



ANNUAL REPORT

2020



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Mill Creek MetroParks is governed by a board of park commissioners consisting of five residents of Mahoning County appointed by the Probate Court of Mahoning County and serving without remuneration or benefits.



Appointing Authority
The Honorable Judge Robert N. Rusu, Jr.
Mahoning County Probate Judge



Lee Frey
President



Germaine Bennett
Vice-President



Tom Frost



Jeff Harvey



Paul Olivier



Aaron Young
Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Mill Creek MetroParks is to provide park, recreational, educational, and open space facilities of regional significance. In fulfilling this mission our objectives are:

- To be responsive to community needs
- To be environmentally sound
- To be adaptable
- To be economically responsible



A SEPARATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF OHIO

Mill Creek MetroParks is a separate political subdivision of the state of Ohio and is not part of any local or other political subdivision. It was established on January 1, 1989, under Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, as the successor to the Youngstown Township Park District subsequent to the voters' approval of the conversion. Mill Creek MetroParks serves all of Mahoning County.

The MetroParks currently operates Mill Creek Park, located in Boardman Township and the City of Youngstown, Yellow Creek Park in Struthers, the MetroParks Farm in Canfield Township, Vickers Nature Preserve in Ellsworth Township, MetroParks Bikeway, which traverses: Austintown Township, Canfield Township and the City of Canfield, Sebring Woods in the Village of Sebring, Cranberry Run Headwaters in Boardman Township, Sawmill Creek Preserve in Canfield Township, Mill Creek Preserve in Boardman Township, McGuffey Wildlife Preserve in Coitsville Township, Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Beaver Township, and Egypt Swamp Preserve in Green Township.

MetroParks revenue is derived from three main sources: receipts of a tax levy upon all real estate within the District, receipts from the Local Government Fund and income from MetroParks facilities such as greens fees, rentals of cabins, pavilions, and boats; programs, and other activities.

COMMUNITY *Engagement*

GOAL

Enhance Mill Creek MetroParks' mission through effective partnerships, communications, signage, and promotions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The year of 2020 was a challenging year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Due to the potential spread of the virus and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the employees, volunteers, and visitors, MetroParks events and programs were cancelled effective March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The MetroParks, as a whole, was able to remain open for the community to offer a safe place of peace and relaxation in nature during these unprecedented times. Various programs were transformed into a virtual format and new virtual programs were added to social media and the website allowing visitors to continue to enjoy MetroParks programming from the safety of their own home.

The MetroParks, including staff and volunteers, participates in various outreach programs, events and speaking engagements throughout the year. These were limited due to the pandemic and included: The Big Sit, Sunrise Senior Living (Poland), Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program, and the McGuffy Historical Society.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important supporting component in many areas of park operations. Volunteers support staff efforts in offering events and programs to the community; they play a part in educating and engaging our local community,



and ultimately increasing support for our parks. Volunteers make a vital contribution to both Mill Creek MetroParks and to Mahoning County! Due to the potential spread of the virus and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Mill Creek MetroParks volunteers and staff all volunteer opportunities were halted beginning March 13, 2020. With warmer weather in May 2020 a handful of volunteers and volunteer groups were able to participate in outdoor volunteer opportunities at the Gardens, Wildlife Sanctuary, and bouldering area at Bears Den by strictly following social distancing guidelines, mask wearing, and proper hand washing and sanitizing efforts. Volunteer time recorded in 2020 prior to and during the pandemic was 1,761 hours from 91 active park

wide volunteers and multiple groups. Some of the specific exhibits and activities where these hours were recorded are: Nature Photography Exhibit, Conservation/Preservation, Standing Committees, Veggie Gardens and Green Thumbs, and Kiosk Stocking.

In 2020, the Standing Committees of the Board of Park Commissioners were realigned but continued to serve in an advisory role to the Board of Park Commissioners. The Citizens Advisory Committees were realigned to consist of nine volunteer members (board appointed) from the public and one staff liaison. The areas of interest were also realigned to include four specific interests: Natural Resources, Recreation, Education, and Finance.

COMMUNITY

Engagement

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METROPARKS POLICE

The MetroParks Police provide 24-hour patrol coverage of Park District lands and facilities. The department provides complete law enforcement services which include proactive enforcement, facility security, preservation of land and resources, and maintaining a presence at park events. The department maintains full police powers to enforce laws, park rules and make arrests, as well as issue summonses.

The department is made up of both sworn and non-sworn staff members. The sworn staff includes full time officers, part time officers and reserve officers. The department also maintains an auxiliary force of non-sworn staff who assists sworn officers at park events with traffic direction and event security.

In 2020, the MetroParks Police Department received certification, both provisional and final, from the Ohio Collaborative concerning President Trump's attestation order on Safe Policing. Staff also attended various training programs which included: Ohio Chiefs of Police In-Service Training, various safety trainings by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, Peace Officer Refresher Training at the Ohio Peace Officer Training

Academy, Subject Control, Use of Force, Pursuit Policy, and De-escalation Training, Ohio Chiefs of Police Conference, Public Records, State Mandated Weapons Qualification, Crisis Intervention Training, Administrative Assistant Fundamentals and Microsoft Access Computer Training, Legal Aspects of Police Supervision Training, as well as, the Daily Training Bulletins (DTB's) from Lexipol.

For more data regarding the Ohio Collaborative, including demographics, please [view this page](#) on our site.

Officers regularly host a community summit at Pioneer Pavilion with area Police Chiefs and Community and Church leaders. Unfortunately, this was cancelled and will be rescheduled in 2021 due to Covid 19 and social distancing.

Various officers serve on the following: Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation Certified Law Enforcement Advisory Board (CLEE), the Mahoning County OVI Task Force, the Mahoning County Homicide Task Force, and the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Executives Association. Staff members also served as mentors for the Certified Law Enforcement Executives program. Both positive and negative concerns can be addressed by filling out the Police Customer

Satisfaction Survey Form posted on the MetroParks website. As always, supervisory staff is available to speak to anyone concerning police department issues.

The MetroParks annual "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program was unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic. The department sustained its community outreach by continuing their mentor/support of two young boys ages 7 and 13 in Youngstown. Officers also provided the children with Christmas gifts this holiday season.

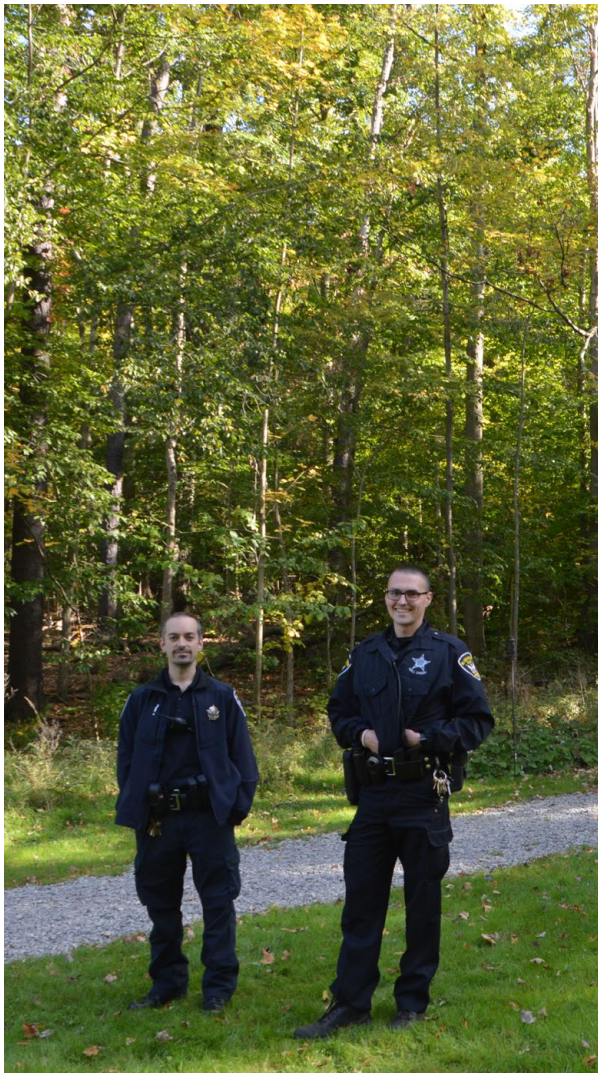
The MetroParks police continued to be proactive in 2020. Proactive Law Enforcement Contacts totaled 1289, arrest totals were 196, and dispatched events totaled 3047.

Grants were obtained to provide officers with body armor and protective ceramic rifle plates at a 25% match through the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. The department also obtained speed monitoring trailers through the LESO program. The department also obtained protective helmets from a neighboring law enforcement agency. These items were received at no cost to the MetroParks.

COMMUNITY *Engagement*

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The department continues to strive in the effort to meet our mission statement - "Professional Excellence, Every Day, In All We Do".



RECREATION

GOAL

Create broader recreation programs that inspire more users to experience Mill Creek MetroParks for the value it provides to the community.

GOLF

In 2020 Mill Creek Golf Course was awarded for having the “Best Service” in the Mahoning Valley by the Youngstown Vindicator and Warren Tribune in the golf course category. The Mill Creek Golf Shop was awarded with their third Merchandiser of the Year Award over the past six years in the fall of 2020. In addition, Mill Creek Golf Course was voted as being one of the “Fun Courses to Play” in Mahoning Valley for 2020 by the local community. During the year, the golf course had several capital improvement projects which included new asphalt cart paths on the South golf course, sealing of the cart paths on the North golf course and Practice Range areas. In addition, new tee markers were added to both courses, outdoor seating areas were added near the practice green and the Mill Creek Golf Shop expanded its footprint by adding more retail space.

In July, Mill Creek entertained the inaugural Notah BeGay III Tournament East Coast Regional Qualifier. This is the second golf tournament the MetroParks has hosted on a national level. This year’s event was a tournament that played host to players with their families from all over the country.

In September, Mill Creek hosted the 5th Annual Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation AJGA

Junior All Star National Tournament. The financial impact to the Mahoning Valley this year was \$123,149.50 in hotel stays, dining, recreational spending, green fees, and shopping. Since 2016, the financial impact for the Mahoning Valley surpassed \$1,609,621.50 as well as \$61,000 local charities over the past 5 years.

During the offseason, the Mill Creek MetroParks PGA Professionals continued their approach for growing the customer base by attending the Michigan, Pittsburgh and Cleveland Golf Shows through a tourism grant from the Mahoning Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau. The golf shows equated to an additional 2000+ rounds of golf with overnight stays in the Mahoning County. The travel shows have made a positive impact for growing rounds of golf along with creating new tourism opportunities in the county.

The Mill Creek professional staff expanded their role in becoming certified as PGA of America Coaches in addition to gaining certification in the American Developmental Model (ADM) for teaching the game of golf. Head Professional Stacie Butler was selected to represent Mill Creek on the National Women’s Golf Leaders Platform by PGA Magazine. PGA Director of Golf Brian Tolnar received the National Golf Professional of the Year Award from the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) in September of 2020.

2020 ROUNDS

North & South Golf Courses

Total 9 Hole Rounds	56,147
Total 18 Hole Rounds	27,976
Total Rounds Played	84,123

Wick Recreation Par-3 Course

Total 9 Hole Rounds	14,187
Total 18 Hole Rounds	12,421
Total Rounds Played	26,608



RECREATION

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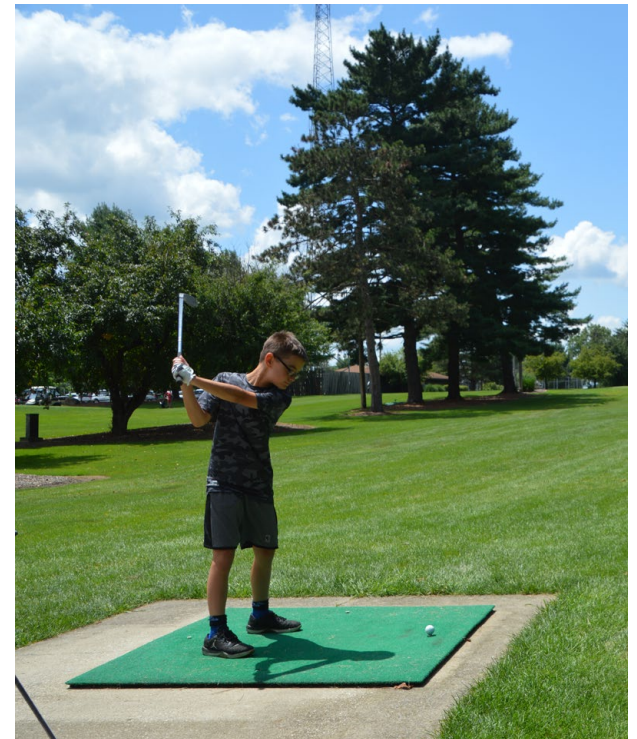
RECREATION

A large capital improvement project began for the recreation department in 2020. The construction of a new Wick Recreation Area Maintenance Building was added and opened in late November. The second step of the process was to re-design the Wick Recreation Warming House which started in the fall of 2020 with an anticipated opening in late 2021. Lake Glacier and Lake Newport Boathouses were both painted in August and are now ready for opening in spring 2021 if the Covid-19 Pandemic shutdown restrictions are lifted. Kayak rental racks were also added at Lake Glacier opening up yearly rentals which will be available for rent in January 2021. New batting cage machines were installed for baseball and softball at Wick Recreation Area as well as new volleyball nets. Windscreens were also added at Volney Field for the tennis courts.

All recreation programs/events, sports camps, concerts, marathons, recreation leagues and sports clinics were cancelled for the year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The recreation department staff is compiling a robust recreation schedule with new recreational opportunities for camps, clinics, leagues, and programs in 2021. New opportunities will include archery, concert nights, movie nights, pickleball, soccer, dek hockey, disc golf, tennis, softball, and football.

Recreation Manager, Chris Bundy and Recreation Program Coordinator, Stephen Olesky have both completed their Certified Playground Safety Inspection (CPSI) certification for in 2020.



Education

GOAL

Create an effective capital improvement and maintenance plan to preserve the historic aspects of Mill Creek MetroParks as well as provide a safe and enjoyable experience.



HORTICULTURE

There were 42,000 blooming bulbs planted in the fall of 2019, which yielded a spectacular spring show at Fellows Riverside Gardens in 2020.

The following amounts were planted in 2020 throughout the park.

- At the Gardens, a total of 54,574 annuals were planted for the spring, summer, and fall displays.
- 144 roses were planted in the rose garden at Fellows, along with 247 new perennials.
- Many other perennials were divided and used to fill in throughout the park.
- 11 new trees and 5 shrubs were planted at the Gardens in 2020.

The following landscape enhancements were made in 2020 throughout the MetroParks:

- 31 Trees and Shrubs
- 20 Perennials
- 500 Bulbs
 - 100 Daffodils at the Lily Pond by the new Comfort Station
 - 100 Daffodils at 224 and West Golf entrance
 - 300 Daffodils at Daffodil Meadow
- 100 Annuals in various size containers

Projects

- Flats - Planted trees in the new parking lot bed and along the tree line.
- Lily Pond - Plantings around the new comfort station.
- Daffodil Meadow - Planting and Improvements.
- West Golf Overflow Lot - Planted trees leading up to the bridge.

EDUCATION

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 2,621 (IN PERSON)
JANUARY 1, 2020 – MARCH 13, 2020

- Youth: 1,735
- Adult: 886

TOTAL PROGRAMS: 151

EDUCATION PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS: 51

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Outreach: 58 programs; 1604 participants
- On-Site: 7 programs; 168 participants

INTERPRETIVE TOURS: NONE

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

- Total Programs: 85
- Total Participants: 485

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- The John & Doris Andrews Horticulture Certificate Program: 1 class with 9 participants

OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Ohio Certified Volunteer Junior Naturalist Program
- Sunrise Senior Living in Poland

Education

CONTINUED

A large capital improvement project started for the Education Department in 2020. The renovations of Ford Nature Center launched in February 2020. In total, the project is expected to take up to two years to complete with an anticipated reopening of Spring/Summer 2022. Once complete, the project will allow the Ford Nature Center to continue serving the community as a primary resource for nature-based education through the use of 21st century classrooms, learning labs, exhibits and outdoor environment.

In 2020, the Education Department went through a delivery transformation due to the pandemic. With in-person classes being suspended at area local schools and many Park facilities closed, the department transitioned to a virtual format. It was important to keep Park visitors engaged and enjoying the beauty of the Park in a safe manner. All virtual programs were developed, written, and taped by Dr. Jim Infante, Education Manager and Lynn Zocolo, Educator. The training for these and all virtual programs, came from past experiences and a great deal of experimentation.

Preparation began in hopes of the return to in-person classes for students in 2021. The current school programs were reviewed with the removal and addition of programs, as well as technology incorporated throughout.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS – 100,000+ FACEBOOK VIEWS

- Nature Rocks: A weekly Facebook and website video series featuring various locations and programs of the Park. The series consisted of 26 weeks of postings with a total of 27 videos on Facebook. The videos were also posted on the MetroParks website page for future viewing.
- Virtual School Programs: In-person programs were adapted to a virtual format. The programs were created and intended for use by school districts and remote learners. The programs are aligned with Ohio's Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Science. There is a correlation to Ohio's Learning Standards for Math, Social Studies, and English Language Arts. A total of five School Programs are placed on the MetroParks website for use.
- Virtual Healthy Living Programs: Healthy Living Programs are typically offered at various locations across the MetroParks but due to the pandemic class offerings were suspended. In the meantime, Virtual Healthy Living Programs were created and taught by Healthy Living Public Instructors and available on the website. Yoga, Tai Chi, and Meditation were some of the programs offered virtually.

- Sharp About the Park: The Education Department created the "Sharp About the Park" Facebook trivia series to engage visitors with questions about the park. A trivia question was posted three Friday's a month for followers to answer. The answer to each trivia question was provided the following week along with a new question.

Super Seeds

Kindergarten – Grade 1

Students will explore the importance of seeds and learn how we use seeds every day.

Length: 19:10



OUR People

GOAL

Provide employees with the necessary knowledge and skills to perform their jobs efficiently and effectively, in order to serve the needs of Mill Creek MetroParks and the community.

Employees at the MetroParks successfully adapted goals and programs to fulfill the mission of Mill Creek MetroParks during this year's global pandemic.

2020 brought one retirement, thirteen employee promotions and eighty-three hiring actions. All full-time bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit employees received a two-percent general wage increase. Several full-time and part-time positions were also adjusted based on promotions and added duties.

Mill Creek MetroParks is committed to developing and expanding employee skill sets and capabilities. Training and development opportunities were provided to employees on a wide range of topics throughout 2020. These opportunities build on professional competencies and improve skill sets that contribute to the mission. Training opportunities included Anti-Harassment, Drug Free Workplace and Interviewing Techniques. Employees also received continuing education in the following areas: Parks and Recreation Professional Certification, PGA of America Coaching Certification, Human Resources Senior Professional Certification, Visitor Relations Specialist Certification, Employing Abilities at Work Certification, Veterans at Work Certification and Playground Safety Inspector Certification.

The Employee Association is a MetroParks employee-run group, sustained by employee donations. The Association sent flowers for births, hospital stays and bereavement in 2020. The Association also made charitable contributions to the Rescue Mission and six other local non-profit organizations. The Wellness Committee, a second employee-run group, focuses on creating a positive employee experience and supporting work-life balance. The committee continued to innovate and improve in 2020 with initiatives like yoga classes and stress management techniques to optimize productivity and promote a healthy and supportive work environment.



INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL

Create an effective capital improvement and maintenance plan to preserve the historic aspects of Mill Creek MetroParks as well as provide a safe and enjoyable experience.

ANNUAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$63,877.14



ANNUAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$148,768.15

ANNUAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$146,828.17



ANNUAL PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$14,440.94

MILL CREEK GOLF COURSE - CART PATH PAVING

COST

\$324,141.18



MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$18,362.18



INFRASTRUCTURE

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MILL CREEK PRESERVE IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$13,947.00



MCGUFFEY WILDLIFE PRESERVE IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$35,131.63

WICK RECREATION AREA - MAINTENANCE FACILITY

COST

\$502,523.57

FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS - DAVIS CENTER REPAIRS

COST

\$74,700.00



FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS - OUTDOOR EDUCATION BUILDING

COST

\$2,765.25

FORD NATURE CENTER - REDEVELOPMENT

COST

\$29,050.00



NATURAL Resources

GOAL

Enhance Mill Creek MetroParks' management of natural resources through improved access of developed trails, opening new parks in underserved areas of the County, and incorporation of a natural resources management plan.

Canada goose management efforts were continued in 2020. Various MetroParks departments carried out Canada goose harassment efforts at key locations throughout the MetroParks using pyrotechnic launchers, lasers and the application of a repellent product at Daffodil Meadow. Following harassment activities, a nest destruction permit was obtained through ODNR. USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services was contracted to perform nest inspection and egg adding activities at these same key locations. In total, forty-four (44) nests containing 194 eggs were located – of those located, thirty-four (34) nests and 154 eggs were treated (no adding took place at the Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary). The 4th annual Canada goose count performed by the local Audubon Society produced a 2020 population count of 209 individuals throughout the park, which has remained relatively static from the 2019 count of 160 individuals. Public outreach efforts, including signage, public service announcements, brochures, enforcement and education programs were also continued to further the “Do Not Feed Wildlife” campaign throughout the MetroParks.

Efforts continued at the Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary to improve dike conditions and restore water fluctuation capabilities. In 2020, the MetroParks successfully installed two (2)

water control structures and restored function to approximately eleven (11) acres of wetland complexes. Projects such as these improve wildlife habitat and help reduce invasive species at the facility. In October, staff and volunteers participated in the “Big Sit” event at the Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. This annual international birding competition provides the opportunity for sites around the world to battle against each other, with participants hoping to record the highest number of bird species observed from one location within a 24-hour period. This year a total of 75 bird species were observed during this event at the Wildlife Sanctuary, ranking 1st in Ohio. Separate from the “Big Sit”, numerous volunteers contribute to an annual species count at the Sanctuary, which documents the total number of different bird species encountered at the Sanctuary for a given year. This species count for 2020 totaled 203 species, a near record-setting year. The all-time species count for the Sanctuary has risen to an all-time high of 258 species.

Efforts continued this year to reduce and control non-native/invasive plants throughout areas of the MetroParks, most notably the Mill Creek Preserve and Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, where a combined 70 acres were treated. Herbicide applications and/or physical removal of undesirable species were also conducted at

properties such as the Lily Pond, Lake Newport Wetlands, Vickers Nature Preserve, Sawmill Creek Preserve, Mill Creek Park, and the MetroParks Farm.

The MetroParks continued the Healthy Streams Initiative, an annual project aimed at restoring natural flow patterns and reducing erosion along Mill Creek and its tributaries by removing fallen trees and woody debris from the stream. In 2020, the project focused on Indian Run, as it flows through the Huntington Woods Development, beginning at Huntington Drive and continuing until Eagle Trace. This year's project successfully improved over 4,700 linear feet of stream and throughout the lifetime of this program, Mill Creek MetroParks has improved nearly seven (7) miles of stream including portions of Mill Creek, Indian Run, and Andersons Run.

The Lily Pond was the focus of numerous improvement projects in 2020, most notably the planting of Hardy Water Lilies and Yellow Cow-Lilies to enhance the overall biodiversity of the site and reintroduce the once abundant water lily. The Lily Pond also received ongoing management efforts focusing on algae treatments, invasive species treatment, and invasive species removal.

Stewardship

GOAL

Establish a long term financial and cost recovery plan for the MetroParks through effective use of the Mill Creek Park Foundation, grants, and business management practices.

METROPARKS BIKEWAY PHASE III

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant funding for right-of-way consultant services and property acquisition. Federal property acquisition process continued throughout the year. \$500.00 was expended – (grant funded at \$228,005.00).

METROPARKS BIKEWAY PHASE III

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) CMAQ program grant funding for design & engineering consultant services. Construction drawings were completed. \$0.00 was expended (grant funded at \$20,981.48).

CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND ROUND 14

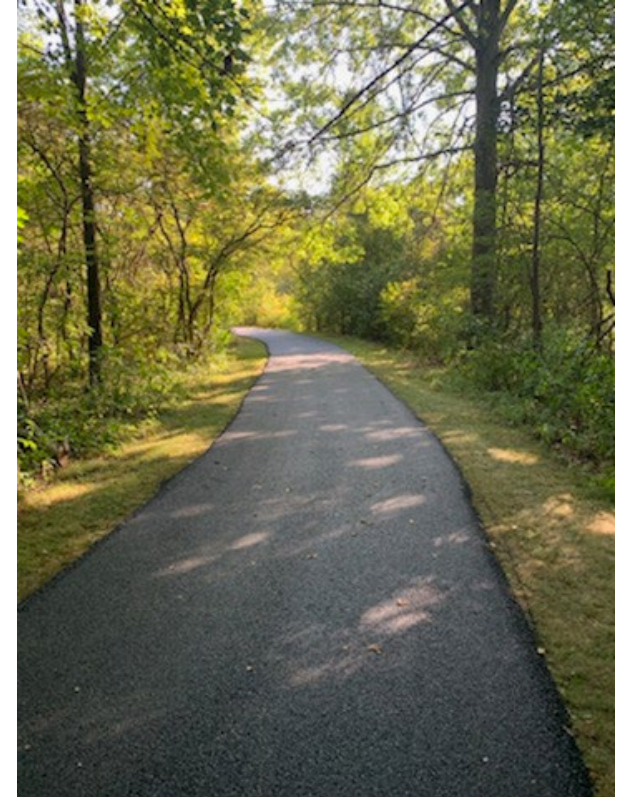
A Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant was received to acquire two (2) parcels of property totaling 218 acres along Mill Creek in Beaver Township. The property is comprised of fields, wooded areas, wetlands, floodplains and includes Mill Creek. Acquisition is still ongoing; \$0.00 was expended (grant funded at 75% - \$450,000).

CXT RESTROOM/COMFORT STATION

An Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks grant was received for construction of a new 1comfort station at the Lily Pond. Concrete walks were installed to provide access to the facility, and landscape beds were created and planted with native species. The Birch Hill Comfort Stations were demolished, and trail improvements between the Lily Pond and Birch Hill Cabin were completed. \$52,509.00 was expended (grant funded at \$38,500.00).

OLD ORCHARD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program grant funding for improvements to the Dividing Sycamore Bridge on Chestnut Hill Drive in Mill Creek Park. Improvements included cleaning and repointing of stone masonry, installation of weatherproofing, underdrains, concrete walk, concrete curb and asphalt pavement. The project was bid and awarded in 2020; Construction is scheduled for 2021 \$968.44 was expended (grant funded at 80% - \$160,000.00).



Stewardship

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DONORS FOR FORD NATURE CENTER RENOVATION

In 2020, the following donors have generously contributed and pledged gifts towards the \$3 million redevelopment of the Ford Nature Center. These donations were made through the Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation.

The Youngstown Foundation
John D. Finnegan Foundation
Andrews Trust
Trust of Aimee & Lulu Seidel
Nancy Brundage
James and Coralie Centofanti Charitable Foundation
Judy Sees
Victoria Honeywell
Anita Carson
Scott Schulick
Susan Fullerman
Mill Creek MetroParks Employee Association
John Callery
Bresnahan Foundation
Will Family Charitable Fund
Rita Welling
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Martha Murphy
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Edith Wacksman
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Jocelyne Linsalata
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Tim Shaffer
Anthony L. Mehle
Kim Cox
Tommy Gillespie
Beecher Family Foundation
Linda Toepfer
Johnny Appleseed Garden Club
Judy Sees
Carol Truitt
John A Renner Jr.
Janet Collier
Sand Hill Foundation
David & Joan Dawson
Sandy Kessler

ENDOWMENT DONORS

The following donors have supported endowment funds for the perpetual care and preservation of Mill Creek MetroParks

Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley
Dan & Margaret Kollay
Biagio & Ruth Ann Vericella
Anne Frederick Crawford
Garden Club of Youngstown
Fred Martin
William Terlesky
Garden Forum of The Mahoning Valley
James Holt
Martha Sasala
John Babyak
Donna Nellis
Kathy Collins
James Ohle
DeSanto Law Firm
Maureen Bross
Caroline Cathline

Stewardship

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Marylou Dixon
Maureen Krull
Mary Rousher
Koroseal Interior Products
Lisa Guy
Garden Club of Youngstown
Valerie D'Apolito
Tom Yuska
Eva Doyle
Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation
Adrian Slipski
Kaaren Cabraja
Bonnie Nichols
Charles Lanz

Anthony L. Mehle
Lisa Miller
Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association
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Maureen Thompson
Janet Collier
Robert Devlin
J.C. Enterprise Center, Inc.
Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation
Mahoning County Auditor
Janet Ganchar
The Youngstown Foundation
Theresa Dirisamer

Stewardship

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RENTAL FACILITY USAGE

FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

- Auditorium – 15 rentals
- Classrooms – 16 rentals
- Ceremonies (indoors & outdoors) – 69 rentals
- Garden Café – 1 rental
- Radius Room – 5 rentals
- Wedding Receptions – 3 rentals

METROPARKS FARM

- Classroom A – 3 rentals / 60 attendance
- Kenneth McMahon Hall – 15 rentals / 2340 attendance

CABINS

- Bears Den Cabin – 22 rentals / 702 attendance
- Birch Hill Cabin – 39 rentals / 1473 attendance
- Old Log Cabin – 12 rentals / 274 attendance

PAVILIONS

- Chestnut Hill Pavilion – 0 rentals
- Pioneer Pavilion – 4 rentals / 222 attendance
- Scholl Pavilion – 0 rentals
- Slippery Rock Pavilion – 0 rentals
- Stitt Pavilion – 0 rentals
- Thomas J. Bresko Pavilion – 0 rentals
- Kirk Road Pavilion – 0 rentals

YELLOW CREEK PARK

- Capt. John Struthers Pavilion – 0 rentals
- Yellow Creek Lodge – 9 rentals / 540 attendance



Stewardship

TOTAL ALL FUNDS

UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE January 1, 2020	\$3,605,309.90
PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES	\$896,815.79

INCOME:

General Property Tax	\$8,058,894.38
Park District Activities	\$1,635,745.50
Local Government Fund	\$351,757.68
Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens	\$127,300.99
Clean Ohio Grants	\$8,508.24
BWC Rebates & Grants	\$125,620.14
Interest	\$95,811.46
Gas Royalties	\$31,780.26
Property Insurance Reimbursements	\$8,915.00
Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation	\$247,399.22
Law Enforcement Training Revenue	\$2,625.00
Ford Center Tax Exempt Loan Proceeds	\$3,500,000.00
Total Income	\$14,194,357.87

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$18,696,483.56

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries & Wages	\$5,283,405.75
Materials & Supplies	\$2,577,170.74
Capital Improvements	\$1,979,049.90
Capital Equipment	\$468,711.95

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$10,308,338.34

Year End Cash Balance December 31, 2020	\$8,388,145.22
Year End Encumbrances	\$4,192,921.58
Unencumbered Cash Balance	\$4,195,223.64

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