



**MetroParks**  
of Butler County

# Strategic Plan 2026



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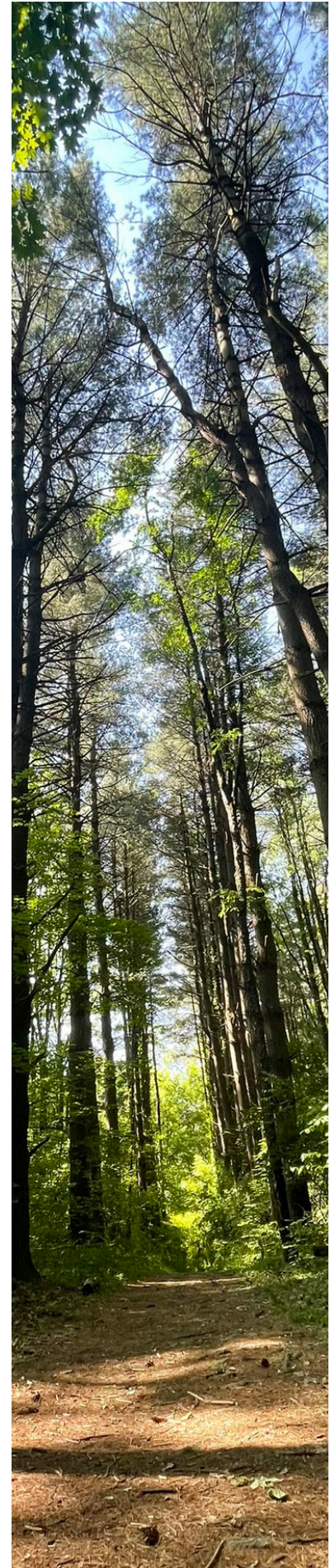
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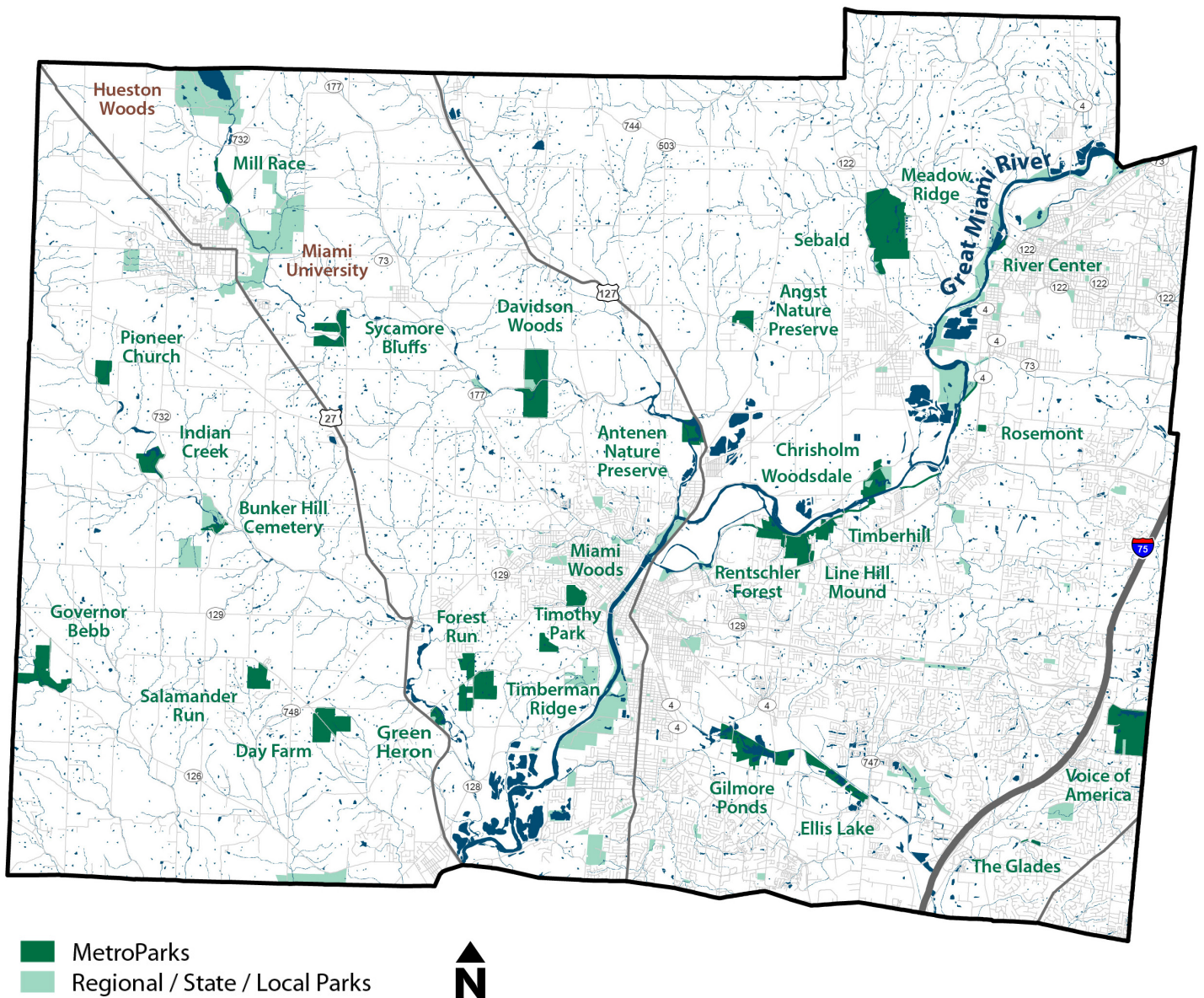
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# INTRODUCTION

With nearly 5,000 acres of open space across Butler County, Ohio, MetroParks of Butler County (MetroParks) manages and stewards 25 parks and regional trails for both outdoor recreation and conservation. These spaces are a fixture in the daily lives of Butler County residents and a major draw for visitors as well. MetroParks, founded in 1955, operates with the mission to “provide an exceptional park system that maximizes the community’s quality of life through **conservation**, **education**, and **recreation**. This Strategic Plan builds on efforts before it and lays out a roadmap for the next ten years.



# WHAT IS A STRATEGIC PLAN?

A strategic plan is a foundational document that guides an organization's future by defining its mission, vision, and long-term goals. It serves as a road map for managing resources, prioritizing community needs, and ensuring financial sustainability. Typically developed through public input, these plans help organizations adapt to changing demographics and effectively serve their communities.

## **Core components of the plan:**

### ***Mission & Vision***

Defines the organization's core purpose, long-term aspirations, and guiding values.

### ***Goals***

Represent overarching, desired outcomes that align with the mission and vision.

### ***Objectives/Strategies***

Recommended actions (programs, projects, investments) that are aimed at achieving goals.

### ***Community Input***

Incorporates feedback from residents, stakeholders, and staff through surveys, open houses, and focus groups to ensure the plan reflects actual community needs and aspirations.



# METROPARKS' MISSION, VISION & VALUES

## MISSION

To provide an exceptional park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation.

## VISION

To awaken the explorer in everyone

## VALUES

### WE ARE ENGAGED

We have a passion for our work and have fun while serving. We encourage connection and teamwork and empower others to do their best.

### WE ARE COLLABORATIVE

We thrive on working in our communities. We are curious and explore creative ways to strengthen relationships.

### WE ARE WELCOMING

We aspire to provide positive, unique experiences. We believe parks are for everyone.

### WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

We understand the responsibility entrusted to us and are committed stewards of the public's resources. We pursue excellence in service, integrity, and efficiency.

## WHY WE PLAN

We plan to help think about the future of MetroParks, how it can best serve the residents, and ultimately be a valuable contributor to the quality of life, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality of Butler County for many generations to come. Understanding current strengths and weaknesses, gaining critical input from stakeholders and the general public, and setting a clear course for the future is an important step toward MetroParks' continued success.

- **Accountability:** Provides a basis for reporting progress to the public and demonstrating the district's value.
- **Adaptability:** Allows the district to remain resilient by evaluating external factors and adjusting objectives to stay relevant.
- **Efficiency:** Directs funding and staff efforts toward the highest-priority initiatives, ensuring that tax dollars and other resources are used effectively.
- **Sustainability:** Helps the district plan for long-term financial health and the ongoing maintenance of parks, trails, and green spaces

MetroParks' unique role as a county-wide park provider allows it to bridge service gaps, coordinate across jurisdictions, and lead with efficiency—ensuring that every dollar invested stretches further to benefit all residents.



# WHY PARKS ARE IMPORTANT

Parks provide many benefits that improve the quality of daily life. Parks serve as resident attractors, business attractors, tourist destinations, health and wellness centers, community living rooms, laboratories and classrooms, culture and natural history landmarks, and contribute towards environmental health.

## Resident Attractors

Parks also **increase property values** of nearby homes, which are seen as more desirable by being near green space; 84% of U.S. adults seek quality parks and recreation when choosing a place to live.



## Business Attractors

**Quality of life** ranks as second highest factor that companies consider when selecting where to locate. The benefits that parks provide make it easier for employers to attract and retain talent, increasing the economic competitiveness of the region.



## Tourist Destinations

Parks play a major role in the county's tourism economy. Some parks are **tourist attractions** in themselves, while others serve as great venues for festivals and sport events that attract visitors who spend money at local businesses.



## Health and Wellness Centers

Experiences in nature provide proven benefits to the **mind and body**. In addition to easing stress and supporting mental health, spending time outdoors is associated with lower rates of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, certain cancers, and obesity. Children who regularly play outside experience lower rates of asthma and heat-related illnesses. It is estimated that, at a regional level, activities on protected open space account for millions of dollars in avoided medical costs annually and are responsible for millions more in gains from increased productivity at work.



## Community Living Rooms

Parks are where communities and neighbors come together to celebrate, play, and be entertained. They are a neighborhood's **living room** and **everyone's backyard**.



## Laboratories and Classrooms

Ohio's abundant and diverse natural resources provide opportunities to **connect residents and visitors to nature** through high-quality outdoor recreation and education opportunities. Parks offer the ability to cultivate the **next generation of park stewards**. Parks also provide opportunities to expand **partnership efforts with local schools and organizations** to engage students and provide STEM programs.



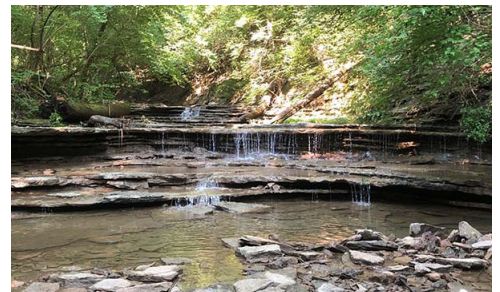
## Cultural and Natural History Landmarks

Many of MetroParks' parks incorporate cultural and historic sites that provide visitors the opportunity to learn about and **celebrate the unique stories** of the site and its surrounding area/community. Sites include an historic farmstead, a pioneer village, a covered bridge, historic cemeteries, a Miami and Erie Canal site, and the USS Cincinnati Peace Pavilion.



## Environmental Health

MetroParks' lands, especially those near waterways, **absorb water** and reduce the frequency and severity of floods. They also **replenish the groundwater table** and protect drinking water supplies. These functions benefit local municipal waterworks by lowering their water treatment costs. Parks **remove pollution from the air** by absorbing and sequestering carbon from cars, industries, and other sources. The green spaces in parks have cooling effects on the surrounding areas, caused by expanses of asphalt and roofscapes. Parks provide **connected habitats** for a range of wildlife species that are essential for healthy ecosystems. Partnering with the agricultural community to educate and promote best practices for **ecological conservation** and for **managed runoff** from agricultural lands will help reduce adverse water quality impacts to waterways and environmentally sensitive ecosystems.





# HOW WE PLAN

The plan was developed over the course of 16 months with significant outreach and analysis. During that process, thousands of ideas were shared for the future of the MetroParks system at events, in surveys, and focus group conversations.

## **The Planning Process**

The planning process began in January 2025 when the MetroParks Project Team selected a consultant to aid in developing the plan. The public provided their input during in-person and online engagement. There were two main phases of work.

### **Phase 1: Awareness & Exploration**

During the Awareness Phase, the consultant team spent time getting familiar with MetroParks as an organization, the Butler County community, and understanding the mission and aspirations of the key stakeholders. With input from individuals and groups, we formed an understanding of the project background, previous work, existing assets, and future needs. We gathered community and stakeholder input, we collected data on natural and cultural resources, we mapped key features and resources of the community, we gathered an understanding of MetroParks' short-term and long-term goals. It is in this first phase that the spirit of MetroParks and the Butler County community, the unique opportunities and challenges of the parks system, and the desired outcomes are identified and articulated.

### **Phase 2: Vision**

The input collected during the first phase of work allowed the consultant team to assess the needs and values of the community, which directly informed the vision, organized as goals and recommended strategies for how to accomplish them. This vision will serve as a blueprint for MetroParks over the next 10 years.

A summary of engagement feedback is included in the appendix.

# ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

## Pop-Up Events & Community Surveys

MetroParks sought feedback at six community events (17 Strong Neighborhood Summit, Trenton Arbor Day, Hamilton Pride, Monarch Festival, West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance Expo, and Fun on the Farm) during the summer of 2025 where they shared information about the strategic plan and asked for feedback on the following questions:

- What makes Butler County unique and special?
- What makes MetroParks of Butler County unique and special?
- What are MetroParks' strengths?
- What are areas that MetroParks can improve?
- What partnership opportunities could MetroParks and your organization collaborate on to make a positive impact in the region?
- Where are there opportunities?
- What's missing from our parks?
- What is the #1 thing MetroParks could do to improve the region?

To expand participation opportunities beyond the in-person events, an online community survey that included the same questions as in-person events was offered. The survey was shared on Facebook and with several online neighborhood groups.



## Focus Groups

As part of the outreach, 10 in-person and virtual focus groups were held with stakeholders from the community to gather input and guide discussions around emerging plan themes. Those engaged were selected based on input from MetroParks. The focus groups were organized into the following groups: Board of Park Commissioners, MetroParks Managers, MetroParks Staff, conservation, recreation, trails and connectivity, education and cultural/historical resources, business and nonprofits, civic and community leaders, and health and wellness. Attendees were provided background information about MetroParks and were asked the same questions as those who attended the public pop-up events and took the digital survey.



## Statistically Valid Survey

MetroParks partnered with ETC Institute to administer a needs assessment survey during the summer of 2025. This survey ensured that a demographically representative cross-section of Butler County residents were reached early in the planning process. Their input was used to help determine park, facility, and recreation priorities for the community.

ETC's Needs Assessment Survey Executive Summary is included in the appendix.

Information and results from all engagement opportunities were used to inform the resulting vision, goals, and strategies.

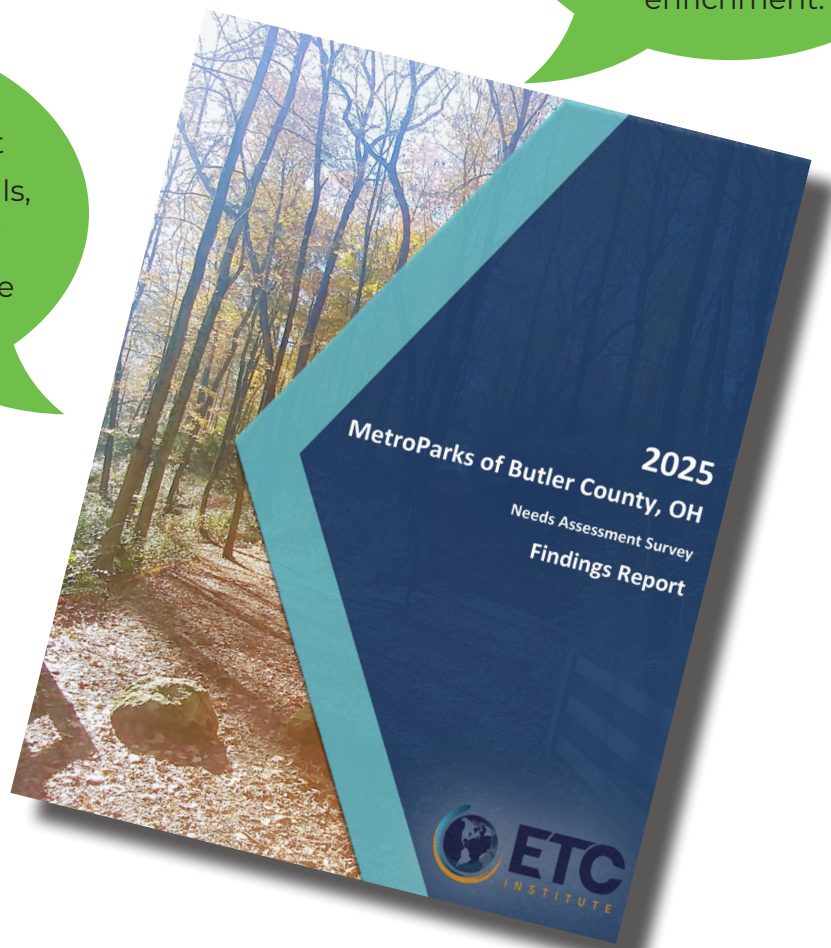
Residents recognize the value of MetroParks.

Utilize social media, website, and emails to communicate and increase awareness of park sites and programs/ events.

Top priorities for program growth include wellness programming and historical and cultural enrichment.

Top priorities for amenity investment include: multi-use trails, shade, picnic areas/ shelters, and a nature center.

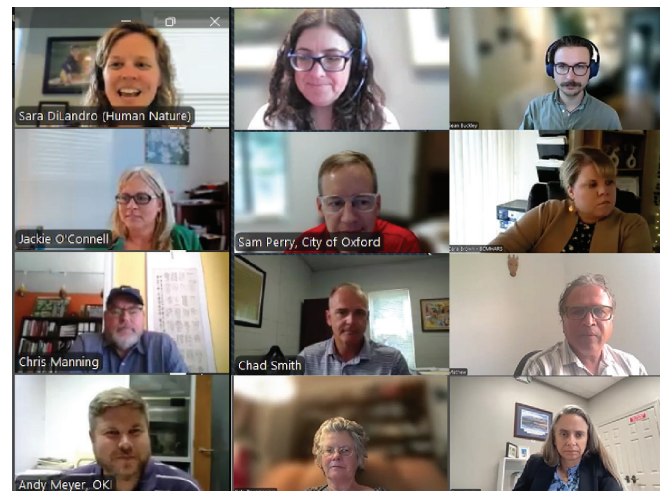
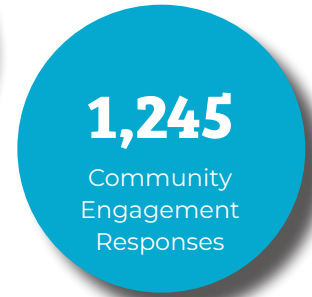
Improving and maintaining existing assets was a top priority when allocating funding.



# KEY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

Key findings emerged throughout statistically valid survey responses and engagement activities (pop up events, community surveys, and focus groups) during the planning process:

- Enhance park infrastructure and accessibility
- Complete regional trail connectivity
- Strengthen community awareness and engagement
- Expand and diversify recreational opportunities
- Advance conservation and natural resource stewardship
- Strengthen educational programming and community connection
- Ensure organizational sustainability and operational excellence
- Foster equity and inclusive access
- Invest in multi-use hiking, biking, walking trails
- Invest in shade and trees
- Invest in picnic areas and shelters
- Desire for environmental/nature education center
- Invest in adult fitness and wellness programs
- Invest in historical programs
- Invest in cultural enrichment programs
- Improve/maintain existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities
- Activate the river










# BENCHMARKING - HOW METROPARKS COMPARES

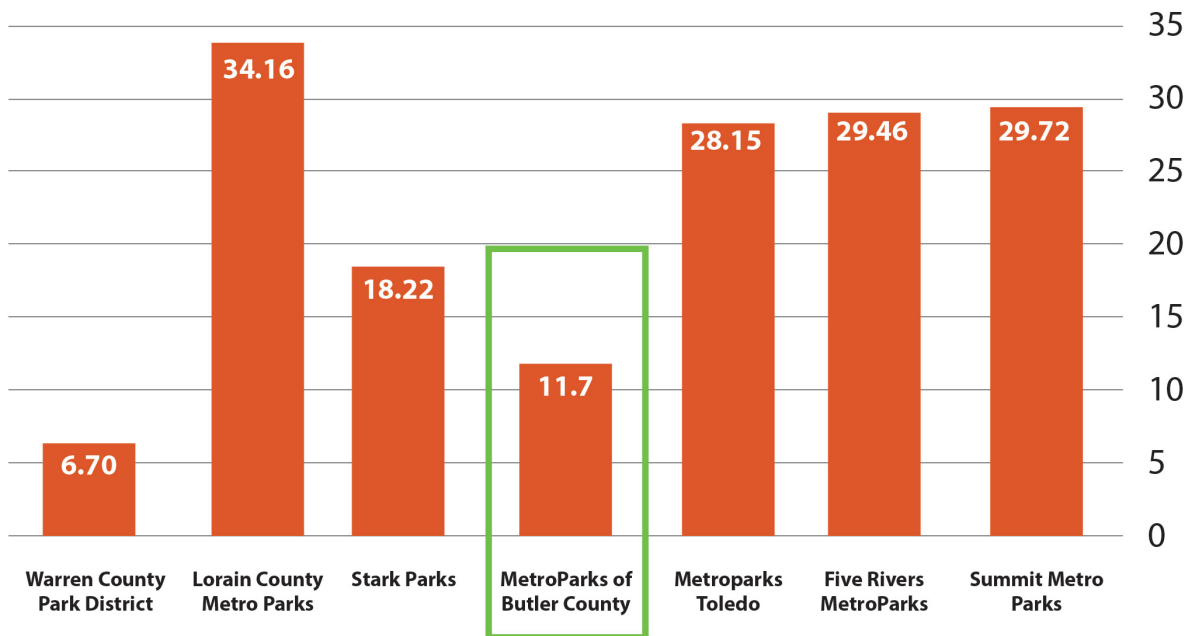
Peer park districts in Ohio were selected for a brief analysis based on population size to determine how MetroParks compares to other districts across the state.

These are:

- Warren County Park District
- Lorain County MetroParks
- Stark Parks
- MetroParks Toledo
- Five Rivers MetroParks
- Summit Metro Parks

	County	Park District	Population
	Warren	Warren County Park District	256,148
	Lorain	Lorain County Metro Parks	322,030
	Stark	Stark Parks	374,091
	Butler	MetroParks of Butler County	399,542
	Lucas	Metroparks Toledo	426,291
	Montgomery	Five Rivers MetroParks	537,443
	Summit	Summit Metro Parks	538,370

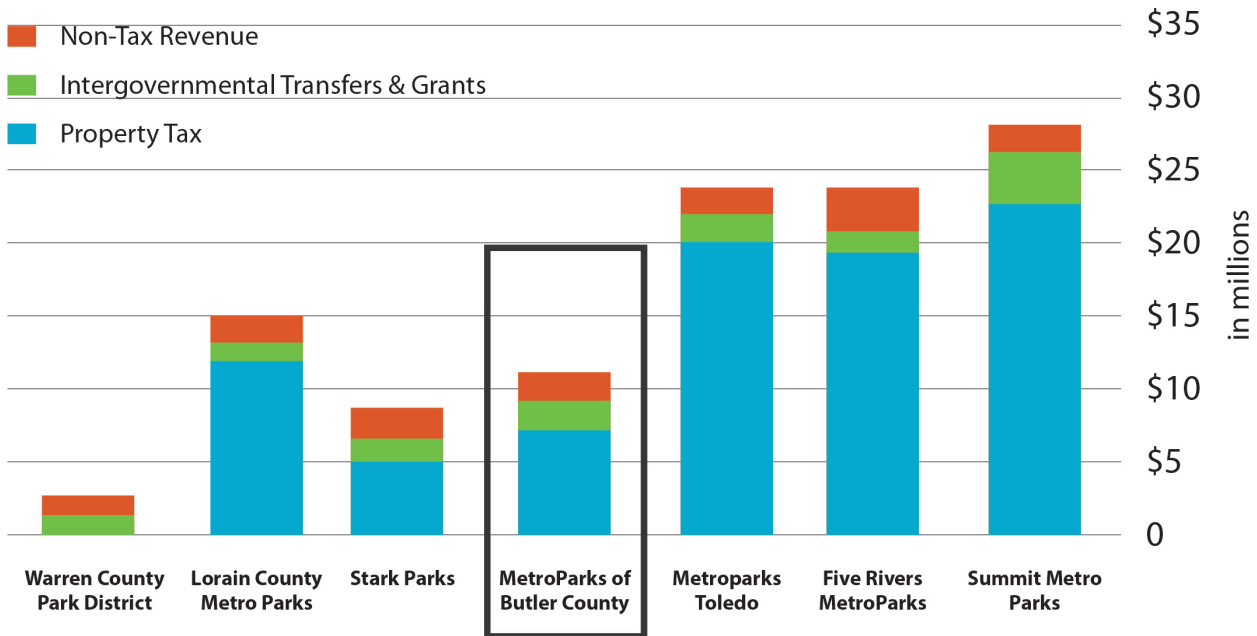
**Acres of Park District Land Per 1,000 Residents**



Note: Does not include county assets managed by other entities (i.e., Hueston Woods, Fernald, city/township parks).

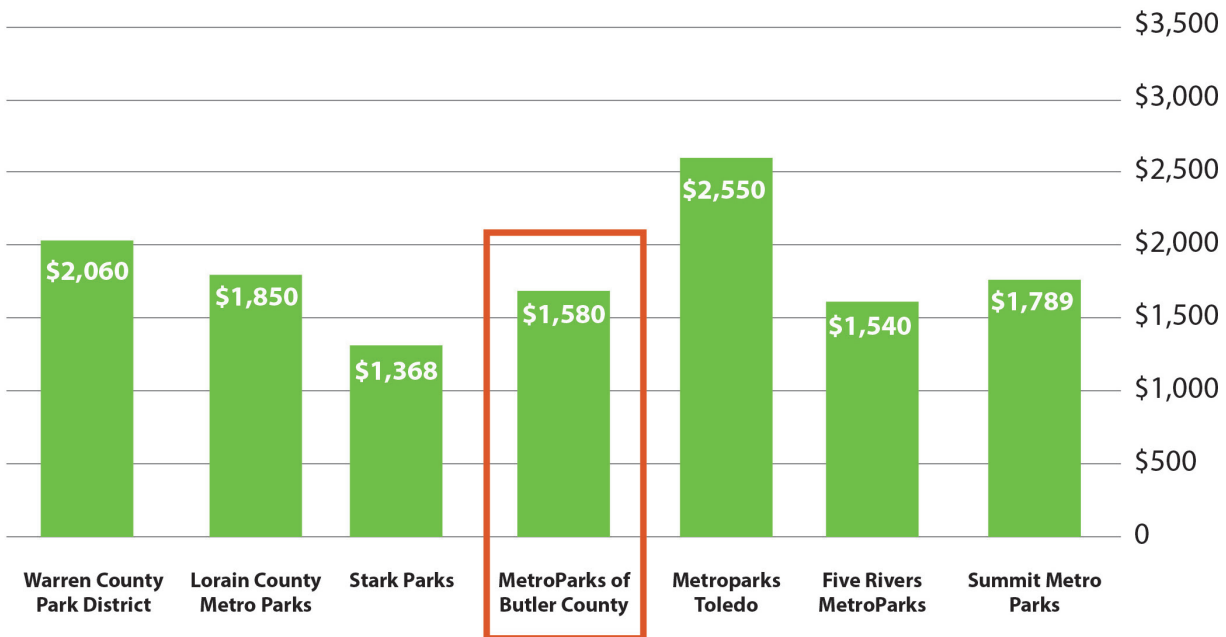
This chart compares the amount of Park District land being preserved by peer counties, adjusted by population. To ensure an accurate comparison, only park district data is included and county assets that are managed by other entities (i.e. Hueston Woods, city/township parks) are excluded.

## Annual Funding



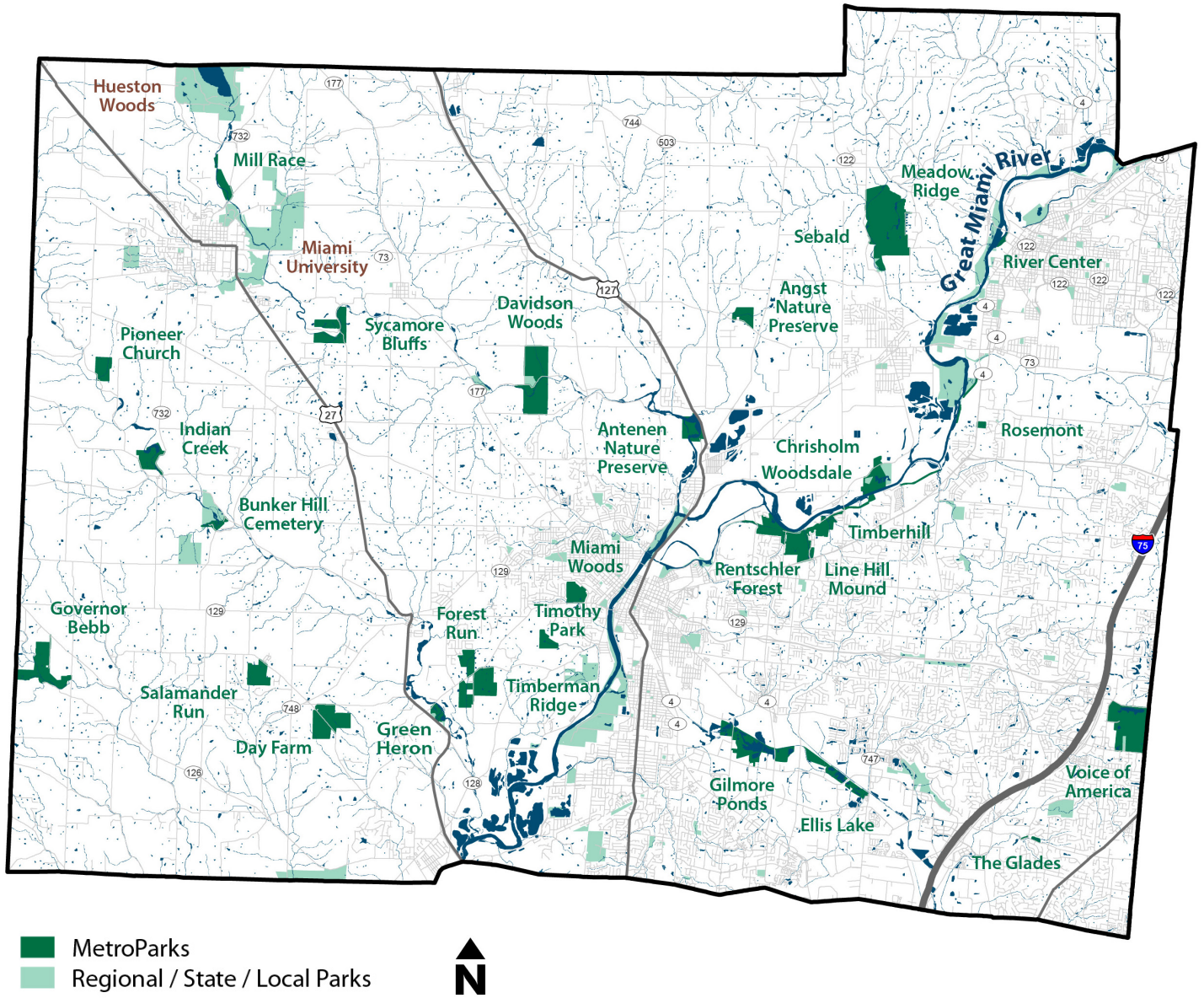
This chart compares the amount of funding that peer park districts have available to preserve and manage parks, trails, and green space.

## Operating Cost Annual Funding Per Acre



This chart compares the amount of funding available to maintain and manage each acre of green space within the Park District.

# THE SYSTEM

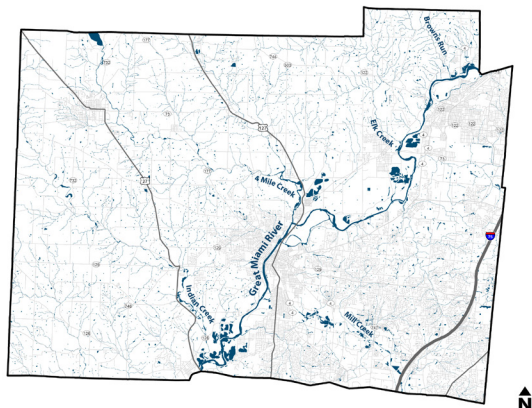


# NON-METROPARK OPEN SPACES

Parks operated by MetroParks are only one kind of open space in Butler County. The comprehensive parks and open space network is made up of a variety of sites with different owners, amenities, and programming.

## River Corridors

The network of streams, rivers, and tributaries forms the skeletal framework for the natural open space systems in Butler County. The Great Miami River is the spine that connects tributaries and upland areas to major streams such as Indian Creek, Four Mile Creek, and Mill Creek. River corridors provide access to nature and are increasingly being celebrated as blueways and greenways that offer both water and land trail opportunities that connect locally and regionally.



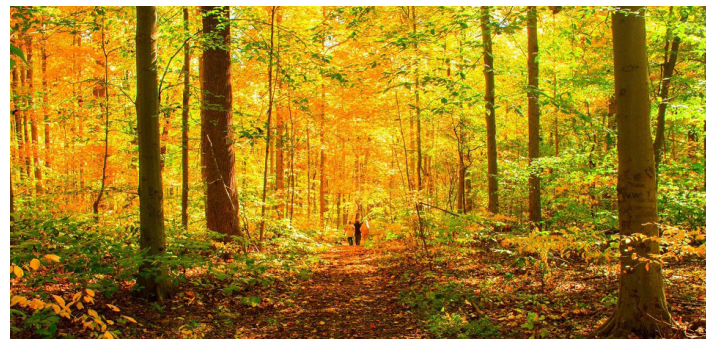
## Local Trails

Local trails that are owned and managed by jurisdictions within Butler County can be part of the larger regional trail network such as the Great Miami River Trail or they can stand on their own with the opportunity to connect to regional systems in the future. Some of these trails include the following:

- Great Miami River Trail
- Miami 2 Miami Trail
- Mill Creek Greenway - Triangle Trail
- Oxford Area Trails

## State Parks / Open Spaces

Hueston Woods comprises over 3,500 acres of open green space and protected woodland. Miami University features over 1,000 acres of protected natural areas with 23 miles of hiking trails, serving as a green belt around the Oxford campus.



## Municipal Parks

There are municipally owned parks all across Butler County, such as the cities of Fairfield, Hamilton, Middletown, and Oxford. Many of these are neighborhood parks, with a combination of green space, plazas, playgrounds, picnic areas, ponds, and sports fields or courts.

## Other Privately Owned Lands

Many other kinds of open space are available in Butler County, such as golf courses, natural areas, walking trails, and community gardens. Private landowners, including private nonprofit organizations, often own these spaces and offer varying levels of public access.



# THE PLAN - GOALS

## CONSERVATION

**Goal 1:** Protect and enhance the ecological and wildlife habitat value of MetroPark land.

**Goal 2:** Strategically acquire additional land to preserve biodiversity, ecological integrity, and equitable open space access.

## EDUCATION

**Goal 1:** Strengthen community awareness of MetroPark parks and programming.

**Goal 2:** Engage with the community by enhancing educational programming and events.

## RECREATION

**Goal 1:** Enhance existing park infrastructure and accessibility to create a quality visitor experience for users of all ages and abilities.

**Goal 2:** Provide a variety of outdoor recreation experiences across the park system, while retaining and refining the unique identity, character, and purpose of each park within the system.

**Goal 3:** Develop a connected network of green space and trails.

## ORGANIZATION

**Goal 1:** Strive for operational excellence.

**Goal 2:** Ensure organizational sustainability.

**Goal 3:** Encourage collaboration from across jurisdictions to link and strengthen an open space network across the County.

# CONSERVATION

**Goal 1:** Protect and enhance the **ecological** and **wildlife habitat** value of MetroPark land.

## Action 1.1

Understand the wildlife and habitats that exist on MetroParks land through **data collection and research**.

## Action 1.2

**Enhance the ecological and wildlife habitat value** of MetroPark land while maintaining an appropriate balance of recreational opportunities.

## Action 1.3

**Develop and implement land management plans** for each site that include clear habitat restoration strategies, including riparian zones and fallow farm fields.

## Action 1.4

Develop a comprehensive **invasive species management program**.

## Action 1.5

**Increase shade trees** throughout the park system, with focus on shade needs at Voice of America and other high-use areas.

## Action 1.6

**Continue to establish pollinator habitats** with educational signage about native plants and wildlife.

## Action 1.7

**Create wildlife viewing infrastructure** (observation decks, bird blinds, viewing platforms).

## Action 1.8

**Preserve and restore** headwater streams, wetlands and other ecologically significant habitats and partner with land trusts to protect ecological systems.



# CONSERVATION

**Goal 2:** Strategically **acquire** additional land to **preserve biodiversity, ecological integrity,** and **equitable open space access.**

## Action 2.1

Proactively pursue acquisition of **ecologically valuable land** in Butler County for conservation and park development, focusing on areas not currently served by MetroParks.

## Action 2.2

Prioritize acquisition of **land along major waterways and any critical tributaries** to help connect existing MetroParks and strengthen riparian greenways.

## Action 2.3

Prioritize acquisition of **land contiguous to existing park land** to create larger wildlife spaces.

## Action 2.4

Acquire **biologically valuable land around areas that are being developed** to reduce impact of habitat fragmentation and create oases for wildlife.



# EDUCATION

**Goal 1:** Strengthen community **awareness** of MetroPark parks and programming.

## Action 1.1

**Increase public awareness of MetroParks brand and offerings**, through community surveys, visitor counts, and program attendance.

## Action 1.2

**Update website and digital platforms** to improve user experience, accessibility, and program discovery.

## Action 1.3

**Launch comprehensive digital marketing strategy** including social media expansion, email newsletters, and targeted advertising.

## Action 1.4

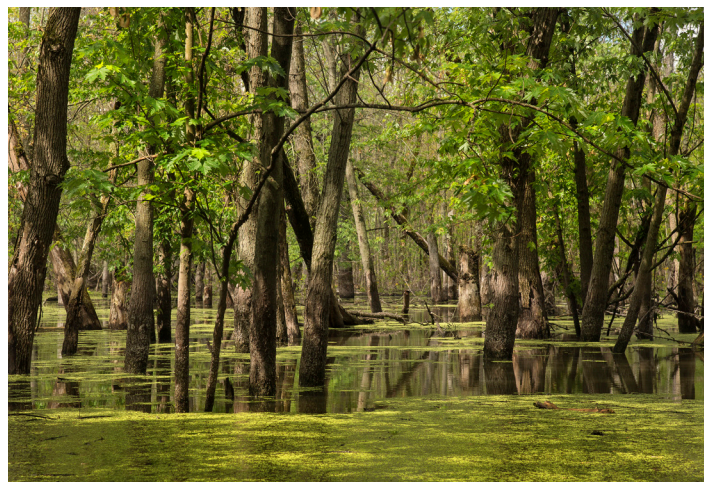
**Continue to build/strengthen partnerships with local jurisdictions and community organizations**, including schools, health systems, and civic groups.

## Action 1.5

**Host signature annual community events** that showcase parks and build brand recognition.

## Action 1.6

Continue providing a **“Parks for All” outreach program** that brings programming directly into underserved areas and develop branding to increase awareness.



# EDUCATION

**Goal 2:** Engage with the community by enhancing educational **programming** and **events**.

## Action 2.1

**Establish quarterly adult education series** covering topics like nature photography, homesteading, conservation, and wellness.

## Action 2.2

**Continue to provide and strengthen historical programs** that highlight the historical significance of parks and the regions served by the MetroParks system.

## Action 2.3

**Develop outdoor adventure programs** to introduce people to nature-based recreation activities.

## Action 2.4

**Create programming specifically for seniors** including outdoor recreation, citizen science, wellness and volunteer opportunities.

## Action 2.5

**Partner with community organizations** serving diverse populations to co-create relevant programming.

## Action 2.6

**Expand school partnership programs** to reach more students through field trips and curriculum-based learning.

## Action 2.7

**Develop sensory-friendly and adaptive programming** for individuals with disabilities and special needs.

## Action 2.8

**Enhance year-round indoor programming space** at Chrisholm, River Center, and/or another strategic location for education and community gatherings.

## Action 2.9

**Create mobile programming and develop associated resources** to raise awareness of programming and serve a wider audience.

## Action 2.10

**Continue collaboration with Miami Conservancy District and the Great Miami Riverway Coalition and create Great Miami River Programming** that encompasses all watersheds, Hamilton aquifer, and agricultural best practices.

## Action 2.11

**Evaluate existing programs and services** in accordance with MetroParks' mission and vision.

# RECREATION

**Goal 1:** Enhance existing **park infrastructure** and **accessibility** to create a quality visitor experience for users of all ages and abilities.

## Action 1.1

**Expand picnic areas and shelters.**

## Action 1.2

Begin to **install flush restroom facilities in high-use parks** (Governor Bebb, Chrisholm, Meadow Ridge, Sebald, Indian Creek) and prioritize by “high use” areas.

## Action 1.3

**Ensure all new facilities meet universal design standards** for accessibility and inclusivity from the planning phase.

## Action 1.4

**Achieve ADA compliance on select trails and facilities**, prioritizing paved paths and accessible playgrounds.

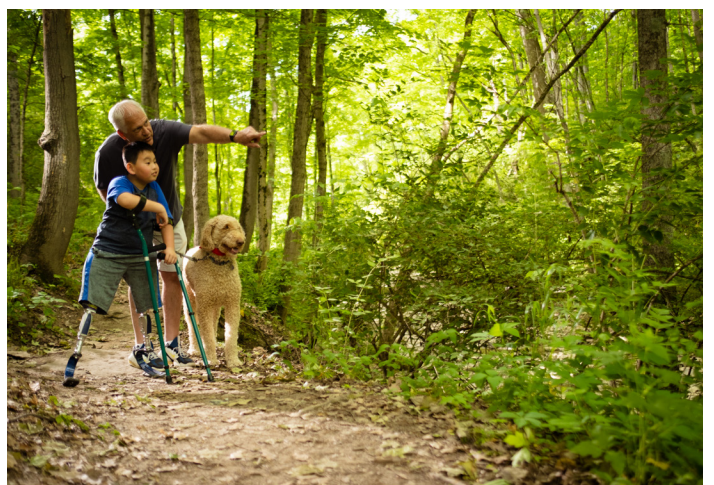
- Seek **grant opportunities** to fund ADA accessible playgrounds.

## Action 1.5

**Add water fountains/bottle filling stations** across the park system.

## Action 1.6

**Create fully accessible park experiences** with wheelchair-rated trails, accessible restrooms, and adaptive playground equipment. Identify one park to become fully accessible (e.g. playground, seating, trails, etc).



# RECREATION

**Goal 2:** Provide a variety of **outdoor recreation experiences** across the park system, while retaining and refining the unique identity, character, and purpose of each park within the system.

## Action 2.1

**Develop master plans** for future recreational amenities in each park that appropriately balance recreation access with natural resource protection.

## Action 2.2

**Develop park facilities in underserved areas** including Middletown, New Miami, and northwestern Butler County.

## Action 2.3

**Expand water access and water recreation programming** including kayak rentals at Rentschler Forest and additional paddling programs.

## Action 2.4

**Create accessible fishing facilities** with fishing docks, seating, and educational signage.

## Action 2.5

**Develop family and group camping opportunities at Timberhill** with upgraded facilities, shower houses, and individual/family camping options.

## Action 2.6

**Conduct a feasibility analysis that explores the development of a disc golf course in an existing park** in collaboration with the Cincinnati Disc Golf Association and Travel Butler County.

- Collaborate with the Cincinnati Disc Golf Association to plan, design, program, and conduct public engagement.

## Action 2.7

**Collaborate with other park providers** to provide a regional approach to providing recreation opportunities, allowing each to focus on unique strengths, fill gaps, and avoid duplication of services.



# RECREATION

## Goal 3: Develop a **connected network of green space and trails.**

### Action 3.1

**Increase access to public green space,** land-based trails, water trails, and MetroPark program offerings within a 15-minute drive of every Butler County resident.

### Action 3.2

**Complete remaining segments of the Great Miami River Trail** through Butler County.

### Action 3.3

**Establish new inter-park trail connections** linking neighborhoods to MetroParks facilities (including the Great Miami River Trail).

### Action 3.4

**Develop and implement a comprehensive unified wayfinding and trail signage system** across all trails.

### Action 3.5

**Create additional water access points** for kayaking/canoeing along the Great Miami River.

### Action 3.6

Implement **year-round trail ambassador and maintenance monitoring program.**

### Action 3.7

**Develop additional hiking trails** throughout the park system, with focus on longer loop options.

### Action 3.8

**Facilitate** regular stakeholder meetings and an annual county-wide trail summit for **on-going collaboration with the trail community.**

### Action 3.9

Collaborate with state, local, and nonprofit partners and neighboring jurisdictions on a **regional approach to trail planning, funding, maintenance, and management.**



# ORGANIZATION

**Goal 1:** Continue to strive for **operational excellence and efficiency.**

## Action 1.1

**Align staffing and training** to meet the changing needs of the organization.

## Action 1.2

**Continue ongoing transparent communication with staff.**

## Action 1.3

**Upgrade equipment and technology infrastructure** to improve operational efficiency and visitor experience.

## Action 1.4

**Create deferred maintenance plan** that addresses aging infrastructure across all park properties.

## Action 1.5

**Expand volunteer program** that recruits additional regular volunteers for conservation, education, and park maintenance.

## Action 1.6

**Create a fleet management and rotation plan.**

## Action 1.7

**Create master plan for Voice of America MetroPark and Athletic Complex.**

## Action 1.8

**Expand economic impact** through operations.

## Action 1.9

**Assess existing infrastructure** to identify operational efficiencies.

## Action 1.10

**Create organizational standards** to ensure operational excellence.



# ORGANIZATION

## Goal 2: Ensure organizational sustainability.

### Action 2.1

**Diversify revenue streams** to supplement levy funding (i.e., grants).

### Action 2.2

**Develop sponsorship program** for specific projects, events, infrastructure and amenities.

### Action 2.3

**Assist with establishment of endowment fund** through MetroParks Foundation for long-term sustainability.

### Action 2.4

**Seek sponsorship opportunities to resurface turf fields.**

### Action 2.5

**Develop ROI on sustainability initiatives** to find efficiencies.

### Action 2.6

**Increase partnerships** with national associations and international leagues.

### Action 2.7

**Maintain and expand collaborative partnerships** with Great Miami River Trail partners.

### Action 2.8

Create **transportation partnership** opportunities.



# ORGANIZATION

**Goal 3:** Encourage collaboration from across jurisdictions to **link and strengthen an open space network** across the County.

## Action 3.1

**Convene community conversations** around greenspace preservation, trail corridors and development.

## Action 3.2

**Strengthen and formalize partnership agreements** for maintenance, shared use(s) and programming, so there is clarity and strong documentation of agreed upon terms that can transcend changes in leadership and personnel.

