



City of Cleveland **Memorandum**
Justin Bibb, Mayor

Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

DATE: March 20, 2025

TO: Mark Griffin, Director
Law Department

FROM: James DeRosa, Director
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

SUBJ.: Request for Legislation
Cleveland Metroparks RAISE grant projects

Please prepare legislation authorizing the Director of Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to enter into agreement(s) with Cleveland Metroparks for the design and construction of RAISE grant projects to include the Slavic Village Downtown Connector (SVDC), Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension (MRBA), Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension (ECG), and Opportunity Corridor Connector (OCC). In 2021 and 2024, the Cleveland Metroparks received awards from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) federal grant program for the planning and construction of the trails. To avoid delay in grant contracts for those funds, the City will enter into a Project Development Agreement for the RAISE grant trails listed above that outlines the intended roles and responsibilities of the City of Cleveland and Cleveland Metroparks for the development of the trails. Ordinance 529-2023 as amended did authorize the City to contribute funds for ECG and this legislation would not modify that authority.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Moore, Special Projects Manager at 216-664-2037 or kmoore2@clevelandohio.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
Division of Administration

Cleveland Metroparks RAISE Grant Projects

Ordinance No.

XXX-XX

Purpose:

This Department requests legislation to grant consent to Cleveland Metroparks to construct the improvements described below; to enter into a Project Development Agreement (PDA) and Maintenance Agreement with Cleveland Metroparks; to apply for and accept federal funds; to enter into one or more agreements necessary to make the improvement; to authorize the Division of Purchasing and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record all land necessary in making of the public improvement, including but not limited to fee simple acquisitions, temporary easements, permanent easements, and work agreements; from any and all funds as authorized by Director of Finance.

Description:

As part of the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan, Cleveland Metroparks, with the cooperation of Cleveland, submitted an application for and was awarded a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant (RAISE Planning Grant) in 2021 to advance four projects—Slavic Village Downtown Connector North (SVDC), Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension (MRBA), Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension (ECG), and Opportunity Corridor Connector (OCC). To complete the design work for the proposed trails, authorization is needed to commit \$125,000 for detailed design of the MRBA project and \$190,000 for the ECG project feasibility study. Additional funding of \$500,000 is authorized for the detailed design of the ECG project as specified in Ordinance No. 529-2023 as amended that is not included in the scope of the RAISE Planning Projects.

In 2024, Cleveland Metroparks submitted an application and was awarded RAISE funding for construction of the East Side Trails Project (Funded RAISE Construction Projects) that include the SVDC and MRBA projects. Cleveland Metroparks anticipates the grant award to fund 100% of the construction based on the current estimates. Construction of the trails within the public right of way and within City property requires the City to grant consent to the Metroparks. As the design progresses, acquisition of private property may be necessary for a continuous trail route that meets federal design standards. Once constructed, the routes will become part of the City's network of railways and the City intends to enter into

agreements with Cleveland Metroparks for the maintenance of the off-road facilities.

The Project Development Agreement (PDA) for the RAISE Grant Projects will outline commitments of the Cleveland Metroparks and the City of Cleveland for the following projects:

Slavic Village Downtown Connector North (SVDC):

The ±1.6-mile SVDC North will remove excess and underutilized cartway from Broadway Avenue (SR-14), a four-lane urban principal arterial. Reduction of excess pavement will improve safety and allow for installation of a shared-use path within the City of Cleveland public right-of-way. It will connect at the north to an existing shared-use path built by ODOT at the East 14th Street/Orange Avenue intersection that links to a shared-use path along the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge in Downtown Cleveland. At the south, it will connect to an existing phase of the SVDC, also previously constructed by ODOT, at the Broadway Avenue/Roseville Court intersection.

Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension (MRBA):

The ±0.9-mile MRBA will connect the southern terminus of the existing 2.1-mile Morgana Run Trail at Jones Road south along a small portion of the rail corridor owned by the City of Cleveland, ramp down to Booth Avenue and through the roadway tunnel under the Norfolk Southern railway. East of the tunnel, a new 10' shared-use path will be installed along Booth Avenue, E. 91st Street, and Miles Park Avenue before crossing Broadway Avenue to an existing 500' section of shared-use path to the Warner Road Bridges to the Mill Creek Falls Area of Cleveland Metroparks' Garfield Park Reservation and its 3.1-mile Mill Creek Trail.

Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension (ECG):

The preferred alignment for the 10' wide trail is a ±1.7-mile ECG Extension will connect the end of Phase 2 South (opened November 2023) on Chardon Road just north of Euclid Avenue to the lakefront at Lakeshore Boulevard near Villa Angela Drive.

Opportunity Corridor Connector (OCC):

Two alignments are currently being considered feasible for the 10' wide trail connecting the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's E. 55th Station and the Opportunity Corridor Trail to the future Slavic Villiage Downtown Connector. The ±1.5-mile alignment connects to Broadway Avenue near the US Post Office and the ±2.0-mile alignment extends to E 9th Street Extension.

Project Partners:

Cleveland Metroparks

Project Cost Estimates: \$1,588,000 RAISE Planning Projects
\$19,500,000 RAISE Construction Projects

Funding Sources:	\$315,000	Cleveland (Road and Bridge Bonds)
	\$323,000	Cleveland Metroparks (Local Share)
	\$950,000	RAISE Planning Grant (Federal)
	\$19,500,000	RAISE Construction Grant (Federal)

Schedule: RAISE Planning Projects: 2024-2025
RAISE Construction Projects: 2026-2027

Wards:

- Ward 2 Council Member Bishop (MRBA)
- Ward 3 Council Member McCormack (SVDC & OCC)
- Ward 5 Council Member Starr (SVDC & OCC)
- Ward 8 Council Member Polensek (ECG)
- Ward 10 Council Member Hairston (ECG)
- Ward 12 Council Member Maurer (SVDC & MRBA)

Project Location: See Attached Maps-
2023 RAISE East Side Trails
2024 RAISE Construction Grant Award

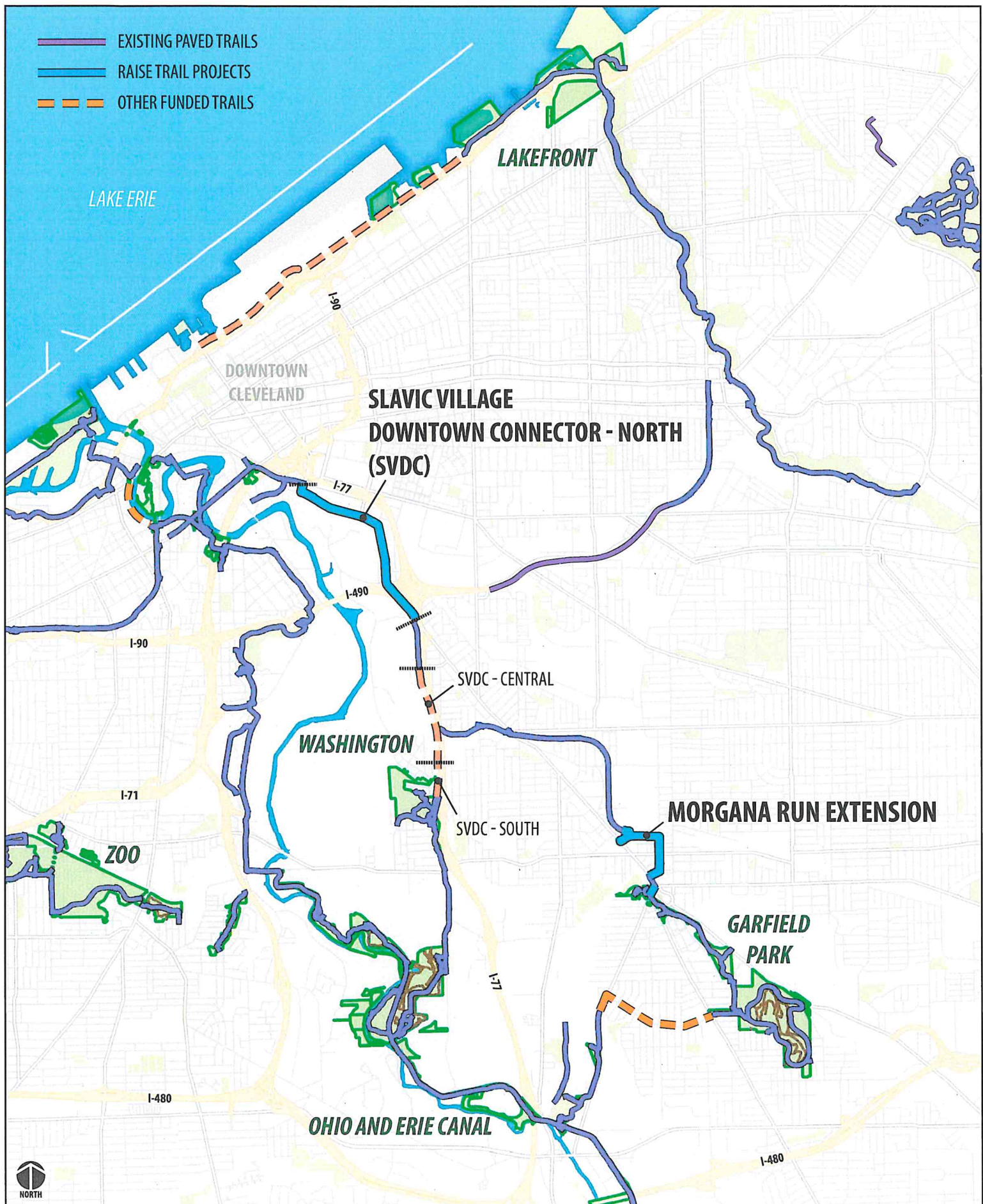


2023 RAISE EAST SIDE TRAILS

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OCTOBER 2023



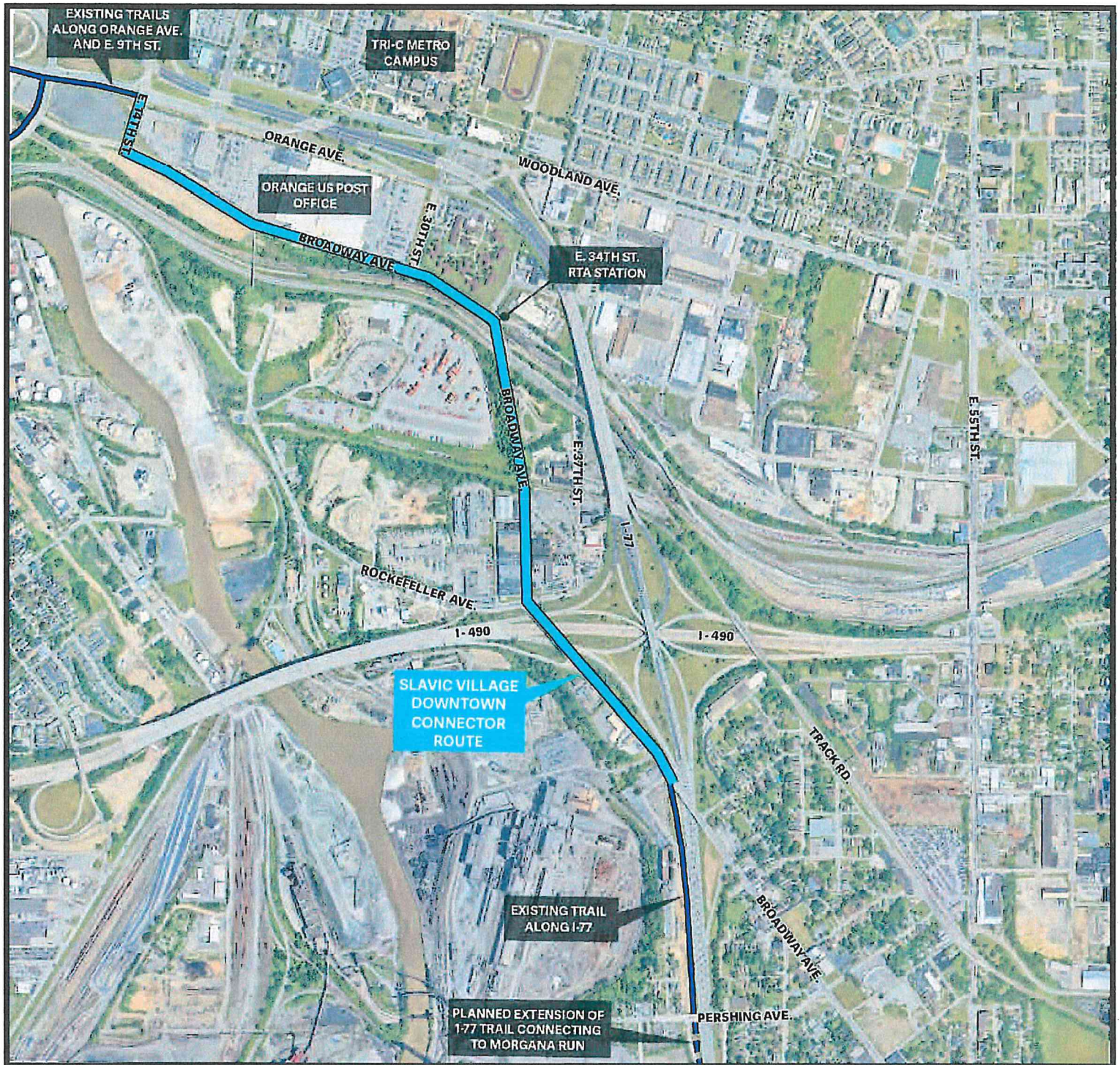


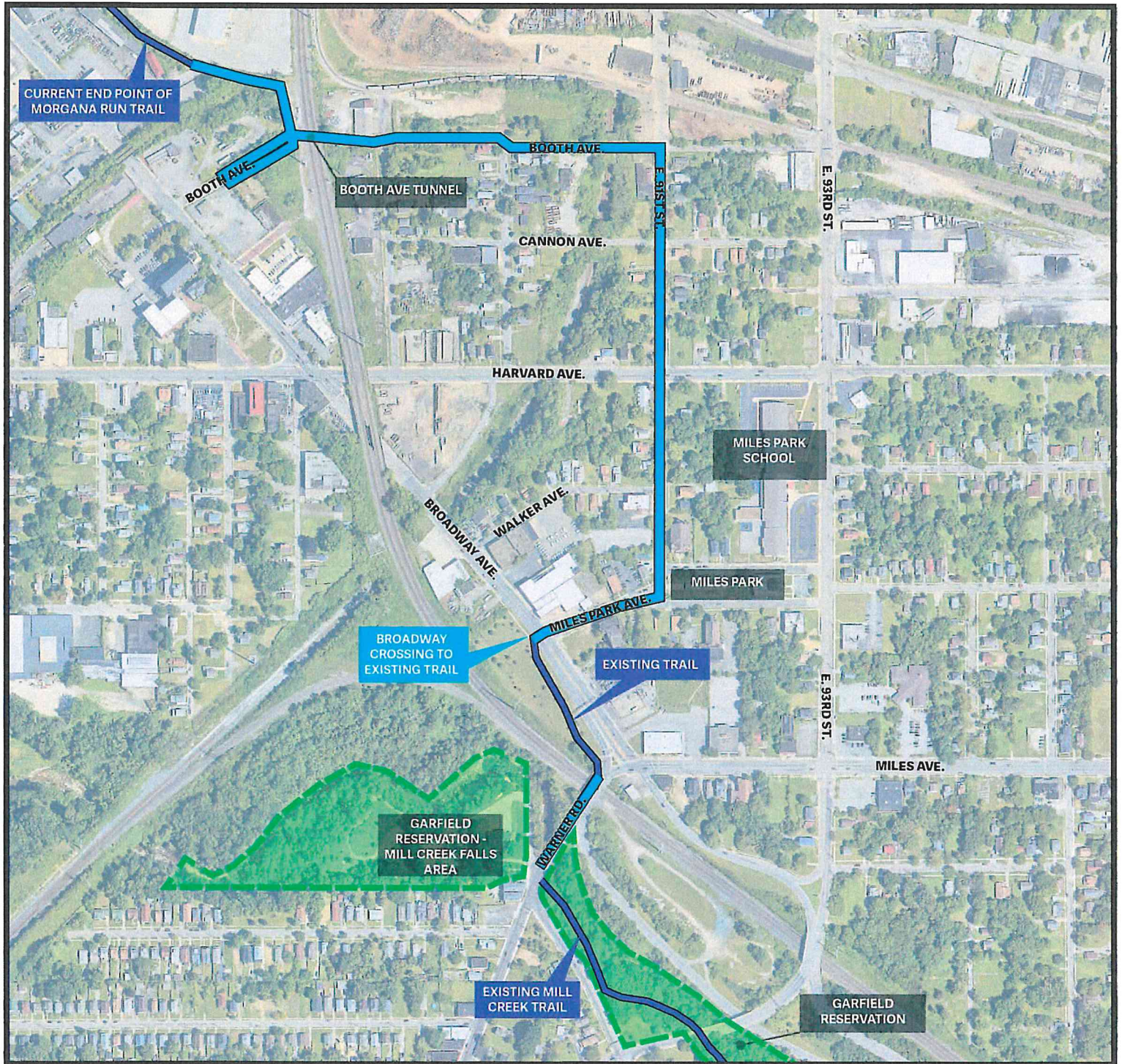
2024 RAISE CONSTRUCTION GRANT AWARD - SLAVIC VILLAGE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR NORTH & MORGANA RUN EXTENSION

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2024 RAISE CONSTRUCTION GRANT AWARD - MORGANA RUN EXTENSION

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