on ODOT bridge replacement work for 93rd St Bridges
7. Thrive 105 project can transition to the trail on 91st



MORGANA RUN/BOOTH AVE. EXTENSION

BOOTH: EXISTING

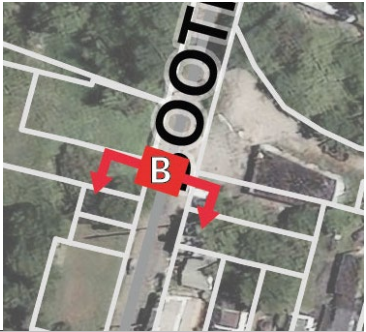
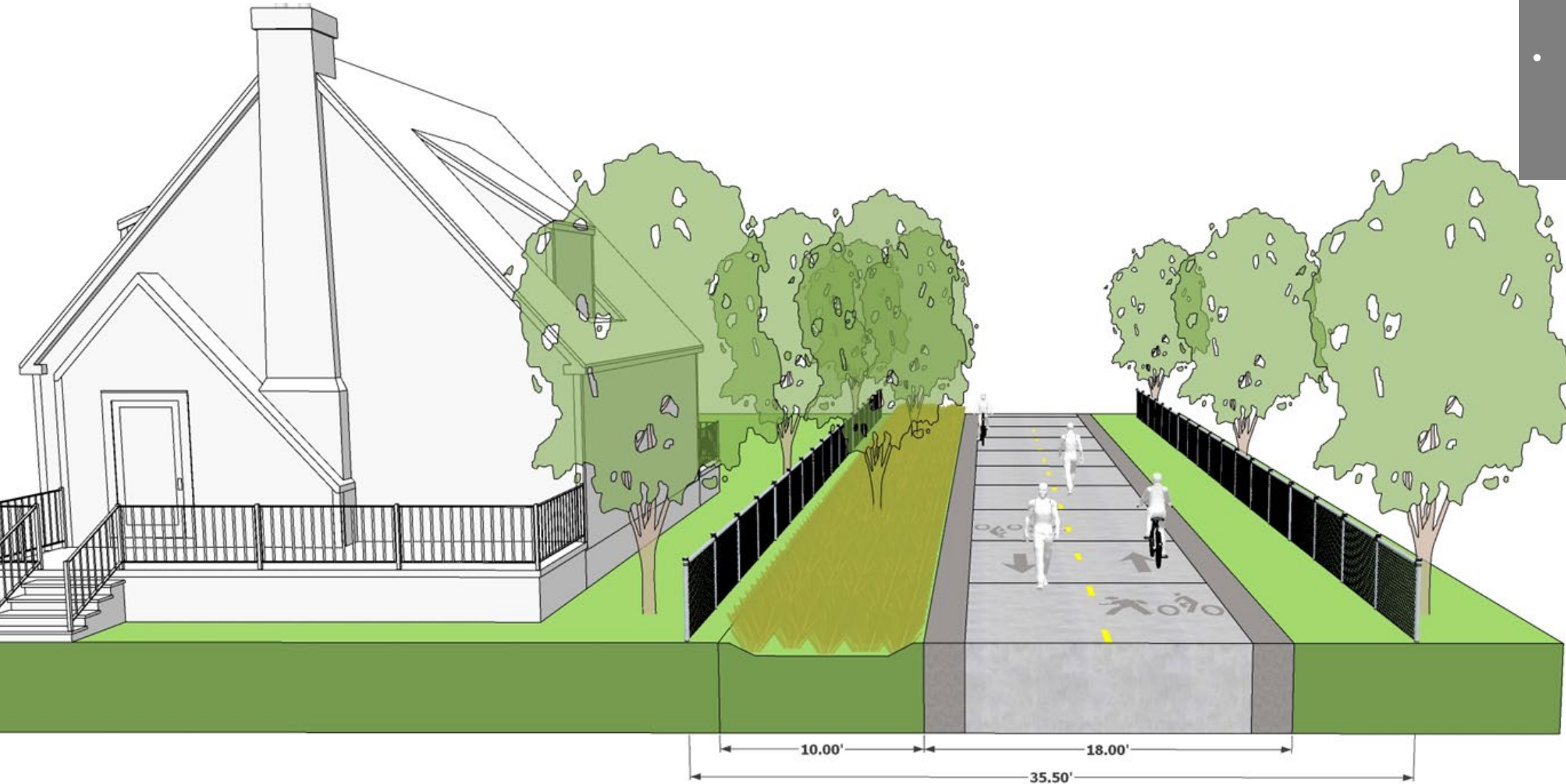
- 1-way traffic currently for most of Booth
- Utility poles adjacent to the street in some locations



MORGANA RUN / BOOTH AVE. EXTENSION

BOOTH: PROPOSED

- Some sections of Booth don't require property access – could narrow road to provide bicycle connection and have separate sidewalk.
- Alternative to remove vehicle access and provide shared use trail.

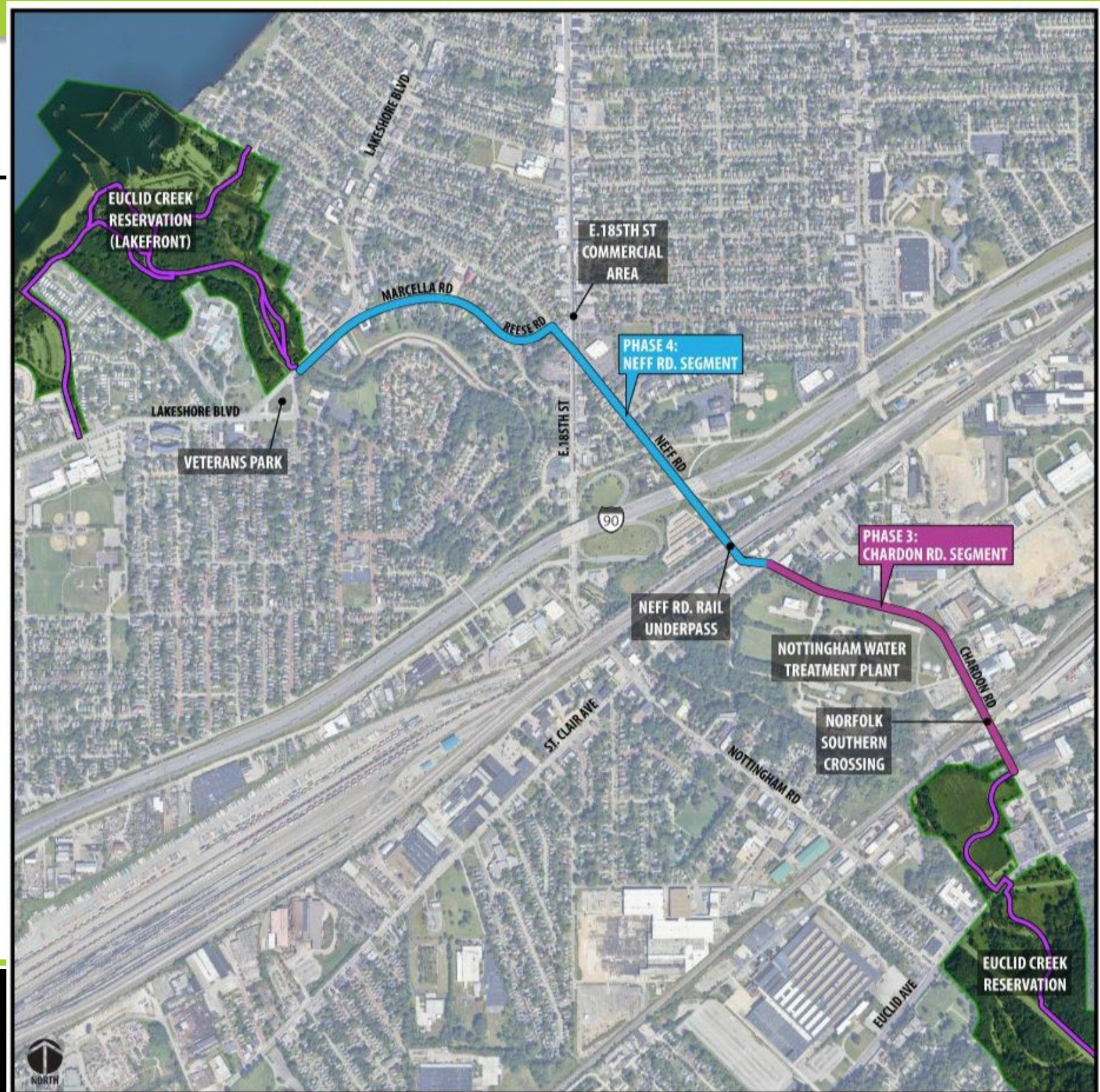


FOLLOW-ON PROJECTS

■ Euclid Creek Greenway Extension

Completes connection between existing Euclid Creek Greenway and the lakefront portion of Euclid Creek Reservation

- Final Engineering funded for full extent – City of Cleveland
- Construction funded for Chardon to St. Clair – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program through NOACA and Clean Ohio Trail Fund through Ohio Department of Natural Resources

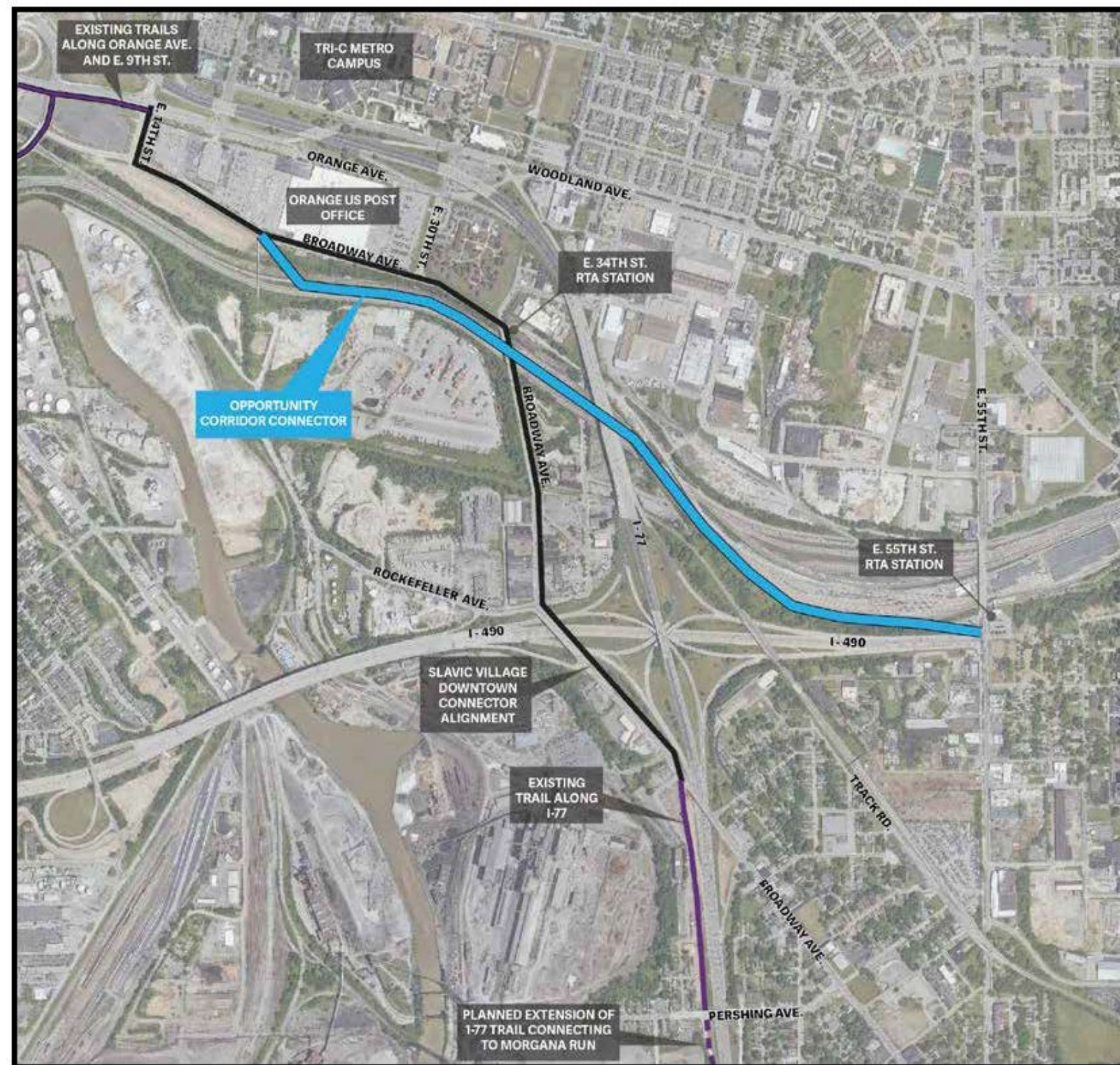


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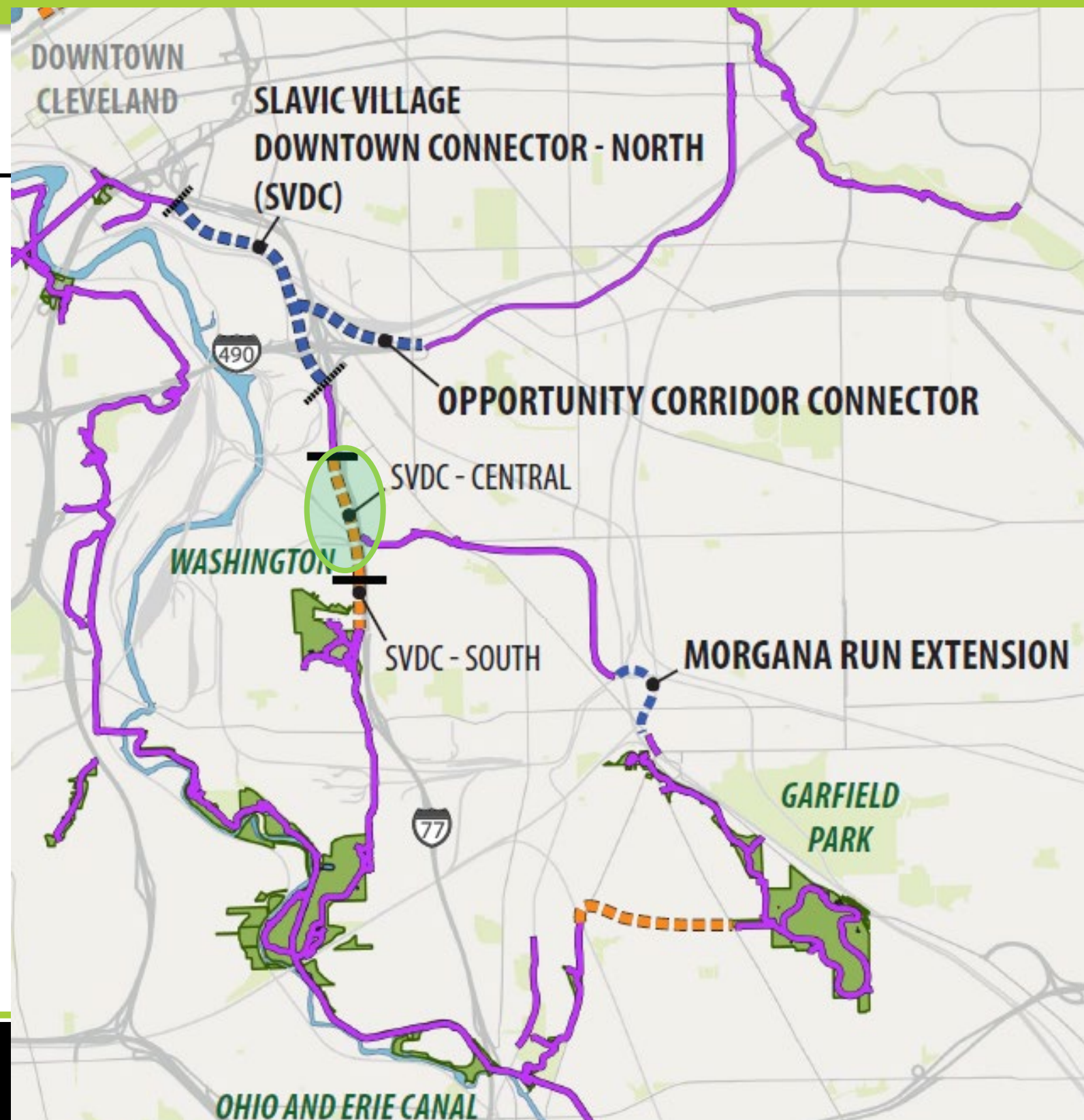
- Additional funding to be sought to finish design and engineering pending conclusion of RAISE Planning Grant



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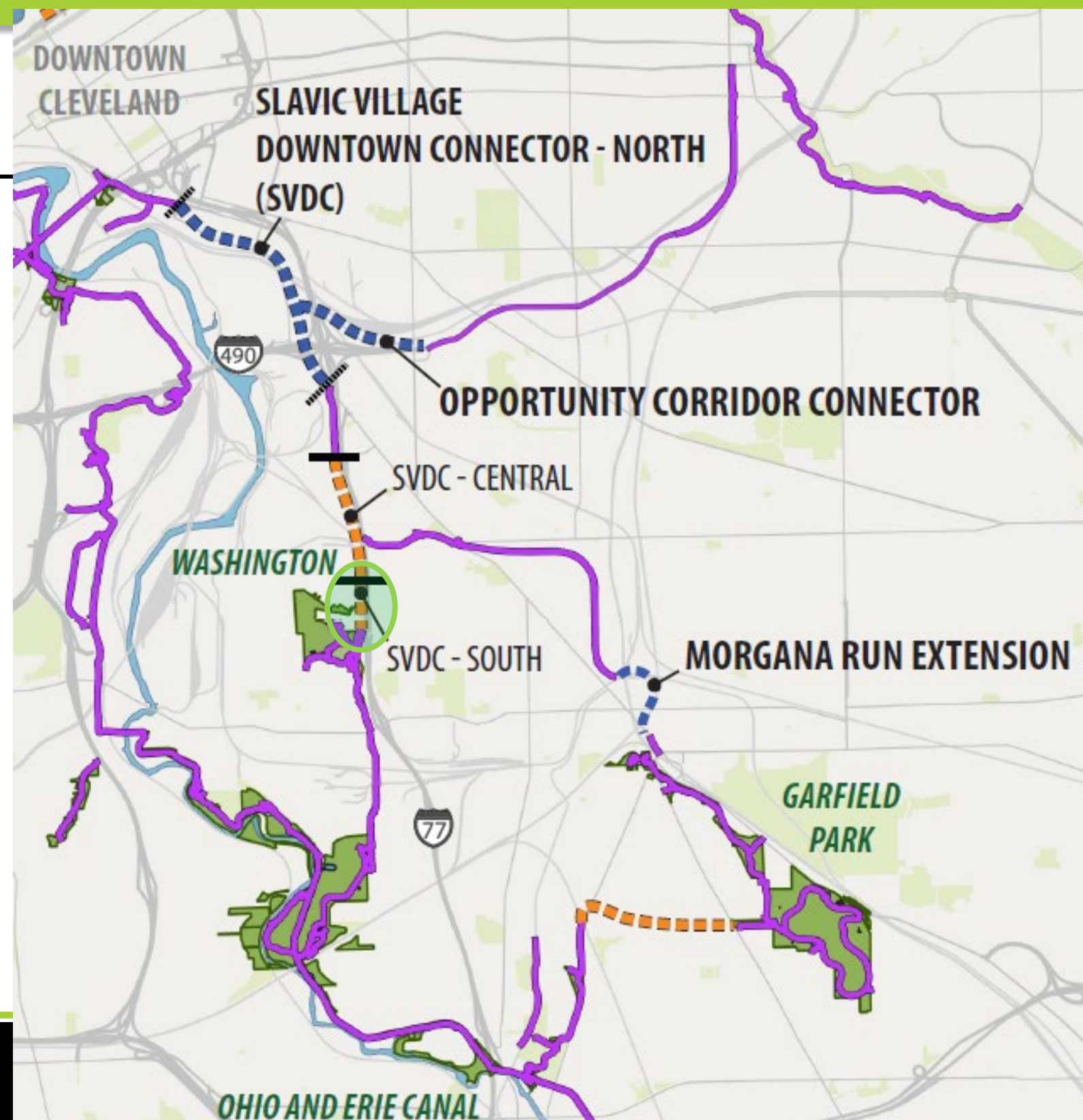
- **Slavic Village Downtown Connector – Central**

- The SVDC Central will connect the existing trail at Pershing Avenue to Chard Avenue
- The proposed route will follow along I-77 and will be built by ODOT as part of the reconstruction of I-77
- Includes underpass connection below I-77 and E. 49th St. to existing Morgana Run Trail
- Tentatively, construction is scheduled to have a 5-year duration



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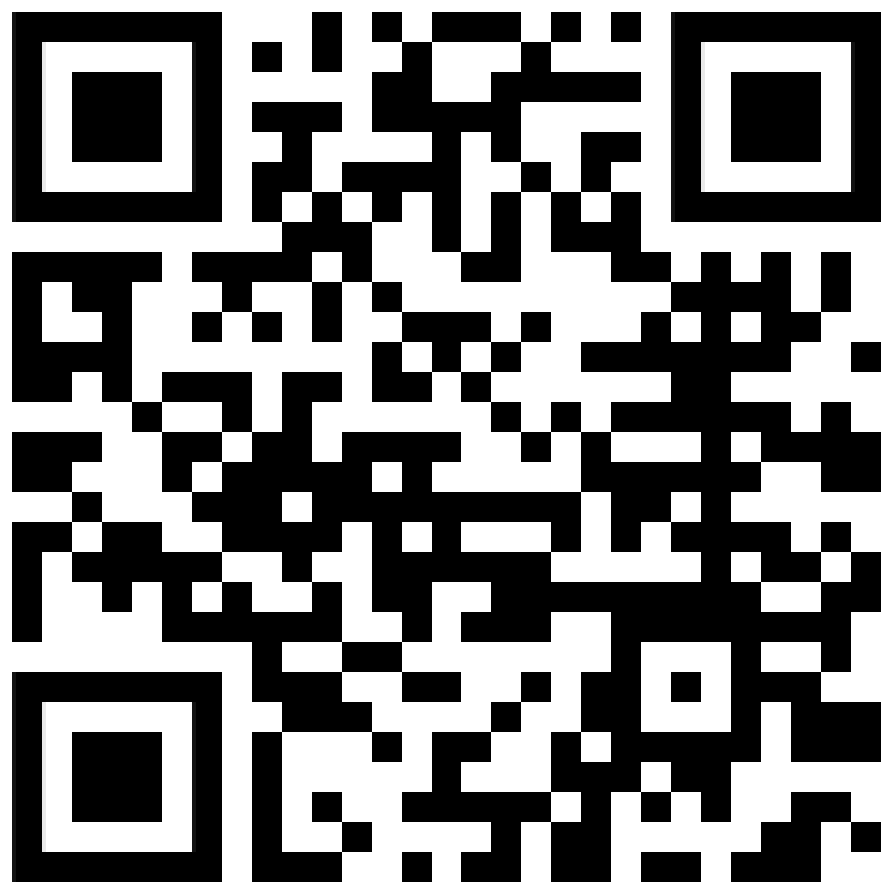
- **Slavic Village Downtown Connector – South**
 - The SVDC South will connect the Central section at Chard Avenue to Fleet Avenue and existing Cleveland Metroparks trail
 - Planning phase is a partnership between Cleveland Metroparks and City of Cleveland that will conclude in 2024
 - Design and engineering will be completed by City of Cleveland in 2025
 - City of Cleveland has construction funding through NOACA



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

- Purpose is to outline roles and responsibilities related to:
 - Financial responsibilities
 - Match commitment
 - Project overages
 - Design
 - Construction and implementation
 - Long-term maintenance agreement

PLANNING & DESIGN WEBPAGE FOR PROJECT UPDATES



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NORTH MARGINAL TRAIL



BARGE 225

Euclid Creek Reservation



EASTERN LEDGE TRAIL

Euclid Creek Reservation



EUCLID CREEK GREENWAY

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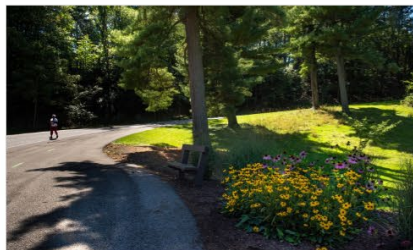
CLEVELAND HARBOR EASTERN EMBAYMENT RESILIENCE STRATEGY (CHEERS)

Lakefront Reservation



HERITAGE PARK AND RIVERGATE PARK BOAT DOCKS

Lakefront Reservation



GARFIELD BOULEVARD CONNECTOR TRAIL

Garfield Park Reservation



GARFIELD PARK POND RESTORATION AND PROGRAM CENTER

Garfield Park Reservation