



# PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 3-YEAR PLAN

Project Name	Q1 26	Q2 26	Q3 26	Q4 26	Q1 27	Q2 27	Q3 27	Q4 27	Q1 28	Q2 28	Q3 28	Q4 28
<b>Current Focus Project</b>												
Everybody's Treehouse in Mt. Airy	Construction	Construction										
Smale Stage Lawn Enhancements*	Construction	Construction	Construction									
Mt. Airy Bike Skills Course Path/Comfort Station/Overlook*	Construction	Construction	Construction									
Eden Park Steps by Playhouse*	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction								
Sawyer Point Playground & Planning	Planning	Planning	Fundraising/Identifying Funds	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction				
Biochar & Sinton Campus	Planning	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction			
Glenway Park Renovations & Playground*	Planning	Planning	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction						
California Woods Hydrological Plan	Planning	Planning	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction				
Owls Nest Improvements & Pavilion Restoration*	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction				
<b>Next Up</b>												
Doris Day Dog Park in Mt. Airy*	Planning	Planning										
Gibson House Roof & Façade	Planning	Planning										
Burnet Woods Improvements & Bandstand	Planning	Planning										
Inwood Park Master Plan Development	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction		
Bramble Park Trail	Planning	Planning										
Ohio River Way Bike Trail - Sawyer Point & Yeatman's Cove	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction					
Riverfront Marina	Planning	Planning										
Smale River's Edge	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction				
Krohn Conservatory Restoration Study	Planning	Planning										
McEvoy Park Improvements	Planning	Planning										
Smale Concrete & Granite Upgrades			Construction	Construction								
Warder Nursery Campus			Construction	Construction								
Mt. Airy McFarlan Playground			Construction	Construction								
Sawyer Point Skating Rink Improvements*	Fundraising/Identifying Funds	Fundraising/Identifying Funds	Fundraising/Identifying Funds	Fundraising/Identifying Funds								

\* = Partnered Project

Planning

Fundraising/Identifying Funds

Bidding & Contracts

Construction

Closeout

## COMPLETED

- 2/24 Ludlow DNR HQ
- 4/24 Lytle Park Renovations
- 4/24 Fleischmann Gardens
- 4/24 Washington Park Masonry & Irrigation
- 6/24 French House Exterior
- 12/24 Mt. Echo Pavilion Roof
- 2/25 Art Museum Drive
- 3/25 Ludlow DNR Garage
- 5/25 Ault Park Valley Trail
- 5/25 International Friendship Park Restoration
- 10/25 Burnet Woods Dog Park
- 10/25 Mt. Airy Bike Skills Course
- 12/25 Ault Park Playground

## FUTURE

- Lytle Park Comfort Station
- Playground Renovations - Hoffner Park First
- MLK Park Renovation
- Seasongood Square Improvements
- Ault Park Cascade, Plaza, & Pavilion
- Mt. Airy West Operations Center
- Burnet Woods Stormwater Control
- Bellevue Park Master Plan
- Fairview Erosion/Master Plan
- Jackson Hill Master Plan
- Alms Park Pavilion, Plaza, & Stairs

Cincinnati Parks 5,000 acres consists of 8 regional parks, 70 neighborhood parks, 34 preserves and natural areas, 5 parkways, 65 miles of hiking trails, 80,000 street trees on 1,000 miles of City streets, 6 nature centers, 18 scenic overlooks, 52 playgrounds, 500 landscaped gardens, and over 100 picnic areas. With all of this to care for, there are constant needs of all shapes and sizes. Whether it be a bad sidewalk, an aging playground, a leaking roof, or a park that could use a complete facelift, there's plenty to do to keep our parks looking great and best serving our residents and users.

This is why the Board of Park Commissioners approved a work plan, generated by Parks staff, outlining projects underway, and planned, over the next 3 years. This plan represents a roadmap of what Cincinnati Parks will be prioritizing in the coming years, and creates transparency into improvement projects. This was developed after a careful evaluation based on a number of factors including safety, equity, efficiencies, long-term maintenance, available funding, and more. This plan represents current priorities, capacity, and needs, and is a living document that will be updated as circumstances evolve and schedules are adjusted.

## CURRENT FOCUS PROJECT

**EVERYBODY’S TREEHOUSE IN MT. AIRY** This unique amenity is in need of repairs to ensure it can be maintained as a community asset for generations to come. Extensive engineering work to determine the necessary repairs to stabilize and protect the treehouse was completed and construction is underway. The treehouse is slated to reopen in Spring 2026.

**SMALE STAGE LAWN ENHANCEMENTS** This project is a funding partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. It includes adding planting beds, granite promenade seat walls, a sandstone and granite donor wall and cladding walls to the park surrounding the Andrew J. Brady Music Center. Construction is underway and the work will be completed mid-2026.

**MT. AIRY BIKE SKILLS COURSE PATH/COMFORT STATION/OVERLOOK** Improvements are needed in the areas surrounding the new bike skills course. These include architectural renovations and accessibility upgrades to the out of service comfort station and minor renovations to the existing scenic overlook structure. This project will also add a new accessible pathway connecting the parking area to a welcoming plaza in front of the comfort station, along with a bike repair and pump station, a picnic area, drinking fountains, updated fencing, and new benches and picnic tables.

**EDEN PARK STEPS BY PLAYHOUSE** In partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, Parks is working on a project to create a new entrance to Eden Park south of Playhouse in the Park serving as a bookend to the Art Climb Steps north of the Cincinnati Art Museum. Design work is ongoing, and the project will get underway in 2026.

**SAWYER POINT PLAYGROUND & PARK PLANNING** work is underway to restore the Sawyer Point Park playground, which was suddenly destroyed by a massive fire. This project represents a chance to create an amazing new, uniquely Cincinnati, amenity for the next generation of park users, of a wide range of ages and abilities, to enjoy. Engagement with the community is ongoing to create something truly fantastic in this iconic regional park. The goal is to open the new playground in spring of 2027. The project also creates an opportunity to comprehensively review the layout of the surrounding park to guide a longer-term plan and accessibility improvements in the coming years.

**BIOCHAR & SINTON CAMPUS** This project couples two significant and complex projects together. The Sinton Avenue operations work hub currently serves crews throughout our system and is badly in need of repair and improvement. Project components include a new roof with covered loading area, exterior glazing, new zoned HVAC, electric, offices, employee restrooms, solar panels, EV charging stations, improved material storage, and more. The most exciting element is the new biochar production facility, which brings many environmental benefits like capturing carbon, improving urban plantings, growing the tree canopy in underserved neighborhoods, and supporting more effective stormwater management projects. Work is well underway to carefully design and assemble funding for this sizable project.

**GLENWAY PARK RENOVATIONS & PLAYGROUND** Parks is working with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and the surrounding community to renovate Glenway Park in East Price Hill. Fundraising and conceptual planning are in development and include a new playground, new lighting, regrading, and walking path improvements to increase accessibility and visibility. The goal is to open the newly renovated park in 2027.

**CALIFORNIA WOODS HYDROLOGICAL PLAN** This amazing preserve is experiencing significant erosion issues that threaten long-term public access to the park. A specialized firm has been selected to develop a plan for sustainable interventions to the stream flow to mitigate the on-going erosion issues in the most environmentally sustainable manner. Investigation and design work is underway and construction on the initial set of improvements is planned to begin in 2027.

**OWLS NEST IMPROVEMENTS & PAVILION RESTORATION** Parks has worked with a design consultant, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, and the Evanston and East Walnut Hills communities, to develop a plan and fundraise for the restoration of the historic pavilion and a package of parkwide improvements. Construction is planned to begin in 2027.

## NEXT UP

**DORIS DAY DOG PARK IN MT. AIRY** Work has begun to engage the community and the Parks Foundation on renovations to this dog park, which is suffering from chronic erosion, access, and maintenance issues.

**GIBSON HOUSE ROOF & FAÇADE** This architecturally important structure was built in the middle 19th century and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Critical repairs are needed to preserve this treasure, which is now used for offices and a rental venue.

**BURNET WOODS IMPROVEMENTS & BANDSTAND** This project will address some significant maintenance issues in the park, including improvements to the paths. The Bandstand roof, including the framing and historic clay tile, is reaching the end of useful life and in need of significant repair and waterproofing. Assessment of the project needs is underway.

**INWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT** Inwood Park, and the historic pavilion, are badly in need of repairs and a refresh. This master planning project will utilize community engagement to develop a broadly supported vision for the future of this historic park. Major project components to be considered include accessibility, the lake, playgrounds, pavilion, hillsides/erosion control, ongoing invasive species management, and basketball courts.

**BRAMBLE PARK TRAIL** This project is a partnership with the community and will utilize a State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant. This will be the first segment of the Little Duck Creek Trail and run 0.35 miles in length through Bramble Park in Madisonville. The trail will connect to the Murray Trail, part of the CROWN network, connecting more than 104 miles of trails in Cincinnati.

**OHIO RIVER WAY BIKE TRAIL - SAWYER POINT & YEATMAN’S COVE** This Cincinnati Parks project will fix hazards for cyclists created by old railroad tracks and repave the section of path going through the park. This is part of a larger partnership with Great Parks, the City of Cincinnati, and Metro to design and construct a 4.75-mile shared use trail that will ultimately go from Sawyer Point on the Cincinnati riverfront east all the way to the Lunken Trail and 78-mile Little Miami Scenic Trail.

**RIVERFRONT MARINA** This project will bring a new marina and restaurant to the heart of Cincinnati’s riverfront near the Public Landing. Parks is working with the selected marina operator on the facility design, budget, pursuing grant opportunities, and partnership agreement.

**SMALE RIVER’S EDGE** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Cincinnati Park Board are partnering to improve and revitalize the Cincinnati Ohio River’s edge along the western edge of Smale Riverfront Park. The overall vision is to make the Cincinnati Riverfront a welcoming, safe, sustainable park, serving as a gateway to connect people to their heritage, community, and the natural environment for generations to come. The project will provide opportunities for ecosystem restoration and recreation, while protecting Cincinnati’s Riverfront from erosion. Construction for the multi-million project is planned to start in 2027.

**KROHN CONSERVATORY RESTORATION STUDY** Krohn Conservatory is quickly aging. Several metal components are corroding and require work. Because of the complexity of the building structure, the remediation will constitute a long-term, several million-dollar project. Initially, a study will be commissioned to inform future plans for Krohn, most importantly detailing the extent of the critical repair and restoration work needed.

**MCEVOY PARK IMPROVEMENTS** This park renovation project looks to implement traffic calming measures, a new playground, pavilion renovations, and some trail improvements.

**SMALE CONCRETE & GRANITE UPGRADES** This award winning, heavily used signature Cincinnati Park opened in 2012. Sections of concrete and specialized granite need repair in order to maintain this regional asset in great shape.

**WARDER NURSERY CAMPUS** Parks will continue planning efforts to renovate Warder Nursery to support the current and future staff who use the facility and to increase the plant production supporting Krohn Conservatory and parks system wide.

**MT. AIRY MCFARLAN PLAYGROUND** Parks is working on developing a new signature adventure playground in Mt. Airy Forest off of McFarlan. The playground project would correspond with retirement of the Area 3 playground near the disc golf course that is at the end of its lifecycle. Planning for this project is planned to kick off in 2026.

**SAWYER POINT SKATING RINK IMPROVEMENTS** This aging facility is in need of an overhaul. This project is a fundraising partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and local roller-skating enthusiasts and looks to improve the skating surface and make several other facility enhancements to better support events. Items under consideration include lighting, food and beverage service, sound, seating/canopy, and accessibility.

## FUTURE PROJECTS:

**LYTLE PARK COMFORT STATION** With Lytle Park and the surrounding streetscape now fully renovated, significant repairs are required to bring the restrooms back online after being out of service for an extended period.

**PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS - HOFFNER PARK FIRST** Several playgrounds in our system are nearing the end of their useful life. Hoffner playground is due for replacement and has been identified as a priority.

**MLK PARK RENOVATION** Parks will work with the community to design a renovated park best serving the surrounding neighborhoods.

**SEASONGOOD SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS** Preliminary project goals are to rehabilitate the existing storage building including new windows and doors, install irrigation lines to support more plantings and maintenance, add a shaded event stage and electrical service to support increased park activation. Parks plans to work with the community to inform the design process.

**AULT PARK CASCADE, PLAZA, & PAVILION** Parks will work with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and the Ault Park Advisory Council to develop the scope and plan for the renovation of the Ault Park Pavilion, plaza, and cascades. This will be a multi-year planning and fundraising effort to restore the historic structure and surrounding area.

**MT. AIRY WEST OPERATIONS CENTER** The physical facilities supporting maintenance staff on the west side are outdated, insufficient, and due for upgrades including a maintenance and storage garage. This project will conceive, design and build best-in-class facilities to best support the staff who maintain our West District parks.

**BURNET WOODS STORMWATER CONTROL** Parks is working in conjunction with MSD and SMU to identify and formulate designs for targeted retention areas, and other solutions, to alleviate long-standing combined sewer overflows behind the Trailside Nature center, adjacent shelters, and playgrounds impacted during storm events.

### ADDITIONAL PROJECTS IN THE PREDEVELOPMENT PHASE INCLUDE:

- Master Plans for Jackson Hill, Bellevue Park and Fairview Park (including erosion control).
- Improvements to Alms Park Pavilion, plaza, and stairs.

**EMERGING MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECTS** Parks will continue to address unplanned projects and repairs as they develop. These include unexpected issues arising with pavement, sewer and water infrastructure, sink holes, masonry and retaining walls, lighting, building maintenance, grading and stormwater control, roofs, and the like.

