

2019

ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District by providing financial resources that enhance facilities, programs and conservation efforts on or adjacent to District lands and waters.

About the Foundation

The MWCD Charitable Endowment Fund was established in 1996 as a component fund of the Stark Community Foundation to provide donors an opportunity to make tax-deductible contributions to support the mission of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD). In February 2001 the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation was officially incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization with the mission of providing financial resources to enhance facilities, programs, and conservation efforts on or adjacent to Conservancy District lands and waters.

There are currently 14 charitable funds within the Foundation, which support conservation, water quality, recreation, and environmental education projects throughout the Muskingum Watershed. Since 2004, the Foundation has funded 70 projects totaling over \$300,000.

In addition to supporting worthwhile conservation and recreation projects, the Foundation was created to help donors meet their charitable goals. The Foundation has helped a number of individuals realize dreams and honor loved ones by establishing charitable funds in their memory.

If you are in need of assistance in developing a charitable contribution plan or establishing a new charitable fund, please contact the Foundation at 330.343.6647 or visit the website at muskingumfoundation.org.

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SECRET PARK FISHING PIER (SENECA)

Delivery of the fishing pier was delayed in 2019. It is anticipated that the fishing pier will be installed during the spring of 2020. The photo at right shows the walkway going down to the abutment where the fishing pier will be located. (See project description on page 3, under "Grants.")



Charitable Funds

CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT FUND

Established to support projects and programs throughout the entire MWCD.

THOMAS W. HUDSON ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in memory of Thomas W. Hudson, this fund supports preservation and conservation projects for Atwood Lake including, but not limited to, shoreline restoration, dredging and reforestation.

CROSSROADS RC&D CONSERVATION FUND

Established to continue the legacy of the former Crossroads RC&D Council and supports natural resource conservation, environmental education, and outdoor recreation projects within the MWCD.

BIKE AND HIKE FUND

Established to support bicycling and trail infrastructure projects throughout the MWCD.

BOATING SAFETY AND EDUCATION FUND

Established to support programming for boater education and safety at Atwood Lake. Donations to this fund support programs such as the Junior Sailing Program.

BUTCH HEAVILIN MEMORIAL DOG PARK FUND

Established in memory of Butch Heavilin, this fund supports the development and operation of a dog park at Atwood Lake Park.

JAMES R. PITNEY LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Established in memory of former MWCD Ranger, James R. Pitney, this fund supports training and education benefits for MWCD rangers and peace officers in Ashland and Richland counties.

ATWOOD LAKE PARK FUND

Established through an agreement with the Atwood Area Fall Festival, this fund supports capital improvements at Atwood Lake Park.

ATWOOD LAKE PARK AMPHITHEATER FUND

Established to help with improvements to the amphitheater site at Atwood Lake Park, and for the addition of amenities to enhance the visitor experience.

REGIS WISSLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in memory of Regis Wissler, this fund supports improvements and enhancements at Seneca Lake Park.

PIEDMONT LAKE FUND

Established by the Belmont Better Hunting and Fishing Club, this fund supports improvements at Piedmont Lake, particularly increasing fish populations.

MESSERLY RECREATION CENTER FUND

Established by respected Ashland University professor and current Charles Mill Lake Park Program Leader, Donna Messerly, this fund supports the development and operation of the Messerly Recreation Center at Charles Mill Lake Park.

JOEY MOFFITT TAPPAN LAKE PARK FUND

Established in memory of Joey Moffitt, this fund supports projects at Tappan Lake Park.

PLEASANT HILL EQUINE FUND

Established to support equestrian trail development and maintenance in and around Pleasant Hill Lake Park.

PLEASANT HILL LAKE PARK FUND

Established to support educational and recreational projects at Pleasant Hill Lake Park.

GENERAL FUND

Established to support projects throughout the MWCD.

2019 Grants

Safe Boating and Fishing Festival

Pleasant Hill Lake Park
\$2,925
Charitable Endowment Fund

Education and Recreational Program Support

Pleasant Hill Lake Park
\$3,500
Pleasant Hill Park Fund

Accessibility Project

Norma Johnson Center
\$2,000
Crossroads RC&D Fund

Law Enforcement Scholarship

Charles Mill Lake Park
\$1,000
James R. Pitney Law Enforcement Fund

Park Activities

Charles Mill Lake Park
\$1,650
Messerly Recreation Center Fund

Security Cameras

Charles Mill Lake Park
\$560
James R. Pitney Law Enforcement Fund

Secret Park Fishing Pier

Seneca Lake
\$19,000.00
MWCD *

* This accessible fishing pier was a vision of an active Seneca Lake users group. The Foundation received a \$19,000 donation from Tim and JoEllen Hayes, residents at Seneca Lake and members of this user group, for the express purpose of financing a future accessible fishing pier at Seneca Lake. The MWCD matched this grant with \$25,506 in accessibility improvements (an ADA walkway and abutment). A very special thanks to Tim and JoEllen Hayes for their generous gift! (see photo on page 1)

Camp Muskingum replaced and relocated their compost bin which provided an opportunity to expand and improve the current composting procedure and added a programmatic and more highly emphasized educational component to their outdoor education program and everyday conservation programming.



Camp Roosevelt-Firebird's mini-grant provided funding assistance to purchase 10 adjustable backpacks and 5 three-man tents for multiple uses on trips in and out of the camp. "Campers will learn to more deeply appreciate and care for the natural world if they learn to respectfully, proficiently and safely move within it," said Camp Director Joe Mendes.



Mini Grants

Wild Woods Program

Camp Roosevelt-Firebird
Leesville Lake
\$2,000

Purchase of Boats

Camp Aldersgate
Leesville Lake
\$1,250

Composting of Food Waste Management

Ohio FFA
Camp Muskingum
Leesville Lake
\$1,000

Treasure Hunters

Camp Wakonda
Leesville Lake
\$750



Camp Aldersgate purchased four Corcls with their mini-grant funding. A Corcl is a popular new round boat for kids on lakes. “The Corcls were a blessing to our campers this summer. Specifically the younger ones who would struggle to navigate a full kayak themselves,” said Dan Bajc, Camp Aldersgate Director. “The young campers found it fun to paddle around on these and even be attached to kayaks of older campers and be towed around. It gave our younger campers a chance to get out on the water and enjoy Leesville Lake in a new way! Thank you to the Foundation for this grant that helped to make that possible.”



Young campers attending **Camp Wakonda** enjoyed the camp’s Treasure Hunters camp event. This program is for children grades 3-8 and teaches skills such as map and compass reading, using GPS trackers, etc. Through the mini-grant received in 2019, Camp Wakonda purchased compasses, GPS units, and Geocache containers.

21st Annual Golf Outing

The 21st Annual Golf Outing was held in August at Oak Shadows Golf Club in New Philadelphia. The event raised more than \$25,000. There were 3 Platinum Sponsors (\$3,000), 4 Gold Sponsors (\$2,000), 9 Silver Sponsors (\$1,000), and 32 Hole Sponsors (\$100). There were 28 foursomes registered for the event.

“The Foundation Golf Outing is our major fundraiser during the year,” said Board of Trustees Chair Jim Schoch. “We appreciate the continuing support of the major sponsors and participants and extend our thanks for make the 2019 outing a success!”

The 22nd Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020, at Oak Shadows Golf Club.

Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Winners

Proximity Contests

Long Putt on Hole 1 Zac Morris
 Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 John Krinsky
 Longest Drive on Hole 10 Jake Holland
 Closest to the Pin on Hole 15 Matt Williams
 Identify the Sponsors Contest J.E. Timko
 50/50 Drawing Jim Cugliari

Skins Game Winners

(Skins split 5 ways)
 Team USGS
 2 skins
 Team WesBanco
 2 skins
 Team Omnipro Services
 1 skin

2019 Winning Teams

First Place: Team WesBanco
with a score of 54 (18 under par)



Third Place: Team AECOM
in a tie-breaker with a score of 58 14 under par)



Second Place: Team ms consultants
in a tie-breaker with a score of 58 (14 under par)



Fourth Place: Team USGS
in a tie-breaker with a score of 58 (14 under par)



21st Annual Golf Outing



2019 Donors

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Financial Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION		
ASSETS		
Current Assets ¹	2019	2018
Checking	\$232,509.30	\$237,120.90
High-Yield Savings	46,539.56	46,516.47
Total Current Assets	\$279,048.86	\$283,637.37
Investments ²		
Charitable Endowment Fund	\$228,132.09	\$207,327.99
Thomas W. Hudson Fund	298,760.82	269,201.40
Crossroads RC&D Fund	164,363.20	124,692.50
Total Investments	\$734,992.67	\$601,221.89
Total Assets	\$1,014,041.53	\$884,859.26
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$107,468.55	\$95,509.86
Restricted	906,572.98	789,349.40
Total Net Assets	\$1,014,041.53	\$884,859.26
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
REVENUES		
Contributions	\$45,431.43	\$60,677.05
Fundraisers	\$39,770.00	47,232.00
SCF Reimbursement ³	4,436.60	0.00
Total Revenues	\$89,638.03	\$107,909.05
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$41,335.31	\$11,113.85
Fundraiser Expenses	14,960.08	11,939.82
General Administration	8,916.89	8,820.50
Asset Transfer	31,162.14	7,890.33
Total Expenses	\$96,374.45	\$39,764.50

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Balances as of December 31, 2019, 2018, balance unaudited.
- ² Endowment funds held by Stark Community Foundation.
- ³ Reimbursement for grants awarded from Charitable Endowment Fund.



Annual Meeting 2019

The **Fourth Annual Meeting of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation** was held on Friday, January 11, 2019, at the Kent State University at Tuscarawas Performing Arts Center in New Philadelphia.

Keynote speaker for the event was Andrew Bashaw, Executive Director of the Buckeye Trail Association.

The Annual Meeting is our opportunity each year to thank our generous donors and celebrate our successes. The proceeds from the Annual Meeting support the Foundation's Mini Grant Program for youth camps. Each year thousands of children attend the 13 youth camps affiliated with MWCD lakes. Recognizing the impact the camps have on youth education and development, the Foundation Board of Trustees established the Mini Grant program in 2016. The Foundation has provided 13 grants totaling over \$15,000 to youth camps in the three years of the program. Though they are "mini grants," these awards make a big impact on the youth camps along MWCD lakes. The grants help support the great work these youth camps are doing throughout the watershed.



Andrew Bashaw, Keynote Speaker





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