

IMAGINE.

**OUR REGION
OUR TIME
OUR LEGACY**

HOW DO YOU ENVISION OUR TOMORROW?



Game Changer for Toledo.

TOLEDO BLADE

MULTI-USE TRAILS
CONNECTING NEIGHBORHOODS ON BOTH SIDES OF
THE MAUMEE

300+ACRES OF
GREEN SPACE

IMPROVES
WATER
QUALITY

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
\$1
BILLION

**ATTRACTS TALENT
AND BUSINESSES**



**METROPARKS
TOLEDO**

ALL GREAT CITIES
HAVE GREAT PARKS.
NO REGION CAN SUCCEED
WITHOUT A STRONG
DOWNTOWN.

THIS IS TOLEDO'S TOMORROW

THIS IS YOUR GLASS CITY RIVERWALK



Imagine a thriving, vibrant downtown with 300 acres of new and revitalized riverfront greenspace connected by five miles of multi-use trails spanning both sides of the Maumee River from Veteran's Glass City Skyway to the Anthony Wayne Bridge.

It's discovery play, bike paths, pedestrian trails, and open, beautiful, green space. Space that engages our community and draws visitors from across the region.

All maintained in the clean, safe, natural way you have come to expect from Metroparks Toledo.

A transformed riverfront that enhances our quality of life and attracts talent and business.

A place for our community to connect with trails and greenspace reaching East Toledo, the Vistula neighborhood and the Warehouse and Central districts.

A waterfront that improves water quality by restoring natural areas, creating wetlands and planting thousands of trees.

A downtown with continued economic growth created by increasing property values and establishing new businesses.



IMAGINE.

IMAGINE A RIVERFRONT
DESIGNED TO SUPPORT
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
WELLNESS



ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS ALL YEAR LONG

There were more than 5 million visits to Metroparks Toledo in 2019.

Our visitors love nature and we know that outdoor physical activity not only promotes wellness, it gives us time to connect with ourselves. Time to turn off our phones, breathe in some fresh air, and give our bodies and minds a little space.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PARKS REDUCES HEALTH CARE COSTS

*Our plan for the Glass City Riverwalk features **fully accessible park elements that visitors can use during every season.** With waterfront access for boating and kayaking, a rock-climbing area, interactive water attractions, urban camping, and a winter skating ribbon—Metroparks Toledo will keep you active all year.*

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
IN THE METROPARKS
PROVIDES HEALTH
SAVINGS***

\$1,230

**PER YEAR FOR
THE AVERAGE
ADULT**

\$2,470

**PER YEAR FOR
ADULTS OVER 64**



*The Trust for Public Land/
Toledo Study

WELLNESS

IMAGINE A COMMUNITY
THAT PROTECTS WATER
AND REDUCES POLLUTION



ENHANCING OUR REGION'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Through 90 years of land stewardship, we have seen that people care for their environment if they positively interact with it. The success and vitality of our community depends on understanding that if we take care of the environment, it will take care of us.

Our environmental vision for Glass City Riverwalk is to restore more than 90 acres of industrial or vacant land to natural space, by planting thousands of new trees.

TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND IT WILL TAKE CARE OF US

Our community deserves outdoor experiences that aid in its growth.

GREEN SPACES

24,000

NEWLY PLANTED
TREES ALONG
THE MAUMEE



CONSERVATION

IMAGINE A RIVERFRONT
THAT UNITES
NEIGHBORHOODS



CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY

A busy riverfront is like a social network. From the running group regularly meeting at five a.m. to get in their morning miles to the corporate business gathering employees for their annual picnic. There are spaces for everyone.

By shaping community identity and serving as the backdrop to social interactions among different groups, parks and playgrounds can help strengthen cohesion in historically segregated neighborhoods.

CONNECTING PARKS TO PARKS AND PEOPLE TO PARKS

*Our plan is to invest in public spaces where our residents can gather to build life-long connections to each other and nature. **More than 5 miles of new mixed-use trails and paths will connect communities on both sides of the river.** So that you know when you're here, you're safe, you're connected to community, and you belong.*

ACCESS

31,420

**PEOPLE FROM
SURROUNDING
NEIGHBORHOODS
WILL BE WITHIN
1 MILE OF CLEAN,
SAFE, NATURAL
SPACE.**



CONNECTIVITY

IMAGINE A THRIVING
REGION BUILT ON A
DREAM OF PROSPERITY



ECONOMIC
VITALITY

CREATING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

This project will be a successful driver of economic growth that will make our region a healthy, sustainable, and interactive place to live. We're proud to call this place home and believe this project will be a cornerstone of the city's continued growth.

"METROPARKS ARE KEY ECONOMIC DRIVERS IN LUCAS COUNTY, GENERATING TENS OF MILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC BENEFITS EACH YEAR."

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, 2019

There is an estimated \$1 billion in economic impact anticipated by generating private construction, increasing property values, and establishing new business opportunities.

Phase one of Glass City Metropark, the hub of the Riverwalk, is currently in development in the former Marina District.

GROWTH

\$1B

ESTIMATED
REGIONAL
ECONOMIC
IMPACT



COLUMBUS, OH

COLUMBUS INVESTED OVER \$100 MILLION IN 179 ACRES OF NEW AND RENOVATED PARK LAND ALONG THEIR DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT, WHICH HAS TRIGGERED NEARLY \$1.4 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND DISTRICTS THAT SURROUND THE SCIOTO RIVER.



GRAND RAPIDS, MI

TRANSFORMATION IN PROGRESS



A SINGLE DOLLAR SPENT
IN A PARK SYSTEM CAN
TRIGGER A PRIVATE
INVESTMENT OF

\$7 TO \$20

NASHVILLE, TN

NASHVILLE EXPERIENCED A 50% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS WITH COLLEGE DEGREES IN THE LAST DECADE BECAUSE THEY CREATED A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN BY INVESTING IN PARKS.



INVESTING IN THE SUCCESS OF NORTHWEST OHIO

Nationally, cities like Toledo are reclaiming and reinvesting in their riverfronts. Boise, Grand Rapids, and Des Moines are now rated as some of the most livable cities in the United States because of their dedication to improving resident's quality of life through park projects.

For example, Pittsburgh invested more than \$130 million in Three Rivers Park and now cites nearly \$2.6 billion in riverfront development as a result of that investment.

"IN A LOT OF MIDWESTERN AND 'RUST BELT' CITIES OF THE U.S., THE PRESSURE TO ATTRACT AND KEEP TALENT AND CREATE AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE, COMBINED WITH THE DECLINING USE OF WATER FACILITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL USE HAS RESULTED IN RIVERFRONT REVITALIZATION BECOMING A COMMON STRATEGY."*

*Source: <https://www.reonomy.com/blog/post/waterfront-revitalization-a-deep-dive-into-its-impact-on-several-u-s-cities>

GLASS CITY METROPARK PHASE I



ACTIVATING OUR VIBRANT RIVERFRONT

PHASE ONE OF GLASS CITY METROPARK DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE:

- A 3,500-SQUARE-FOOT PAVILION WITH RESTROOMS, A CONCESSION WINDOW AND GREEN ROOF. THE BUILDING WILL ACCOMMODATE 150 PEOPLE.
- ROOFTOP PLAZA SPACE
- AN EVENT LAWN THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE 5,000 PEOPLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS
- A SLEDDING HILL
- AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT WALKING PATHS
- WATER ACCESS FOR FISHING, CANOEING/ KAYAKING
- SHORELINE RESTORATION
- REFORESTATION WITH MORE THAN 2,000 TREES AS WELL AS PRAIRIE PLANTS
- STORMWATER WETLANDS AND BIOSWALES
- ADVENTURE BOARDWALK OVER WATER WITH SEATING
- THE REALIGNMENT OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE
- A 70-VEHICLE PARKING LOT
- A NEW CURB CUT FOR PARK ACCESS FROM E. BROADWAY STREET

VIEW FROM
GLASS CITY METROPARK.
EAST SIDE OF MAUMEE RIVER.

GLASS CITY METROPARK PHASE I

SIGNATURE PARK ELEMENTS





GLASS CITY METROPARK PHASE II
FOR YOU. FOR US. FOREVER.



CHRYS PETERSON



“Since March, the darkest days of this pandemic, and continuing today, our parks stayed open as a necessary resource for our community. And I would suggest that we all learned the value of preserving open space for public use, communing with nature as a healing refuge and the mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle. This levy is essential to making this vision a reality. Toledo is blessed to have our Metropark system.”

**A HEALING
REFUGE**

GLASS CITY METROPARK PHASE II
FOR YOU. FOR US. FOREVER.



RAY WOOD
NAACP PRESIDENT, LOCAL CHAPTER



"We support our community. We support our Metroparks. When we invest in ourselves, we go back to work and we make sure of our future. The Metroparks are promise keepers."

**PROMISE
KEEPERS**



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A STRESS
RELIEVER

THE MIKOLAJCZYK FAMILY



“The Metroparks are a place of reprieve for my family, they provide a great escape from our hectic and full lifestyle. We play sports, fish, ride bikes, picnic, and hunt for treasures. It’s a place for us to take in new scenery, enjoy one another without electronics and create lasting memories. We greatly enjoyed the Metroparks during quarantine. We visited Providence, Wildwood, Howard Marsh and Middlegrounds. I was blown away at how beautiful they are and the many activities you can take part in, we feel very fortunate to have such amazing outdoor green spaces to enjoy.”

GLASS CITY METROPARK PHASE II
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SHARON SPEYER

PRESIDENT, HUNTINGTON BANK
NORTHWEST OHIO REGION

CHAIR OF THE BOARD, CONNECTOLEDO



“Glass City Metropark is a forward thinking project that will make Toledo an even greater place to live, work and play. The enhancements to the Maumee River will be a catalyst for redevelopment in both Downtown and East Toledo. These plans are important to make our entire region more competitive. Making Toledo a great place to live is imperative to keeping local talent, and talent is essential for economic development.”

I LOVE OUR
METROPARKS



WHY NOW?



A LANDMARK RIVERFRONT

A LANDMARK PARK AND GREENWAY ON OUR RIVERFRONT WILL RESULT IN:

- NEW JOBS & ECONOMIC GROWTH
- CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
- PUBLIC OPEN SPACES THAT ENHANCE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE
- THE MOST-VISITED ATTRACTION IN OUR REGION

WHY NOW?



JOBS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

TOLEDO NEEDS JOBS AND INVESTMENT, AND BUSINESSES NEED TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENT.

THIS PROJECT WILL GENERATE IMMEDIATE JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH 450 LABOR JOBS* IDENTIFIED AND 30 IN-HOUSE POSITIONS. THIS DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE POSITIVE IMPACT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER BUSINESSES WILL REALIZE AS A RESULT.

*SOURCE - LATHROP CONSTRUCTION





CONSERVATION

WE CONTINUE TO CONSERVE AND RESTORE CLEAN, SAFE AND NATURAL PLACES AS WE HAVE FOR ALMOST A CENTURY. PEOPLE APPRECIATE NATURE WHEN THEY INTERACT WITH IT.

OUR GOAL IS TO RESTORE MORE THAN 90 ACRES OF INDUSTRIAL OR VACANT LAND BY PLANTING THOUSANDS OF NEW TREES AND NATIVE PLANTS.

OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES THAT AID IN ITS GROWTH. THIS NEW OPEN SPACE IN OUR URBAN CORE WILL RECONNECT THE PUBLIC TO OUR REGION'S LARGEST NATURAL ASSET — OUR RIVER.

WHY NOW?



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PUBLIC OPEN SPACE & QUALITY OF LIFE

NATIONALLY, CITIES LIKE TOLEDO ARE RECLAIMING AND REINVESTING IN THEIR RIVERFRONTS.

BOISE, GRAND RAPIDS AND DES MOINES ARE NOW RATED AS SOME OF THE MOST LIVABLE CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATION TO IMPROVING RESIDENT'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PARK PROJECTS.

PITTSBURGH INVESTED MORE THAN \$130 MILLION IN THREE RIVERS PARK AND NOW CITES NEARLY \$2.6 BILLION IN RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AS A RESULT OF THAT INVESTMENT.

RIVERWALK WILL ALSO CONNECT AND ENHANCE SIX NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE NOT SEEN LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENT IN DECADES.

WHY NOW?



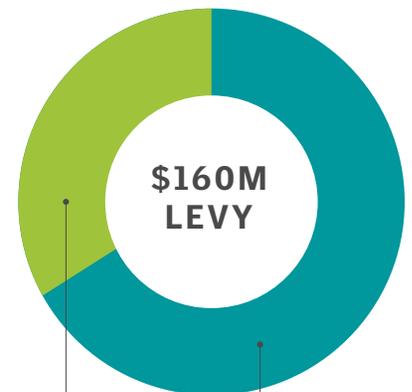
RECORD VISITATION

DURING THE COVID-19 QUARANTINE, VISITATION TO THE 17 METROPARKS WAS 60% GREATER THAN LAST YEAR, WHICH HAD A RECORD 5.5 MILLION VISITS

ACCORDING TO GOOGLE MOBILE TRACKING, 80% OF LUCAS COUNTY RESIDENTS VISITED A PARK DURING THIS PERIOD

METROPARKS REMAINED OPEN EVERY DAY DURING THE CRISIS, PROVIDING HEALTHY, SAFE PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO RECREATE

OVER 10 YEARS



\$48M

OPERATIONS
SUPPORT, MAINTAIN
AND IMPROVE
EXISTING PARKS
ACROSS THE COUNTY

\$112M

CAPITAL
REVITALIZE AND
PRESERVE 5 MILES
OF RIVERFRONT

A UNITED
COMMUNITY
WITH A STRONG
REGIONAL
PRESENCE



FUNDING

A COMBINED COMMUNITY EFFORT

Glass City Riverwalk is a major revitalization project that requires support from both private and public sectors of our community—we cannot do this alone. The project has already secured \$13 million to complete the first phase—the first 30 acres. It will take the combined effort of the private and public sectors to ensure that we make the most of the city's forward movement to transform our future. Together, we can accomplish this vision of a united community that has a strong regional presence.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS

RIVERWALK INFRASTRUCTURES:

PLANNING, DESIGN, AND
CONSTRUCTION
\$169,500,000

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

\$30,500,000

OPERATIONS \$25,000,000

COMMUNITY CENTER/
OPERATIONS FACILITY \$3,500,000

LAND ACQUISITION \$2,000,000

GRAND TOTAL BUDGET

\$200,000,000



\$112M LEVY

65% of Lucas County residents support a ballot issue of \$160M

\$40M - \$60M LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

Awarded \$23.6M BUILD Grant towards Glass City Riverwalk

\$10M - \$15M TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Funding begins in 2035

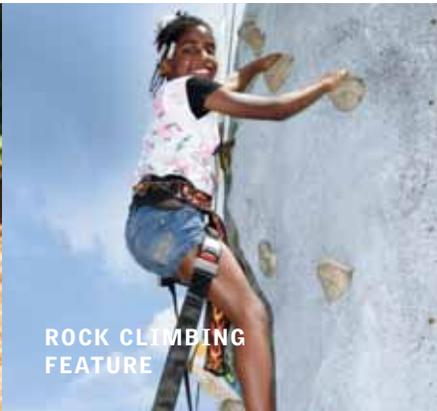
\$25M - \$30M CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPY

\$13M

IN FUNDING ALREADY SECURED
TO COMPLETE THE FIRST PHASE
OF THE GLASS CITY METROPARK



DISCOVERY PLAY



ROCK CLIMBING FEATURE



SKATING RIBBON

IMAGINE OUR FUTURE, OUR LEGACY

Together we can transform our region and create a sustainable, thriving community for generations to come.

OUR TIME IS NOW.

An investment in Glass City Riverwalk is an investment in our region's vision to reinvent itself.

WHO'S
WITH US?

TOGETHER
WE CAN
BUILD
TOLEDO'S
TOMORROW.



WATER PLAY



URBAN CAMPING



INFRASTRUCTURE



IMPROVEMENTS



RESTORATION



TRAILS AND
CONNECTIVITY



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TOLEDO**

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