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 of benefits.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY
The Honorable Judge Mark Belinky
Mahoning County Probate Judge

MILL CREEK METROPARKS 2013 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
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MISSION STATEMENT
The Mission of Mill Creek MetroParks is to provide park, recreational, 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 and Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Beaver 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.
My first full year as Executive Director of Mill Creek MetroParks has been a busy and productive one. When I reflect on what we have accomplished in 2013, I am truly humbled by the dedication and commitment our employees show each and every day they come to work. Using our Strategic Action Plan as a guide allowed us to focus and prioritize our efforts to create the maximum impact with limited funds.

Our most visible initiative was the creation of a branding campaign last year to strengthen the awareness of the MetroParks and its key facilities. The campaign included a fresh, modern new logo design that debuted at the Canfield Fair, and can now be seen on MetroParks signage, vehicles, publications and clothing. A six-minute informational video was produced to show the diversity of our lands, activities and programs. You can see it on the updated MetroParks website, www.MillCreekMetroParks.org. Late in the year, the MetroParks purchased a trolley, something that we've been wanting to do for many years. Christened the Cohasset Express, the trolley will take visitors on tours of the many different areas of the MetroParks and be available to rent for weddings, graduations, and special occasions. We expect the Cohasset Express will be a very popular way to explore, experience and enjoy Mill Creek MetroParks.

Much attention was given to our infrastructure this year. The condition of our facilities was evaluated, and targeted maintenance and repairs were completed to keep our cabins, pavilions, comfort stations and historical structures protected, safe and enjoyable. Extra care was put into our many miles of trails, one of the greatest assets of the MetroParks, according to those who completed our comprehensive survey in 2011.

In order to leverage our public dollars wisely, we realize that seeking private funding is essential. To that end, we are embarking on an expansion of our Mill Creek Park Foundation from a three-member distribution committee to a board of directors consisting of 11-15 people who will help raise funds, act as advocates and reach out to connect us to potential community partners. Most of the large projects undertaken by the MetroParks have been privately funded, and our new Foundation will help us expand those efforts.

I look forward to 2014 with excitement and anticipation. We have some great new opportunities on the horizon that I think will serve as a model of collaboration in the community. Our corporate partnership program will provide much-needed funding for our free family events and children's programs. Major upgrades at the Lily Pond and the planned renovation of the Ford Nature Education Center will sustain these beloved facilities for many years to come. I hope you will visit the MetroParks often in the coming year and share our enthusiasm. I think you'll like what you see!

Sincerely,

Dennis Miller
Executive Director
No matter the season, Mill Creek MetroParks is the recreation destination for thousands of visitors each year. Whether walking or running on scenic trails, hiking through the woods or taking in the beauty of the MetroParks from a kayak, there are recreation activities for visitors of all ages. For bicyclists, the Mill Creek MetroParks Bikeway provides nearly 12 miles of paved, scenic trails. Indoor recreational activities include classes and workshops in horticulture, art, cooking, gardening, and much, much more.

In February, the Nature Photography Show kicked off with the presentation “101 Years of Glacier National Park” by author and guest speaker Eric Broviak. Broviak presented a virtual tour of Glacier National Park, one of our nation’s most rugged parks. “Where are the Wolves,” a video presentation held in December at Ford Nature Center, educated people about these intelligent and social creatures that have become our “best friend.”

Several new hikes challenged even the most dedicated trekker. Many hardy souls attended the Lincoln Park and Youngstown Wilderness Hike in September, a difficult and demanding journey along Dry Run, the creek that fills McKelvey Lake. “Yellow Creek Park, Old and New,” led hikers from Yellow Creek Park in downtown Struthers along primitive trails and through creek crossings to see the new Beeghly House, located on the south side of the park. Other unique journeys had hikers geocaching, observing the 150th anniversary of Morgan’s Raid and encountering MetroParks naturalists at the Lily Pond to learn more about the Canada geese that can be found there.

Many familiar MetroParks events had record attendance in 2013, a testament to their appeal across several generations. The Reptile and Raptor Show, Olde Fashioned Christmas at the Mill and Santa’s Winter Barn all exceeded attendance expectations. Two new events that were designed to showcase Lanterman’s Mill and draw in more visitors accomplished their goal. “Wild with Style Art Show” and “Old Fashioned Fall Fun at the Mill” will both be back in 2014 for families and children to enjoy. At the Mill Creek MetroParks Farm, visitors at the wildly popular Farm Animal Baby Shower were able to purchase “Feed Fund” paper sacks to help support the care and upkeep of our farm animals.

Music lovers who attended either the Elton John or Michael Jackson tribute shows this summer at the Judge Leo P. Morley Performing Arts Pavilion had to look twice to make sure that the legends themselves weren’t up on the stage. Yellow Brick Road and the MJXpressions — Invincible tours rocked the Morley in July and August to enthusiastic and supportive crowds.

On the Terrace at 5!: four special evenings of music at Fellows Riverside Gardens, attracted more than 500 visitors to the Garden Café. This summer staple was held on the first Wednesday of May, June, July and August. Guests enjoyed live music, wine and dinner while looking out over beautiful Lake Glacier.

The new Mill Creek Golf Course Learning Center and Practice Range opened to the public in July, and golfers lined up to take advantage of it. Funded mostly by private donations, this new facility will provide the necessary tools to expand our instructional programs that benefit golfers of all ages and skill levels.
The Mill Creek MetroParks 2013 Junior Golf program was a great success, with nearly 300 juniors taking advantage of clinics and lessons to acquire or increase their skills. Combined with Family Fun Nights, our own Junior Championship, US Kids events and the Northeast Ohio PGA event, over 500 junior golfers participated in golfing opportunities this summer. Golf clinic income in 2013 increased 47% over income generated in 2012.

Jewels of Winter: Orchids, an exhibition of potted orchids, was on display in the D. D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens in February and March. A marked contrast to the dreariness outside, their stunning colors and varieties attracted visitors to the Gardens to see the diversity found among these plants.

The art of California watercolorist Gary Bukovnik was on display in the Weller Gallery at Fellows Riverside Gardens in September. The exhibit, Eternal Spring, consisted of a series of beautiful large-scale floral pieces. A highlight of this exhibit took place on October 10th when the large format triptych Fellows Riverside Gardens Iris, a painting commissioned by Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, was unveiled. This new painting completed the botanical art series that hangs in the Radius Room of the D. D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center.

The Garden Conservatory was the theme of Winter Celebration, held from December 7 through January 5 at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Created and installed by staff and volunteers, this holiday exhibit featured the largest holiday blooming plant display in the Mahoning Valley. Live evergreen roping, wreaths, and 50 holiday fir trees that were decorated by area non-profit organizations all added to this plant-inspired display.
A LIFETIME OF Learning

At the MetroParks Farm, the first-ever park sponsored AgVenture Camp filled to capacity. Campers “visited” Australia to learn about life in the outback and take part in crafts, stories and activities with an Aussie theme.

Environmental education is key to giving students the knowledge to protect our landscapes and forests. Presentations on stormwater and stormwater management projects, conservation, watersheds and watershed quality were given to middle school students in Austintown, Boardman and Struthers, along with the history of Mill Creek Park. Our Planning Manager, along with the Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation District, presented a segment on rain barrels and rain gardens on Cleveland’s NBC affiliate, WKYC.

Horticulture education in the MetroParks continued to grow as students of all ages experienced the world of plants. Over 500 scheduled classes and programs were offered, including those in horticulture, cuisine, self-expression, health and fitness, teen, youth, wellness, and garden travel. Attendance at all educational offerings surpassed 8,500 participants. The Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program at Mill Creek MetroParks wrapped up its 28th year, with 19 students completing the requirements of the program and earning their Master Gardener Certificate.

School programming at Fellows Riverside Gardens completed a successful year, reaching 1433 students inside and outside of the classroom. This includes both inside classroom sessions of horticulture education presented to Youngstown area schools and outside Botanical Discoveries programs.

Joe Lamp’i, host of the popular PBS-TV gardening show Growing a Greener World, was the spring garden speaker in early May. Joe presented entertaining and stimulating ways to make gardens and landscapes greener while protecting the planet. The week concluded with National Public Gardens Day, a day to celebrate the important role public gardens serve in our communities.

Every Friday from June through October, Family Garden Fridays took place in the Family Garden at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Youth from the neighboring Garden District participated in Tuesday volunteer work sessions in the Family Garden. Staffing for these activities provided hands-on interaction with plants for more than 2600 youth.

The Family Garden was buzzing with activity this summer with the installation of two bee hives, which were located behind a viewing window and fence. The hives provided an educational display about the role of bees in the Garden and were a very popular attraction at Fellows Riverside Gardens. As a bonus, the hives yielded nearly 132 pounds of honey which was sold at the Shop In The Gardens.

Our Valued Volunteers

We are fortunate to have the gift of people’s time and talents to support the many activities that occur in Mill Creek MetroParks. Without the help and enthusiasm of our dedicated corps of volunteers, many events would not be possible. Our volunteers were recognized at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner that was held in August at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Volunteer time recorded in 2013 was a record 23,054 hours. Based on state minimum wage ($7.25), this would have an approximate value of $147,988.20. Over 18,500 of these hours were contributed by the volunteers at Fellows Riverside Gardens, a 35% increase over last year.

Horticulture Department
359 volunteers
18,582 hours recorded

Recreation Department
114 regular volunteers
508 one-time volunteers (Boy Scout Earth Day Cleanup & invasive species removal)
3,332 hours recorded

Natural Areas
1140 hours recorded (wildlife surveys, invasive species management, habitat enhancement)
MetroParks Police

STAFF UPDATES

MetroParks Police experienced a tremendous amount of change in 2013. Randall Campana was promoted to lieutenant in January to replace retired Assistant Chief Bruce Emery. Officer Antonio Roth was promoted from part-time to full-time to fill the slot vacated by Officer Wilbert Drayton when he retired. Officers Jason Clark and John Novosel were promoted to sergeant with Sergeant Clark handling investigations and Sergeant Novosel handling patrol.

As a measure to meet our financial goals, reserve and auxiliary programs were instituted in the Police Department. The reserve program is for sworn police officers who are in training and the auxiliary are citizen volunteers. These programs allowed the MetroParks Police to save over $100,000 this year without compromising its mission. Crime remained at a historic low for a fourth straight year.

OUR STAFF

on the go

The staff of the Ford Nature Education Center attended the Northeast Ohio Regional Parks Conference. Naturalist Ray Novotny attended the National Association of Interpreters' workshop.

The Operations and Maintenance staff attended a number of workshops and classes. The Operations Director & Maintenance Manager attended a “High Reflectivity Sign” workshop, the trail crew attended a “Trails” workshop at Cleveland Metroparks, part time trail crew & forestry staff attended a Chainsaw Safety Workshop, our Forestry supervisor attended National Arborist Seminar for ISA recertification and various staff members attended the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber’s Safety Council Meetings.

Staff in the Planning & Natural Resources Department also attended professional development workshops. Some of the more interesting classes were the Ohio Environmental Educational Fund Grant Writing workshop, Hydric Soils workshop, Managing Grasslands for Wildlife workshop, Ohio Community Wildlife Cooperative Conference, LPA Construction Administration training, Combining Green and Grey Approaches in Combined Sewer Watersheds webinar and Managing Natural Resources During Difficult Economic Times.

All full-time & part-time staff attended CPR/First Aid training.

Mill Creek MetroParks Police Chief Jim Willock graduated from the 10-week FBI National Academy.

Samantha Vilella, Community Engagement Director, attended the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association Summit and Ballot Workshop.

Horticulture Director Keith Kaiser attended the American Public Gardens Association Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. He accepted the position of Chair for the Small Gardens Section of the association.

Assistant Horticulture Director Ellen Speicher and Landscape Supervisor Jack Moss attended the Woodland, Water and Wildlife Conference, presented by Ohio State University Extension.

Horticulture Educator Lynn Zocolo attended the National Children and Youth Garden Symposium in Denver, Colorado, presented by the American Horticultural Society.

Six staff members from Fellows Riverside Gardens attended the Ohio Gardens Together Day at Cleveland Botanical Garden in October. The day consisted of sessions focused on marketing and education at public gardens. Staff representing 14 gardens in Ohio and nearby states were present.

Two horticulture intern positions funded by the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens were employed at the Gardens in 2013. Nick Avila, a student in horticulture at Kent State University and Leah Baker, an environmental studies student at Youngstown State University participated in many aspects of what takes place at a public garden.

Casey Solar, Executive Director of the American Public Gardens Association, was the featured speaker at the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Board Retreat in early October. He shared his passion for public gardens and the important role they play in communities across the country. The next morning, Casey shared his knowledge and insight at a session for staff.

STAFFING BY THE Numbers

No matter the season, Mill Creek MetroParks staffers spend their time on a myriad of tasks and duties that fulfill our mission. Day to day activities are carried out by 63 full time employees, 85 part time employees, and 150 seasonal employees.

Seasonal staff are employees who work part-time from March through November in the horticulture, maintenance, recreation and golf departments. Our seasonal staff is an invaluable resource. Without their dedication and commitment, our daily operations would be impossible.
Thank You

**Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens!**

Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens celebrated its 25th anniversary this year with a series of special events to recognize the group’s accomplishments. An exhibit in the Melnick Museum, Let’s Be Friends, showcased the achievements of the organization from its inception in 1988. Guests celebrated at the Friends’ annual meeting in April, and the organization was recognized by the Ohio Senate with a special proclamation. The Friends have raised more than $8 million in its 25-year existence specifically for Fellows Riverside Gardens, including the $6 million capital campaign spearheaded for the construction of the D. D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center.

The MetroParks Farm was the host site for the statewide Envirothon in April, which was organized by the Mahoning County Soil & Water District. More than 400 high school students from across Northeast Ohio gathered in Canfield for this competition, which tests students’ knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues.

The Mill Creek MetroParks Farm also hosted the Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association’s 24 Hour Operating Event 4-H Skill-a-thon with 200 families participating in pre-Canfield Fair exhibit activities.

**Mill Creek MetroParks and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy collaborated on a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant for the acquisition of 57 acres of property along the Middle Fork Little Beaver Creek in Green Township. This property contains high-quality wetlands habitat and is a new land holding for the MetroParks. The property has been named Egypt Swamp Preserve, based on this location historically being named Egypt Swamp.**

The Mahoning County Engineer and Mill Creek MetroParks worked together on the Engineer’s Lowellville Road Bridge rehabilitation project which is adjacent to Yellow Creek Park in Struthers. The MetroParks Planning and Natural Resources staff prepared the construction drawings and helped to manage the project, which included a new overlook sitting area, a new pedestrian walk into the park and an improved vehicular entrance to the park.

An exciting new project had the MetroParks joining forces with the Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association (RRNA) to provide a location at the Wick Recreation Area for maple sugaring activities. RRNA provided the equipment, labor and financial resources needed to tap the trees in the Charles S. Robinson Maple Grove and produced the first-ever batch of Mill Creek Maple Syrup. The syrup was bottled at Fellows Riverside Gardens by volunteers and sold out less than 24 hours of going on sale to the public.

AWARE continued its work with the River Network through the IMPACT program, receiving funds for new marketing materials which included a revised brochure and logo banner. The MetroParks’ Natural Resources Manager served as Chair of AWARE. Mill Creek MetroParks and AWARE partnered with the Friends of the Mahoning River for their Riverfest event held in June, and coordinated National Park Service assistance for improving the structure and function of the group.

Planning and Natural Resources staff partnered with local Boy Scouts of America troop members for their Eagle Scout service projects, including construction of wildlife nest boxes for use throughout Mill Creek MetroParks and rehabilitation of the Mindy Henning Memorial Nature Trail at the Mill Creek MetroParks Farm.

Many community organizations conduct all or part of their races, walks and other events in Mill Creek MetroParks. Race to the Altar, Youngstown Road Runners Club Mill Creek Distance Classic Half Marathon, Fitness Together 5K, YMCA Memorial 5 Mile Run, Race Against Amyloidosis 5K, Race to Recovery 5K, Cardinal Classic Twilight Run, Shakespeare in the Park, YMCA Triathlon, Rubber Duck Race, Covelli Panerathon, Run Y-town 10 Miler, YUTC Ultra Trail Run 50 & 25K, MS Super Walk, Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, Heart Reach Ministries 5K, and the Youngstown Peace Race attracted 15,350 visitors to the trails, roads and facilities of the MetroParks.

Graduate students from Youngstown State University received hands-on experience on various graduate study projects, including examining water quality and soil erosion at the Lily Pond in Mill Creek Park, songbird nest studies, and invasive plant species monitoring. We were also selected as one of 12 host sites for an intern from YSU’s Williamson College of Business’ Summer Honors Internship Program.

The 7th annual Book Festival – Plant the Seed to Read, was held at Fellows Riverside Gardens in April. Over 2,200 adults and children participated in
Staff naturalists had a busy year taking part in many community events. Their “touch table” allowed children and families to get an up-close look at many different types of animal furs. Some of the community events that staff attended were the Panerathon at the Covelli Centre, River Fest at the B & O Station, Antlers & Anglers at Boardman Park, and the Village of Beloit’s 150-year anniversary celebration.

Mill Creek MetroParks had a large presence at the Canfield Fair. The MetroParks booth in the Expo Building served as headquarters, where visitors could pick up information about programs and services, grab a Mill Creek MetroParks map and take home giveaway items. Farm staff manned and coordinated Old MacDonald’s Barn, the Forestry crew demonstrated log splitting techniques, and the MetroParks Police had a cruiser for kids of all ages to explore. The MetroParks picnic area, located on Goshen Drive, provided a respite for weary fair-goers.

Our Planning & Natural Resources Department was busy sharing their skills and knowledge with many other organizations in the community. Planning Director, Steve Avery, worked closely with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) on their grant review committee and was part of a focus group for the US 422 Corridor Redevelopment Study. He also worked with Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, serving as alternate voting member for the Technical Advisory Committee and Vice Chair of the Environmental Planning Advisory Council. Natural Resources Manager, Kirsten Peetz was busy serving as a representative on the Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership for Biodiversity, chaired AWARE (Alliance for Watershed Action and Resource Education), and was a member of Mahoning County’s Storm Water Phase II Advisory Committee. In addition, she served as Recycling Coordinator for the MetroParks, working with Mahoning County’s Green Team. Planning Manager, Justin Rogers was on the City of Youngstown’s Design Review Committee, Mahoning River Corridor Initiative’s

Environmental and Recreational Enhancement Subcommittee and held leadership roles in the Natural Resources Advisory Committee and Eastgate Regional Council of Government’s Environmental Planning Advisory Council.

The Horticulture Department staff and volunteers represented Mill Creek MetroParks at the Youngstown Home and Garden Show held in the Austintown Plaza March 22-24.

Many other MetroParks staff members served the community by participating in local organizations as board members, committee members and volunteers. Director of Development, Linda Kostka was named president-elect for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, sat on the Raymond John Wean Foundation’s Capacity Building Advisory Committee and was board secretary for HandsOn Volunteer Network of the Valley. MetroParks staff participating in many other organizations including: the Mahoning County Farm Bureau, Peace Race, Rotary Club of Youngstown, the Mahoning County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Buckeye Horse Park, Youngstown CityScape, Mahoning Commons Association, and the American Public Gardens Association.

The MetroParks Horticulture Department was represented at this year’s Youngstown CityScape spring planting day in downtown Youngstown. Landscape Supervisor, Jack Moss continues to serve on the Streetscape Committee of Youngstown CityScape. Horticulture Director, Keith Kaiser serves on the Board of Directors for Youngstown CityScape.

this literacy event presented by the MetroParks, the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Western Reserve PBS and Altrusa International of Youngstown.

Fellows Riverside Gardens continues to be actively engaged with the American Public Gardens Association (APGA). The Gardens agreed to participate in YOUtopia this year, an initiative centered on the promotion and awareness of environmental stewardship both at our site and through programming by APGA.

The Mahoning Valley Landscape and Nursery Association continued its partnership with Fellows Riverside Gardens to host the Spring Landscape Clinic. This was a very successful day of educational programs and mini trade show for the local green landscape industry.

Men’s Gardens Club of Youngstown and Fellows Riverside Gardens hosted the annual Winter Garden Seminar, in which 155 participants attended.

Garden Forum of Greater Youngstown presented four flower shows at Fellows Riverside Gardens. These well-attended shows give local gardeners a showcase for their floral specimens, which are judged and displayed on weekends.
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Community Connections Association
Consumers National Bank
Covelli Enterprises
Daphne Garden Club
DeBarto Corporation
De-Cut Sales & Service, Inc.
Den & Diane's Wild Flower Honey
Dorothy & Jack Gaskley Family
Elmo Tire
EM Fitness LLC
Expert Service Exterminating Inc.
First National Bank
First Place Bank Community Foundation
Fitness Together Poland LLC
Flex-Strut Inc.
Florence Simon Beecher Foundation
Frank & Pearl Gelman Foundation
Friends of Joe Schiavoni
G & B Miller & Associates
G & B Computer Solutions
Galleria Group, Inc.
Garden Club of Ohio (Youngstown District)
Garden Club of Youngstown
Garden District Neighborhood Association
Garden Forum of Greater Youngstown
Grand Eagle
Mary Gibbons & The September Club
Girard Herb Society
Gleaners Garden Club
Glen Gardeners Garden Club
Golf Headquarters
Greenwood Chevrolet
Grow Youngstown
Harry Wolff, L.L.C.
Heller, Masa, Mora, & Magill Co., L.P.A
Hill Barth & King, Inc.
Hill Family Trust
Home Depot Boardman
Home Savings and Loan Company
Keckman of Youngstown
Independent Pharmacy Group
J. Ford Crandall Memorial Foundation
John D. Finnegan Foundation
Joseph Scott, D.C., LLC
Keffler Bridge Company
Kiwani Club of Youngstown
LanzScapes Photography
Learning Dog
Lowe's Boardman
Mahoning County Convention & Visitor's Bureau
Mahoning County Farm Bureau Inc.
Mahoning Garden Club
Mahoning Valley Danila Society
Mahoning Valley Landscape & Nursery Assoc.
Manchester, Bennett, Powers & Ulman
Marc's
MAX-FREEZE
Men's Garden Club of Youngstown
Meshel Masock Workshop - MC3DD
Murphy Contracting Company
NaAmat USA
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio Structures Inc.
One Health Ohio
Penn State Cooperative Extension of Allegheny County
Pezzi Bottling Group LLC
Pelco
Pets Are People Too!
PNC Foundation
Poland Village Gardeners
Poland Woman's Club
Robert J. Durick, DDS, Inc.
Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association
Rotary Club of Youngstown
RT Vernal Paving, Inc.
Rubbermaid
Service Master by Lewis Construction
Sherman Creative Promotions
Shook Construction
Smile Wright Family Dental
Sparkle Markets
Specialty Pipe & Tube, Inc.
Sproutled Table / Adam Lee
Star Supply Bargain Outlet
Stephen Berry Architectural Design
Stephen P. Goske, Inc. Attorney at Law
Stifel Nicolas
Struthers City Council
Struthers Federal Credit Union
Summit 911 FM
Superior Beverage Group
Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC
Terra Design Studios
Thomas Family Endowment
Tom's Sewer & Septic
Trailwood Gardeners
Traverse Behavioral Health Inc.
U.S. Petroleum Exploration, Inc.
Uncle Joe's Storage
Universal Percussion, Inc.
Valley Home Health Care, LLC
W. E. Bliss Foundation Charitable Trust
Warren P. Williamson, Jr. Fund
Raymond John Wean Foundation
Wild Birds Unlimited
Women of First Presbyterian Church
Workshop Arch + Design, LLC
WYSU - FM
Youngstown Foundation
Youngstown Orthopaedic Associates
Youngstown Propane, Inc.
Yurchyk and Davis CPAs, Inc.

Golf Hole PARTNERS

Alan Murray - Allstate
Altere's Home & Garden / CBS Topsoil
Asphalt Solutions
Bob & Chuck Eddy
Buckeye Beverage
C. L. Firestone Inc.
Tim Clymer - Edward Jones
Eye Care Associates
Farmers Bank
Golf headquarters
Handel's Homemade Ice Cream
Hole 37 / Barry Dyngies
J. M. Verastico Inc.
Joe Myers - Burgan Real Estate
ms consultants
National Healthcare Access
Olsavsky Jamieson Architects
Patti Mika - Volpi Realty
The Rhine Supply Co.
Stonebridge
Uncle Joe's Storage
Youngstown Propane

PARTNERS IN THE PARK

Mill Creek MetroParks and the Mill Creek Park Foundation experienced great community support in 2013 with more than $318,000 donated by individuals, organizations, businesses and foundations. Their generosity helped complete projects, support programs and sponsor events. The legacy of Volney Rogers lives on through their thoughtfulness.

Every effort has been made to ensure all who made a gift in 2013 were included in this report. Our sincere apologies if you were missed. Please call our Development Department at 330.702.3000 if you have any questions.

A GIFT WITH A View

What do you get when several dedicated birders decide to share their generosity with the community? A viewing platform at the Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary! Long-time volunteer and supporter Nancy Brundage, along with Jeff Harvey and Audubon Society of Mahoning Valley, provided the lead gift for the construction of the platform. The viewing platform will give visitors the ability to look out over a large part of the Sanctuary, however, access to the entire 264-acre property is by permit only or guided hikes.

JEFF HARVEY & NANCY BRUNDAGE

MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
MAINTAINING the METROPARKS

Much goes on behind the scenes to keep Mill Creek MetroParks’ facilities and grounds maintained. Some structural improvements were made to the roof at the Ford Nature Center, and the roofs at the Oak Grove comfort station, Bears Den Cabin and Pioneer Pavilion were replaced. The pedal boats were cleaned, repaired, prepped and painted, and numerous buildings and facilities throughout the MetroParks were cleaned and prepped for new painting/staining of exteriors. Trail improvements and general trail maintenance were completed, grass was mowed and litter picked up, and road maintenance along MetroParks drives and parking areas was completed. General road maintenance along park drives and parking areas was completed, along with the janitorial services that are necessary at all rental facilities.

Thanks to funding from The Farmer & the Chef fundraiser, we were able to replace the canopy and side tarps on the farm wagon. The wagon takes thousands of children and adults on tours of the MetroParks Farm every year.

Large construction projects occur annually in the MetroParks and are managed by our Planning Department. Countless hours of organization goes into each and every one of these projects. A new Mill Creek Park facility sign was installed on Route 224 and West Golf Drive, a landscape plan was prepared, and the installation of sandstone walls and plants were coordinated. At the MetroParks Farm, a labyrinth and various pieces of equipment were installed at the Natural Playground to complete this project. Staff worked with a contractor to install asphalt material at the Lake Glacier Boathouse to eliminate steps and uneven pavement, making the facility more accessible. When two properties that were acquired near Fellows Riverside Gardens needed to be demolished, the Planning Department managed that demolition and worked with the contractor.

Bridge inspections, asphalt paving and repair, and property acquisition all fall under the auspices of the Planning Department. Eight vacant property parcels adjacent to MetroParks lands were acquired through the Mahoning County Land Bank, and staff worked with that organization to see the processing through.

A stream restoration project at the MetroParks Farm that included excavation and realignment of the channel, installation of fencing to prevent cattle from directly accessing the stream, and installation of an approved cattle crossing was managed by Planning. Project costs were funded privately as an Ohio EPA mitigation project.

The Landscape staff had quite a busy season. Planting beds near the new Practice Range and Learning Center at Mill Creek Golf Course were installed, a new donor bed was created on 8 North, landscapes added to tees at 10 and 18 North and plantings were set up at the Fieldhouse. A newly designed and planted landscape was installed at the West Golf Entrance to the MetroParks from Route 224. The planting of the new biofiltration garden at the East Newport Wetlands Parking area took place by MetroParks staff as well as the planting of native and aquatic plants around the newly established pond at the MetroParks Farm.

At Fellows Riverside Gardens, turf areas, including the Great Lawn, underwent a major renovation in the spring due to the Ohio Woodland Garden construction project the year prior. In the Long Mall, 18 planting containers added a new dimension to this landscape featured area, with tropical plants growing in them this year. New permanent plant accessions added to Fellows Riverside Gardens in 2013 were 10 trees, 156 shrubs, 515 herbaceous perennials and 51 rose plants.

Spring bulb displays continue to be a highlight of the season at Fellows Riverside Gardens. In the fall of 2013, staff and volunteers planted an amazing 78,325 bulbs. This consisted of 72,600 for spring seasonal displays and 5,725 for permanent plantings.

Recycling by the numbers in 2013

- The Boy Scout Earth Day Cleanup on April 20 produced 56 33-gallon bags of regular trash and 42 33-gallon bags of recyclables.
- 324 gallons of used oil was recycled or discarded
- 10,950 lbs. of cardboard was recycled
- 13,820 lbs. of glass, plastic, paper & tin was recycled
- 79,300 lbs. of trash was removed
- 77,713 lbs. of construction debris was removed

The replacement of the water wheel’s main support beam at Lanterman’s Mill was a year-long process. Our Forestry Crew cut the beam at the Canfield Fair in 2012, then allowed it to dry for nearly 12 months. It was lowered into place in July by a contractor who specializes in working on historic structures. After sitting idle for eight months, the water wheel was able to turn freely again to grind wheat and corn.

FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS
Canada goose management measures were continued in Mill Creek MetroParks. Not only does the large population of Canada geese affect water quality, but their aggressive behavior can be dangerous for MetroParks visitors. Mill Creek MetroParks staff worked closely with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to help reduce the number of goose nests within Mill Creek Park. Mill Creek MetroParks Police and other staff also worked to educate the public on the important reasons why feeding the geese is prohibited.

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 compete against each other, with participants hoping to record the highest number of bird species observed within a 24-hour period from one location. This year a total of 75 bird species were observed at the Wildlife Sanctuary, which placed us first in Ohio and ninth overall out of 184 sites.

Through local Boy Scout troops, school groups, and concerned citizens, the MetroParks continues to add wildlife nest boxes throughout our natural areas. These nest boxes provide places for birds (including songbirds, waterfowl, and owls) to raise their young, along with needed shelter to other wildlife as well.

Native plants were incorporated into our various landscaping projects throughout the MetroParks to not only enhance habitat for wildlife, but also to attract and provide food for our important native pollinators.

Mill Creek MetroParks coordinated with the Ohio Public Works Commission to properly process successful Clean Ohio Conservation Fund property acquisition projects at the Mill Creek Preserve, MetroParks Farm and Mill Creek Park.

A habitat restoration plan was developed for 87 acres of the upland area of the Mill Creek Preserve. A Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant application was submitted for this project and approved for funding.
The story of Mill Creek MetroParks’ future focuses on innovation and improvement, and in 2013 there was much progression toward this growth. Spearheading this effort is the new branding of Mill Creek MetroParks. The logo, created in-house, is modern and fresh and debuted at the 2013 Canfield Fair. An important factor in creating this logo was to have one logo to unify all the departments throughout the MetroParks. All vehicles, signage, apparel, print materials, and website include this new logo.

The new Mill Creek MetroParks website played a vital role in establishing the new brand identity. The newly designed home of the MetroParks on the web (www.millcreekmetroparks.org), introduced in the fall, offers quick, easy access to essential MetroParks information while creating a more interactive and user-friendly experience. Features of the new website include a responsive layout that is mobile-friendly, an interactive map with landmarks and points of interest within the MetroParks, and incorporation of MetroParks social media channels. Also featured on the website is a new 6-minute informational video that details what the past, present, and future of Mill Creek MetroParks has to offer.

A trolley was purchased late in the year, and will serve as a mobile landmark that constantly promotes Mill Creek MetroParks. It will provide transportation and eliminate traffic for many MetroParks visitors and will be available for local weddings, graduation parties, and prom rentals. Weekly, monthly, and quarterly guided tours will occur not only throughout Mill Creek MetroParks, but the community as well.

New fundraisers were implemented last year to help support various projects throughout the MetroParks. Luau at the Lily Pond raised $11,600 for enhancements to the Lily Pond. To date, completed projects include reconstruction of the Westerly Trail, resetting of a boulder cluster for open seating, resetting and refinishing benches, main signage, and on-going goose management. Projects still to be completed include the easterly trail, frog pond observation platform, welcome area, spillway improvements, observation platform, wood boardwalk and other general improvements.

A second new fundraiser, the Green Cathedral Half Marathon 5K and Kids Fun Run, was held in September and had more than 350 participants. The race raised more than $5,000 for the new Children’s Play Area at the Wick Recreation Area, a project spearheaded by $400,000 from the Juliana Kurinka Trust.

The Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens held their 22nd annual summer Garden Party, Reflections, in July. Perfect weather yielded an event that exposed the Gardens to over 300 guests, who enjoyed cocktails in the new Outdoor Gallery followed by dinner in the Long Mall. Title sponsor PNC Foundation, along with 3 corporate underwriters and 16 sponsors, generated support of $29,500.

A task force was assembled late in 2013 to look into the expansion of the Mill Creek Park Foundation from its current three-member distribution committee to a larger board of directors consisting of 11-15 members. These board members will help Mill Creek MetroParks increase its fundraising potential through the strategic evolution of the Foundation.
**GOLF STATISTICS**

**PAR 3 GOLF COURSE ROUNDS**
- Adult: 9,364
- Junior/Senior: 10,897
- Evening: 1,046

**TOTAL ROUNDS**: 21,304

**MILL CREEK GOLF COURSE ROUNDS**
- 9-Hole Rounds: 41,012
- 18-Hole Rounds: 16,113

**TOTAL ROUNDS**: 57,125

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**2013 POLICE STATISTICS**

- Part-time Police Hours: 15,104
- Reserve Police Hours: 3,993
- Auxiliary Police Hours: 352
- Calls for service: 5,446
- Crashes: 21
- Accidents (non-traffic): 43
- Crimes against persons: 4
- Property crimes: 33
- Traffic Stops: 429
- Warnings: 350
- Citations: 79
- OVI’s: 14
- Adult Arrests: 73
- Drug Offenses: 17
- Animal Complaints: 192
- Criminal Damage/Mischief: 38
- Feeding the wildlife offenses: 29
- Property Damage: 61
- Thefts: 21
- Towed Autos: 20
- Trees Down: 83
- Visitor Assists: 50

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**RENTAL FACILITY USAGE**

**FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS**
- Rossi Auditorium: 131
- Garden Café: 15
- Radius Room: 39
- Classrooms: 190
- Wedding Ceremonies: 122
- Wedding Receptions: 44

**CABINS**
- Bears Den: 106, 2,947
- Birch Hill: 251, 10,403
- Old Log Cabin: 63, 1,251
- Pioneer Pavilion: 152, 9,126

**PICNIC PAVILIONS**
- Bresko: 75, 1,882
- Chestnut Hill: 58, 3,540
- Scholl: 96, 3,820
- Sloperock Rock: 39, 3,535
- Stitt: 54, 3,532

**YELLOW CREEK PARK**
- Capt. John Struthers: 63, 1,251
- Yellow Creek Lodge: 108, 5,604

**METROPARKS FARM**
- Classroom A: 158, 5,108
- McMahon Hall: 238, 41,584

**TOTAL RENTALS**: 1461, 95,500

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**FACILITY ATTENDANCE**

**METROPARKS FARM**
- School Presentation Attendance: 7,469
- Visitors: 7,990
  (Includes family programs and walk-ins)

**FORD NATURE CENTER**
- Visitors: 13,571
- School programs: 4,777
- Other programs & hikes: 4,048
- Community Contacts: 2,007

**FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS**
- Visitors: 377,670

**LANTERMAN'S MILL**
- Visitors: 9,801
- Education Programs: 3,200

**OTHER**
- Newport Boathouse - boat rentals: 606
- Glacier Boathouse - boat rentals: 2,475

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE**: 43,560
### GRANTS & AWARDS

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<td>Mahoning County Green Team; construction of a fence around the recycling area at the Metro Parks Farm</td>
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**Total Grants Received:** $264,036.31
Capital IMPROVEMENT Expenditures

DAVIS CENTER***
The replacement of carpet in offices
Repairs to the HVAC system
Purchase of two food coolers
Stripping of terrace railings

$30,200

WICK RECREATION AREA**
Construction of the Children’s Play Area
Purchase of playground equipment
Bresko Pavilion Upgrades

100,821

YELLOW CREEK PARK
Trail Bridge Replacement*
Water Line Replacement

60,495

12,877

PIONEER PAVILION
Chimney repairs, roof replacement, light fixtures

29,394

LILY POND
Various improvements
Master Plan Creation

25,760

MILL CREEK SANCTUARY
Observation Deck Construction**

21,000

CALVARY RUN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**
Stone masonry repair, flagstone pavement;
Replacement of all lumber; asphalt paving, channel excavation

12,457

METROPARKS FARM
Pond Improvements

7,572

* funded through insurance claim
** partially funded with private donations
*** funded from the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Davis Endowment
### Summary of RECEIPTS, EXPENSES & BALANCES

**UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE January 1, 2013** $3,675,531.95

**PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES** 475,688.68

**INCOME:**

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**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE** $13,799,378.18

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**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** $9,888,197.70

**Year End Cash Balance December 31, 2013** $3,911,180.48

**Year End Encumbrances** $573,242.48

**Unencumbered Cash Balance** $3,337,938.00