| Project Name | Q3 26 | Q426 | Q1 27 | Q2 27 | Q3 27 | Q4 27 | Q1 28 | Q2 28 | Q3 28 | Q4 28 | Q1 29 | Q2 29 |
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| **Current Focus Project** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Everybody's Treehouse in Mt. Airy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eden Park Steps by Playhouse * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smale Stage Lawn Enhancements * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt Airy Skills Course Path/Comfort Station/Overlook | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bramble Park Trail * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Doris Day Dog Park in Mt. Airy * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sayler Park Shelter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burnet Woods Improvements & Bandstand | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gibson House Roof & Façade | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glenway Park Renovations & Playground * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio River Way Bike Trail - Sawyer & Yeatman's Cove | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California Woods Hydrological Plan Implementation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biochar & Sinton Campus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sawyer Point Playground & Park Planning * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Owls Nest Improvements & Pavilion Restoration * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inwood Park Renovation Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Riverfront Boat Dock * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California Woods Shelter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Krohn Conservatory Historic Structure Report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McEvoy Park Improvements | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Next Up** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sawyer Point Skating Rink Improvements * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smale River's Edge * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smale Cascades, Concrete & Granite Upgrades | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bellevue Park Renovation Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Airy McFarlan Playground | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ault Park Cascade, Plaza & Pavilion | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Krohn Conservatory Renovation * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warder Nursery Campus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MLK Park & Seasongood Square Renovations | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Airy Arboretum Improvements | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairview Erosion / Renovation Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hoffner Playground Improvements | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burnet Woods Renovation Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* = Partnered Project
Planning
Fundraising/Identifying Funds
Bidding & Contracts
Construction
Closeout

CINCINNATI PARKS

# PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 3-YEAR PLAN

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 leaky roof, or a park that needs a complete facelift, there's plenty to do to keep our parks looking great and ready to serve our residents and users.

This is why the Board of Park Commissioners approves 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 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.

## 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

- Parks Strategic Plan
- Playground Renovations
- Mt. Airy West Operations Center
- Burnet Woods Stormwater Control
- Jackson Hill Renovation Plan
- Alms Park Pavilion, Plaza, & Stairs

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## CURRENT FOCUS PROJECT

**EVERYBODY'S TREEHOUSE IN MT. AIRY** This unique amenity was in need of significant repairs to maintain it as a cherished community asset for generations to come. Extensive engineering work to determine the work necessary to stabilize and protect the treehouse was performed and construction is underway. The treehouse is slated to reopen late summer 2026.

**EDEN PARK STEPS BY THE 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. The project will be constructed in summer 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 in the fall of 2026.

**MT. AIRY BIKE SKILLS COURSE PATH/COMFORT STATION/OVERLOOK** Improvements are needed in the areas surrounding the new bike skills course that opened last fall. 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, drinking fountain, and tables. This project is slated for completion this year.

**BRAMBLE PARK TRAIL** This project is a partnership with the Madisonville community and will utilize a State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant. The Cincinnati Department of Transportation & Engineering developed construction documents and work will begin in the fall of 2026. 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, linking more than 104 miles of trails in Cincinnati.

**DORIS DAY DOG PARK IN MT. AIRY** Based on community feedback, construction documents to address chronic erosion and access issues are being developed with construction of new dog park entrance and activity features to begin in 2027.

**SAYLER PARK SHELTER** A new shelter providing a picnic area and a bandstand for the community's annual events is being designed with construction planned for early 2027.

**BURNET WOODS IMPROVEMENTS & BANDSTAND** This project will address some significant maintenance issues in the park, including sanitary service repairs to the Millionaires Club comfort station and improvements to the pathway along the pond edge. The Bandstand roof, including the framing and historic clay tile, is reaching the end of useful life and needs significant repair and waterproofing. These various projects will proceed through 2026 and 2027.

**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 as a rental venue. Assessment is underway and repairs are planned in phases through mid-2027.

**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, masonry repairs, and walking path improvements to increase accessibility and visibility. Improvements will occur in phases with the walking path construction and masonry repairs happening late 2026 and new playground installation in 2027.

**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.

**CALIFORNIA WOODS HYDROLOGICAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION** This amazing preserve is experiencing significant erosion threatening long-term 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.

**BIOCHAR & SINTON CAMPUS** This project couples together 2 significant and complex projects. The Sinton Avenue operations work hub currently serves Parks crews throughout our system and is badly in need of repair and improvement. Project components include a new roof with significant solar energy capacity, exterior glazing, new zoned HVAC, electric, offices, employee restrooms, EV charging stations, improved material storage, and more. The most exciting element is construction of the new biochar production facility. Biochar provides many environmental benefits like capturing carbon, improving urban plantings, and supporting more effective stormwater management projects. Work is underway to carefully design the facilities and assemble funding for this sizable project slated to begin construction in 2027.

**SAWYER POINT PLAYGROUND & PARK PLANNING** This will restore the Sawyer Point Park playground, which was suddenly destroyed by a massive fire. This 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 will help create something truly fantastic in this iconic regional park. 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.

**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 late 2027.

**INWOOD PARK RENOVATION PLAN** Inwood Park, and the historic pavilion, are badly in need of repairs and a refresh. This 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, and ongoing invasive species management.

**RIVERFRONT BOAT DOCK** This effort will develop a new facility for Ohio River boaters to use and enjoy, enabling direct access for pleasure crafts and paddlers alike to the heart of Cincinnati's riverfront.

**CALIFORNIA WOODS SHELTER** Maintenance is much needed for the existing park shelter. Work will include repairing the floor structure and posts and replacing the damaged roof. The project also looks to expand the shelter area to include a permanent maple sugar shack and improve the overall accessibility of the site. Planning is underway now.

**KROHN CONSERVATORY HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT** Krohn Conservatory is quickly nearing its 100th anniversary in 2033. As we near this milestone, the work of determining how to best position Krohn and its mission for the next 100 years is already underway. A Historic Structure Report is being prepared to inform future plans including detailing the extent of the critical repair and restoration work required.

**MCEVOY PARK IMPROVEMENTS** The renovation elements include improved driveway design, lighting updates, a new playground, recreation field improvements, pavilion renovation, reforestation, and improvements to the nature trail.

## NEXT UP

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

**SMALE RIVER'S EDGE** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Cincinnati Park Board are partnering to improve and revitalize Cincinnati's river's edge along the western end of Smale Park. The overall vision is to make the riverfront a welcoming, safe, and sustainable park, serving as a gateway connecting people to their heritage, community, and the natural environment for many years to come. The project will provide opportunities for ecosystem restoration and recreation, while protecting the shore from erosion.

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

**BELLEVUE PARK RENOVATION PLAN** Bellevue Park, and the historic pavilion, need structural evaluation, repairs, and an overall refresh. This planning project will use community feedback to develop a broadly supported vision for the future of this amazing park.

**MT. AIRY MCFARLAN PLAYGROUND** Parks is working on developing a new signature adventure playground in Mt. Airy Forest off McFarlan. This will correspond with retirement of the playground near the disc golf course nearing the end of its lifecycle.

**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 heavily used surrounding area.

**KROHN CONSERVATORY RENOVATION** Guided by the Historic Structure Report being developed, the project to renovate the beloved Krohn Conservatory will be initiated. Parks will work with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation on this multi-year planning and fundraising effort to restore and enhance the iconic Cincinnati structure and surrounding campus.

**WARDER NURSERY CAMPUS** Parks will renovate Warder Nursery to better support the current and future staff who use the facility, and to increase the amount of plants and trees grown for Krohn Conservatory and throughout Cincinnati Parks.

**MLK PARK & SEASONGOOD SQUARE RENOVATIONS** Parks will work with the community to design a renovated park and square best serving the surrounding neighborhoods. Preliminary goals are to rehabilitate the existing storage building including new windows and doors, install irrigation lines to service more plantings and maintenance, add a shaded event stage and electrical service to support increased park activation.

**MT. AIRY ARBORETUM IMPROVEMENTS** Parks will initiate a multi-year planning process to improve accessibility and strategically restore components of this historic and nationally significant resource. Initial phases will include improving paths and renovations to the Lilac Garden.

**FAIRVIEW EROSION/RENOVATION PLAN** Fairview Park Drive and the hillside overlooks need evaluation, repairs, and the park needs a refresh. This planning project will include geotechnical evaluation and community input to determine appropriate improvements to conserve and enhance this park.

**HOFFNER PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS** Hoffner playground is due for replacement and has been identified as a priority.

**BURNET WOODS RENOVATION PLAN** This planning project will utilize community engagement to develop a broadly supported vision for the improvements to many of the park's structures and features. Major components to be considered include re-envisioning the roadway network to improve accessibility and parking while reducing impervious surfaces, embracing stormwater management best practices to enhance the park ecology, increase education and natural experiences, and preserve the historic structures and features throughout the park.

## FUTURE PROJECTS:

**PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN** With nearly 20 years since the creation of a system-wide master plan, a current and forward-thinking strategic vision is needed. This planning effort will involve a comprehensive process for engaging the public, our partners, and stakeholders to inform this vision.

**PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS -** Several playgrounds in our system are nearing the end of their useful life and are in need of reinvestment or replacement.

**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. This work will parallel and inform the Burnet Woods Renovation Plan preparations.

**ADDITIONAL PROJECTS IN THE PREDEVELOPMENT PHASE INCLUDE:**

- Renovation Plan for Jackson Hill
- Improvements to the Alms Park Pavilion, plaza, and stairs.

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