

Chagrin

CONNECT



Part of the NOACA
Lake Erie Connect Study

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Introductions

project managers



steering committee



Western Reserve Land Conservancy
land • people • community

Lake County, Ohio



consultant team



nbbj

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Project Timeline



MAR 2022
PUBLIC SURVEY

MAY 2022



JUL 2022
PUBLIC WORKSHOP

SEP 2022
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

MILESTONE

ENGAGEMENT

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Today's Objectives

1

**REVIEW +
UPDATES**

2

“DRAFT ZERO”

3

**WORKSHOP
ALTERNATIVES**

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Study Area

Ten municipalities in Western Lake County surrounding the lower (downstream) portion of the Chagrin River:

**Willowick, Lakeline, Eastlake,
Willoughby, Mentor-on-the-Lake,
Mentor, Waite Hill, Kirtland,
Willoughby Hills, Wickliffe**



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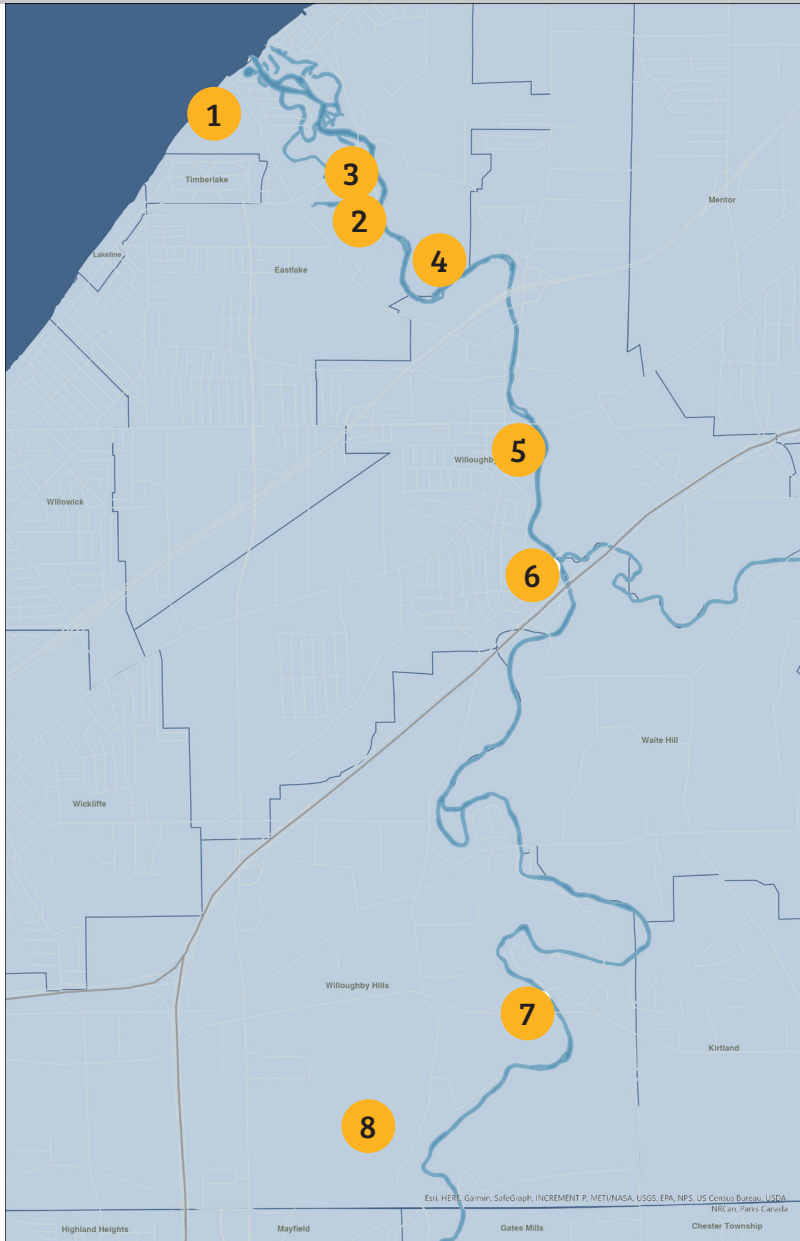
Project Purpose



1. Create comprehensive regional trail and public access plan to Lake Erie and the Chagrin River
2. Determine priority sites for waterfront access opportunities
3. Leverage the concurrent NOACA Lake Erie Connect study

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Priority Access Sites

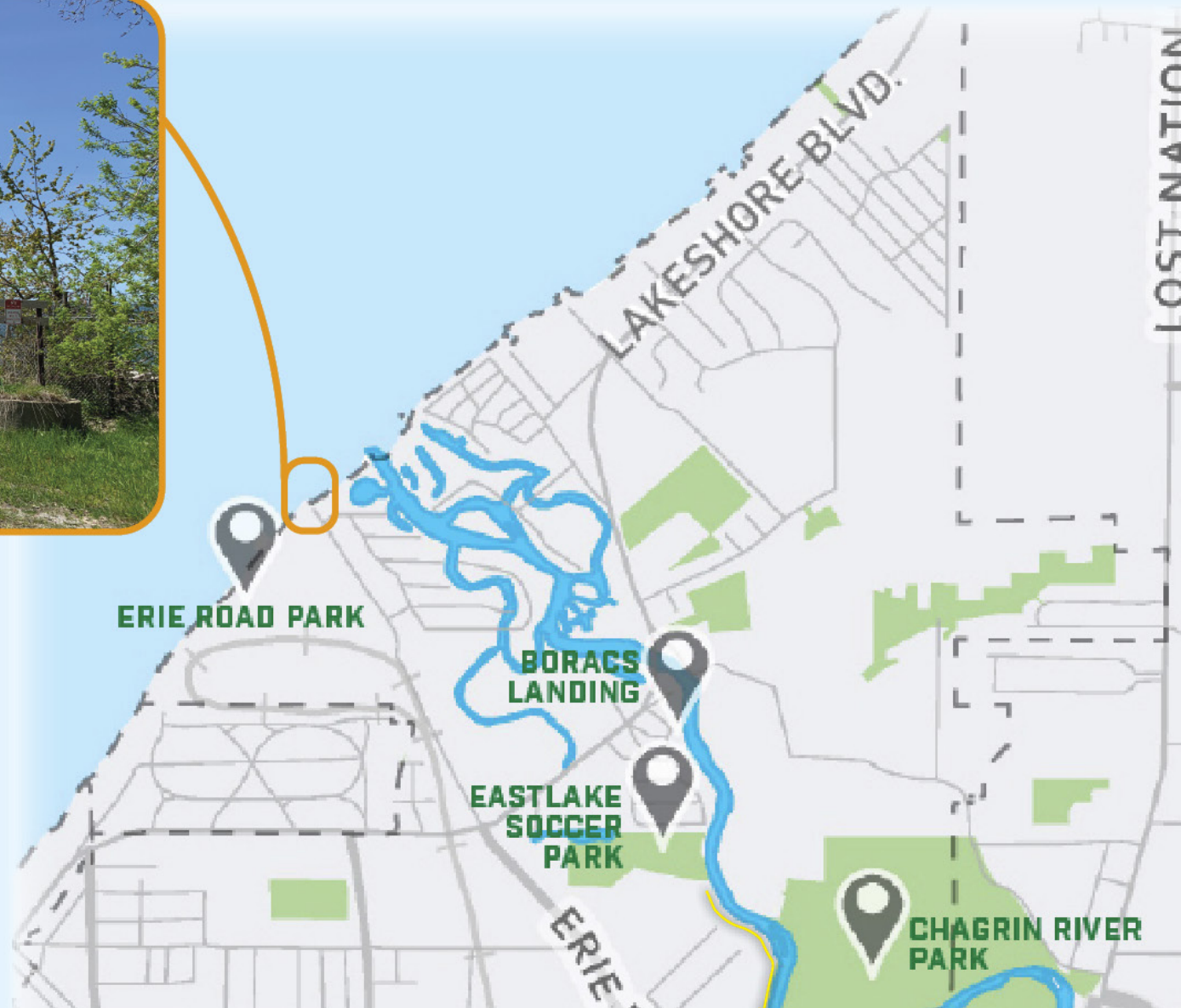


- 1 First Energy / Erie Rd. Pier**
- 2 Eastlake Soccer Park**
- 3 Boracs Landing**
- 4 Chagrin River Park**
- 5 Todd Field**
- 6 Daniels Park**
- 7 Pleasant Valley Park**
- 8 North Chagrin Reservation**

SITE 1

Erie Road Pier / First Energy Site

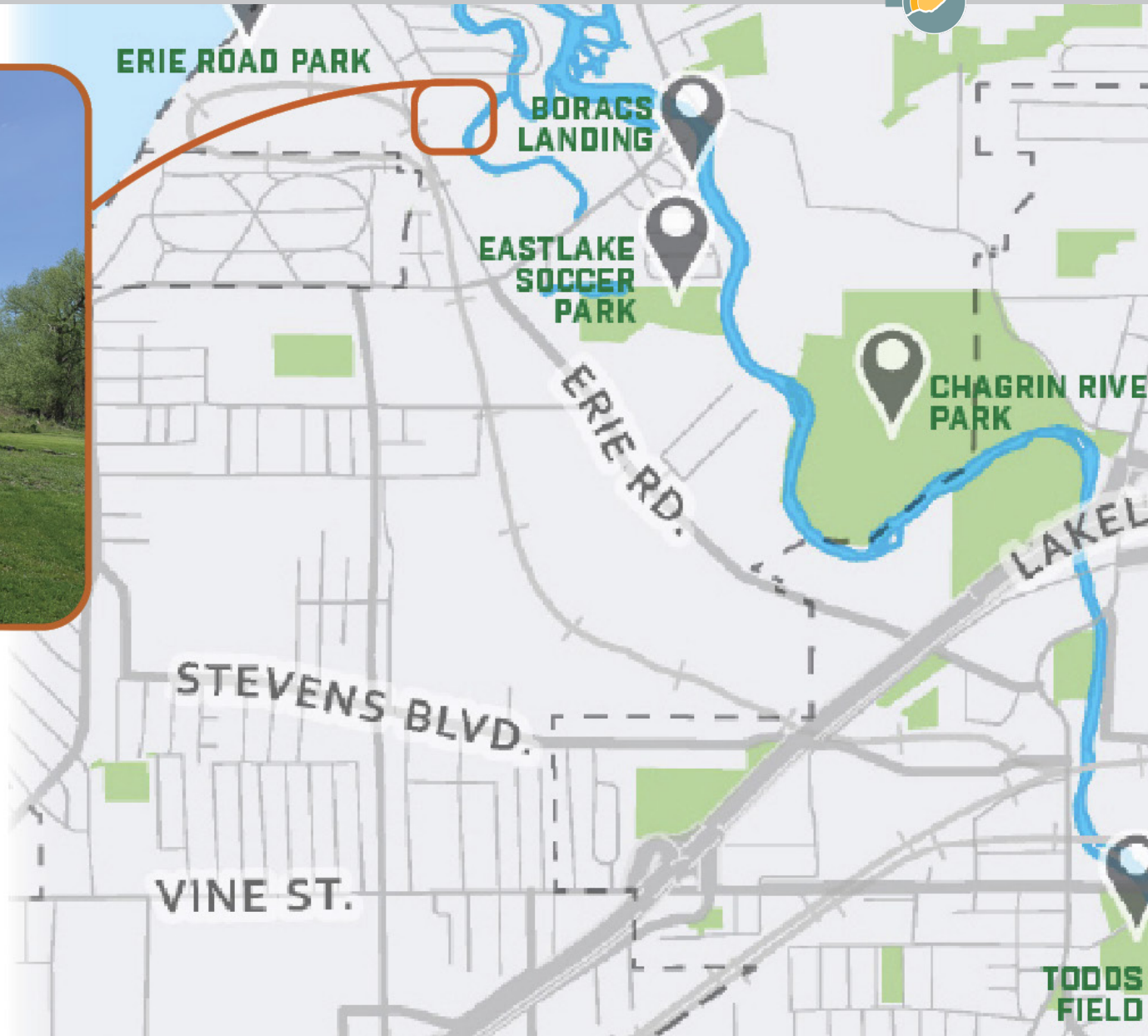
FORMER ERIE ROAD PIER PARK



SITE 1-b

Chagrin River Kayak Rental & Boat Launch

CHAGRIN RIVER KAYAK RENTAL AND BOAT LAUNCH PARK



SITE 2

Boracs Landing



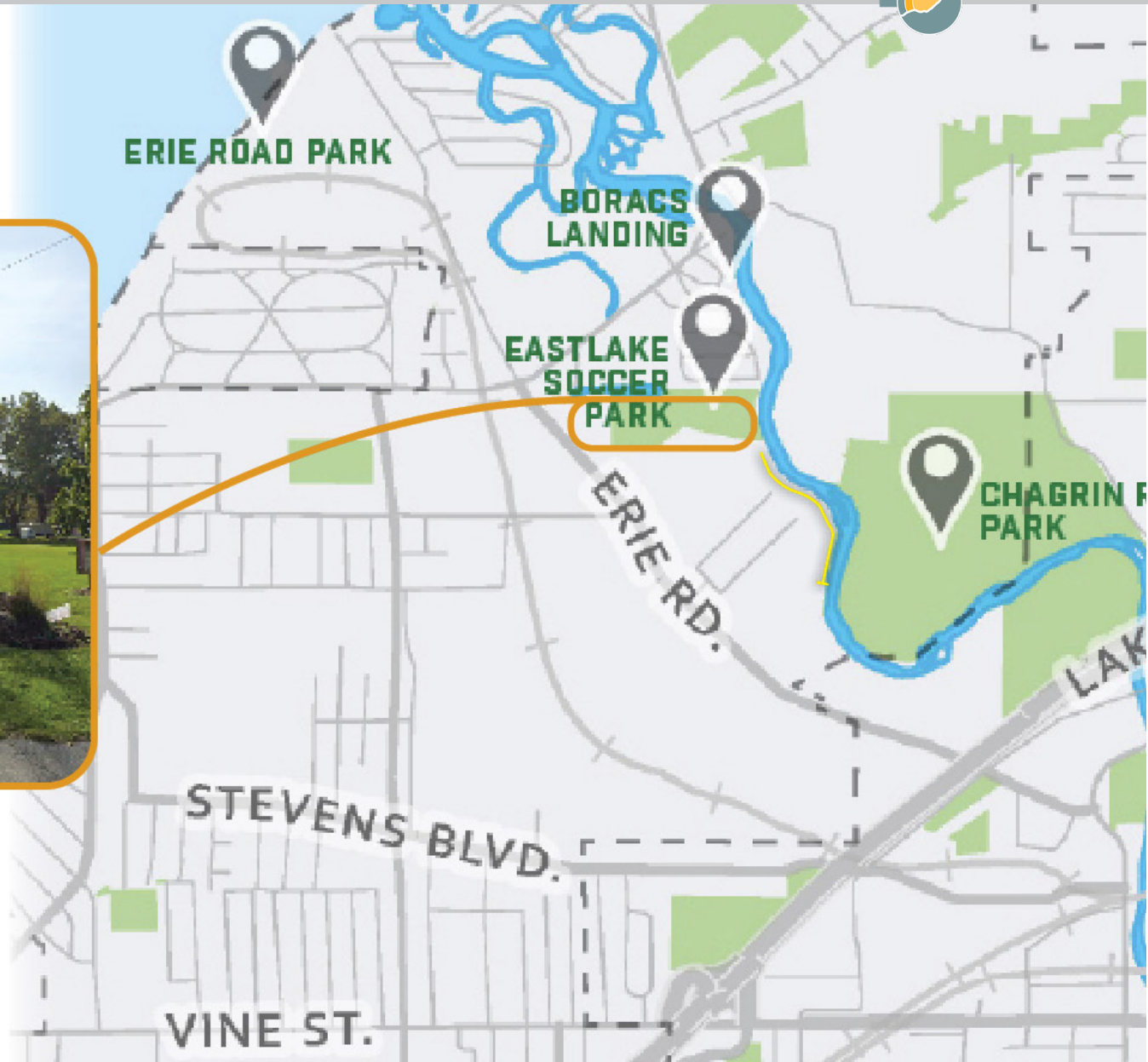
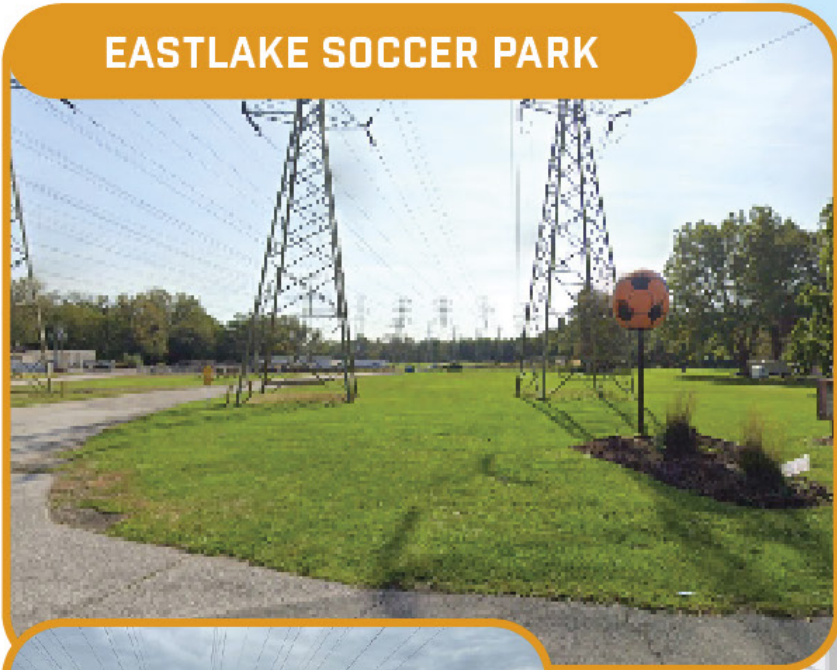
BORACS LANDING



Old Boat Ramp

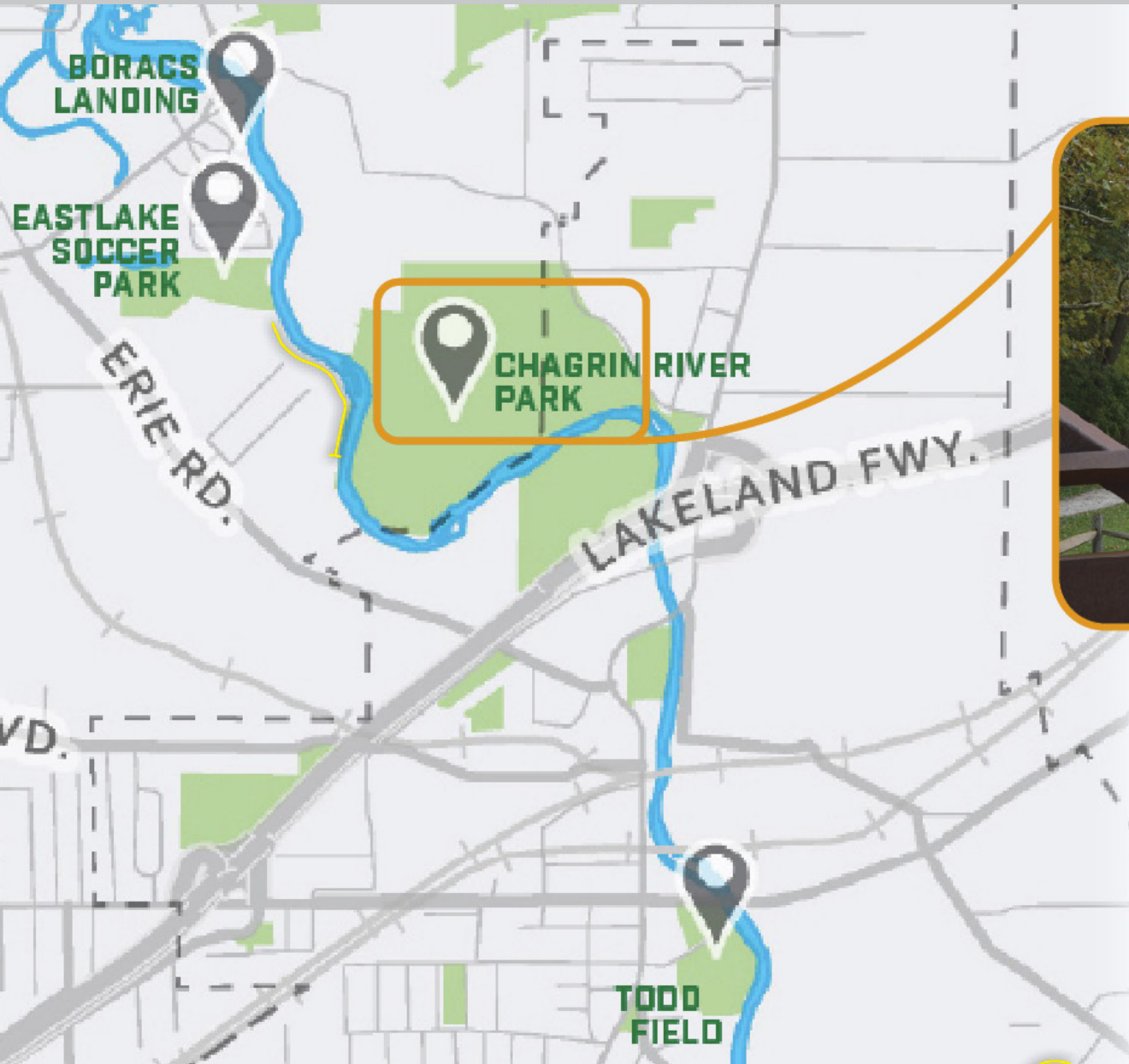
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Eastlake Soccer Park



SITE 4

Chagrin River Park



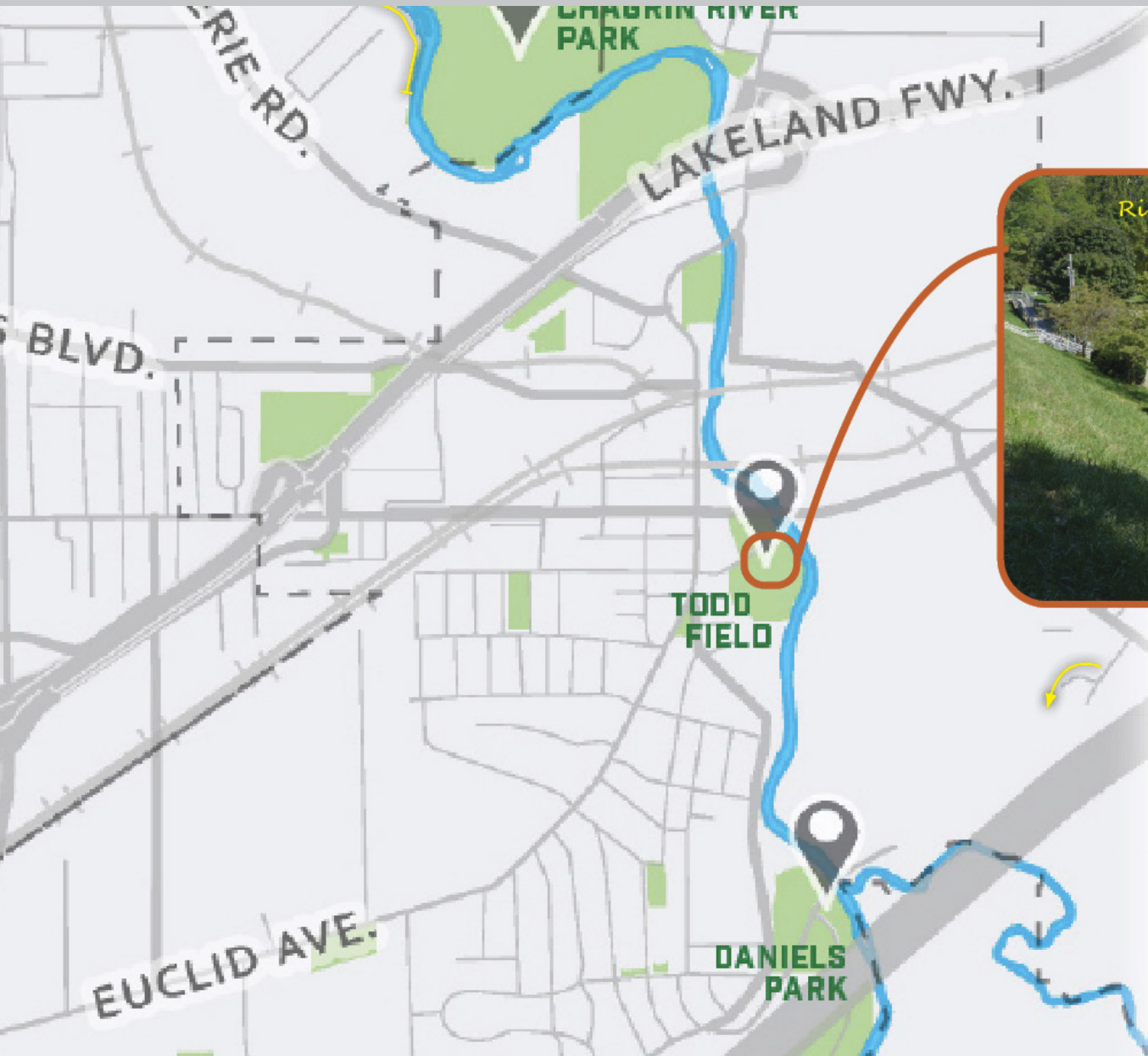
CHAGRIN RIVER PARK



Pedestrian Bridge

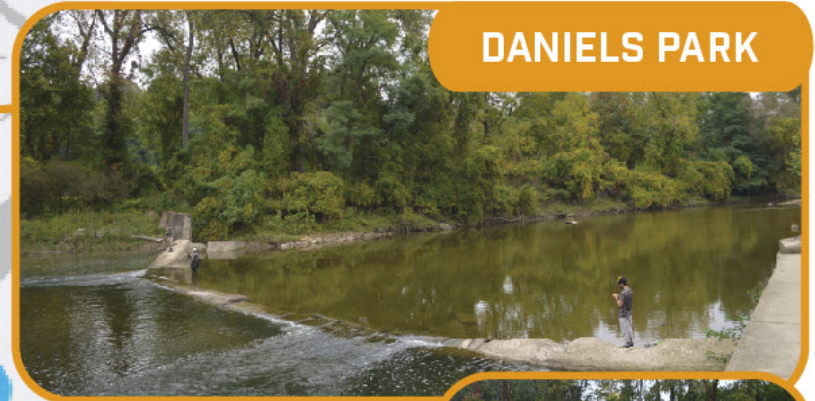
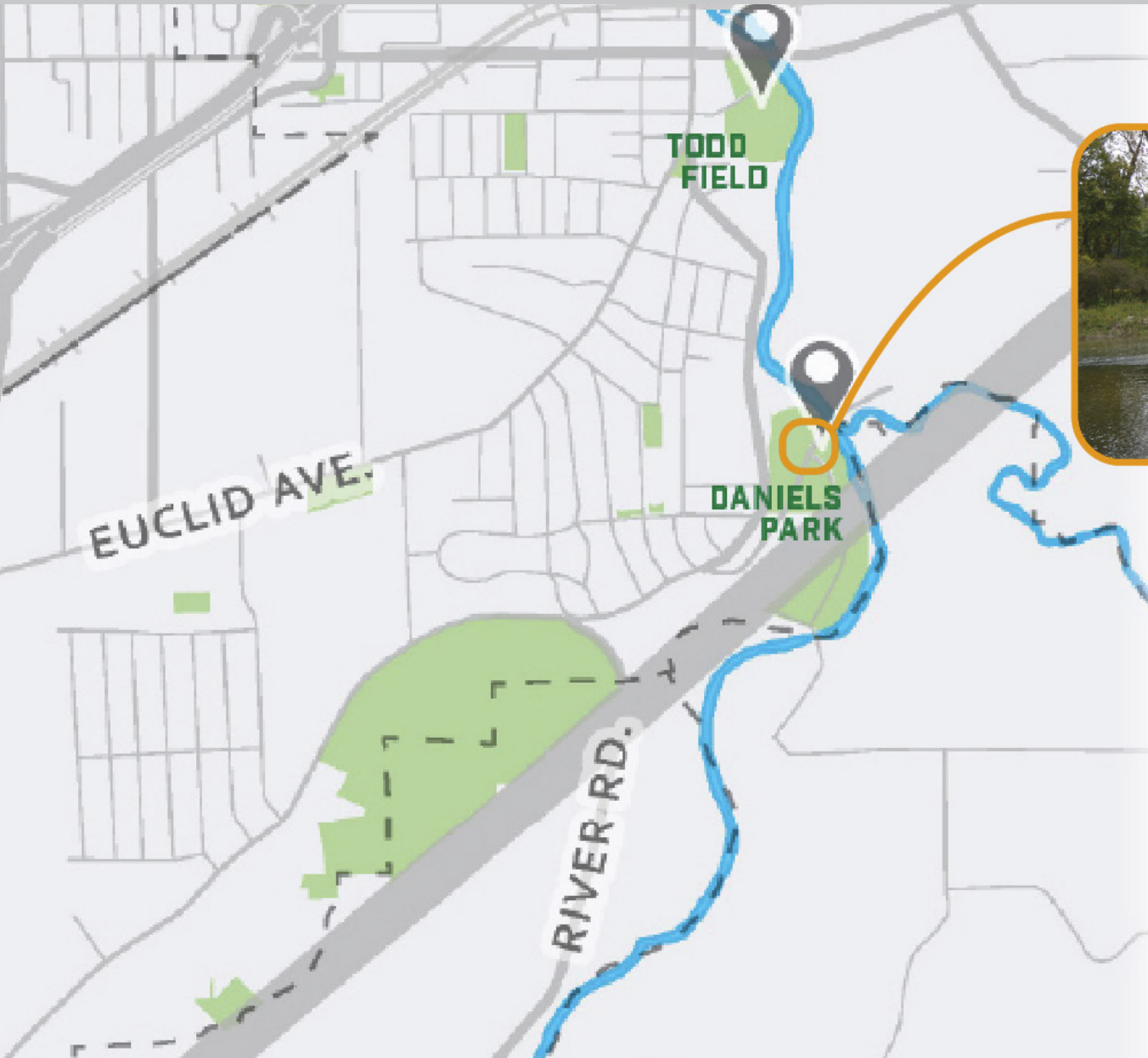
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Todd Field



SITE 6

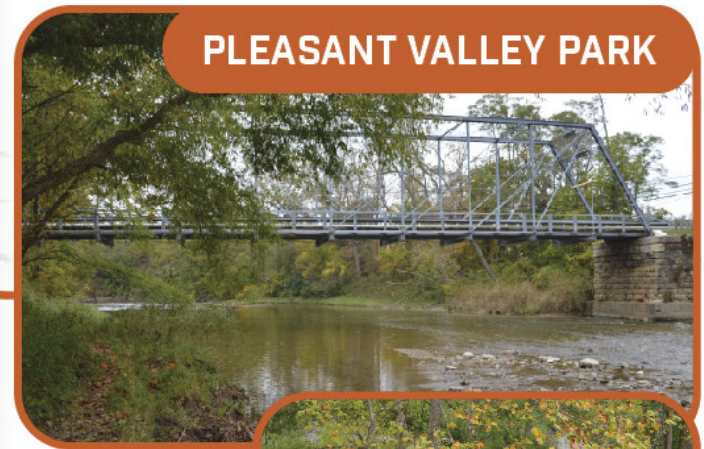
Daniels Park



DANIELS PARK

SITE 7

Pleasant Valley Park



PLEASANT VALLEY PARK



SITE 8

North Chagrin Reservation



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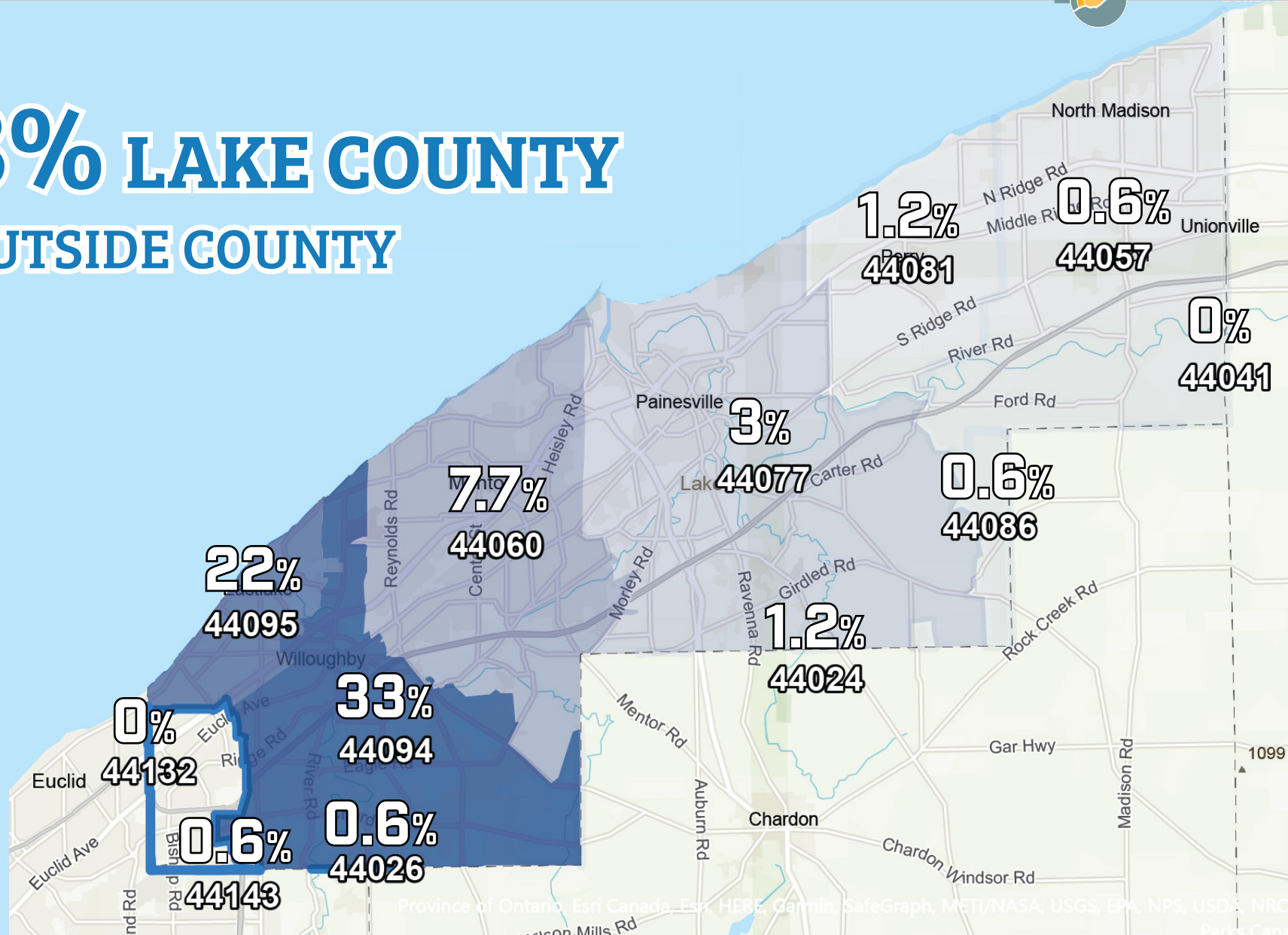
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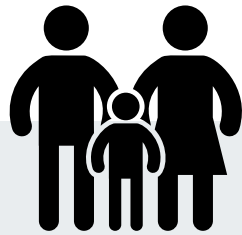
Where Respondents Live

70.8% LAKE COUNTY
29.2% OUTSIDE COUNTY



SURVEY FINDINGS

Household Sizes of Respondents

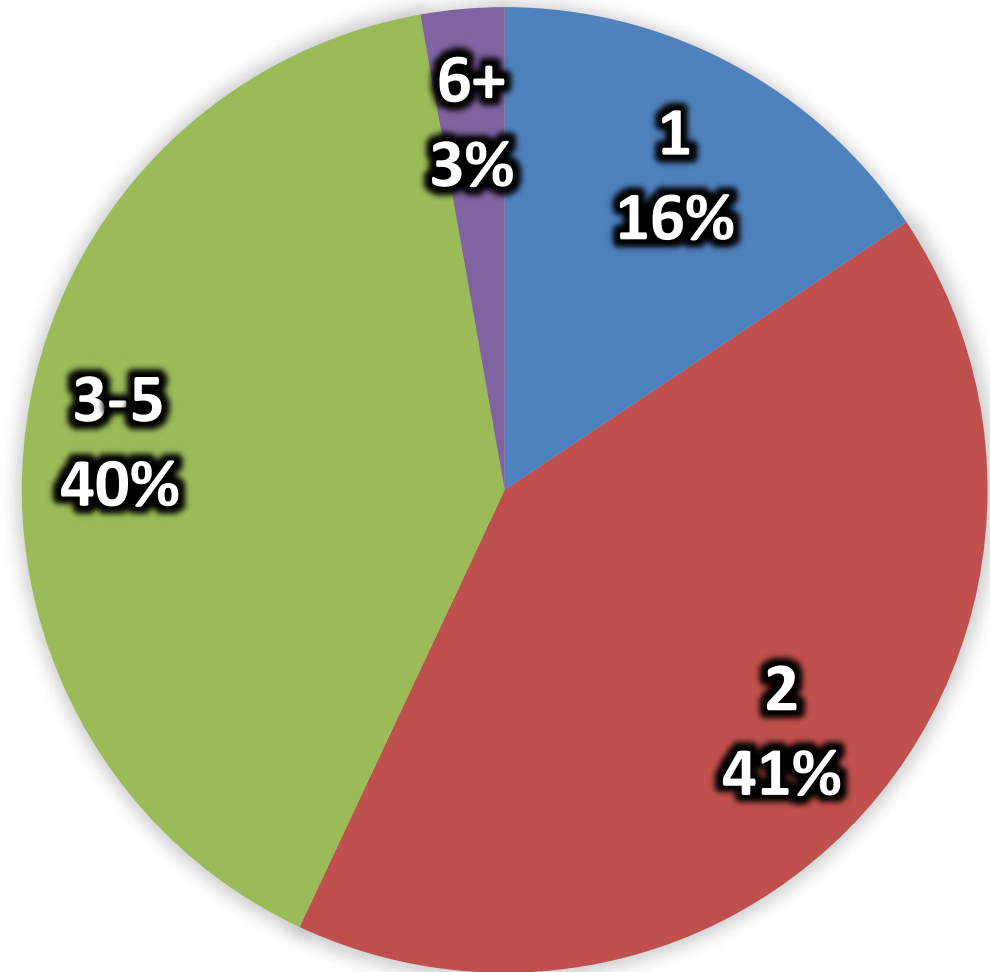


84% live with others in the household

43% families (3+)

41% DUOS

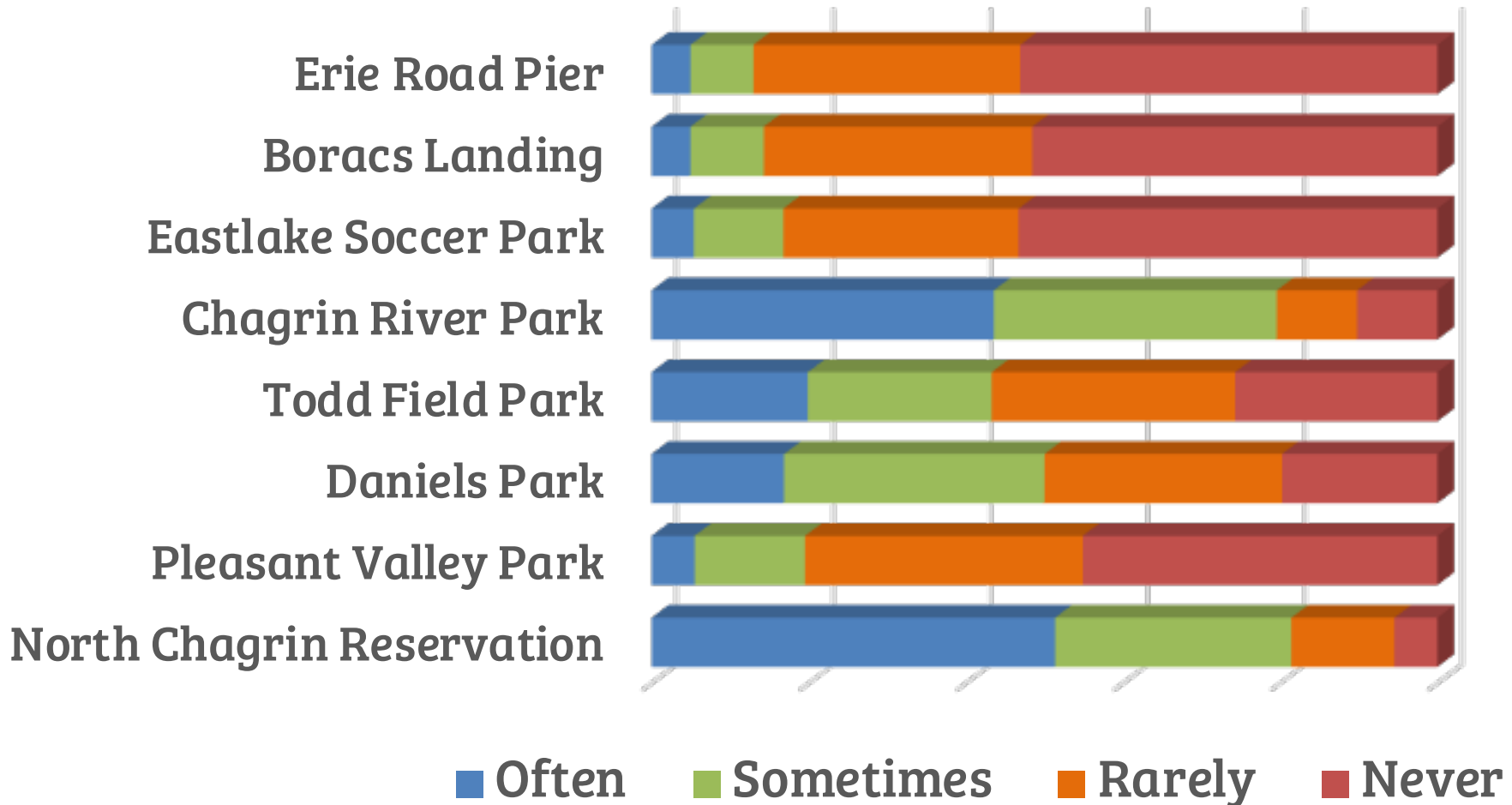
16% INDIVIDUALS



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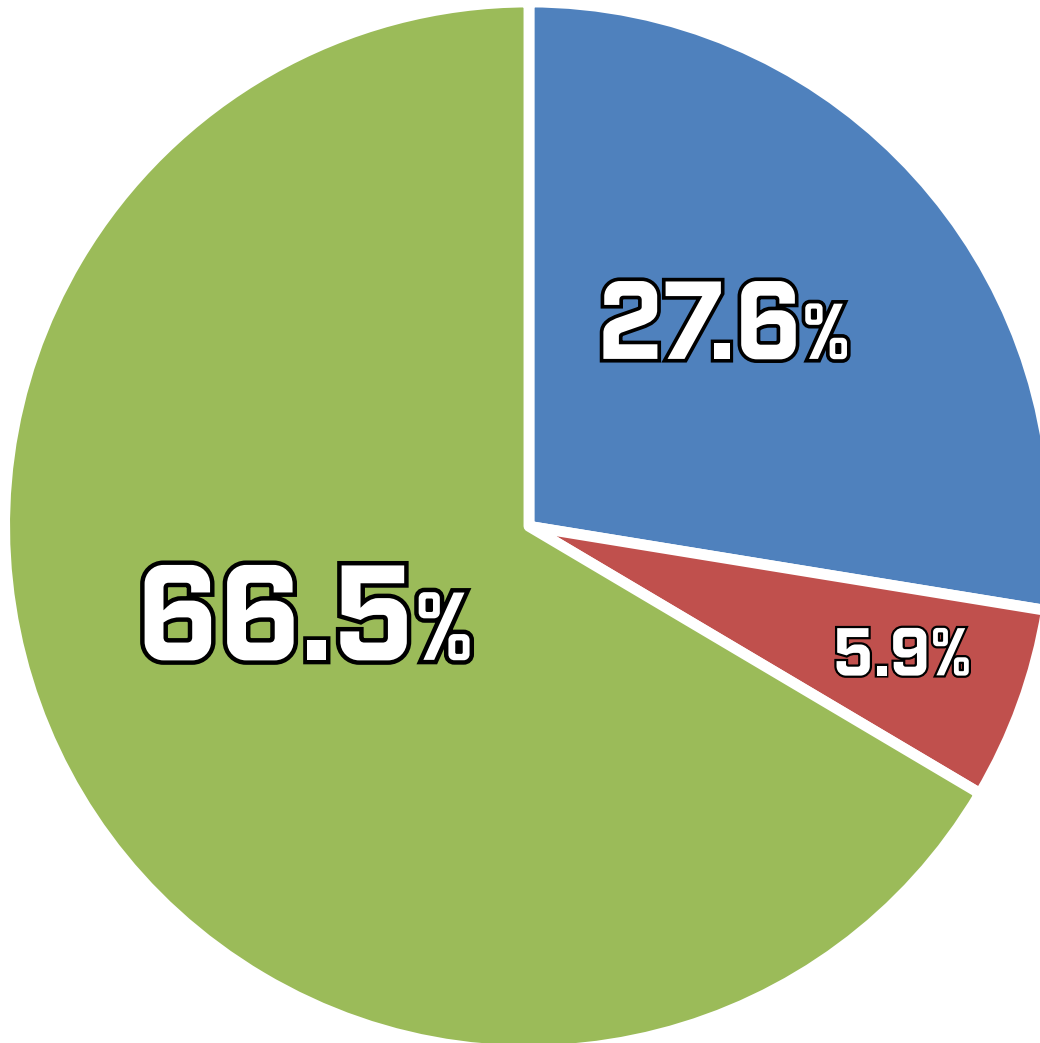
Frequency of Park Visits

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



SURVEY FINDINGS

Interest in Cross-Park Walkability



“Would you like the ability to walk from park to park?”

94% said
“yes” or “maybe”

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Common Feedback Heard

“Traveling from Kayak isn’t too bad, but there are very limited places to take-out.”

“My family would bike, but there is no easy way to do so without dealing with main roads traffic and the lack of sidewalks at times.”

“I use a bicycle and it usually feels unsafe going from one park to another”

“There is no easy way to walk from park to park.”

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Common Feedback Heard, cont'd.

“The parks are wonderful however we are close and should be able to walk safely. I don't prefer to drive just to feel safe when the park is a few miles away. Walking and jogging on sidewalk would be wonderful between parks.”

“I would love to paddle the river but there is little to no guidance on put ins, river hazards or water levels that I know of for the upstream areas.”

“I believe it is imperative that Eastlake have some sort of public lake access.”

OTHER ENGAGEMENT

Public Workshop at Squire's Castle



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Beach Fest at Mentor Headlands



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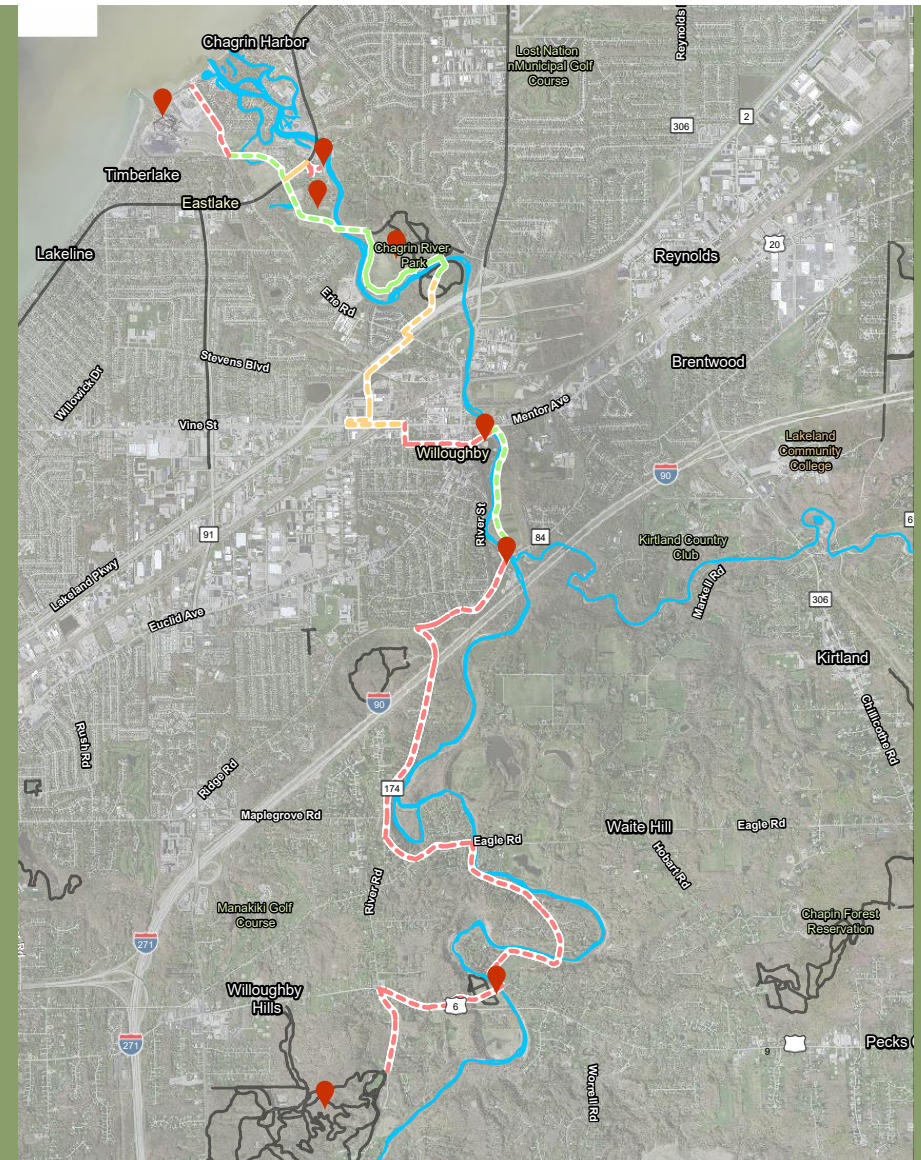
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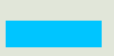






This alignment connects all 8 parks, utilizes existing facilities, and proposes riverside facilities on public parcels and parcels owned by key partners. In total, it is a 13 mile continuous facility consisting of shared-use paths, bike lanes, and on-street bike routes.

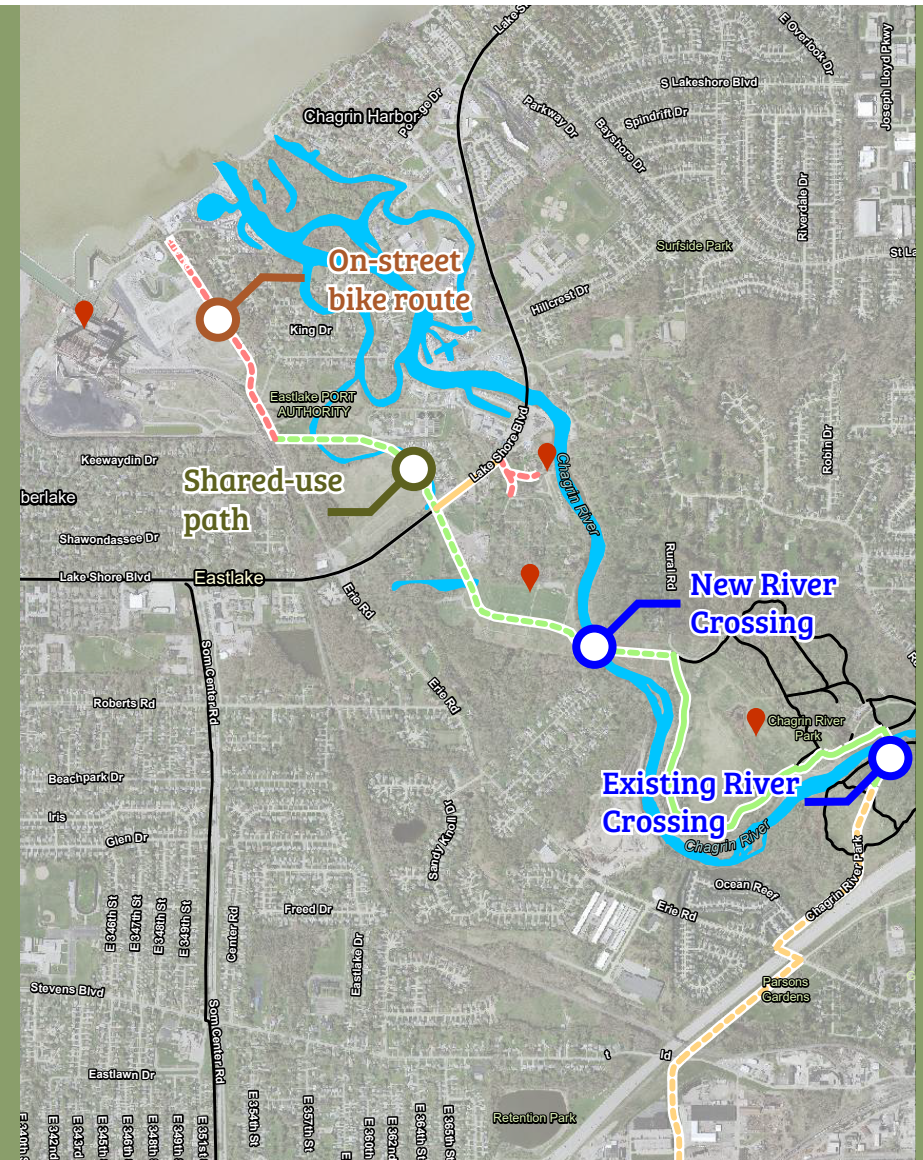
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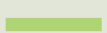




The connection between the first four sites utilizes Erie Rd and a new shared-use path south of the Willoughby WTP and through the Eastlake Soccer Fields. The trail then crosses the Chagrin River to connect with the existing trail network in Chagrin River Park.

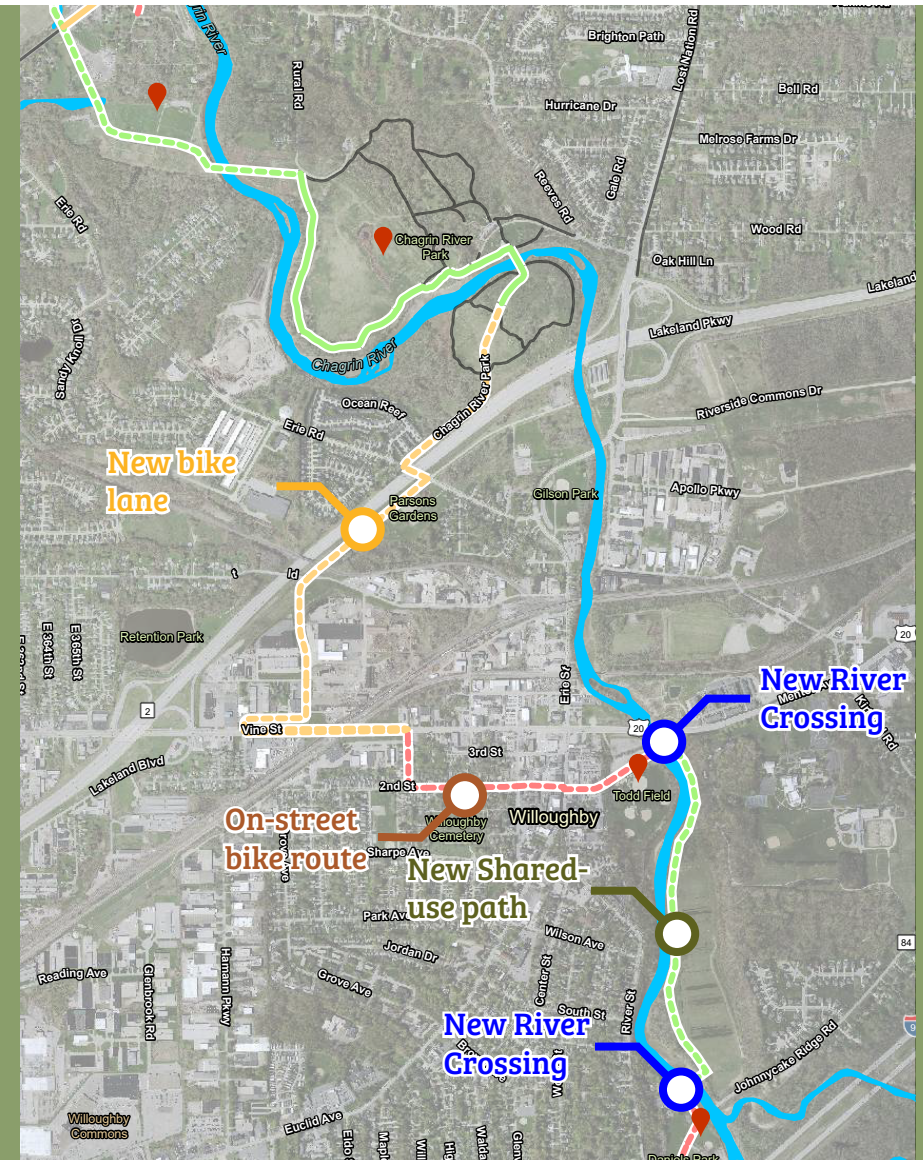
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The connection between Chagrin River Park and Todd Field can either run directly through downtown Willoughby or divert riders on lower stress roads. This design proposes a bike lake along the Park entrance drive, St. Clair St, and Vine St before connecting to a new shared use path on the River's east side.

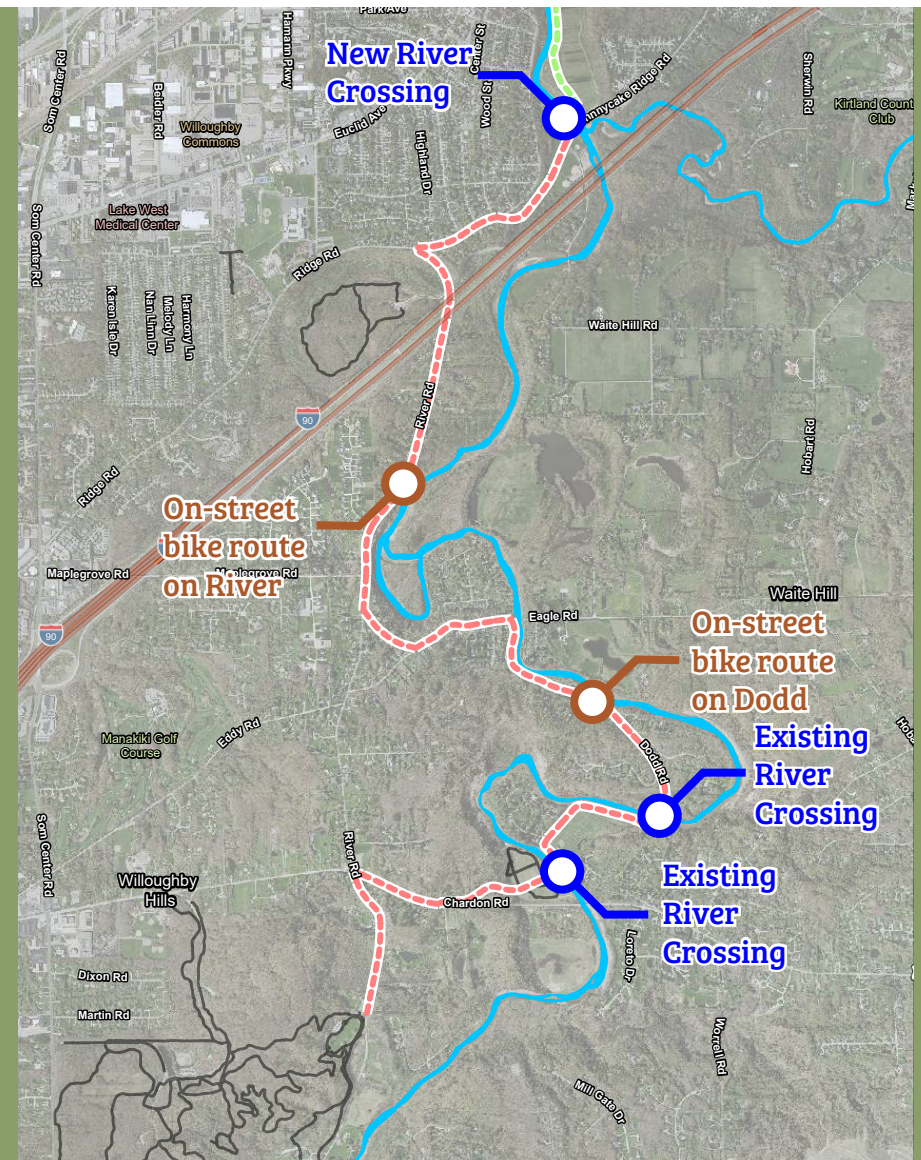
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The final stretch between Daniels Park and the Chagrin Reservation is a 6 mi stretch of bike route along River Rd and Dodd Rd. This more rural section is a shared facility with tough climbs - best for experienced cyclists. The River's eastern bank has potential, but would be costly.

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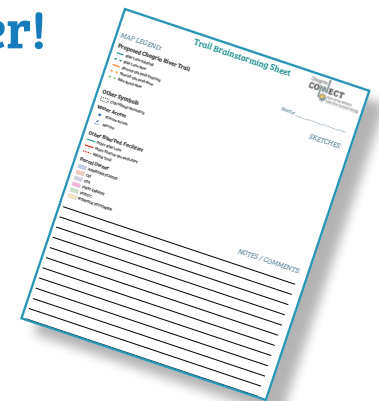
Trail Alignment Brainstorming Session

2 maps:

- draft trail alignment version
- blank version

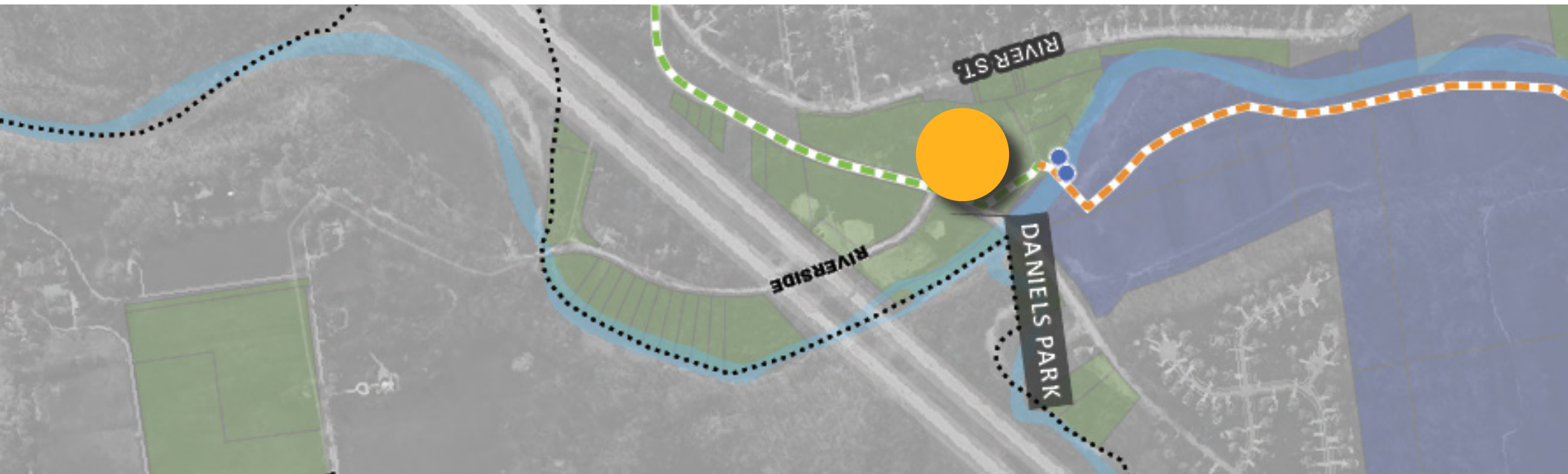
Sketch or write on either!

Take a worksheet



Priority Areas

Place a sticker near the area(s) whose proposed improvements or new access should be a top priority project in the Plan.



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Further Exploration of Alignment Options

Investigation of Costs

Create New Alignment Recommendations

Thank you!



Comments, ideas, feedback?

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