



The 2017 APA Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop on October 27 features two mobile workshops, for opportunities to learn in the field instead of the classroom. \$20 each.

## **MORNING WORKSHOP | Fore to Forest, Planning to Action: Acacia's Journey from Private Country Club to Public Park and Restoration Playground**

Cleveland Metroparks received a 155-ac. property donation in December 2012 from The Conservation Fund. The strings attached to this property – Acacia Country Club – set the stage for abandoning the land as an exclusive golf course and embracing it as an inclusive green space. Initially Cleveland Metroparks developed a *Restoration Ecological Master Plan* and a *Reservation Master Plan* while also establishing baseline ecological monitoring and engaging the public. This foundation led to successful receipt of five grants, including federal, state, local and private financial support, to improve the streams, wetlands, forests and meadows of Acacia Reservation.

This mobile workshop will begin with two indoor presentations about the planning, baseline monitoring and civic engagement components. Following the presentations, Cleveland Metroparks will lead a tour of the multiple restoration activities, recently completed and ongoing. Tour topics will include stream restoration, wetland creation, invasive plant control and meadow establishment.

- *Kelly Coffman, Cleveland Metroparks*
- *Jennifer Grieser, Cleveland Metroparks*
- *Claire Posius, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District*

**Kelly Coffman** is a Senior Strategic Park Planner for Cleveland Metroparks. She has also worked for Domokur Architects and Guernsey as a Senior Planner and Landscape Architect and for Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks as a Project Manager. Kelly holds a Bachelors in Landscape Architecture from The Ohio State University.

**Jennifer Grieser** is the Senior Natural Resource Manager for Cleveland Metroparks with a specialization in Urban Watershed Management. She chairs the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern Advisory Committee and serves on the Chagrin River Watershed Partners Board of Trustees. Prior to joining the Park District, Jenn worked for New York City Department of Environmental Protection in the Stream Management Program. She has a Master's in Public Administration from Indiana University with a concentration in Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management.

**Claire Posius** works for Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District as a Watershed Planner. She coordinates activities with the Euclid Creek Watershed Advisory Council and Friends of Euclid Creek. Previously Claire worked as a City Planner for Cleveland Heights and Cleveland. She has a Masters in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOP | Walking on Water: Lakefront Development in Euclid

In 2009, the *Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan* established a \$30M vision for the City's Lake Erie shoreline, of which only 6% was publicly accessible. Through an extensive public consensus-building process, the first phase of improvements – a fishing pier and ADA trails – were constructed in 2009 in Sims Park. Phase II, a \$12M local, state and federally funded capital project to break ground in Spring 2018, features a ¾ mile public all-purpose trail at the water's edge, erosion mitigation, shoreline stabilization, habitat and beach reclamation providing for environmental tourism and recreational opportunities.

Through public-private partnerships, land donations and easement agreements with land owners and homeowner associations, the vision reinforces regional goals for green space and waterfront development and sets a precedent for catalytic economic development and private investment along Lake Erie. Phase III includes a public marina, anticipated to create 25 direct permanent jobs, upwards of \$430,000 in tax revenues from the HarborTown TIF district and a \$4M increase in property values while providing Euclid residents and regional users unprecedented access to Lake Erie.

This mobile session features a presentation at the historic Henn Mansion, a tour of the Joseph Farrell Memorial Fishing Pier and Sims Park trails as well as a virtual reality simulation of the future phases of the *Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan*.

- *Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, City of Euclid*
- *Allison Lukacsy-Love, City of Euclid*

**Kirsten Holzheimer Gail** was elected November 3, 2015 to serve as Euclid's 14th Mayor and is honored to serve as Euclid's first female Mayor. Kirsten is a lifelong resident of Euclid with many years of service and community involvement.

**Allison Lukacsy-Love** joined the City of Euclid in 2016 as Community Projects Manager in the Department of Planning and Development managing the \$30M Waterfront Improvements Plan. Her role includes planning, funding and construction management of numerous projects including streetscape design, parks, and public art as well as facilitating the City's Master Plan and serving as the staff partner to the city's Architectural Review Board. Allison is a licensed architect with a professional degree in architecture from Carnegie Mellon University. She previously worked as a Project Manager with Geis Companies and StudioTECHNE Architects in Cleveland in addition to architecture firms in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Shanghai.