



# Portage Park District

## March 2020 Newsletter

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#### Portage Park District permanently conserves 89 acres in Portage County

Portage Park District has conserved over 89 acres in Kent and Streetsboro, bringing the park district's total conserved acreage to over 2,100. The newly conserved land consists of four unique properties adjacent to existing park properties and includes high quality wetlands, forests and open space. Creating larger tracts of contiguous natural areas provides increased quality of wildlife habitat and improved water quality protection.

As with many park and conservation projects, it takes the efforts of Portage Park District, partners and funders to bring a project to life. In many instances, these projects are facilitated by landowners who are willing to sell their property below market value (bargain sale).

#### Trail Lake Addition/Tinker's Creek Greenway Phase II

The 60-acre Kreierhoff property is located to the northeast of the Portage Parks' Trail Lake Park property (Tinker's Creek Greenway Phase I acquired in 2018) and consists of mostly open agricultural land with some forest. Sitting adjacent to Herrick Fen State Nature Preserve, the Kreierhoff parcel provides an opportunity

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### Local events

#### Ohio Rivers Symposium March 20, 9-3 p.m.

Register online at [wmao.org](http://wmao.org) by 3/16

#### Buckeye Trail Fest

April 30-May 3  
Camp Manatoc in  
Cuyahoga Valley National  
Park  
Click [here](#) to learn more

#### Stream Quality Monitoring Training

*presented by: ODNR*

June 16, 6-8 p.m.  
Red Fox Boat Access,  
Shalersville  
Contact [Ryan Moss](#) to  
RSVP

### Upcoming programs

for future trail connection and is a vital buffer to both Herrick Fen and Trail Lake Park. The land will be restored to natural meadow and forest habitat.

\$582,380 in grant funding was provided by the Clean Ohio Greenspace Fund and partially matched with an in-kind donation of value from the Kreierhoff family (Will, Adam and Trevor) through bargain sale.

Read complete article and find maps [here.](#)

## Volunteers needed

### Upcoming Group Volunteer Projects

These group projects are open to all individuals who would like to volunteer. Space is limited to 15 volunteers for each project, register to reserve your spot.

#### Buckthorn Removal - Shaw Woods

April 11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Tree Planting - Morgan Park

April 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Garlic Mustard Pull - Towner's Woods

May 16, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

If you are interested in helping, [click here to sign up.](#)

## Foundation News

### Know an Environmental Hero?

Environmental heroes are everywhere. Those who lookout for the world around them and teach others to do the same. Each year, the Portage Park District Foundation recognizes local environmental heroes for their dedication to the community and conservation.



Nominate someone today! Visit our website for the [nomination form.](#)

### Headwaters Adventure Race



### Early Spring Emergers

March 12, 6-7 p.m.

### Birding Club Launch

March 14, 8-10 a.m.

### Meet Your Camera

March 14, 11-12:30 p.m.

### Treasure on the Trail

March 19, 5-6 p.m.

### Trail Safety

March 23, 6-7 p.m.

### Vernal Pool Magic

March 25, 6-7 p.m.

### Preserve Peek

March 31, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Visit our [Things to Do](#) page for more information and registration.

Click the image below to visit our website to download a program flyer.



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The Headwaters Adventure Race will take place on **July 11 beginning at 8 a.m. in Mantua**. Run, pedal and paddle to the finish line individually or as a team. Early Bird [registration](#) is live, prices will increase on April 1!

## Wild Hikes Challenge 2020 - Year of the Owl

2020 ushers in the Year of the Owl for the Portage Park District Wild Hikes Challenge. Our trusty mascot, Owlbert, is particularly excited about this year's theme. Owls are fascinating, mysterious creatures that are abundant in our county.



To participate complete 8 of the following trails before December 31st to earn a hiking staff (1st year) and/or a 2020 Wild Hikes medallion. Forms can be downloaded [here](#).

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