



WATERFALL TRAIL, BLACK RIVER RESERVATION, LORAIN

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



LORAIN
COUNTY
METRO
PARKS

TO THE CITIZENS OF LORAIN COUNTY

ABOUT

YOUR LORAIN COUNTY METRO PARKS

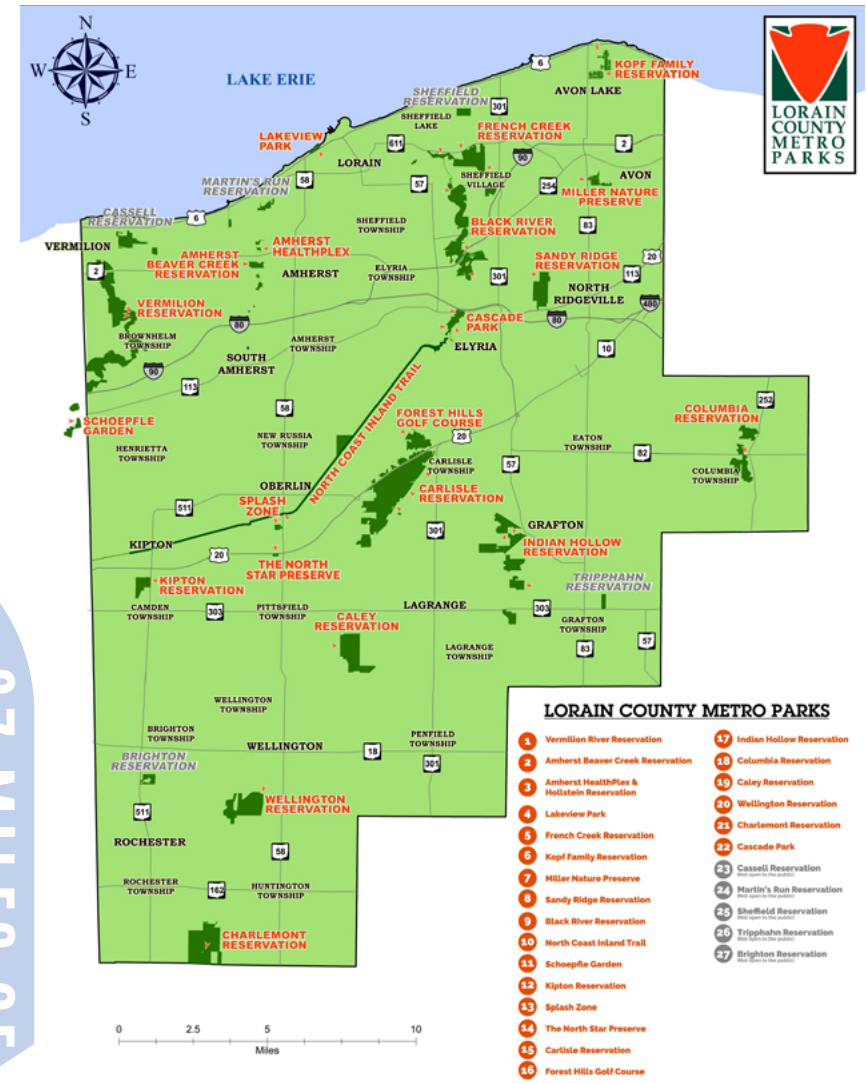
The Lorain County Metropolitan Park District was established in 1957 by the Lorain County Probate Court. Under the provisions of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, Lorain County Metro Parks is a special district operating as a separate political subdivision of the State of Ohio. The Metro Parks provide residents with the preservation of open space, conservation, education and outdoor recreation programs and facilities.

Funding for the Metro Parks is provided primarily by a 1.6 mill countywide property tax levy. Other sources of income include grants, gifts and bequests along with fees generated from the Forest Hills Golf Course, Splash Zone, Miller Nature Preserve, Amherst HealthPlex and facility rentals.

111.7 MILES OF MULTIPURPOSE

NEARLY
140
MILES OF TRAILS

27 MILES OF DESIGNATED WATER



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Park Commissioners is responsible for policy and fiscal oversight. The Director/Secretary is responsible for the daily management of the Metro Parks. The Lorain County Metro Parks staff is comprised of 75 full-time and 17 year-round, part-time employees, supplemented by up to 291 seasonal staff members in the summer months. Seventeen members of the Metro Parks' ranger staff are certified Ohio Peace Officers. The rangers are responsible for public safety in the Metro Parks and are also assigned park maintenance and supervisory duties. Other staff members maintain ties and conduct educational programming and special event activities in the park district.



JAMES E. ZIEMNIK
DIRECTOR/SECRETARY



JAMES T. WALTHER
PROBATE COURT JUDGE



SHERRILL M. McLODA



JOSEPH E. HRIBAR



KENNETH M. LIEUX

Lorain County Metro Parks is governed by a three-member Board of Park Commissioners, who are appointed by the Lorain County Probate Court Judge and serve without pay.

THE TEAM

OF THE LORAIN COUNTY METRO PARKS

SEVENTY-FIVE
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

75

TEN
NATURALISTS

10

SEVENTEEN
SERVICE RANGERS

17

SEVENTEEN
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

17

TWO HUNDRED NINETY-ONE
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

291


The entire Metro Parks team consists of full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees along with our immense volunteer population.

Volunteer Support is an essential element to the success of the Metro Parks. Over the past year, 571 volunteers donated 20,004 hours of their time to the Metro Parks.

FRIENDS OF THE METRO PARKS IN LORAIN COUNTY


VOLUNTEERS



 = x 100

HOURS DONATED
ANNUALLY



 = x 1,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FROM THE YEAR 2018

CASCADE PARK

- ROTARY PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTED •
- RENOVATIONS TO CENTRAL AREA AND PLAY AREA COMPLETED •
- PARK OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AFTER RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY •

BLACK RIVER BIKEWAY

- PHASE 3A (CROMWELL TRAIL IN LORAIN) COMPLETED •
- PHASE 4C (THROUGH CASCADE AND ELYWOOD PARKS) COMPLETED •

KOPF FAMILY RESERVATION

- REPAVING OF AMOUR ROAD TRAIL •

NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL

- PAVING SECTION FROM BAIRD ROAD TO GREEN ROAD UNDERWAY •
- CONSTRUCTION OF HUR-U.S. ROUTE 20 BIKEWAY COMPLETED •
(Three miles of asphalt shared path on the north side of U.S. Route 20 from State Route 60 to County Line [Green] Road, including drainage, grading, signing and striping)

VERMILION RIVER RESERVATION

- INSTALLATION OF BACON WOODS PLAYGROUND •
(This project was made possible by the awarding of 50% matching funds from the 2018 District Market Development Grant that was approved by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners)

PROGRAMS & VISITORS

FROM THE YEAR 2018

• METRO PARKS FACILITY USE ROOM AND PROGRAMS •

PROGRAM/FACILITY	RESERVATIONS	ATTENDANCE
Requested Programs	76	3,112
Public Programs	1,941	89,464
Senior Citizen Bus Tours	141	2,912
French Creek Theatre	51	5,274
Halloween Fair	N/A	20,618
Holiday Lights	N/A	19,972
Amherst Beaver Creek	366	15,671
Amherst HealthPlex	273	6,693
Black River Reservation	336	20,929
Carlisle Visitor Center	546	26,306
Cascade Park	44	2,013
Charlemont Reservation	7	500
Columbia Reservation	22	578
Forest Hills	N/A	17,753
French Creek Nature Center	132	6,394
Indian Hollow Reservation	83	3,844
Kopf Family Reservation	2	21
Lakeview Park	384	16,886
Miller Nature Preserve	98	1,442
Sandy Ridge (Johnson Wetland Center)	197	7,601
Schoepfle Garden	105	1,360
Splash Zone	256	3,115
Vermilion River Reservation (Mill Hollow)	564	30,861
Wellington Reservation	179	9,340
TOTAL	5,803	312,659

• METRO PARKS DAY-USE VISITORS •

Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation	128,378	Kipton Reservation	18,300
Amherst HealthPlex	165,121	Lakeview Park	972,905
Black River Reservation	237,014	Miller Nature Preserve	97,472
Caley Reservation	8,290	North Coast Inland Trail	31,196
Carlisle Reservation	157,016	North Star Preserve (Henry's Barn)	4,744
Cascade Park (Closed to public for renovations)	0	Sandy Ridge Reservation	105,338
Columbia Reservation	111,512	Schoepfle Garden	108,126
Forest Hills Golf Course	193,940	Splash Zone	295,029
French Creek Reservation	233,522	Vermilion River Reservation	350,770
Indian Hollow Reservation	136,105	Wellington Reservation	89,922
TOTAL	3,444,697		

FINANCIALS

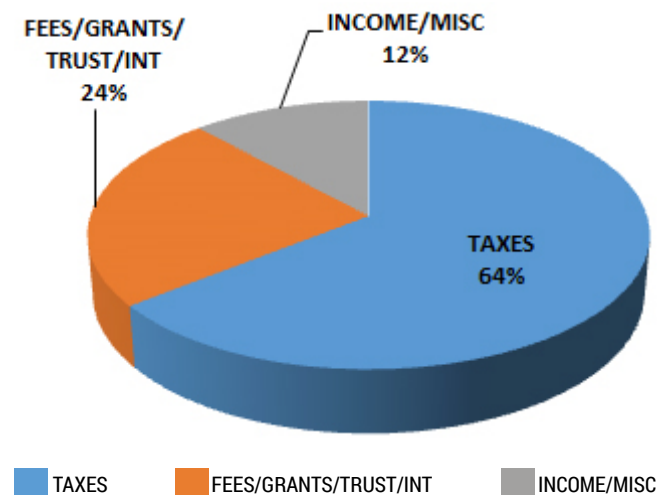
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REVENUE

Property Tax	\$10,467,369.76
Interest on Investments	\$33,222.32
Schoepfle Trust	\$251,377.60
Grants	\$2,544,798.15
Mitigations	\$50,000.00
Fees and Charges	\$1,017,667.23
Forest Hills Golf Course	\$247,087.50
Lakeview Park	\$56,119.01
Amherst HealthPlex	\$630,075.52
Miller Nature Preserve	\$89,913.84
North Star Preserve	\$43,275.00
Splash Zone	\$770,350.60
French Creek Theatre	\$78,978.99

TOTAL REVENUE \$16,280,235.52

Taxes	\$10,467,369.76	64%
Fees/Grants/Trust/Int	\$3,897,065.30	24%
Income/Misc	\$1,915,800.46	12%

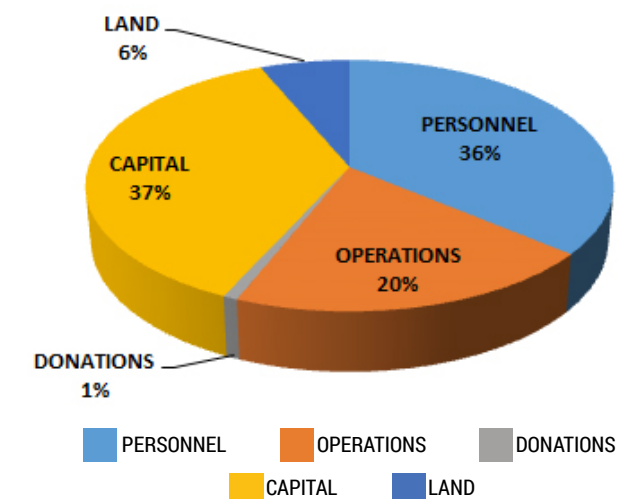


EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$4,388,374.81
Employee Fringe Benefits	\$1,566,533.35
Supplies	\$91,897.88
Programs	\$116,572.63
Materials	\$814,290.72
Repairs/Rentals	\$84,892.97
Utilities/Service	\$1,595,052.39
Advertising/Displays/Printing	\$130,782.34
Projects	\$97,410.56
Seminars/Training	\$19,784.91
Equipment	\$347,024.87
Designated Donations	\$127,906.03
Land Acquisition	\$1,045,894.21
Capital Improvements/Contracts	\$3,538,292.71
Grants/Misc	\$2,540,658.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$16,505,368.53

Personnel	\$5,954,908.16	36%
Operations	\$3,297,709.27	20%
Donations	\$127,906.03	1%
Capital	\$6,078,950.86	37%
Land	\$1,045,894.21	6%



Ohio Revised Code Section 1545.08 requires that park districts periodically publish a report to the citizens summarizing the district's activities. This report is intended to fulfill this requirement. Other reports regarding specific programs or facilities are available annually. If you have any questions concerning this publication, please contact Lorain County Metro Parks at (440) 458-5121. Unless otherwise noted, numbers in this report were accurate as of January 1, 2019.



BRIDGEWAY TRAIL, BLACK RIVER RESERVATION, LORAIN



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