

PROTECTING HERRICK FEN



Trail Lake Park belongs to the Tinkers Creek watershed, which is the largest sub-watershed to the Cuyahoga River. The park's proximity to Herrick Fen Nature Preserve offers important watershed protection for this special natural resource.

Fens are unique peat-forming wetlands usually fed by mineral-rich surface water or groundwater. Herrick Fen Nature Preserve is one of the last remaining boreal fens in Ohio and it provides habitat for over two dozen state-listed species.

There are two kinds of fen communities at Herrick Fen. The tamarack fen supports one of the few reproducing populations of tamarack in Ohio. The cinquefoil-sedge fen contains a large population of the state-endangered bayberry.



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