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Lorain County Metro Parks to Place Levy on November Ballot

[LaGrange, OH, July 20, 2023] The Lorain County Metro Parks' Board of Commissioners passed a resolution today to put a 1.6 mil replacement levy in front of Lorain County voters on the November ballot. The issue will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home just \$1.50 more a month.

The board determined that the generated funds from the levy would allow the park district to accomplish the goals and recommendations outlined in its Strategic Plan. Earlier this week, Metro Parks Director Jim Ziemnik presented that Strategic Plan, which includes continued efforts to:

- Preserve the county's green space
- Educate and promote healthy communities
- Sustain clean and safe parks
- Recruit and retain high-quality employees
- Improve public access to natural resources, including Lake Erie

In 2022, Lorain County Metro Parks welcomed nearly 4 million visitors. The district boasts 38 diverse properties with more than 11,000 acres of land and more than 145 miles of trails. The park district prides itself on remaining clean and safe as well as fiscally responsible. Tax levy income makes up about 70% of the district's annual operating budget.

County groups and organizations that would like a presentation of the park's Strategic Plan can request one from the Lorain County Metro Parks Speakers Bureau at bwalborn@loraincountymetroparks.com or by phone at (440) 865-7838. The Strategic Plan can also be found online at loraincountymetroparks.com/administration.

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