

Ways To Give

There are many ways that you can meet your philanthropic goals and have a meaningful impact on the Metroparks now and in the future.



Outright Gifts & Pledges

Donors may choose to make one-time gifts or pledge their gift over a 2-5 year period. Pledge commitments can be made by completing a simple letter of intent or pledge form. Outright gifts and pledges may be completed with gifts of cash and/or appreciated securities.

Cash Gifts

Donors may choose to make gifts by cash in several forms including check, money order, credit card, or on-line. Donors will receive a fair-market tax-deduction for their charitable contribution.

Appreciated Securities

Securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and been held for more than one year are one of the most popular assets to use when making gifts.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds you have held more than one year to us in support of our mission, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer.

Gifts of Real Estate

Gifts of real estate, whether during or after your lifetime, are a common way for people to support Metroparks Toledo. You can donate your real estate directly to the Metroparks Foundation, who will sell the property and use proceeds to support the parks you love.

The Metroparks Foundation accepts gifts of real estate, pending environmental and other assessments. There are many strategies for donating real estate and we encourage you to speak with a personal advisor to consider if this option is right for you.



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Planned Gifts – Planning for Future Impact

Many supporters choose to show their lasting love of the Metroparks by leaving a gift to the Metroparks Toledo Foundation in their will 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.

Bequests

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 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 Beneficiary Designations

Donors may choose to designate Metroparks Toledo Foundation as a beneficiary of their retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Complete this gift is 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.

Gifts of Life Insurance

Metroparks supporters can choose to name the Metroparks as a beneficiary of their life insurance policy, or to transfer ownership of their policy irrevocably to Metroparks Foundation. In doing so, they protect parks long after their own lifetimes. You can, too, by adding Metroparks Foundation as one of your beneficiaries.

Recognition for Planned Gifts

Physical recognition for future planned gifts may be offered for irrevocable planned gifts. Please contact our office for more information.

We encourage donors to discuss any potential gifts with their financial advisors.