



Medina County Park District

2022 Annual Report

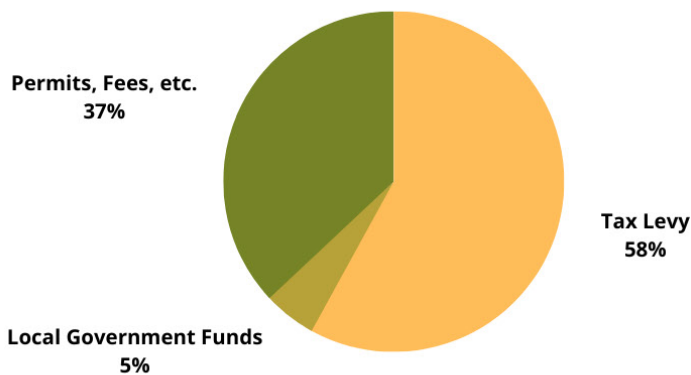


Highlights

- Acquired 683 acres
- Planted 4,800 native trees and shrubs
- Stocked 3,600 lbs. of rainbow trout and 800 fingerling walleye
- Seeded/established native grasses and wildflowers on 110 acres
- Offered 298 public programs with more than 15,800 participants
- Presented 45 programs to schools with 1,665 students attending
- Patrolled 43,149 miles by vehicle; 907 by foot
- 9,063 volunteer service hours from 218 active volunteers
- 17 independent volunteer group projects
- Processed 1,015 lodge/shelter reservations serving 52,576 people
- Installed gravel and made drainage repairs on more than 2 miles of trail
- Managed 13 reservable lodges and shelters, 22 fleet vehicles, and 34 outdoor restrooms
- Installed 11 new entrance signs and 2 interpretive maps
- Opened more than 2 miles of newly constructed trails, including more than 1.5 miles of ADA-accessible trail
- Monitored 76 wood duck nest boxes that produced 223 ducklings
- Feeding Medina County food distribution at Hidden Hollow Camp: 1,084 visits, 2,986 people served, and 62,706 meals provided

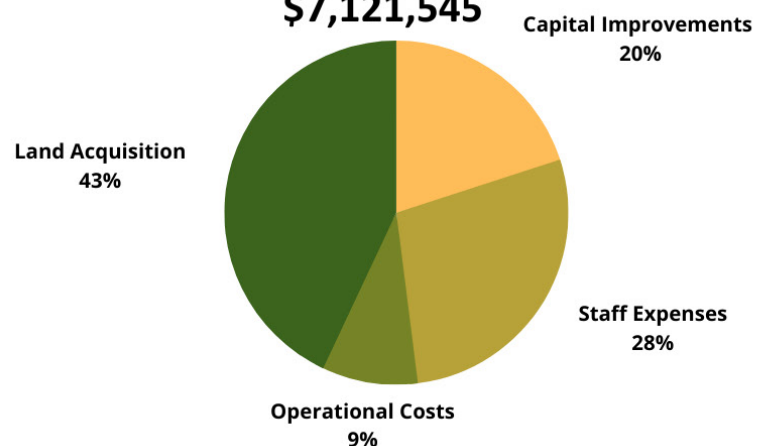
2022 Revenue:

\$8,341,350



2022 Expenditures:

\$7,121,545



Additional Funding Sources

ODNR H2Ohio Program
Various Restoration Projects
\$79,496

Ohio Public Works Commission
Clean Ohio Grants
Land Acquisition - \$1,746,065



Photo by: Cleveland.com

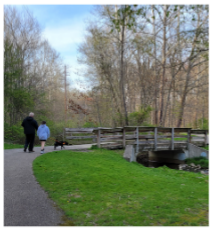
Largest Gift of Land in Park District's History

Medina County Park District (MCPD) received the largest gift of property in its 57-year history: 203 acres located in Westfield Center and Westfield Township. It was donated by Diane (Dedee) O'Neil. The property includes rich natural resources such as native wildflower meadows, beautiful woods, and a fishing pond. The preservation of this property is ecologically significant because it protects a portion of Camel Creek and a variety of flora and fauna. Per the pledge agreement, MCPD will begin developing public access to the property no later than summer 2024.



Sharon Nature Preserve - Phase 1

The preserve opened in October and includes a paved parking lot, 0.6 mile of compacted ADA-accessible gravel trail, and a 0.5-mile nature trail. Future improvements at Sharon Nature Preserve include a vault restroom, additional trails, wetland and meadow habitat restoration, reforestation, and construction of a small picnic shelter.



Holmesbrook Park

MCPD took over management of Holmesbrook Park in the city of Wadsworth through a long-term lease agreement with the city. Work immediately began with repairs to trail bridges, installation of an entrance sign, and meadow habitat restoration. A park master plan is currently being developed through a partnership with the city, and future improvements will likely include a new restroom, shelter, trail work, and a nature play area.

Plum Creek Greenway - Phase 1

The one-mile long greenway trail connects MCPD's Plum Creek Park to the city of Brunswick's Mooney Park. The partnership with the city of Brunswick allowed the city to construct 0.75-miles of the trail on park district property using a grant from the Clean Ohio Trail Fund. The remaining 0.25-miles of the trail were constructed by MCPD using its capital improvement dollars, and MCPD will be managing the entire Plum Creek Greenway trail. A future phase has already been funded through the Clean Ohio Trail Fund, and the greenway will ultimately connect Plum Creek Park with Brunswick Lake.



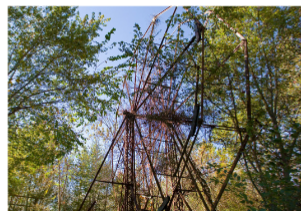
Additional Project Updates



Park Rangers were rebranded as Park Police to provide clarity to park users who may confuse rangers with non-law-enforcement personnel. Officer vehicles and uniform badges received new artwork to reflect the name change.



Black River Nature Preserve – Bluebell Valley's parking lot was paved and striped.



Main Drive was paved and a new bridge installed on Euclid Avenue in Chippewa Lake through a partnership with Medina County Planning, Medina County Engineer's Office, and Lafayette Township.



Construction began on the Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve H2Ohio wetland restoration and site development project. The anticipated opening is spring 2023. Photo by: Davey Resource Group



Hidden Hollow Camp located in Black River Nature Preserve in Lodi opened to the public year-round (unless the enclosed building on the property is reserved). The public is able to reserve the site for overnight camping, too.

MCPD entered into a 10-year lease agreement with Cathy's House, beginning the collaborative recovery farm at the new Brown-Trump Homestead.



**Medina County
Park District**

Established in 1965, Medina County Park District seeks to enhance the quality of all life through education, conservation, and the protection of natural resources. We manage over 8,300 acres and over 50 different trails.

**The Honorable Kevin W. Dunn,
Probate Judge**

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