Appointing Authority for Medina County Park
District Board of Commissioners:
The Honorable Kevin W. Dunn, Probate Judge
Medina County Common Pleas Court

Park District Board of Commissioners:
Kathleen E. Davis
Andrew J. de Luna
Dennis B. Neate

Director: Nathan D. Eppink

Chippewa Inlet Trail North
Photo by: Nick Hoeller
2019 in Review

As we look back on 2019, Medina County Park District has plenty of reasons to be thankful.

At least 252 reasons, in fact.

That’s the number of acres of land permanently preserved by the park district in the past year. These sites include habitat-rich wetlands that protect local watersheds, as well as strategic tracts that will, someday, help connect and expand existing parks.

But it’s not just the park district’s success -- it’s your success, too. The park district’s work would not be possible without the support of Medina County residents and the many partners who share its mission of protecting natural resources for the benefit of all.

A prime example is Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary -- 163 acres in the heart of Granger Township -- acquired by the park district at, essentially, no cost to the public, thanks to the Stream + Wetlands Foundation. Rich in local history, this restored wetlands promises to be a fantastic place to view migrating waterfowl in spring and fall.

This past summer, the park district worked with BlueGreen Water Technologies to implement a treatment plan to combat harmful algal blooms that have plagued Chippewa Lake. Phase I of the Plum Creek Greenway -- a partnership to link schools, parks, and neighborhoods in greater Brunswick with a multi-use trail -- received the green light thanks to a grant from the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund.

With our neighbors at Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District, we are striving to lead by example in converting areas of mown grass outside both offices into meadows filled with pollinator-friendly native plants. It’s a conservation practice almost any property owner can implement, and we want to help show the way.

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Total Revenue $6,244,490

2019 Expenditures

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Total Expenditures $4,990,961
### Medina County Park District . . . by the numbers

#### LAND

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<th>Managed acres</th>
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#### WORKFORCE

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#### VOLUNTEERS

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<td>200</td>
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Naturalist Clair Bailey churns butter at Pioneers in the Park wearing a period costume that she designed and sewed herself.

Kids crossed the creek at Allardale during a homeschooler program.

These puppeteers are dedicated volunteers who truly entertained kids and adults, alike, at Wolf Creek Environmental Center.

Volunteers installed fencing in the wildlife viewing area at Susan Hambley Nature Center.
**INTERPRETIVE SERVICES**

24,997
Program attendees include scouts and school kids

432
Programs

Public programs are scheduled throughout the year for people of all ages and interests.

**SHELTER RESERVATIONS**

54,254
Shelter reservation visitors

1,030
Shelter reservations

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

42
Acres seeded/restored with native grasses and wildflowers

3
New acres of wetland habitat created at Black River Nature Preserve

3,800
Pounds of trout stocked

6,860
Trees planted

10
Park district properties received wildlife management hunts with 150 participants

Natural Resource Manager Spetz and a group of volunteers collect native wildflower seeds.

Buffalo Creek Retreat
OPERATIONS

32
Outdoor restrooms

21
Vehicles

20
Park sites require mowing

14
Buildings/Shelters

8
Playgrounds

RANGER PATROL

54,840 miles by car

1,270 miles by foot

939 miles by bicycle

Park District Headquarters
6364 Deerview Lane
Medina, OH 44256
Office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
(except holidays)

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1473 Parschen Blvd.
Brunswick, OH 44212

Wolf Creek Environmental Center
6100 Ridge Road
Sharon Township, OH 44281

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