

MetroParks Board Meeting 2025 Capital Improvement Projects

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Presentation Outline

- MetroParks Mission Statement
- Strategic Master Plan
- MetroParks Properties/Facilities
- Long Range Capital Planning
- Proposed 2025 Capital Improvement Projects
- Professional Consultant Services
- Comments/Questions





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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 feasible

Link to Mission Statement: http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/contact/about/mi ssion-statement/



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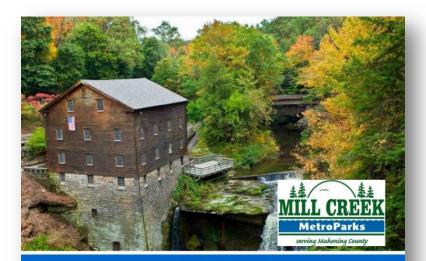
Strategic Master Plan

- Chapter 7: Implementation Plan
 - 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."







January 2013 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan





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Strategic Master Plan

- Chapter 7: Implementation Plan
 - Natural Resources

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

Mill Creek MetroParks **Action Plan** SUMMARY 2013-2023

Link to Strategic Master Plan: http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/11/Mill-Creek-MetroParks-Strategic-Master-Plan-FINAL.pdf



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Planning & Operations Department Mission

Strive for excellence in all aspects of our work, with thorough attention to aesthetic, environmental, historical and economic considerations, through collaborative efforts, to produce highly successful and tangible results for current and future MetroParks' guests."

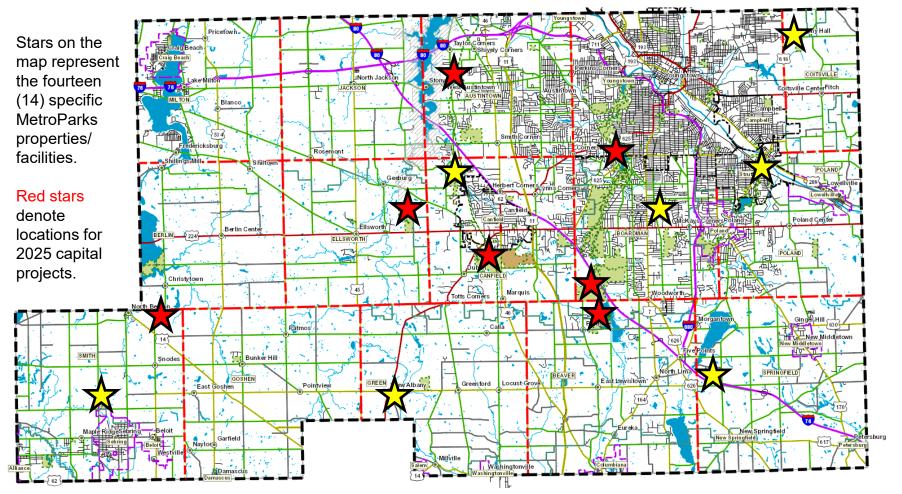








MetroParks Properties/Facilities – Mahoning County





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Mill Creek MetroParks

Properties/Facilities

- Fourteen (14) separate locations
- 9 Townships
- 3 Cities
- 1 Village

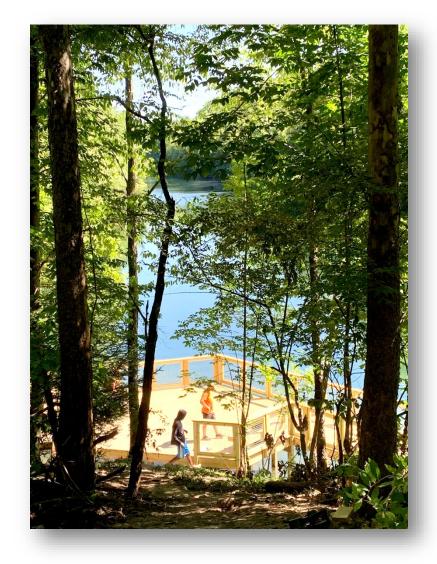
Land Uses

- Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation
- Preserves/Natural Areas
- Working Farm
- Bikeway
- Equestrian

Statistics

- 5,012.96 acres
- 20.37 miles of roads
- 9 vehicular and 9 stone arch bridges on ODOT inventory; 7 pedestrian bridges
- 21 acres of parking lots
- 35+ miles hiking trails
- 17.59 miles of paved multipurpose trails
- 226,117 square feet of structures
- 3 large lakes/dams; numerous ponds





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Long Range Capital Improvement Planning





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Proposed 2025 Budget: Capital Improvement Projects

- Annual Road Improvements
- Annual Bridge Improvements
- Annual Parking Lot Improvements
- Annual Trail Improvements
- Annual Facility Improvements
- Wick Recreation Area
- Annual Comfort Station/Restroom Improve.
- Golf Course Improvements
- Vickers Nature Preserve Improvements
- Lanterman's Mill Site Improvements
- Wildlife Sanctuary Improvements
- Collier Preserve Improvements
- Fellows Riverside Gardens
 - DD & Velma Davis Center Improvements
 - Beeghly Rose Garden Improvements
 - Fellows Riverside Gardens Site Improvements



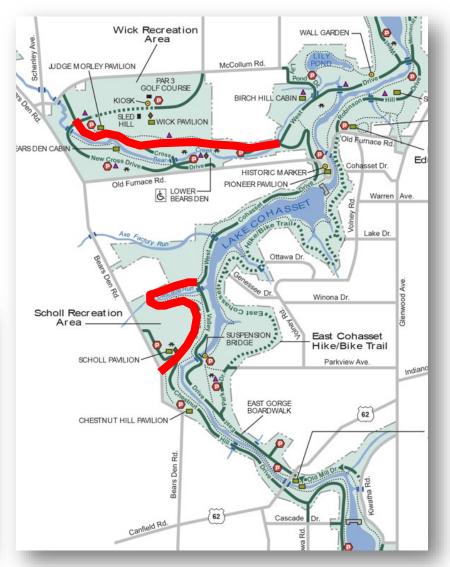
- Contracted Design / Contract Administration
 - Annual Road Improvements
 - Annual Bridge Improvements
 - Annual Trail Improvements
 - Fellows Riverside Gardens
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Annual Drive Improvements

- \$350,000 Budgeted
- Bears Den Drive & High Drive
 - Improve vehicular and bicyclist/pedestrian circulation
 - Improve stormwater management
 - Connect network of recently completed drive improvement projects in Mill Creek Park
 - Work includes asphalt patching, planing and overlay paving, pavement markings, aggregate shoulders



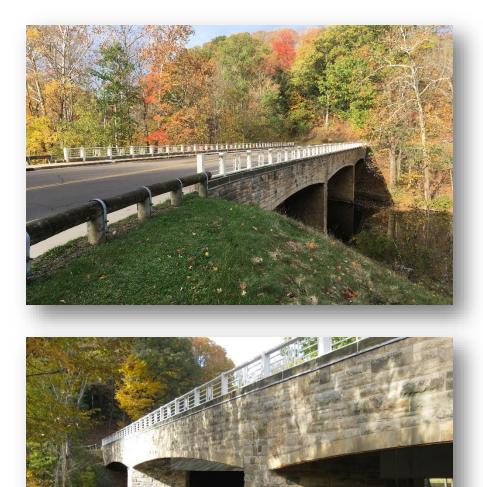




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Annual Bridge Improvements

- \$480,000 Budgeted
 - \$384,000 funding through a federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant
- Slippery Rock Bridge
 - Historic preservation and aesthetic rehabilitation
 - Improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation
 - Improve stormwater management
 - Connect facilities and network of recently completed drive improvement projects in Mill Creek Park
 - Work includes:
 - Rehabilitated and new concrete sidewalks
 - New asphalt bridge approaches and decking
 - Waterproofing
 - Restoration of stone facia on piers and abutments
 - Sanding, rust removal, and painting of metal components including railings and archways





Annual Parking Lot Improvements

- \$350,000 Budgeted
- MetroParks Farm North
- Pioneer Pavilion
- Vickers Nature Preserve
 - Improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation
 - Improve safety and trailhead amenities
 - Support cross country course, disc golf, fishing, recycling, bikeway and rentals usage
 - Work includes storm water infrastructure improvements, asphalt paving & pavement markings, curbing, signage, etc.





<u>Annual Trail</u> Improvements

- \$225,000 Budgeted
 - \$9,000 in 3rd party funds

Vickers Nature Preserve

- Funded through endowment funding
- Equestrian trail improvements
- Resilient aggregate surfacing
- Improvement to trail surfacing, stormwater drainage and infrastructure, signage, access

MetroParks Bikeway (New Road to Mahoning Avenue)

- Pavement planing
- Regrading aggregate base
- New asphalt courses
- Shoulder work / berming









Annual Facility Improvements

- \$50,000 Budgeted
- Vickers Nature Preserve
 - Stable, office, pavilion improvements
- Bears Den Operations Service Facility
 - Building/Roof Repairs and Improvements
- Birch Hill Cabin
 - Refinishing of floors









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Wick Recreation Area

- \$25,000 Budgeted
 - \$1,000 through 3rd party funding
- Par 3 Golf Course Lighting Improvements
 - Front 9



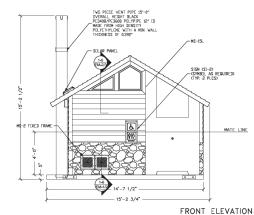


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<u>Annual Comfort Station /</u> <u>Restroom Improvements</u>

- \$100,000 Budgeted
 - \$80,000 through an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks Grant
- Replacement Comfort Station
 - CXT
 - Similar style to recent projects
- East Golf Hike & Bike Trail South Parking Lot (Route 224)





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Mill Creek Golf Course Improvements

- \$269,500 Budgeted
 - \$252,000 through an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Section 319 Grant
- Stream, Riparian, and Wetland Restoration Project
 - Restoration of existing stream tributaries located on the Mill Creek Golf Course
 - Improvements to stormwater drainage and floodplain access
 - Introduction of native plant species
 - Increased riparian habitats





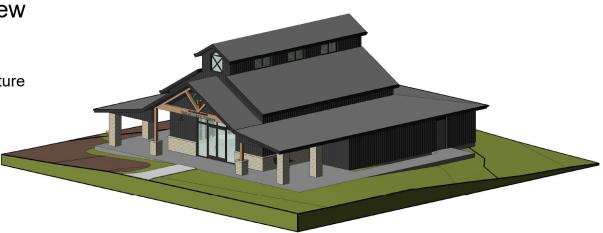


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Vickers Nature Preserve Improvements

- \$450,000 Budgeted
- Master Plan Site Improvements
 - Park features and amenities
 - Playground
 - Site plantings
 - Signage
- Support Facilities for new Vickers Pavilion
 - Utilities
 - Pedestrian circulation infrastructure



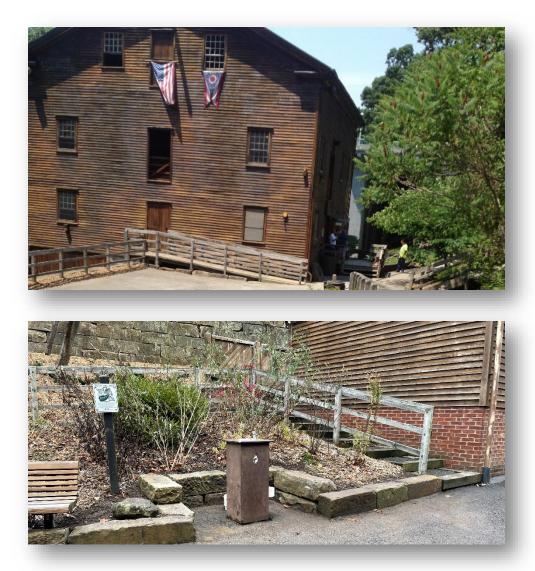




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Lanterman's Mill Site Improvements

- \$10,000 Budgeted
 - 100% \$ through Mill endowment funds
- Mill Entrance/Deck Improvements
 - Repair to Front Entrance into the Mill
- Restroom Improvements
 - Upgrades to existing restroom facilities





<u>Mill Creek Wildlife</u> Sanctuary Improvements

- \$220,000 Budgeted
 - \$155,000 through Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant
- Site and Accessibility Improvements
 - Improved entry drive
 - New parking lot
 - Improved accessibility and connectivity to hiking trail network

Habitat Improvements

- Ecological Restoration
- Planting Native Species
- Vegetative Invasive Species Control
- New Education Pavilion

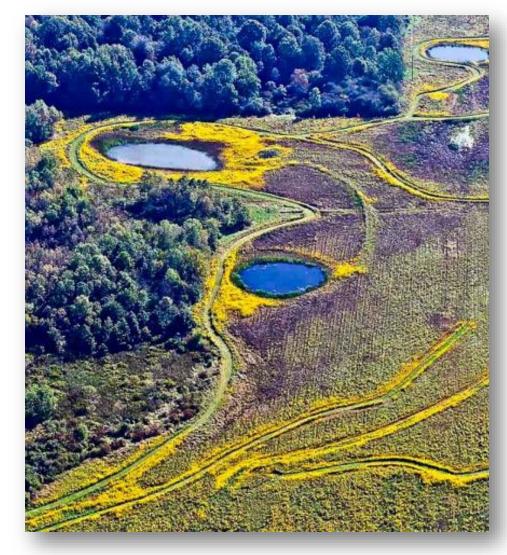






<u>Collier Preserve</u> <u>Improvements</u>

- \$20,000 Budgeted
- Habitat and Site Improvements
- Vegetative Invasive Species Control
- Accessibility Improvements





<u>Fellows Riverside</u> <u>Gardens Improvements</u>

- \$2,124,500 Budgeted
 - \$2,110,500 through Endowment Funds

Davis Education & Visitor Center

- Redevelopment of Lower Terrace
- Stormwater and drainage improvements
- HVAC upgrades
- Finish upgrades (painting, ceiling, flooring)

Rose Garden Improvements

- Additional and replacement roses
- Irrigation improvements

FRG Site Improvements

- Fountain Repairs
- Pedestrian circulation improvements
- Planting upgrades
- Signage Improvements





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Fellows Riverside Gardens Improvements

 The Anthony J. Fox Family Foundation Children's Garden







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 The Anthony J. Fox Family Foundation Children's Garden









Professional Consultant Services: Contracted Design / Contract Administration

- Annual Road Improvements
 - \$50,000 Budgeted
 - Design Development / Construction Document Preparation
- Annual Bridge Improvements
 - \$50,000 Budgeted
 - Slippery Rick Bridge Rehabilitation: Design Development and Construction Administration
- Annual Trail Improvements
 - \$50,000 Budgeted
 - East Gorge Trail: Design Development and Construction Document Preparation
- Fellows Riverside Gardens Site Improvements
 - \$75,000 Budgeted
 - Gardens NW Phase I Children's Garden: Construction Administration
- Fellows Riverside Gardens Site Improvements
 - \$75,000 Budgeted
 - Gardens NW Phase II Service Area: Design Development and Construction Document Preparation



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Comments or Questions?



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