

# Overlook Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) Meeting

Meghan F. George  
Mayor, City of Lakewood

February 28, 2024  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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# Agenda

Winterhurst Operations and Refresh  
Park Enhancements  
Department Awards  
Safety Initiatives  
Public Works Updates





# Winterhurst

In November 2023, the City celebrated the grand reopening of this beloved city facility. New additions include:

- Open/Public Skate
- Parent-Tot Hockey
- Adult Drop-In Hockey
- Adult Skate

Physical upgrades include:

- Refreshing the lobby, concessions, and lounge areas
- 100% replacement of skates for public rental
- Repairs to several areas of the facility









# Park Enhancements

- Our Planning Department and Public Works department continued to plan for and implement ongoing upgrades and maintenance work at our excellent network of city parks.
- This year, Lakewood saw capital investments at our large parks: Lakewood and Madison
- Neighborhood Parks: Merl Bunts and Niagara
- The City also launched a planning effort to explore more access to our greatest and most breathtaking asset - Lake Erie – through our Lakewood Park Waterfront Access Feasibility Study.



# Lakewood Park

## Lakewood Park Waterfront Access Feasibility Study

The Master Plan for Lakewood Park contemplates additional amenities that will improve waterfront access to Lake Erie.

As such, the City of Lakewood, with assistance from the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources through their Coastal Management Assistance Grant program, has initiated a study to examine potential projects that would improve waterfront access.

Last night was our final meeting regarding this more info can be found here:

<https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/lakewood-park-waterfront-access-feasibility-study/>



# WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN





## New additions also include:

- First pickleball courts for Lakewood Park
- Plans for an upgraded skate park- Phase II
- Reconfiguring of the parking lot at Lakewood Park





# Foster Pool



- Grand Reopening in June 2023
- Multimillion-dollar project to update this beloved community asset





## Improvements include:

- Improved accessibility
- A new competition and recreation pool
- Water play amenities area
- Splash pad
- Bathhouse renovations







# Department Awards



# Fiscal Stewardship

- Government Finance Officers Association
  - Four decades of achievement in financial reporting with the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Report
  - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for both the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Budget
  - Budget Process featured in *Government Finance Review* magazine

## Ohio Auditor of State

- Audit Award with Distinction 4 years running (top 4% of all Ohio governments)
- 4 “STarS” Transparency Rating (highest rating award)
- Recognized by the Ohio Senate for financial reporting







The City of Lakewood recently received a Silver Level award for Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Communities from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

This award recognizes a community's exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship

This award was granted based on Lakewood's Climate Action Plan.

This plan is aimed at reducing the effects of climate change



# Climate Action Plan Implemented Policies



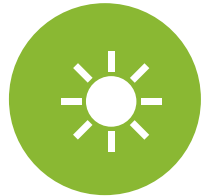
Established a tree planting program with a goal to increase the tree canopy by 10% to 33.5% by the year 2035;



Converted 1,047 streetlights to LED, approximately 33% of the City's streetlights;



Installed 13 electric vehicle charging ports across the city with two more coming to Lakewood High School through a grant from NOACA;



Completed solar energy projects at City Hall, Winterhurst Ice Rink, and the wastewater treatment plant; and



Provided 6.5 miles of dedicated bike lanes with an additional 5.2 miles of shared-use routes;



Made energy efficiency improvements to our wastewater treatment plant including a digester power generation project, LED lighting replacement, and high-efficiency aeration blowers;



Improved traffic signal timing to reduce pollution from idling cars.





# Safety Initiatives





- Our Lakewood safety forces continued to create and implement innovative programs to holistically address our citizens' safety needs.
- That included:
  - First time in a decade LPD had increased capacity
  - The introduction by Lakewood Police of its Safe Place Program to partner with businesses to provide "safe places" throughout Lakewood for victims and those at risk of hate crimes, harassment, and bullying.
  - Continuation of two initiatives launched in 2022 by our Fire Department, the Car Seat Fit Stop and the Neighborhood Paramedic, which continued to see high usage and impact for our residents.



This program is for **ALL HATE CRIMES** which include:

Race	Color	Religion	Ancestry	National Origin	Gender
Sexual Orientation	Gender Expression	Gender Identify	Mental Disabilities	Physical Disabilities	Sensory Disabilities
Homelessness	Marital Status	Political Ideology	Age	Parental Status	

It helps stop the victim mentality and says to any victim: That you will be heard, you will be treated with care, dignity and respect from the business you enter to find help in, as well as from the Police Officers who respond out to investigate.



Concept was developed by the Seattle Police Department in 2015 to assist the victims of Hate Crimes and Student Bullying. The Safe Place is designed to assist in making communities a safer place to live

The initiative can help with the following issues:

- Significant under-reporting and/or non-reporting of bias crimes, crimes with bias elements, bias incidents, and student bullying.
- Inconsistent, confusing and/or non-existent protocol and training on identifying, defining, reporting, and statistically categorizing bias crimes, crimes with bias elements, bias incidents, and student bullying. (Locally and Nationwide)
- Lack of effective communication between members of minority communities and law enforcement, businesses, schools, and government leaders.
- Continuing (and often unreported) school bullying incidents resulting from student reluctance or skepticism that school officials and/or police will take bullying allegations seriously.
- Improvement of law enforcement's understanding of minority community issues, and improved training of officers on socially sensitive topics.







# Neighborhood Paramedic Program

- Proactive health and wellness initiative designed to prevent illness and injuries and reduce need for emergency hospital visits.
- Initial focus on fall prevention following the CDC's STEADI Template
- Referrals to Program
  - Follow-Up of EMS Calls/EMS crew identifies patients
  - From Community Stakeholders (Human Services, LakewoodAlive, Mayor's office)
  - Concerns from Patient/Family
- Neighborhood Paramedic Ryan Birth is actively serving the community and can regularly be found at the Cove Community Center helping residents as part of this program



# Car Seat Fit Stop

- Provides free installation of child safety seats by trained LFD members
- Check for dates on LFD's Facebook and sign up online
- Program is in collaboration with University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital



**CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK**

Lakewood Fire Station #1  
14601 Madison Avenue

For More Information & Availability  
Scan Our QR Code Below

University Hospitals  
Rainbow Babies & Children's

SAFE KIDS  
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# Public Works Updates



# New Refuse & Recycling Center

- New facility opened on January 26, 2024
- The new facility provides additional and modernized space to collect and dispose of waste and recycling materials more efficiently and cost-effectively.
- The project will also improve the resident experience for those making drop-offs of recyclables, hazardous materials, larger trash items, and yard waste.
- Location: 12920 Berea Road, Operating hours for the new Berea Road facility are 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on weekdays and Saturday 8:00 AM to noon. Please use the west entrance when visiting.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-fHmIoNhGk&t=1s>





# CLEAN WATER LAKEWOOD



Rebuilding the Pipeline for Our Future

Water & Sewer  
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# Lakewood Interceptor Project

- The Lakewood Interceptor Project is a key element of the City of Lakewood's Clean Water Lakewood program, which is working towards modernizing our sewer system to protect the natural environment and meet the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.
- The project will reline the large, combined sewer interceptor that transports flow from the local, street-level collection system from most of the city to the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- There, the flow is treated to meet rigid environmental standards and is safely released back into the environment offshore in Lake Erie.
- 77% of the City's sanitary and combined sewer flows through interceptor

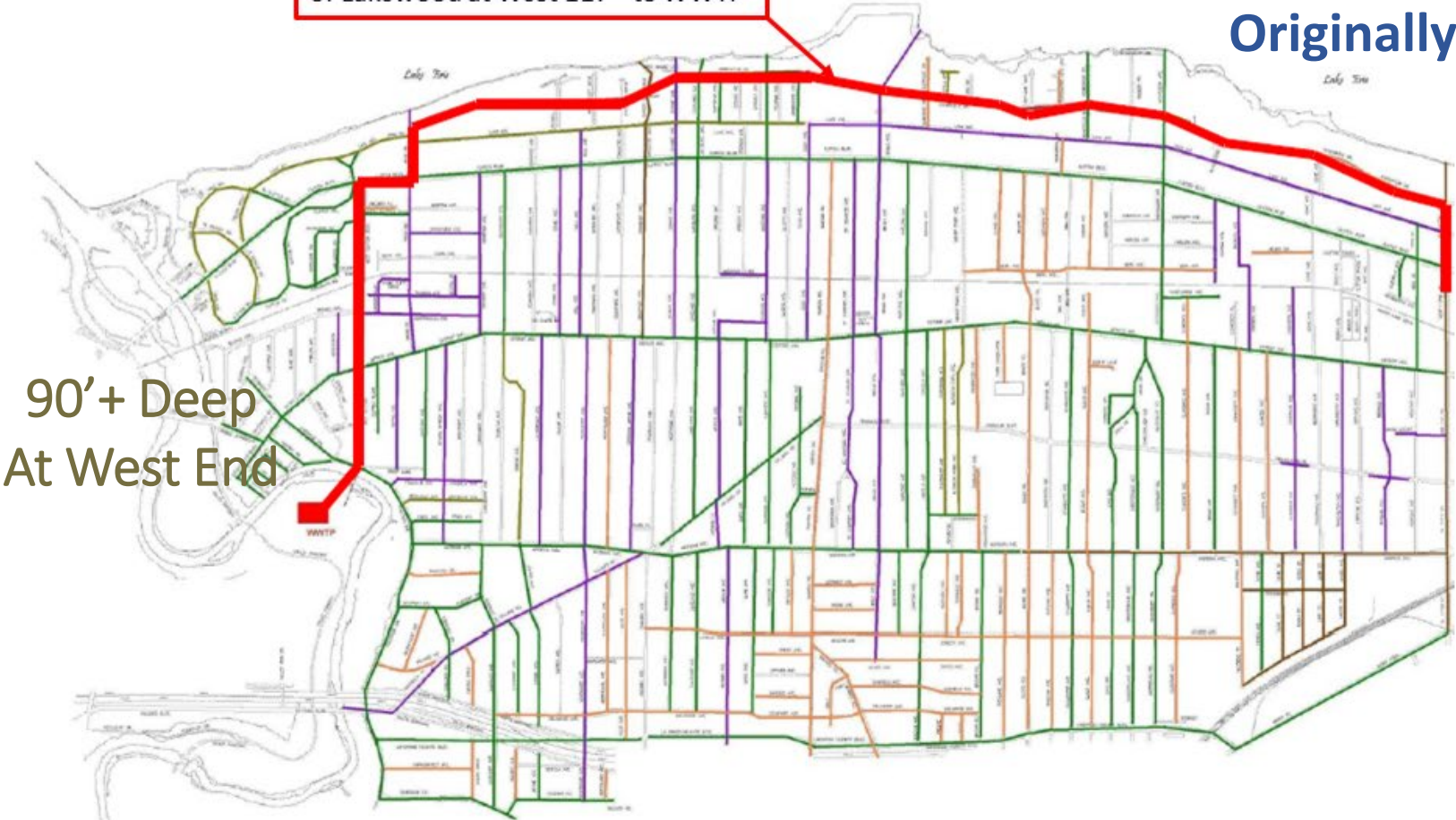
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# Lakewood Interceptor Tunnel Rehabilitation – Project Vicinity Map

Interceptor Tunnel from east end of Lakewood at West 117<sup>th</sup> to WWTP

**20,100' in length**  
**Originally Built 1918 to 1940**



+/- 20'+ Deep  
At East End

90'+ Deep  
At West End

Currently there  
Are 33 Manholes  
Along Interceptor

**Interceptor collects 77% of the city's sanitary & combined sewer flows**



# Project Website Page

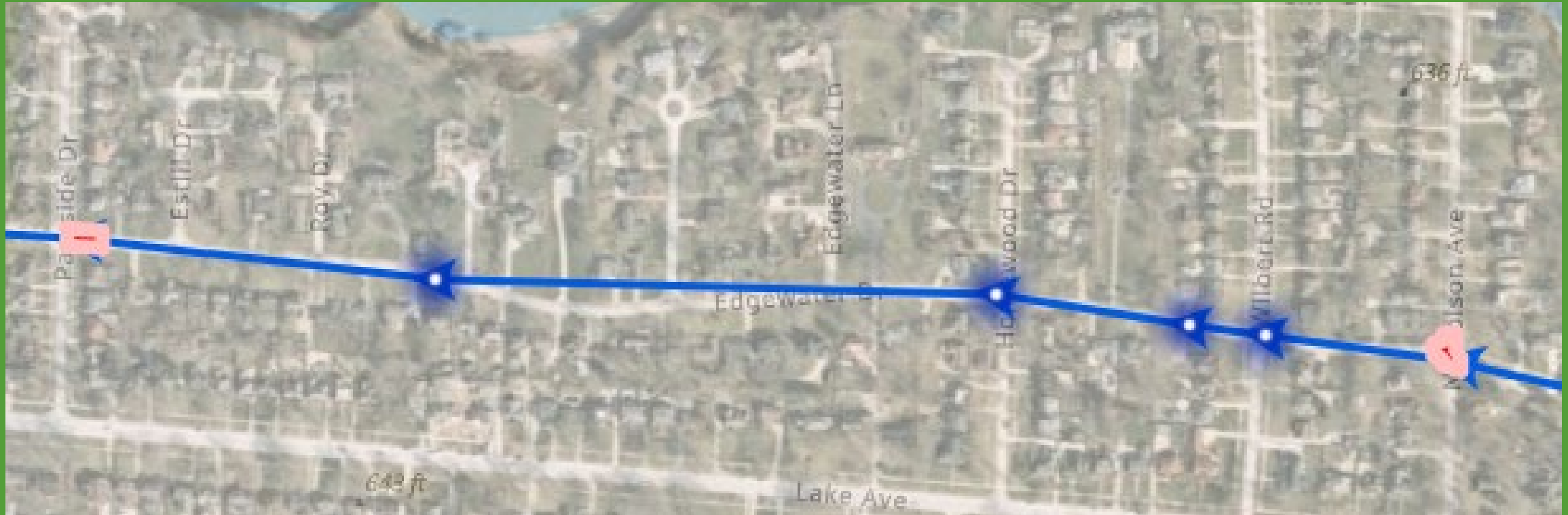
For more updates on each Work Zone view the project's web page at:  
<https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/lakewood-interceptor/>

Includes:

- General information about the project
- Work zone site details and updates
- Percentage of work completed



# Work Zone's in your Neighborhood: #4 and #6



#4 is 30% completed  
Tentative completion date:  
November 2024

#6 is 30% completed  
Tentative completion date:  
February 2025





# FAQs

Cost: \$28 million

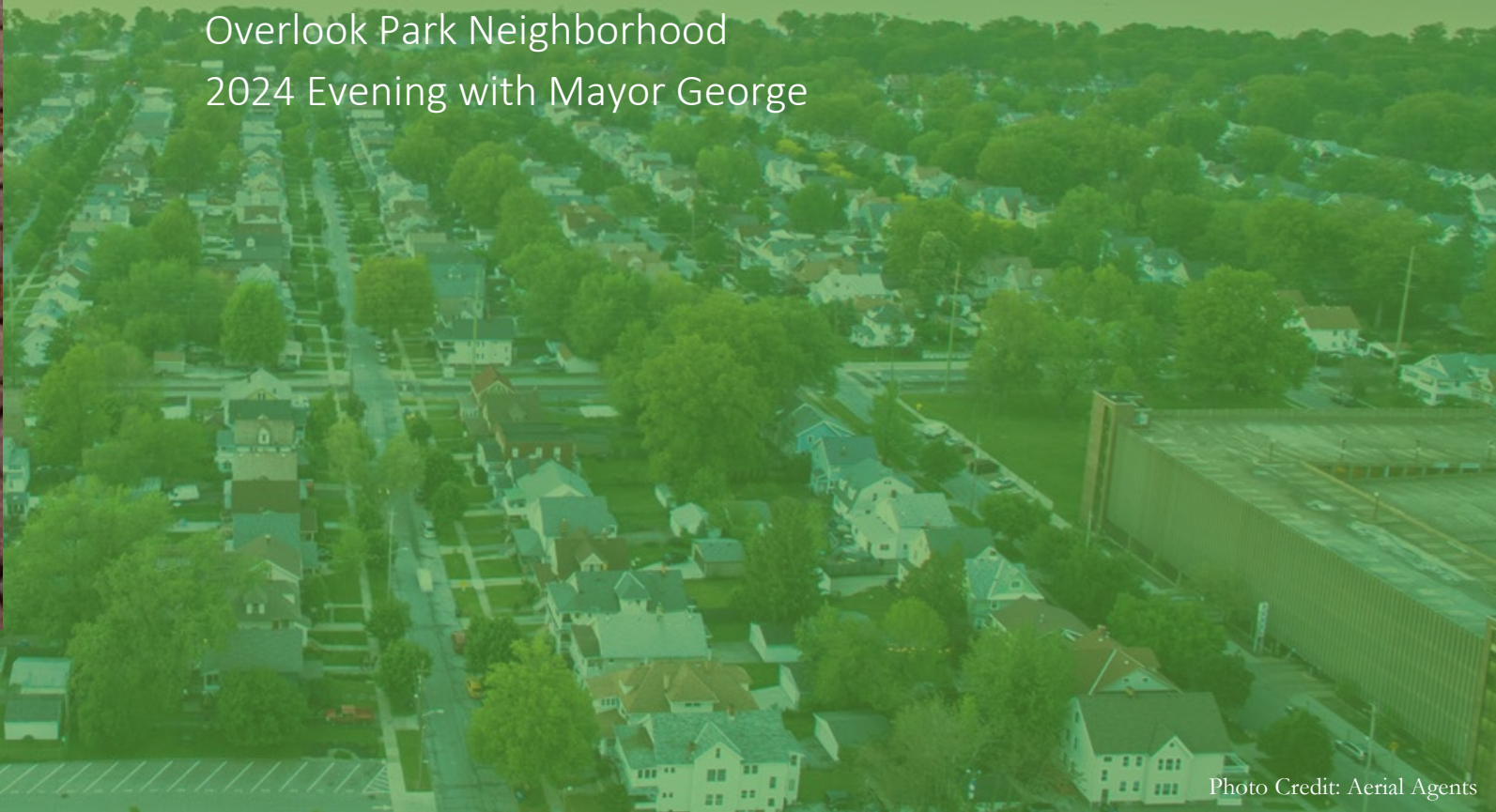
Funding: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) & Ohio Public Works Commission

Construction Completion: Estimated June 2025



# Discussion & Questions

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2024 Evening with Mayor George







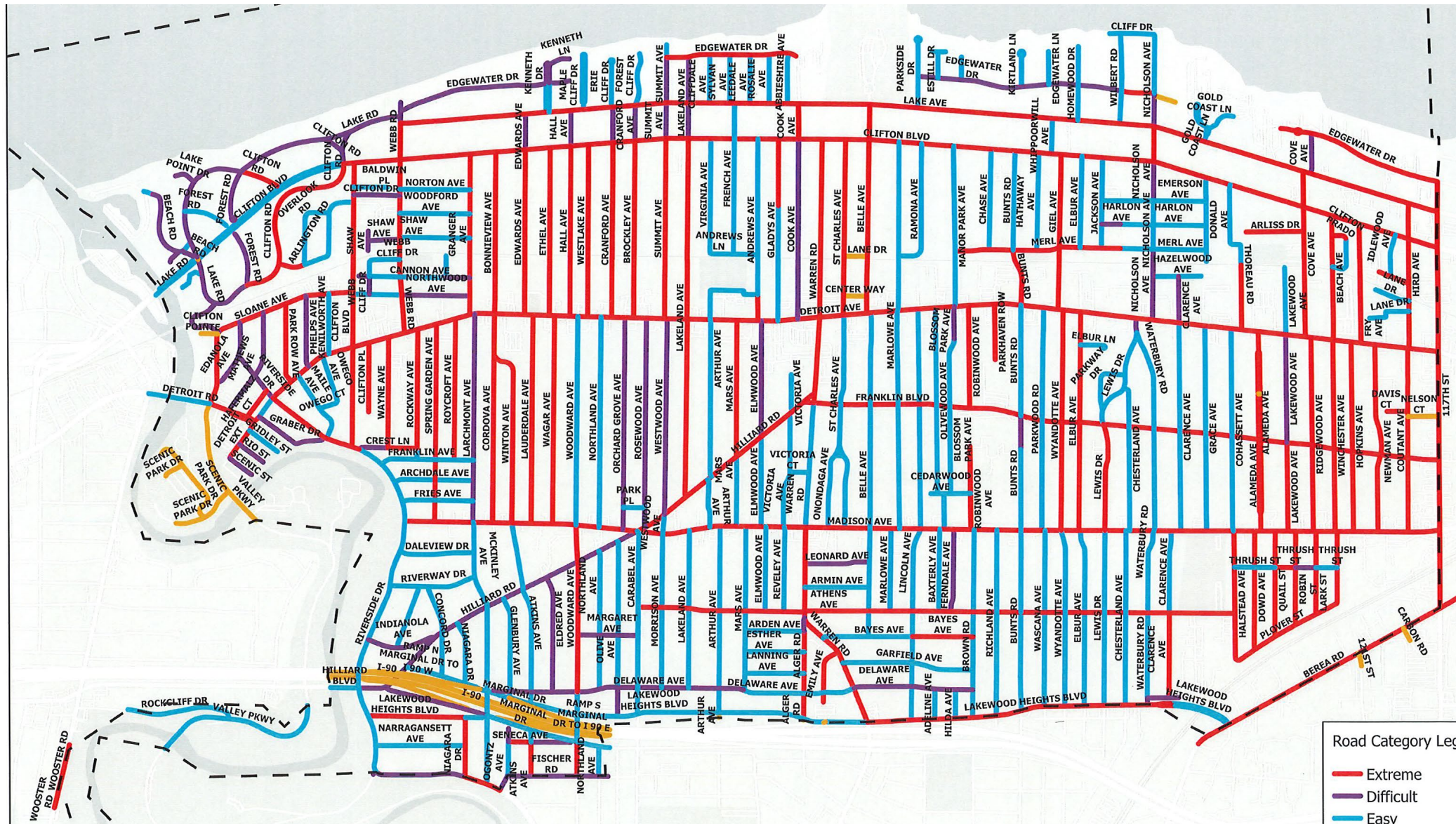
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Parking  
Lakewood, OH

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Road Category Legend

- Extreme
- Difficult
- Easy





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