

YEAR END REPORT: 2024

FrogWatch USA™ is a citizen science project managed by Akron Zoo, which provides “individuals, groups and families with opportunities to learn about wetlands in their communities by reporting on the calls of local frogs and toads.” As a member of the Akron Zoo Chapter, Medina County Park District has completed a ninth field season with this project.

The field season runs from February through August, with surveys occurring a minimum of 30 minutes after sunset and only when conditions meet project standards. Volunteers identify frog calls and measure call intensities of frog species within specific locations or stations. Frogs and toads are considered indicator species within their habitats and have been on a global decline. For this reason, Medina County Park District remains interested in learning more about the species present within the park district and continues to participate in FrogWatch USA™.

MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT OBSERVATIONS

A total of 14 volunteers recorded over 440 observations at 37 survey stations. Stations were located in 13 different Medina County Park District sites. Sites with the greatest diversity of species were Green Leaf Park, Buckeye Woods Park, and Chippewa Lake. This season volunteers identified 10 different frog species.

Park	Frog Species Observed									
	Green Frog	American Bullfrog	Gray Treefrog	American Toad	Western Chorus Frog	Spring Peeper	Wood Frog	Eastern Cricket Frog	Northern Leopard Frog	Pickereel Frog
Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary			x			x				
Brunswick Lake Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Buckeye Woods Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Chippewa Inlet Trail (North & South)	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Chippewa Lake (Krabill Lodge & Boat Ramp)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary			x	x		x	x			
Green Leaf Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Hubbard Valley Park			x	x	x	x				
Lake Medina			x	x		x				
Medina Marsh Nature Preserve				x	x	x				
Plum Creek Park	x	x	x	x	x	x				
River Styx Park	x		x		x	x				

Table 1. Species observations by park within the Medina County Park District during the 2024 field season. Species presence is indicated by an “x.”