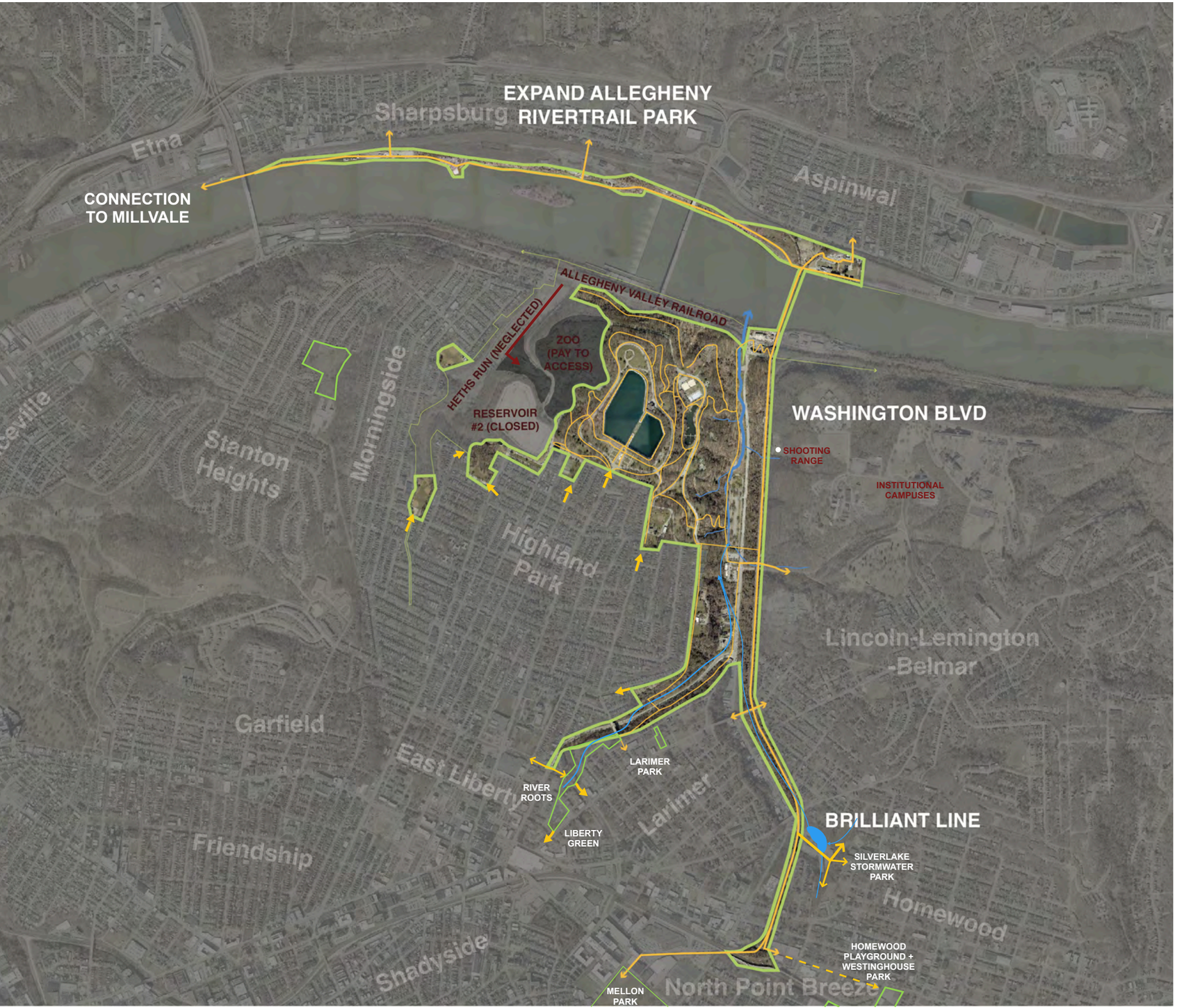
A VISION:
ONE REGIONAL PARK NETWORK SPANNING THE ALLEGHENY

Investments at Allegheny River Trail Park, the Brilliant Line, Washington Boulevard, ARB, and Heths Run could establish a **truly regional network** of connective green space that engages numerous diverse neighborhoods and municipalities and connects thousands of county residents to the river.

TODAY:
A DISCONNECTED ARCHIPELAGO OF GREEN SPACES

The zoo, though potentially a regional asset, functions as a distinct island with vehicular access from Butler St. only.

Highland Park, though a regional amenity, has limited accessibility. Pedestrian access is limited to the southern edge where it is integrated with the Highland Park neighborhood. However, It is disconnected from the river and adjacent neighborhoods: Morningside, Larimer, Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar because of topography and lack of pedestrian connections.



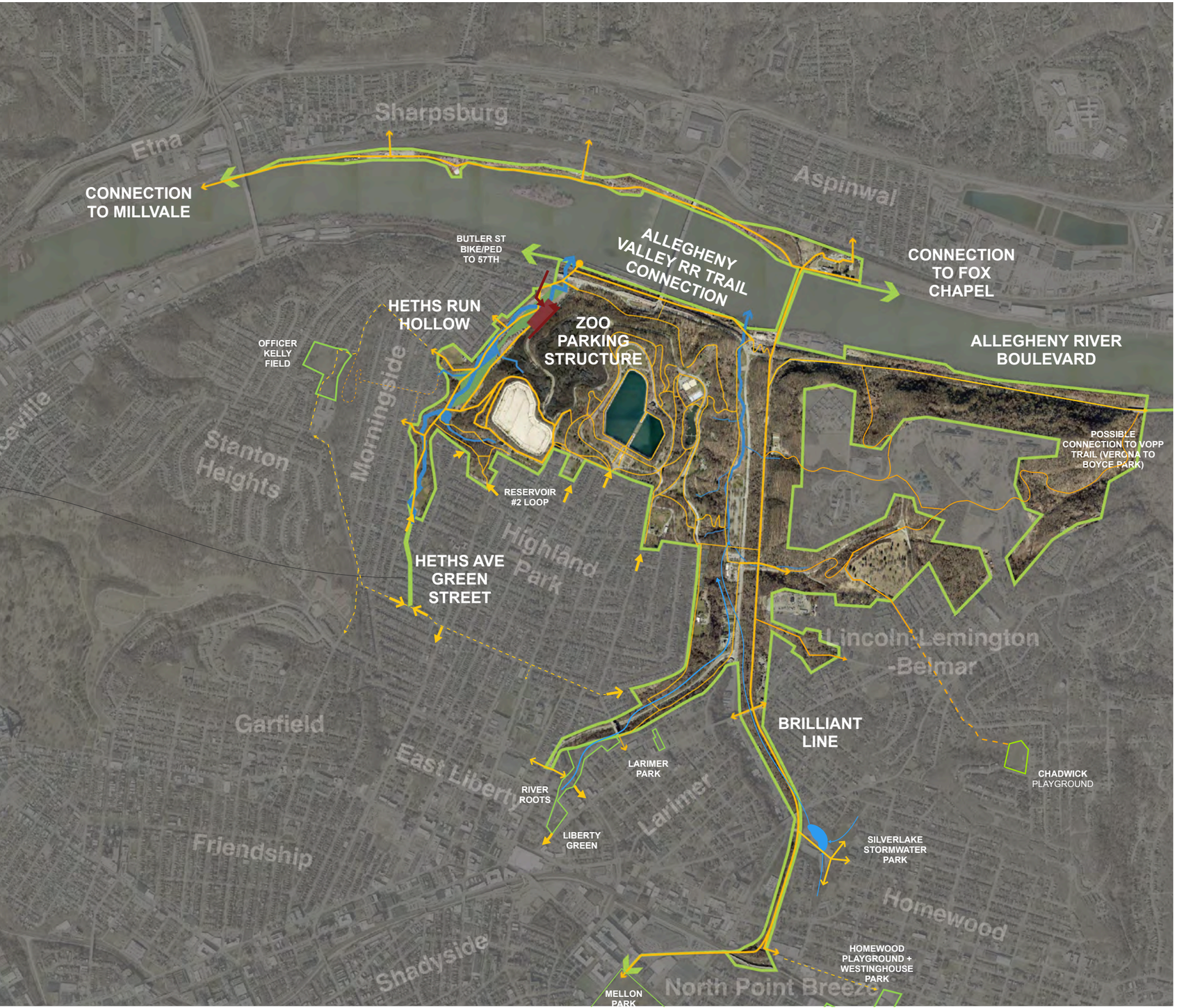
IN THE WORKS: **BRILLIANT CONNECTIONS**

1. Allegheny Rivertrail Park is building towards connecting Sharpsburg, Etna, and eventually Millvale.

2. Brilliant Line envisions connecting Aspinwall with Pittsburgh, eventually connecting to Homewood and North Point Breeze.

3. Washington Blvd redesign is an opportunity to change the valley's relationship to water and forge stronger connections between the brilliant line, the velodrome, and upper Highland Park.

However, the zoo remains isolated.



COMPLETING THE PICTURE: **HETHS RUN TO SHADES RUN**

Rather than the zoo acting as an isolated entity, consolidated parking could act as a hub for a regional park system, open up area for park space, stream restoration, reforestation, and allow pedestrian connections to Morningside.

Available space within the AVR Right-of-way could be used to connect the Heths Run Hollow Trail network + zoo with the Damn #2 overlook and on to the Brilliant Line and Washington Blvd.

A trail loop utilizing the site of the former childrens' railraod, could create a strong connection between Heths Run and the heart of Highland Park.

EQUITY:
EXPAND ACCESS

At present, pedestrian access and the experience of having a "front door" to both the ARP and Highland Park are available to neighborhoods that are predominantly white and affluent. Extending the reach of the park network and increasing connections and "front door" experiences could make the parks feel accessible to neighborhoods with more racially and socioeconomically diverse populations.

Highland + ARP TODAY

EXPANDED NETWORK

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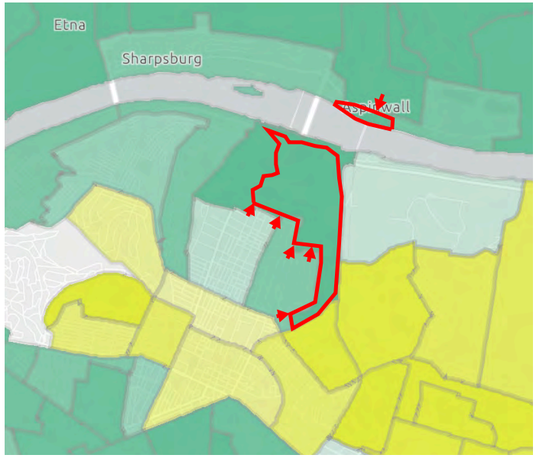
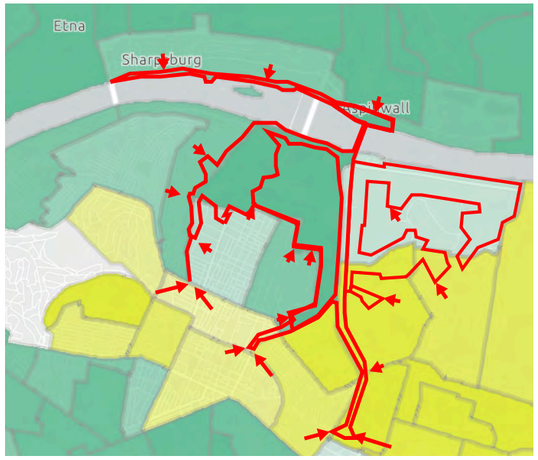




Census Tracts

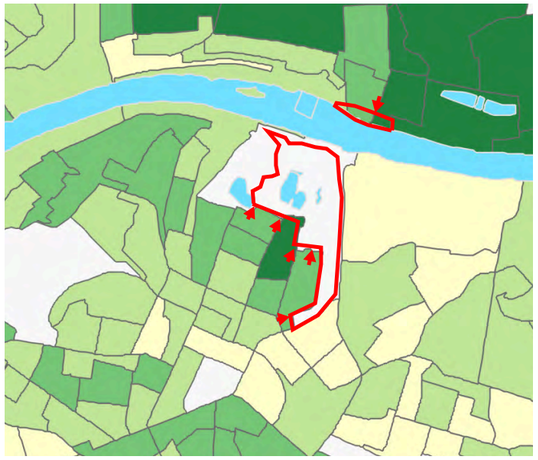
Predominant category

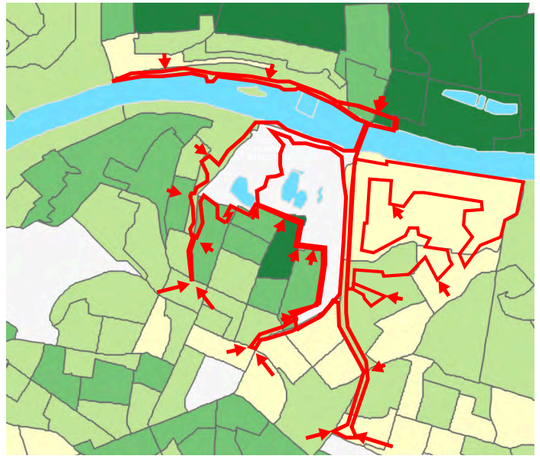
- White Population
- Black Population

Strength of predominance

- > 100
- < 50

INCOME





Median HH Income

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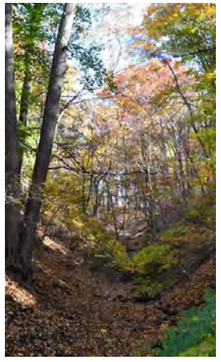
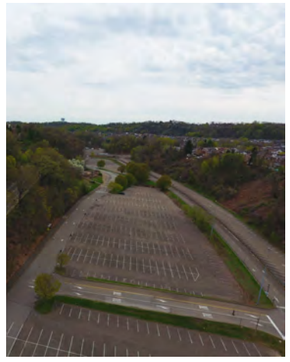
- Greater than $75,000
- $50,001 to $75,000
- $24,037 to $50,000
- At or Below Poverty Level

A CITY OF HOLLOWS

Highland Park





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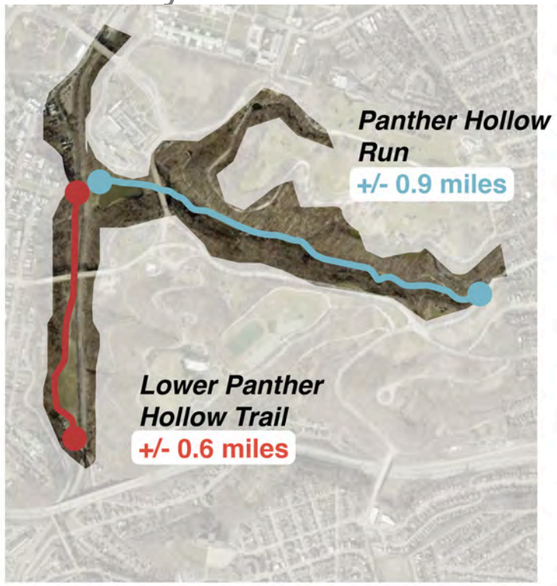

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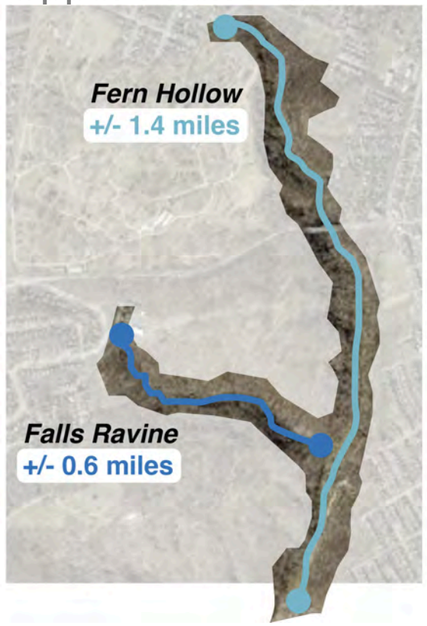
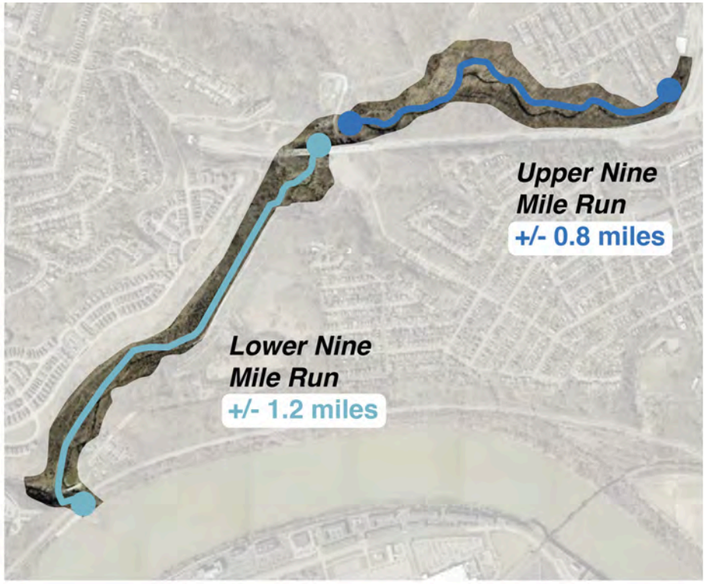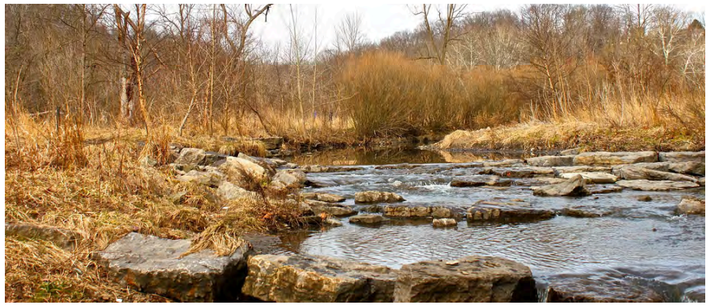
Lower Frick Park