The Urban Core

One of the Key Initiatives of the Centennial Plan is to leverage parks and open space as a catalyst for the revitalization of the urban core, stimulating redevelopment, improving quality of life and providing better connectivity between the many assets that exist in the heart of our community.

Each of the sub-areas outlined in the diagram above—Downtown, Over-the-Rhine, Uptown and Mill Creek Valley—have unique needs, assets and opportunities. In the following pages, more detailed strategies are outlined for each area. Downtown and Over-the-Rhine are described together, with an emphasis on the symbiotic relationship between the two.
BURNET WOODS | THE OASIS

- Ludlow & King Gateways
- Streetscape Linkages to/from Zoo
- Restored Stream Corridor with Trail Interpretive Stamps: Stormwater BMP's
- Clifton Gateway: Realigned with Dromyth
- Improved Parking & Picnic | Play Rental Area
- Realigned Street with Parking, Pedestrian Promenade & Connecting Gardens
- Enhanced Trailside, Boathouse & Terrace
- Existing Road Removed to Strengthen Forest & Stream Linkage
- Terrace, Café & Restaurant on Clifton Avenue
- Enhanced Lake Promenade
- New Scenic Drive Alignment
- "Green" Park Maintenance Building
- Enhanced Streetscape Along Clifton Avenue and MLK Avenue
- Expanded Disc Golf Course
- Native Landscape Restoration & Biofiltration
- Entry Plaza & Improved Intersection
- Bandstand Grounds Enhancements
UPTOWN PARKS OVERVIEW | Introduction

- Master Plans were produced for parks in the Uptown area that address the need for upgrades, new opportunities and partnerships in Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, Clifton Heights-Fairview and Mt. Auburn.

- Though minor repairs and improvements have been done in Burnet Woods and other Uptown parks, major funding to implement the Master Plan has not been available.

- The Burnet Woods Master Plan is evolving by incorporating new ideas and new opportunities.
BURNET WOODS | ENHANCEMENTS

- Ludlow Gateway
- Realignment of Intersection
- Realignment of Street with Parking, Promenade & Gardens
- Terrace, Cafe & Restaurant
- Improved Parking, Picnic & Play Area
- Rent-able Area
- Existing Road Removed
- New Scenic Drive Alignment
- Enhanced Streetscape
- MLK Gateway
- Restored Stream Corridor and Stormwater BMPs
- Bandstand Grounds Enhancements
- Zoo Streetscape Linkages
- Enhanced Trailside, Concession Building & Terrace
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• **Park Pedestrian Gateways**
  - Enhanced pedestrian entrances at Ludlow/Clifton Ave. & King/Clifton Ave.
  - New walkway system from Clifton Avenue into the park across from Good Sam Hospital.

• **Realigned Dixmyth Entrance**
  - New street and sidewalk entrance into the park at Dixmyth intersection
  - Aligns with traffic light & eliminates pedestrian/vehicle conflicts.

• **New Scenic Drive**
  - Elimination of roadway sections to create a single winding scenic drive
  - Eliminate road in the center of the park which cuts through the middle of the trail system.
BURNET WOODS | Park Road Refinements
• **Restaurant/Café**
  - The plan proposed a two-story restaurant on Clifton Ave with the upper story opening on to Bandstand area. It is no longer being considered.

• **Bandstand Grounds**
  - Elimination of half of the roadway loop, replacing it with new greenspace.

• **New Picnic Area & Gardens**
  - New picnic area, gardens & landscape in the vicinity of the upper shelter.
• Built opposite Good Samaritan Hospital on Clifton Avenue, street exposure with upper story open into the park in a garden setting
• Offer a unique dining experience in the park
• Restaurant revenues would help offset park maintenance costs
• Lakeside Improvements
  ▪ Create a pedestrian plaza in former roadway
  ▪ Reuse the former concession building
  ▪ Rebuild fishing station
  ▪ Improve walking paths around the lake
  ▪ Add a vehicle turn around
BURNET WOODS | Lake Area

- Lake area improved with cul-de-sac at the end of Brookline
- Reuse of concessions building
- Making the former roadway at Trailside Nature Center a true pedestrian environment
- **Restored Stream Corridor and Trail**
  - Improvements along the Valley Trail to address storm-water issues with green infrastructure, retention basins, daylighting stream
  - Rebuild trail as a paved accessible route to the Valley Area

- **Valley Area**
  - Shelter/picnic area improvements
  - Eliminate wet conditions
  - Update playground
  - Build paved pathway to link area to the northwest entrance of the park
• Separate storm & sanitary sewers
• Opportunity for storm water detention basins/ water features
• New paved accessible path
BURNET WOODS | Stream Improvements
• **Expanded Disc Golf**
  - Double the size of the disc golf course & improving the existing course.

• **New Maintenance Building**
  - A new “green” facility is proposed.

• **Trail and Pathway Improvements**
  - Trail clearing, rebuilt erosion controls, steps, and improved signs
  - Paved walkway/step work at various locations

• **New Lighting, Landscape, Site Amenities**
  - New lighting, landscape, interpretive signs, & furnishings (benches, trash cans, picnic tables, grills, railings)

• **Removal of Invasive Plants**
  - Ongoing need as well as new planting/understory treatment after the invasive plants are removed

• **Trailside and Programs**
  - Redesign/restore the historic building
  - Expand nature programming and extend Trailside hours
  - Expand general programming and events with community partners
BURNET WOODS | Trail System

- The park’s trail system lets people hike and get in touch with nature – right in the heart of the City.
- The plan would enhance trails and trail signs, and by removing a section of roadway in the center of the park, the trails along the ridges on the north and south sides of the park would be joined together.
The plan is a conceptual master plan. As funding is made available, and phases are to be implemented, further refinements and community engagement will occur.

Updated plans will include updated budgets. Plan implementation and funding is expected to come from public and private partners.

Planned implementation will require creative collaboration, community and stakeholder participation and strategies for covering operating costs.
BURNET WOODS | ENHANCEMENTS

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