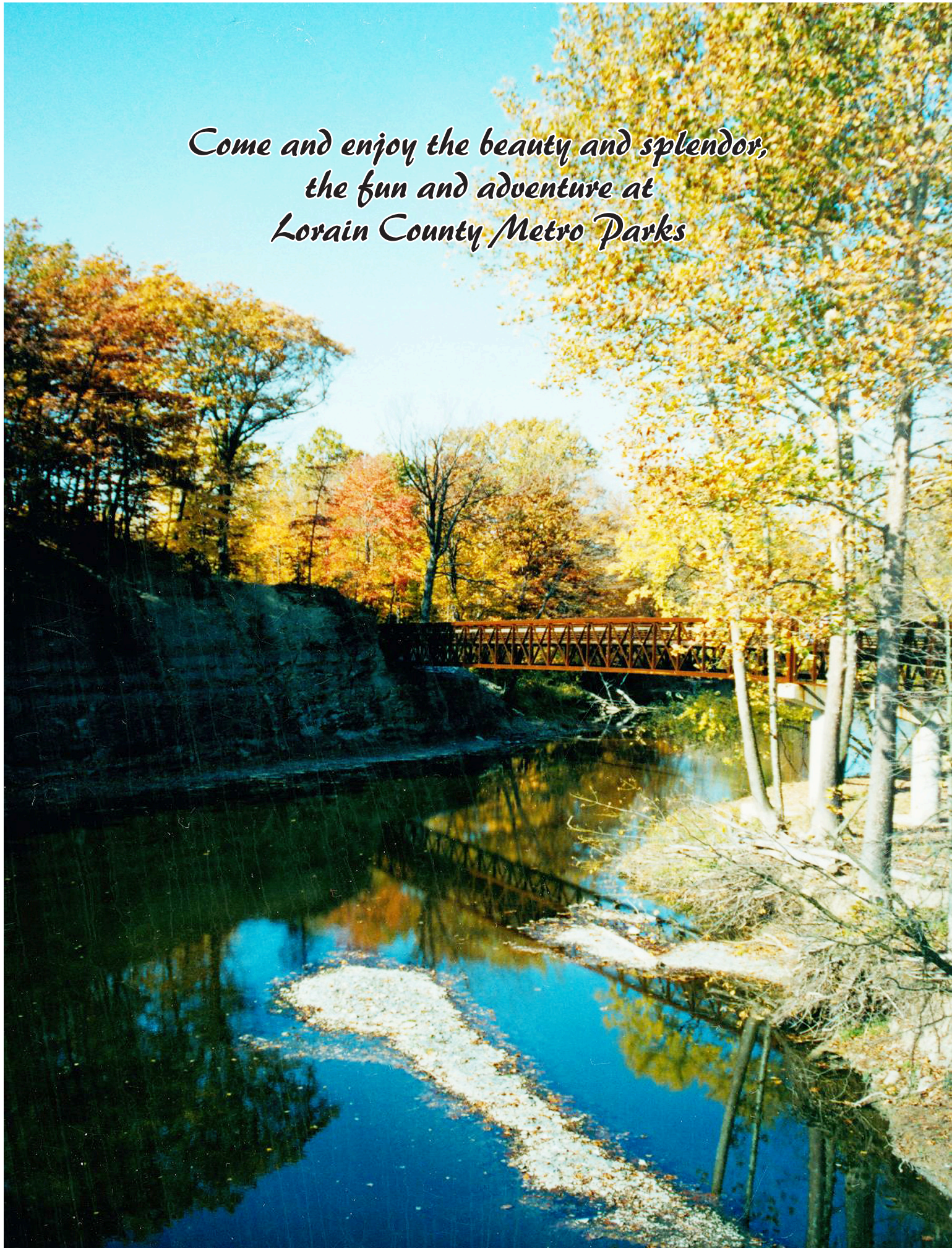




Lorain County Metro Parks

*2010 Annual Report to
the Citizens of Lorain County*

*Come and enjoy the beauty and splendor,
the fun and adventure at
Lorain County Metro Parks*





The Lorain County Metropolitan Park District

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 1.3 mill countywide property tax levy. Other sources of income include grants, gifts and bequests along with fees generated from the Forest Hills Golf Course, Splash Zone and facility rentals.

Lorain County Metro Parks is governed by a three-member Board of Park Commissioners, who are appointed by the Lorain County Probate Court Judge and serve without pay.



Lorain County Board of Park Commissioners



Frederick L. Alspach



Robert M. Campana



Sherrill M. McLoda

Director Secretary



James D. Martin

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 58 full-time and 9 year-round, part-time employees, supplemented by up to 160 seasonal staff members in the summer months. Fifteen 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 trails and 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. Friends of Metro Parks in Lorain County Inc. now totals over 450 members.

Probate Court Judge



James T. Walther

Lorain County Metro Parks Programs

In 2010, the Lorain County Metro Parks' naturalist staff conducted 604 requested programs (those programs requested by outside groups) and 1,348 public programs (those listed in the ARROWHEAD, the District's newsletter) with over 90,000 people in attendance.



Metro Parks Facility Use Room and Programs

Requested Programs (604).....	28,169
Public Programs (1,348).....	62,805
Senior Citizen Bus Tours (100).....	1,635
Halloween Fair/Holiday Lights.....	46,199
Amherst Beaver Creek (444).....	14,083
Carlisle Visitor Center (532).....	18,698
Carriage Barn (197).....	8,909
Forest Hills.....	23,000
French Creek Nature Center (21)	905
Johnson Wetland Center (152).....	5,072
Schoepfle Garden (26)	553
Total.....	210,028

Metro Parks Day-Use Visitors

Amherst.....	155,000
Black River.....	269,678
Caley.....	7,790
Carlisle.....	151,323
Columbia.....	46,931
French Creek.....	154,884
Indian Hollow.....	34,309
North Coast Inland Trail.....	128,000
Sandy Ridge.....	55,364
Lakeview.....	930,000
Schoepfle Garden.....	66,073
Splash Zone.....	414,000
Vermilion.....	172,526
Wellington.....	53,934
Total.....	2,639,812

(Facility and day-use visitors).

Lorain County Metro Parks District 2010 Accomplishments



50/100 MILE HIKING CLUB

2010 was the first year for the 50/100 Mile Hiking Club which ran from July 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Participants kept track of how many miles they hiked on naturalist guided hikes and totaled them for prizes. Over 50 people participated. The Super Hikers of the program hiked a total of 251 miles. This program motivated people of all ages to get outside year round, enjoy the parks and improve their health.

DADDY ALLEN: THE STORY OF EASTER SEALS

Lorain County Metro Parks and TrueNorth Cultural Arts presented their fifth commissioned play, *Daddy Allen: The Story of Easter Seals*. It tells the story of Edgar Allen, a prominent business man in Elyria, after he lost his son in a devastating streetcar accident that killed eight other people, and left scores of others injured, including two that were crippled for life. Because of this, Allen became instrumental in the formation of Elyria Memorial Hospital and began the National Society for Crippled Children in 1919. This organization would eventually be named Easter Seals, after using the “Easter Seals” for fundraising campaigns. Over 1,000 people attended *Daddy Allen*.





MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Lorain County Metro Parks hosted two nights of music in August 2010 at Lakeview Park. On Friday night, over 5,000 people enjoyed the big band sounds of Swing City Big Band. Over 3,000 people enjoy music from Broadway performed by singers of TrueNorth Cultural Arts on Saturday evening. Sponsors of this event were The City of Lorain, The Morning Journal, Lorain County Community College, First Federal of Lorain, and Malcolm Pirnie.



ROAD TO FREEDOM: AN INTERACTIVE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EXPERIENCE

This program was designed to increase the understanding of students, along with the general public, to the physical and emotional trauma runaway slaves endured during the pre-Civil War era. By incorporating the audience into a first person re-enactment of an escape attempt, Lorain County Metro Parks provided a one of a kind experience involving multiple sensory inputs and enabling participants to get a true sense of the risk involved and courage necessary for the runaway slaves. Approximately 1,100 students attend this program over three days.



A NEW TELESCOPE AT THE JOHN D. NIELSEN OBSERVATORY

On August 27th, 2010, Lorain County Metro Parks, Oberlin College and the Black River Astronomical Society celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Nielsen Observatory at Carlisle Reservation. Part of the celebration was the donation of a 14" telescope by the Oberlin College Observatory and Planetarium, part of the Physics and Astronomy Department. It was donated to the Black River Astronomical Society for use in the John D. Nielsen Observatory.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUBS

In 2010, the naturalist department offered three different adventure clubs: The Backpacking Club, The Paddling Sports Club, and the Women's Outdoor Adventure Club. Each club provided opportunities for beginners to learn new skills and those more advance to enjoy trips and meet others interested in these activities. Programs included fishing trips, kayak floats, backpacking trips in Pennsylvania, and workshops to improve their skills.

Financial Summary as of December 31, 2010

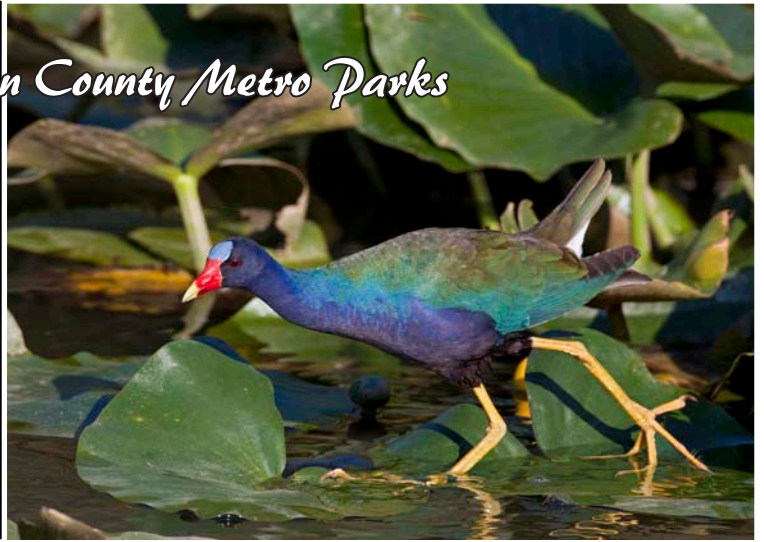
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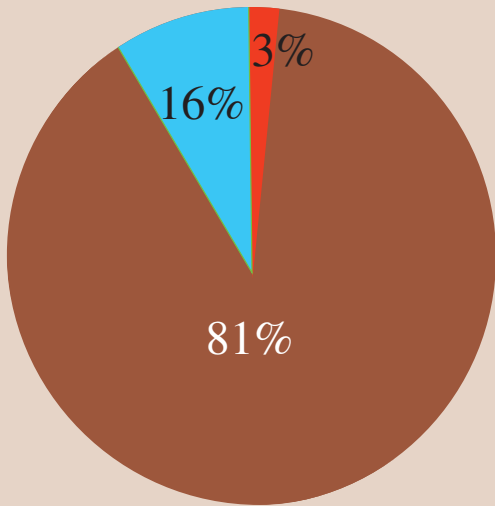
Property Tax.....	\$8,445,422
Interest on Investments.....	4,793
Schoepfle Trust.....	112,190
Forest Hills Golf Course.....	321,200
Grants.....	32,666
Fees and Charges.....	683,856
Splash Zone.....	789,276
Total Revenue.....	10,389,403

Expenditures

Salaries.....	\$3,154,738
Employee Fringe Benefits.....	1,070,789
Supplies.....	61,187
Programs.....	91,145
Materials.....	370,388
Repairs/Rentals.....	35,569
Utilities/Service.....	722,291
Advertising/Displays/Printing.....	140,622
Projects.....	67,554
Seminars/Training.....	14,652
Designated Donations.....	146,966
Equipment.....	234,681
Land Acquisition.....	299,162
Capital Improvements/Contracts.....	2,302,295
Grants/Miscellaneous.....	314,272
Total Expenditures.....	9,026,311

Visitors at Lorain County Metro Parks



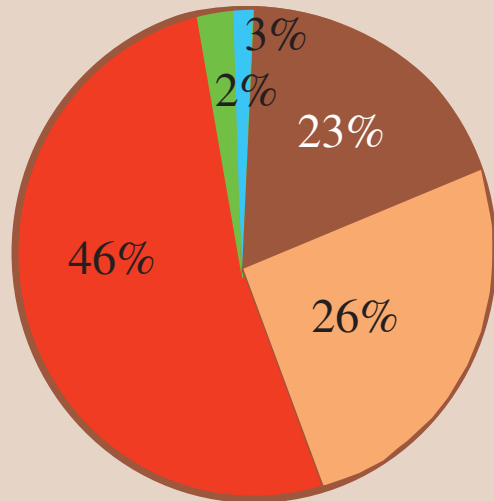


2010 Revenue

Taxes.....	\$8,445,422.....	81%
Fees.....	\$1,622,781.....	16%
Donations.....	\$321,200.....	3%
TOTAL.....	\$10,389,403.....	100%

2010 Expenditures

Personnel.....	\$4,228,939.....	46%
Operations.....	\$2,048,949.....	23%
Donations.....	\$146,966.....	2%
Capital.....	\$2,302,295.....	26%
Land.....	\$299,162.....	3%
TOTAL.....	\$9,026,311.....	100%



ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

Ohio Revised Code Section 1545.08 requires that park districts periodically publish a report to the citizens summarizing the district's 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, 2011.

Your Lorain County Metro Parks



Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation



Black River Reservation



Caley Reservation



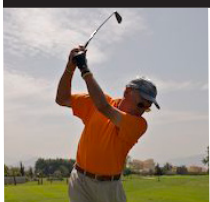
Carlisle Reservation



Charlemont Reservation



Columbia Reservation



Forest Hills Golf Center



French Creek Reservation



Indian Hollow Reservation



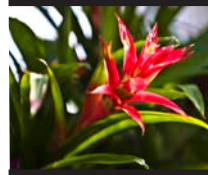
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Kopf Family Reservation



Lakeview Park



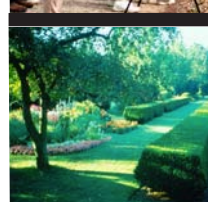
Miller Nature Preserve



North Coast Inland Trail



Sandy Ridge Reservation



Schoepfle Garden



Splash Zone aquatic Center



Vermilion River Reservation



Wellington Reservation



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