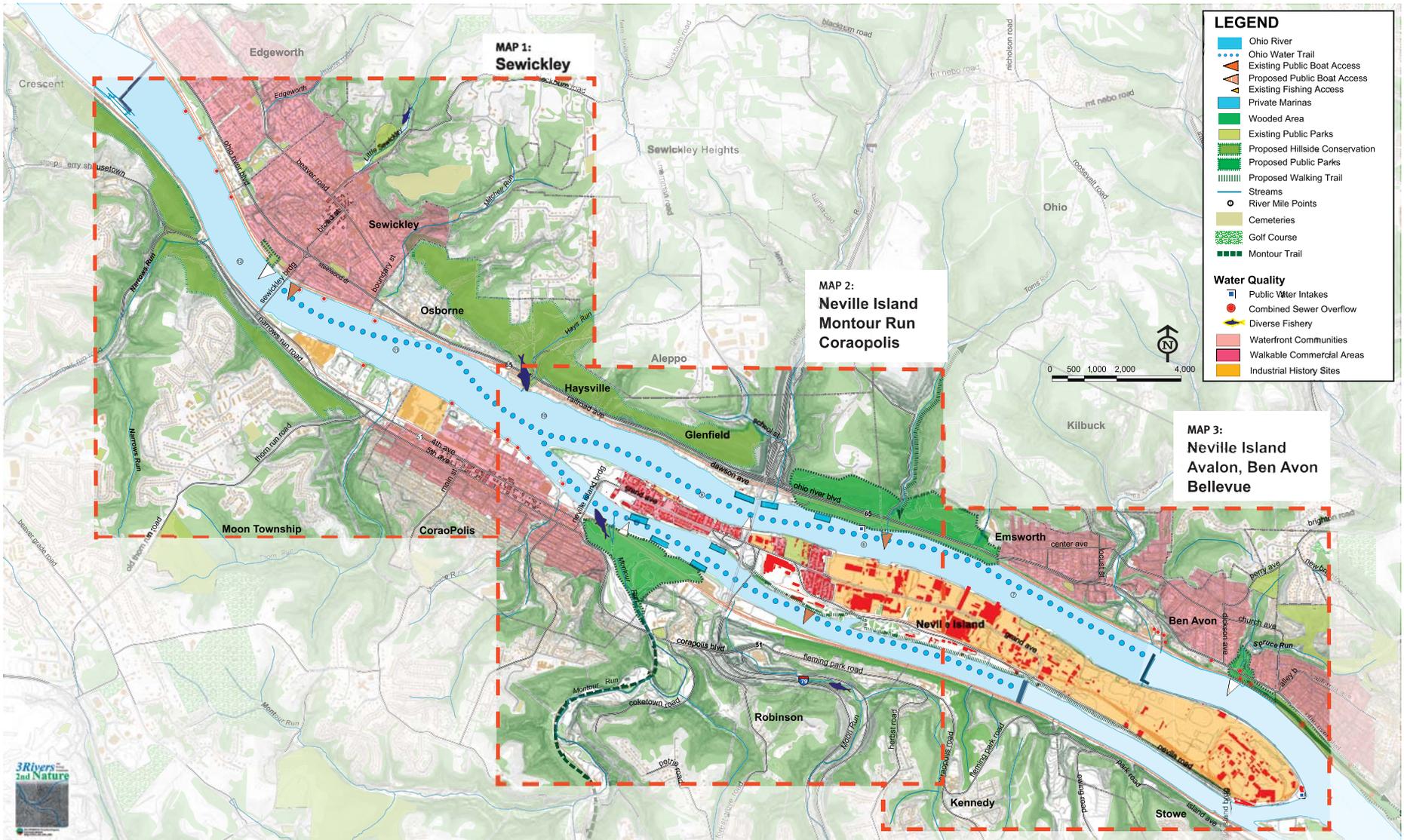


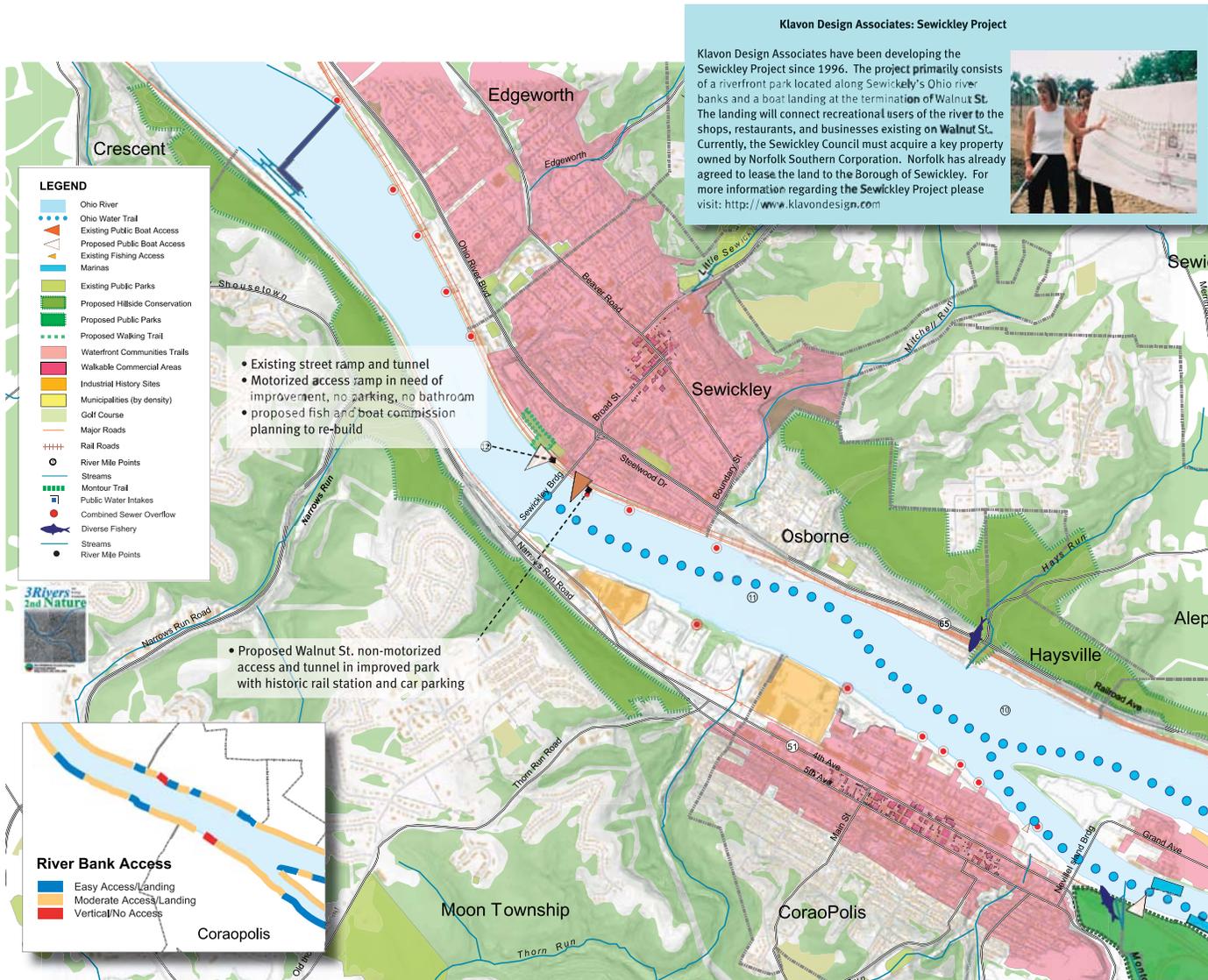
Ohio River Existing and Proposed Community Efforts

The following series of maps identify various existing natural and built amenities, ongoing projects, and proposals aimed at enhancing recreational uses on the Ohio River.

The first map depicts the Ohio River from the Dashfield Dam to the downstream tip of Neville Island. It should be noted that the landscape architecture firm, Klavon Design Associates, has developed a significant proposal to revitalize the Sewickley Borough waterfront. The second and third maps focus on Neville Island. Map 2 presents the western residential side of the Island, including Montour run. Map 3 presents the eastern industrial portion of the Island and the municipalities of Ben Avon, Avalon, and Bellevue. The landscape design firm, Environmental Planning and Design, LLC (EPD) has developed proposals to restore the river corridor and connect it to existing trails and town centers in the area represented in map 3.







Map 1: Sewickley

We have been boating on the Ohio for the last 20 years and feel like we're on a vacation every day. We meet with friends and have impromptu picnics.

~Mary Lou Lewellyn

My interest lies w/ historical aspects. History tourists are good friends of environment and recreational sites. We have a very historic riverfront, French Indian war, etc. Should really consider educational tours by rail or boat. Understanding of who we are as a people.

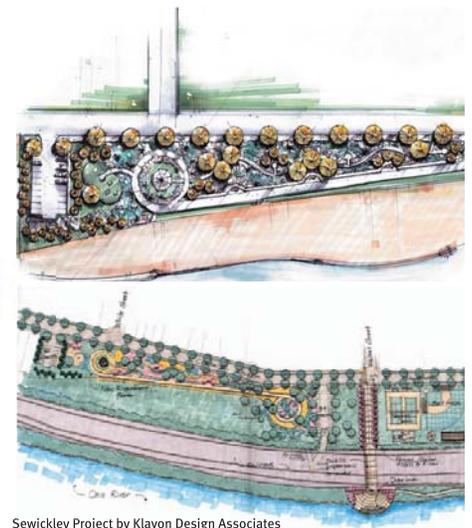
~Doug McGregor

With park in Sewickley you could look at the schools in the short radius and integrate with their programming with educational ideas...

~Charles Cooper

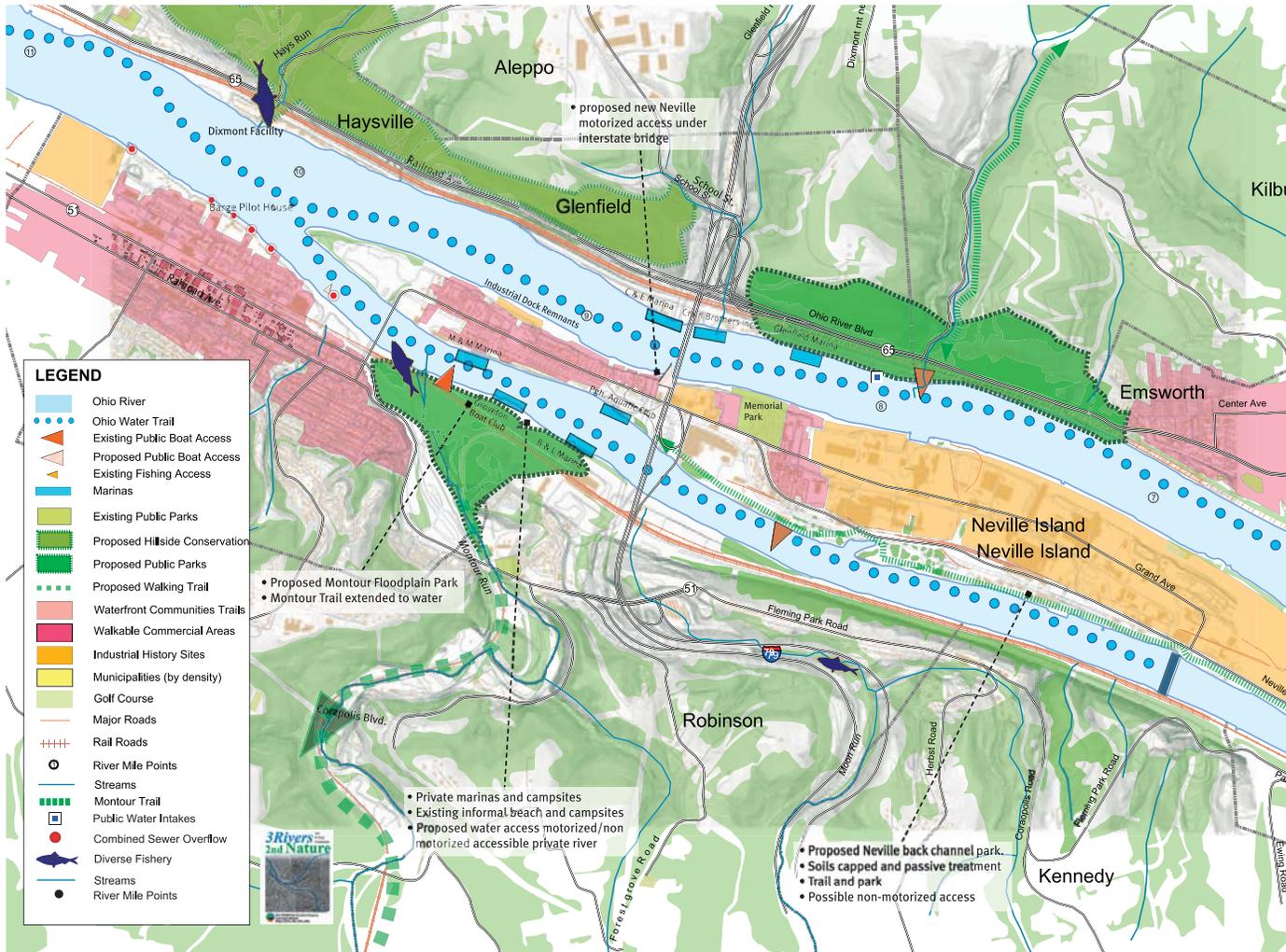
A lot of the older communities have roads that were already laid out to the river... Industry took over, but public right away still exists...In Sewickly these roads are still there.

~John Stephens



Sewickley Project by Klavon Design Associates

Map 2: Neville Island, Montour Run, Coraopolis



The most urgent need I saw today was the need to connect the Montour trail to the river.

~Michael Koryak

There is a beautiful trail along Montour Run. Water has improved dramatically...This trail head stops 400-500 feet above the river...[these are] two wonderful assets that could complement each other that currently don't connect. There is about 5-15 acres of flood plain forest. Woodgreaves and wood ducks and migrating birds congregate along there. Montour run trail has been there about 10 years—it's part of the great Allegheny passage.

~Michael Koryak

No community is [far] away from the river. You have these fragmented native landscapes that are so close to the river.

~Kathleen Murphy

We found a pretty awesome little beach right over that bridge. You have to cross railroad tracks and it's pretty small but nice as far as urban beaches go. If some effort was put into fixing it up, it could be great.

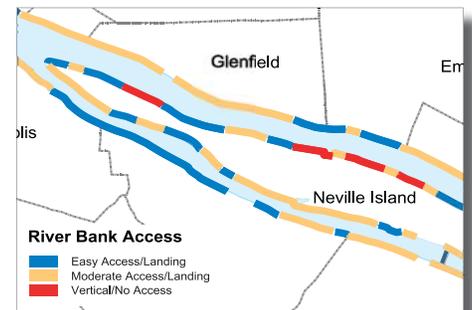
~Zak

The industrial artifacts should be valued—they are part of the fun of looking at what is happening along the river.

~Marge Myers

There was domestic and recreational shoreline right beside industry and chemicals! A real slice of Western PA! In some ways, we just don't see the industry. It's interesting that we have a segmented perception of industry and recreation.

~Denys Candy



Map 3: Neville Island, Avalon, Ben Avon, and Bellevue

Fish and Boat Commission has an interest in boat access and a large fund for that. We require that the land would be open to public for 25 years. We have the funds to provide the access.

~Denny Tubbs

Tom's Run has excellent water quality.

~Mary Lou Lewellyn

There are some good areas for access, but already occupied by private housings. Private land—the nice houses on Neville island.

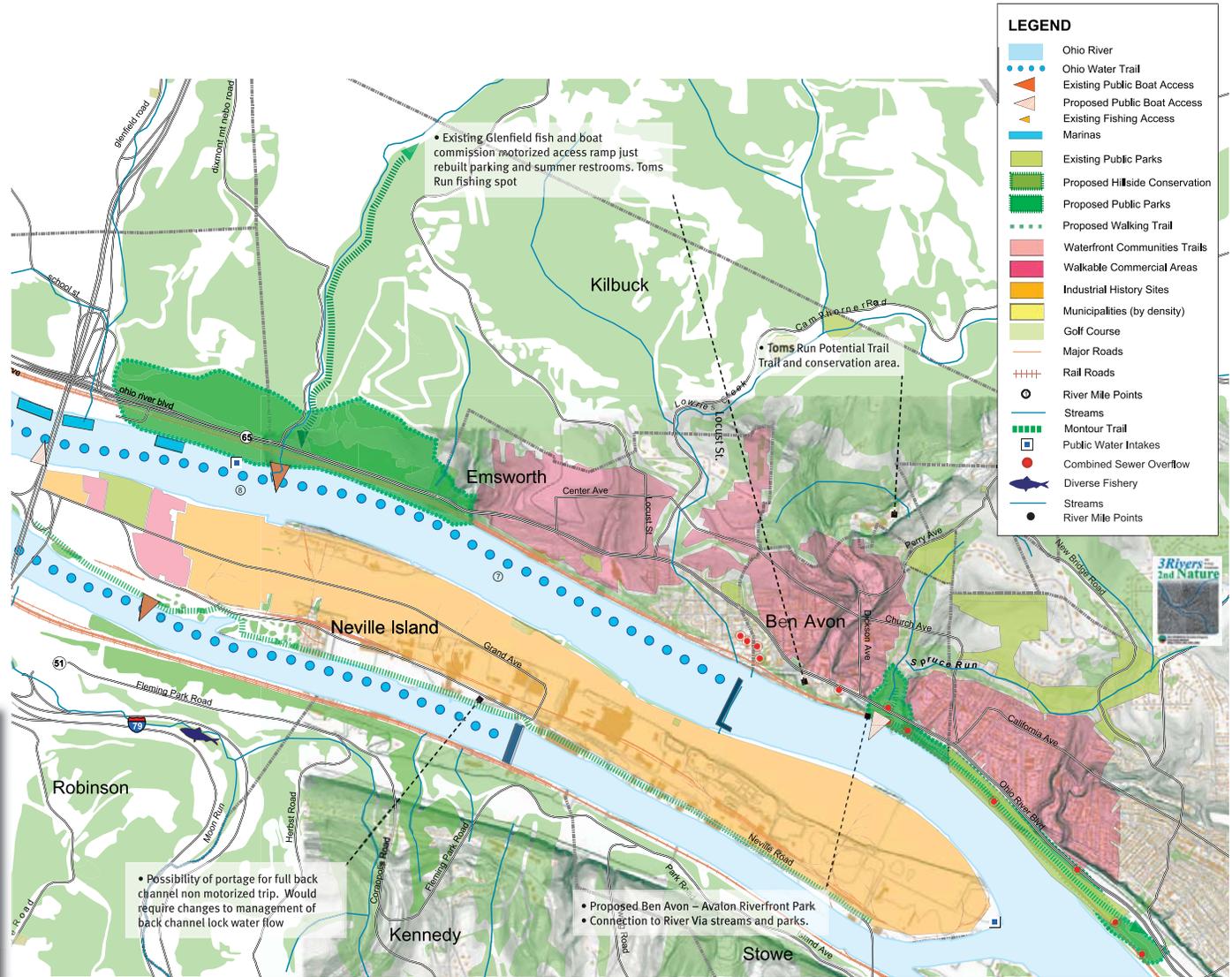
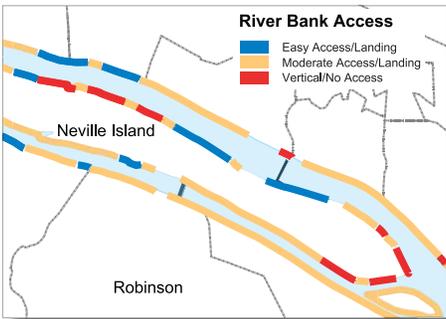
~Haysville Glenfield

We were on the backchannel side—undeveloped green space when you come in from the Pittsburgh pool side. Green and pristine! In terms of this portion—the slopes aren't as steep as they are in other areas... the railroads aren't on the river edge immediately... there are some ideal places... restaurants and business that are close to the river. You could walk right into town.

~concerned citizen

Emsworth lock and dam: they have an observation deck and you can go and watch the locks open and close.

~Al Schwartz



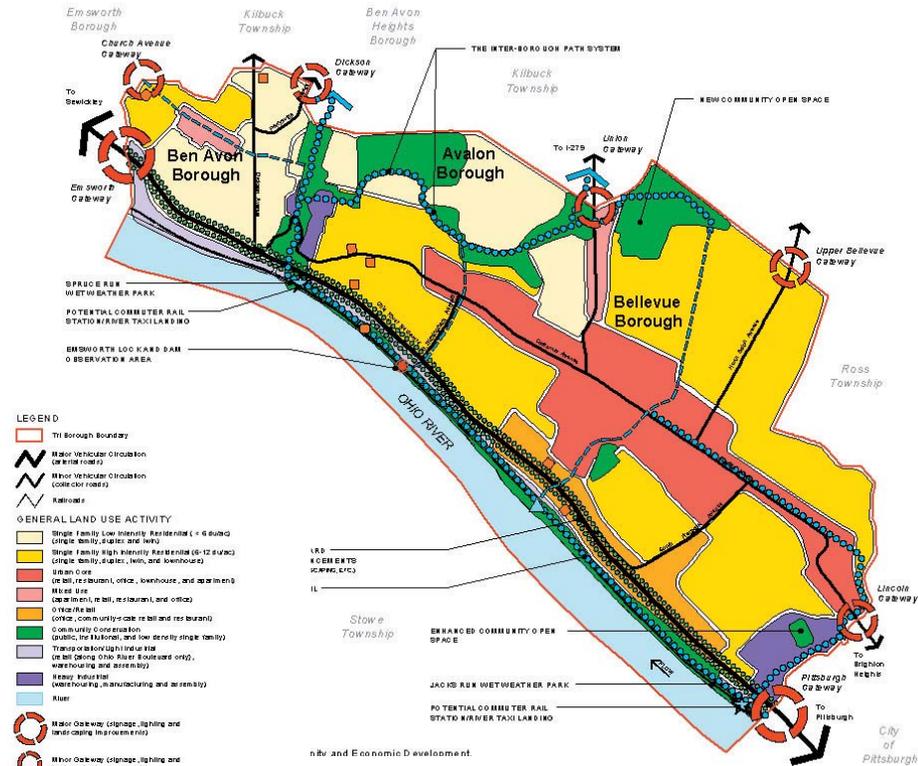


FIGURE 1
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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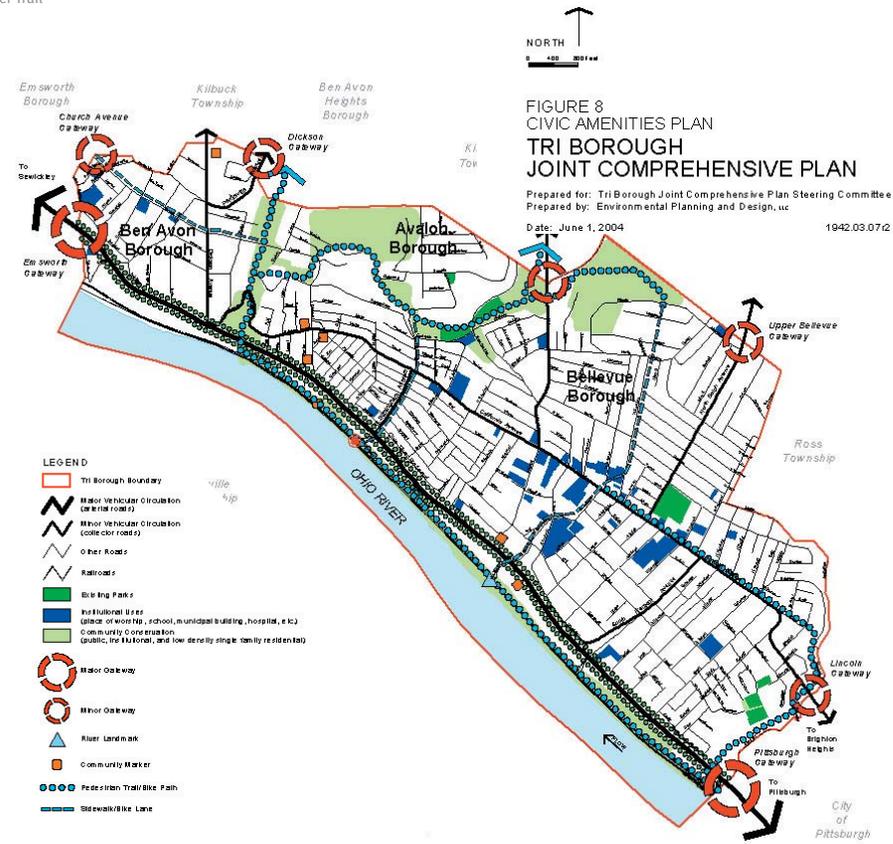


FIGURE 8
CIVIC AMENITIES PLAN
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JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Environmental Planning and Design (EPD)
Environmental Planning and Design (EPD) worked on the Civic Amenities Plan (as part of the overall Comprehensive Plan) for over three years. It has been adopted by the three communities of Avalon, Bellevue and Ben Avon. Additional monies are being designated to evaluate the communities' zoning districts and regulations in context of the Comprehensive Plan's recommendations. The project Steering Committee (which includes representatives from all three communities) is currently analyzing more detailed park and recreation needs for the three communities. As part of this project, the group is also studying the feasibility of constructing an expanded pedestrian system.

About half of the system identified on the Civic Amenities Plan exists in the form of sidewalks and/or right-of-ways. The communities foresee utilizing signage to further reinforce these pedestrian and bicycling opportunities. The other half of the system is proposed to complement and expand the existing system.

The River front Trail intends to invite people near the water's edge to enjoy views of the river and the City of Pittsburgh. As part of the Plan, access to the Ohio River for kayaks/canoes, via Jack's Run, is proposed (See Star designated on riverfront). Based on the physical capacity of the existing area, a limited amount of supportive facilities (i.e. parking) could be constructed at this location.

