



# 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?