

## YEAR END REPORT: 2023

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 an eighth 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 15 volunteers recorded over 420 observations at 31 survey stations. Stations were located in 14 different Medina County Park District sites. Sites with the greatest diversity of species were Buckeye Woods Park and Chippewa Lake. Volunteers identified 9 different frog species during the 2023 field season.

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
Allardale Park	X			X				X	
Brunswick Lake Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Buckeye Woods Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Chippewa Inlet Trail	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Chippewa Lake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Green Leaf Park	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Hubbard Valley Park			X	X	X	X			
Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve									
Lake Medina			X	X		X			
Letha House Park			X	X		X			
Medina Marsh Nature Preserve			X	X		X			
Plum Creek Park	X	X				X			
River Styx Park	X	X	X	X	X				

Table 1. Species observations by park within the Medina County Park District during the 2023 field season. Species presence is indicated by an “x.”