

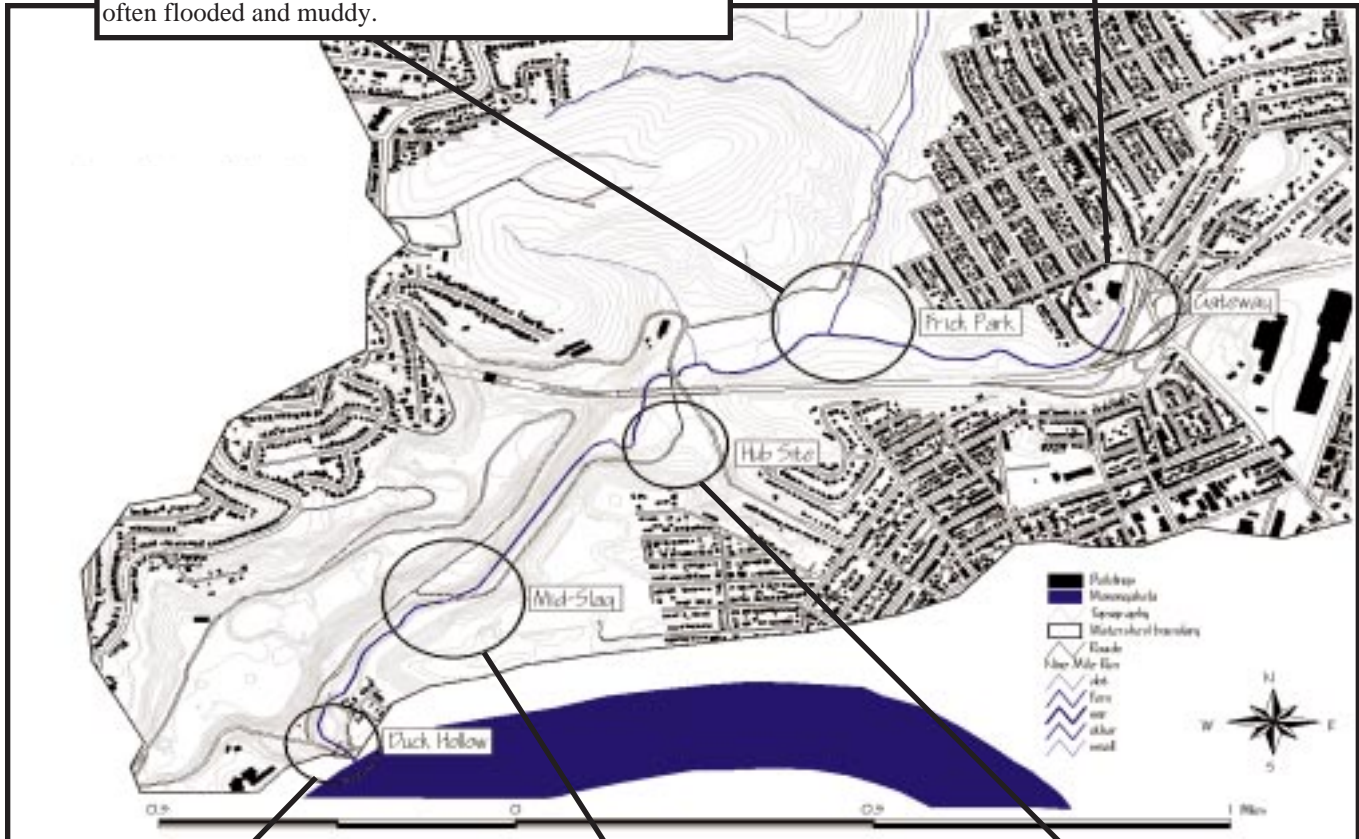
The Five Nodes of Nine Mile Run

Lower Frick Park Site

This site is located within a floodplain centered by the confluence of the Fern Hollow Creek and Nine Mile Run. The area is criss-crossed by aging sewer lines serving the upstream communities. The sewer infrastructure needs repair. The athletic field is close to the water level and is often flooded and muddy.

Regent Square Gateway Site

The city boundary extends through the Nine Mile Run valley as this was once the Braddock Avenue entrance to Frick Park. This entrance was eliminated by the construction of the parkway and is now accessed by the brick road base of the former Braddock Road. The site is characterized by extreme water flows and increasingly dangerous erosion exacerbated by the energy of high water.



Duck Hollow Site

The Duck Hollow site provides an important crossroads of culture, nature and history. It has served as a transit stop for trains (Salt Works Station) and a bridge connection to Homestead. The bridge pier is still visible above the railroad tracks. The Duck Hollow site takes its name from the adjacent community of 18 homes. The site has a primitive public space with a riverside parking lot and trails.

Mid-Slag Site

This site was the center of a wide stream valley before Duquesne Slag purchased the valley for slag dumping. Seventy years later, the stream incises deep into a canyon and becomes almost inaccessible except from the old railroad bridge. The site requires further assessment of slag slope revegetation techniques. The character of the site may be shaped by the regrading of the slag pile in preparation for plateau development.

Commercial Street Site (The Hub Site)

The Nine Mile Run Greenway Project sited its trailer on this highly visible central location. The trailer can be a hub for ecological monitoring and stewardship activities. The site was used to dump debris from Parkway East construction. As a result, a meadow grows on top of piles of concrete chunks, where tree roots struggle to get established.