



Centerville-Washington **PARK DISTRICT** **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



Explore your community's BIG backyard!



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City of Centerville Community Partner of the Year tree planting at Iron Horse Park



The Wall That Heals at Yankee Park, in partnership with the Washington-Centerville Public Library



Pumpkin Patch Dash at Forest Field Park, part of the award-winning Fun Run Series

In 2023, residents approved a 10-year levy that provides 30% of the day-to-day operational costs for 51 parks, including upkeep of athletic facilities, trails, shelters, playgrounds, sprayground, dog park and support amenities. We appreciate your continued support of and trust in the Centerville-Washington Park District. We are passionate about creating positive memories for the residents of Centerville and Washington Township! Here's how we did in 2023!

It was a banner year for impactful partnerships. Did you know the Park District partners with over 70 businesses and organizations on an annual basis? In 2023, we were named Community Partner of the Year by City of Centerville. Additionally, with the leadership of the Washington-Centerville Public Library we worked together to provide a venue for the unforgettable Wall That Heals at **Yankee Park**. CWPD partnered with several other notable organizations such as Bike Centerville, Centerville High School Environmental Science Class, Centerville Noon Optimist Club, Centerville Rotary Club, Dayton Diaper Depot, Dayton Children's Hospital, House of Bread, SICSA, Shoes 4 the Shoeless and more.

We were also awarded two first place and one second place award from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association for the Bill Yeck Park Master Plan, The Wall That Heals partnership with Washington-Centerville Public Library and for the Fun Run Series, respectively.

FINANCES

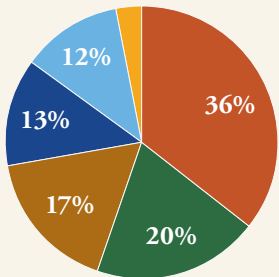
CWPD consistently shows accuracy and proper accounting controls of taxpayer money. 2023 was a bi-annual audit year. We are proud to report once again, the District received a clean audit. This means the audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings or questioned costs. General fund receipts totaled \$6,288,305. General operating expenditures totaled \$5,961,285. Capital improvements totaled \$1,164,120 and included:

- **Grant Park**, McEwen barn renovation and picnic plaza
- Streambank restoration at **Grant Park**
- Paved perimeter path at **Iron Horse Park**
- Phase I of **Forest Field Park** drainage improvements
- Wayfinding signage installed throughout **Bill Yeck Park**
- New roof installed over the **Activity Center Park** community room

We were thankful to receive a \$75,000 donation from Dayton Children's Hospital toward the renovation of the sprayground at **Activity Center Park**. In total, they will donate \$150,000 toward the sprayground refresh over the next several years. We also received funding from the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation for the purchase and installation of a universal changing table in the **Activity Center Park** shelter's family restroom. CWPD received \$469,862 in alternate revenue, including funding from Clean Ohio Green Space, Centerville-Washington Foundation, ODNR Division of Wildlife, ODNR Division of Forestry, The William and Dorothy Yeck Fund and Montgomery County Environmental Services. Centerville Baseball Softball League and FC Dayton both contributed to matching funds projects.

2023 EXPENDITURES

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| Payroll | Professional Services, Utilities & Fees |
| Park Improvements | Programming |
| Operations & Equipment | |
| Benefits | |



PARKS & PLANNING

The Park Board pays close attention to what you tell us you want in your parks. Simultaneously, the Board is always looking to keep parks and amenities safe, clean and in good repair. There were too many park improvements in 2023 to list, but here is a short list of ways your parks became better places to explore in your community's BIG backyard!

- With grant money, we performed streambank restoration at four sites along Hole's Creek in **Grant Park**.
- Over 40 girl scouts planted more than 200 tree saplings at **Pleasant Hill Park** during the Girl Scout Tree Promise program!
- The 0.6-mile perimeter path was completed in **Iron Horse Park**.
- Two AEDs were added to the shelter at **Bill Yeck Park** and the **Grant Park** Kennard Nature Nook. We now have 13 life-saving AEDs available to the public.
- New playground equipment was added at **Fence Row** and **Waterbury Woods Parks**.
- A wayfinding system was installed and a large group shelter added to **Bill Yeck Park**.
- Explore Full Circle interpretive signs were added to the Kennard Nature Nook paved path thanks to a donation from the Centerville Rotary Club.

With the Park District's value of Environmental Responsibility in mind, staff seek to be stewards of your parkland through control of invasive species; monitoring important wildlife species; and planting native plants and trees to enhance habitat, shade and air quality. Beyond land management activities, the Park District aims to help the community reduce their environmental footprint through various recycling programs.

In 2023, 8,500 pounds of Styrofoam was kept out of landfills due to high community participation in the recycling event. Additionally, 1,325 pounds of broken holiday lights were collected for recycling. Batteries are collected throughout the year for recycling, as well!

We had a little help from the community to control invasive species in 2023. The Centerville High School Environmental Science class removed over 1,000 invasive trees, shrubs and vines from the Time Trail at **Bill Yeck Park**. And, residents removed 369 bags of invasive garlic mustard from area parks, giving our native wildflowers a chance to grow!

Lastly, Schoolhouse Park joined Oak Grove Park in becoming a Sports Field Maintenance Association Environmental Certified Facility!

PROGRAMS

A variety of activities and programs help ypu explore your community's BIG backyard! Here are just a few of the opportunities offered in 2023:

- The Trail Master and Path Finder self-guided park exploration programs were released in the fall and will continue through 2024! We have had more than 60 people complete the challenges so far.
- Working with our partners, such as Amazing Athletes, Bike Centerville and Dayton Children's Hospital, and wonderful fitness instructors we were able to offer fitness programming to nearly 3,000 participants in 2023.
- 650 families sent their children to CWPD summer camps.
- 28 special events were offered, as well as 548 weekly/monthly programs that include environmental education, health and wellness and outdoor recreation.
- The Park District's outreach team instructed 1,500 Centerville City School students! The Park District loves being part of the students' learning journey and supplementing the outstanding work teachers are doing.

Volunteers logged 3,614 volunteer hours, a 31% increase from 2022, with an estimated value of \$114,925. A BIG thank you to our volunteers for their important contributions!



Planting trees during the Girl Scout Tree Promise at Pleasant Hill Park



Installing posts for the new wayfinding system at Bill Yeck Park



Outreach program in Centerville City Schools

2023 BY THE NUMBERS	
290,000	park visitors for sports
137,000	website hits
14,000	social media followers
12,000	enrolled in park programs
3,614	hours volunteered to CWPD
525	shelter reservations
369	bags of invasive garlic mustard pulled
313	trees planted
28	special events planned
2	AEDs added to your parks

Questions? Contact us at mail@cwpd.org or 937-433-5155.

The Centerville-Washington Park District's mission is to deliver fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences that connect the community with the outdoors.

DONATIONS


We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity in 2023!

- The Blessing Family
- Centerville Noon Optimist Club
- Centerville-Washington Diversity Council
- Cub Scout Pack 616
- Dayton Children's Hospital
- FC Dayton
- Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Penbrooke Garden Club
- The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams Community Partners
- Rumford Industrial Group
- William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation
- Tammy Zell of the Sasser Group/KW Advisors Realty

Additional donations were made to honor:

- Daniel Colon Alfaro
- Dianne Chanatry
- Larry & Carol Fox
- Graham Thomas Hacker
- Eliza Kelley
- Marty Kien
- Eleanor Kumer
- Kelley Kuntz McDonald
- Patricia & Dennis Whalen
- Bill Yeck

2023



UNDER 30

2 staff members named to the National Recreation and Park Association's 30 under 30 list.

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Follow the trail through your community's BIG backyard!



Jeff Senney
President



Jason Riley
Vice President



Alex Pearl
Secretary

Keep in touch with us — we want to hear your suggestions as we strive to meet the community's outdoor recreation needs!

- Your Board of Park Commissioners



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