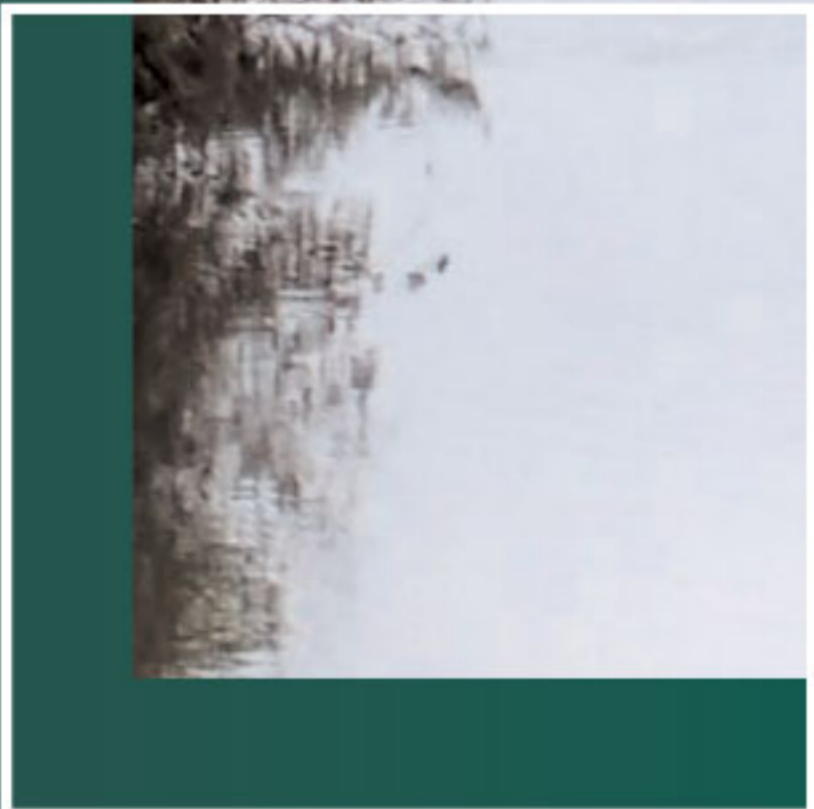


*Lorain County Metro Parks*  
**2006**  
*Annual Report*  
*To the Citizens of Lorain County*





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## *Board of Park Commissioners*



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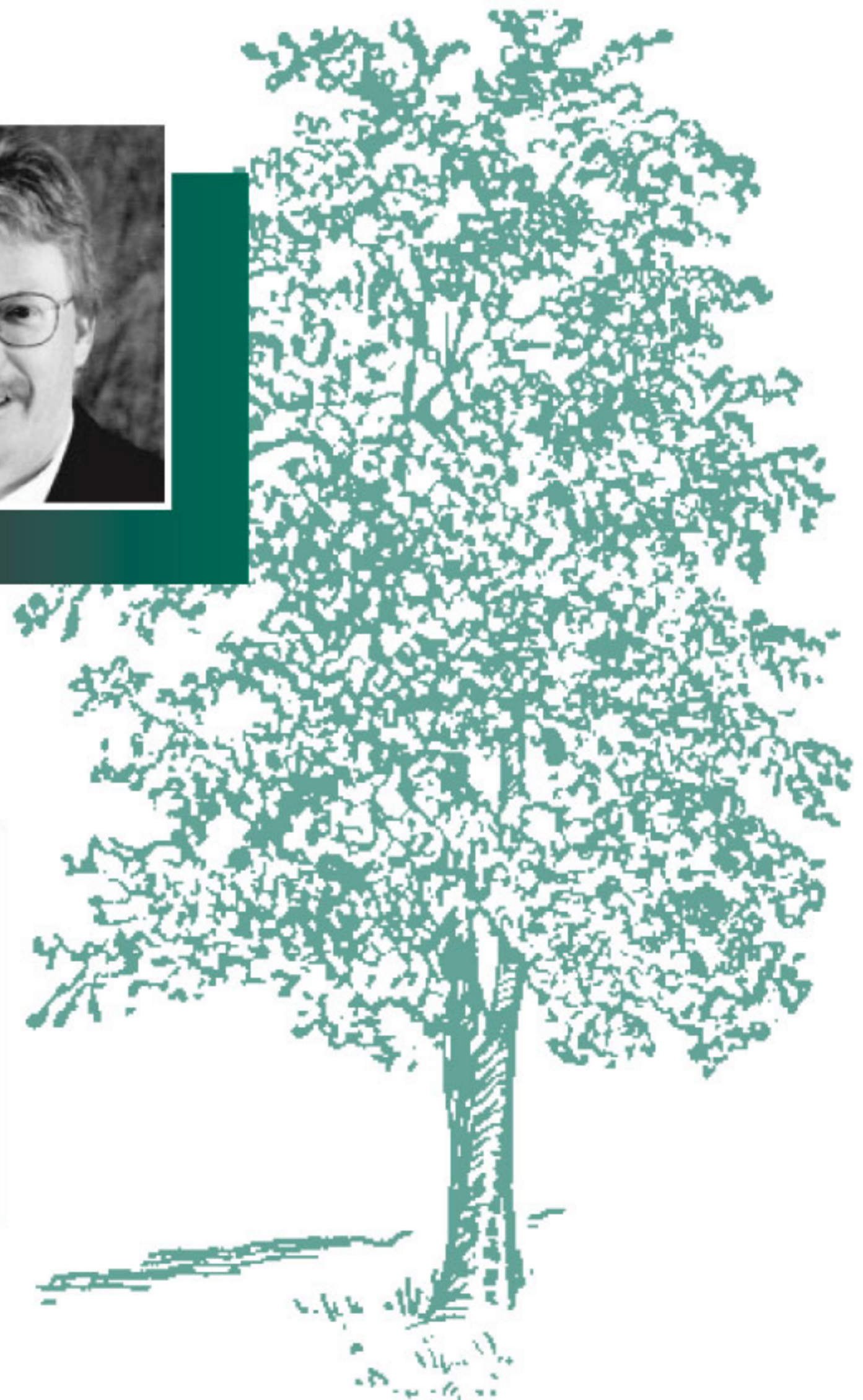
## *Director Secretary*

James D. Martin



## *Probate Court Judge*

Frank J. Horvath



# Your Metro Parks



- ★ *Amherst Beaver Creek*
- ★ *Avon Lake Reservation*
- ★ *Black River Reservation*
- ★ *Caley Reservation*
- ★ *Carlisle Reservation*
- ★ *Charlemont Reservation*
- ★ *Columbia Reservation*
- ★ *Forest Hills Golf Center*
- ★ *French Creek Reservation*
- ★ *Indian Hollow Reservation*
- ★ *Kipton Reservation*
- ★ *Lakeview Park*
- ★ *Miller Nature Preserve*
- ★ *North Coast Inland Trail*
- ★ *Sandy Ridge Reservation*
- ★ *Schoepfle Garden*
- ★ *Vermilion River Reservation*
- ★ *Wellington Reservation*

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 1.3 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 and nature programs and facility rentals.

Lorain County Metro Parks is governed by a three-member Board of Park Commissioners, which is appointed by the Lorain County Probate Court Judge and serves without pay. The Board of Park Commissioners is responsible for policy and decision making. The Director/Secretary is responsible for the daily management of the Metro Parks.

The Lorain County Metro Parks staff is comprised of 54 full-time and 10 year-around, part-time employees, supplemented by up to 55 seasonal staff members in the summer months. Fourteen members of the Metro Parks' ranger staff are certified Ohio Peace Officers. The rangers are responsible for the public safety in the Metro Parks and are also assigned park maintenance and supervisory duties. Other staff members maintain reservations, perform administrative and accounting duties, conduct educational programming and special event activities in the park district.

Volunteer support is an essential element to the success of the Metro Parks. Over the past year, volunteers donated over 25,000 hours of their time to the Metro Parks. The organization, known as The Friends of Metro Parks in Lorain Count Inc. now totals over 550 members.

# Lorain County Metro Parks

Wellington Reservation opened in the fall of 2006. The Reservation offers residents fishing and boating opportunities as well as walking trails and the Wellington Visitor Center.



Donation Program -The new donation program went on-line in July, offering donors to the Lakeview Park Rose Garden the opportunity to view their gift and to remember their loved ones by accessing the internet.

WELCOME TO  
**LAKEVIEW PARK**  
Lorain, Ohio

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**Donation:** Rose at Lakeview  
**In Memory of:** James Smith  
**Donated By:** Roberta Smith

Map: The donated rose can be found in Rose Bed 16.

James Smith visited Lakeview Beach weekly to play Lawn Bowling and to visit friends. He never missed an opportunity to come to the beach, even when it was too cold to go swimming. He felt at peace hearing the sounds of the waves crashing against the shore, and loved to feed the seagulls.

James Smith and grandson Matt

Lake Erie  
N  
W E  
S  
West Erie Avenue

Lakeview Park - Renovations began at this historical park in Lorain, culminating in a re-dedication of the Rose Garden on July 4, 2006. Ongoing renovations in 2007 will prove this park to be among the best in Ohio.



## *District Accomplishments*



Midview Soccer Complex - A joint effort between the Midview Soccer Association and the Metro Parks provided 12 soccer fields, concession area, restrooms and shelters on Chamberlain Rd. in Grafton Township.



Australia: The Wonders Down Under - The 2006 annual mid-winter exhibit ended in February with 25,000 visitors enjoying a visit down under, complete with kangaroos and wallabies.



Urban Adventure Program - The Metro Parks was a sponsor of the Lorain County Urban League's Adventure Program. Thirty teenage youth were exposed to the staff and resources of the Metro Parks, offering choices for alternative behaviors.

# Park Programs

The Lorain County Metro Parks' naturalist staff conducted 583 requested programs (those programs requested by outside groups) and 875 public programs (those listed in *The Arrowhead*, the District's newsletter) with over 70,000 people in attendance.



## Metro Parks Facility, Room Use and Programs

Requested Programs (583).....	30,905
Public Programs (875).....	39,573
Senior Citizen Bus Tours (106).....	2,146
Halloween/Holiday Lights .....	28,207
Amherst Beaver Creek (342).....	9,421
Carlisle Visitor Center (460).....	15,983
Carriage Barn (176).....	5,809
Forest Hills.....	32,376
French Creek Nature Center (107).....	4,772
Johnson Wetland Center (110).....	3,691
Schoepfle Garden (45).....	868
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>173,751</b>

## Park Day-Use Visitors

Amherst.....	169,000
Black River.....	334,598
Caley.....	9,160
Carlisle.....	138,588
Columbia.....	77,833
French Creek.....	174,257
Indian Hollow.....	62,756
North Coast Trail.....	125,000
Sandy Ridge.....	48,052
Lakeview.....	284,355
Schoepfle Garden.....	53,541
Splash Zone.....	180,678
Vermilion.....	174,250
Wellington.....	3,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,008,819</b>

(Facility and day-use visitors)

*Financial  
Summary  
as of  
December 31,  
2006*



*Revenue*

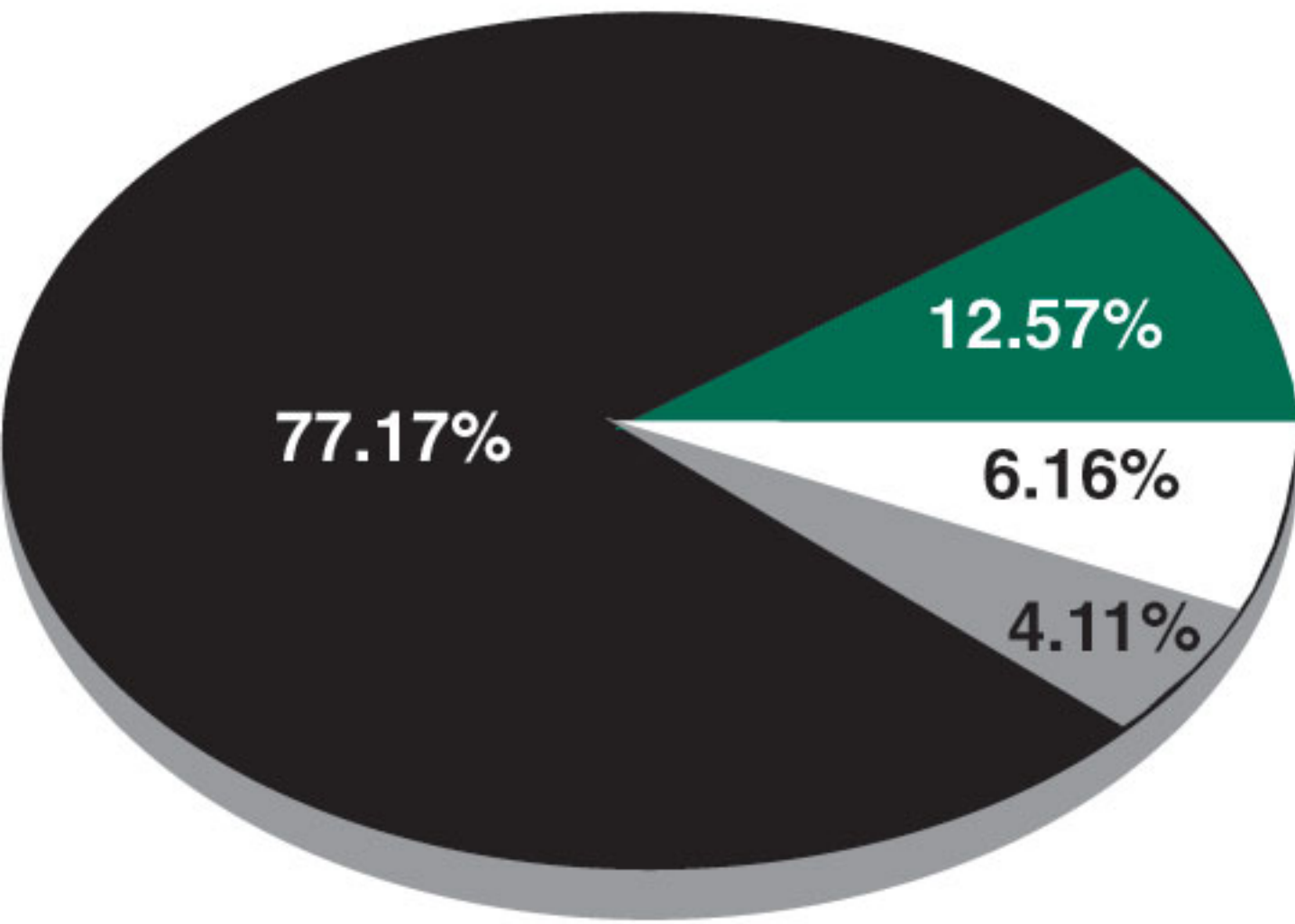
Property Tax.....	\$8,345,398
Interest on Investments.....	276,239
Schoepfle Trust.....	281,399
Forest Hills Golf Course.....	373,988
Grants.....	6,145
Fees and Charges.....	436,717
Donations & Sponsors.....	444,029
Refunds/Reimbursements/Misc.....	102,073
Splash Zone.....	548,556
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>10,814,544</b>

*Expenditures*

Salaries.....	\$2,511,050
Employee Fringe Benefits.....	775,244
Supplies.....	61,758
Programs.....	90,289
Materials.....	392,247
Repairs/Rentals.....	39,513
Utilities/Service.....	502,417
Advertising/Displays/Printing.....	157,636
Projects.....	62,010
Seminars/Training.....	10,800
Designated Donations.....	442,570
Equipment.....	265,048
Land Acquisition.....	516,585
Capital Improvements/Contacts.....	2,612,714
Misc.....	295,567
<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>8,735,448</b>

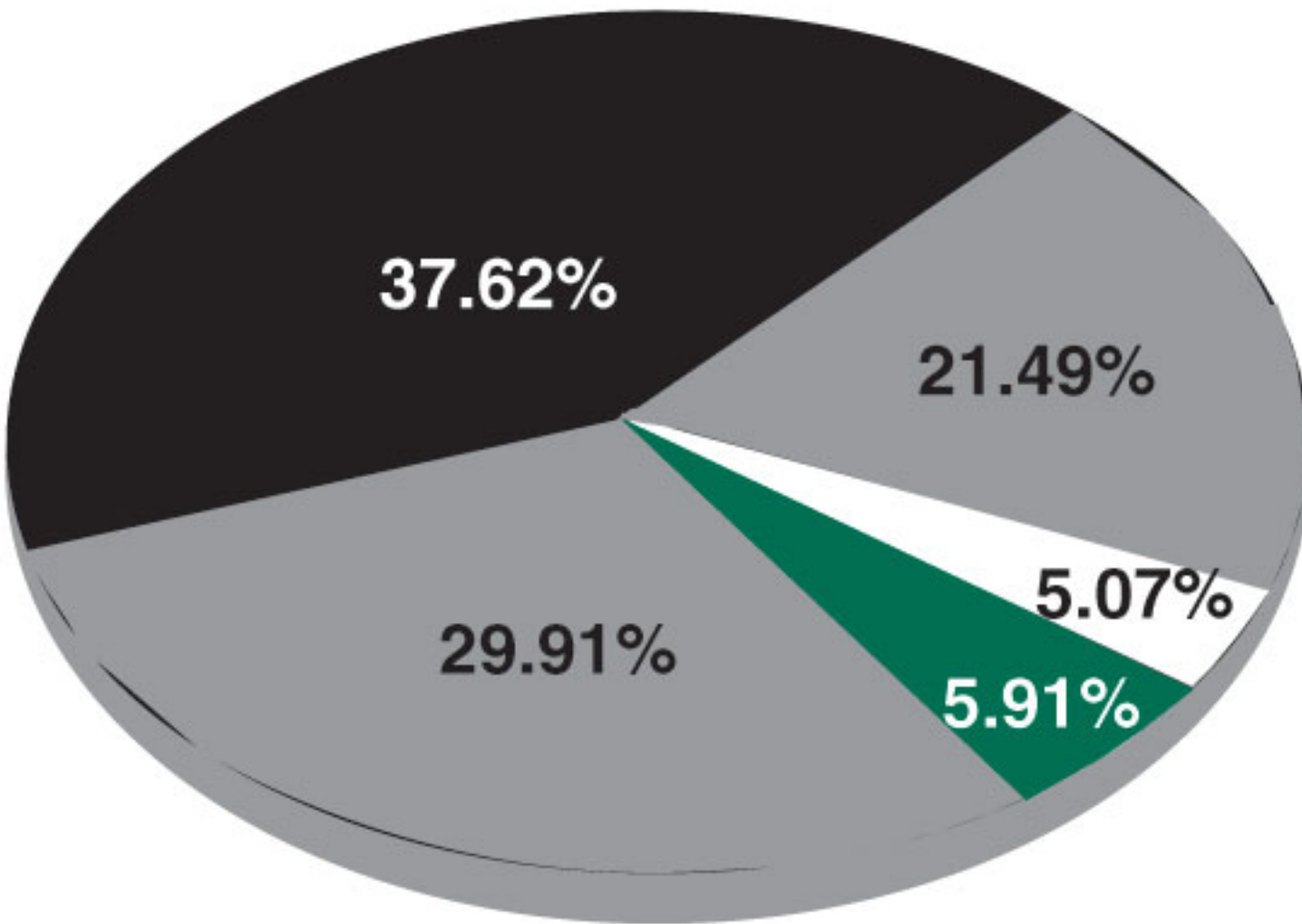






### *2006 Revenue*

Taxes.....	\$8,345,398.....	77.17%
Fees.....	\$1,359,261.....	12.57%
Donations.....	\$444,029.....	4.11%
Misc.....	\$665,856.....	6.16%
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10,814,544.....</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



### *2006 Expenditures*

Personnel.....	\$3,286,294.....	37.62%
Operations.....	\$1,877,285.....	21.49%
Donations.....	\$442,570.....	5.07%
Capital.....	\$2,612,714.....	29.91%
Land.....	\$516,585.....	5.91%
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,735,448.....</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### **About this publication**

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, 2007.