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)
Mount Washington Park
Duquesne Heights Greenway
Grandview Park
Ream Park
Eileen McCoy Playground
Grandview Avenue
Olympia Park
The Saddle
Emerald View individual parks
Business districts
Emerald View Park trail network
Proposed connections
Proposed cultural or historic connection
Proposed program opportunity
Proposed ecological opportunity
Proposed stormwater opportunity
Views to maintain or enhance
Proposed ecological opportunity
Proposed program opportunity
Proposed gateways
Proposed park edge improvements
Saw Mill Run Blvd
Virginia Ave
Shiloh St
Liberty Bridge
Woodruff St
Bailey Ave
Warrington Ave
E Carson St
Shaler St
Sweetbriar St
Greenleaf St
Haberman Ave
Arlington Ave
Boggs Ave
PJ McArdle Roadway
Beltzhoover Ave
Smithfield St Bridge
Fort Pitt Bridge
Monongahela River
Ohio River
376
Saw Mill Run Blvd
Fort Pitt Tunnel
Saw Mill Run
Wyoming St
Allen St
What we heard + observed

Emerald View Park trail network
Emerald View Park

Connection to Station Square
Connection to South Side
Connection to West End
Connection to Seldom Seen
Connection to McKinley Park
Connection to Allentown and Warrington Avenue
Connection to Shiloh Street
Connection to McKinley Park

Connection to transit
Issues with trails and flooding
Spindle trails hard to navigate
Saddle trails hard to navigate
Stone steps need to be repaired

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Issues with trails and flooding
Foraging spot
Nice flat trail, more accessible trails
Smaller contemplative spaces
Better street crossing
Possible connection through Chatham Village
Better street crossing
Trail entrance hard to find
Trail entrances hard to find
Highlight historic elements
Highlight historic elements

Stormwater issues
More mountain biking trails
Lookouts
Foraging spot

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Maintain views
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GOAL 3: Connect individual features into a safe and accessible park system

- Connect missing links in trail networks
- Establish stronger park connections through neighborhoods
- Provide welcoming, regional connections to adjacent neighborhoods
- Design urban hiking loops to highlight history and public art
- Create stronger connections with neighborhood cultural institutions
- Design for accessibility
- Define trail entrances and crossings
- Improve trail materials for a variety of uses
- Connect park to public transportation hubs
- Develop parking strategy
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

Roanoke 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 parking signs 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
MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES

Define trail entrances with stone walls, gathering spaces, wayfinding, and unique seasonal plantings
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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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- Advanced Trail (<20% slope)
  - Wood post + rope railing (as needed)
- Intermediate Trail (5-10%)
  - Stone retaining wall (as needed)
- Easy Trail (0-5%)
  - Stone retaining wall (as needed)

- Stepping Stone Trail
- Wood boardwalk Trail
- Sidewalk Trail

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Master Plan Strategies

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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
Key Takeaways

- Water features include small streams, wetlands, and small waterfalls
- Several rock outcrops along trails
- Historic foundations observed have potential to become point for signage and education
- Evidence of ad hoc improvements to trails including added stones, steps, bridges