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CIVIC COMMONS

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# The goals and core values of Civic Commons:



**CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT**



**VALUE  
CREATION**



**SOCIOECONOMIC  
MIXING**



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY**



# Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area

*Through a regional vision, public engagement, and local investment, strategies are developed to leverage public and private resources and promote stewardship while stimulating community and economic development and creating sustainable communities.*



## Linking the Ohio & Erie Canalway

*-Towpath Trail, 101 miles when complete*

*-Scenic Byway, 110 miles*

*-Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, 55 miles*

*-Cuyahoga Valley National Park*

*-Summit Metro Parks*



## The connecting thread: the Ohio & Erie Canal and Towpath Trail.



*When complete, the Towpath will be a 101-mile recreational trail, traveling from Cleveland to New Philadelphia along the historic Ohio & Erie Canal.*

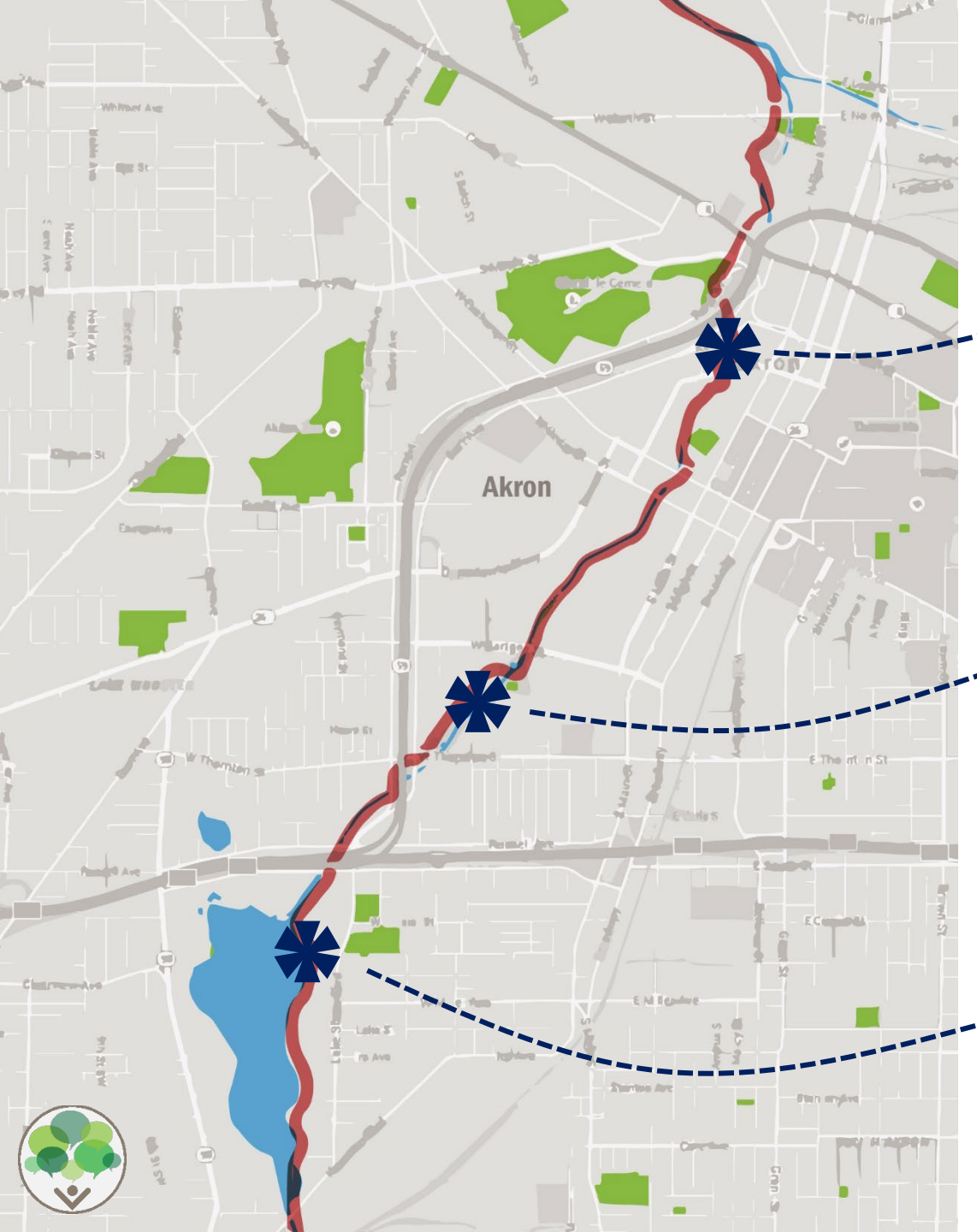




*“With so many major projects taking place in Akron, it is imperative we engage our communities in the iterative design process.”*

- Mayor Daniel Horrigan





**OHIO & ERIE CANAL PARK CIVIC GATEWAY**

**SUMMIT LAKE**



# Akron Team

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Akron Civic Theatre  
Akron Community Foundation  
Akron Metropolitan Housing  
Authority  
Akron Zoo  
Alpha Phi Alpha Homes  
ArtsNow  
City of Akron  
Downtown Akron Partnership  
GAR Foundation

Heart to Heart  
Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance  
Knight Foundation  
Metro RTA  
National Center for Choreography  
Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition  
Summit County Government  
Summit Lake Build Corps  
Summit Metro Parks  
University of Akron

- Setting an invitational table that is accessible, equitable, a level playing field and welcoming.
- All voices are valued and recognized regardless of titles or position.
- Shared commitment to our values.
- Check egos at the door,





# Resident-led Design Thinking

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- **More than 350 neighborhood meetings**
- **More than 6,000 residents engaged in the planning process**
- **More than 60 community events**







# LOCK 3 PARK AT NIGHT





*The Path Canoe Club, Summit Lake ~ Akron, O.*

# SUMMIT LAKE





Summit Lake 1959



Summit Lake 1969-A











# MEET YOU AT THE MARKET

Learn about the Summit Lake North Shore Vision while supporting the neighborhood Farmers' Market.




**STOP BY THE WEEKLY SUMMIT LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS' MARKET AND MEET WITH THE SUMMIT LAKE NORTH SHORE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM.**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EXCITING PROJECT AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

**INTERESTED IN A TOUR OF THE NORTH SHORE?**

**TOUR REGISTRATION AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO BEGIN ON TUESDAY 9/15/20.**

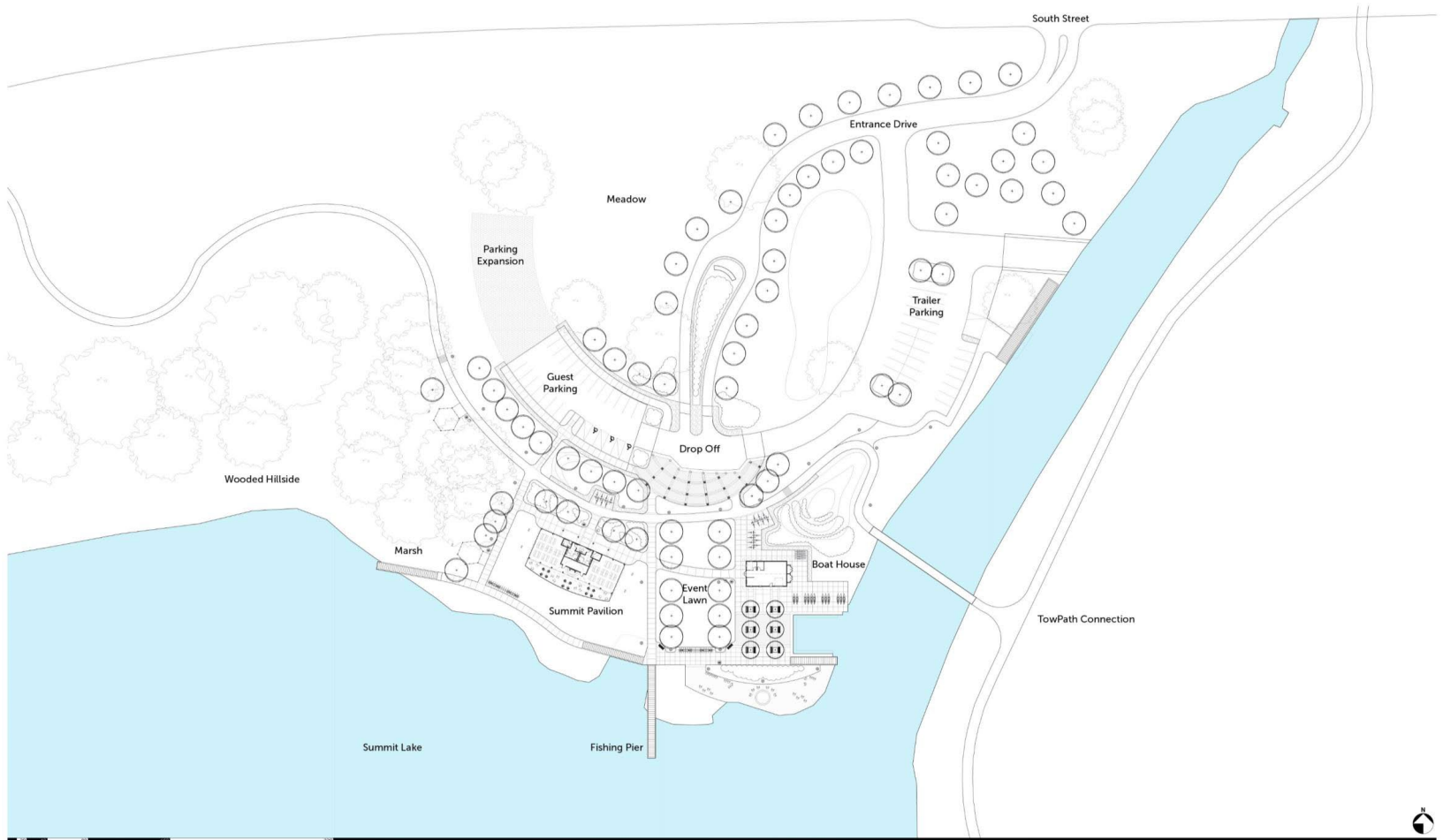
 **TUESDAYS  
THRU 9/29/20**

 **4PM-6PM**

 **SUMMIT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER  
380 W CROSIER STREET, AKRON, OH 44311**

For more information, please contact Dan Rice at (330) 374-5657 or [drice@ohioeriecanal.org](mailto:drice@ohioeriecanal.org)

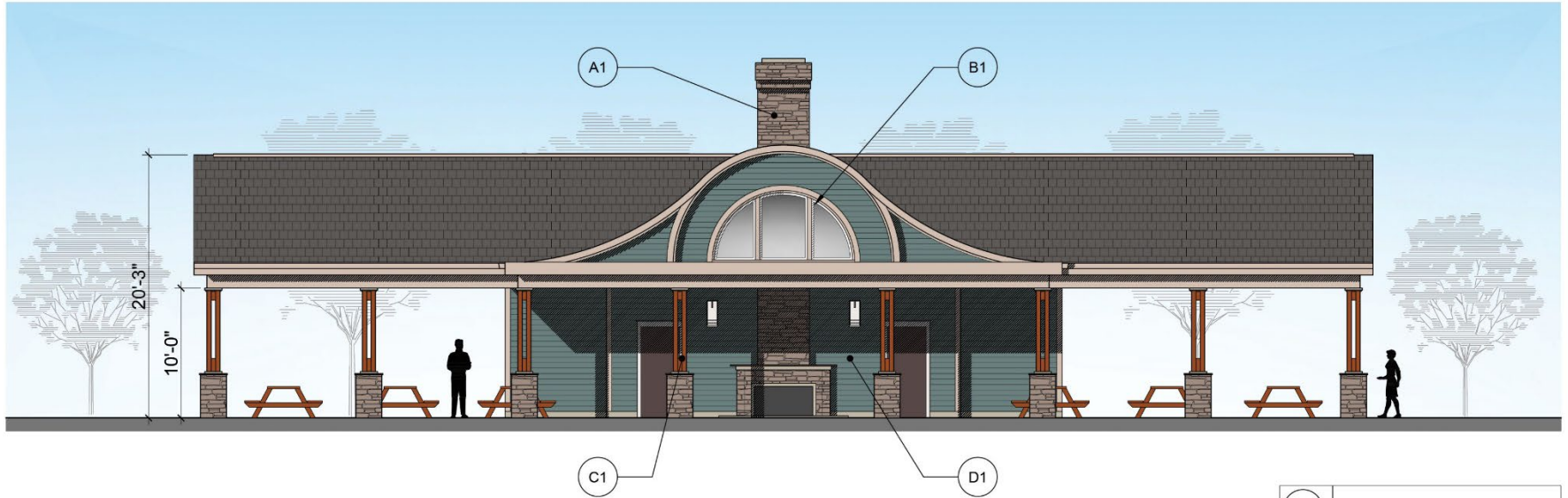




**SUMMIT LAKE NORTH SHORE IMPLEMENTATION**

Overall Site Plan





A1	CULTURED STONE
B1	WOOD CLERESTORY WINDOW
C1	DOUBLE WOOD POSTS WITH STONE PEDESTAL
D1	SIDING

SUMMIT LAKE NORTH SHORE IMPLEMENTATION  
**MAIN PAVILION - SOUTH ELEVATION**



“Doing while planning and doing what you say you are going to do.”





“Residents believe the change that they experience.”



“Projects move at the speed of trust.”



“Testing ideas “light, quick and inexpensive”



*"Akron Civic Commons was built to work in partnership with our neighborhood residents. Together, we are creating welcoming parks, trails, and public spaces for all, regardless of race, income, gender, education or experience."*

*"Parks, Trails and Open Spaces are no longer considered non-essential services."*

*"City of Akron committed \$10 million of American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Akron Civic Commons 2.0".*

**— CITY OF AKRON COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARGO SOMMERVILLE**