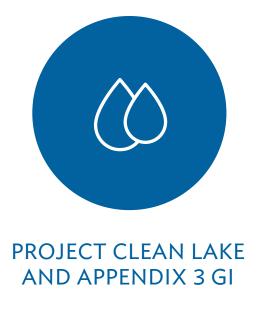


## Maintenance of Green Stormwater Infrastructure for Function and Aesthetics

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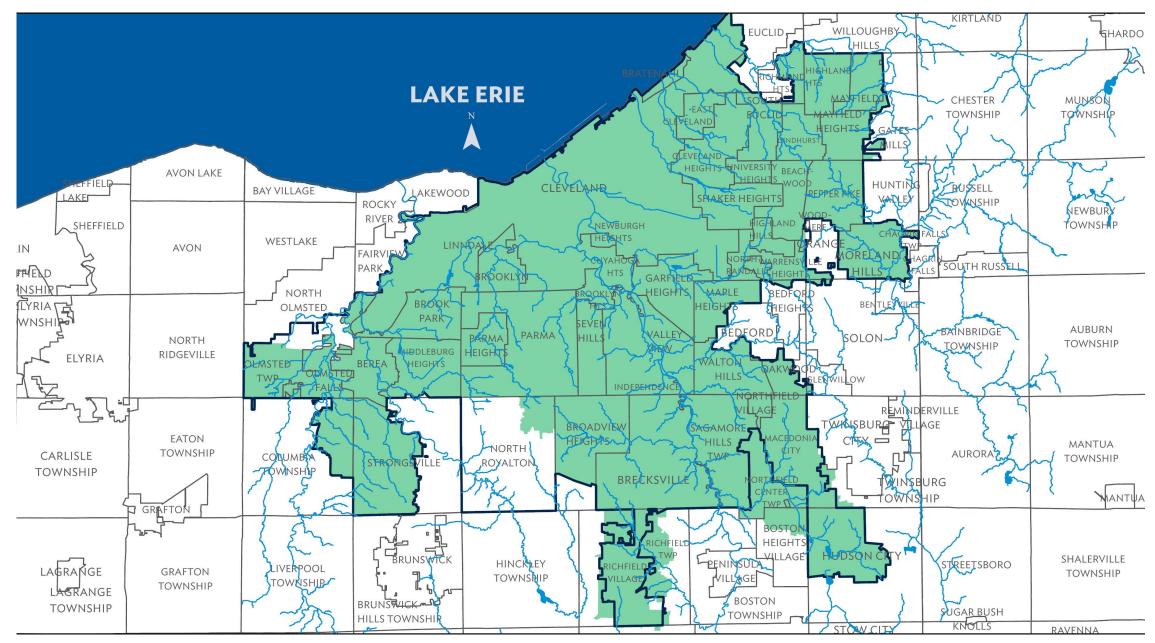
#### Overview













Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant

#### **Wastewater treatment**

- 3 plants
- 90 billion gallons annually
- Certified lab
- Sewer fees

Northeast Ohio
Regional Sewer District

Doan Valley Tunnel construction

#### **Project Clean Lake**

- \$3 billion, 25 years
- Cut annual CSO volume by 4 billion gallons (98% capture)
- Sewer fees

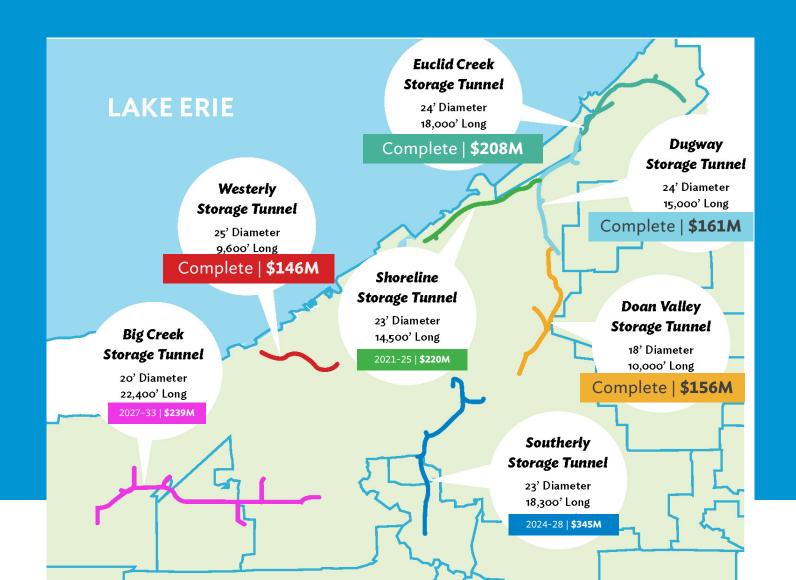
Willey Creek, Moreland Hills

#### Addressing flooding, erosion

- \$48 million budget 2023
- Regional approach
- Impervious surface fee

#### Project Clean Lake | Large Tunnel Program

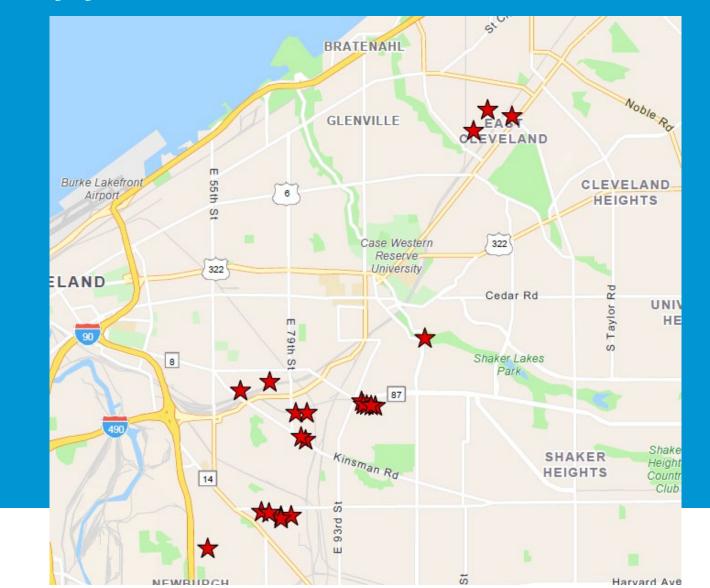
- 7 tunnels
- 18-25' diameter
- 1.7 to 4.2 miles long
- 100-200' deep





#### Project Clean Lake | Appendix 3 GI

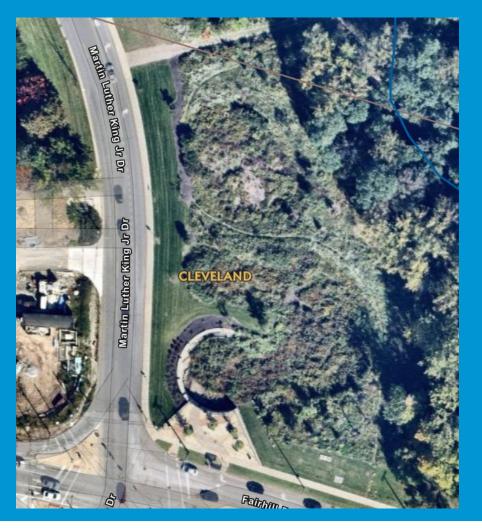
- 16 Individual Sites/Areas
- Constructed between
   2013 and 2020
- Bioretention, extended detention, and a permeable paver lot
- < 0.1 to 10.5 acres
- Capture 1 to 100 acres of stormwater





## Fairhill Rd/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.



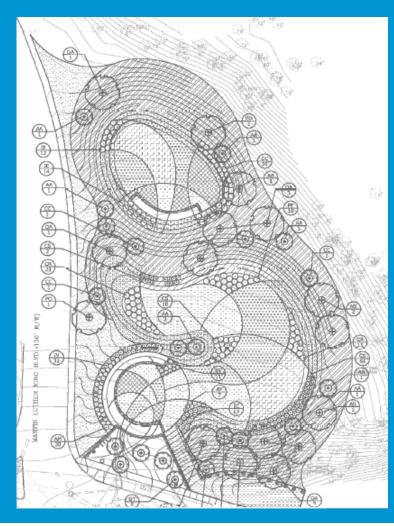


#### Fairhill Rd/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

STORMWATER PLUG MIX #1			
SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING	INDICATOR STATUS
Bromus ciliatus Fringed Grome	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW
Juncus effusus Common/Soft Rush	PLUG	18" O.C.	OBL
Liatris pycnostachya Prairie Blazing Star	PLUG	18" O.C.	FAC-

STORMWATER PLUG MIX #2				
SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING	INDICATOR STATUS	
Carex vulpinoidea Brown Fox Sedge	PLUG	18" O.C.	OBL	
Lobelia siphilitaca Blue Lobelia	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW+	
Spartina pectinata Prairie Cord Grass	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW+	

STORMWATER PLUG MIX #3			
SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING	INDICATOR STATUS
Veronia fasciculata Ironweed	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW
Silphium perfoliatum Cup Plant	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW-
Andropogon gerardii Big Bluestem	PLUG	18" O.C.	FAC
Monarda fistulosa Wild Bergamot	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACU



STORMWATER PLUG MIX #4			
SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING	INDICATOR STATUS
Panicum virgatum Switchgrass	PLUG	18" O.C.	FAC+
Sorghastrum nutans Indian Grass	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACU+
Veronia fasciculata Ironweed	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW
Andropogon gerardii Big Bluestem	PLUG	18" O.C.	FAC

STORMWATER PLUG MIX #5			
SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING	INDICATOR STATUS
Carex comosa Bottlebrush Sedge	PLUG	18" O.C.	OBL
Carex scoparia Broom Sedge	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACW+
Eupatorium maculatum Joe-pye-weed	PLUG	18" O.C.	OBL
Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal Flower	PLUG	18" O.C.	OBL

STORMWATER PLUG MIX #6			
SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING	INDICATOR STATUS
Zizia aurea Golden Alexanders	PLUG	18" O.C.	FAC+
Sporobolus heterolepis Prairie Dropseed	PLUG	18" O.C.	FACU-
Bouteloua curripendula Sideoats Grama	PLUG	18" O.C.	UPL
Agastache foeniculum Giant Hyssop	PLUG	18" O.C.	UPL

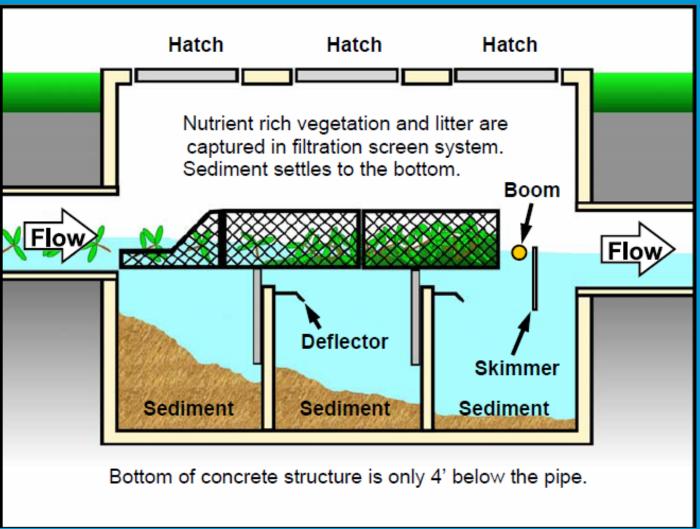
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#### Pre-Treatment

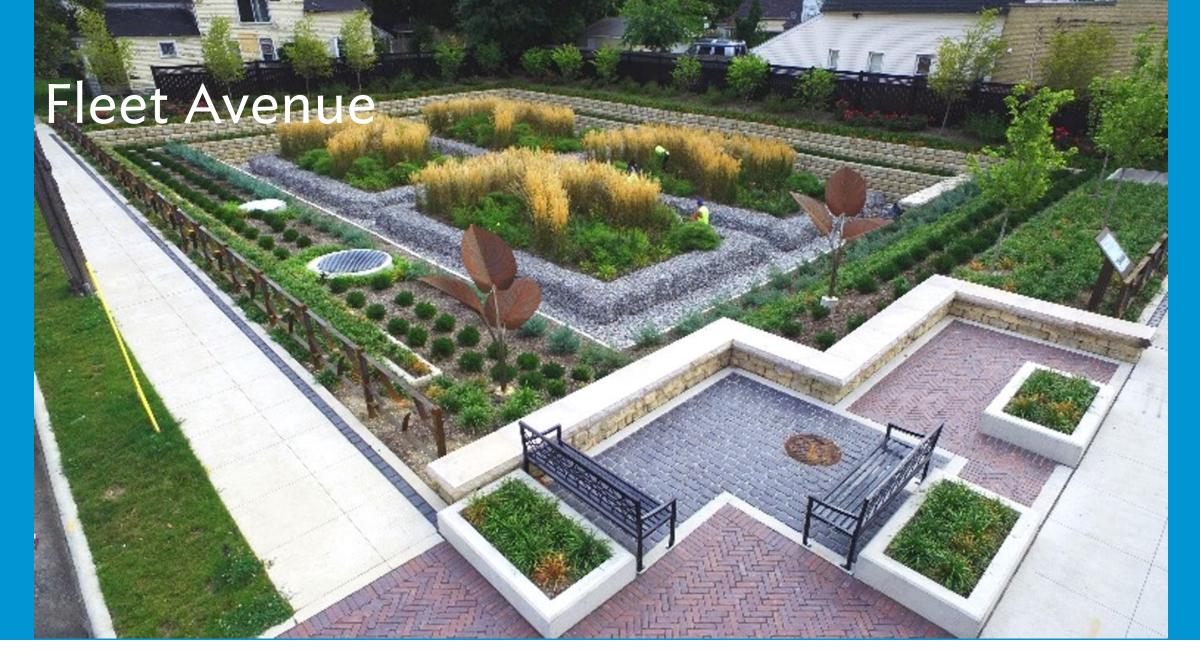




## E 140<sup>th</sup>/Page Ave







#### Fleet Avenue





December 2021



December 2022



December 2022



June 2023



July 2022



June 2024



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August 2024

### Slavic Village E 75<sup>th</sup> Green Infrastructure





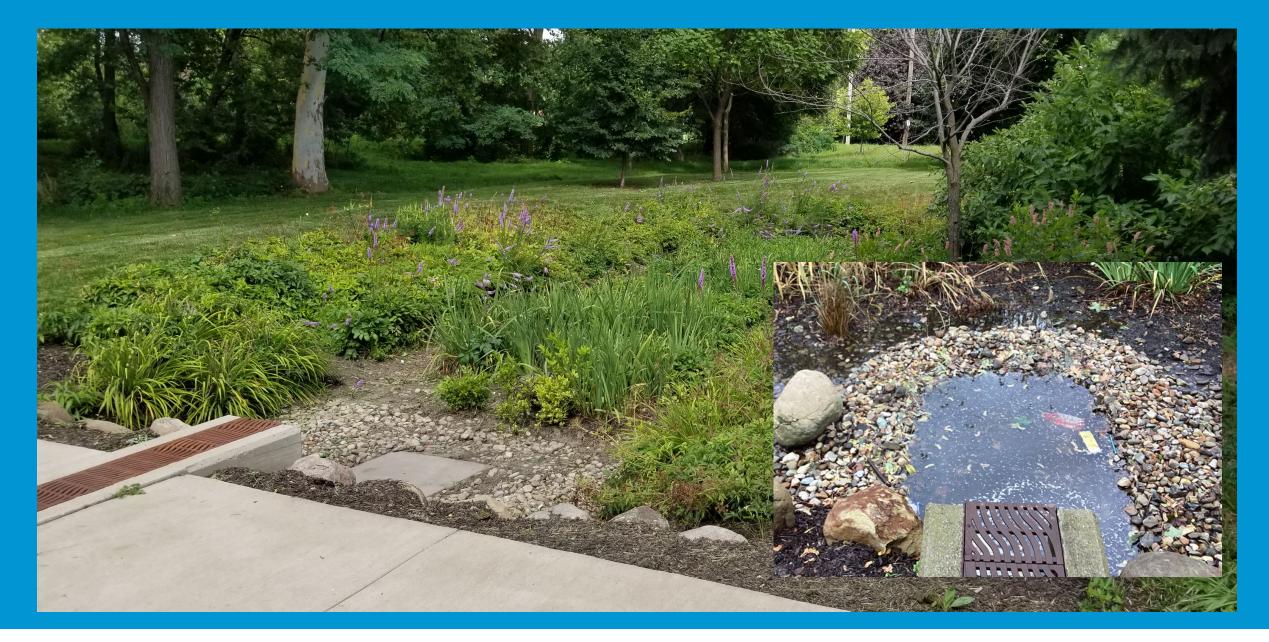
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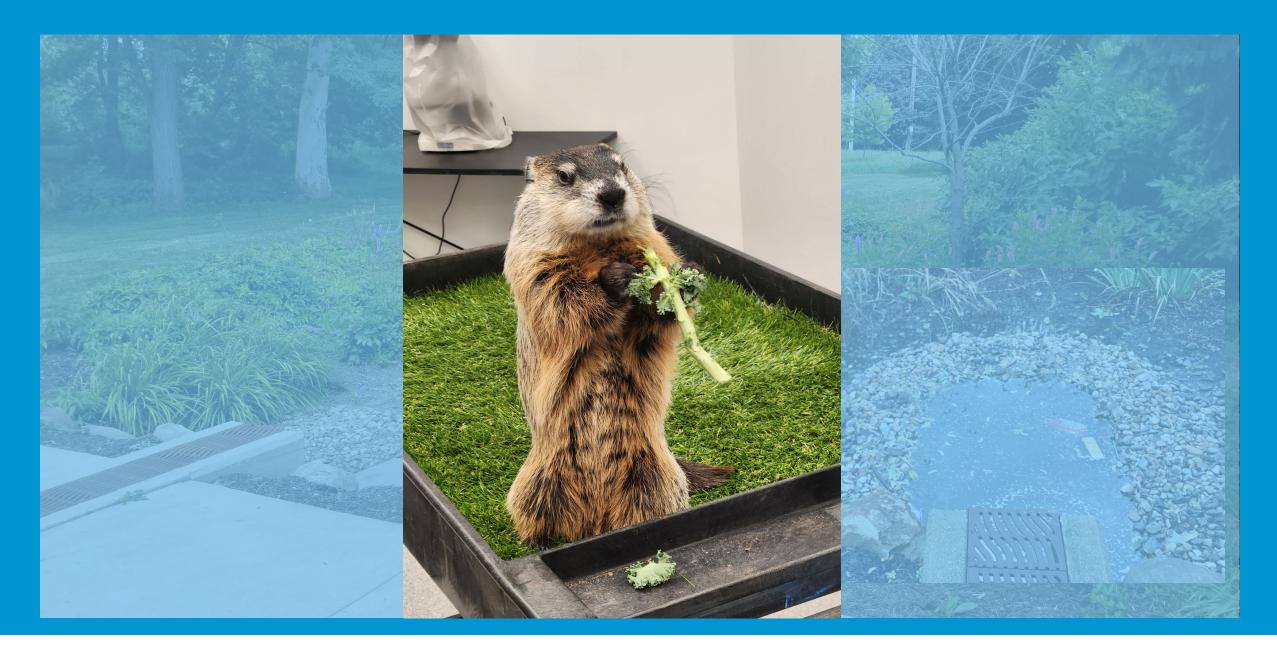
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## Ongoing and Future Work - Inspection and Maintenance







# Ongoing and Future Work - Adaptive Management of Vegetation







# Ongoing and Future Work - Public Access/Use

5 laps around this basin equal one mile.



PROJECT CLEAN LAKE

This basin and two others like it in East Cleveland collectively filter more than 60 million gallons of stormwater a year.



#### Goals and Vision







Functional green infrastructure sites that invite passive recreation and provide a restorative experience.

#### Questions?







