HISTORIES OF THE VALLEY



Map of Black Recreation Spaces in the Valley

1. Duncan's Farm

A working farm that also served as a community recreation site. Outdoors clubs and other associations held events and gatherings at the Farm, and the family hosted annual outdoor gatherings and activities. Date of founding and closing unknown.

2. Camp Freedom

3. Drift Inn/Cabin Club

The Drift Inn (or Cabin Club, as it was sometimes known) was operational between the 1930s through 1957. The Inn offered cabins for overnight stays, a recreation hall, and sports facilities. In addition to outdoor actives, musical events took place here.

4. Camp Mueller

Founded by Jane Edna Hunter in 1939. Phillis Wheatley Association, an organization serving Cleveland's African American community, opened Camp Mueller as a youth camp in 1941.

5. Chippewa Valley Camp

6. Oak Grove Picnic Area

7. Project Site The Former Brandywine Golf Course

8. Kendall Lake

9. Happy Days Camp

The Happy Days youth camp in Virginia Kendall Park hosted the Akron Chapter NAACP's 1955 annual picnic.

10. Lake Glenn

Largest rest stop between Akron and Cleveland; featured cabins as well as musical performances.

11. Stonibrook

The 45-acre property was owned by Bill and Ann Johnson; it featured cabins, as well as multiple inland lakes.

Source: Green Book Cleveland, greenbookcleveland.org

A TRANSFORMATIONAL NEW RIVERFRONT EXPERIENCE



1. The Cuyahoga Riverfront

Identify special opportunities along the water's edge to touch and see the Cuyahoga River. Uniting the points of interest as an amplified zone along the river's edge.



2. The Cross Stitch - Tributaries, Streams & Ponds

Anchor the Cuyahoga Riverfront east-west by it's tributaries, streams and ponds. Stitching the site back into the wider context to allow opportunities to improve hydrological functions through daylighting and restoring streams and adaptive reuse of ponds.





4. Realignment of Akron Peninsula Road & Bookended Parking

Shift Akron Peninsula Rd away from the river's edge to expand safe site access to the Cuyahoga Riverfront and protect the river's edge from further erosion. Introducing traffic circles as road calming measures and tie parking into traffic circles to increase way finding towards the riverfront.

5. The Social Stitch - Gateways from Cleveland and Akron

Provide a gateway at the north and south ends to welcome visitors to the site. Locating site amenities at these locations to connect seamlessly back into its local and regional context.



3. The Meadow Frames

The site will connect the former Brandywine Golf Course back into the National Park. Integration of existing NPS planning efforts for wetland mitigation as well as remediating the site through native meadow plantings will strive to bolster the ecological connectivity through and beyond the site.



6. A Connected Riverfront

Connect the site as a place for people. Identify accessible trails from the village of Peninsula. And offering a range of trail experiences, from a water trail loop that connects the Riverfront to the ponds and wetlands, to an Upper Meadows Trail that takes advantage of the high elevations and views on the site.

THE NEW CUYAHOGA RIVERFRONT



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SCENES OF THE RIVERFRONT

CONSERVANCY SHORE

Enjoy a relaxing day by the river. Walk the water trail loop and get down to the Conservancy Shore to skip stones along the water.



CONSERVANCY OVERLOOK

Take the path right up to the overlook, up high you can see the expanse and beauty of the Cuyahoga River!

RAILWAY OUTLOOK





KAYAK LAUNCH

Spend a day on the river, pull up a kayak and paddle away!



HORSESHOE COVE

"The southern bend on the river on our site is the most magical place on the site. A stunning view. The fog rolls over the river right there at that bend and its incredible."



THE OXBOW WETLAND

Explore the wetlands, traversing boardwalks and maybe even spotting some birds and beavers along the way!

THE FORMER DRIFT INN

Gather and celebrate with your family at the Former Drift Inn Site. Come and learn about the rich histories of the Valley.





Wander your way down to the Railway Outlook, listen to the river and the rumbling of the train above as you take in the views of the river.

THE BIG SHORE

Take a stroll down to the big shore, find a spot on the sand and spend time by the water. Whether searching for the perfect rock to skip or soaking up some sunshine, the big shore is for all.



DRIFT INN SHORE

Relax and spend time by the shore, whether picnicking with your friends or finding a quiet place to read by the water.

