



DUCK POND PICNIC AREA, CARLISLE RESERVATION, LAGRANGE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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 county-wide 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.

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 76 full-time and 18 year-round, part-time employees, supplemented by up to 285 seasonal staff members in the summer months. Sixteen 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



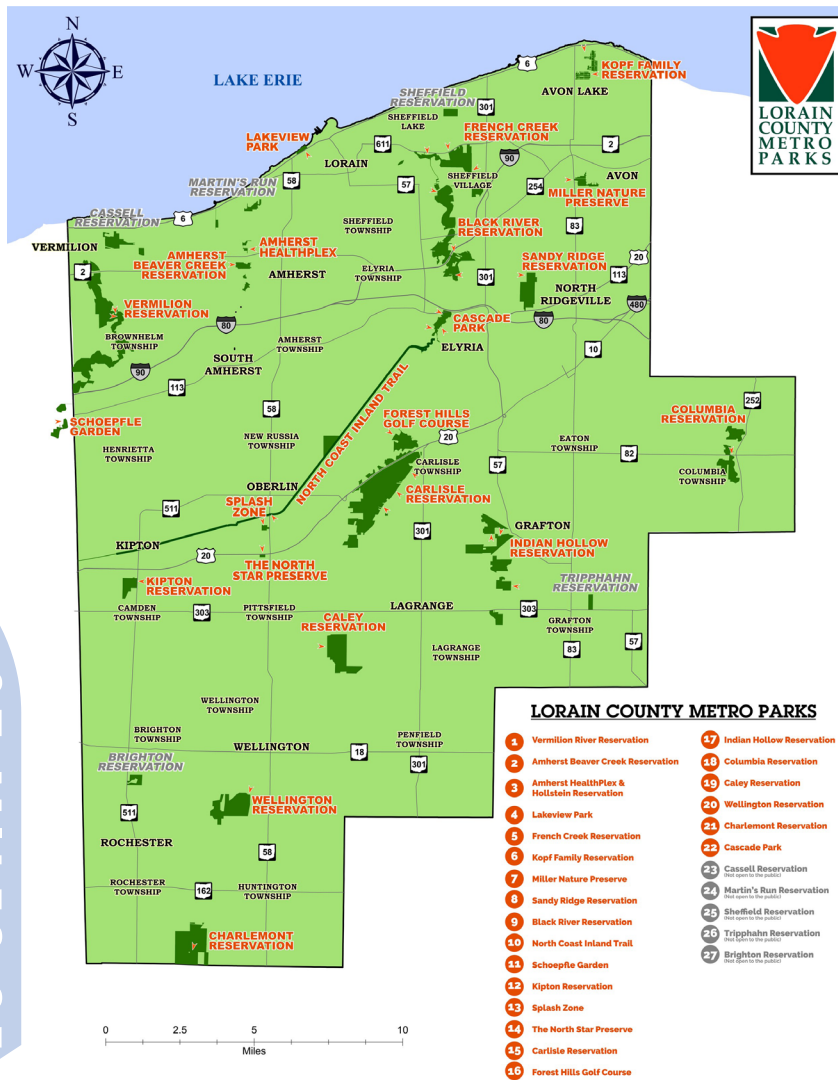
**JAMES T.
WALTHER**

PROBATE COURT JUDGE

111.2 MILES OF
MULTIPURPOSE

NEARLY
140
MILES OF TRAILS

27 MILES OF
DESIGNATED WATER



**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-SIX
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

76

TEN
NATURALISTS

10

SIXTEEN
SERVICE RANGERS

16

EIGHTEEN
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

18

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

285

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

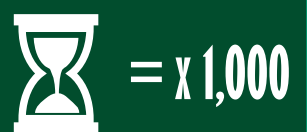
Volunteer Support is an essential element to the success of the Metro Parks. Over the past year, 413 volunteers donated 14,002 hours of their time to the Metro Parks.

FRIENDS OF THE METRO PARKS IN LORAIN COUNTY

VOLUNTEERS



HOURS DONATED
in 2019



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FROM THE YEAR 2019

LORAIN COUNTY METRO PARKS

- *LAW ENFORCEMENT 1ST PLACE AWARD FROM OHIO PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION FOR COLLABORATIVE SUICIDE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN* •

- *SIX NEW PLAYGROUNDS* •

AMHERST BEAVER CREEK RESERVATION, BLACK RIVER RESERVATION (DAY'S DAM), CARLISLE RESERVATION (DUCK POND PICNIC AREA), FRENCH CREEK RESERVATION (PINE TREE PICNIC AREA), INDIAN HOLLOW RESERVATION, SANDY RIDGE RESERVATION

- *ARROWHEAD REDESIGNED* •

- *WESWIM INITIATIVE* •

- *EXPLORE U INITIATIVE* •

- *GIRLS IN GEAR PROGRAM* •

BLACK RIVER BIKEWAY

- *PHASE 3B COMPLETED* •

CARLISLE RESERVATION

- *ADDITION TO NIELSEN OBSERVATORY COMPLETED* •
- *CHILDREN'S NATURE DISCOVERY TRAIL RENOVATED* •
- *FLOATING TREATMENT WETLANDS COMPLETED* •

HOLLSTEIN RESERVATION

- *AMHERST HEALTHPLEX PARKING LOT REPAVED* •

LAKEVIEW PARK

- *SUNSET BEACH FEST PROGRAM* •

THE NORTH STAR PRESERVE

- *WILDFLOWER MEADOW CREATED* •
- *MAPLE COOK-OFF PROGRAM* •

SPLASH ZONE

- *FACILITY ROOF REPLACED* •

PROGRAMS & VISITORS

FROM THE YEAR 2019

• METRO PARKS FACILITY USE ROOM AND PROGRAMS •

PROGRAM/FACILITY	RESERVATIONS	ATTENDANCE
Requested Programs	228	12,649
Public Programs	1,958	104,605
Senior Citizen Bus Tours	135	2,804
French Creek Theatre	57	5,092
Halloween Fair	N/A	24,763
Holiday Lights	N/A	17,217
Amherst Beaver Creek	363	17,325
Amherst HealthPlex	203	5,770
Black River Reservation	322	20,518
Carlisle Visitor Center	505	21,281
Cascade Park	114	4,970
Charlemont Reservation	7	500
Columbia Reservation	20	567
Forest Hills	N/A	20,908
French Creek Nature Center	126	5,723
Indian Hollow Reservation	105	6,921
Kopf Family Reservation	4	725
Lakeview Park	365	16,772
Miller Nature Preserve	125	2,176
Sandy Ridge (Johnson Wetland Center)	172	6,605
Schoepfle Garden	105	1,544
Splash Zone	54	620
Vermilion River Reservation (Mill Hollow)	536	28,442
Wellington Reservation	175	8,510
TOTAL	5,679	337,007

• METRO PARKS DAY-USE VISITORS •

Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation	127,926	Kipton Reservation	20,280
Amherst HealthPlex	170,559	Lakeview Park	865,443
Black River Reservation	244,564	Miller Nature Preserve	111,190
Caley Reservation	6,208	North Coast Inland Trail	31,614
Carlisle Reservation	166,988	North Star Preserve (Henry's Barn)	14,090
Cascade Park	310,516	Sandy Ridge Reservation	95,798
Columbia Reservation	74,726	Schoepfle Garden	97,256
Forest Hills Golf Course	81,088	Splash Zone	255,209
French Creek Reservation	330,544	Vermilion River Reservation	393,612
Indian Hollow Reservation	114,076	Wellington Reservation	73,564

TOTAL 3,585,251

FINANCIALS

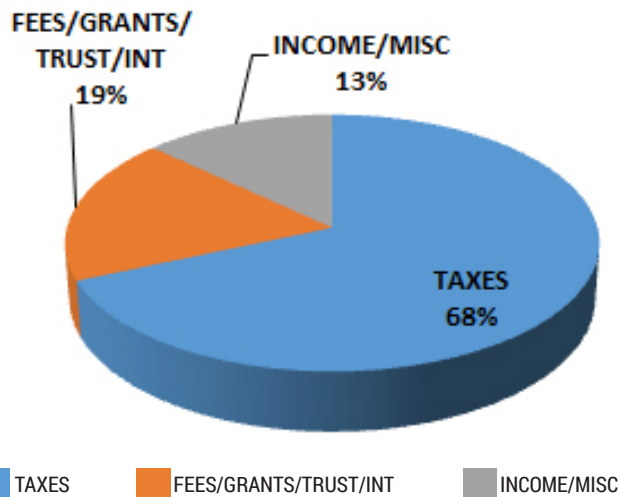
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REVENUE

Property Tax	\$10,548,738.24
Interest on Investments	\$66,286.76
Schoepfle Trust	\$230,451.95
Grants	\$1,530,616.97
Mitigations	\$50,000.00
Fees and Charges	\$972,218.91
Forest Hills Golf Course	\$307,051.00
Lakeview Park	\$70,748.42
Amherst HealthPlex	\$653,904.09
Miller Nature Preserve	\$132,156.90
North Star Preserve	\$47,221.00
Splash Zone	\$717,565.37
French Creek Theatre	\$82,306.57

TOTAL REVENUE \$15,409,266.18

Taxes	\$10,548,738.24	68%
Fees/Grants/Trust/Int	\$2,849,574.59	19%
Income/Misc	\$2,010,953.35	13%

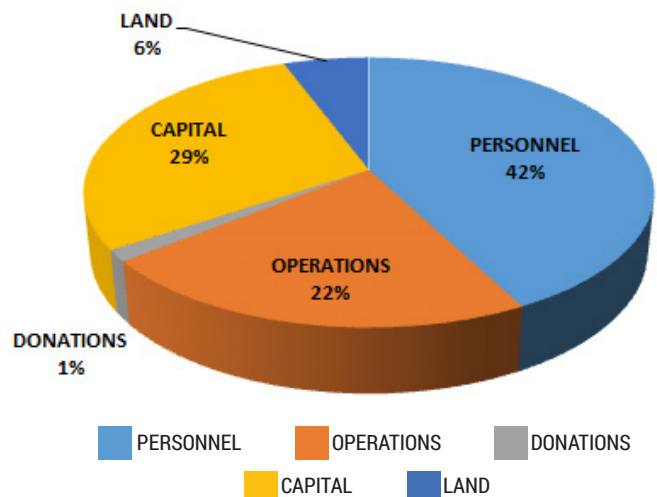


EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$4,577,344.00
Employee Fringe Benefits	\$1,544,336.07
Supplies	\$81,341.10
Programs	\$123,020.23
Materials	\$788,289.33
Repairs/Rentals	\$66,073.57
Utilities/Service	\$1,513,291.90
Advertising/Displays/Printing	\$124,625.50
Projects	\$103,836.48
Seminars/Training	\$22,250.08
Equipment	\$343,931.17
Designated Donations	\$198,582.73
Land Acquisition	\$823,058.22
Capital Improvements/Contracts	\$3,557,436.26
Grants/Misc	\$593,586.83

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$14,461,003.47

Personnel	\$6,121,680.07	42%
Operations	\$3,166,659.36	22%
Donations	\$198,582.73	1%
Capital	\$4,151,023.09	29%
Land	\$823,058.22	6%





DEER RUN TRAIL, CARLISLE RESERVATION, LAGRANGE



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