

A photograph of a forest floor in autumn. A large fallen log is covered in green moss and large, grey, shelf-like fungi. Several orange-brown mushrooms are growing from the log. The ground is covered in fallen brown and yellow leaves. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating dappled light on the forest floor.

2018

# ANNUAL REPORT

MILL  CREEK  
METROPARKS





## 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



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



Lee Frey  
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*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

Each year MCMP staff take part in many community events and participate in local organizations' events.

- External organization events accommodated by MCMP: 16
- External event participants using MCMP: 17,380

MetroParks staff from the Operations Department continued to maintain an area at the Canfield Fair and participated with the old-fashioned sawmill exhibit. They contributed plantings to the picnic area, assisted with the set-up of the picnic tables, and provided timbers for the sawmill exhibit. The Community Engagement department stocks the information area kiosk with various literature on the most current events and facilities throughout the MetroParks. MetroParks Farm personnel staffed and coordinated Old MacDonald's Barn with the help of MetroParks volunteers.

The Recreation and Education department, including educators and volunteers, participated in various outreach programs and events throughout the year. These include: Park Vista, Easter Seals, Retired Teachers, Riverfest, The Big Sit, Mahoning County Public Employees Retirees Association, and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program.



## 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! Volunteers were recognized at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held in September 2018. The dinner was held in the Davis Center, Rossi Auditorium at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Those volunteers who met a specified hour criteria in 2018 also received a complimentary Mill Creek MetroParks volunteer t-shirt.

Volunteer time recorded in 2018 was 12,624 hours from 300 active park wide volunteers and multiple groups. Some of the specific events, exhibits and activities where these hours were used:

Nature Photography Exhibit, Jewels of Winter Orchid Exhibit, Twice Loved Book Sale, Andrews Horticulture Certificate Program, Trolley Tours, Farm Animal Baby Shower, Plant the Seed to Read Book Festival, Spring Plant Sale, Family Fun Fridays, Family Camp in the Park, Summer Discovery Camps, Sports Camps & Clinics, Bug Day, Shop in the Gardens, Veggie Gardens, Garden Maintenance at Fellows Riverside Gardens, Green Cathedral Half Marathon, Sunset at the Farm, Pumpkin Carving, Pumpkin Walk at Twilight, Family Halloween Bash, Old Fashioned

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Christmas at the Mill, Santa's Winter Barn, Winter Celebration, Old McDonald's Barn – Canfield Fair, Hikes, Kayak Guides, Conservation/Preservation, Standing Committees, Garden District Kids, Auxiliary Police, Garden Guide, Kiosk Stocking.

In 2018, the Standing Committees of the Board of Park Commissioners continued to serve in an advisory role to the Board of Park Commissioners. The committees consist of seven members from the public, board appointed, and one staff liaison. The specific areas include: Finance, Development, Wildlife, Nature Education, Environment, Horticulture, and Community Engagement. The 2018 annual reports and future goals for each committee are posted on the Mill Creek MetroParks' website as well as meeting minutes and committee members.

Each year efforts are made for recruitment and the future growth of the volunteer program. The Community Engagement Director attended the Youngstown State University Volunteer Fair, Cardinal Mooney YES Fest, Boardman High School YES Fest, and Youngstown State University Welcome Week in an effort to educate the area's youth on Mill Creek MetroParks and the volunteer opportunities available.

## METROPARKS POLICE

MetroParks Police provide 24-hour patrol of park lands and facilities. They provide complete law enforcement service including traffic control and security for all park events. While MetroParks Police have the same traditional police powers to enforce laws and make arrests as other police departments, they also have the duty to protect the parks facilities and natural resources. MetroParks Police utilize both sworn and nonsworn staff. Sworn staff is made up of full-time, part-time, and reserve police officers. Those who haven't completed Basic Police Officer Training can serve on the MetroParks Auxiliary Police and are a key part of the MetroParks Police team.

MetroParks Police officers attended various training as well as completing multiple certifications in 2018. Topics and certifications included: Crisis Intervention, Ohio Chief of Police In-Service Training, Federal Bureau of Investigations Annual Training, Smith and Wesson Armorer's Courses, Weapons Training, FBI Officer Wellness Training, Disciplinary Issues Training, Leadership Training, Grant Writing, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Continued Professional Training, Police Executive Leadership College, and the Supervisor Training and Education

Program (STEP). The year also included multiple certifications and re-certification in the following areas: Voice Stress Analysis, Firearms, Electronic Control Devices, Chemical Aerosols, Traffic Stops, Search & Seizure Laws, and Impact Weapons which were conducted in-house by a MetroParks Sergeant, Certified Law Enforcement Executive re-certification, and department completion of the Ohio Collaborative phase of recertification. Multiple grants were obtained to include: Federal Vest Grant (50% match), State Vest Grant (25% match), and a Laptop Computer Grant. Additional funding was also secured for the OVI task force and a scholarship was granted for a MetroParks Sergeant to attend training for the Police Executive Leadership College. (PELC) Various staff serve on the following: Board Member for the Ohio Association of Chief's of Police, Certified Law Enforcement Executive Advisory Board, and Chairman of the Ohio Association of Chief's of Police Education Committee.

MetroParks Police also hosted the annual Hooked on Fishing program and Air Rifle Safety class, both held at the MetroParks Farm, along with the Minority Summit which took place at Pioneer Pavilion. The department continued its community outreach by helping two young boys, ages 5



# COMMUNITY

## ENGAGEMENT

& 11 on Judson Ave. in Youngstown who lost their mother prior to the winter holiday. Officers purchased Christmas presents, food and clothing to give to the kids and their grandmother who is now raising them. Officers also visit the children on each of their respective birthdays and bring food and gifts. Officers plan to work with the family to continue to provide them with a positive MetroParks Police influence as they grow, and include them in future park events each year.



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# RECREATION & EDUCATION

## GOAL

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

## GOLF

Many Capital Improvement Projects were completed in 2018 along with additional upgrades. These projects and upgrades include: North Course bunker restoration, new golf course hole signage, Golf Shop re-model and stonework added, 124 new Club Car golf carts, 80 new Sun Mountain pull carts, short game practice design work, Callaway golf club fitting system.

The Mill Creek Golf Course and staff received many awards and accolades in 2018. These include: Best Customer Service Award – Valley Business Magazine, Favorite Place to Golf Award – The Vindicator, Northern Ohio PGA Section PGA Teacher of the Year – PGA Head Professional Andy Santor, Northern Ohio PGA Section Merchandiser of the Year (Public Category) – PGA Director of Golf Brian Tolnar, PGA of America Certification in Teaching and Coaching – PGA Head Professional – Andy Santor, PGA of America Certification in Player Development – PGA Director of Golf – Brian Tolnar, nominated for the “Best Range & Practice Facility Top 50” in the country by Golf Range Association Magazine.

In February, Mill Creek MetroParks PGA Professional staff attended the Toronto Golf and Travel Show in Canada through a tourism grant from the Mahoning Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau. The Toronto Golf and Travel Show equated

to an additional 487 rounds of golf with overnight stays in the Mahoning County. Travel shows like this have made a positive impact for growing rounds of golf along with creating new tourism opportunities in the Mahoning County. Future shows with grant support are scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Toronto, Canada and Novi, Michigan to help expand the footprint regionally and to grow the game of golf.

In June, Mill Creek Golf Course hosted the Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation AJGA Junior All Star National Tournament. The Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation signed on for a 4 year \$100,000 Title Sponsorship to host the American Junior Golf Association. The financial impact to the Mahoning Valley in 2018 was \$414,717 in hotel stays, dining, recreation spending, green fees and shopping. Since 2016, this year broke the million dollar mark for financial impact with \$1,128,014 year to date. Money raised for local charities and from the event totaled \$32,000 to date.

The Mill Creek Golf Course PGA Junior League Team captured the Youngstown regional title after finishing with an undefeated season. Mill Creek participated with area teams from The Lake Club, Tippecanoe Country Club, Parto's Practice Center, Henry Stambaugh Golf Course and Yankee Run Golf Course. After winning the regional title this past summer the All-Star team competed in the

state tournament at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Sandusky, Ohio.

## 2018 ROUNDS

9 Hole Resident	12,235
9 Hole Non-Resident	274
9 Hole Junior/Senior	20,103
18 Hole Resident	11,906
18 Hole Non-Resident	4,203
18 Hole Junior/Senior	4,220
Total 9 Hole Rounds	32,612
Total 18 Hole Rounds	20,329



# RECREATION & EDUCATION

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## HORTICULTURE

The total attendance for the Visitor Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens in 2018 was 265,327.

There were 40,300 blooming bulbs planted in the fall of 2017, which yielded a spectacular spring show at Fellows Riverside Gardens in 2018. Fellows Riverside Gardens staff and volunteers added the following permanently accessioned plants to the grounds in 2018:

- 1,550 flowering bulbs
- 263 perennials
- 72 roses
- 26 shrubs
- 5 trees

Various events held throughout the year included:

Twice Loved Book Sale, Jewels of Winter, Lunch with the Leprechaun, Artist Mike Gibson's "A Diamond in the Rough" Outdoor Gallery exhibit, Daffodil Weekend, Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Spring and Autumn Plant Sale, Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Summer Garden Party, Pumpkin Walk at Twilight, Winter Celebration, Breakfast with Santa, Mother's Day Brunch, five exhibits on display in the Weller Gallery, and the collaborative efforts of the Youngstown City School District's Unity Exhibit throughout the lobby of the Davis Center and Rossi Auditorium.

The following landscape enhancements were made in 2018 throughout the MetroParks:

- 1,050 Bulbs
  - 750 Tulips
  - 300 Daffodils at Daffodil Meadow
- 300 Annuals in 4 ½" pots
- 80 trees and shrubs
- 35 new perennials
- Addition of a new bed at the Golf Course entrance at 224 and West Golf.
- Updated existing beds at Golf Course.
- Plantings and improvements at Daffodil Meadow.
- New plantings around the Wet Playground at Wick Recreation Area.

## SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Outreach School Programs: 3,357 participants; 183 programs
- On-site School Programs: 3,766 participants; 116 programs
- On-site Interpretive School Tours (MetroParks Farm, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Ford Nature Center and Lanterman's Mill): 4,692 participants; 158 programs

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS, EVENTS, SERIES

- Photo Show: 189 entries
- Farm Animal Baby Shower: 2,400 visitors
- Breakfast With the Easter Bunny: 125 participants
- Boy Scout Earth Day Clean-up: 525 participants at 29 sites
- Plant the Seed to Read Book Festival: 1,923 participants
- Concerts: 4,170 attendees
- Bug Day: 895 participants
- Shakespeare Plays: 425 attendees
- Trolley - Standard & Special program tours: 1,466 riders
- Old MacDonald's Farm at Canfield Fair: 10,500 visitors
- Green Cathedral: 187 participants
- Sunset at the Farm: 1,300 participants
- Halloween Bash: 162 participants
- Old Fashioned Christmas at Lanterman's Mill: 6,400 visitors
- Santa's Winter Barn: 1,200 participants
- Breakfast with Santa Educational Activities: 238 participants
- Ballroom Dance Classes: 680 participants
- Metro Mutts Programs: 438 participants (22 programs)
- Family Fun Fridays: 947 participants; 11 weeks



# RECREATION & EDUCATION

- Pick-a-Pumpkin Family Weekends: 641 participants
- Winter Nights: Toy Workshop & Reindeer Games: 686 participants
- Naturalist Series: 336 participants; five lectures
- The John & Doris Andrews Horticulture Certificate Program: 2 courses; 53 participants
- Garden Lectures: 177 participants; 2 lectures

## DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAMMING

- Volunteer Led Recreational Hikes: 528 participants
- Public Programs, educational and interpretive offerings for youth, families, and adults: 10,610 participants
- Interpretive Tours for youth groups: 670 participants; for families and adults: 366 participants

## FACILITY VISITOR/USE STATISTICS

- Farm: 1,500 walk-in visitor estimate
- Mill Tours: 10,224 walk-in visitors
- FNC: 6,793 walk-in visitors
- Boating: 7,800 visitors rode on, pedaled or paddled a rented boat; 1,500 visitors paddled their own boats on Glacier or Newport
- Fields: 839 games/matches/practices

accommodated for diverse sports; 42,000 playing or viewing

- Wick Recreation Area Improvements
  - New Dek Hockey Rink added\*
  - New Batting Cage netting
  - New Tennis Court windscreen covering
  - Wick Maintenance building design work
  - Walkway to McCollum Road completed

\* The MetroParks partnered with the Youngstown Phantoms Hockey Team of the United States Hockey League (USHL) , Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, and Home Savings Bank to renovate the former ice skating rink. The Dek Hockey Rink Project placed 3rd in the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) Annual Awards of Excellence.

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# 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 PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$128,153.46

### ANNUAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$135,603.32

### ANNUAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$303,971.09

### ANNUAL SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$18,957.95

### ANNUAL PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$48,626.65

### METROPARKS FARM IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$23,157.37

### WICK RECREATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$54,522.38

### LANTERMAN'S MILL IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$39,294.10

### MILL CREEK GOLF COURSE - BUNKER RESTORATION

**COST**  
\$250,406.00

### MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$18,495.26

### MILL CREEK PRESERVE IMPROVEMENTS

**COST**  
\$15,000.00

### FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS - DAVIS CENTER REPAIRS

**COST**  
\$99,572.09





# INFRASTRUCTURE

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## FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS - SITE IMPROVEMENTS

COST

\$9,988.00

## FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS - HIGH TUNNEL

COST

\$43,049.43

## GOLF COURSE - ENTRANCE BEAUTIFICATION

COST

\$9,159.36

## WICK RECREATION AREA - MAINTENANCE FACILITY

COST

\$45,913.11

## WICK RECREATION AREA - DEK HOCKEY RINK

COST

\$39,651.21

## GOLF COURSE - PUMPHOUSE REPAIRS

COST

\$20,967.76





# 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.

2018 brought ten employee promotions and 125 hiring actions. All full time bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit employees received a 2% general wage increase.

Employee education continued to be a focus for the MetroParks in 2018. The Naturalist Educators completed training through the National Association for Interpretation to earn the title of Certified Interpretive Guides (CIG). The Head Golf Professional received PGA of America Certification in Teaching and Coaching. The PGA Golf Director received PGA of America Certification in Player Development. The Detective Sergeant graduated from Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). The Patrol Sergeant graduated from the Law Enforcement Foundation's Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP).

The continuing education earned by the dedicated staff will assist in serving the public, increase productivity and enrich program offerings.

Quarterly all-staff meetings were held at McMahon Hall. These meetings allow for training and education on topics such as Drug Free Workplace, Anti-Harassment and Emergency Response Procedures. These meetings also give employees updates on future projects and goals across all departments and locations.

The MetroParks introduced a new online employee training system in 2018. This system allows for the MetroParks to expand on the quarterly in-person and department trainings already provided. Some of the 2018 training topics included Nepotism, Conflicts of Interest and Equipment Safety.

The Employee Association is a MetroParks employee-run group, sustained by employee donations. The Association sent flowers for births and hospital stays for both employees and their family members in 2018. The Association also made charitable contributions including monetary donations to the Rescue Mission and six other local non-profit organizations.





# 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 measures were continued in 2018. "Do Not Feed Wildlife" efforts included signage, public service announcements, brochures, enforcement and incorporating education into programs – 48 interactions with 1259 visitors. This was accomplished through programs such as Traveling Naturalist, hikes, on-site school programs, summer camps, Chat with a Naturalist, etc. Various MetroParks departments carried out Canada goose harassment efforts, including pyrotechnic launchers and the use of a repellent product at Daffodil Meadow. In addition to harassment activities, a nest destruction permit was obtained through ODNR. USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services were contracted to perform nest inspection and egg addling activities. In total, 56 nests were located and 342 eggs were addled. The 2nd annual Canada goose count performed by the local Audubon Society produced a 2018 population count of 168 individuals throughout the park, which has remained relatively static from the 2017 count of 171 individuals.

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 72 bird species were observed at the Wildlife Sanctuary, ranking the site 4th in the United States and 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 2018 totaled 199 species recorded, an above average year. The all-time historic species count for the Sanctuary is 247 species.

Efforts continued this year to reduce and control non-native/invasive plants throughout areas of the MetroParks. Herbicide applications and/or physical removal of undesirable species were conducted at properties such as Lily Pond, Mill Creek Preserve, Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, MetroParks Bikeway, Vickers Nature Preserve, and the MetroParks Farm.

Native plantings were incorporated into various projects throughout the MetroParks including the MetroParks Farm, Golf Course, and Wick Recreation Area. These plantings not only enhance wildlife habitat, but attract diverse species and provide food for important native pollinators. Most notably, the upland area of the Mill Creek Preserve underwent an extensive restoration project to convert a 50-acre agricultural field into a native grass prairie.

The MetroParks continued the Healthy Streams Initiative, an annual project aimed at restoring natural flow patterns and reducing scour and erosion of the banks of Mill Creek and its tributaries. This project focuses on removing fallen trees and woody debris from the stream. In 2018 the project focused on the section of Mill Creek between the Newport Wetlands and Shields Road. The project also included the Anderson Run tributary. This year's project successfully improved over 3,500 feet of stream and throughout the lifetime of this program, Mill Creek MetroParks has improved over 5.5 miles of stream.

## LAND ACQUISITIONS

- MetroParks Bikeway, S. Turner Road (MCLRC) – 1.32 acres
- Mill Creek Park, Glenwood Avenue (COCF) – 0.98 acres
- Mill Creek Park, Devonshire Drive (COCF) – 1.88 acres





# 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. Grant funding at 100%.

#### COST

**\$63,494.24**

### METROPARKS BIKEWAY PHASE III

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) CMAQ program grant funding for design & engineering consultant services. Construction drawings were further developed. The environmental document was approved in November. Grant funding at 80%.

#### COST

**\$33,815.65**

### CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND ROUND 7

A Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant was used to complete the restoration efforts at the Mill Creek Preserve. The final project phase focused on establishing a grassland prairie throughout the upland field area. Tasks included planting of native grass seed, invasive vegetation treatment, and establishment of 7,000 feet of trail. Grant funding at 75%.

#### COST

**\$31,389**

### CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND ROUND 11

Property adjacent to the Lake Newport section of Mill Creek Park was acquired through a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant. The preservation project included acquisition of five (5) parcels of property totaling 2.86 acres in the Glenwood Avenue/Devonshire Drive area. Grant funding at 75%.

#### COST

**\$48,000**

### CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND ROUND 12

A Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant application for \$248,000 was approved in 2018 to acquire two (2) parcels of property totaling 26.64 acres along Hopkins Road in Boardman Township. The property is comprised of forest, wetlands, floodplains, and includes Anderson Run, a tributary to Mill Creek. No grant funds were expended in 2018 (grant funding at 75%).

### IDORA BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program grant funding for improvements to the Idora Bridge on East Park Drive in Mill Creek Park. Grant funding at 80%.

#### COST

**\$195,431.22**

### DISC GOLF COURSE

An Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks grant application was approved in 2018 for construction of a new 18-hole disc golf course at the MetroParks Farm. The course will utilize natural vistas, changes in topography, forested and natural areas as it introduces a new recreational use to the Farm. \$16,056 (grant funding at 75%). No funds were expended in 2018.



# STEWARDSHIP

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## DONORS FOR FORD NATURE CENTER RENOVATION

**IN 2018, THE FOLLOWING DONORS HAVE GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED \$986,570 TOWARDS THE \$3 MILLION RENOVATION OF THE FORD NATURE CENTER.**

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**THE FOLLOWING DONORS HAVE SUPPORTED ENDOWMENTS FOR THE PERPETUAL CARE & PRESERVATION OF MILL CREEK METROPARKS. IN 2018, \$828,539.26 WAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MILL CREEK METROPARKS FOUNDATION.**

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Mill Creek MetroParks  
Mary & Gerlad Ferenchik  
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Joyce L. Beach  
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## PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS DONORS

**OVER THE COURSE OF 2018, THE FOLLOWING  
INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND FOUNDATIONS  
HAVE GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED \$413,085 TO  
THE MILL CREEK METROPARKS FOUNDATION  
TO SUPPORT VARIOUS PROJECTS AND  
PROGRAMING WITHIN THE METROPARKS.**

### **Wick Recreation Area Dek Hockey Rink**

The Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation  
Home Savings & Loan Foundation  
The Youngstown Phantoms  
Troy & Aafka Loney

### **Mill Creek Golf Course Beautification Project**

Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation

### **American Jr. Golf Association All Star Series Tournament**

Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation  
Youngstown Live

### **In Memory of Stephen Wilkins**

Charles & Margaret Gibbs  
Jean Harry McCulloch Trust  
Butech Bliss, Inc.  
John G. Frank Living Trust  
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### **In Memory of David Somerville**

Pat & Carol Somerville

### **In Memory of Paul Giba**

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### **Park Historic Collections Preservation**

Dr. Richard Shale

### **Buckeye Horse Park**

Youngstown Foundation

### **Fellows Riverside Garden**

The Garden Club of Youngstown  
The Garden Forum of Greater Youngstown  
Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

### **Unrestricted Donations**

Beth Gillen

**COLLECTIVELY THERE IS \$2,228,934.26 IN  
DONATIONS TO THE MILL CREEK METROPARKS  
FOUNDATION.**



## RENTAL FACILITY USAGE

### FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

- Auditorium – 73 rentals
- Classrooms – 103 rentals
- Ceremonies (indoors & outdoors) – 100 rentals
- Garden Café – 8 rentals
- Radius Room – 36 rentals
- Wedding Receptions – 32

### METROPARKS FARM

- Classroom A – 112 rentals / 2,657 attendance
- Kenneth McMahon Hall – 198 rentals / 17,535 attendance

### CABINS

- Bears Den Cabin – 149 rentals / 3,752 attendance
- Birch Hill Cabin – 275 rentals / 10,762 attendance
- Old Log Cabin – 74 rentals / 1,572 attendance

### PAVILIONS

- Chestnut Hill Pavilion – 46 rentals / 2,504 attendance
- Pioneer Pavilion – 131 rentals / 7,842 attendance
- Scholl Pavilion – 66 rentals / 2,761 attendance
- Slippery Rock Pavilion – 40 rentals / 3,750 attendance

- Stitt Pavilion – 45 rentals / 2,970 attendance
- Thomas J. Bresko Pavilion – 71 rentals / 1,647 attendance
- Kirk Road Pavilion (New rental facility in 2018) – 10 rentals / 395 attendance

### YELLOW CREEK PARK

- Capt. John Struthers Pavilion (Yellow Creek Park) – 22 rentals / 1,128 attendance
- Yellow Creek Lodge – 102 rentals / 5,828 attendance





# STEWARDSHIP

## TOTAL ALL FUNDS

UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE January 1, 2018	\$3,059,473.61
PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES	1,592,328.97

### INCOME:

General Property Tax	7,878,230.64
Park District Activities	2,128,129.92
Fund Transfer	600,000.00
ODOT Grants	534,401.11
Local Government Fund	337,862.74
Clean Ohio Grants	166,240.42
Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens	117,075.63
Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation	89,182.73
Interest	75,849.81
Gas Royalties	63,692.57
Donations	58,871.86
Law Enforcement Training Revenue	8,517.00
Total Income	\$12,058,054.43

## TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$16,709,857.01

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries & Wages	5,461,144.12
Materials & Supplies	4,022,484.41
Capital Improvements	2,400,193.79
Capital Equipment	702,099.61

## TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$12,585,921.93

Year End Cash Balance December 31, 2018	\$4,123,935.08
Year End Encumbrances	\$821,541.81
Unencumbered Cash Balance	\$3,302,393.27

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