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Gauga Parks

The Foundation  
for All Parks in  
Gauga County

**2022-2023**  
**Report**  
*to the Community*





# Message from the President

Welcome to a new year! On behalf of our board of trustees, I invite you to explore this Annual Report and learn about the forward momentum of the Foundation for Geauga Parks. As the Foundation's new president, I continue to be impressed by the dedication and hard work of this board and staff.

Each committee is actively working toward advancing the work of the Foundation and being good stewards of the funds entrusted to us. We are a passionate group of people who love the parks and stand firmly behind our mission to raise money to support all the parks in Geauga County. We invite you to inquire if you have questions about anything from marketing and governance to financial accountability.

We continue to build collaborations with other organizations and individuals. If you are interested in protecting the natural resources of Geauga County, I'd encourage you to learn more about getting involved, donate, or simply come say hello at one of our signature events or monthly Explorer Series hikes!

We can all make a difference together.

Eric Sukalac, President



Trustees pictured L-R: Linda Brown Pallay, Sheryl Vernon, Kyriaki Karalis, Adam Henry, Mary Beth O'Neill, Keith Corkwell, Mark Sarlson, Marcia Owen, Matthew Burnham, Dan Best, Eric Sukalac.

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Photo by Paige Orvis

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## Our Mission

*The Foundation for Geauga Parks is an independent, non-profit organization created to raise money to fund community engagement with nature through education, preservation, conservation, and appreciation of the unique natural character of Geauga County.*

# A Year in Review

*“For most of history, man has had to fight nature to survive; in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive, he must protect it.” – Jacques-Yves Cousteau*

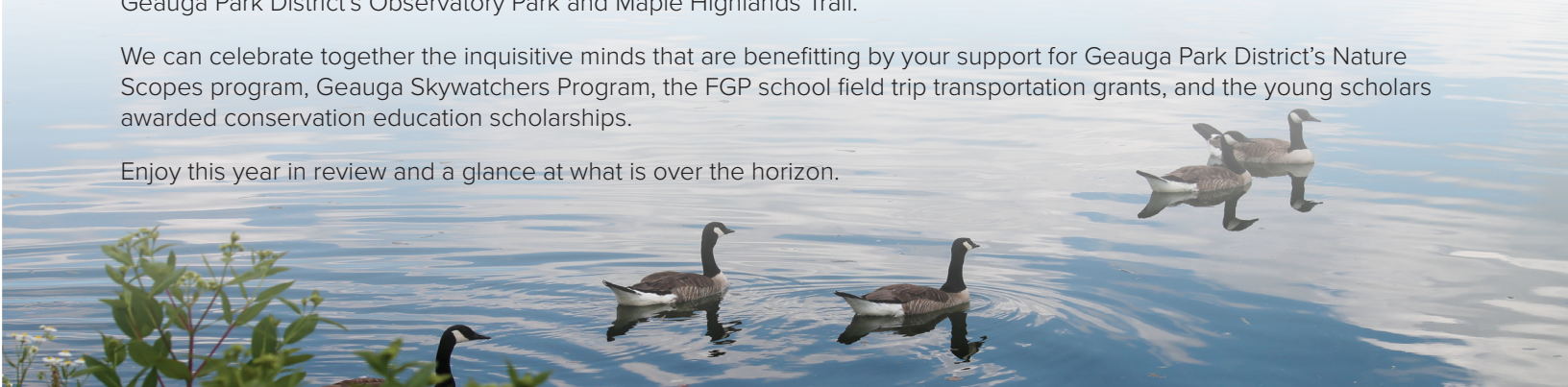
At the core of the Foundation’s mission is to support all the parks and preserves in Geauga County, a destination rich with natural spaces, mature forests, clean water and fresh air. Protecting these resources helps sustain a rich quality of life for our communities and residents.

This past year we have been able to celebrate accomplishments that were made possible in part by support from the Foundation for Geauga Parks (FGP). In 2022, FGP formally launched the Grantmaking Program, by which agencies, municipalities or individuals could request financial support in the areas of **parks and trails improvements, nature education programs** and **conservation education scholarships**.

In this Report you will learn a little bit about the funds granted for those purposes, and the ways our communities are being impacted. You will learn how your donations are helping to underwrite park improvement projects in Chardon Living Memorial Park, Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s Great Blue Heron Preserve in Burton Township, and Geauga Park District’s Observatory Park and Maple Highlands Trail.

We can celebrate together the inquisitive minds that are benefitting by your support for Geauga Park District’s Nature Scopes program, Geauga Skywatchers Program, the FGP school field trip transportation grants, and the young scholars awarded conservation education scholarships.

Enjoy this year in review and a glance at what is over the horizon.

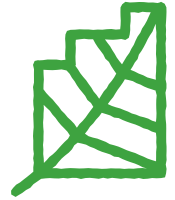


## Statement of Financial Position *(as of December 31, 2022)*

Support & Revenue	2022 Unaudited	2021 Audited
Contributions & Other Income	240,366	130,784
Investment Income (Loss)	(126,100)	70,710
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>114,266</b>	<b>201,494</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program	178,880	41,810
General & Administrative	87,604	63,371
Fundraising	42,341	30,307
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>308,825</b>	<b>135,488</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Change in Net Assets	(194,558)	66,006
Beginning Net Assets	1,095,370	1,029,364
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>900,812</b>	<b>1,095,370</b>

Assets	2022 Unaudited	2021 Audited
Current Assets	82,866	157,992
Other Assets	4,702	7,783
Marketable Securities	815,882	932,633
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>903,450</b>	<b>1,098,408</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	2,638	3,038
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	226,075	243,667
Restricted Net Assets	674,737	851,703
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>900,812</b>	<b>1,095,370</b>
<b>Total Net Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>903,450</b>	<b>1,098,408</b>

# FUNDING Parks & Trails Improvements



*Because of your donations, FGP provides grants to improve parks and trails across Geauga County.*

## Collaborating to Enhance New Parks

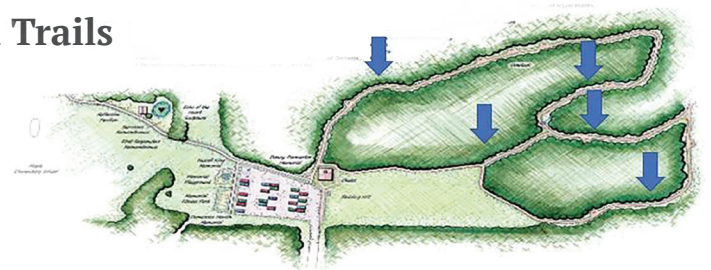
**Blue Heron Preserve**, located in Burton Township, is a newer preserve made available to the public as part of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's (WRLC) Signature Parks and Preserves program. In response to the regional need for access to outdoor spaces during the pandemic, WRLC launched a soft opening of this preserve in 2019, then stepped back in 2022 to make long term improvements. The Foundation for Geauga Parks is pleased to collaborate and grant funds to help underwrite trail improvements in the Blue Heron Preserve.



Blue Heron Preserve, in memory of Janet Franklin Foster  
Photo: Western Reserve Land Conservancy

## Collaborating to Improve Existing Parks and Trails

The City of Chardon opened **Chardon Living Memorial Park** to honor the victims of the 2012 school shooting. In 2022, the city began improvements to include building a new concrete restroom and connecting all of the walking trails to create one continuous loop. Funding from FGP will help improve the trail. Work is expected to continue in the spring of 2023.



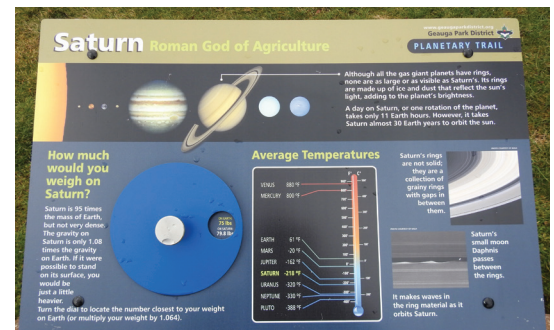
Chardon Living Memorial Park site map with trail improvements  
Graphic: City of Chardon



Mile markers along The Maple Highlands Trail  
Photo: Geauga Park District

Geauga Park District's (GPD) **Maple Highlands Trail** is a staple in Geauga County, allowing pedestrians to peddle, walk, ski or run for 21+ miles from the northernmost edge of the county in Chardon to the southern end of Middlefield. Funding from FGP enabled GPD to install new and improved mile markers along the trail to help trail users identify where they are on the trail at regular intervals, as well as to help safety forces find trail users in distress.

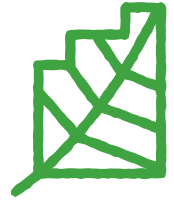
**Observatory Park** is a signature "Silver Tier Dark Sky Park" in Geauga Park District, and a great fundraising success story for the Foundation for Geauga Parks. After being open to the public for 12 years, the interpretive signage was in need of a facelift. Thanks to the generous donation of the Geneva T. Bateman Endowment Fund, these improvements came to fruition.



Observatory Park interpretive signs  
Photo: Geauga Park District



# FUNDING Conservation Education



*Because of your donations, FGP provides grants to support nature education programs and scholarships.*

## Supporting Nature Education Programs

### Geauga Park District's Nature Scopes Binocular Program

It has been an honor for FGP to continue supporting this signature program, created in 2003. The vision has been to inspire our next generation of conservationists by providing the tools of binoculars and field guides and the training to use them at a pivotal age. Since the program's inception, FGP has been able to fund the binoculars and field guides for the annual program, now serving every public and parochial school in Geauga County.



Nature Scopes Binocular Blitz, Notre Dame School  
Photo: Paige Orvis



**840**  
Students awarded  
binoculars and field guides  
for 2021-22 school year

**11,000**  
Students graduated from  
Nature Scopes training  
2003-2022

*I am going to use my binoculars to find cool new things in my creek. I am so excited to use them. Thank you again for doing so much stuff so we can have them. I also love the activities we did.*

-- Ora (Cardinal Middle School)

### Geauga Skywatchers



Orion Starblast telescopes  
available to borrow from  
every library in  
Geauga County

**200**  
Skywatchers attended  
programs in 2022

**113**  
Number of times  
Telescopes were borrowed  
from Geauga County  
libraries since 2019

Geauga Skywatchers continues to evolve since it was first created in 2019 by a team of collaborating organizations whose common goal is "to inspire scientific thinking in the young and young-at-heart through the study and practice of astronomy." In 2022, programs were hosted every month, in person and/or virtually, exploring topics like women in space, animals in space, asteroids, Saturn and more.

In addition to programs, FGP has supplied every library in Geauga County with telescopes that may be checked out for private use.



## School Field Trips

FGP awards field trip transportation grants to schools traveling to and from parks. We help ensure school field visits with a naturalist through Nature Scopes and other nature education programs.

**276**

Students were transported to parks for nature education programs





# FUNDING Conservation Education



## Supporting Conservation Scholarships

The Foundation is pleased to award education scholarships to students entering fields of conservation. In 2022, FGP helped support the scholarships awarded through Protect Geauga Parks’ Bob McCullough Conservation Scholarships program, established in memory of the beloved Geauga Park District commissioner and educator. Three students earned that esteemed recognition.

Additionally in 2023, FGP launched its own Conservation Scholarship Program. Watch for this year’s recipients in the news.



Recipients of the Bob McCullough Conservation Scholarship Program: Madalyn Couch, Chagrin Falls High School; Michael Soltis, Cardinal High School; Frances Conner, Hawken School  
Photo: Frank Gwirtz

*The Bob McCullough Scholarship has been a huge support for my college education, and a huge benefit for me as I begin my career in agriculture. The scholarship has led me to become more educated on sustainable agriculture. I cannot thank [you] enough for giving me the opportunity to help further my education. -- Mike Soltis, Wilmington College*

## Supporting Outdoor Adventure Camps



In 2011, the **Chip Henry Institute for Outdoor Adventure** was a fund established with the Foundation for Geauga Parks in memory of Geauga County Juvenile and Probate Judge Charles “Chip” Henry. The founders of the fund were driven by the important mission to nurture youth in Geauga County through outdoor adventure, believing that providing skills and experiences at a young age will lead to lifelong pursuits of exploring and enjoying the natural world.

FGP supported Geauga Park District’s Outdoor Adventure Camps by providing funds to purchase camp supplies for the 2022 camper season.



2022 GPD Adventure Camps | Photos: Geauga Park District



# CELEBRATING *The Pollinator Project*



In October 2022, Foundation trustees, Pollinator Project Committee members, funders and other nature enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the opening of the long-anticipated Pollinator Garden & Nature Play Area in Geauga Park District's Frohring Meadows. This opening marked the end of phase one of the Pollinator Project that launched in 2019.

This signature garden was designed in collaboration with Geauga Park District and DERU Landscape Architects to incorporate plantings of native perennials and shrubs like butterfly weed, aster, purple coneflower, Joe Pye weed, goldenrod and Standing Ovation little bluestem. Surrounding the pollinator plants are nature-based play features for children to assimilate the behavior of birds and insects.

Families may now keep their youngsters "busy as bees" while teaching them about nature. Kids will be inspired to climb, crawl, tunnel, balance and dig while they and their parents learn about the importance of pollinators. Together we will enjoy the garden setting as the plants continue to grow and spread.

This garden is just one aspect of FGP's Pollinator Project, which began with a vision of the Foundation's 2019 Board President Jeff Hyde. He recognized that chemicals, habitat loss, and a general lack of knowledge were all threatening the insects and animals responsible for pollinating our food sources and other important resources.

"It is exciting and fulfilling to see phase one of this vision come to fruition. We hope that the thousands of people, young and old, who visit Frohring Meadows each year will pause and take a moment in the pollinator garden to learn more about pollinators and their importance in our everyday lives. They might even have some fun while there," says Jeff Hyde, chair of the Pollinator Project committee.

The long-range goal is to create opportunities to learn about, engage with, and support pollinator health and eventually to drive the preservation and expansion of pollinator-friendly habitats across Geauga County.

We are grateful to the Cleveland Foundation Lake-Geauga Fund for providing a grant to launch this project. Other funders for this garden are the Paul & Maxine Frohring Foundation, the Ginn Family Fund and Patterson Fruit Farm, among many other generous donors. If you are interested in learning how you can get involved, reach out to the Foundation for Geauga Parks.



Pollinator Garden Grand Opening, October, 2022  
Photos: Top - Paige Orvis | Bottom - Sandy Ward



## Why Pollinators?

- Pollinators like birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles and small mammals that pollinate plants are responsible for sustaining approximately 1/3 of our food sources.
- Between 75% and 95% of all flowering plants rely on animal pollinators for fertilization.
- More than 200,000 species act as pollinators. Of those, about 1,000 are hummingbirds, bats and small mammals such as mice. Others are insects, like beetles, bees, ants, wasps, butterflies and moths.
- In the U.S., pollination produces nearly \$20 billion worth of products annually.
- Geauga County, Ohio, is home to nearly 70,000 acres of farmland, roughly 20% of the county land use.

For updates, follow [www.foundationforgeaugaparks.org/pages/pollinator-project](http://www.foundationforgeaugaparks.org/pages/pollinator-project)  
Find additional resources at [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org)



## Making a Difference Together

The Board of Trustees offers its deepest gratitude to all who supported our work during 2022. We appreciate your generous support through donations and sponsorships. Together we are supporting high quality parks, preserves and nature education.

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## Tribute to a Conservation Hero -- William D. Ginn

By Paige Hosier Orvis

In June 2021, many of us in the conservation community and far beyond celebrated the life of William (Bill) D. Ginn, who passed away at the age of 97 after making a tremendous and lasting impact on so many. I first met Bill in 1995 when he was a founding member and president of the board of the Geauga Park District Foundation. I had joined Geauga Park District (GPD) as an employee at the time when The West Woods preservation campaign was in full swing, and Bill was introduced to me as the “hero” who “saved” the land by securing a loan on behalf of GPD until they could pass a levy to pay it off. The West Woods is now a nearly 1,000-acre signature park in Geauga County that is enjoyed by thousands each year. We can all celebrate Bill’s contribution to the preservation of that land.

From that early meeting, and as I progressed through my own conservation career, Bill became a dear friend and mentor. Bill was an influencer who demonstrated his philanthropic and conservation ethic by building collaborators around causes important to him and his wife, Arlene. Bill was a skilled corporate lawyer with Thompson Hine, and over the years served on 100 or more boards and committees. He leveraged the many relationships he built through his career to initiate collaborations, invoke change and inspire growth.

Just a few local causes Bill supported were the preservation of The West Woods and Observatory Park, the protection of the South Newbury Union Chapel, The Nature Conservancy of Ohio, Great Lakes Science Center, DDC Clinic, the BCC Nevus Syndrome Life Support Network and many others.

Bill ensured that his and Arlene’s impact would extend far beyond their lives when he established the Ginn Family Fund as part of their estate plans. Through the administration of the Ginn children, Bill, Randy, David and Anna, the Foundation for Geauga Parks and many other worthy organizations and causes have been granted estate gifts from this fund.

We continue to be so grateful to Bill Ginn for his many contributions and for continuing to leave a lasting legacy through planned giving. No matter what our capacity, may we all learn from his example. Consider a legacy gift to the Foundation for Geauga Parks.



Bill Ginn and Paige Orvis, 2018  
Photo: Kristi Burr

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# CAVEMAN CRAWL

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# RUN WALK CRAWL

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## Friday, August 18, 2023

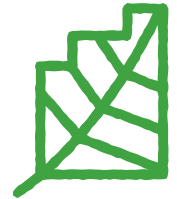
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# COLLABORATING *to Expand Outreach*



Collaborations are at the core of successful initiatives, and the Foundation for Geauga Parks continues to build partnerships for success across our many projects and programs.

**The Pollinator Project**, which continues to grow its impact, was built upon the support of the Cleveland Foundation Lake-Geauga Fund and collaborations with area teachers, naturalists, landscapers and park officials. Geauga Park District (GPD) graciously worked with FGP and DERU Landscape Architects to install the magnificent demonstration garden and play area in Frohring Meadows. Other collaborators and volunteers continue to expand the vision to make Geauga County a destination and safe haven for pollinating insects and animals.

The Foundation will be managing the ever-popular **Caveman Crawl 5K Trail Run & 1-Mile Fun Walk** in The West Woods thanks to the motivation and hard work of many volunteers. After working in collaboration with GPD in 2022, our team of FGP volunteers is excited to continue the tradition of this fun event that appeals to athletes and families alike.

The FGP **Explorers Series** gets better all the time, because of a small team of naturalists and other volunteers who coordinate unique outings to explore a different park in Geauga County each month. You won't want to miss these excursions. See our full list of Explorers programs at [www.foundationforgeaugaparks.org/pages/explorers-series](http://www.foundationforgeaugaparks.org/pages/explorers-series).

**Gauga Skywatchers** was formed as a collaboration of organizations interested in promoting scientific thinking for the young and young-at-heart through the study and practice of astronomy. Watch for program details in the Foundation email announcements. And don't forget that thanks to donations to the Geauga Skywatchers fund, **telescopes are available for loan** from every Geauga County library. Collaborators are the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society, Geauga County Public Library, Burton Public Library and Geauga Park District.

We appreciate your ongoing support of the work and mission of the Foundation for Geauga Parks and invite your continued participation. If you are interested in giving of your time and talents to help drive the mission forward, we'd love to hear from you.



Explorers Series Outing, March 2022  
Scenic River Retreat, Munson Twp.  
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