



# The vision

The waterfront can become a source of healing for Cleveland's communities with the guiding principles of racial equity, economic opportunity, and climate resiliency.

- Mayor Justin M. Bibb





# The process

## Two initiatives - one vision



## The North Coast Connector

- Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
- Osborn Engineering
  - + sub-consultants

#### WHAT WE'LL DO THERE

## The North Coast Master Plan

Cleveland's

North Coast

- City Planning Commission
- James Corner Field Operations
  - Robert P. Madison International
  - HR&A MKA Dharam

## **Engagement Consultants**

- MurphyEpson
  - Compass Consulting Services
- ThirdSpace Action Lab
- Full Frame Initiative

## **Partner**

Greater Cleveland Partnership



# Project schedules





## **Community Engagement**



296

Spring 2023 **Community Visioning Workshop** attendees



**Focus Group** participants led by Compass Consulting



116

July 2023 'Community
Conversation with Mayor Bibb'
attendees at GLSC

1700+

**Comment Cards** submitted at 100+ community event; 175+ students & salon participants



4000+

**Survey** responses since May 2023

100+

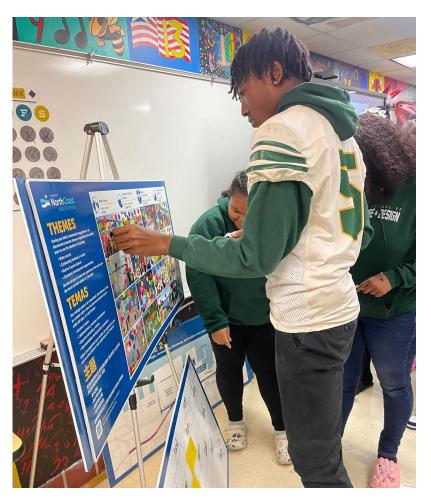
Third Space 'Intergenerational Lunch + Salon participants and CMSD student participants in **Discussion Groups** 











## Uses, Water Access, & Lakefront Character

We asked Clevelanders to select what lakefront uses that excited them the most and felt the most uniquely Cleveland. We also asked how they imagined the lakefront on a spectrum of Urban to Natural as well as the degree of water access they would like to see.

Top experiences that excite you the most and feel unique to Cleveland?

60%

58%

**Lakeside Dining** 

**Festivals** 

50%

48%

Arts & Cultural Events

**Sandy Beach** 





#### **Vision & Values**

We also asked Clevelanders to offer what their Vision and Values are for the Lakefront. What matters most to them and what values should be prioritized on the lakefront?

# Vision

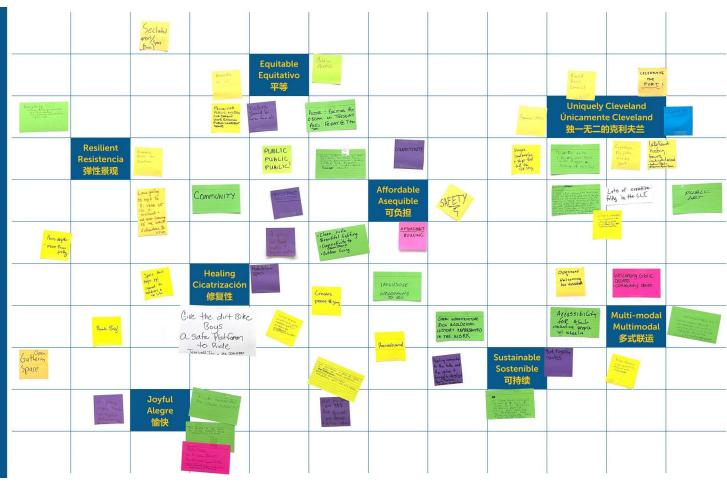
- Nature & Green Space
- Water Access
- Community Spaces & Events

## Values

- Inclusive & Welcoming Community
- Economic Development & Sustainability
- Access to Nature & Outdoor Spaces
- Public Access & Recreation
- History & Art







## **Primary Programs**



Water Access

Acceso al agua 亲水活动



Community Festivals & Events

Eventos comunitarios 社区集会与活动



Nature & Green Spaces

Distrutar de la Naturaleza 自然与绿色空间



## Economic Development Opportunities

Desarrollo economico 经济发展机遇



# Salon Series

These are not focus groups!

These are conversational gatherings meant to unpack key themes + guiding principles that animate the North Coast Lakefront Master Plan.

1

THE WHOLE HISTORY

2

THE FRONT PORCH

3

LAKEFRONT FOR EVERYONE



# The Whole History

This salon invited community members to uncover the cultural history of the lakefront, exploring our relationship to the waterfront before Moses Cleveland to today and beyond.

# **Key Insights**

- The lakefront existed as a sacred lifeforce, connection to nature, and a center for cultural gathering and sharing for Indigenous tribes before Moses Cleaveland.
- BIPOC have historically been excluded from the lakefront through redlining, social exclusion, policing, and structural racism.
- Space of healing must acknowledge and remedy past harms by elevating + integrating BIPOC voices + needs.



## The Front Porch

This salon invited designers, artists and culturemakers to explore the lakefront's identity and sense of community, and to reimagine the lakefront as a "Uniquely Cleveland" experience + destination.

# **Key Insights**

The Front Porch signifies a multi-use space that allows for refuge and respite on the Lakefront by incorporating both public and private spaces.

Should reflect Cleveland's identity and showcase the uniqueness of broader Cleveland through architecture, art, design and programming.

There's a need to interrogate what ownership of the front porch will look like. Are these porches rentable or free to use? How do we make sure they remain accessible to all?



# The Lakefront for Everyone

This salon invited community organizers to discuss the issues of access, privilege, and wealth in relation to our lakefront to center equity and accessibility in efforts to develop our waterfront.

# **Key Insights**

Access to the water is a privilege that not ALL Clevelanders have. This has real ramifications on sense of belonging, health and well-being, and community.

Our new lakefront has to prioritize diverse, small, and local business that represent our communities to promote inclusivity and wealth-building.

Our narrative will shape perceptions and access to the future lakefront. Unveiling events must reach people of all ages, abilities, races, gendered identities, and backgrounds to be successful.

# Major Implications

Hold a land acknowledgment ceremony to honor the "whole history"

> Integrate native plants and landfill materials

Prioritize + protect modern Indigenous art installations

> Continue to seek out BIPOC stories + insights

Balance public + private through small, intimate spaces + features

Prioritize safety + access through lighting, porch orientation, + adjacent spaces

Consider who "owns", maintains, + leases front porches + why Engage diverse, local small business owners for amenities

Integrating

"parking lot"

culture +

tailgating

spaces

**Inclusive** 

Cleveland

programming

to introduce

the new

lakefront

Address narratives of the lakefront as "geographically divisive" Promote multi-use with programmed and unprogrammed green space

(1)

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## Vary the Shoreline













## **Whole History**



Celebrate my B'day at the Cpat. 1967at till it closed. - Ice cream stand behind Captain Frank's - Watchina Airplanes

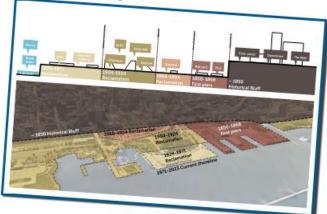
- Watching Airplanes take off from E. 9th St Pier - Catching a train to Chi-

or Washington at the Amtrak Station - Seeing a Indians open with 80,000 fans

I love going to the lake to watch the sunsets.

I biked down to this area to hang out after I got my first Center.

**Evolving Shoreline** 



I remember learning about
Joseph "Black Joe" Hodges
accompanying Moses Cleaveland
to the area that would
become Cleveland... can we tell
this story?

Black Joe was Cleavlands Guide from Buffalo - He help to bavigaate and guide Mose to Cleveland and Addendum

I have always enjoyed riding the Good Time Cruises and spending time in that area: I've also enjoyed touring walks down and near the piers on my lunch breaks:

Fresh Water Ecology



I was bringing a group of Asian
American Pacific Islander
leaders from across the US.
On a tour of Cleveland, when
I asked if they wanted to see
the Lake, they said yes! We
got out at Edgewater Lake,
and the pacific Islander puut
her feet in the water, she had
a full body sigh and smiled and
said, "I feel connected now."

Asiatown

Asiatown

Back in Covid, I used to visit + hangout at the lakefront park - it was so peaceful!



The Lake means home to me· I
am at thee lake several times a
week with my dog· It is where I
go to feel connected with
something greater·

- I scale the giant boulders
to get a view of the lake.
- I run/walk around the
lakefront preserves and
listen to nature.
- I go paddle boarding
starting at Meswins Warf.
- I enjoy food and drinks in
the Fields.

My dad would "take us to the lake" every warm Friday. We would mostly sit inn silence and enjoy our surrounding. I would surrounding to have a Friday night like that again!

Fishing as a child.



One of my favorite
memories is on the
memories is on the
Good Time - Friends
who are now married
who are there!
met there!

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Cleveland in 2011, I was
immediately drawn to
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the pace of the lake
to recruit and just
watch the beautiful
nature. But I learned
nature water can be
that the water can be
unhealthy depending on
the day and year. We
must protect the lady
Lake Erie!

The working, industrial waterfront was always a place of wonder and entertainment. It can dovetail well with reimaging places.

## Cleveland's Porch



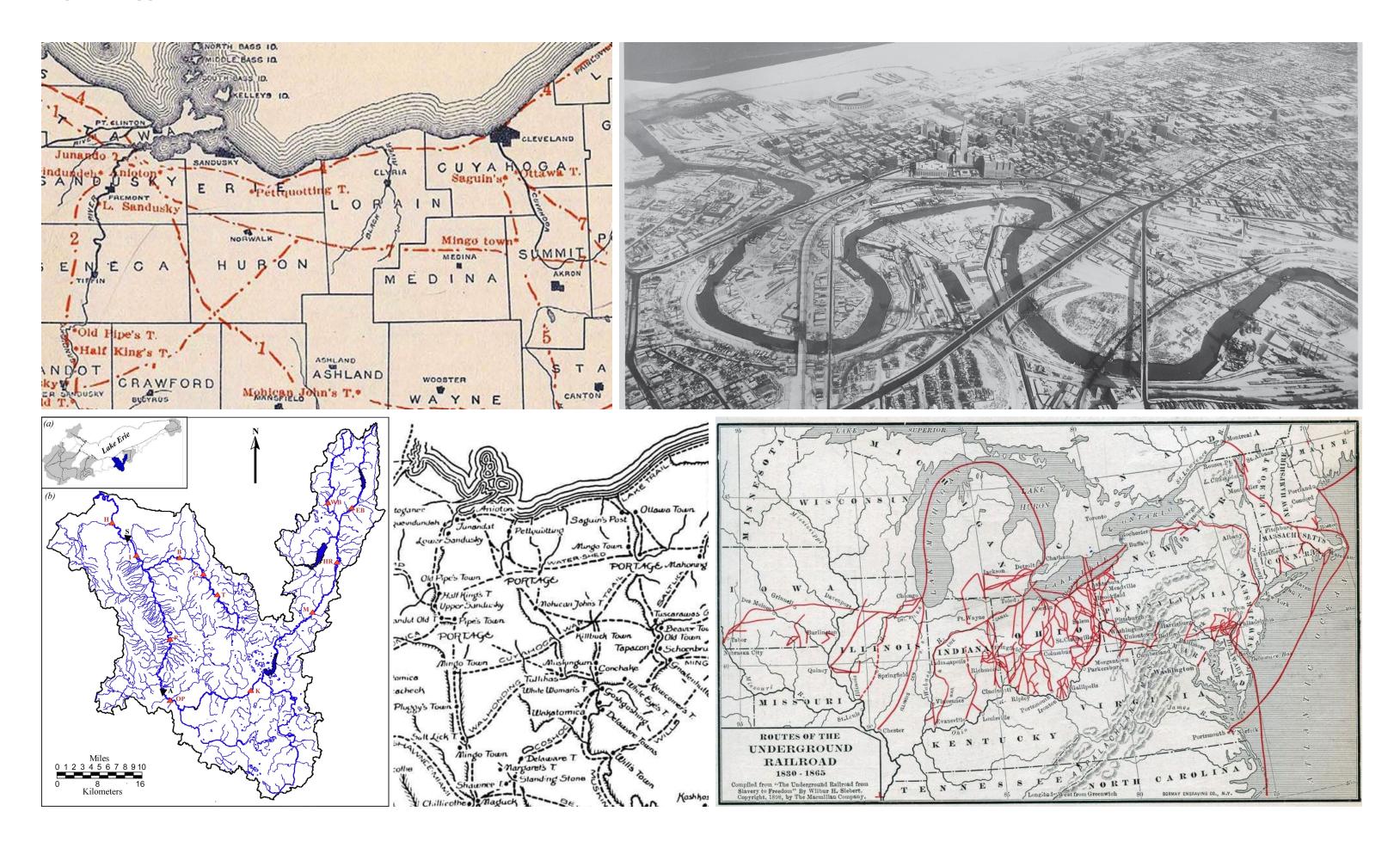




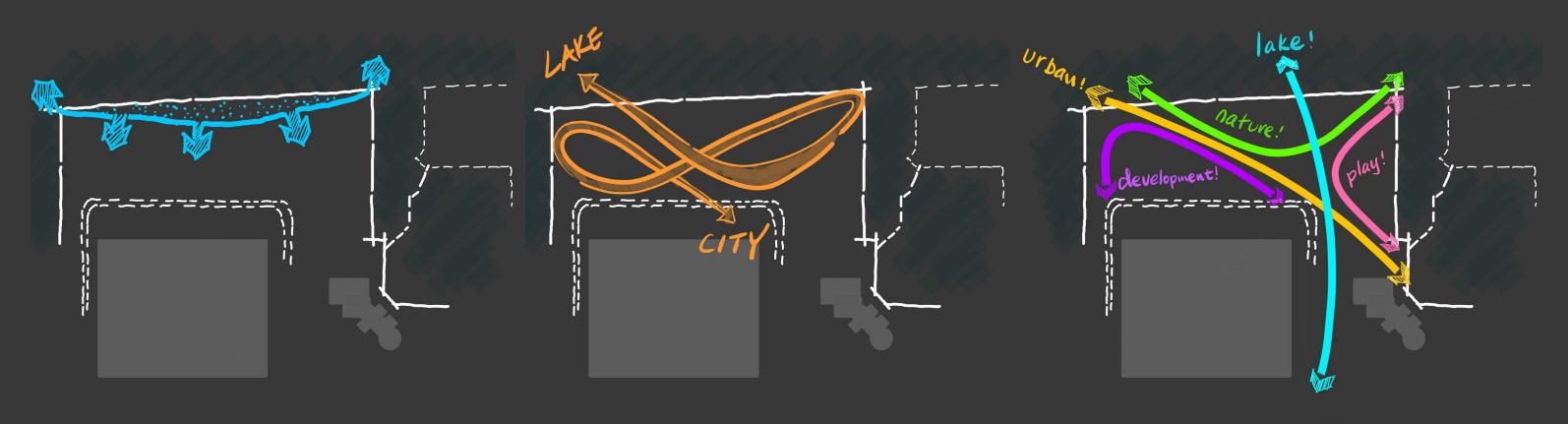




## **Flow Lines**



## **Lakefront Concept**



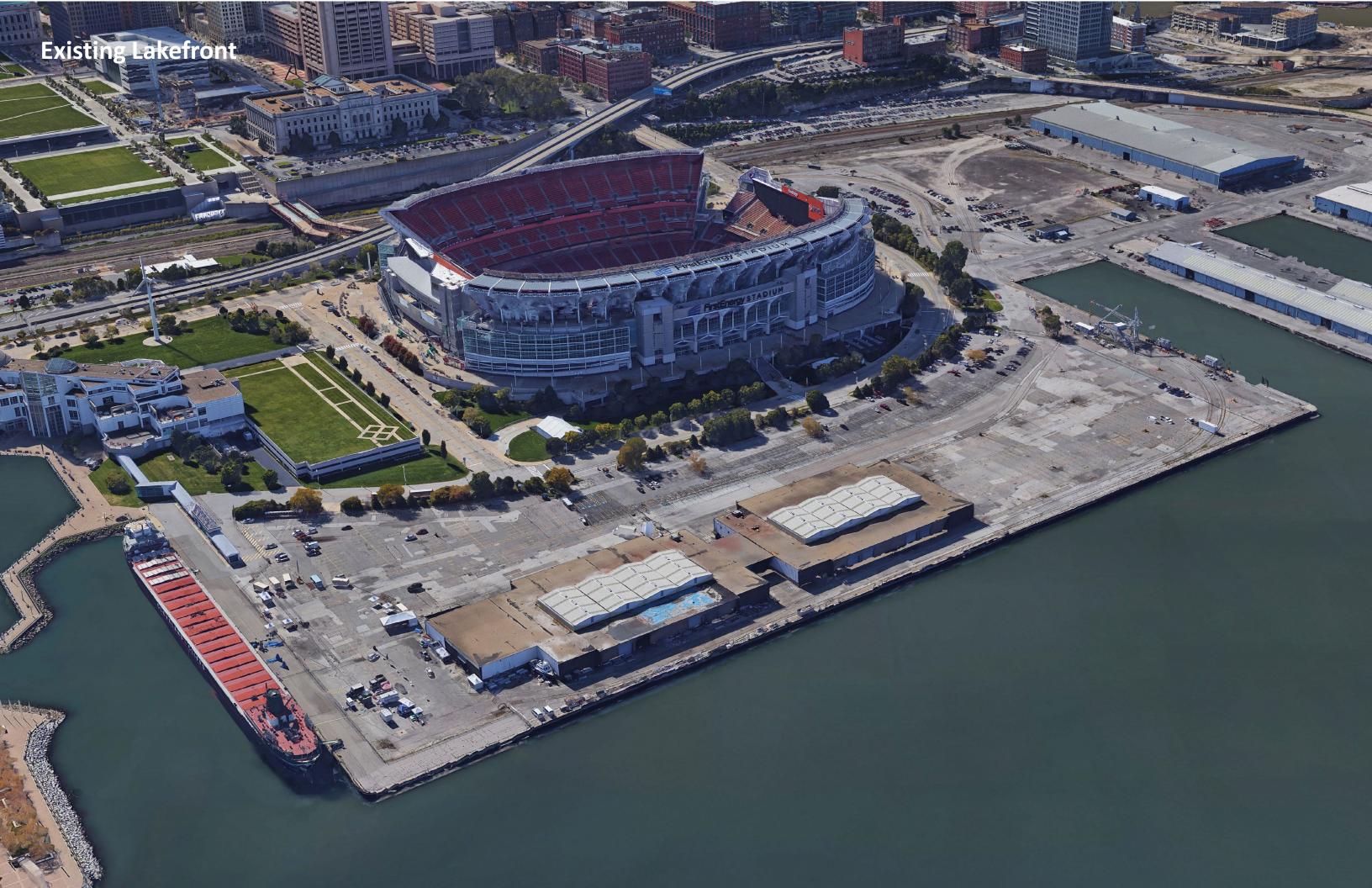
Vary the Edge

**Embrace the City & Lake** 

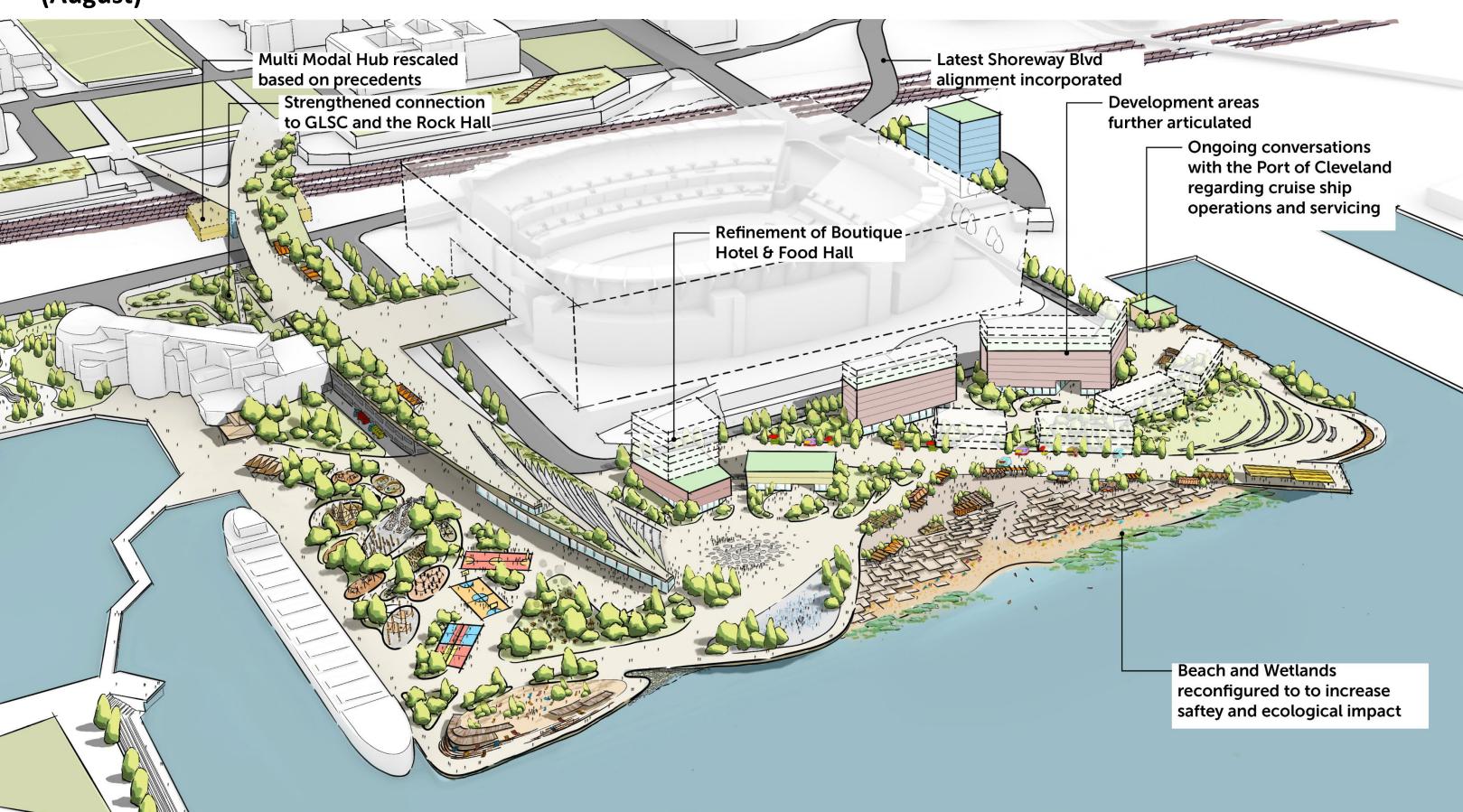
**Create a Lakefront for Everyone** 



# North Coast Lakefront Master Plan Updates



## Previous Concept Plan (August)







#### LEGEND:

- SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS
- 1 MALL C
- 2 GREEN ROOF (CUYAHOGA COUNTY)
- 3 GREEN ROOF (CITY OF CLEVELAND)
- 4 THE ARC LANDBRIDGE
- 5 MULTI MODAL TRANSIT HUB
- 6 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
- 7 TRAIL HEAD COMFORT STATION
- 8 ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME
- 9 GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER
- 10 CONNECTION TO GLSC & ROCK HALL
- 11 STADIUM PLAZA
- 12 ELEVATOR KIOSK
- 13 ARC OVERLOOK
- RESTROOMS/CAFE/COMMUNITY

  SPACE (UNDER LANDBRIDGE)
- **115** AMPHITHEATER
- 16 NATURE PLAY
- **17** SPORT COURTS
- 18 COOKOUT GROVE
- 19 SUN DECK
- 20 SPLASH PAD
- 21 COMMUNITY PLAZA
- 22 BOUTIQUE HOTEL
- 23 'TASTE OF CLEVELAND' FOOD HALL
- 24 CENTRAL PROMENADE
- 25 PORCH PLAZA
- 26 PERCHED BEACH
- 27 LAKE LEDGES & WETLAND WALK
- 28 BOATHOUSE
- 29 FISHING PIER
- **30 SLOPED LAWN**
- 33 VILLAGE APARTMENTS
- **32** ERIESIDE APARTMENTS
- 33 GARDEN WALK
- 34 HOMELAND SECURITY TERMINAL
- **35** COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT





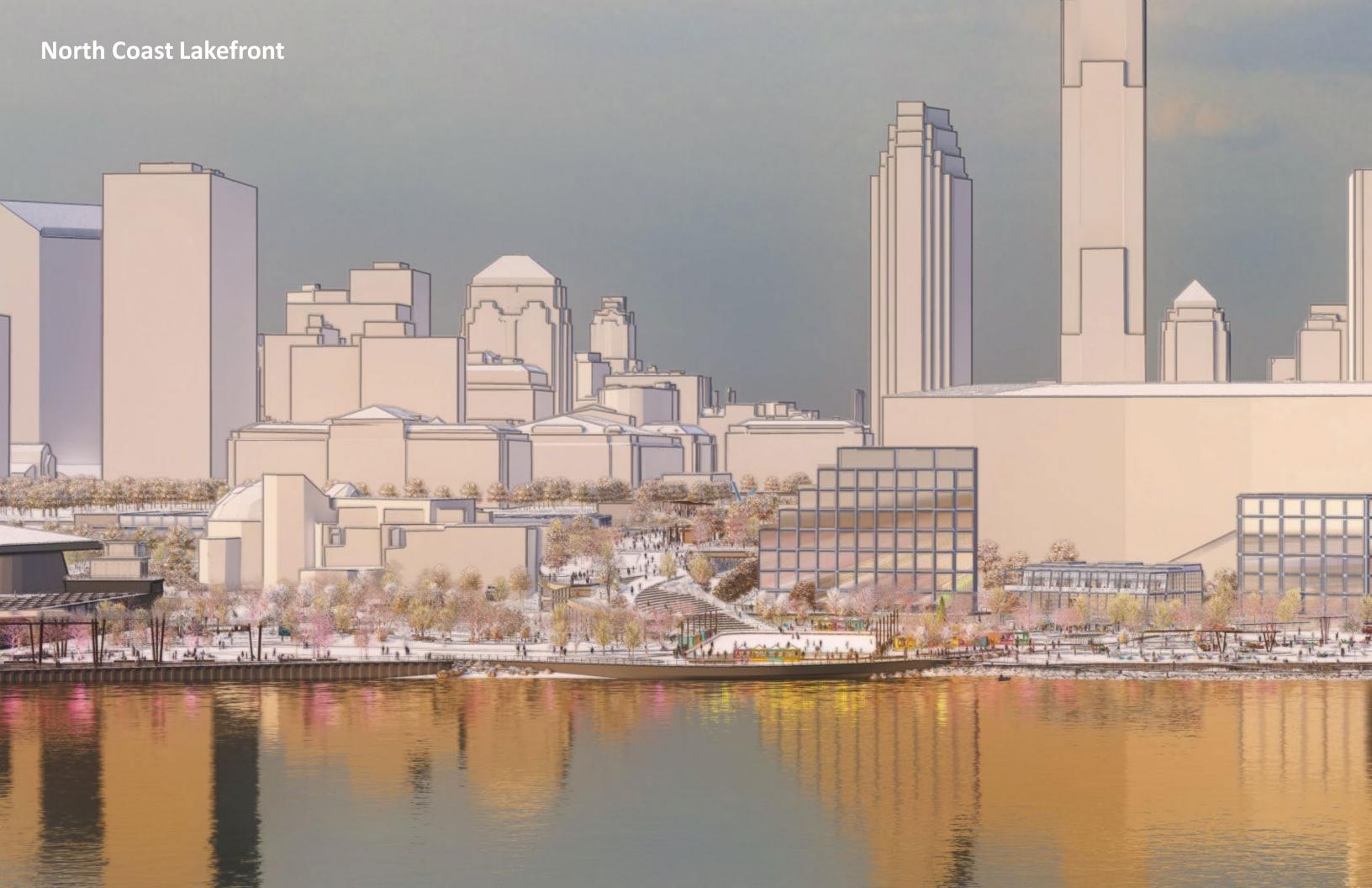




































## **The Porches**







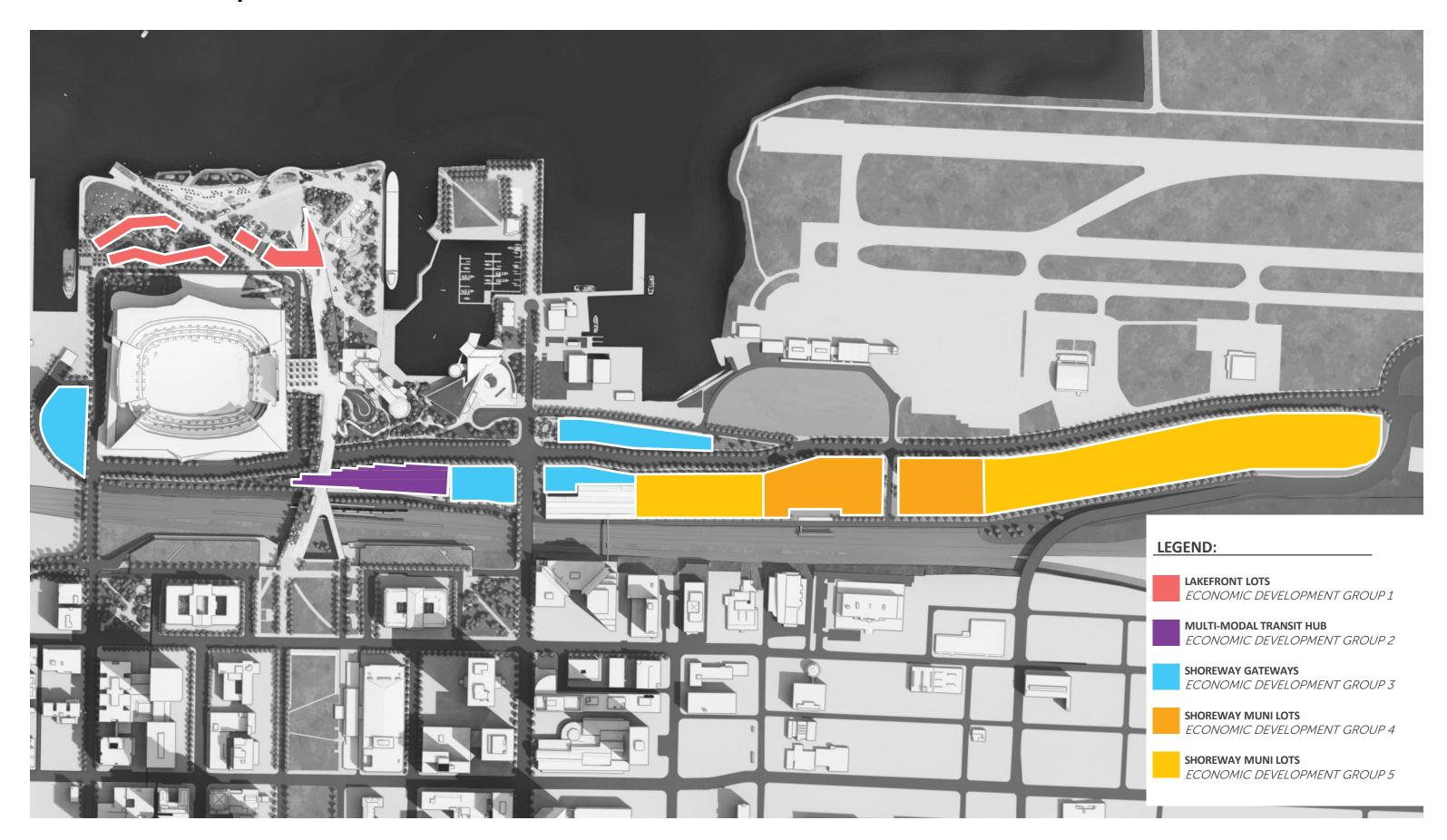






## Economic Development Opportunities

## Potential Phasing for Economic Development



## North Coast Lakefront Master Plan - 60% Draft

