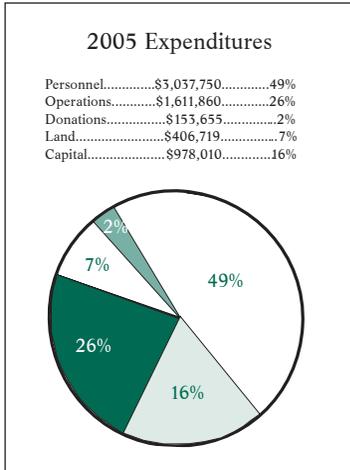
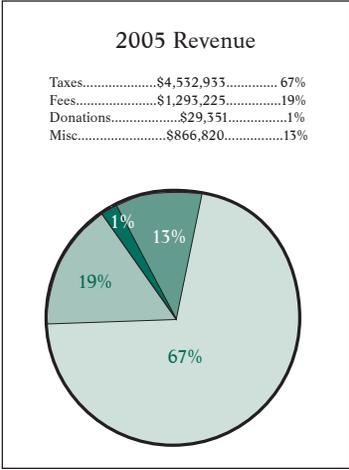
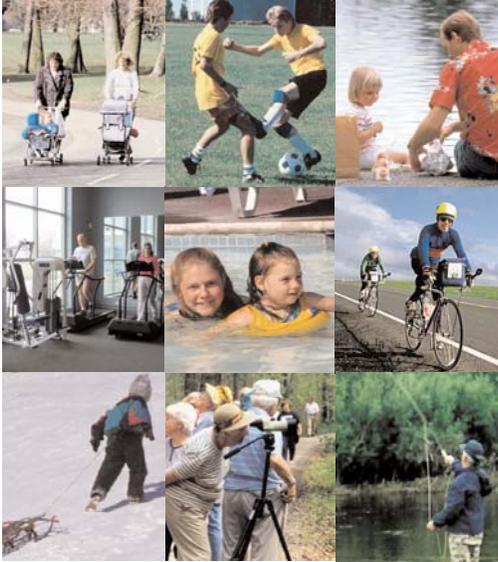




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About this Publication

Ohio Revised Code Section 1545.08 requires that park districts periodically publish a report to the citizens summarizing the districts' activities. This report is intended to fulfill this requirement. Other reports regarding specific programs or facilities are available annually. If you have any questions concerning this publication, please contact Lorain County Metro Parks at (440)458-5121. Unless otherwise noted, numbers in this report were accurate as of January 1, 2006.

Financial Summary as of December 31, 2005

Fund Sources

Property Tax.....	4,532,933	Grants.....	888
Local Government Funds.....	0	Fees and Charges.....	153,703
Interest on Investments.....	111,089	Donations & Sponsors.....	29,351
Schoepfle Trust.....	327,028	Refunds/Reimbursements/Misc.....	753,228
Forest Hills Golf Course.....	403,482	Splash Zone.....	410,627
TOTAL REVENUE.....		6,722,329	

Fund Users

Salaries.....	2,339,668	Advertising/Displays/Printing.....	125,999
Employee Fringe Benefits.....	698,082	Seminars/Training.....	27,544
Supplies.....	50,353	Insurance/Other Expense.....	288,712
Programs.....	69,729	Designated Donations.....	153,655
Materials/Projects.....	282,739	Equipment.....	231,124
Repairs/Rentals.....	27,401	Land Acquisition.....	406,719
Utilities/Services.....	430,835	Capital Improvements/Contracts.....	978,010
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....		6,187,994	

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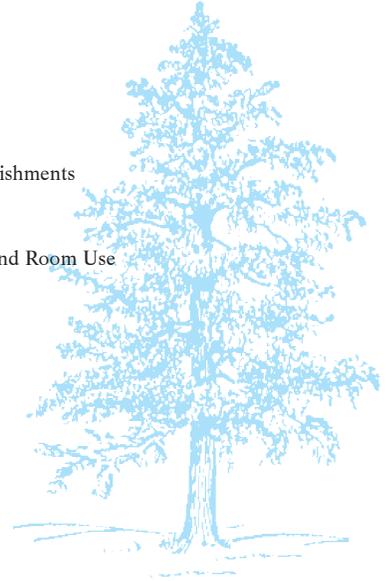
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Park Programs

The Lorain County Metro Parks' naturalist staff conducted 840 requested programs (those programs requested by outside groups) and 628 public programs (those listed in The Arrowhead, the District's newsletter) with over 63,000 people in attendance.

Metro Parks Facility, Room Use and Programs

Requested Programs (840).....	33,460	Carriage Barn (139).....	5,185
Public Programs (628).....	30,225	Forest Hills.....	32,376
Senior Citizen Bus Tours (95).....	2,198	French Creek Nature Center (107)	4,739
Halloween/Holiday Lights.....	24,967	Johnson Wetland Center (115).....	3,834
Amherst Beaver Creek (325).....	9,936	Schoepfle Garden (50).....	505
Carlisle Visitor Center (406).....	15,995		

Park Day-Use Visitors

Amherst.....	161,000	Indian Hollow.....	51,769
Black River.....	349,912	North Coast Trail.....	125,000
Caley.....	8,685	Sandy Ridge.....	49,128
Carlisle	151,082	Schoepfle Garden.....	46,982
Columbia.....	81,655	Splash Zone.....	93,285
French Creek	186,882	Vermilion.....	195,954
		TOTAL.....	1,674,994
		(Facility and day use visitors)	



The Lorain County Metropolitan Park District was established in 1957 by the Lorain County Probate Court. Under the provisions of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, Lorain County Metro Parks is a special district operating as a separate political subdivision of the State of Ohio. The Metro Parks provide residents with the preservation of open space, conservation, education and outdoor recreation programs and facilities.

Funding for the Metro Parks is provided primarily by a 1 mill countywide property tax levy. Other sources of income include grants, gifts and bequests along with fees generated from the golf course, Splash Zone, nature programs and facility rentals.

Lorain County Metro Parks is governed by a three-member Board of Park Commissioners, which is appointed by the Lorain County Probate Court Judge and serves without pay. The Board of Park Commissioners is responsible for policy and decision making. The Director/ Secretary is responsible for the daily management of the Metro Parks.

The Lorain County Metro Parks staff is comprised of 48 full-time and 12 year-round, part-time employees, supplemented by up to 55 seasonal staff members in the summer months. Eleven members of the Metro Parks' ranger staff are certified Ohio Peace Officers. The rangers are responsible for public safety in the Metro Parks and are also assigned park maintenance and supervisory duties. Other staff members maintain reservations, perform administrative and accounting duties, conduct educational programming and special event activities in the park district.

Volunteer support is an essential element to the success of the Metro Parks. Over the past year, volunteers donated over 25,000 hours of their time to the Metro Parks. The organization, known as The Friend of Metro Parks in Lorain County, Inc., now totals over 550 members.



Your Metro Parks

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| ■ Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation | ■ Columbia Reservation | ■ North Coast Inland Trail |
| ■ Avon Lake Reservation | ■ Forest Hills Golf Center | ■ Sandy Ridge Reservation |
| ■ Black River Reservation | ■ French Creek Reservation | ■ Schoepfle Garden |
| ■ Caley Reservation | ■ Indian Hollow Reservation | ■ Splash Zone |
| ■ Carlisle Reservation | ■ Kipton Reservation | ■ Vermilion River Reservation |
| ■ Charlemont Reservation | ■ Miller Nature Preserve | ■ Wellington Reservation |

Park District Accomplishments



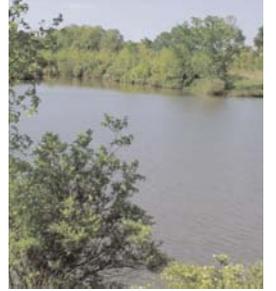
Midview Soccer League Complex opened in September, 2005 and hosts a full schedule of youth soccer games and practices.

Briarwood Lodge, formerly the Columbia Game Club, hosts numerous park events and community meetings.



Avon Lake Reservation Continues to grow with the assistance of the "Save the Woods" organization.

Construction began on the new Wellington Reservation with a completion date set for Fall of 2006.



In 2005, property was acquired to continue the Bridgeway Trail from 31st St. in Lorain through the steel mill property.

Opening in September of 2005, Australia: The Wonder Down Under thrilled visitors with its shark touch tank and live kangaroos!



The Carlisle Hale Rd. wetland trails opened up parts of the Carlisle Reservation rarely seen.

The park district was successful in getting voter approval and support for another 10 years of operation. Our thanks to all for their hard work and commitment to the district.

