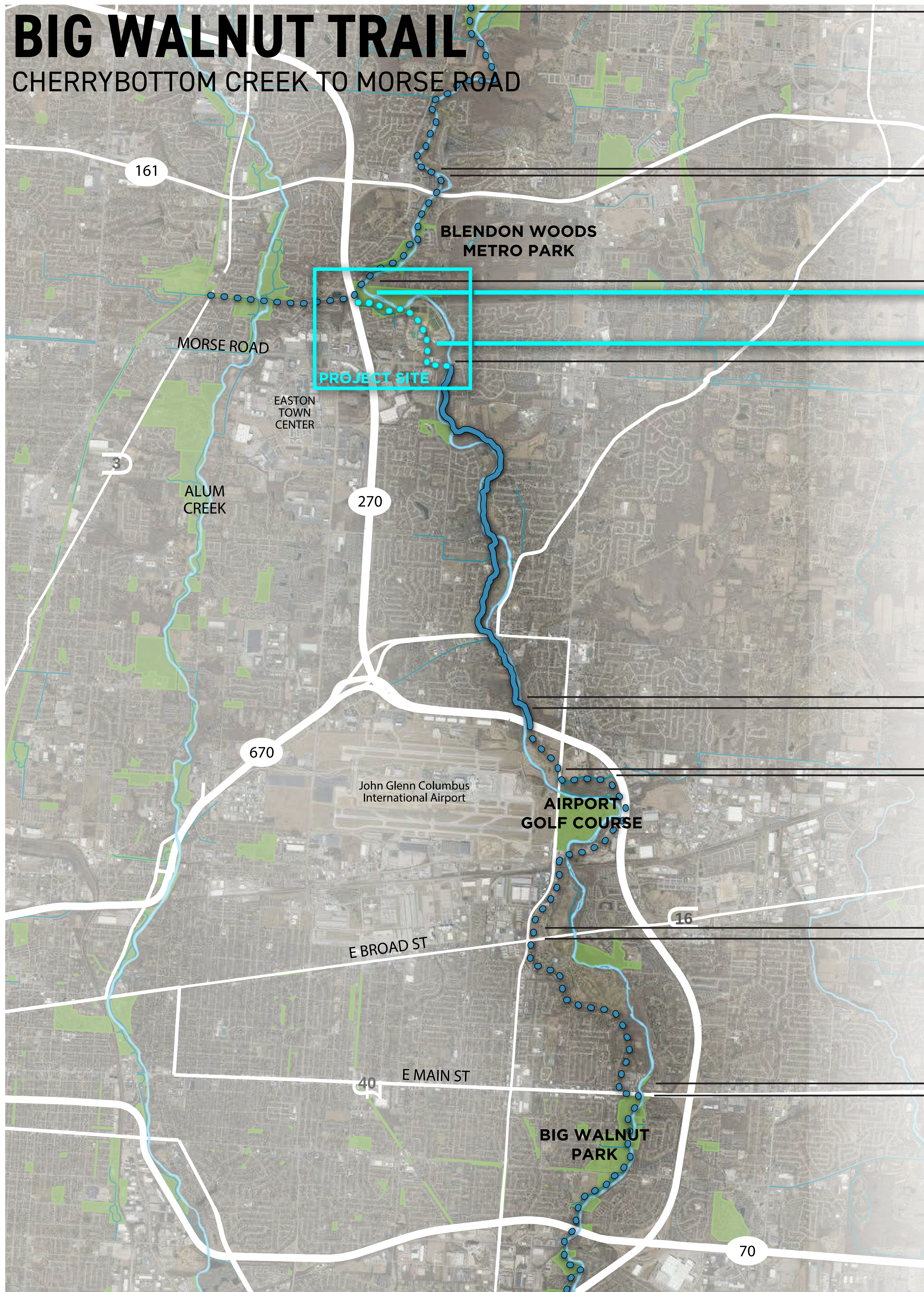


BIG WALNUT TRAIL

CHERRYBOTTOM CREEK TO MORSE ROAD



Hoover Reservoir
to 161
2.5 MILES

Little Turtle to
Sunbury Rd
1.5 MILES
(FUNDED)

**Cherrybottom to
Gahanna
1.5 MILES
(FUNDED)**

Gahanna
4 MILES

Pizzuro Park to
Hamilton Rd
2.5 MILES

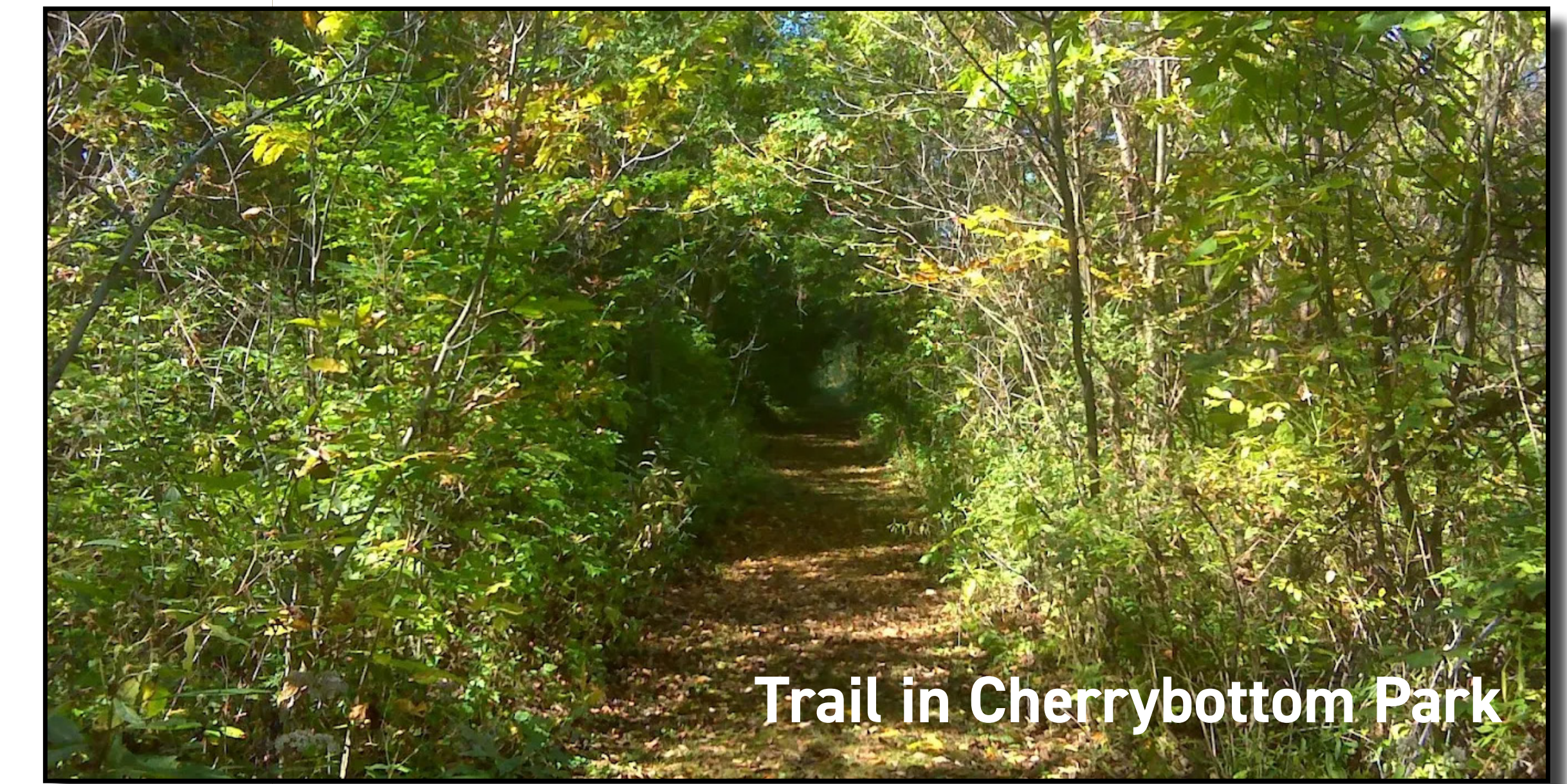
Hamilton Rd to
Whitehall
1 MILE

E Main to E Broad
2.5 MILES
(FUNDED)

Refugee Rd to E Main
3.5 MILES
(FUNDED)



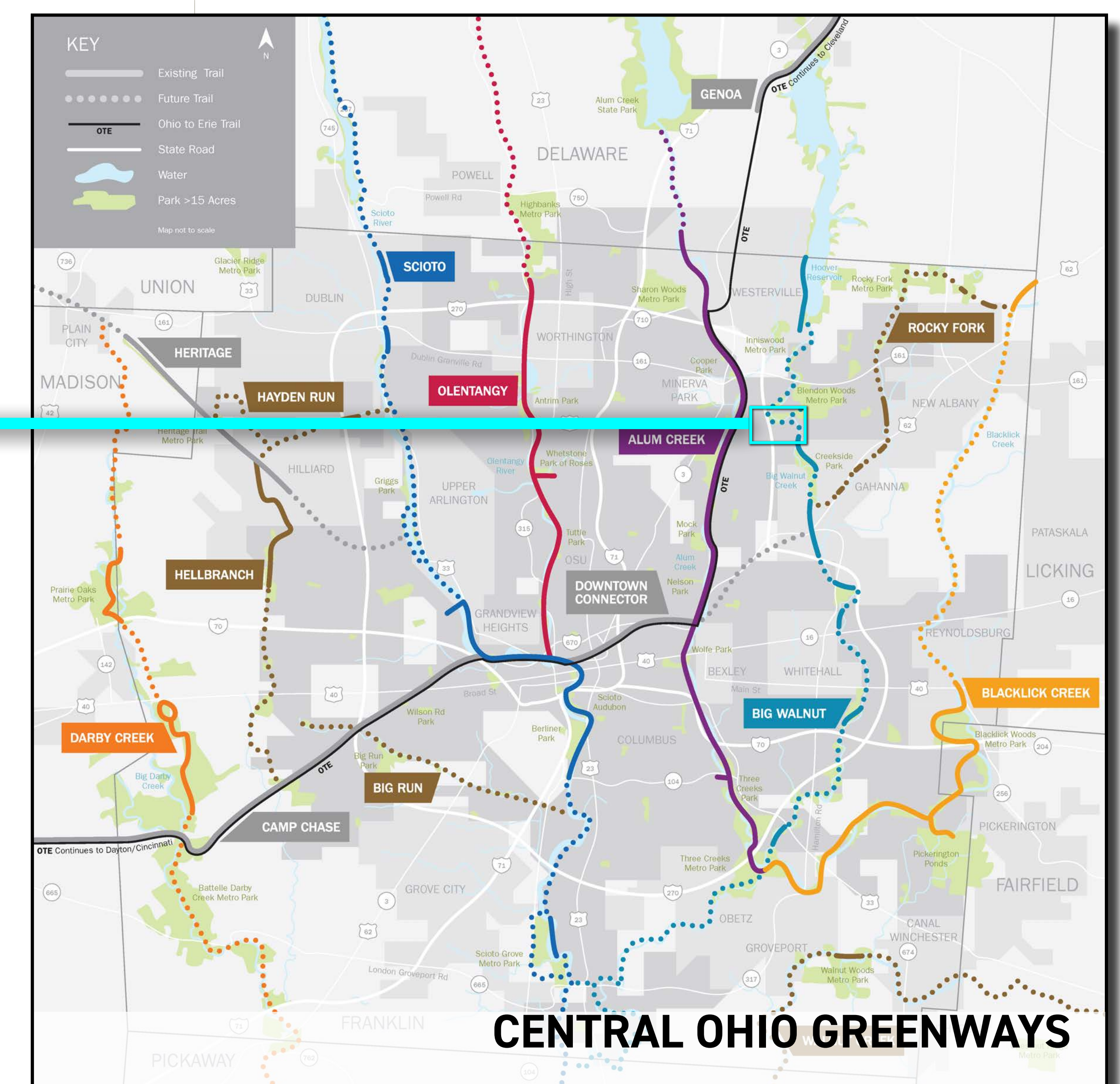
Big Walnut Trail - Hoover Reservoir



Trail in Cherrybottom Park



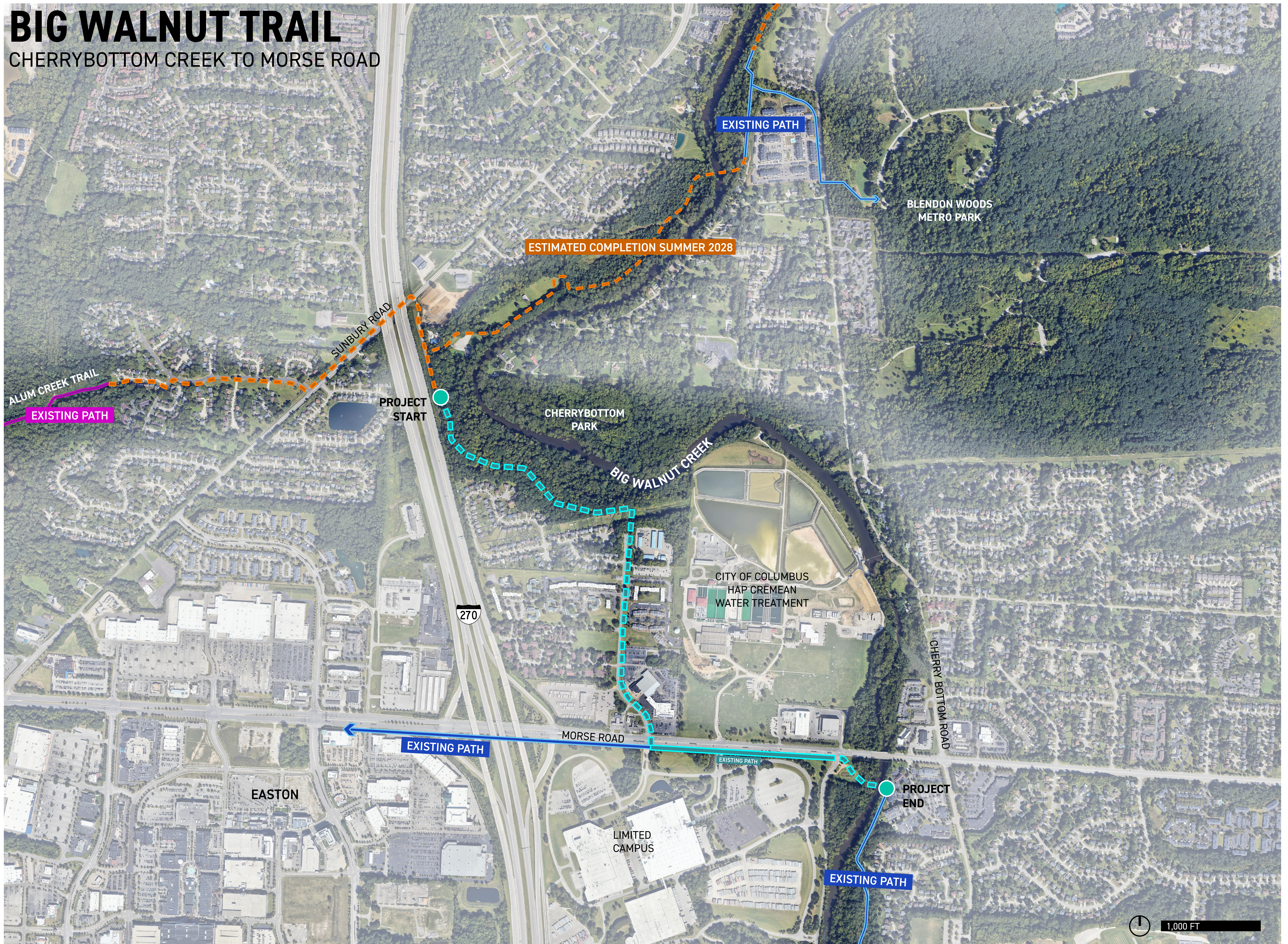
Big Walnut Trail - Woodside Big Park



CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS

BIG WALNUT TRAIL

CHERRYBOTTOM CREEK TO MORSE ROAD



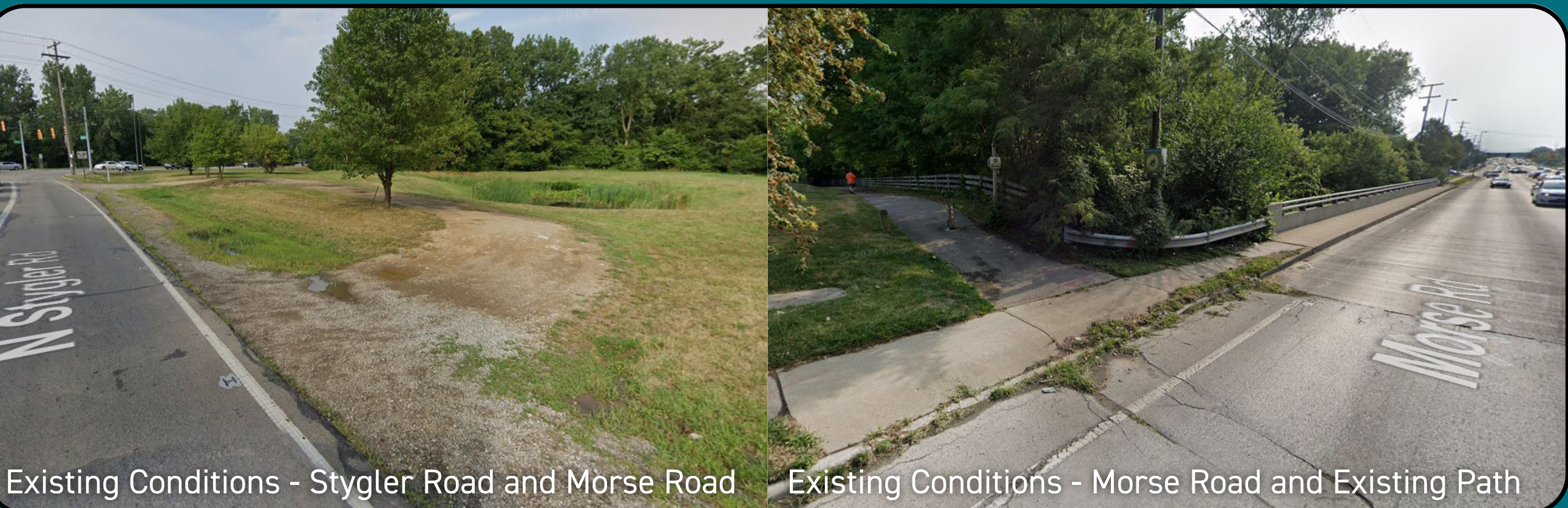
BIG WALNUT TRAIL

Regional Context

In 2018, the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board, MORPC, and local government partners adopted a Regional Trail Vision that includes approximately 176 miles of proposed trails. The network is anchored by seven major corridors: Big Walnut, Alum Creek, Olentangy, Scioto, Blacklick, Big Darby, and Camp Chase.



Compared to the other regional trail corridors, the Big Walnut Trail remains one of the most fragmented and has yet to fully connect Hoover Reservoir to Three Creeks Park as envisioned. This project, along with other ongoing efforts, will help close those gaps while revealing the corridor's remarkable natural beauty.



The Big Walnut Creek corridor is one of central Ohio's most layered landscapes—a former Native American transportation route whose very name ("Gahanna" means "three creeks in one"), a Civil War-era Underground Railroad waterway, a segregation-era gathering place for Central Ohio's Black community, and today an emerging greenway threading through communities across Franklin County.



Parks Along the Trail

This shared-use path is a key piece of the larger vision to connect the parks along this corridor. By improving access between these destinations, it will make it easier for residents and visitors to enjoy the area's natural landscapes and recreational opportunities.



Hoover Reservoir Parkland



Woodside Green Park (Gahanna)



Cherrybottom Park



Blendon Woods Metro Park

Existing Conditions

This project will connect a missing piece of the greater Big Walnut Trail plan and advance the larger vision of a regional park system for the greater Columbus area. Beyond strengthening regional connectivity, it creates an opportunity to reveal a remarkable landscape that has remained largely hidden from public view.

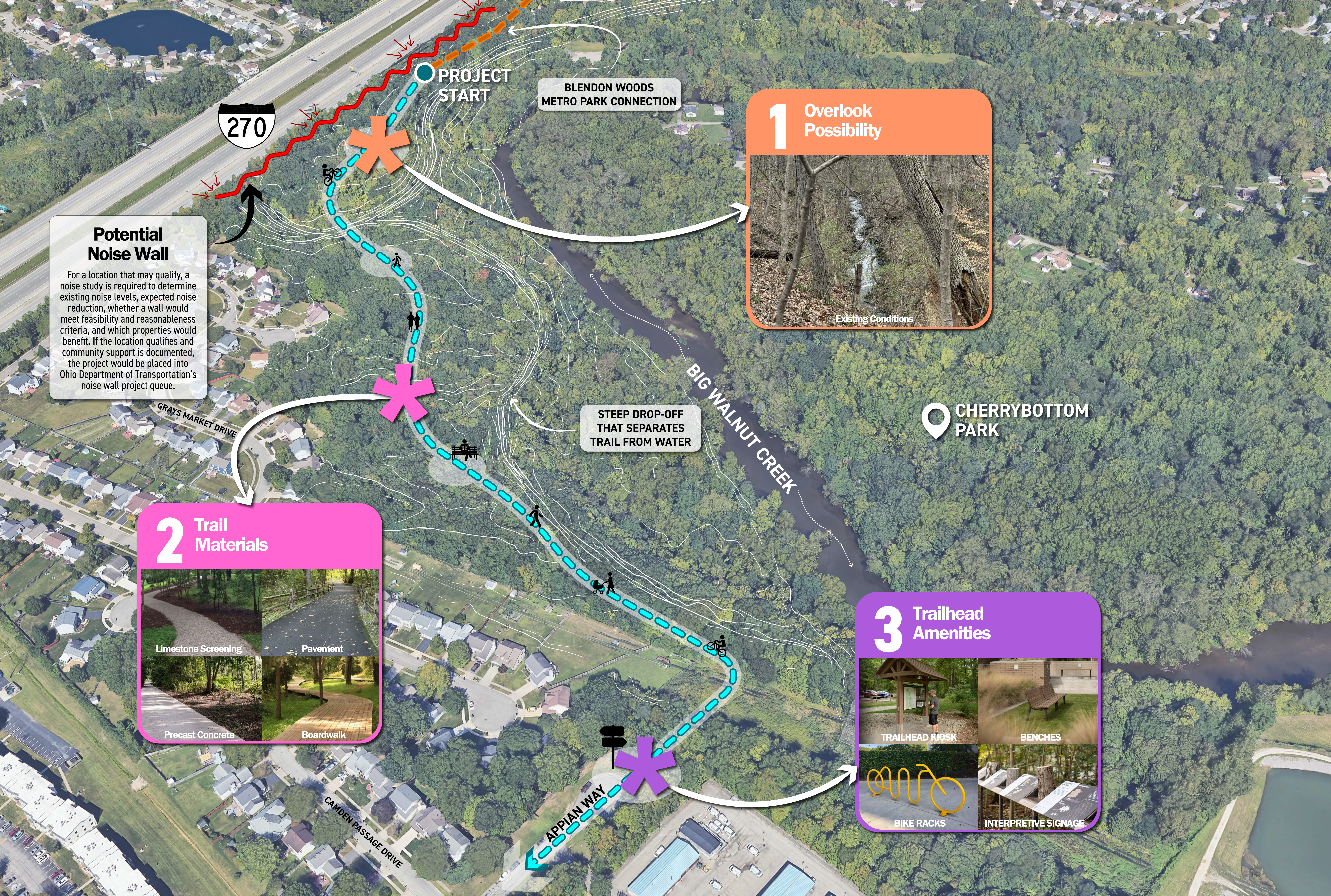


This wooded creek corridor features mature trees, dramatic changes in elevation, and scenic overlooks of the water below that many residents have never experienced. While informal trails exist today, the proposed shared-use path would provide safe access, connect visitors to the regional trail network, and create more opportunities to experience this unique natural setting.



CHERRY BOTTOM CREEK CONNECTION

BIG WALNUT TRAIL



CHERRY BOTTOM CREEK CONNECTION

1 Overlook Possibility

We're considering an overlook to see the falls.



2 Trail Materials

Place a dot by the trail material you prefer the most.



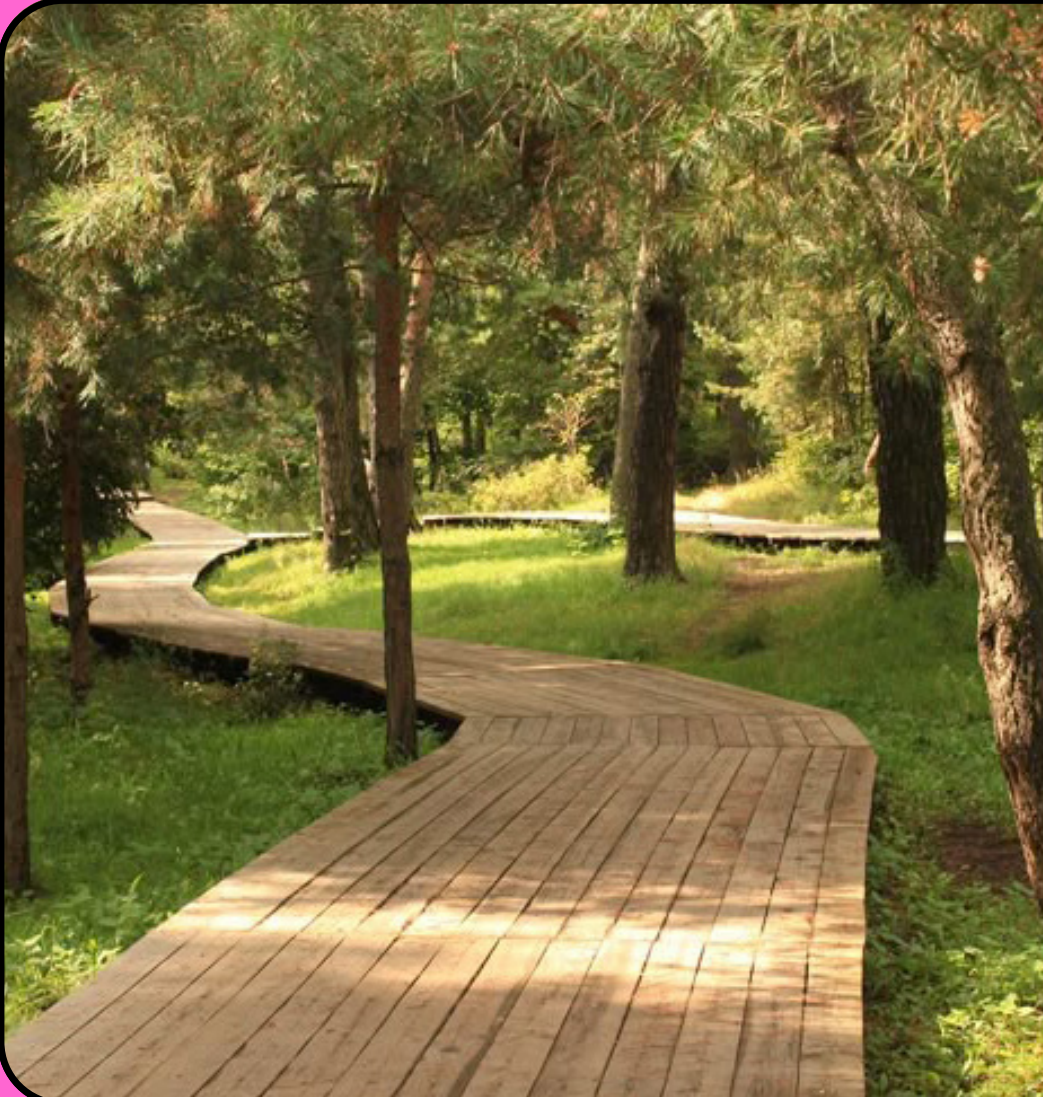
LIMESTONE SCREENING
PROS: Sustainable material, water permeable, & cost effective
CONS: Frequent maintenance required to prevent bumpy trail surface



PAVEMENT
PROS: Durable, smooth trail surface
CONS: Not considered a sustainable product, impervious to water, & expensive



PRECAST CONCRETE
PROS: Great longevity
CONS: Not considered a sustainable product, impervious to water, & expensive



BOARDWALK
PROS: Protects fragile ecosystems
CONS: Significant long term maintenance

3 Trailhead Amenities

Place a dot by your favorite amenity for the Appian Way trailhead.



TRAILHEAD KIOSK



BENCHES



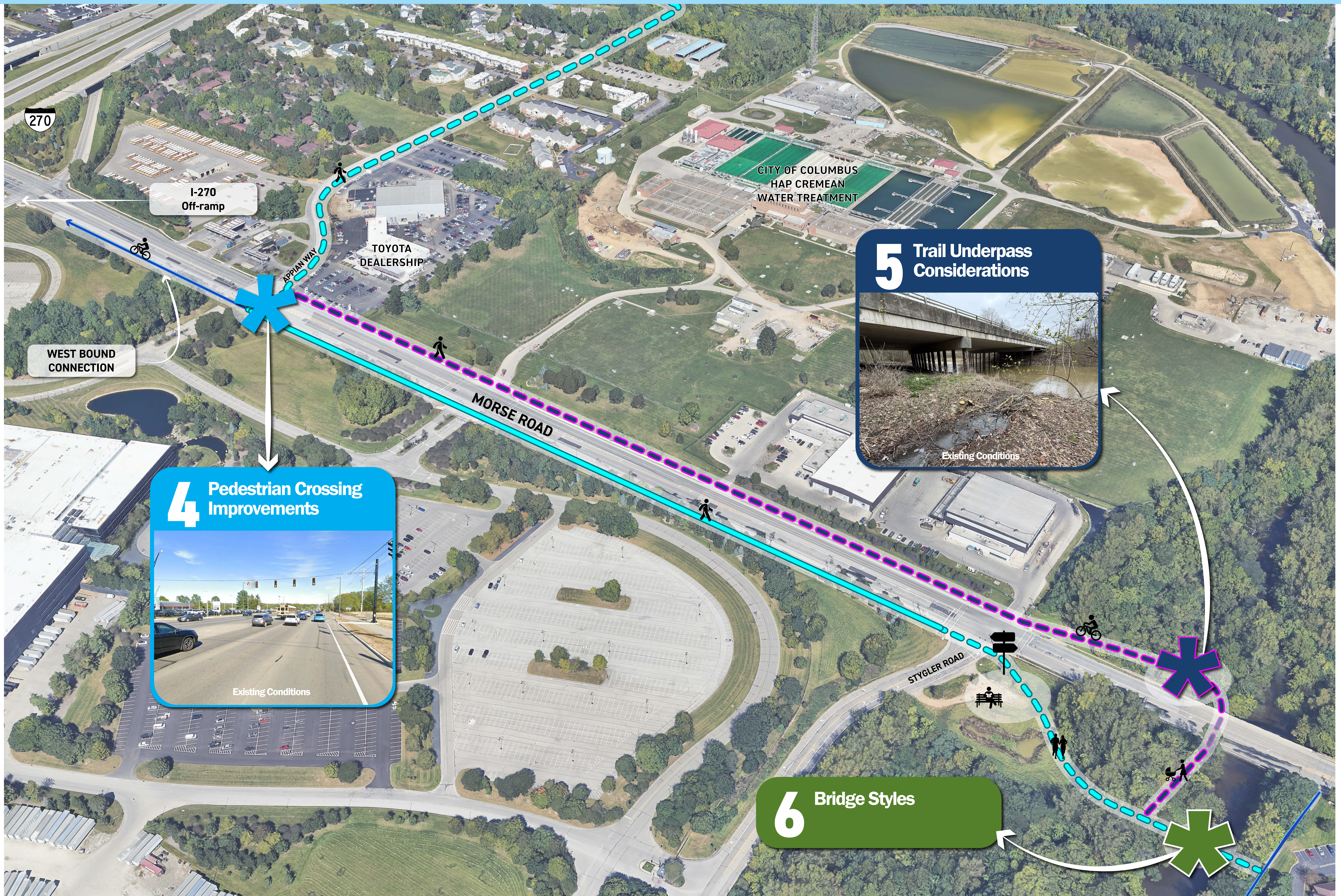
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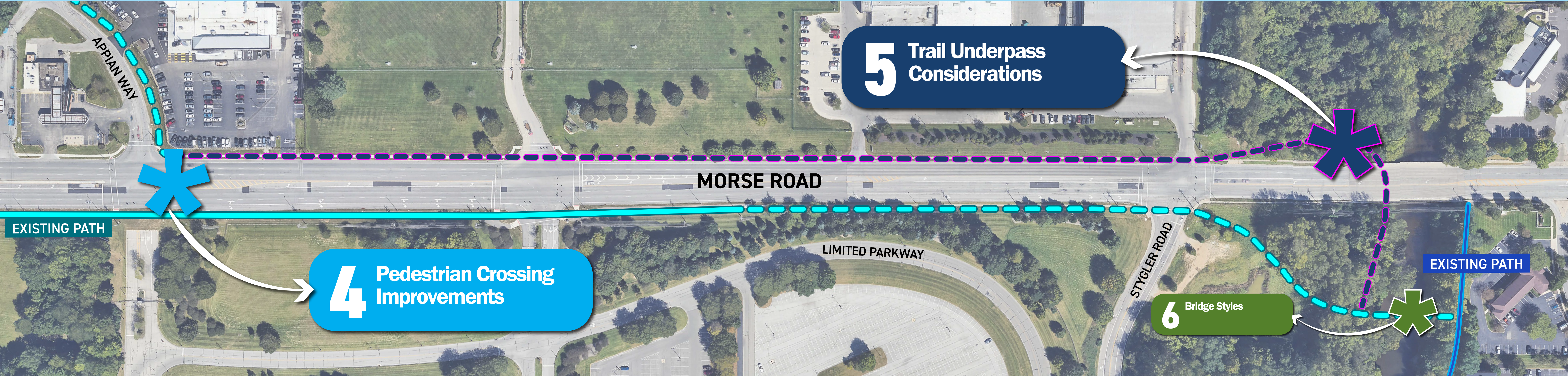
INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

MORSE ROAD CROSSING

BIG WALNUT TRAIL



MORSE ROAD CROSSING



4 Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Place dots by features that would make the crossing at Morse Road and Appian Way feel safer.



**CURB EXTENSIONS
TO REDUCE
CROSSING LENGTH**



**HIGH CONTRAST
MARKINGS**



**MEDIAN WITH
PEDESTRIAN REFUGE
AND LANDSCAPING**



**SHRUBS AND TREES
NEAR CROSSING**

5 Trail Underpass Considerations

We are considering a pedestrian underpass crossing of Morse Road in addition to the pedestrian crossing at Appian Way.
NOTE: The underpass may flood during some storm events.



UNDERPASS PRECEDENT IMAGES



BIG WALNUT CREEK BRIDGE

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6 Bridge Styles

Place a dot by your favorite bridge style.



Truss Bridge



Arch Bridge



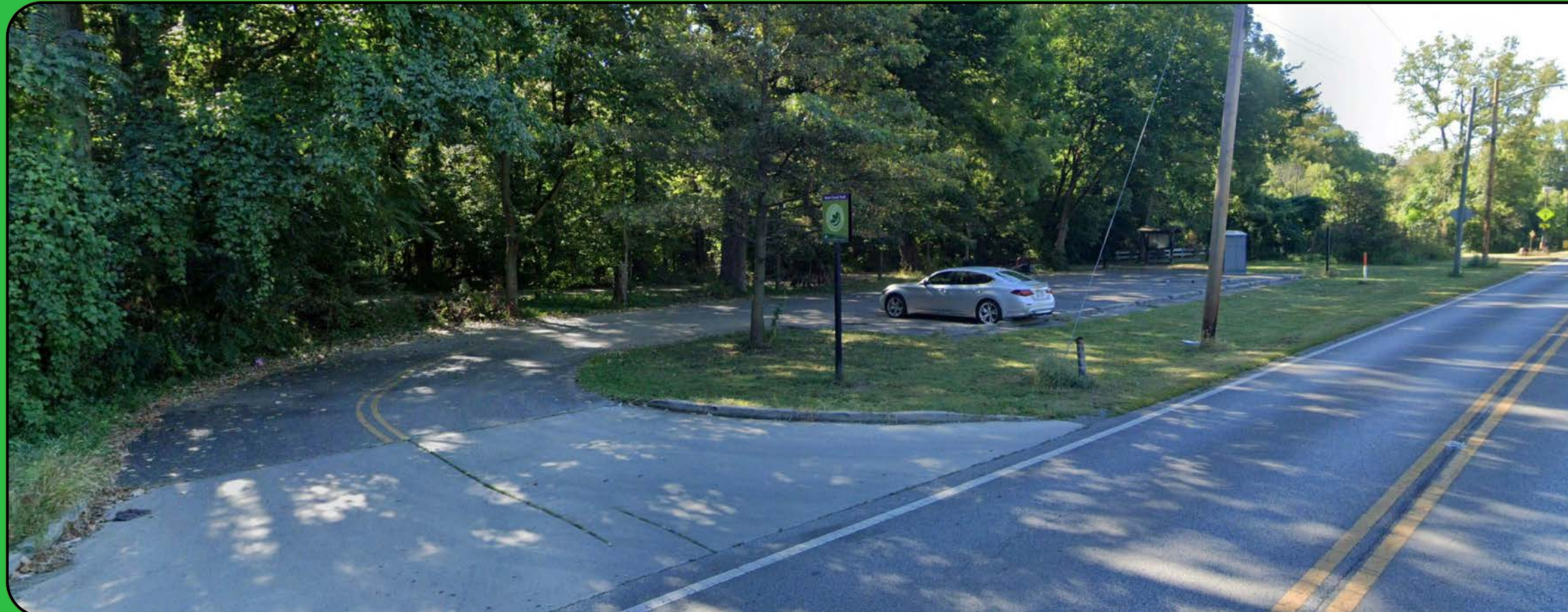
I-Beam Bridge



Wood Glulam Bridge

7 Trailhead Amenities

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Trailhead Parking Lots



Waterfountain & Shade Structure



Sculptural Art



Mural Paintings



Kayak Entry