

The Foundation was established in 1990 to raise funds for the Geauga Park District. In 2012, we expanded our mission by changing our IRS status, allowing us to fund projects at all public park entities in Geauga County—including city, village, and township parks.

**2025**

PROJECT: Helps fund Community Wellness Trail (UH Geauga)

PROJECT: Funding Thompson Ledges Nature Center

**2024**

PROJECT: Funded Equestrian Multipurpose Trail at the West Woods

**2022-23**

FUNDED SMALL GRANTS FOR:

- Chardon Living Memorial Park and Blue Heron Preserve trail improvements
- Hambden Township Pollinator Garden

**2022**

SMALL GRANTS Program launch

**2020**

POLLINATOR PROJECT began  
Launched CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP Program

**2020-22**

PROJECT: Funded design and build of Pollinator Garden and play area at Frohring Meadows

**2019**

Hired first Foundation DIRECTOR  
Funded GEAUGA SKYWATCHERS Programs and Telescopes

**2019**

PROJECT: Funded Scenic River Park Trail

**2015**

Changed name to FOUNDATION FOR GEAUGA PARKS

**2016**

PROJECT: Assisted with purchase of Modroo Preserve

**2013**

CHIP HENRY INSTITUTE FUND established to fund park district youth summer camp supplies

**2012**

Changes IRS Status to be able to support any park entity in Geauga County

**2012-13**

PROJECT: Helped fund renovation of S. Newbury Union Chapel and artifacts

**2010**

BRIDLE TRAIL FUND Established for Ohio Horseman's Council

**2009**

School TRANSPORTATION GRANT Established

**2007-14**

PROJECT: Funded the design and build of Observatory Park & the restoration of Nassau Station

**2000-08**

PROJECT: Funded West Woods Nature Center build and biennial exhibits

**2003**

NATURE SCOPES Program Funding Begins

**1994-95**

PROJECT: Funded land purchase development of The West Woods

**1990**

The Geauga Park District Foundation is founded

**1991-93**

PROJECT: Helped fund land purchases for The Rookery and Burton Wetlands