

# The Indianapolis Historic Park and Boulevard System *a continuing transformational legacy*

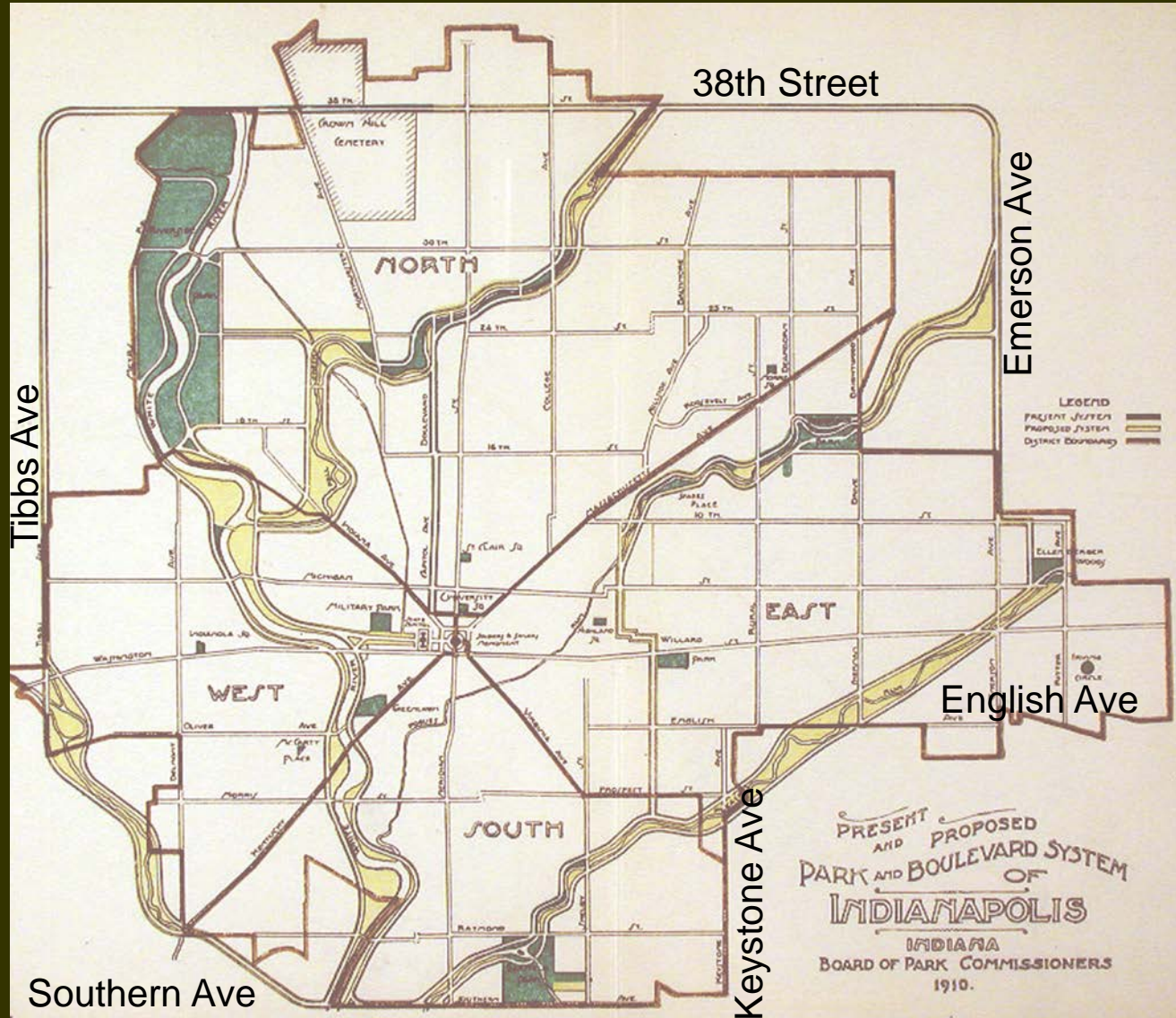
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# 1907-1923: George Kessler

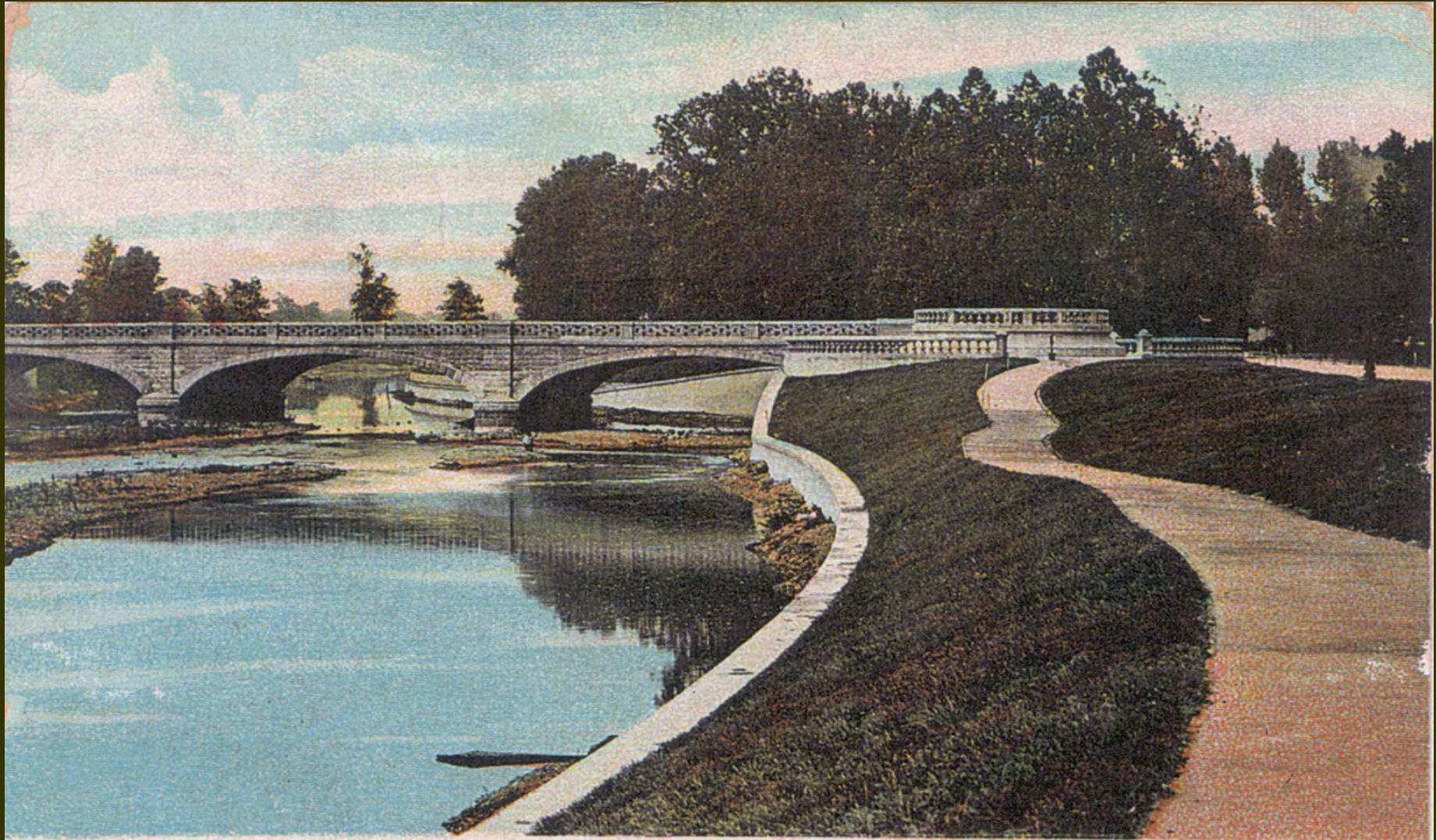
City Landscape Architect for 16 years guiding a combined department of parks & streets



George Kessler was engaged by the Commercial Club, the precursor of the Chamber of Commerce



**Kessler's Vision** *a world class park system is the cornerstone of quality-of-life based economic development*



Boulevard and Meridian St. Bridge, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Kessler's Plan** *"a connected transportation and open space system providing recreation, flood control, beautification and sanitation, and the improvement of housing values"*

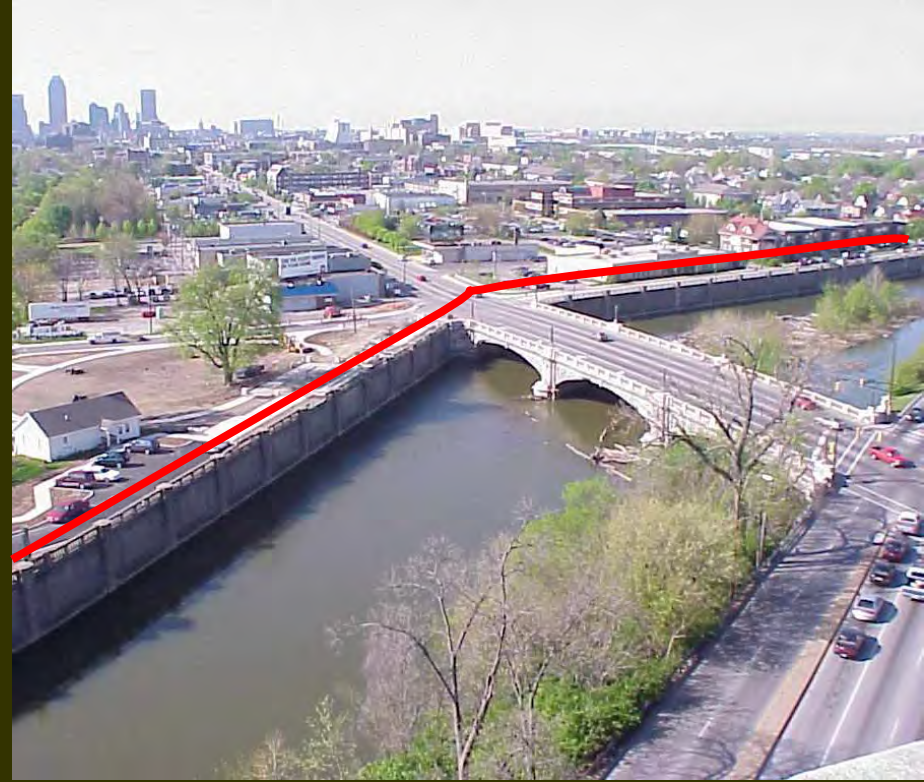


# Kessler's Scope *foundation for future growth*

*Kessler planned and designed a connected system that integrated beauty and function to “consolidate the work of those departments devoted to street building, maintenance and sewerage, etc.”*



*View looking northwest to Delaware Street Bridge*



*View looking southwest to Meridian Street Bridge*

# Historic Brookside Parkway *a linear park*



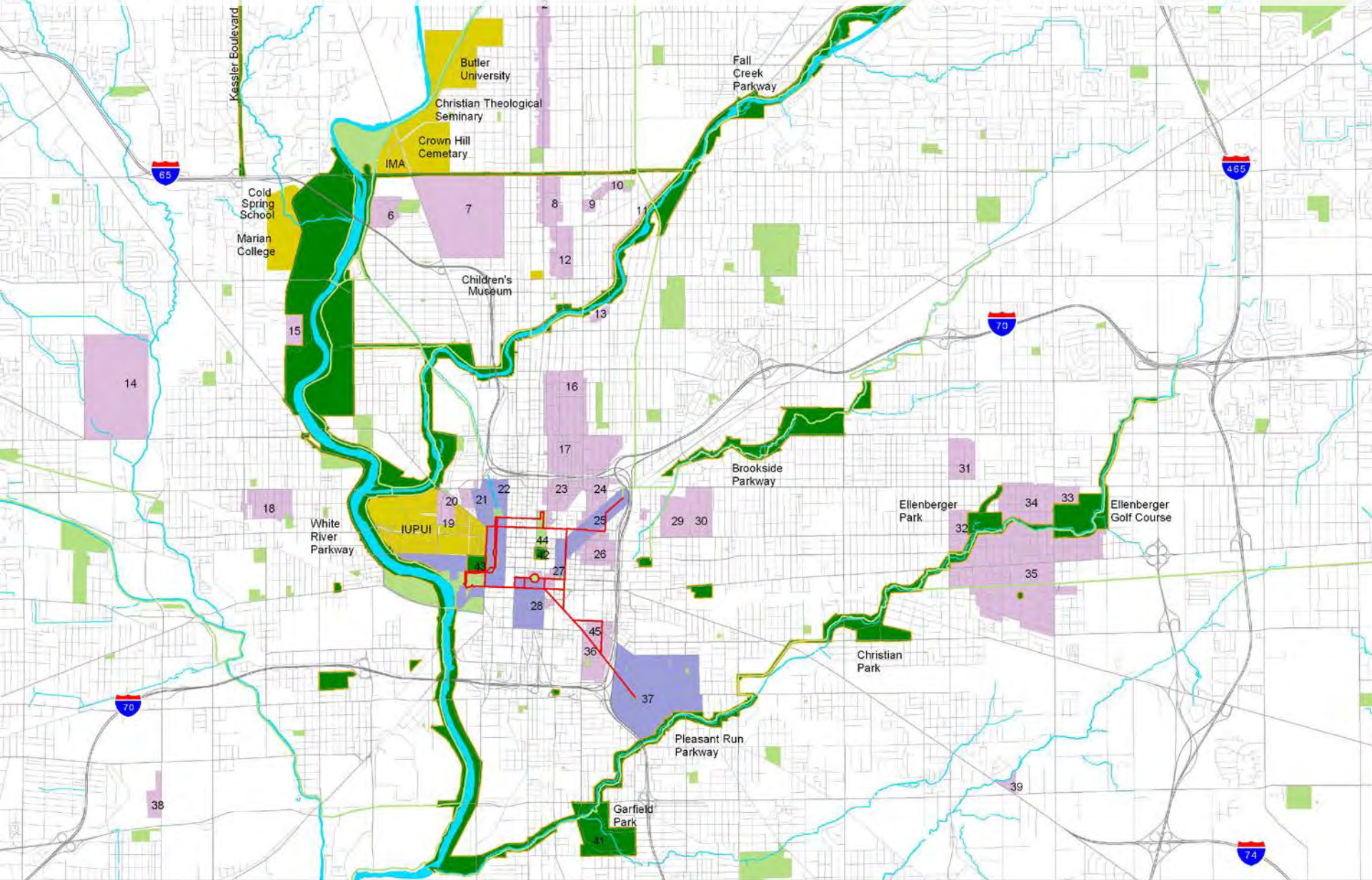
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# Contemporary Interpretation *White River Parkway*



# Extending the Kessler legacy

## *Indianapolis continues to build on his foundational work*





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*Thank you  
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