

Mill Creek MetroParks Environmental Committee  
Summary of Activity for 2018

Membership changes:

- New Chairperson as of 8/1 (Bob Campbell replacing Greg Jackson)
- Three new members: Elizabeth Mabbot, Josh Noble, Pete Milliken

9 meetings: 2/15, 3/15, 4/12, 6/7, 8/23, 10/4, 11/15, 12/13

Accomplishments:

- Opening discussion with YSU concerning future collaboration and partnering for the purpose of sharing resources
- Completion of review of all current Oil and Natural Gas contracts. Committee members Mabbot and Noble will continue to visit and examine gas wells within the park.
- Following much discussion and investigation by Nick Derico, a recommendation was presented to the board to install an aeration system at the Lilly Pond to avoid future fish kills and improve over all water quality.
- Decision moving forward is to focus on a waste reduction plan, exploration of renewable energy sources within the park, and the conservation of natural resources within the park.
- Three presentations at meetings to expand our understanding of current and future environmental issues within the park:
  - Dr. Lisa Petit, Chief of Resource Management at Cuyahoga Valley National Park addressed problems that CVNP has dealt with over the years and their successes.
  - Dr. Ray Biersdorfer and Dr. Colleen McCann, both of YSU, discussed their vision of partnering with MCMP. Students and faculty are valuable resources for environmental study and data collection.
  - Kim Lewis of the Green Team presented the many ways that MCMP could reduce waste within the park.