



## Preserve & Protect Your Metroparks!

With over 12,000 acres of preserved land and 172 miles of trails, your Metroparks offer some of the most stunning outdoor experiences in North America. Working together, we are making powerful progress towards providing clean, safe, and natural parks within 5 miles of every resident in Lucas County.

Generous support from loyal donors and members allows us to expand our important preservation and educational activities and provide experiences that might not otherwise be possible.

Many supporters choose to show their lasting love of the Metroparks by leaving a gift to the Metroparks Toledo Foundation in their wills or trust. These gifts allow the Metroparks to do even more to protect and preserve our beautiful Metroparks and important natural resources for generations to come.

## Making Your Plans

### WILL OR ESTATE PLANS

You may designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to the Metroparks Toledo Foundation by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust. You can do this while creating your will or trust, or you can amend an existing one. Gifts included in wills and living trusts are popular because they are flexible, easy to arrange and may be changed with your life circumstances.

### RETIREMENT PLAN AND LIFE INSURANCE

You may also designate Metroparks Toledo Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. It's easy! Simply contact the administrator of your retirement plan or insurance policy for a beneficiary change form. Determine what percentage (1 to 100) you would like Metroparks to receive and name the Metroparks Toledo Foundation as a beneficiary along with the percentage on your form. Return the completed form to your plan administrator and let us know of your plans!

There are many ways to make a planned gift. We encourage you to work with your attorney or financial advisor who can assist you in making informed decisions. If you or your advisor have questions about your planned gift or would like to designate your future gift for a specific area or program, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

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## The Legacy 1928 Society

Membership in the Legacy 1928 Society is open to anyone who invests in the future of the Metroparks through a planned gift. Individuals may designate gifts for a specific purpose or offer broad support. The Legacy 1928 Society recognizes those donors who are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the Metroparks through their thoughtful planned gifts.

### AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGACY 1928 SOCIETY, YOU WILL ENJOY:

- The satisfaction of creating a lasting legacy to support your beautiful Metroparks
- An invitation to the annual Holidays at the Manor House Preview Event
- An invitation to the annual Legacy 1928 Society "Behind the Scenes" event
- The opportunity, if you agree, to be listed in our annual report or other Metroparks publications
- A special memento to recognize your commitment



## Other Ways to Support Metroparks

### CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Metroparks Toledo Foundation and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charitable institution, such as ours, without having to pay income taxes on the money. This popular gift option has several benefits:

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for the year, a qualified charitable distribution, commonly referred to as an IRA charitable rollover, can satisfy all or part of that requirement.

### GIFTS OF STOCK OR APPRECIATED ASSETS

Giving publicly traded securities to the Metroparks Toledo Foundation that were purchased over a year ago and have increased in value can be an especially attractive way to fund a donation. Donors may benefit from a charitable deduction equal to the value of the securities. In addition to the tax deduction, capital gains tax is not due on gains in the donated securities.

Speak with your financial advisor to see if this type of gift could be an option for you.



### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Metroparks Toledo Foundation is a 501c3 organization dedicated to supporting the mission and vision of Metroparks Toledo.

### METROPARKS MISSION

The mission of Metroparks Toledo is to conserve the region's natural resources by creating, developing, improving, protecting, and promoting clean, safe, and natural parks and open spaces for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public.

### METROPARKS VISION

Metroparks Toledo will be known nationally as one of the premiere park systems in the country, and it will be recognized as a centerpiece of our region's appeal as a place to live, work, and visit.

### YOUR BEAUTIFUL METROPARKS

Bend View	Providence
Blue Creek	Secor
Fallen Timbers	Side Cut
Farnsworth	Swan Creek Preserve
Howard Marsh	Toledo Botanical Garden
Manhattan Marsh	Westwinds
Middlegrounds	Wildwood
Oak Openings	Wiregrass
Pearson	



## Join the Legacy 1928 Society

GIFT & ESTATE PLANNING

