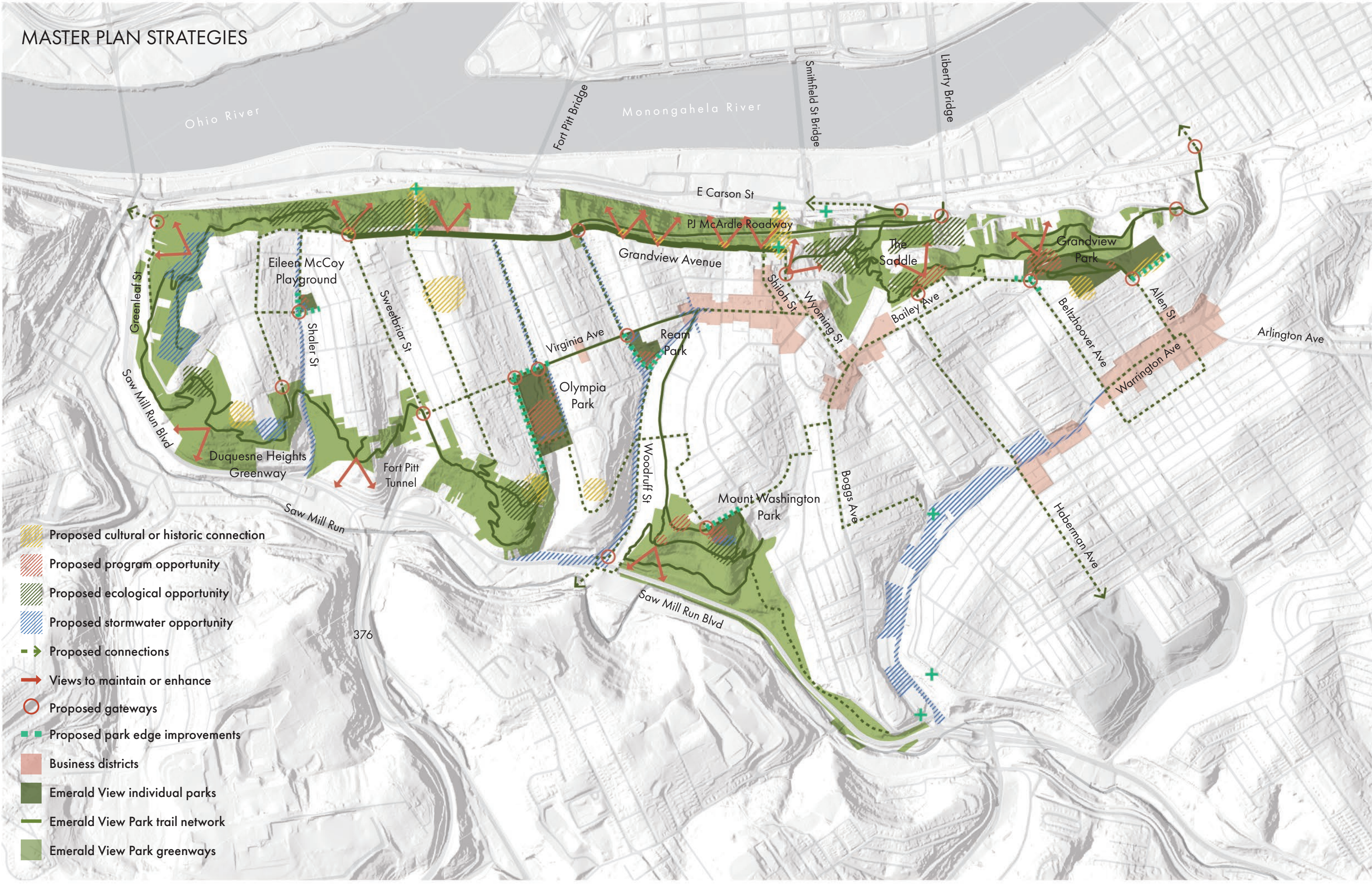


GREENWAYS + TRAILS

Breakout Room Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Open time for questions and feedback on Master Plan goals and design strategies (15 mins)
3. Presentation and discussion of design ideas for greenways and trails (30 mins)

MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES



- Proposed cultural or historic connection
- Proposed program opportunity
- Proposed ecological opportunity
- Proposed stormwater opportunity
- Proposed connections
- Views to maintain or enhance
- Proposed gateways
- Proposed park edge improvements
- Business districts
- Emerald View individual parks
- Emerald View Park trail network
- Emerald View Park greenways

GREENWAYS + TRAILS

What we heard + observed

Connection to South Side

Connection to Station Square

Connection to transit

Stone steps
need to be
repaired

Trail entrance hard to find

Highlight historic elements

Maintain views

Identify Grandview Avenue as part of trail network

Connection to Shiloh Street

Saddle trail hard to navigate

Issues with trails and landslides

**Connection to
Allentown and
Warrington
Avenue**

Issues with trails and flooding

Connection to West End

Connect
trails through
neighborhoods with
on street/stair trails

Stormwater issues

More mountain hiking trails

Lookouts

Foraging spot

Better street crossing

Trail entrances hard to find

Highlight historic elements

Parks as trail heads

Trail entrance hard to find

Better street crossing

Possible connection through Chatham Village

Trail entrances hard to find

Nice flat trail, more accessible trails

Foraging spot

Connections to transit

Connection to McKinley Park

Connection to Seldom Seen

Smaller
contemplative
spaces

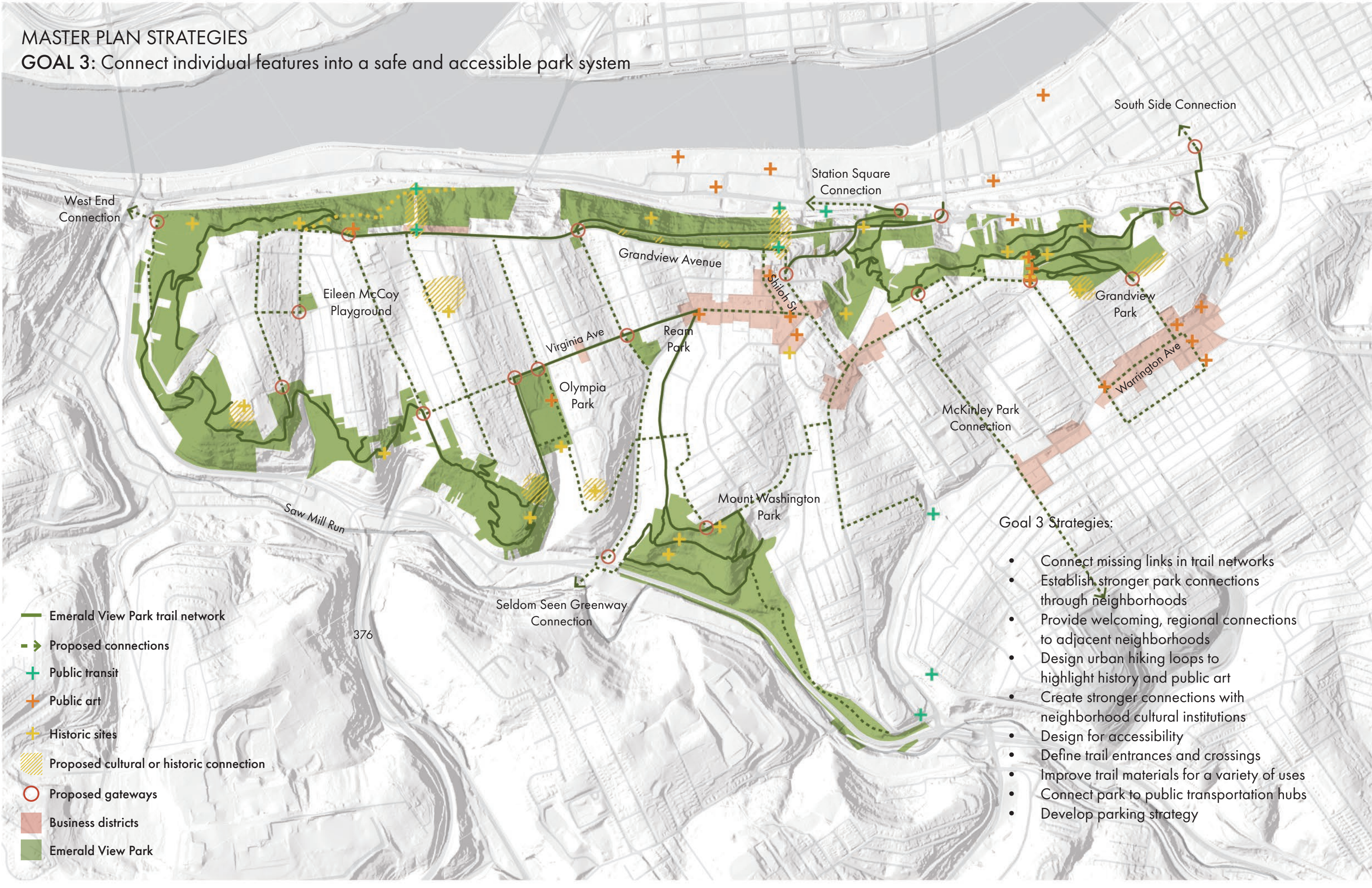
Lookouts

— Emerald View Park trail network

Emerald View Park



MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES
GOAL 3: Connect individual features into a safe and accessible park system



MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES

Define trail entrances and crossings



Many street end trail entrances and trail crossings are unmarked and difficult to navigate

MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES

Define trail entrances and crossings



- E Sycamore St**
- Signs for trailhead visible
 - Gravel parking lot available, ownership unknown
 - View of residential backyard



- Bigbee St**
- Street parking available
 - Signs for trailhead visible
 - View of residential front yards on one side
 - View of city skyline on other side



- Bailey Ave**
- Signage for Grandview Park visible
 - Historic fountain at Park entrance
 - Street parking available



- Roanoake St**
- No signs for trailhead entrance
 - No parking available
 - View of residential front yards



- Allen St**
- Sign for trailhead visible
 - Paved parking lot available



- Grace St**
- Street parking available further up Grace St
 - No signs for trailhead visible
 - Views of residential front yards



- Norton St**
- Street parking available
 - View of residential front yards and open greenspace (Ennis St)
 - No signs for trailhead visible



- Chess St**
- 2' tall wooden fence by entrance
 - No signs for trailhead visible
 - Street parking available
 - Open gravel space at trailhead entrance

MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES

Define trail entrances and crossings



Sweetbriar St - North

- Point of View Statue
- Leo Club Memorial
- Viewfinder
- Information signage visible
- Signs for trailhead visible
- Street parking available, but not on Grandview Ave



Homer St

- George and Guy Trail continues across Homer St
- Private use, signs of “No Outlet” and stop sign



Greenleaf St - Northwest

- Approx. 40’ diameter clearance at the end of paved street
- 2’ tall wooden fence
- Entrance surrounded by trees
- No park signage visible
- Street parking available



Lizardi Way

- Open view into a residential backyard
- Further in, beautiful view of South EVP and Beechview Seldom Seen Greenway



Greenleaf St - Southwest

- Existing gravel parking lot
- Sign for trailhead entrance
- Trash receptacles (x2)
- View of residential front yards
- 2’ tall wooden fence around lot



Republic St

- Sign for trailhead entrance
- 2’ tall wooden fence at entrance
- No parking signs
- Trash receptacle
- Street parking available
- View of residential front yards



Clarence St

- Approx. 40’ diameter of clearance at the end of paved street
- 2’ tall wooden fence
- Entrance surrounded by trees
- No park signage visible
- Street parking available
- Views of residential front yards by trailhead entrance



Sweetbriar St - South

- No street parking available
- 2’ tall wooden fence at entrance
- No parking signs visible
- View of residential front yards

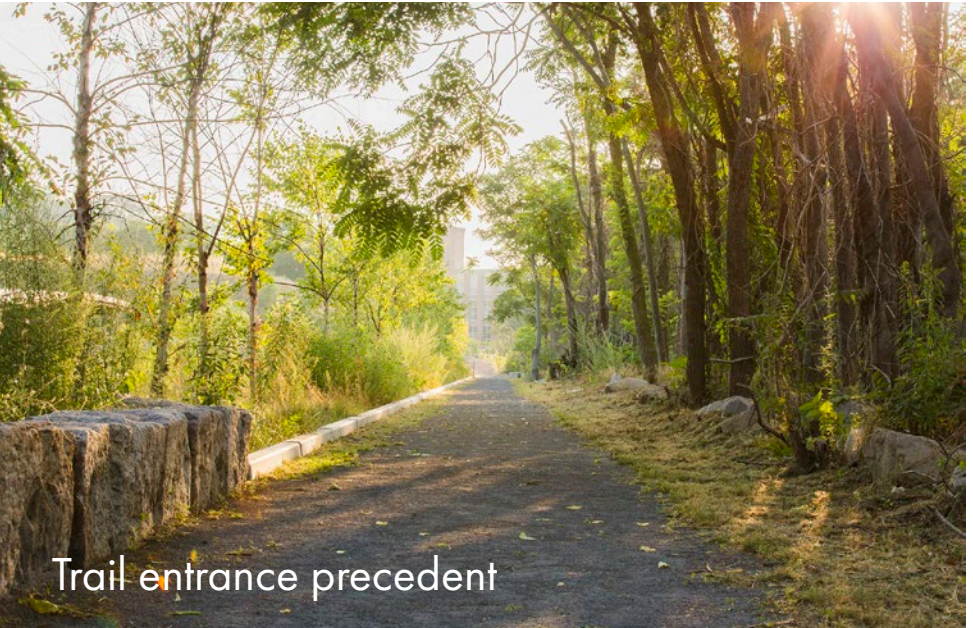
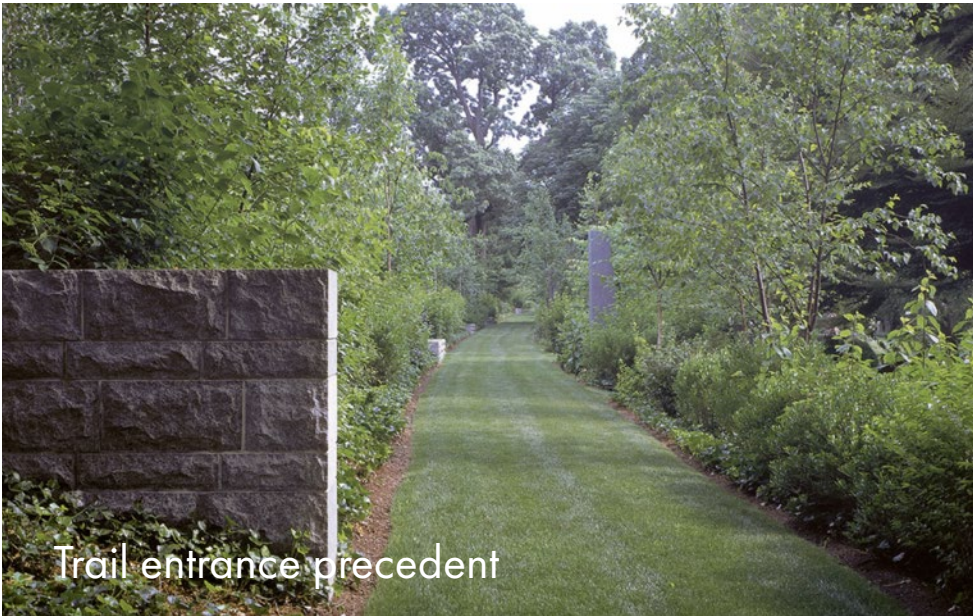
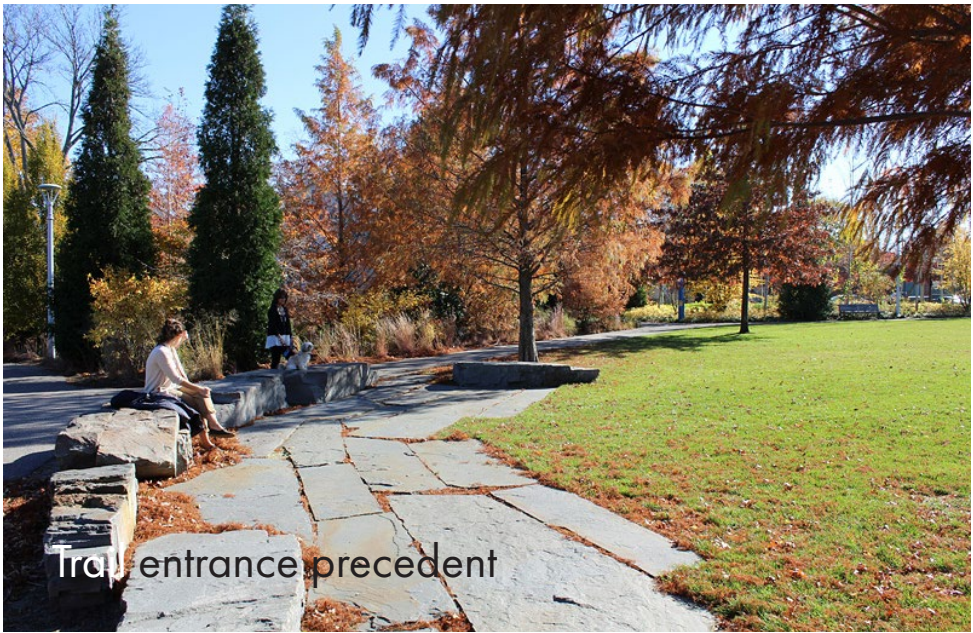
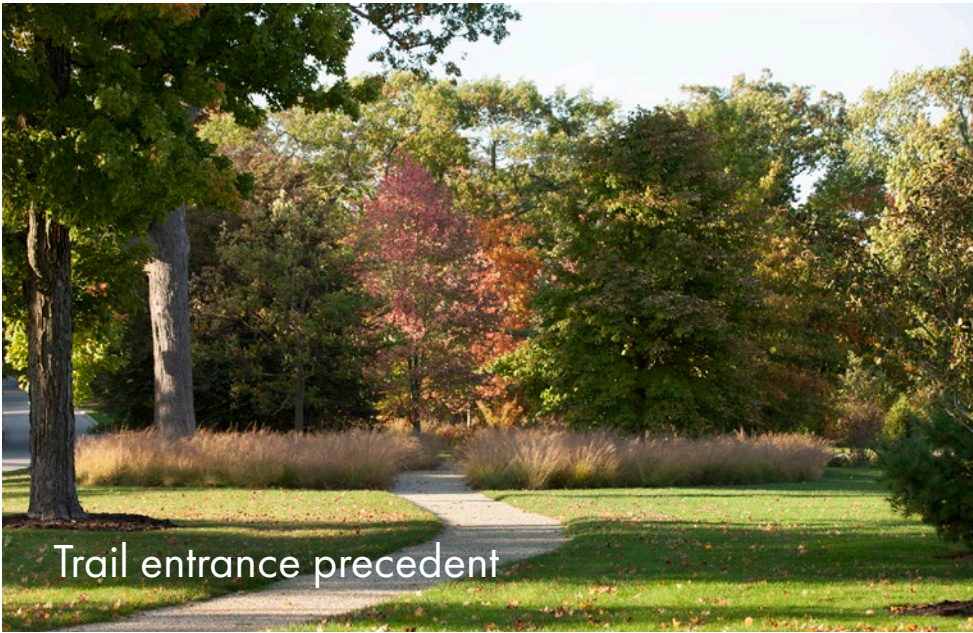


Hallock St

- View of residential front yards
- Public parking available at Olympia
- Street parking available
- Signs for trailhead visible

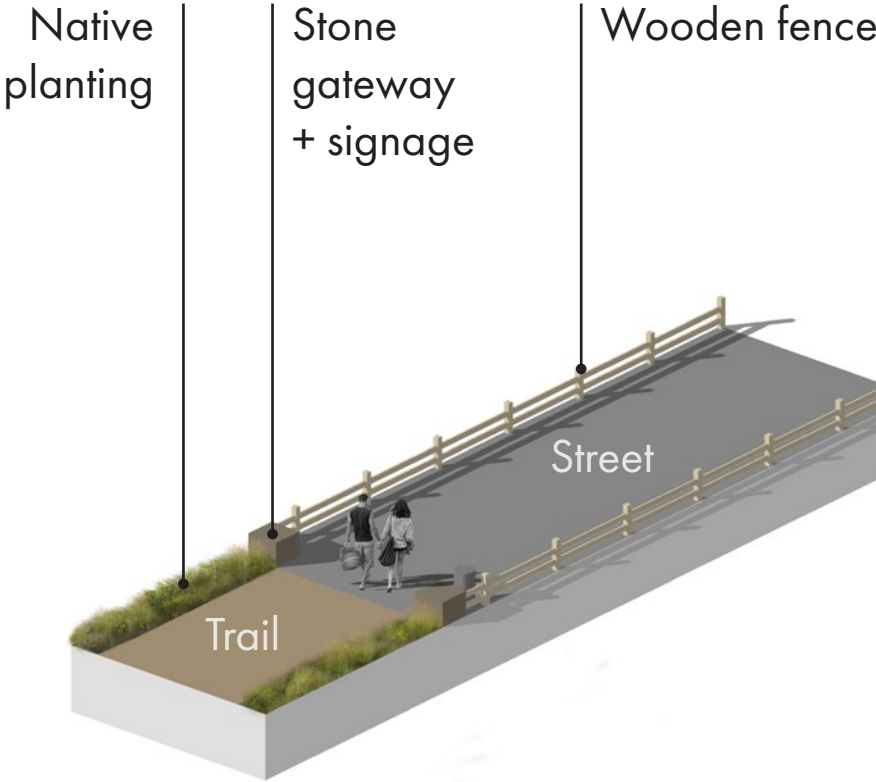
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Define trail entrances

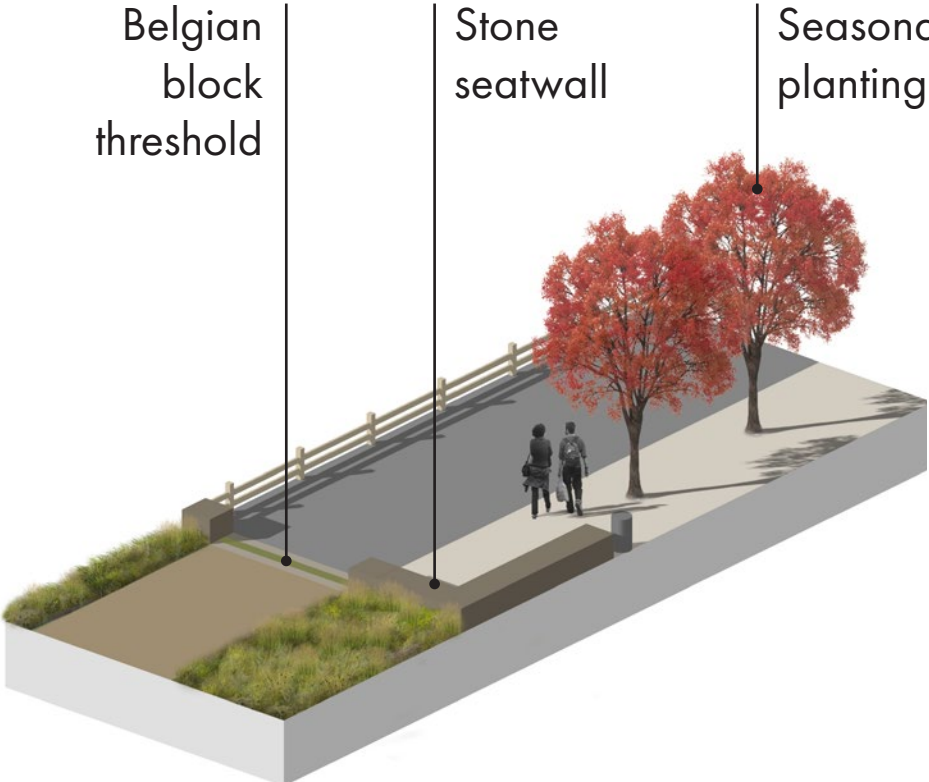


Define trail entrances with stone walls, gathering spaces, wayfinding, and unique seasonal plantings

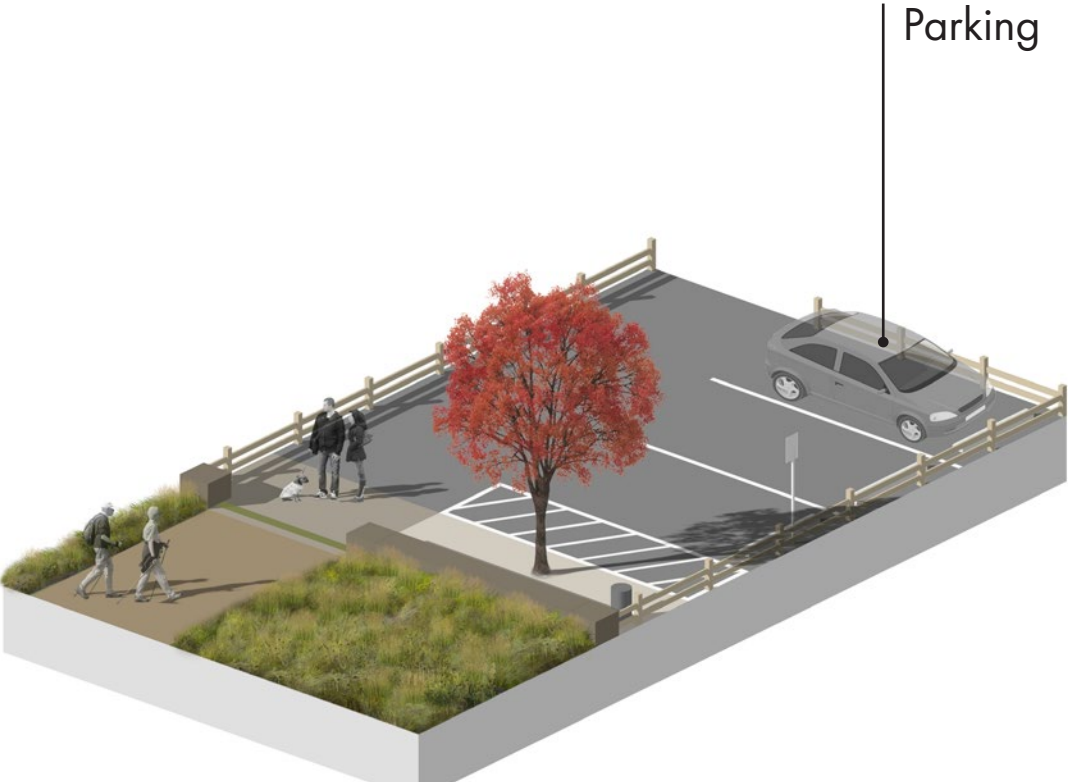
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Define trail entrances



Typical trail entrance



Typical trail entrance
with gathering space



Typical trail entrance
with gathering space + parking

Incorporate stone walls, gathering spaces, wayfinding, and unique seasonal plantings
(references: Emerald View Park Trail Master Plan, OpenSpacePGH, and Greenways for Pittsburgh Resource Guide)

MASTER PLAN DESIGN STRATEGIES

Improve trail materials for a variety of uses



Integrate boulders, wood decking, and wooden railings to stabilize trail edges, create seating areas, and provide safe stream/seep crossings.

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Improve trail materials for a variety of uses



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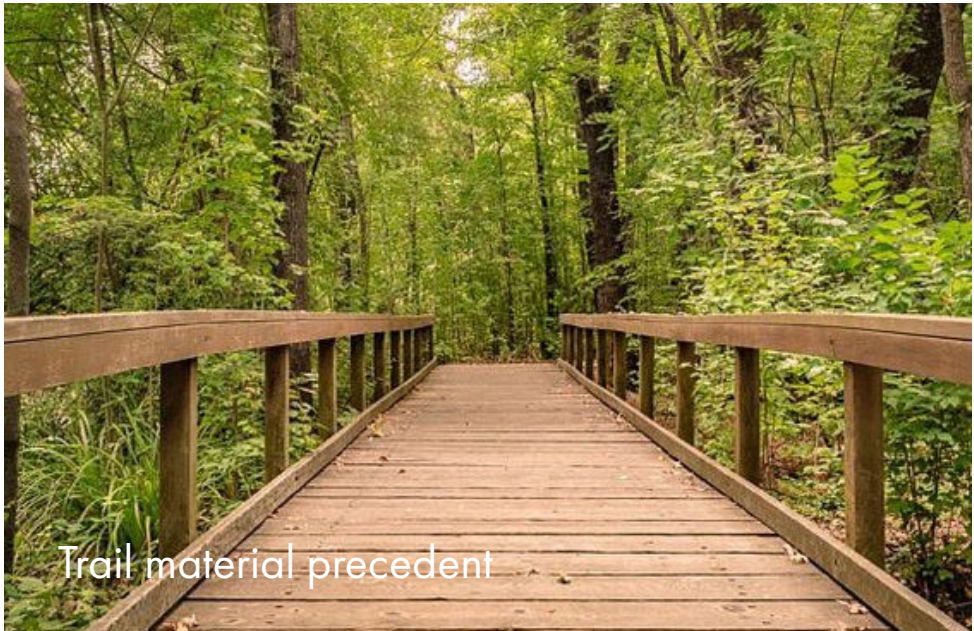
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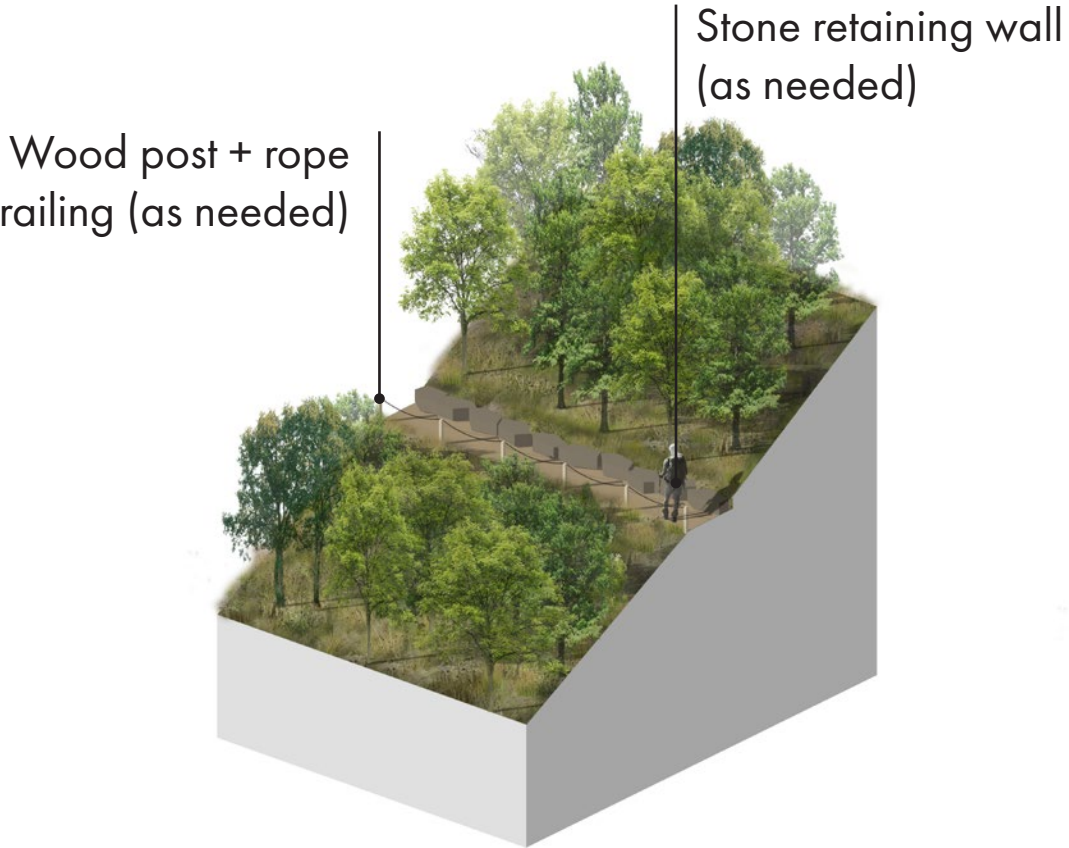
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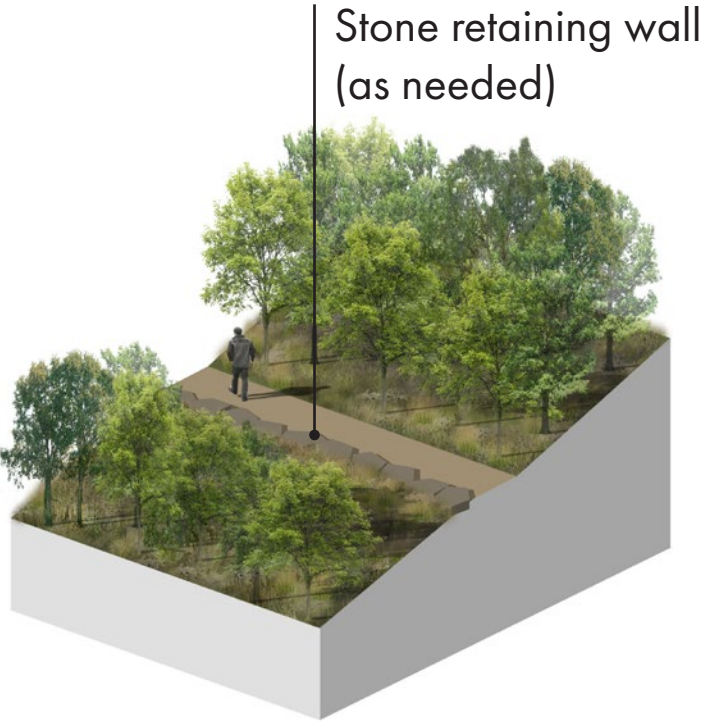
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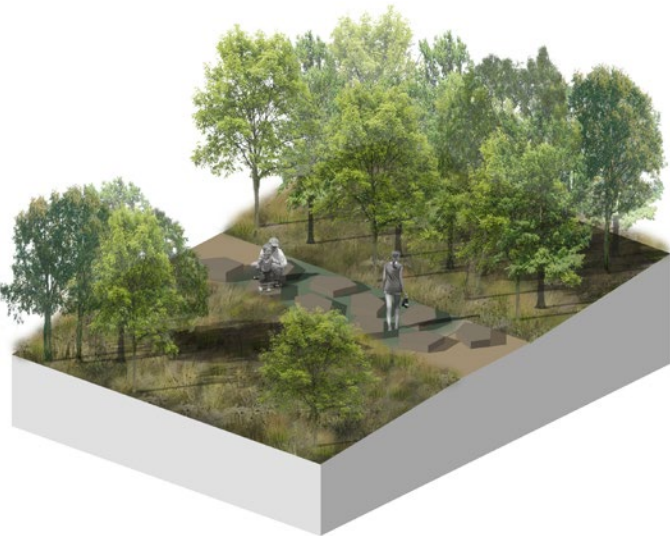
Advanced Trail (<20% slope)



Intermediate Trail (5-10%)



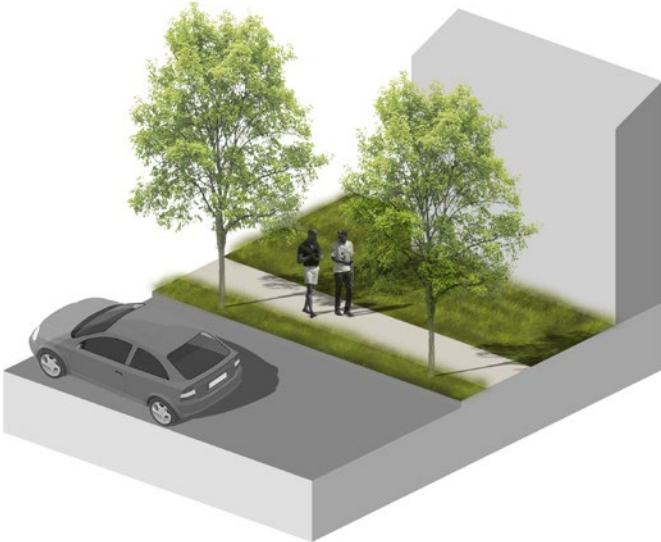
Easy Trail (0-5%)



Stepping Stone Trail



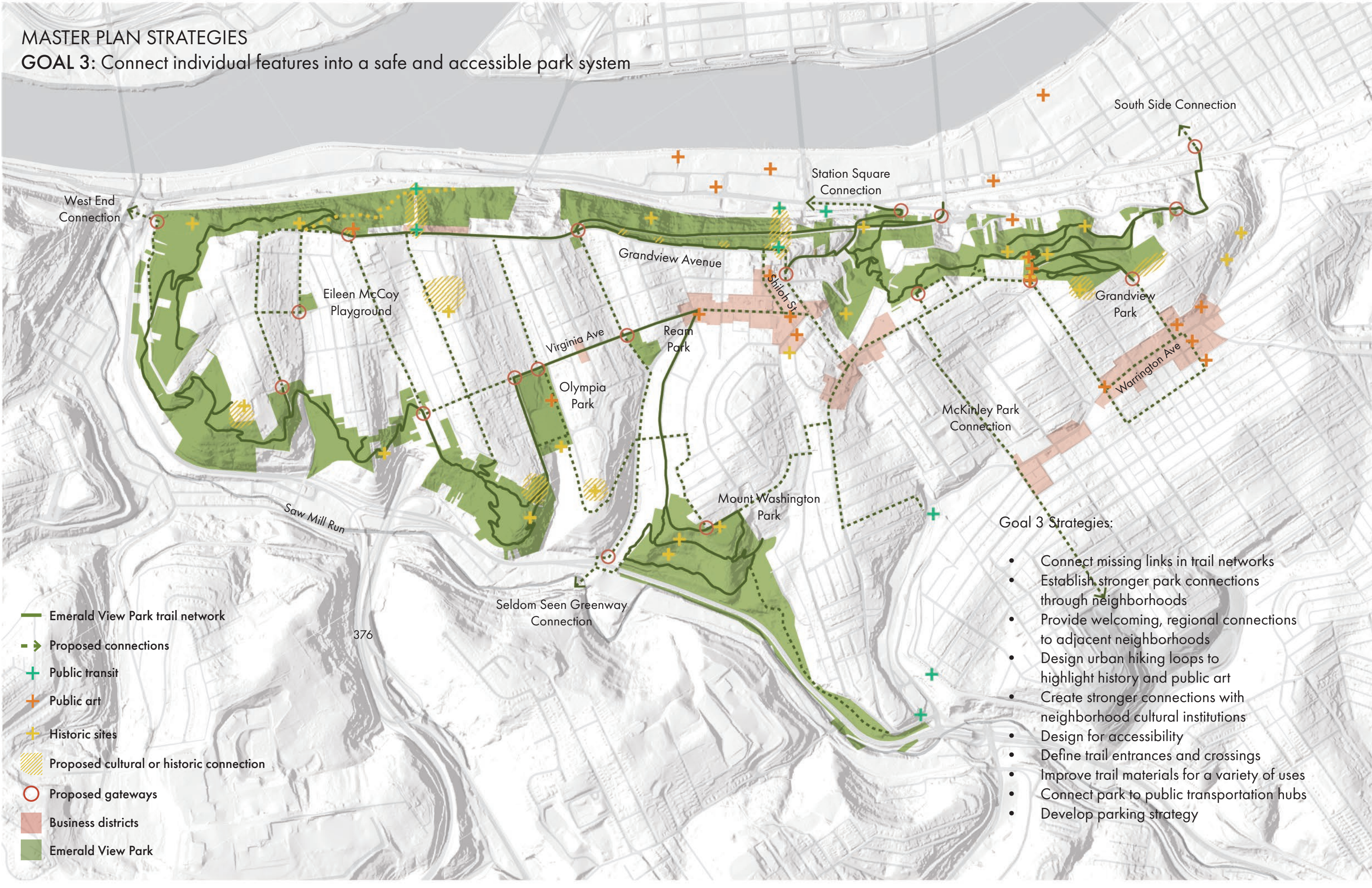
Wood boardwalk Trail



Sidewalk Trail

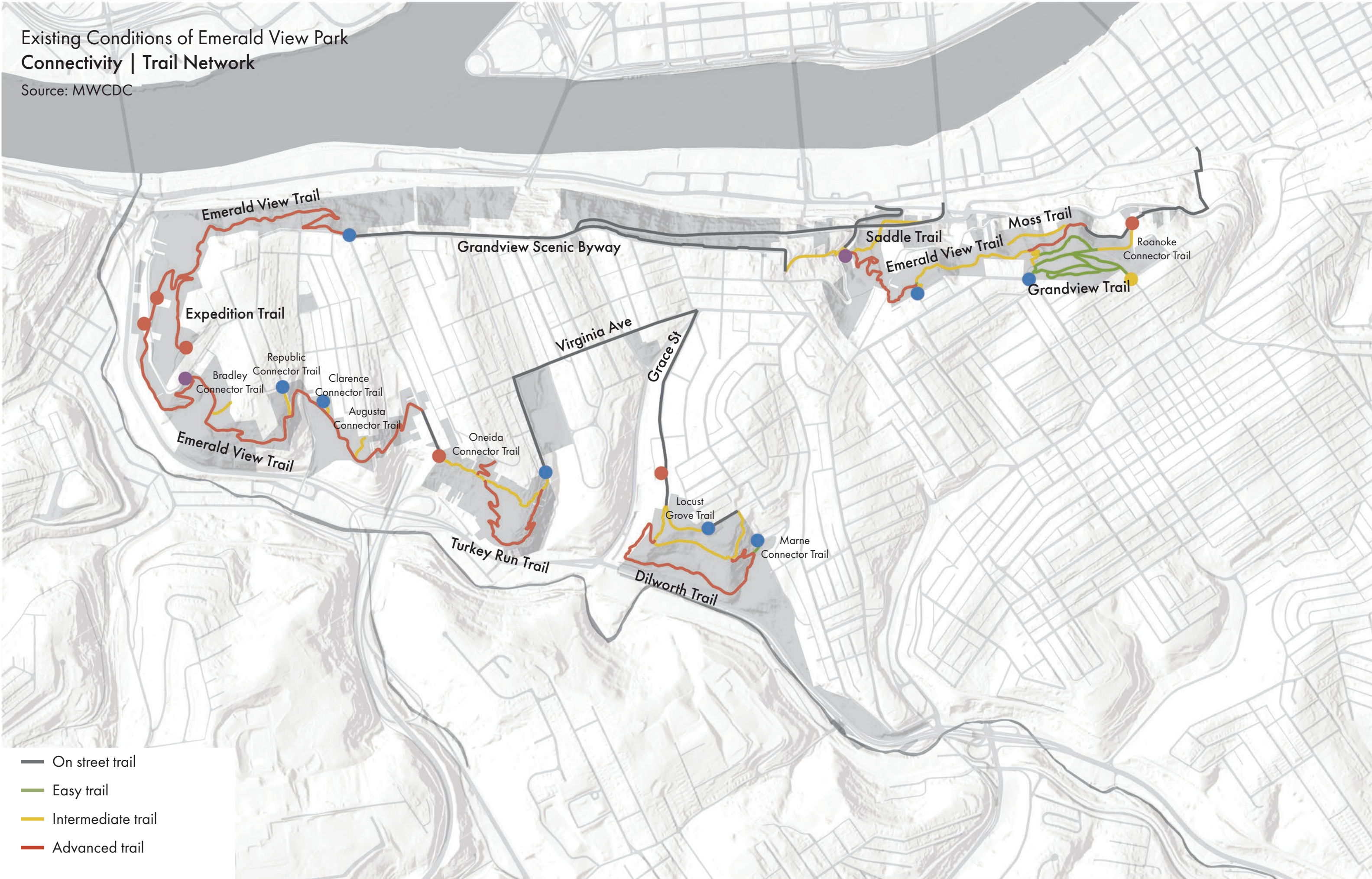
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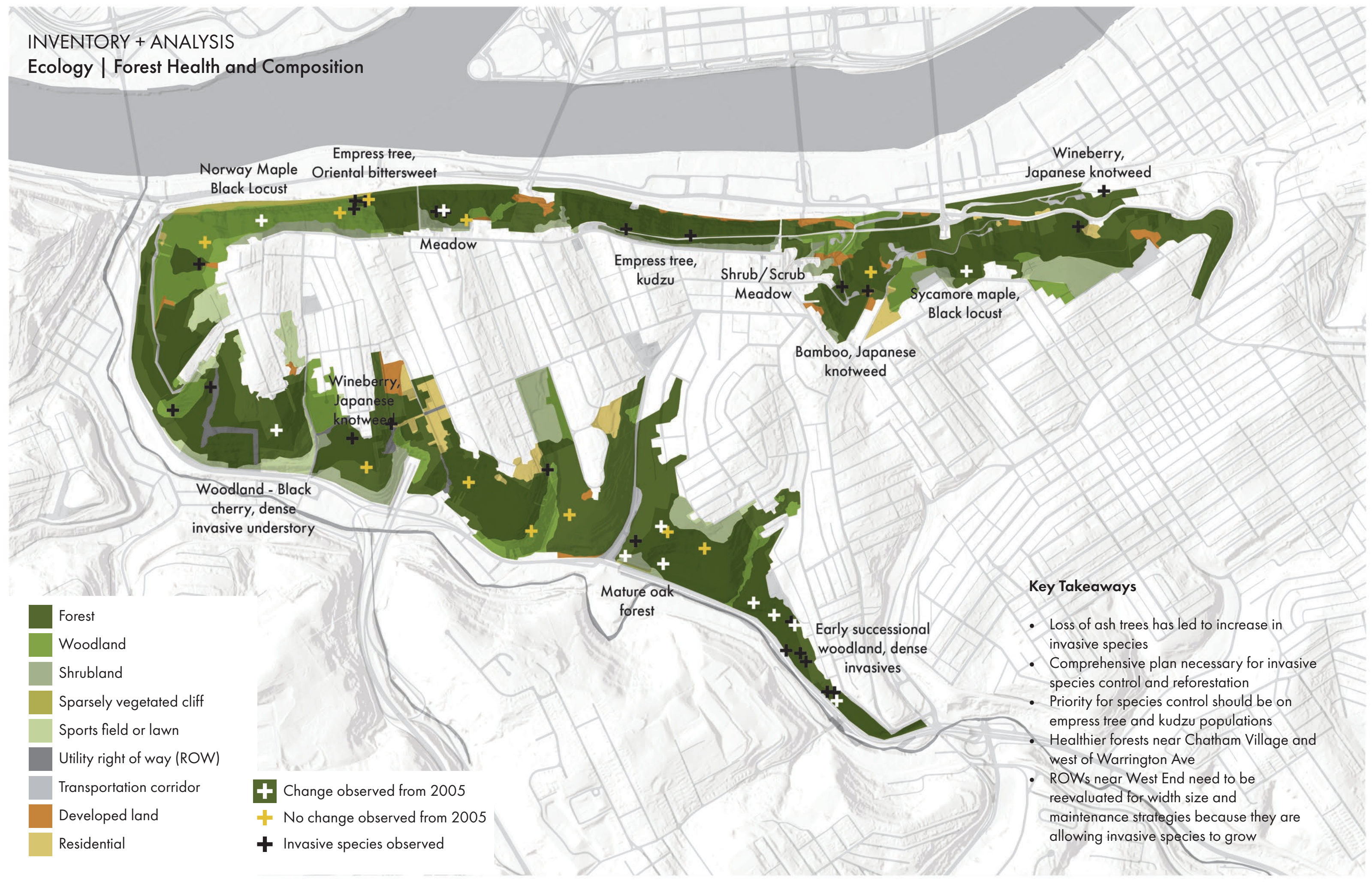
Existing Conditions of Emerald View Park
Connectivity | Trail Network

Source: MWCDC



- On street trail
- Easy trail
- Intermediate trail
- Advanced trail

INVENTORY + ANALYSIS
Ecology | Forest Health and Composition



- Forest
- Woodland
- Shrubland
- Sparsely vegetated cliff
- Sports field or lawn
- Utility right of way (ROW)
- Transportation corridor
- Developed land
- Residential

- Change observed from 2005
- No change observed from 2005
- Invasive species observed

Key Takeaways

- Loss of ash trees has led to increase in invasive species
- Comprehensive plan necessary for invasive species control and reforestation
- Priority for species control should be on empress tree and kudzu populations
- Healthier forests near Chatham Village and west of Warrington Ave
- ROWs near West End need to be reevaluated for width size and maintenance strategies because they are allowing invasive species to grow

INVENTORY + ANALYSIS
Ecology | Natural and Historic Features

