



ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

Thursday, April 24, 2025 @ 4:00-5:30
Clifton Library, 3400 Brookline Ave, 45220

AGENDA

- Group Introductions
- Neighborhood Updates
- Plan Update
- Environment Discussion
- Next Steps
- Final Thoughts

GROUP MEMBERS

- Char Lyon
- Carla Sarr
- Annie Blair
- Leslie Mooney
- Evan Walker
- Claire Sikes

GUESTS

- Office of Environment and Sustainability - Howard Miller
- Cincinnati Parks - Garrett Dienno & Doug Fritsch
- Green Umbrella - Claire Carlson
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful - Katie Davis

MEETING GOAL

To strength partnerships between Clifton residents (group members) and neighborhood stakeholders (guests) by providing a space to share ideas and resources. This first meeting is about introducing the plan to stakeholders, hearing about their agency and involvement in Clifton, and exploring plan topics.

ENVIRONMENT TOPICS

CARE TAKING

- Keep Clifton parks well maintained
- Inspect parks and report maintenance issues to the Park Board
- Coordinate with City departments to keep public spaces safe and clean
- Prioritize Park funding on maintenance
- Organize volunteer efforts to remove invasive species
- Be litter free
- Clean and regularly upkeep Burnet Woods Lake

CONSERVATION

- Devote major areas of Clifton parks to natural woods and cover
- Protect and expand greenspace

NEW PUBLIC SPACES

- Designate appropriate areas for future dog parks
- Create green parklets for traffic calming, stormwater management, and community gathering spaces
- Create more small focal areas/spaces along sidewalks to encourage informal gatherings

PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

- Add Park programming for teenagers (e.g., skate park)
- Prevent artificial turf (PFAS) and rubber products in public spaces
- Improve hiking and walking paths in Burnet Woods
- Add programs and amenities to Burnet Woods
- Develop a palette of materials for pathways and surfaces

PARK SECURITY

- Coordinate with City departments to develop and post Park rules in Clifton parks
- Establish Park security and rules enforcement

STORMWATER

- Improve resiliency to withstand inland flooding (e.g., green infrastructure)
- Reduce impermeable surfaces
- Improve water attainment quality
- Improve drainage and deep gutters along Clifton Avenue

TREES

- Encourage tree planting programs to beautify and help air quality
- Support existing and new trees

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Tell us about your department/organization and your role. What are the high-priority goals for your agency? Are there any recent projects or plans to highlight?
- How is your department/organization involved in Clifton?
- What are department/organization resources that can help support neighborhoods? Are there actions that the plan can include/recommend to help your agency address Environmental topics?
- How can the City and/or Clifton better support your department/organization?

PARKS & PUBLIC SPACE DISCUSSION

- What are the main concerns of park maintenance? What are the challenges with maintaining parks?
- How can neighborhoods report maintenance issues?
- What are the most common invasive species in Cincinnati parks? What are the efforts to remediate these species?
- What are the programs that are helping restoration and conservation efforts?
- What resources are out there to help create new public spaces like parklets and pocket parks?
- What programs exist in Cincinnati to reduce litter? How can litter be discouraged?
- What type of programming is offered in Cincinnati parks? What programming is needed?
- What sustainable pathways and surface materials are desired for public spaces?
- How are park rules developed and enforced?

STORMWATER DISCUSSION

- What green infrastructure is most effective in addressing flooding?
- What alternative surfaces are preferred to impermeable surfaces?
- What can neighborhoods do to improve water quality?

TREE DISCUSSION

- How can neighborhoods support existing trees?
- What programs exist for planting new trees?
- How can neighborhoods improve air quality?