



# **MetroParks Board Meeting**

## *2026 Capital Improvement Projects*

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# Presentation Outline

- MetroParks Mission Statement
- Strategic Master Plan
- MetroParks Properties/Facilities
- Long Range Capital Planning
- Proposed 2026 Capital Improvement Projects
- Proposed 2026 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/mission-statement/>



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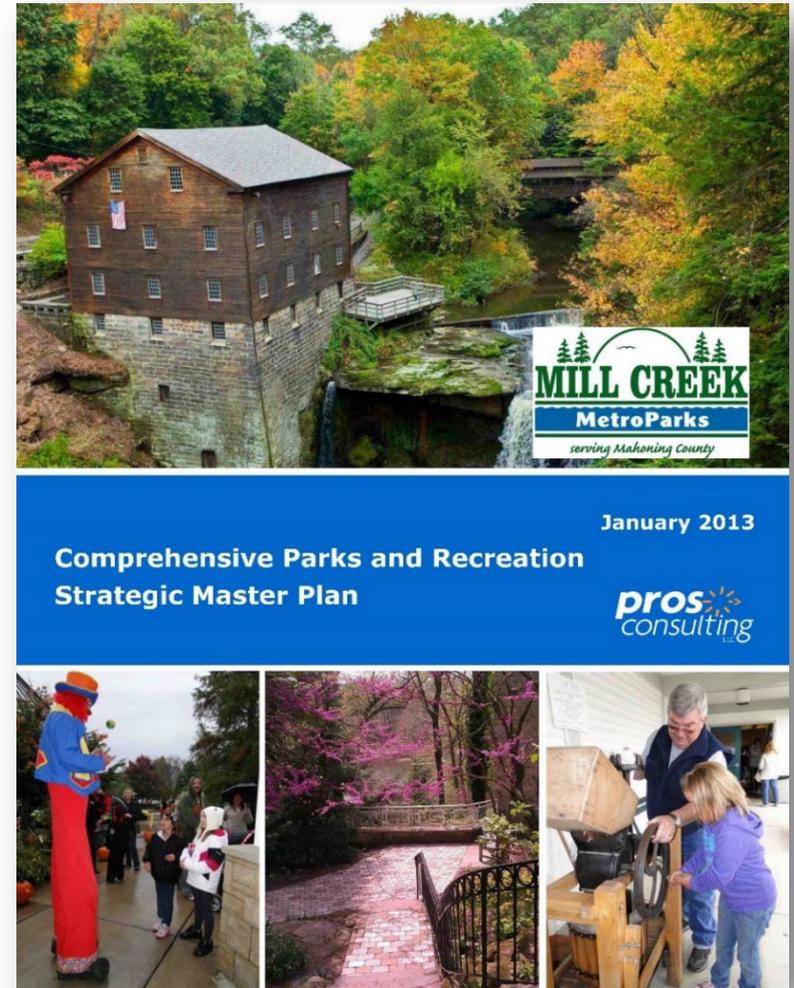
# Strategic Master Plan

- 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.”

Link to Strategic Master Plan:

<http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Mill-Creek-MetroParks-Strategic-Master-Plan-FINAL.pdf>



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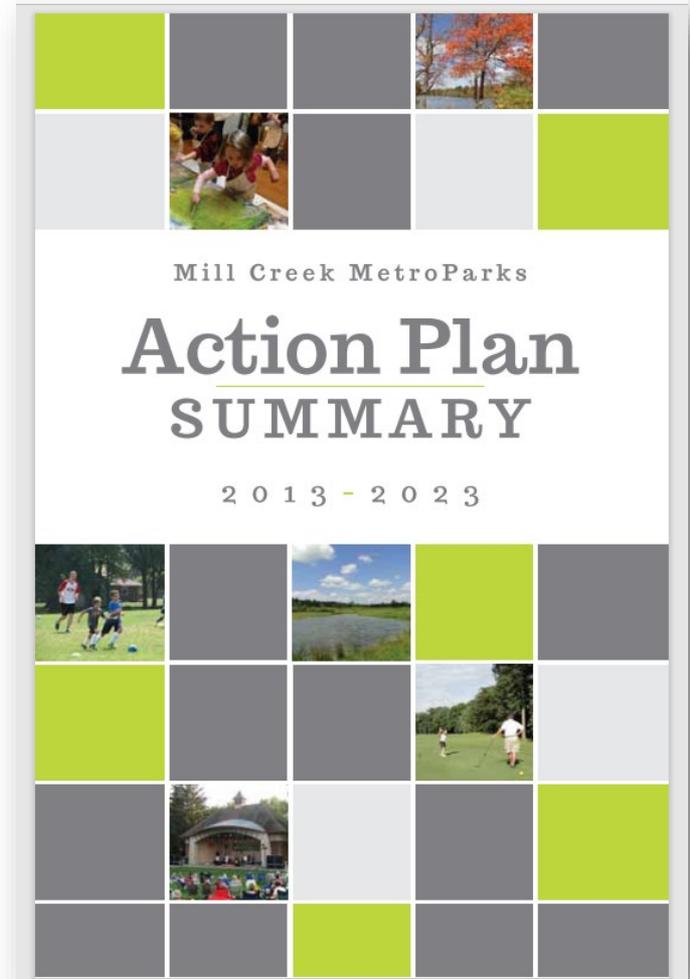
# Strategic Master Plan

- 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.”

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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.”

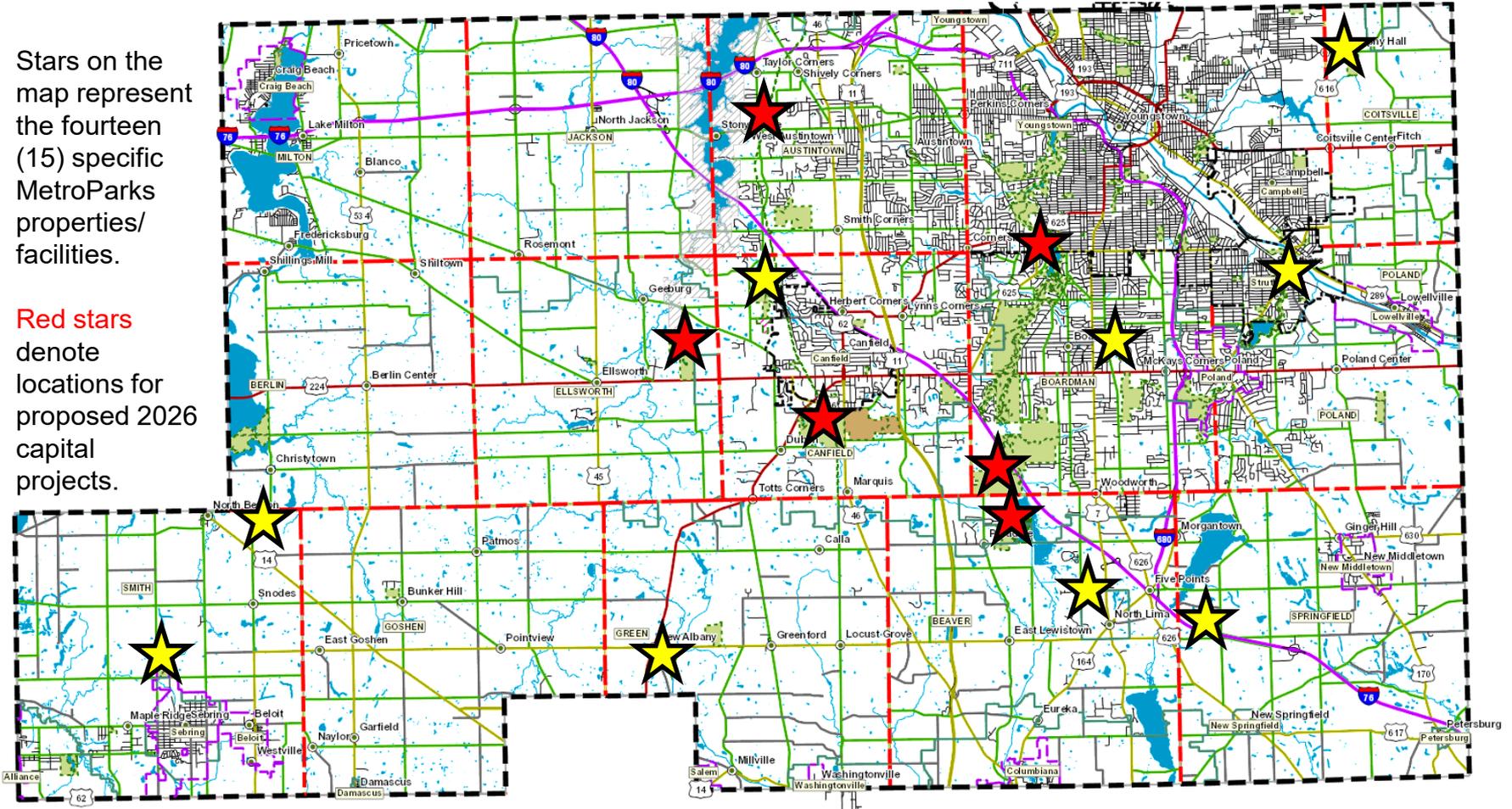


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# MetroParks Properties/Facilities – Mahoning County

Stars on the map represent the fourteen (15) specific MetroParks properties/facilities.

Red stars denote locations for proposed 2026 capital projects.



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# Mill Creek MetroParks

## ■ Properties/Facilities

- Fifteen (15) separate locations
- 9 Townships
- 3 Cities
- 1 Village

## ■ Land Uses

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

## ■ Statistics

- 5,073 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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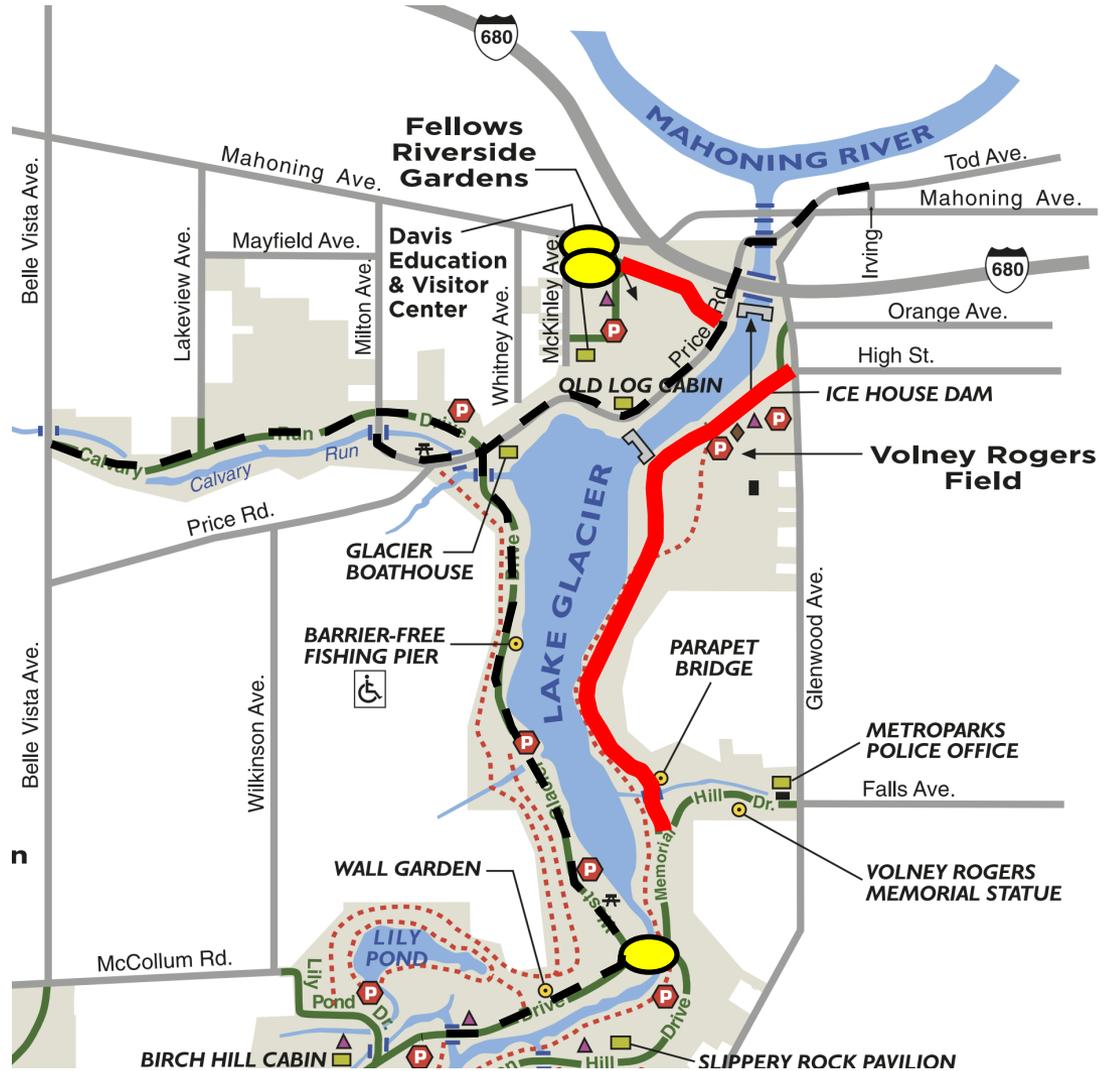


# Proposed 2026 Budget: Capital Improvement Projects

- Annual Drive Improvements
- Annual Parking Lot Improvements
- Annual Trail Improvements
- Annual Facility Improvements
- Golf Course Improvements
- MetroParks Farm Improvements
- Vickers Nature Preserve Improvements
- Lanterman's Mill Site Improvements
- George L. Fordyce Park Improvements
- Collier Preserve Improvements
- Egypt Swamp Preserve Improvements
- Fellows Riverside Gardens
  - DD & Velma Davis Center Improvements
  - Beeghly Rose Garden Improvements
  - Fellows Riverside Gardens Site Improvements
- Contracted Design / Contract Administration
  - Annual Improvements (Road, Bridge, Parking Lot, Trails)
  - Fellows Riverside Gardens Site Improvements – CA

# Annual Drive Improvements

- \$250,000 Budgeted
  - \$114,472.00 through Biennial ODOT/OPRA Park District Road Fund Program
- East Glacier Drive & Fellows Drive
  - Improved vehicular and bicyclist/pedestrian circulation
  - Improved roadside parking areas
  - Connected network of recently completed drive improvement projects in Mill Creek Park
  - Work included asphalt patching, planing and overlay paving, pavement markings, aggregate shoulders



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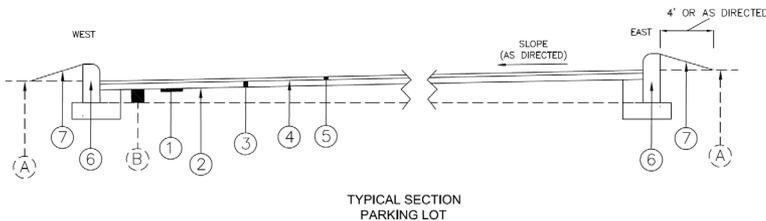
# Annual Drive Improvements

East Glacier Drive & Fellows Drive



# Annual Parking Lot Improvements

- \$200,000 Budgeted
- Bears Den Service Facility
  - Improved vehicular and equipment circulation
  - Improved safety for Operations, Police, public and contractors
  - Work includes storm water infrastructure improvements, aggregate base repair, asphalt paving & pavement markings



# Annual Trail Improvements

- \$200,000 Budgeted
  - \$84,000 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding
- East Gorge Hiking Trail Phase II
  - East Gorge Boardwalk to Valley Drive (near The Flats)
  - Improvements to trail surfacing, stormwater drainage and infrastructure, signage, access
- MetroParks Bikeway (Silica Road to County Line Road)
  - Pavement planing
  - Regrading aggregate base
  - New asphalt courses
  - Shoulder work / berming



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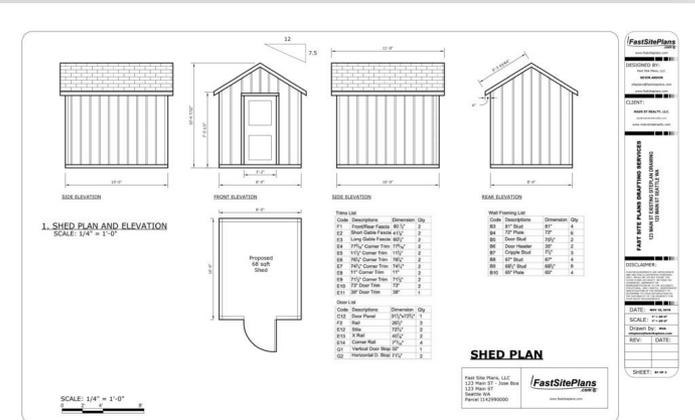
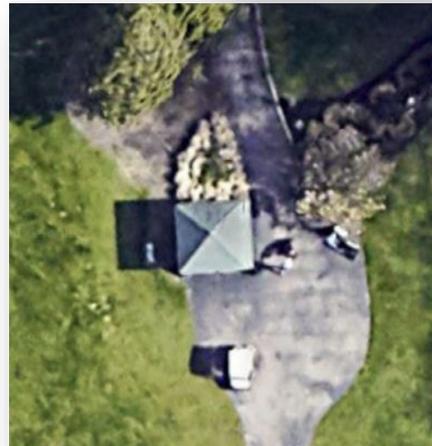
# Annual Facility Improvements

- \$100,000 Budgeted
- Bears Den Service Facility
  - Improvements to interior building and equipment storage spaces
  - Improvements to exterior spaces for bulk materials storage
  - Residing and painting of Service Building
  - Improvements to employee and public spaces
  - Improvements to utility service and IT
  - Service Area/Mechanic's Shop upgrades and improvements to fleet management
  - Improved curb appeal



# Mill Creek Golf Course Improvements

- \$30,700 Budgeted
  - \$30,700 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding
- Replacement of Starter Sheds
  - Replacement of existing starter sheds including utility service
  - Improve golfer experience, efficiency, and on-course capabilities of golf staff



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# MetroParks Farm Improvements

- \$30,000 Budgeted
  - \$30,000 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding
- Infrastructure and Accessibility Improvements
  - Replacement and construction of concrete walks around publicly-accessible spaces throughout the Farm, Education Building, and Administration Office areas
  - Implementation of various master plan components
  - Improved safety and accessibility for rentals and special events



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# Vickers Nature Preserve Improvements

- \$5,000 Budgeted
  - \$5,000 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding
- Trails & Site Improvements
  - Equestrian trail improvements
  - Resilient aggregate surfacing
  - Improvements to trail surfacing, stormwater drainage and infrastructure, signage, access



# Lanterman's Mill Site Improvements

- \$10,500 Budgeted
  - \$10,500 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding
- Mill Entrance/Deck Improvements
  - Repair to Front Entrance into the Mill
  - Improve visitor access and safety
  - Formalize trailhead entrance to East Gorge Boardwalk Hiking Trail
- Infrastructure Improvements
  - Upgrades to interior components including flooring, windows, walls, accessibility and safety components



# George L. Fordyce Park Improvements

- \$20,000 Budgeted
- Habitat Improvements
  - Ecological Restoration
  - Planting Native Species
  - Vegetative Invasive Species Control
  - Spatterdock Removal



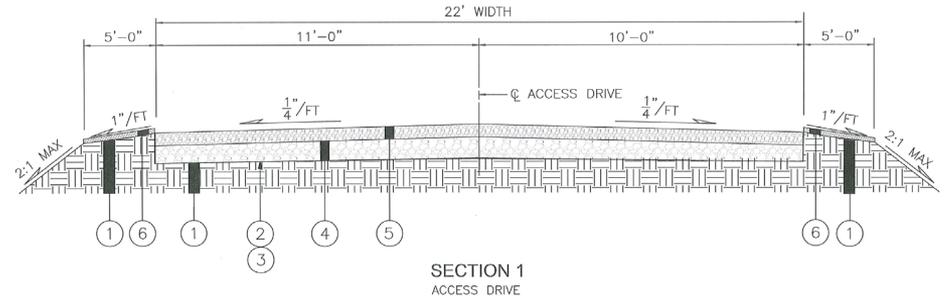
# Collier Preserve Improvements

- \$20,000 Budgeted
- Habitat Improvements
  - Ecological Restoration
  - Planting Native Species
  - Vegetative Invasive Species Control



# Egypt Swamp Preserve Improvements

- **\$150,000 Budgeted**
  - \$112,500 funded through an OPWC Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant
- **Improved Public Access**
  - Construction of an aggregate entrance drive and 16-vehicle parking area
  - Establishment of a primitive hiking trail network
  - Facility and trail marking signage
- **Ecological Restoration**
  - Treatment of invasive plant species
  - Incorporating native plant species
  - Improving floodplain access and various habitats
  - Interpretive education signage



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# Fellows Riverside Gardens Improvements

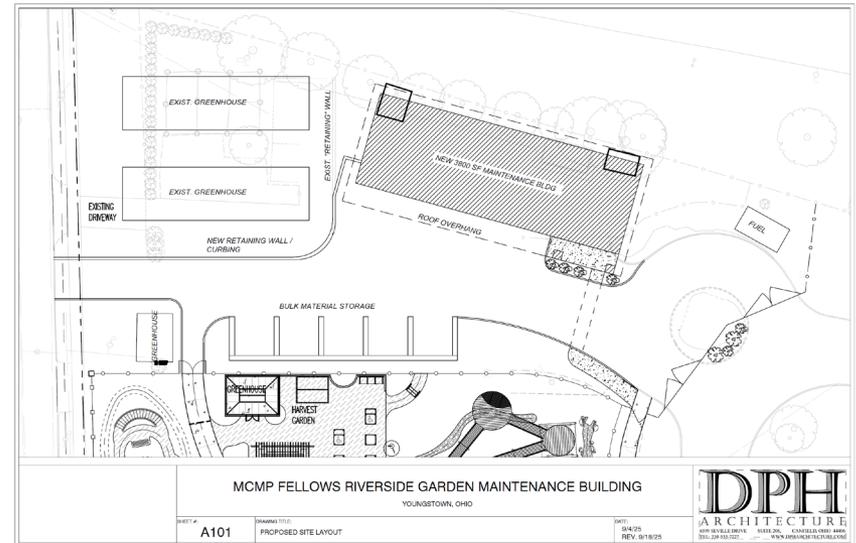
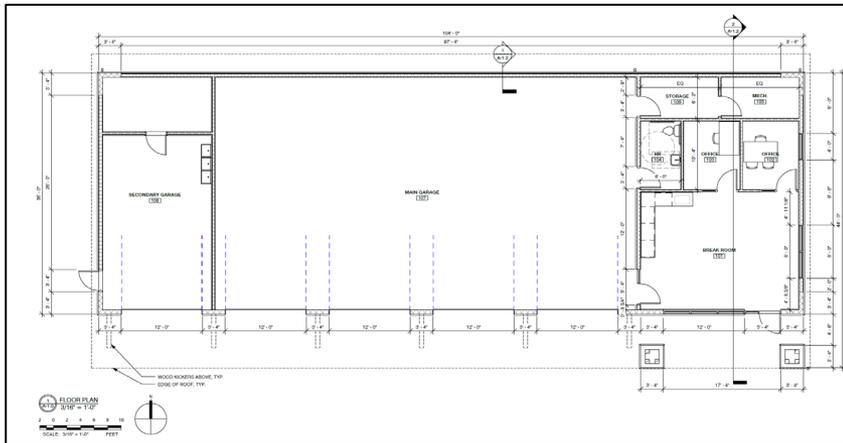
- **\$1,345,700 Budgeted**
  - \$180,700 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funds
- **Davis Education & Visitor Center**
  - Redevelopment of Cafe Terrace
  - Stormwater and drainage improvements
  - Surfacing upgrades
  - Café interior upgrades
- **Rose Garden Improvements**
  - Hedge and trellis upgrades
  - Additional and replacement roses
  - Irrigation improvements
  - Signage improvements
- **FRG Site Improvements**
  - Gardens NW Phase II – Construction of new service building and improved service area



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# Professional Consultant Services: Contracted Design / Contract Administration

- **Fellows Riverside Gardens Site Improvements**
  - Gardens NW Phase II – Service Area: Design Development and Construction Document Preparation
- **Annual Improvements**
  - Design Development/Construction Document Preparation



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