Program will begin at noon. Do you have a favorite song about water or the coast? Put it in the Chat!

Community Visioning Workshops Put your name and zip code in the Chat

Your Moderator Marie S. Keister, MurphyEpson



Zoom format

- Type your questions in the Chat box. We will answer as many as we can.
 - After the presentation, we will host discussion sessions in breakout rooms

ZOOM

Welcome

Joyce P. Huang, Director, City Planning Commission



Agenda

- The vision and process
- The North Coast Connector
- The Master Plan

- Breakout rooms
- Closing and reflections



The vision

The waterfront can become a source of healing for Cleveland's communities with the guiding principles of racial equity, economic opportunity, and climate resiliency.

- Mayor Justin M. Bibb

The process Two initiatives – one vision



HOW WE'LL GET THERE

The North Coast Connector

- Today's goal:
 - Learn which bridge location and Shoreway operation you prefer

WHAT WE'LL DO THERE The North Coast Master Plan

• Today's goal:

 Learn about your values, vision and desired activities on the Connector and at the Lakefront



Meet the team

- Osborn Engineering
 - HNTB
 - Environmental overview and traffic analysis
 - Burgess & Niple
 - Traffic modeling and analysis

- James Corner Field Operations
 - Robert P. Madison
 International
 - Architecture and development scenarios
 - MKA
 - Engineering support

- Real estate and economic development
- Dharam

- HR&A

 Cost and budget advising



Meet the team

- ThirdSpace Action Lab
 - Racial equity strategy
- MurphyEpson
 - Communication and engagement

- Compass Consulting Services
 - Community outreach



Meet the team

- City of Cleveland
 - City Planning Commission
 - o Master Plan strategy
 - Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
 - North Coast Connector strategy
 - Mayor's Office of Communications
 - Public engagement and outreach

- Greater Cleveland Partnership
- ODOT
- NOACA
- Cuyahoga County





For more than a century, we've made plans to better connect with the Lakefront. Now, with your help, we have the opportunity to realize those dreams and bridge the divides.



Project schedules

	2022				2023			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
North Coast Connector								
North Coast Master Plan								
Community Engagement								



Ways to engage

- Public meetings and workshops
- Local briefings (invite us to meet with your group)
- Interviews and focus groups
- Community events
- In-person and online surveys
- Sign up for announcements at *clevelandnorthcoast.com*

Survey questions.

How often do you go to Lake Erie in the downtown area?



- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- About once a year

- Every few years
- Rarely
- Never



How do you get to the downtown lakefront NorthCoast or how might you get there in the future?

- Car, truck or SUV •
- Uber, Lyft or another taxi service •
- Carpool •
- Walk •
- Bicycle or e-bike

- Wheelchair •
- Scooter •
- Bus •
- Train •
- Other •

What would make you visit the downtown lakefront?

- Places to walk, bike, roll, explore, sit and relax
- Sports and recreation (trails, fields, games)
- Free family-friendly elements
 (play spaces, youth programs, cookout areas)
- Water access

(for fishing, beach-going, kayaking)

- Events and programs (festivals, classes, performances)
- Nature and greenspace (gardens, lawns, wildlife)
- Affordable dining and shopping
- Other



What are your values and priorities for the downtown lakefront?



- Connect people with Lake Erie
- Create sustainable and beautiful places with trees
- Inspire hope and healing for all
- Provide spaces for joy, play, and relaxation
- Design spaces that promote walking and riding bikes

- Boost economic growth for all
- Celebrate Cleveland's unique culture, festivals and history
- Showcase the city as a tourist destination
- Welcome everyone with accessible and inclusive spaces
- Other

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North Coast Connector

Keshia Johnson Chambers, Assistant Director, Mayor's Office of Capital Projects with Vickie Wildeman, Osborn Engineering



Purpose



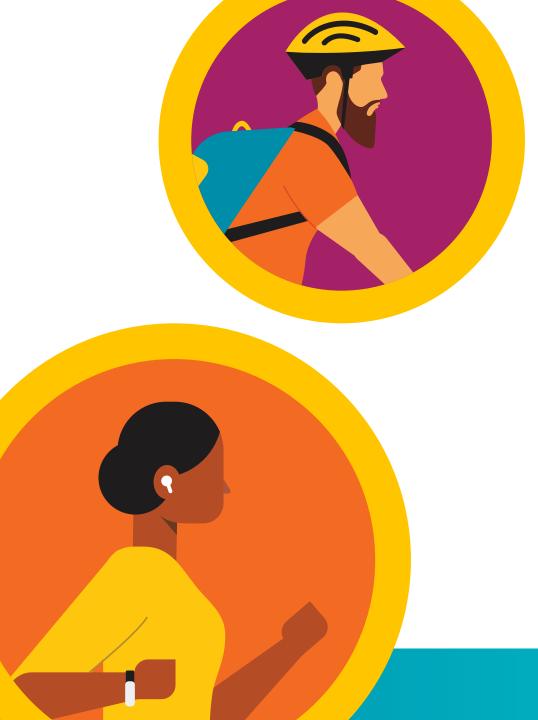
Increase the connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians between Cleveland's downtown and the Lakefront



Improve safe access



Promote and enable economic redevelopment and revitalization





Primary needs

- Energize and activate the connection between downtown and the Lakefront with improved connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Promote and enable climate resilient and low carbon economic redevelopment and revitalization





Secondary needs

- Improve transit and rail connectivity
- Improve freight connectivity to and from the Port
- Create more safe and efficient movements of all travel modes
- Foster equity of Lakefront access

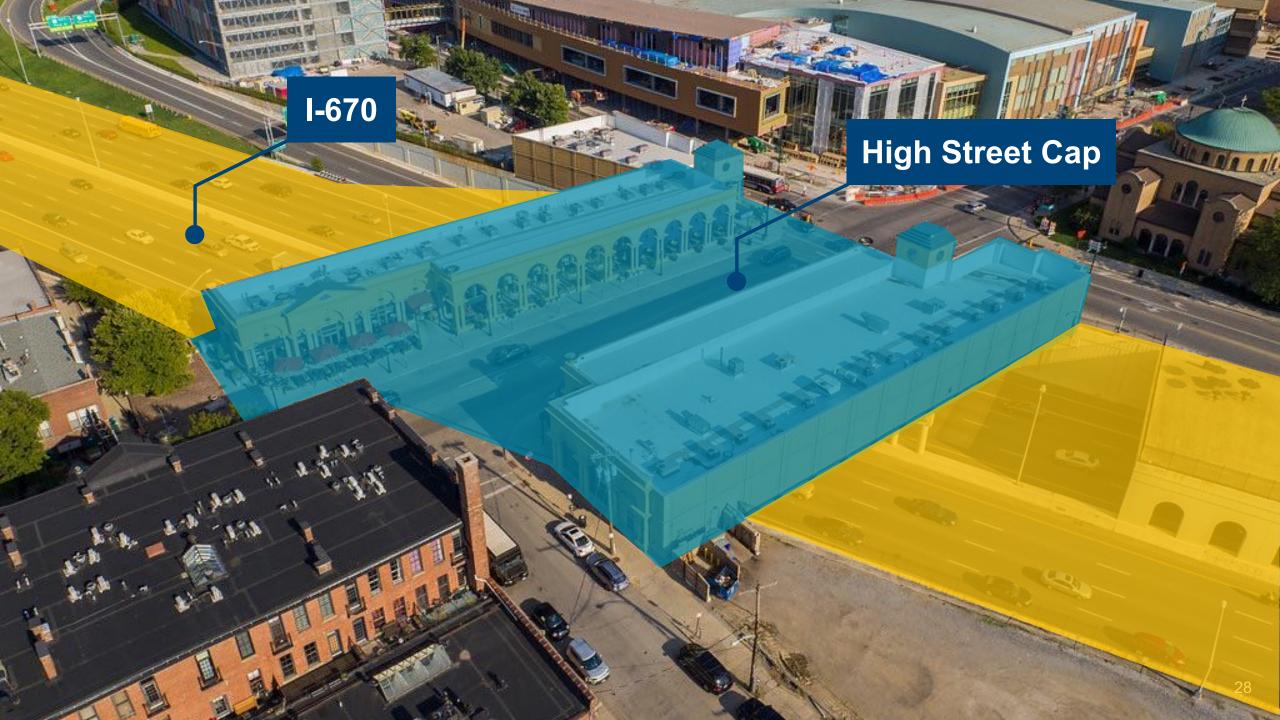
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What is a land bridge?

The High Street Cap (High St. over I-670) Columbus, OH

Reddit u/mrthrowawayacc04

A cap to spur economic development.



Gateway Arch Park over I-44 St. Louis, MO

Photo courtesy Gateway Arch Park Foundation

A land bridge to expand park space.

Land Bridge

-44

Klyde Warren Park Dallas, TX

Photo courtesy Memorial Park Conservancy

A land bridge as a refuge for people.

Land Bridge

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Woodall Rogers Freeway

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The engineering challenge.

Feasibility Study: Four concept "buckets"











No Land Bridge, No Change Traffic and land use stay the same. Build Land Bridge Over Existing Shoreway Traffic stays the same, more land available for more uses.

Build Land Bridge, Shoreway Becomes a Boulevard Traffic is different, even more land available for more uses. Build Land Bridge, Remove Shoreway Entirely Traffic is very different, the most land available for more uses.



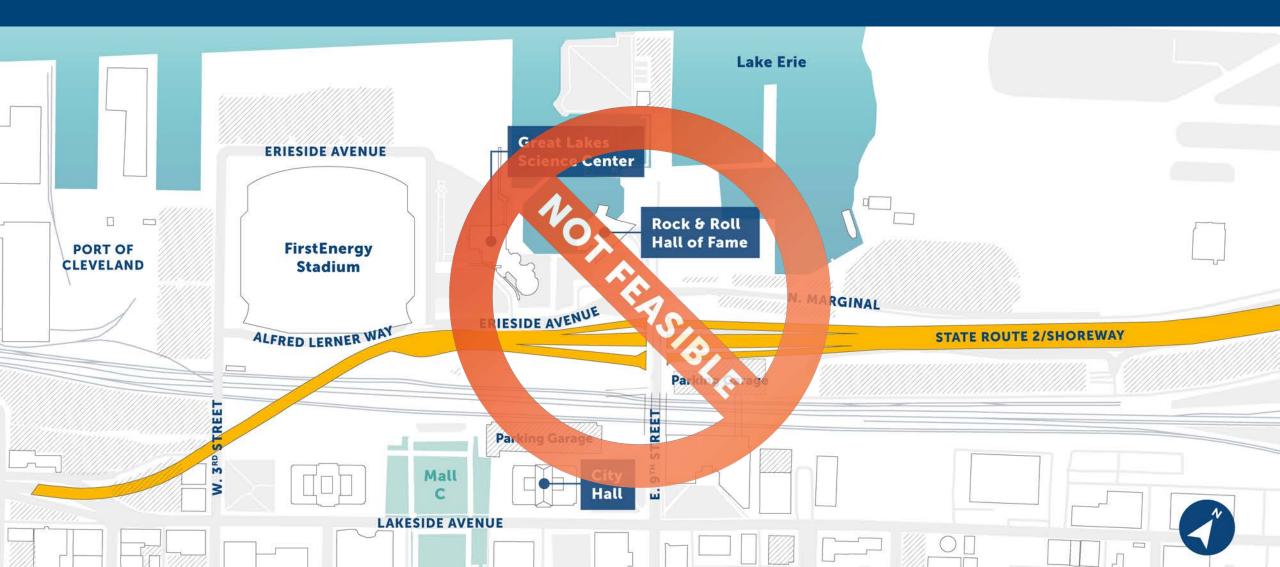
Initial screening criteria

- Improve safe pedestrian connectivity
- Support planned economic development and revitalization
- Create new public green space
- Maintain direct vehicular connectivity to E 9th
- Provide acceptable vehicular movement downtown



Bucket A: No Land Bridge, Keep Shoreway As Is





Bucket B: Build Land Bridge, Keep Shoreway As Is

Β

Traffic stays the same, more land available for more uses.





Bucket B (Option 1): Green Ribbon Coalition Alignment

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Bucket B (Option 2): Convert E 9th to a Land Bridge







Bucket B (Option 3): North/South Alignment

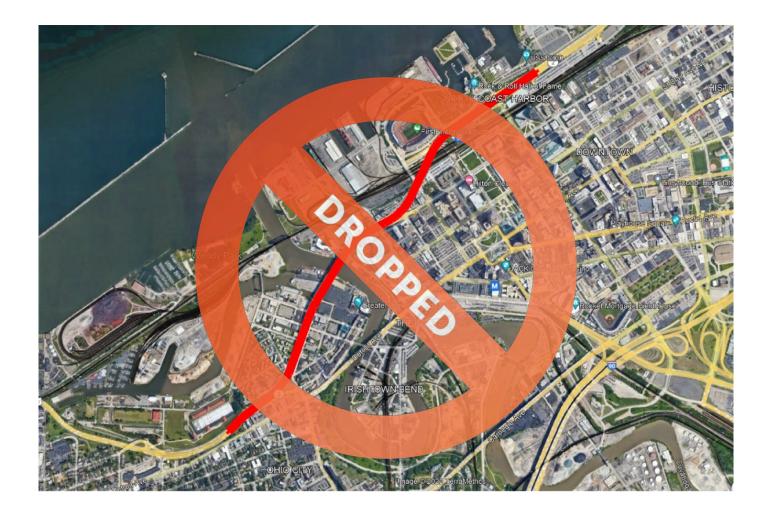




Bucket B (Option 4): <u>Convert Shoreway</u> to a Tunnel

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Bucket C: Build Land Bridge, Shoreway Becomes a Boulevard

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Traffic is different, even more land available for more uses.



What is a boulevard?







Boulevard renderings



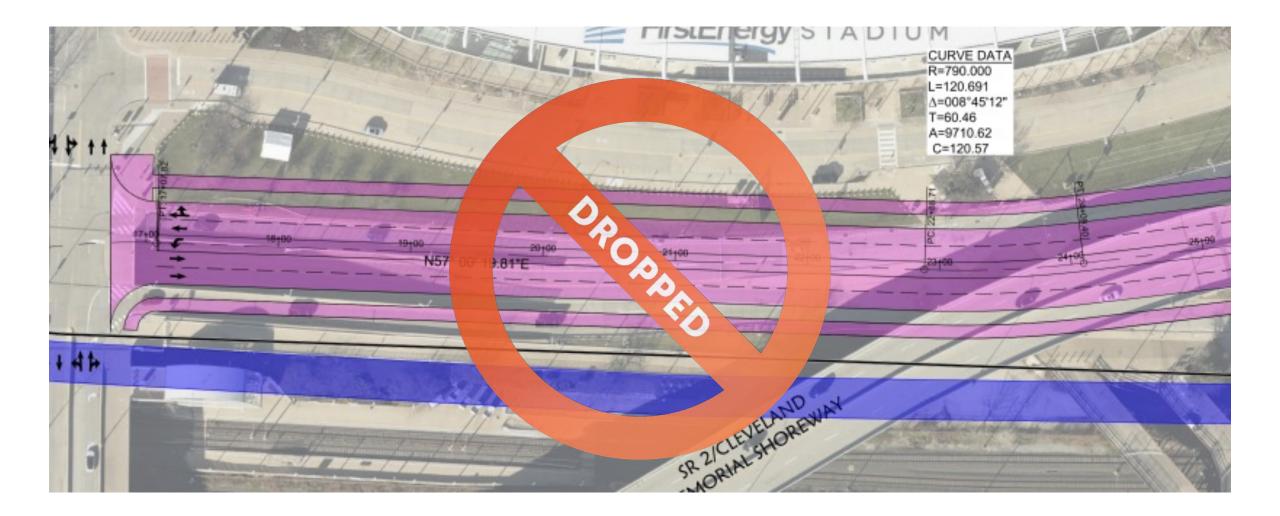






Bucket C (Option 1): Blvd. that Ends at West 3rd

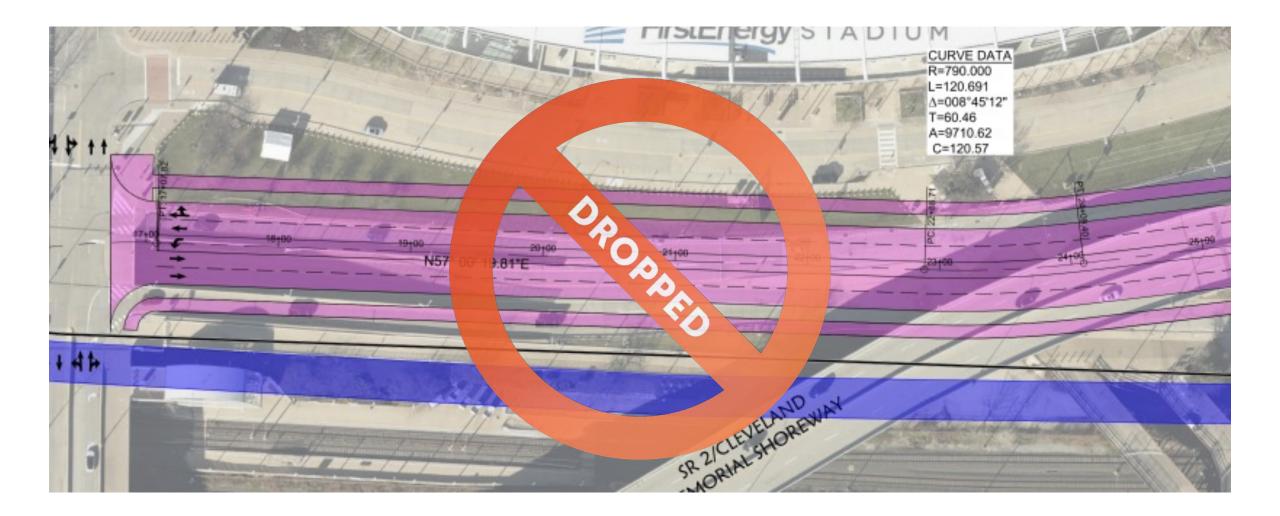






Bucket C (Option 2): Blvd. that Ends at West 3rd & Extends E 18th







Bucket C: Blvd. that Continues to Main Ave. Bridge

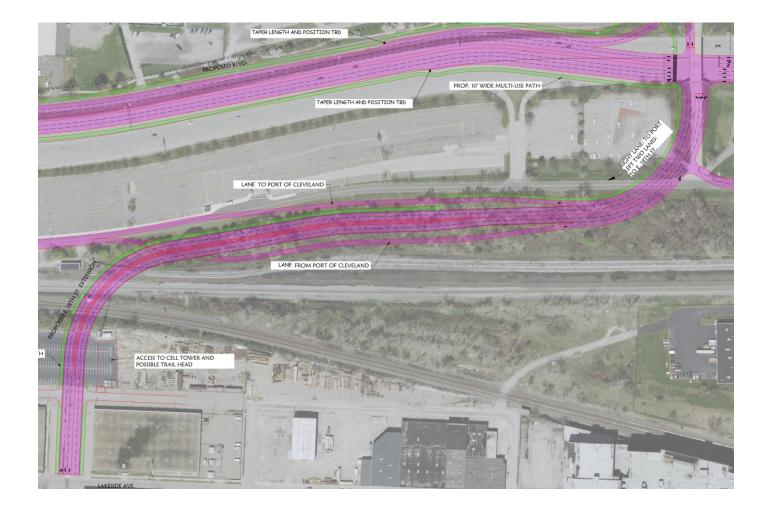






C Bucket C: Blvd. Continues to Main Ave. Bridge & Extends E 18th





D Bucket D: Build Land Bridge, Remove Shoreway Entirely





From concepts to two feasible alternatives









Build Land Bridge Over Existing Shoreway Traffic stays the same, more land available for more uses. Build Land Bridge, Shoreway Becomes a Boulevard Traffic is different, even more land available for more uses.



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Survey question.

Do you prefer to leave the Shoreway like it is or build a new local road?



- Keep the Shoreway a freeway (50 MPH)
- Remove the Shoreway and build a new local road (35 MPH max)

ClevelandNorthCoast.com/Survey or call 216-664-2210 for a printed survey in multiple languages



Next steps

- Continue engineering and traffic operations analyses
- Conduct environmental studies
- Continue to engage the public
- Assess multiple factors including pedestrian and bicycle movements



Next steps, continued

- Identify and estimate property impacts
- Expand and refine evaluation criteria

- Use public input and technical analysis to further refine feasible alternatives
- Report findings in September
- Identify a preferred alternative by the end of the year

Cleveland's NorthCoast MASTER PLAN

James Corner Field Operations Lisa Switkin

North Coast Master Plan Update

Cleveland's North MASTER PLAN



Purpose of the Master Plan

To create a world class, community-based, fundable and implementable plan with a guiding vision for connecting community to the lakefront.

- improve access and connectivity to the lakefront
- \cdot create a resilient and welcoming destination that belongs to everyone
- unlock economic development opportunities by repurposing vacant and under-utilized land

"The waterfront can become a source of healing for Cleveland's communities with the guiding principles of racial equity, economic opportunity, and climate *resiliency.*" – Mayor Justin Bibb



The Site



Context and Cultural History

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Ongoing Efforts



METROPARKS RAISE CLEVELAND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING

ODOT EAST 185TH STREET STREETSCAPE PAWNEE AVE TO LAKE ERIE

CLEVELAND HARBOR EASTERN EMBAYMENT RESILIENCE STUDY (CHEERS)

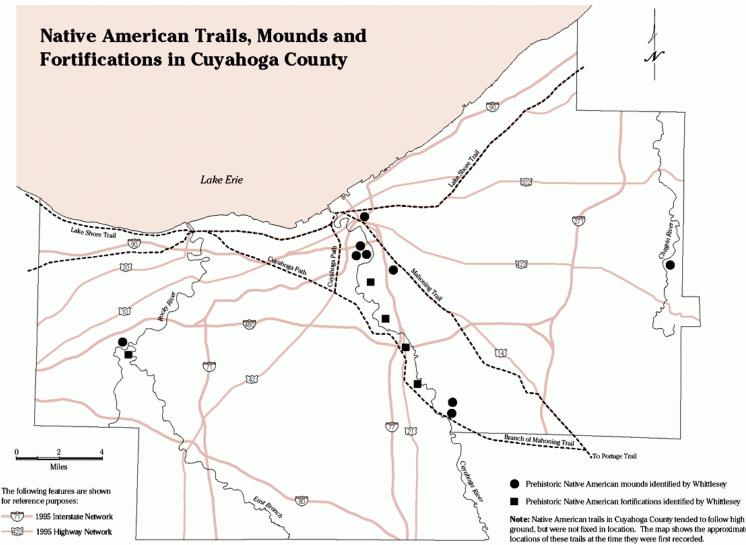
CUYAHOGA GREENWAYS PLA

METROPARKS SAILING CLUB E.55TH MARINA

Indigenous Trails (1790s-1845)

Downtown Cleveland as we know it today sits at the crossroads of the Lake Shore Trail, Cuyahoga Path and Mahoning Trail. Indigenous trails determined the location of early white settlements as well as the first forts and military roads, many later becoming highways. They ranged in width and generally followed the high ground between water courses or hills and ridges. The trails which traversed Cuyahoga county indicate the importance of the territory.

- Archeological Atlas of Ohio

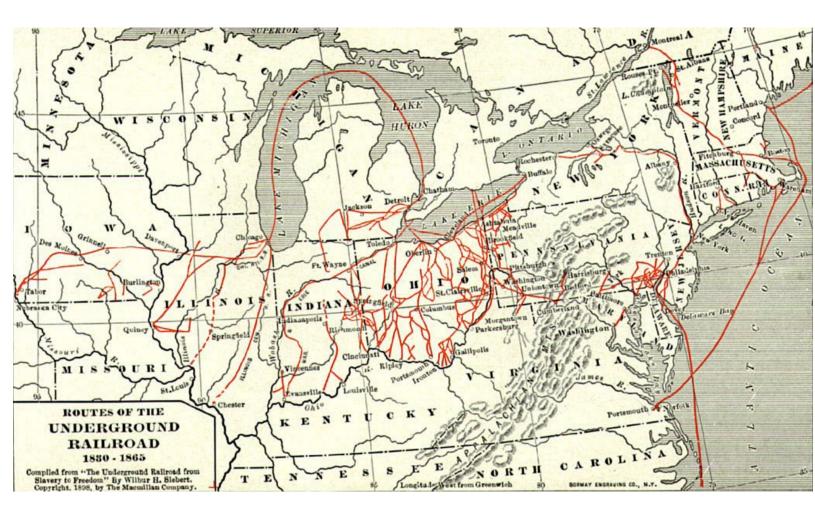


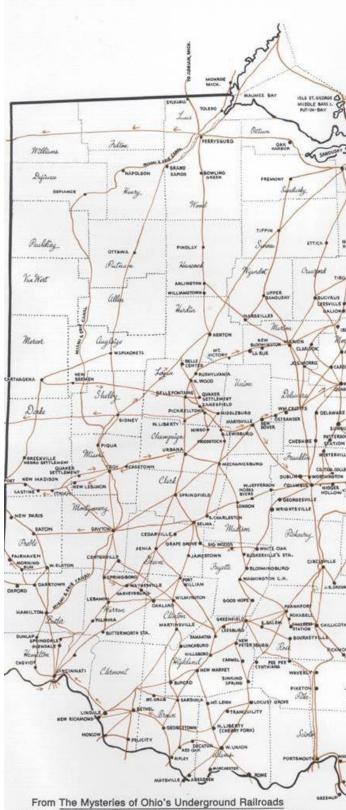


Underground Railroad (1800-1860s)

Ohio was a key player in the operations of the Underground Railroad in the years leading up to the Civil War. Many different routes runaway slaves followed crisscrossed the state with several ultimately passing through Cleveland, or "Station Hope" as it was codenamed, a city that teemed with abolitionists and Underground Railroad conductors.

- ClevelandHistorical.org





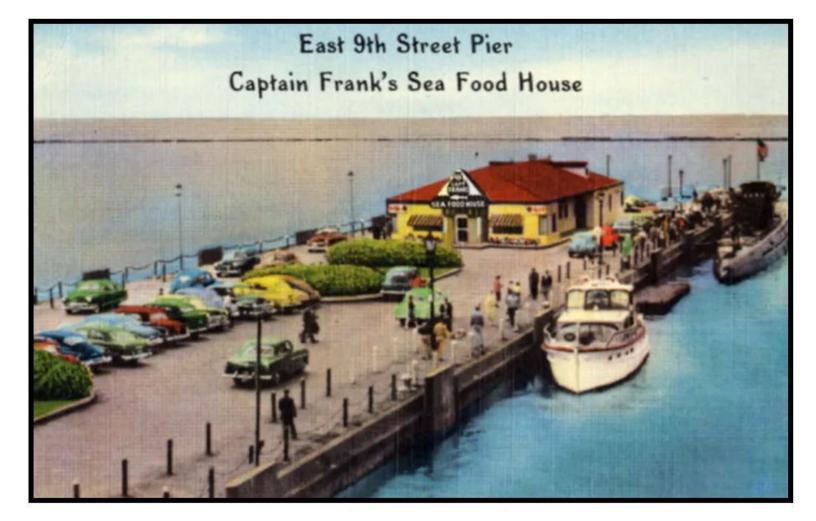
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LANE ERIE Black Dia alle to Post Milden THUY'S ISLAN OWL CREEK **Ohio's** Underground Trails by Wilbur H.Siebert

Green Book Cleveland

Victor H. Green's Green Book guides were published between 1936 and 1966 to help Black motorists find courteous service and avoid harassment or the embarrassment of rejection in their travels. Both East 9th Street Pier and Public Hall are highlighted in the Green Book.

East 9th Street Pier has long been a center for pleasure, initially as the principal Cleveland dock for passenger ships that plied Lake Erie. Later, during the 1960s, the Pier became home to a popular local restaurant, Captain Frank's. "Moonlight Cruises" on Lake Erie were a popular pastime, part of a larger tradition of such cruises in the African American community. Public Hall, which opened in 1922, was used primarily as a convention center, however many musical acts played there as well.



- Green Book Cleveland





Asiatown Migration (1860-1960s)

Chinese Americans began arriving in the city as early as 1860. Seeking employment and refuge from rising anti-immigrant hostility along the West Coast, they settled along Lakeside and St. Clair Avenue and opened various small businesses. It wasn't long however, before many of the residents were forced to move eastwards.

- Midstory.org





A City On The Lake

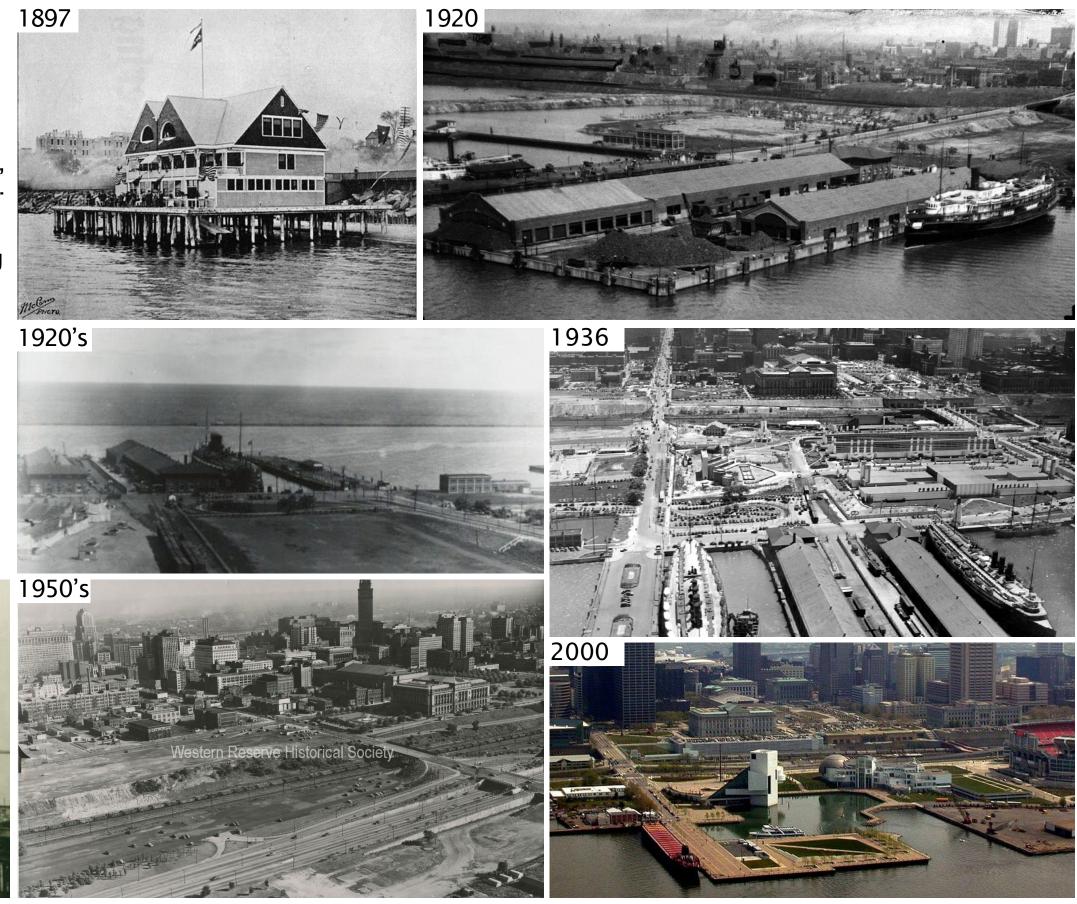


North Coast Harbor History

The North Coast Harbor has been host to a number of uses over the past 130 years. The Cleveland Yachting Club opened in 1895, with docks and a clubhouse. The lakefront terminal was created by Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Co. (C&B) and the Detroit & Cleveland (D&C) Line in 1915, followed by the Municipal Stadium in 1931.

The 1936 to 1937 Great Lakes Exposition featured hundreds of attractions, including rides, botanical gardens, and cafes over 135 acres. Other uses included Captain Frank's Lobster House in 1953, the completed Voinovich Bicentennial Park in 1988, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum and the Great Lakes Science Center in 1995 and 1996.

- NorthCoastHarbor.org

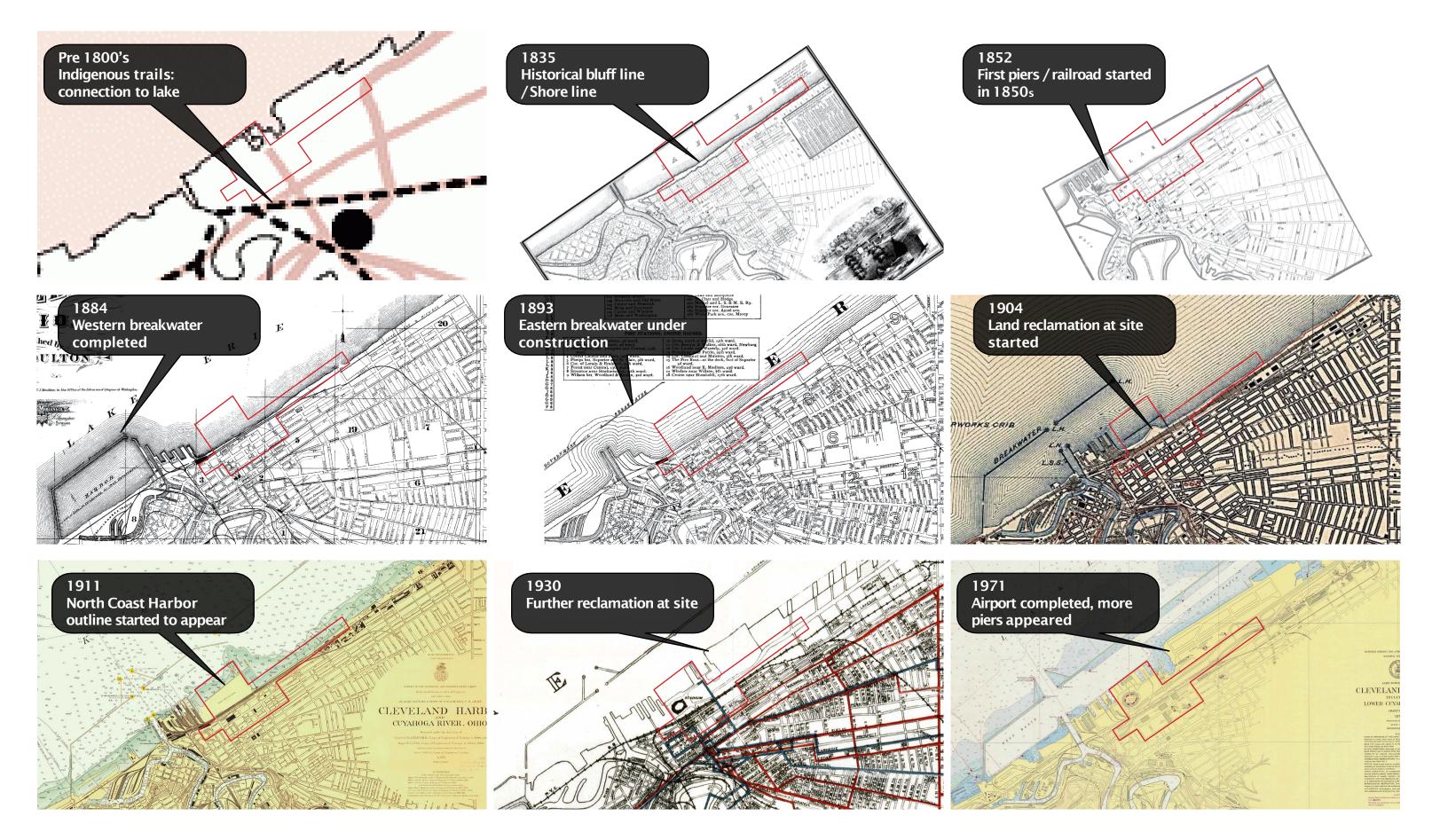




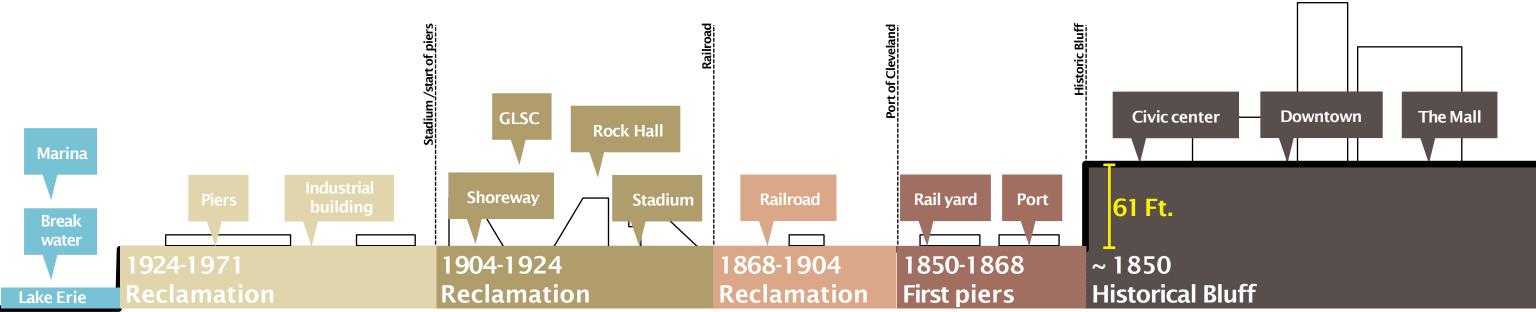


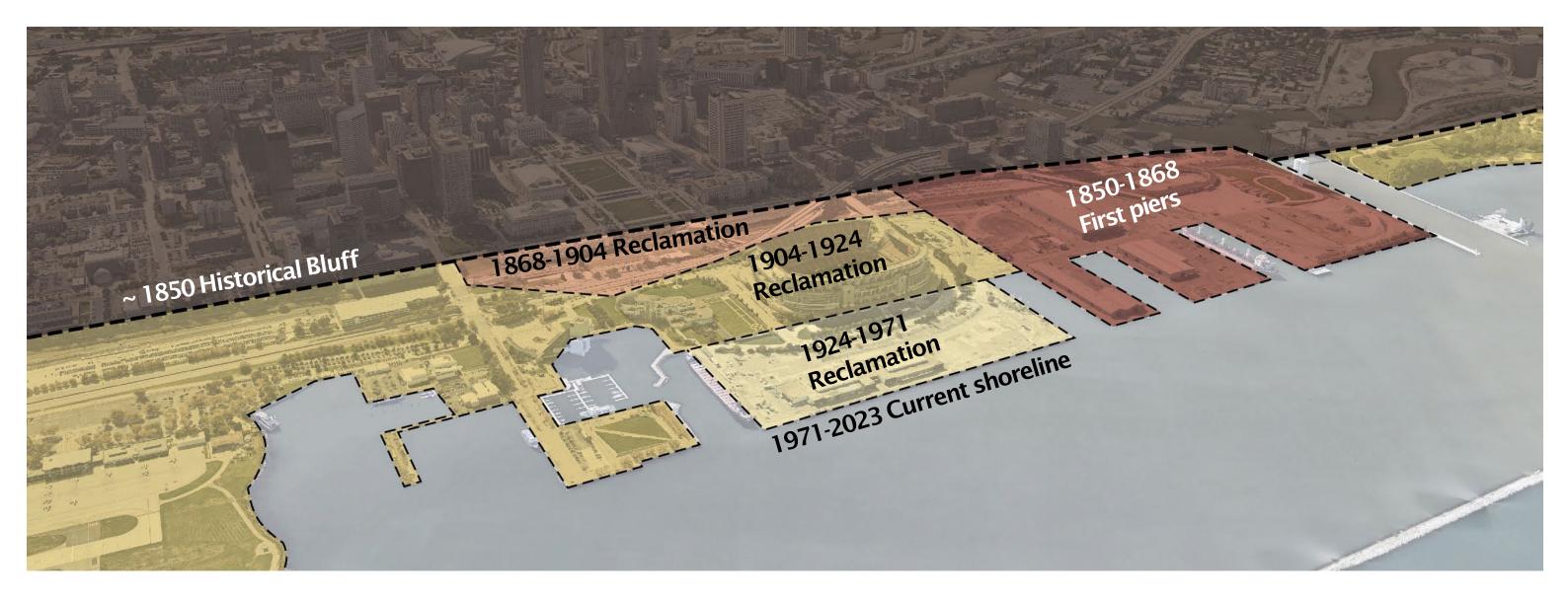


An Evolving City & Shoreline

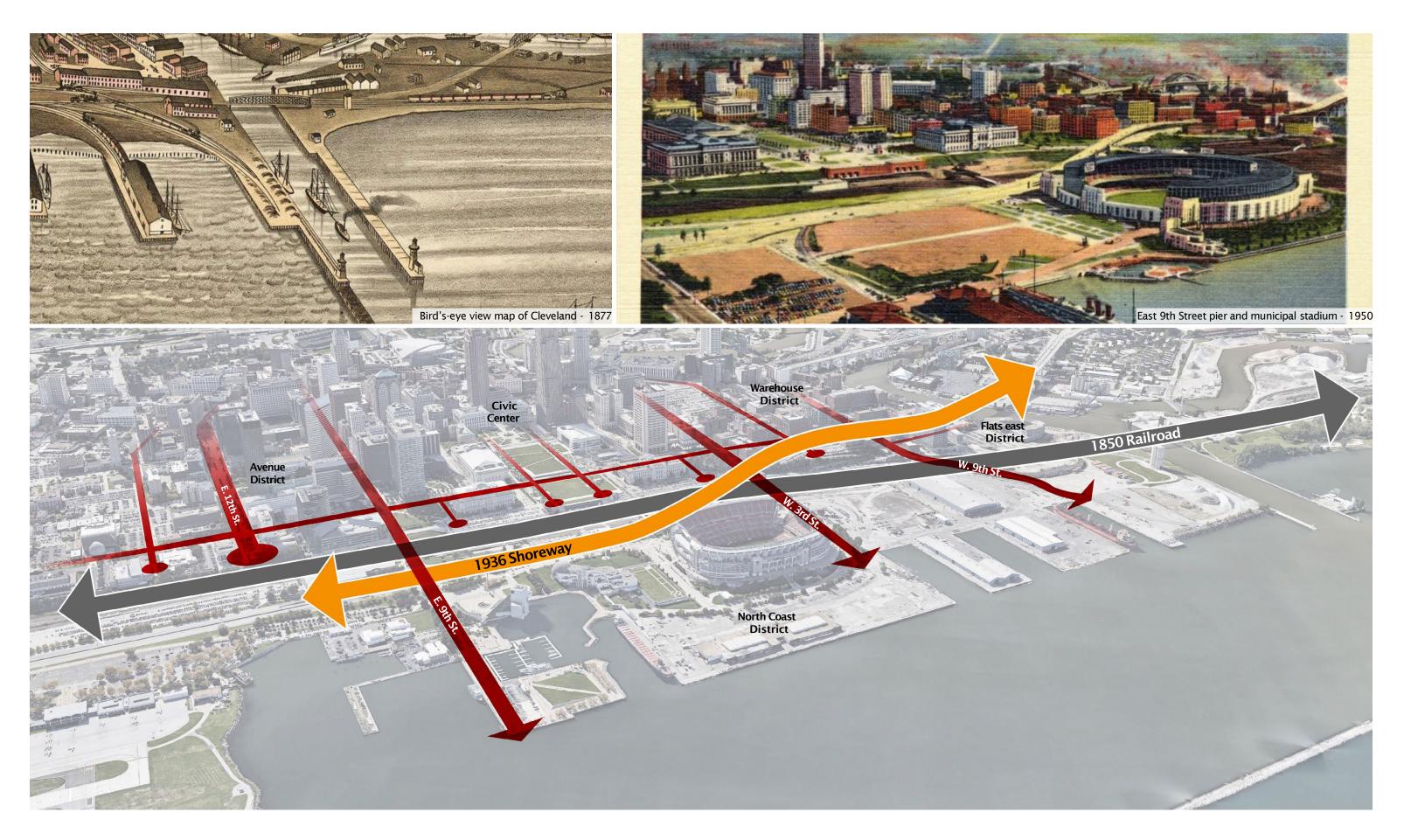


An Evolving Shoreline

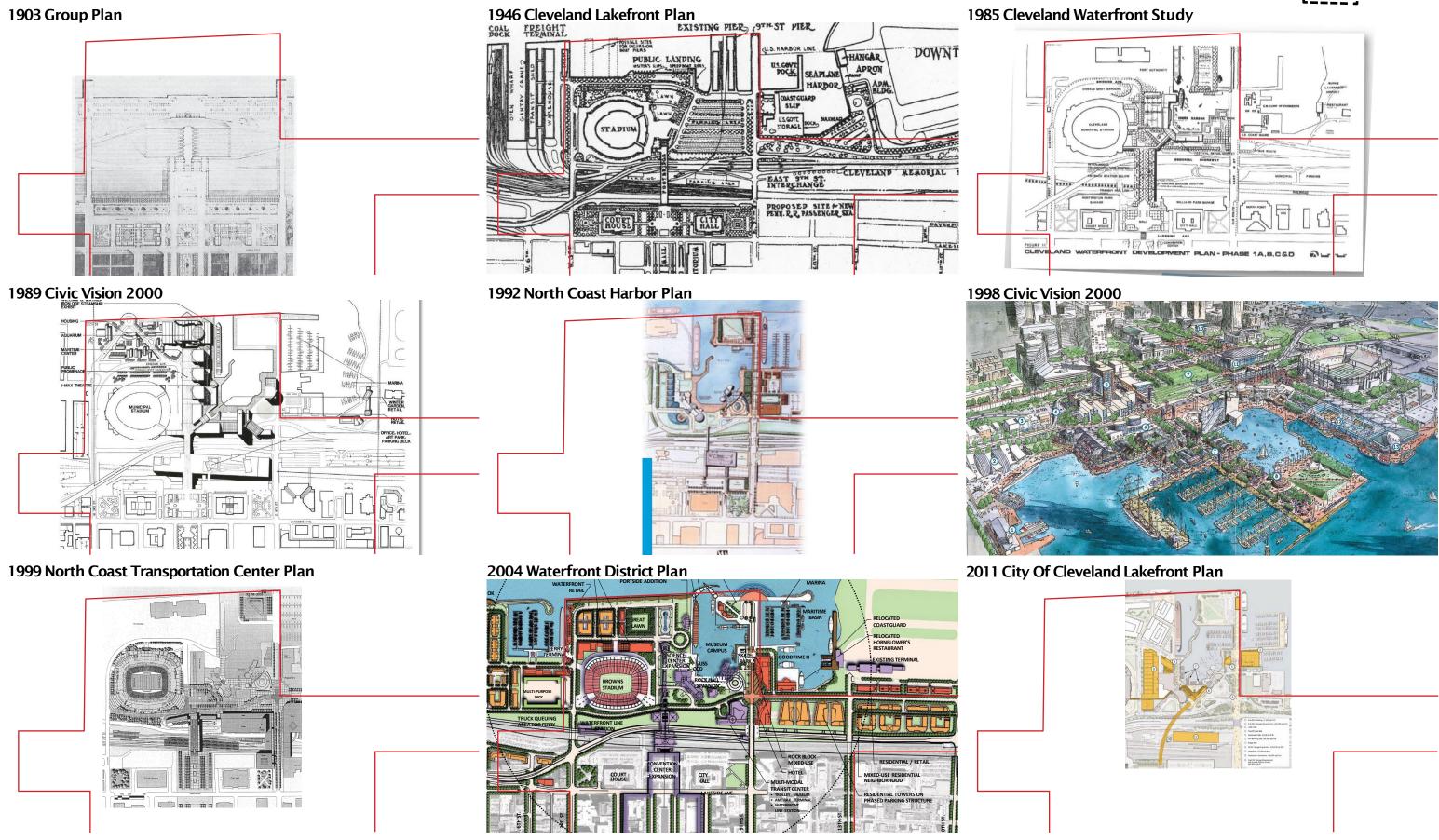




Severed Connections

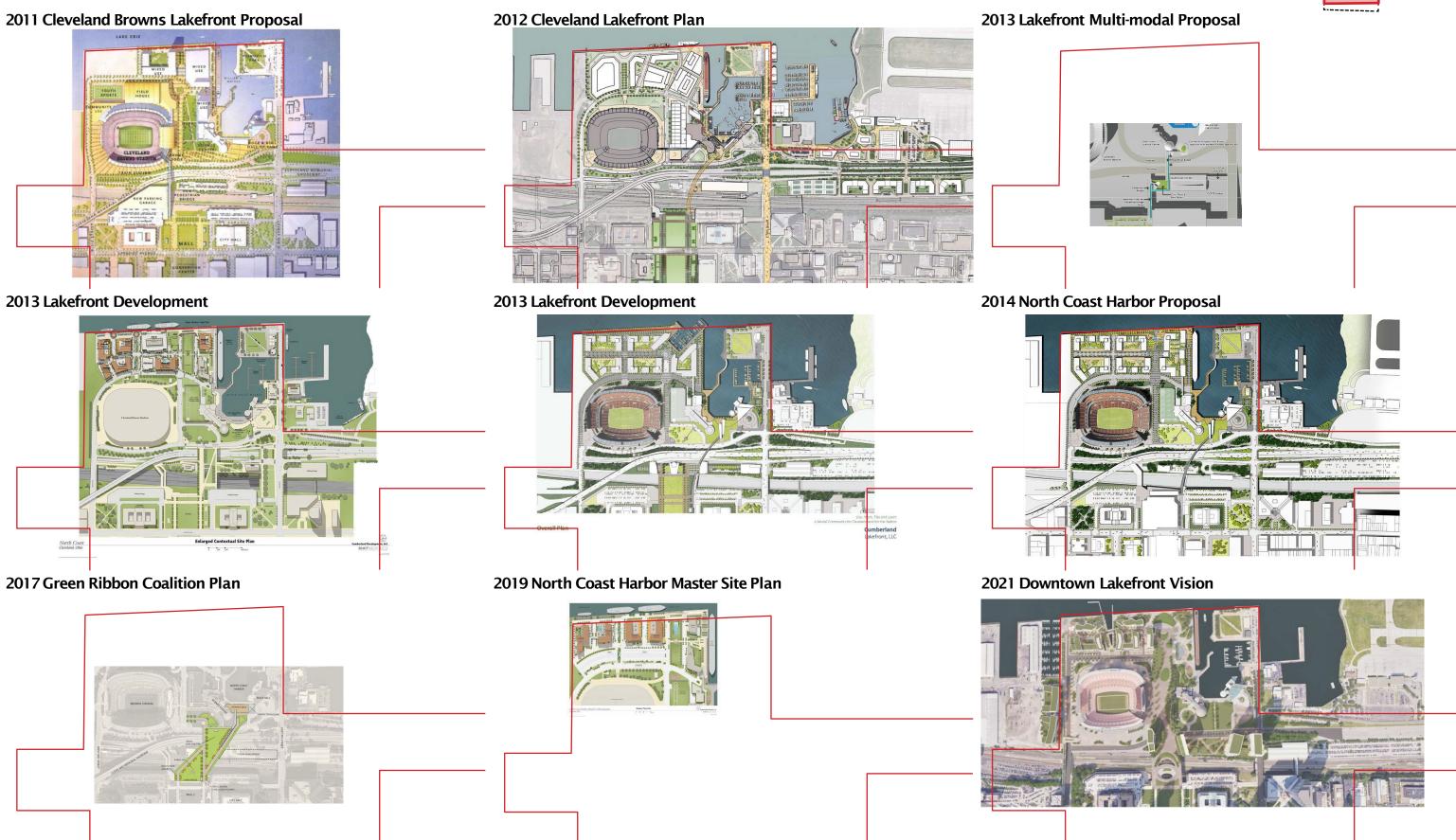


Lakefront Plans 1903-2011





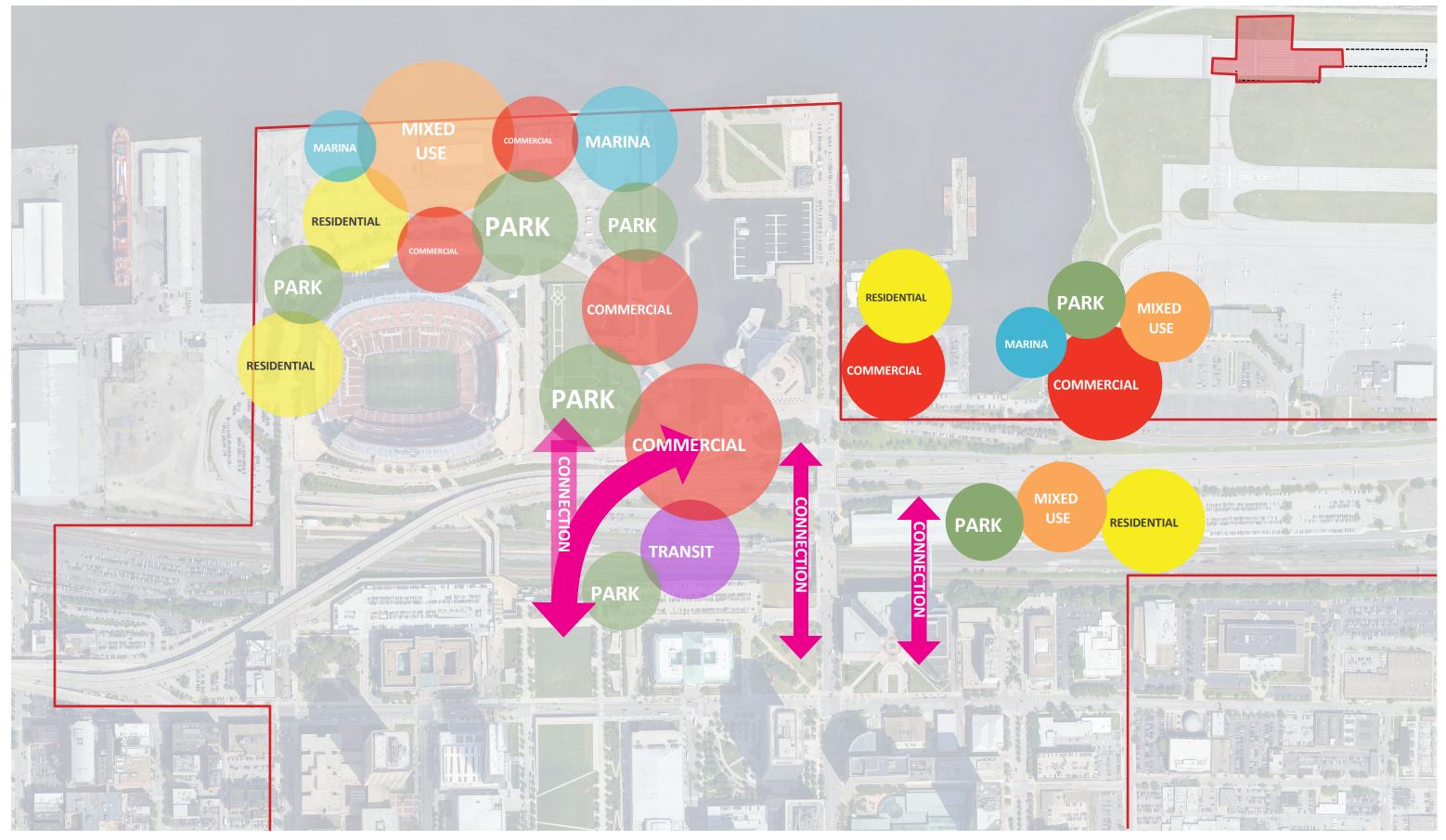
Lakefront Plans 2011-2021





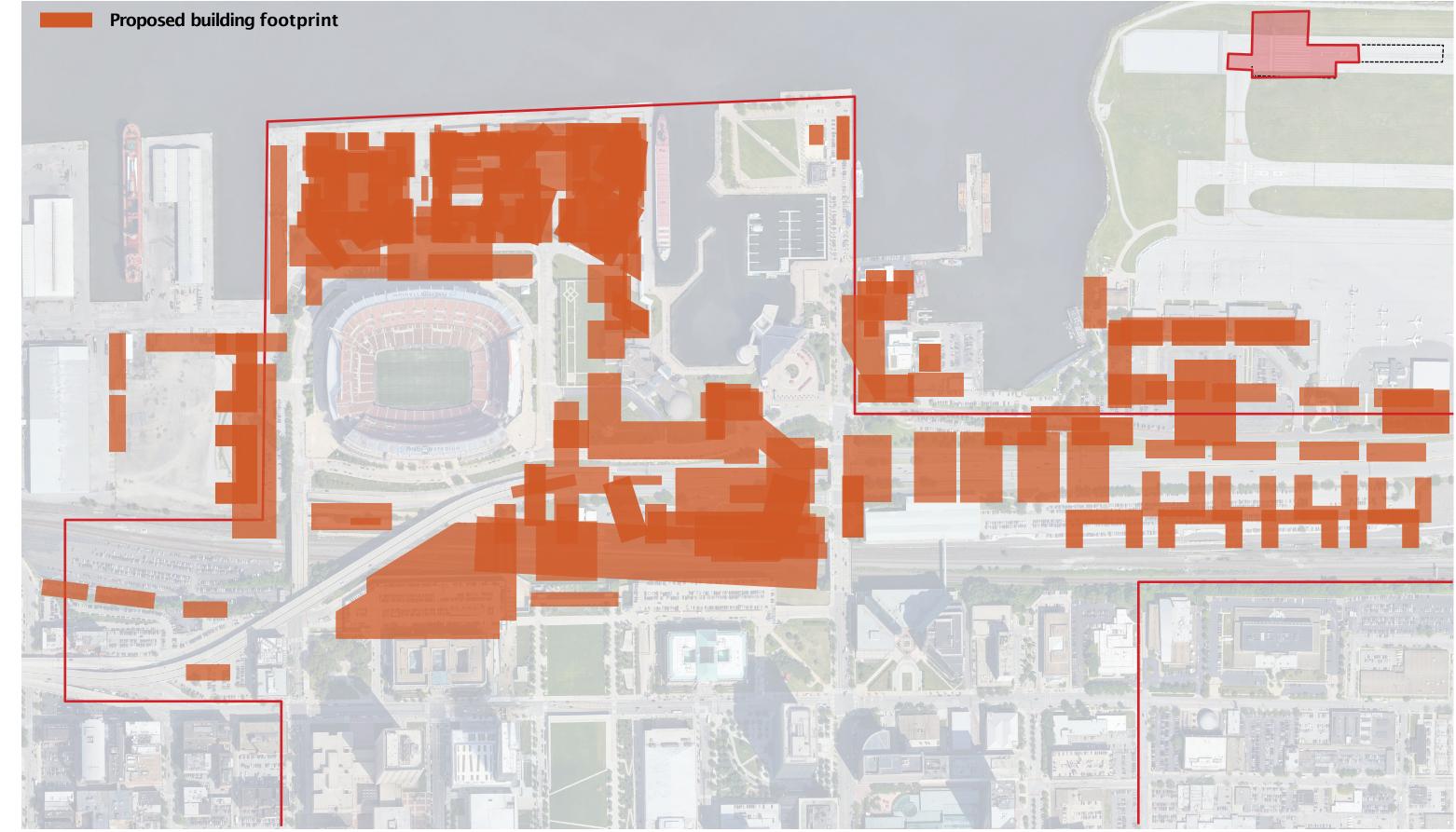
Site Use Commonalities

General program overlays from previous plans 1946-2021



Development Site Commonalities

Overlay of proposed building footprints from previous plans 1985-2021



Case Studies

Waterfronts
Land
Bridges

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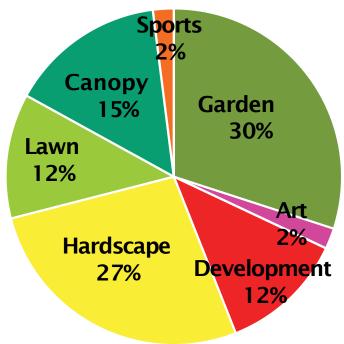


Detroit East Riverfront

Scale:

 $\cdot \quad \text{Acres} = 480$

Program Mix:



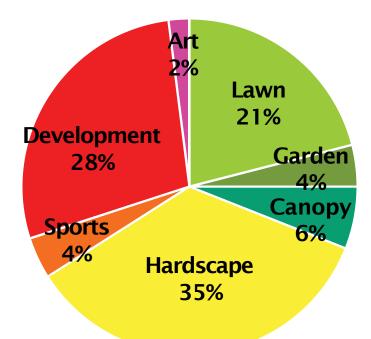


Toronto Central Waterfront

Scale:

 \cdot Acres = 96

Program Mix:



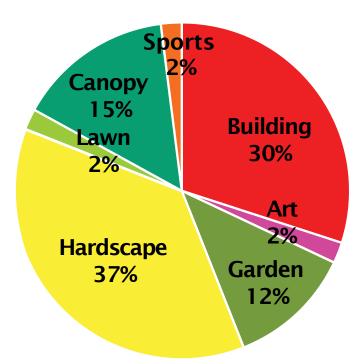


Chicago Riverwalk

Scale:

• Acres = 9

Program Mix:





Lower Rainier Land Bridge

Seattle, WA

Programs:

- Biking
- · Gardens
- \cdot Civic Lawns

Relevance:

- · Multi-Modal
- · Light Rail Station
- Husky Stadium
- Historic Context

Scale:

- Span = 95'
- $\cdot \quad \text{Acres} = 6.3$
- · Length = 1500'



Penn's Landing Philadelphia, PA

Programs:

- Performances
- Festivals
- · Retail
- · Playgrounds
- · Ice Rink
- Water Play
- · Gardens
- · Lawns
- Cafe and Pavilion

Relevance:

- Touches down at water's edge
- Connects Center City to riverfront
- · Civic Space

Scale:

- Span = 380'
- $\cdot \quad \text{Acres} = 11.5$
- Length = 850'



11th St Bridge Park Washington D.C.

Programs:

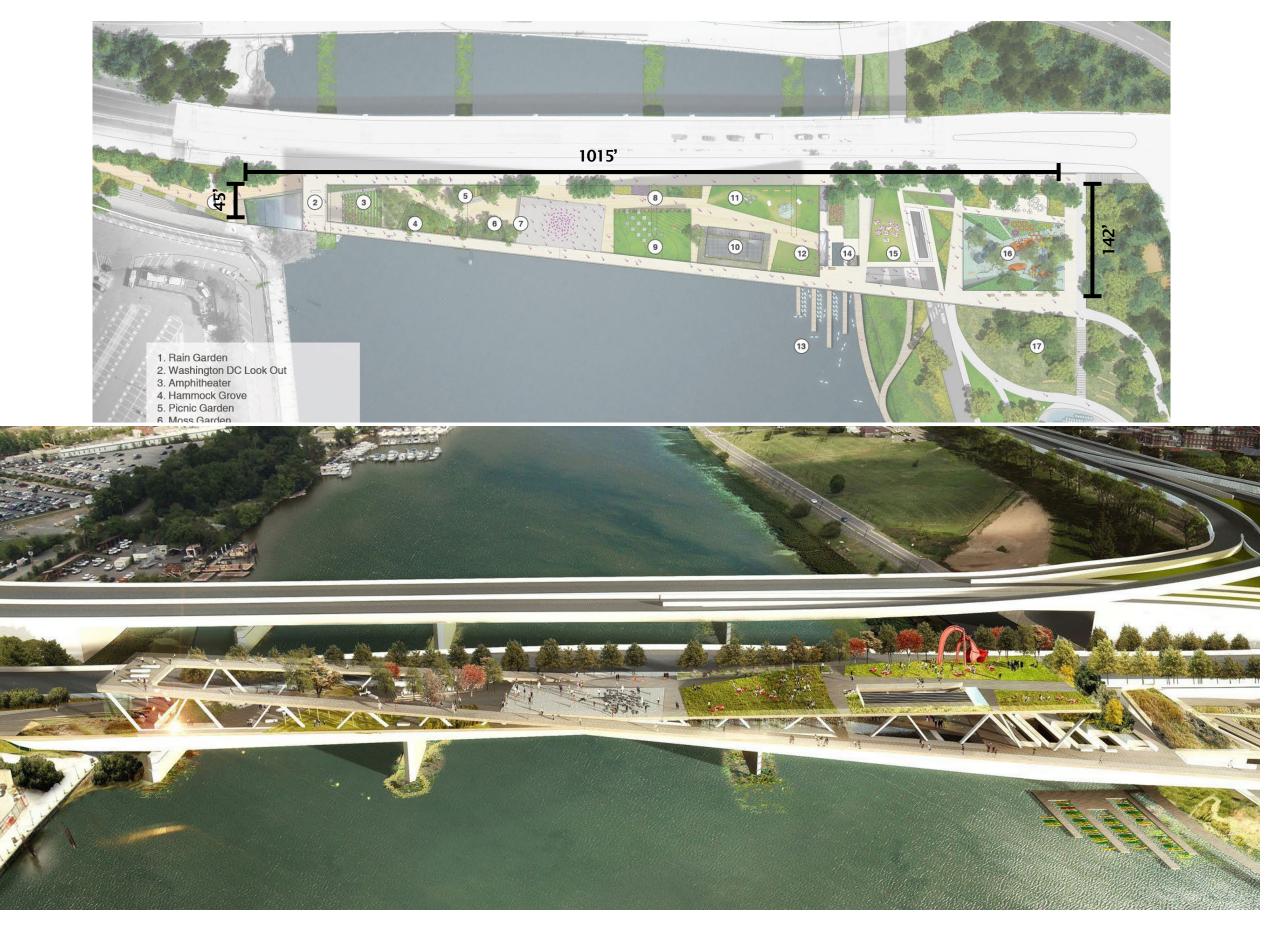
- Boating
- · Habitat
- · Outdoor Amphitheater
- · Art
- \cdot Retail

Relevance:

- Connecting the Capital to Underserved community
- Community Driven
- Iconic Destination

Scale:

- Span = 640'
- $\cdot \quad \text{Acres} = 1.8$
- Length = 1015'



Site Observations

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Site Challenges

- Shoreway & Rail Lines create a physical and psychological barrier to the Lakefront
- Elevational change

- · Lakefront Institutions are mostly fee-based
- Winter programming is difficult due to high winds and cold temperatures
- Ensuring synergies between downtown and the Lakefront



Emerging Opportunities & Priorities

- Prioritize the public realm and "inside-out" **planning**, creating a welcoming destination that belongs to everyone, initiated through a listenfirst approach that starts with public realm and community drivers, while recognizing the vital and significant role of development.
- Integrate thoughtful and equitable **development** balancing location, density, use, access, constructability and demand with the core master plan values of access, equity, and environmental health.
- Connect the Core to the Shore understanding this next transformation as part of an evolving shoreline, with the opportunity to strengthen both the downtown and the lake for everyone.
- · Center equitable and Multi-Modal Access to and along the lakefront, creating a bike and human friendly, multi-modal corridor with affordable public transit options. Promote sustainability, health and wellness while helping to remedy the past history of the railroad and shoreway severing neighborhoods from the lake.

- Tell and celebrate the "Whole History" are lesser known to give weight to and honor stories of sacrifice, achievement, culture, and personhood of all.
- Foreground ecology recognizing the Lake as that are ecological and restorative - building community, improving lake ecosystems and embracing the water.
- Foster joy and activation with a variety of that embrace the site, inspire wonder, and are uniquely Cleveland.
- other unique site features.

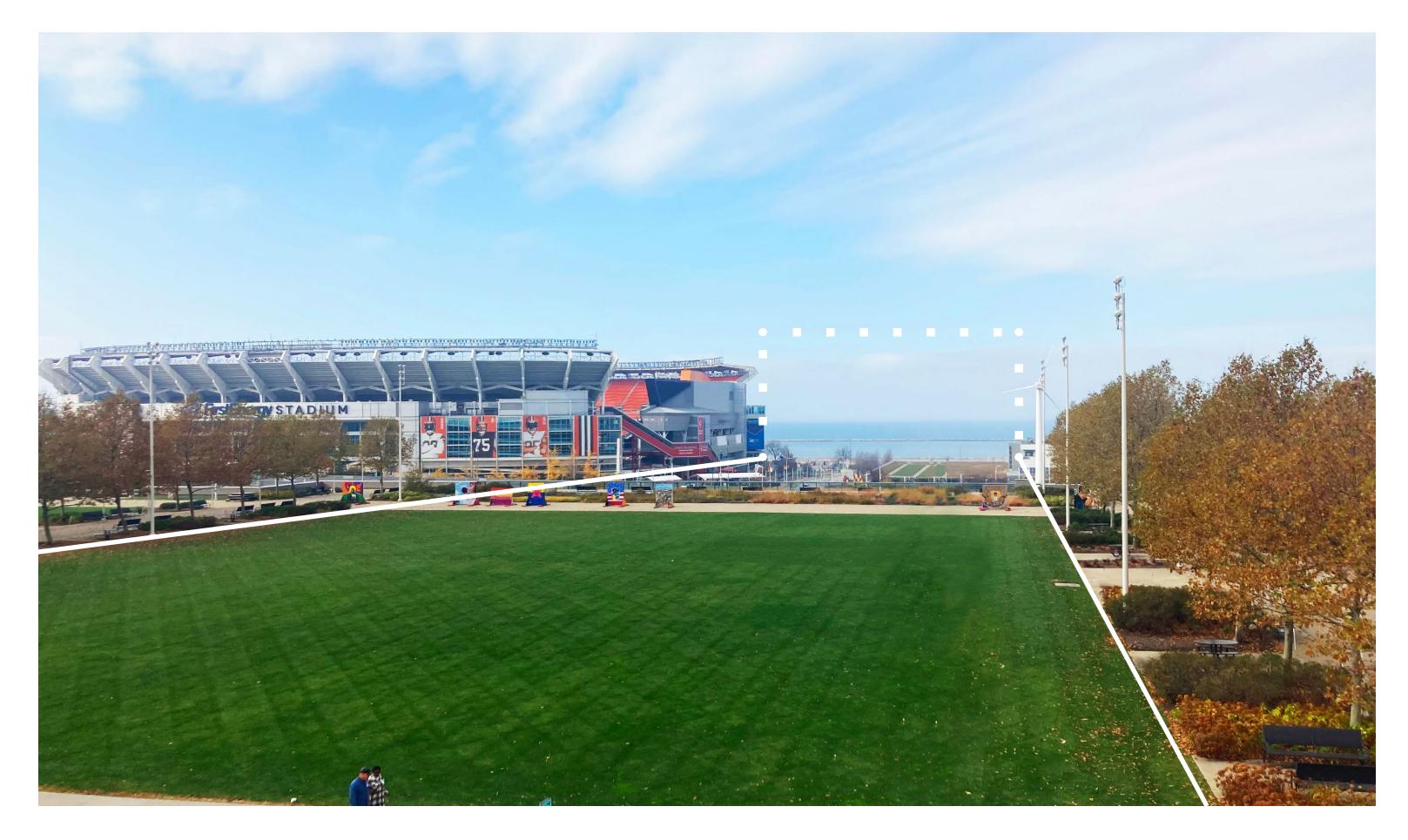
highlighting the gaps and lived experiences which

a stakeholder and using nature-based solutions

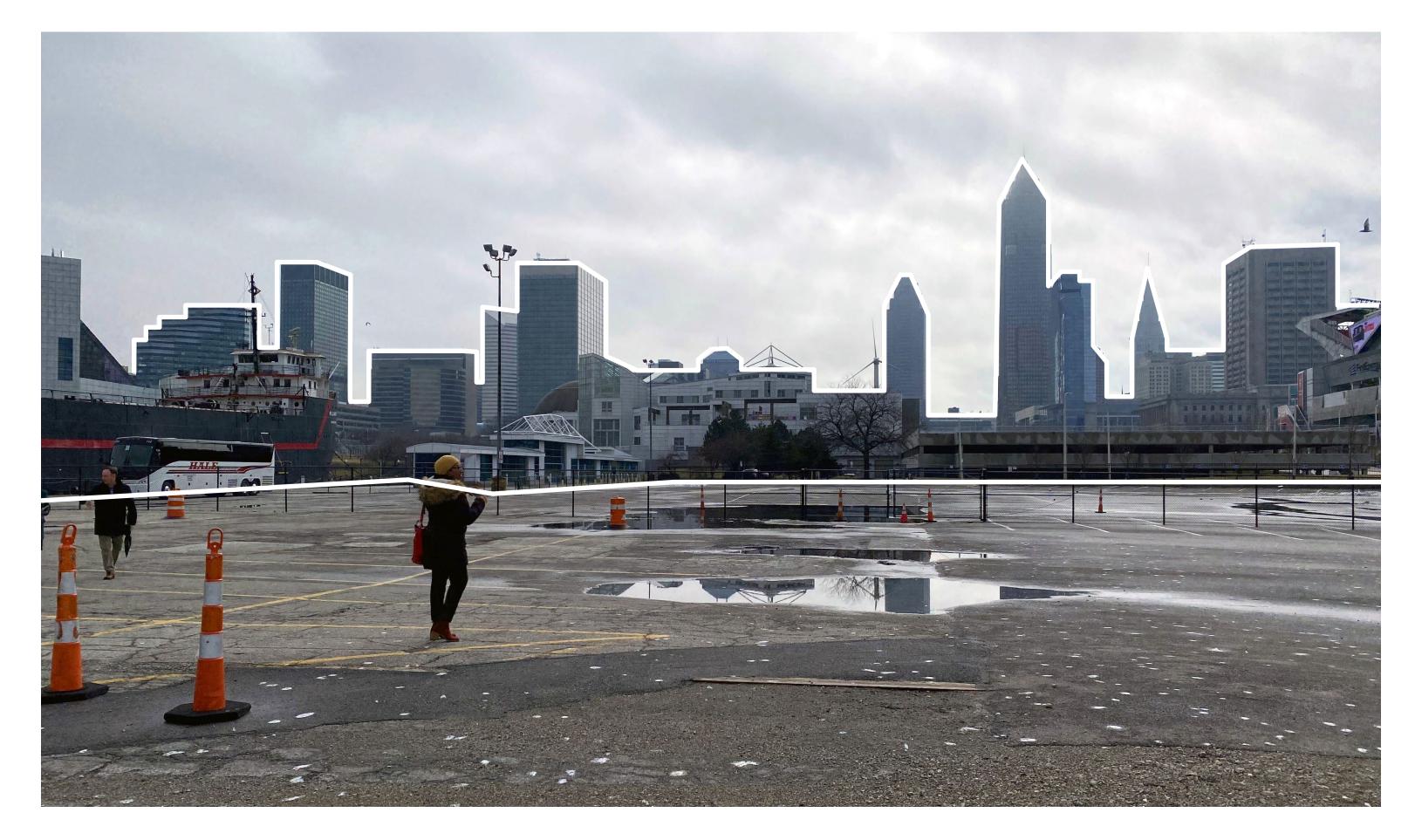
features and uses informed by community input

• Embrace the water and bluff reinforcing vistas, view corridors, and the procession to the lake to increase the drama and arrival at the water's edge. Celebrate the industrial working waterfront, and

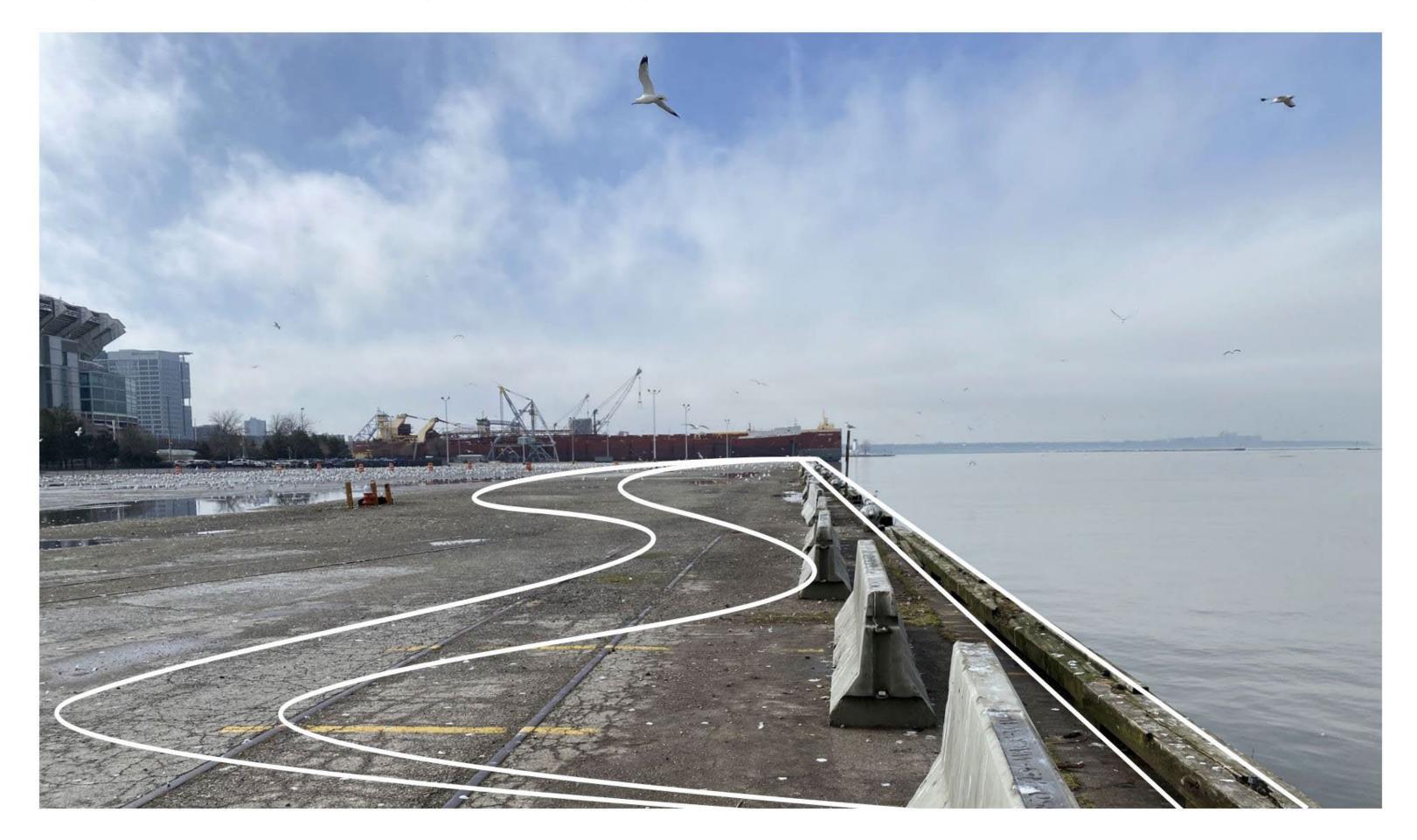
Embrace the Bluff



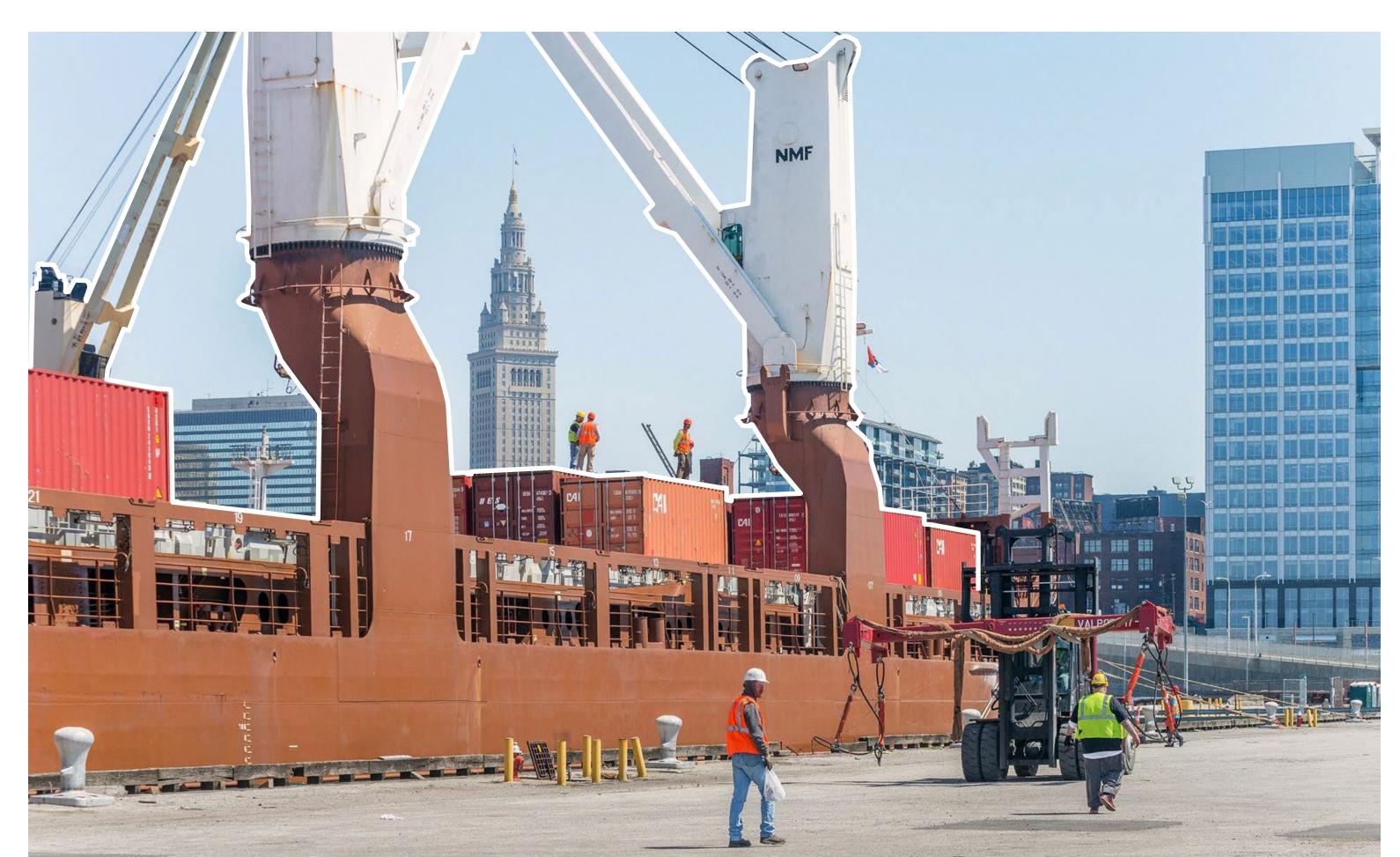
Embrace the Skyline



Vary the Shoreline & Foreground Ecology



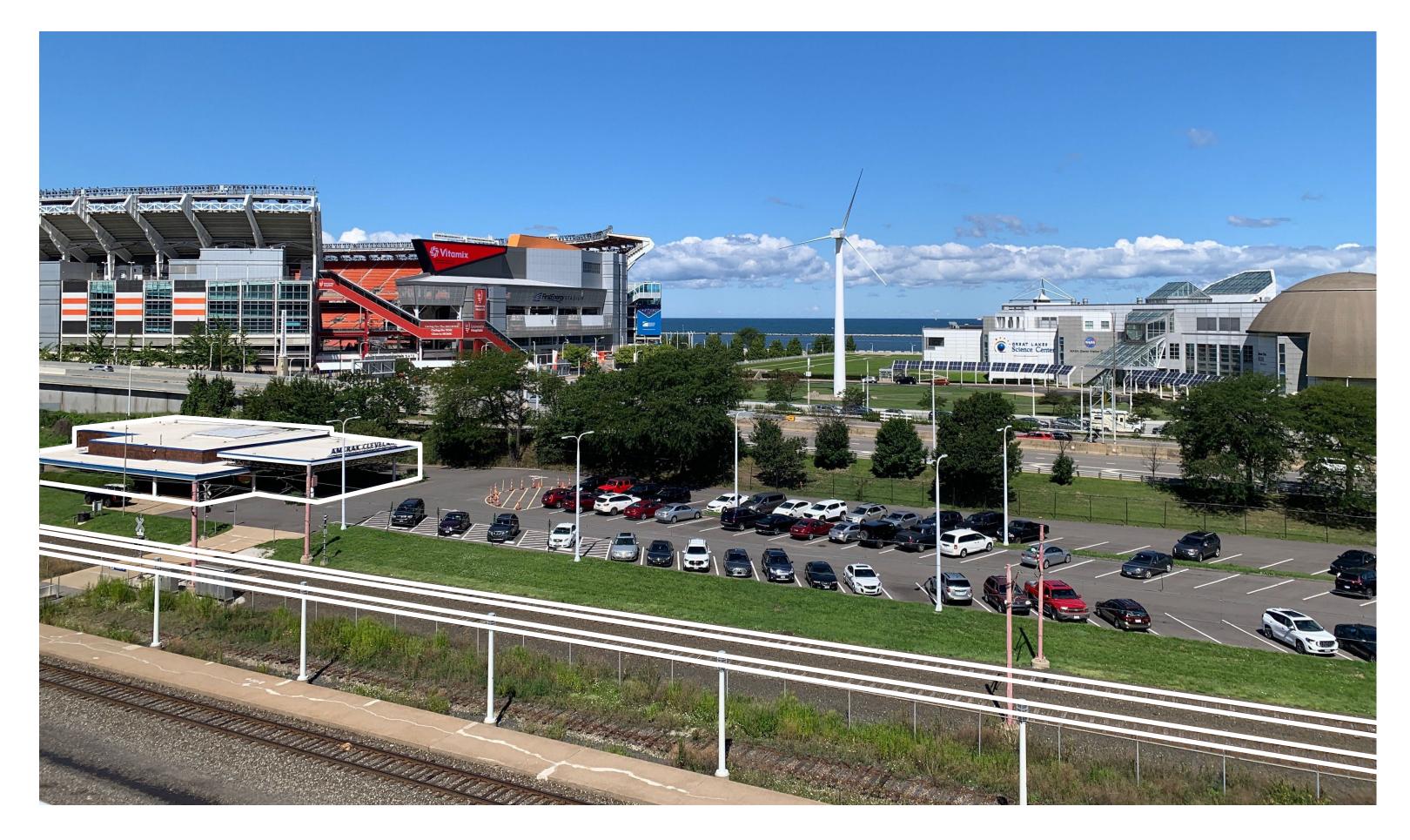
Celebrate the Working Waterfront



Integrate Thoughtful & Equitable Development



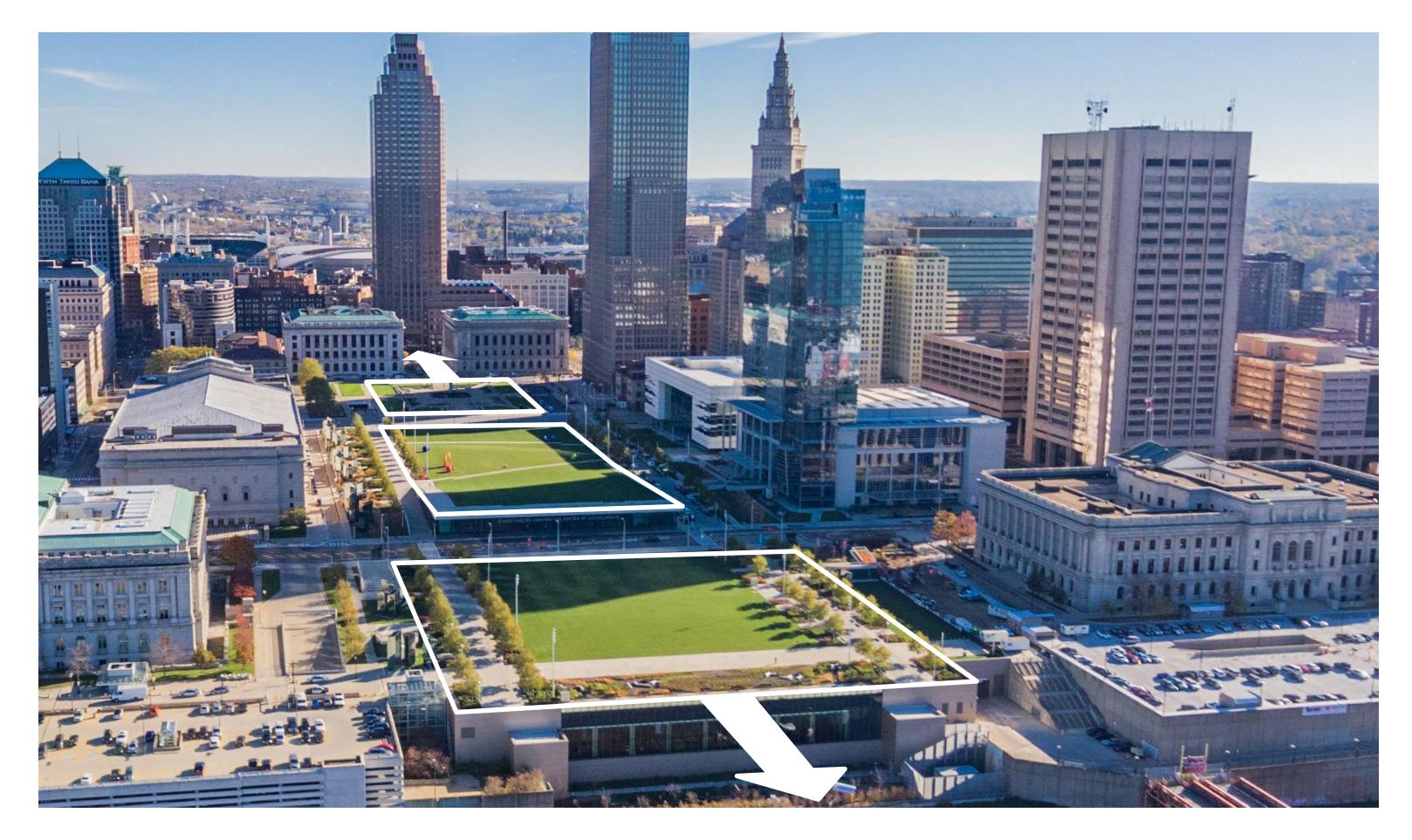
Center Equitable & Multi-Modal Access



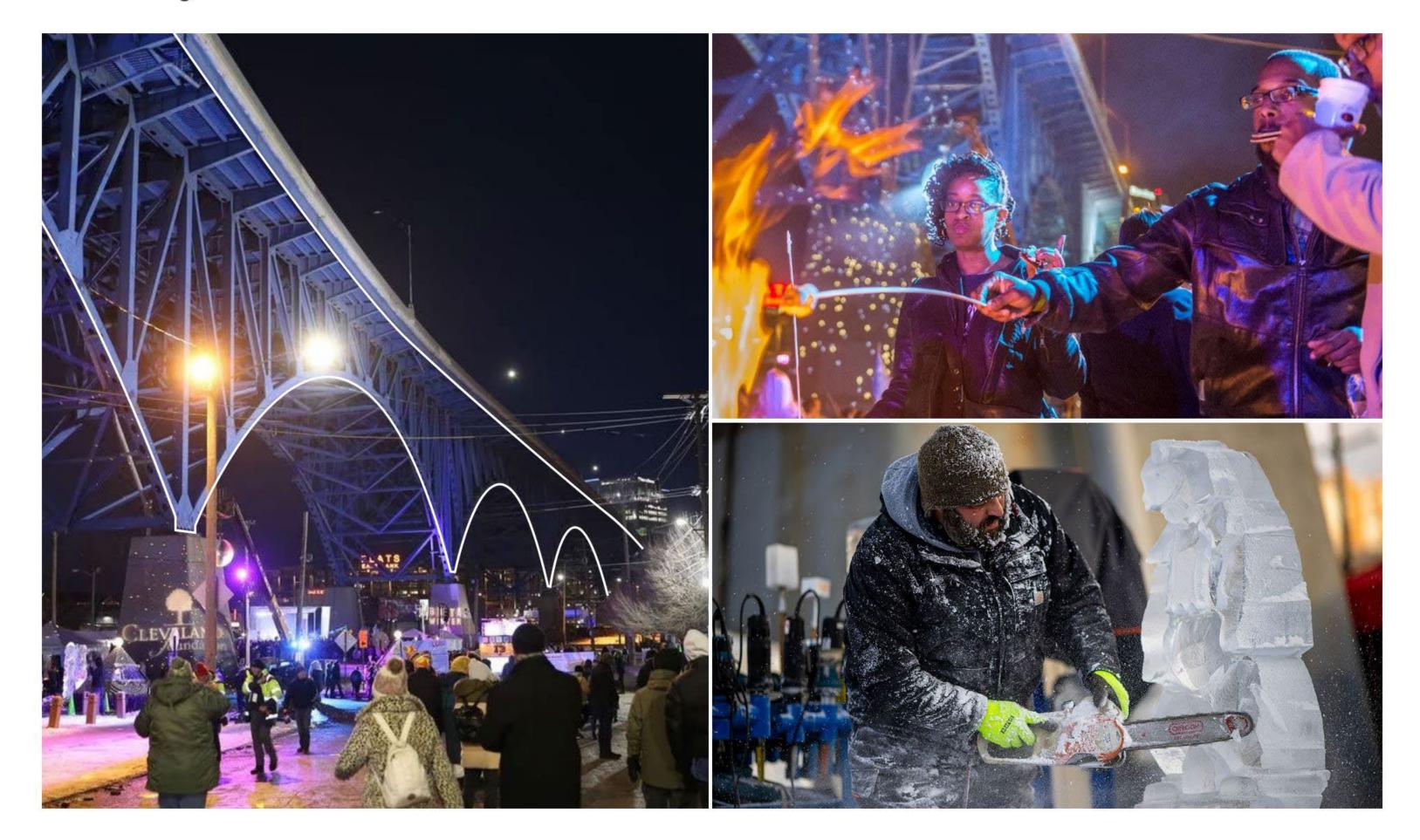
Expand Water Access



Connect the Core to the Shore



Foster Joy & Activation



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Breakout rooms.



Breakout rooms

- We will automatically move you into a random group
- Presenters will rotate into each room and lead a 10-minute discussion
- You can leave your breakout room to talk to project team members
- Breakouts will close at 1:20 p.m.



Discussion guidelines

- Listen respectfully and actively to others
- Commit to learning, not debating
- Allow everyone the chance to speak. Be brief!
- Avoid blame, speculation or inflammatory language

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Move to breakout rooms.



Breakout room summary

- Big takeaways
 - Vision and Values
 - Uses
 - Stories
 - Connector discussions
- Common questions



Next steps

- Post this recording and presentation at *ClevelandNorthCoast.com*
- Collect and understand ideas from workshops, briefings, events and surveys
- Refine designs and plans based on what we hear
- Return in the summer with new details and more questions



Share more ideas

Take our survey!

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or call 216-664-2210 for more information

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Thank you.