The plateau at the top of North Hill developed rapidly after it was connected with Downtown in 1922 by a viaduct over the Cascade Valley of the Little Cuyahoga River. It is bordered on the west by Cascade Valley Metropark, on the east by Gorge Metropark, and on the north by Cuyahoga Falls.

North Hill is primarily a single-family residential community.

Retail/commercial corridors along North Main Street, East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue, Tallmadge Avenue, and Home Avenue serve North Hill.

North Hill was originally home to European immigrants, primarily from Italy and Poland. Today North Hill is a racially and ethnically diverse community. Almost three-fourths White and almost one-fourth African-American, North Hill continues to attract new immigrants.

North Hill average household income rose more in the 1990s and reached roughly the same level as other City households. At the same time, the poverty rate dropped more in North Hill than in Akron.

The age distribution of residents of North Hill is almost identical to that of Akron. The dominant age group is 20 – 44 year olds.

The 2000 population of North Hill is 16,272. This is a decrease of 5.2% from 20,088 in 1990. The average household income in 1999 was $40,139, an increase of 17.8% over the previous decade. The poverty rate dropped to 25.5% in 2000, an improvement of 25.5% over the 1990 level.

North Hill is bordered by Cuyahoga Falls and Cuyahoga Valley Metroparks to the north and south, respectively. The majority of the population is under 20 years old, with a significant portion in the 20-44 age group. The average household income is lower than in other parts of the city, but the poverty rate is lower as well.
The dominant educational achievement of North Hill residents is high school graduate. There are lower percentages of persons with college degrees and graduate degrees than in the City.

North Hill residents are slightly more likely than other Akronites to be in Production, Transportation, and Material Moving occupations, and less likely to be in Management and Professional occupations.

North Hill has a slightly higher percentage of owner-occupied housing units than the City.

North Hill housing is older than the City.

The decline in the percentage of renter-occupied units was several times that of the City.

The increase in the average value of owner-occupied housing units slightly exceeded that of the City during the 1990s, and was about 80% of average City owner-occupied value.

(1) Refers to 1990 - 2000 change.
(2) Values adjusted to 1999 dollars.