

PROPOSED PHASE 1 PARK FEATURES & IMPROVEMENTS:

*** PARK ACCESS AND SIGNAGE:**
Indicates walking, bicycle or vehicular points of entry into Sheraden, McGonigle and Tuxedo Parks. Larger icons indicate vehicular and primary park access points. Each access point will be accompanied by recently updated City of Pittsburgh standard park signage, easily visible from nearby streets.

✕ REST AREA IMPROVEMENTS:
Existing, locked and unused bathroom facilities within Sheraden and McGonigle Parks are to be equipped with automatic electronic locking mechanisms in future phases that will be unlocked in the morning and locked in the evening remotely. These systems are currently being used in other Pittsburgh parks and could be integrated into these park facilities as well. Bathroom facilities will be stocked and cleaned by park crews regularly.

+ PARK BUILDING UPDATES/CONCESSIONS: THIRD PARTY OPERATOR
Proposes renovations to the existing park building including the creation of new park ranger offices and common space for community events and gathering. Renovations for future park concession to be open and serving during special park events and major sport events. The existing concessions stand at McGonigle Park is also proposed to re open during baseball games. Concessions will be operated by third party vendors. All revenue is proposed to be used for park maintenance and operations.

① HIKING TRAIL ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS: ONGOING
Thin white lines on the park plan indicate a combination of both existing and proposed park hiking trails. Trails are intended to be maintained year round for hiking, dog walking, jogging and cross country skiing. Regular maintenance includes clearing debris and repairing possible eroded areas. Trails located in the amenity filled base of Sheraden park are proposed to be paved, while trails in wooded areas of the parks will not. The proposed Sheraden Park trail system will expand towards Chartiers Creek, as well as through McGonigle and Tuxedo Parks in order to create a longer network of trails throughout the community.

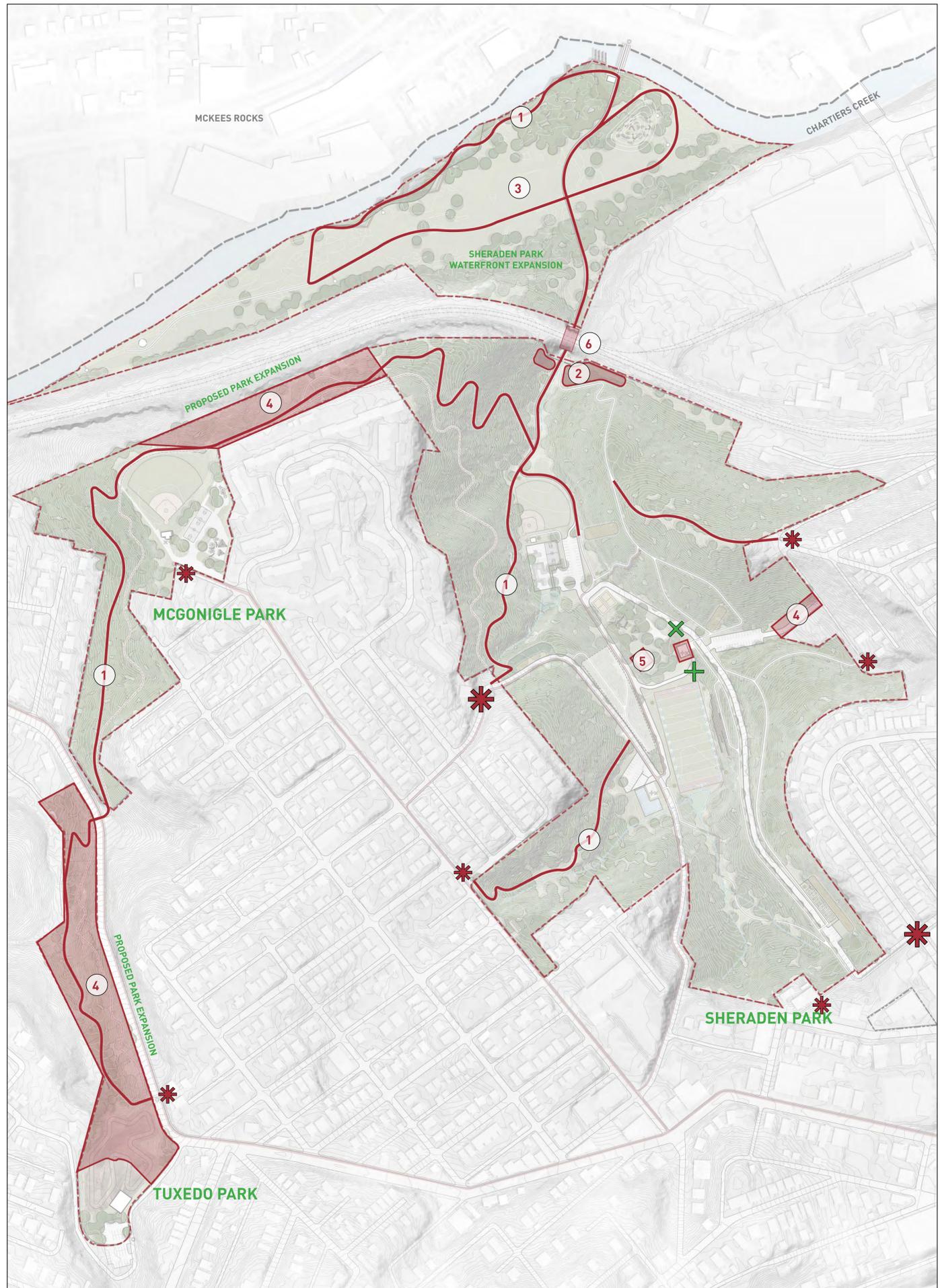
② INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES MANAGEMENT: ONGOING
There is a range of healthy native plant communities as well as dominant invasive plant zones within Sheraden Park. Among the most problematic areas to be addressed are major zones dominated by the invasive Japanese Knotweed. This plant is highly abundant within Sheraden Park along the train tracks, as well as along the entrance at Adon st. These zones are proposed to be managed through regular cutting and smothering of soil in the spring to prevent new shoots from spreading.

③ AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT: ONGOING
Recently completed work done by ALCOSAN and the Army Corps or Engineers has removed invasive plant species and created aquatic habitat in the form of wetlands and vernal pools along Chartiers Creek. This plan proposes the continued protection and enjoyment of these areas. Proposed trails will be carefully built around new habitat and human foot traffic off of official trails will be strongly discouraged with proposed educational signage informing park patrons of the importance of this habitat.

④ PARK EXPANSION:
This plan proposes that Sheraden Park, McGonigle Park and Tuxedo Park are to be connected through the annexation of adjacent publicly owned and vacant land into the Pittsburgh Parks system. The selected parcels to be annexed have been strategically chosen in order to allow for a continuous trail system that links all three parks together, while minimizing the amount of additional land needing to be maintained by the Department of Public Works.

⑤ GRILL AREA IMPROVEMENTS:
Indicates improvements to the area beneath the Sheraden Park open air pavilion. Proposed improvements include new fixed picnic grills; improved drainage between the slope and pavilion; and canopy thinning to allow more sunlight and the ability to better grow grass.

⑥ TUNNEL MURALS:
To accompany proposed lighting improvements at the train tunnel that provides access to Chartiers Creek, this plan proposes a series of painted murals running the length of the tunnel interior. Local artists and volunteers will have an opportunity to paint inviting and contextually meaningful pieces of art that will help to draw more attention to the tunnel and create a more comfortable environment.



PHASE 1: QUICK WINS & CONNECTIVITY

ONGOING PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

HIKING TRAIL ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS:
-Trail building
-Trail maintenance
-Trash pickup
-Historic stone steps restoration

ERODED SLOPE STABILIZATION
-Slope repair
-Tree planting

INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES MANAGEMENT
-Japanese knotweed cutback
-Tarp smothering
-Native plant installations

AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT
-Trail maintenance
-Trash pickup
-Native plant installations

PHASE 1

SHERADEN PARK MASTER PLAN

MASTER PLAN REFINEMENT