



Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT

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New trail at Bill Yeck Park

CENTERVILLE, OH: The Centerville-Washington Park District initiated a Bill Yeck Park trail master plan as a priority from the CWPD 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. The goal of the project was to analyze the environmental, ecological and experiential aspects of the park's trail system and develop recommendations for how the park should evolve over the next several years. A consultant team of landscape architects, ecological scientists and trail builders conducted various site visits throughout 2018 and facilitated a public engagement strategy to develop an understanding of the park and its users. An online survey and multiple public forums were held in 2018.

At the conclusion of the planning effort, a Bill Yeck Park trail master plan was written to summarize the site observations and public feedback and also propose recommendations for the future of the park's trail system.

The biggest priority identified is trail improvement. The first course of action is to increase the quality of trail surface, eliminating tripping hazards and allowing for park use throughout the year. Additional improvements will include trail accessibility and improvements in creek crossings, wayfinding and signage. Work on new trails began this summer and will continue for several years. To read the master plan, visit www.cwpd.org.

Bill Yeck Park is a 194-acre nature park treasured by hikers, bird watchers and nature enthusiasts. The Park District offers environmental education programs for all ages throughout the year at the park.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing more than 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.

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