

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Cleveland Metroparks Administrative Offices
Rzepka Board Room
4101 Fulton Parkway
Cleveland, Ohio 44144

8:00 A.M. – REGULAR MEETING

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None

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting – **THURSDAY, March 21, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Purchase/Acquisition of Real Property
2. Personnel Matter: Compensation/Evaluation

ACTION ITEMS.

(a) 2024 Budget Adjustment No. 1

(Originating Sources: Wade Steen, Chief Financial Officer/Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer)

The following amendments are requested for Board approval:

CLEVELAND METROPARKS
Appropriation Summary - 2024

Object Code	Object Description	Original Budget			Total Prior Budget Amendments	Proposed Amendment #1 1/18/2024	Total
		Baseline Budget	Carry Over Encumbrances	Total			
OPERATING							
51	Salaries	\$ 70,457,162	\$ 3,669	\$ 70,460,831	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,460,831
52	Employee Fringe Benefits	21,396,109	543,837	21,939,946	-	-	21,939,946
53	Contractual Services	17,161,050	2,919,032	20,080,082	-	(29,567) A	20,050,515
54	Operations	31,109,745	3,793,826	34,903,572	-	29,567 B	34,933,139
	Operating Subtotal	140,124,067	7,260,364	147,384,431	-	-	147,384,431
CAPITAL							
571	Capital Labor	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	1,000,000
572	Capital Construction Expense	27,875,059	13,556,329	41,431,388	-	41,047,474 C	82,478,862
574	Capital Equipment	6,394,036	2,207,611	8,601,647	-	-	8,601,647
575	Zoo Animals	100,000	298	100,298	-	-	100,298
576	Land	2,500,000	110,632	2,610,632	-	-	2,610,632
	Capital Subtotal	37,869,095	15,874,871	53,743,966	-	41,047,474	94,791,440
TOTALS							
Grand totals		\$ 177,993,162	\$ 23,135,235	\$ 201,128,397	\$ -	\$ 41,047,474	\$ 242,175,871

An explanation of adjustments, by category, can be found on pages **100321** to **100323**. The net effect of all adjustments is an increase of \$41,047,474 which is funded by increased revenue, donations, grants, or received but previously unappropriated funds.

No. 24-01-006:

It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to approve 2024 Budget Adjustment No. 1 for a total increase of \$41,047,474 as delineated on pages **100321** to **100323**.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.
Nays: None.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)**(b) *Request for Approval to Amend Police Special Detail Fees in the 2024 Rates and User Fees***

(Originating Source: Wade Steen, Chief Financial Officer)

The 2024 Rates and User Fees Schedule approved on October 19, 2023 (Resolution No. 23-10-156) included ***Police Special Detail Fees for patron-reserved park events***. The new collective bargaining agreement between Cleveland Metroparks and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, representing the Cleveland Metroparks Police Officers amended the Police Special Detail Fees from \$45 to \$55 per hour for officers and \$65 per hour for supervisors.

No. 24-01-007: It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to approve the Police Special Detail Fees from \$45 to \$55 per hour for officers and \$65 per hour for supervisors.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

(c) *Designation of 2024 Legislative Consultant*

(Originating Source: Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer)

Background

It is beneficial for Cleveland Metroparks to retain legislative consulting services related to the State of Ohio to monitor State programs, laws, and initiatives that impact the Park District. Local government funding, state grants, workers' compensation, etc., represent examples of Ohio legislative policy which potentially affect Cleveland Metroparks.

Recommendation Re: Capitol Consulting Group, Inc.

During November and December of 2009, the Board interviewed potential legislative consulting groups, and on February 25, 2010, the Board awarded 2010 consulting services to Capitol Consulting Group, Inc., located in Columbus, Ohio and led by President Dan Jones.

In 1982, Mr. Jones began his career as an employee of the Ohio House of Representatives. In 1985, Mr. Jones embarked upon his lobbying career as Public Affairs Director for the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants. In 1989, the State's largest Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan (Community Mutual Insurance Company), hired Mr. Jones as Manager of Government Affairs. In 1990, Mr. Jones was recruited to serve as Legislative Liaison for Governor George Voinovich. After leaving the Governor's office in 1992, Mr. Jones formed Capitol Consulting Group, Inc. where he has served the interests of a variety of private, corporate and association clients in the following: health care, manufacturing, agriculture, waste, construction, telecommunications and service industries.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

Dan Jones is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he earned the following degrees: Bachelor of Science in International Business, Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and a Master of Business Administration.

Having worked successfully with Mr. Jones since 2010, staff has concluded that Capitol Consulting Group would continue to be effective in representing Cleveland Metroparks. Capitol Consulting has submitted a fee proposal and scope of work for professional services to commence January 1, 2024, payable in installments of \$2,750 per month, for an annual fee of \$33,000.

No. 24-01-008: It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with Capitol Consulting Group, Inc., in form acceptable to the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer, for legislative consultant professional services from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at the rate of \$2,750 per month, for a total annual fee of \$33,000.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

(d) ***Amendment No. 1 – Contract #1615 – Professional Services Agreement – Wendy Park Nature-Based Shoreline Protection – Lakefront Reservation***
(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/ Michele Crawford, Project Development Manager)

Background

On November 10, 2021, Cleveland Metroparks entered into a contract with KS Associates, Inc. (“KS”) pursuant to RFQu #6586 (to be amended to RFQu #6447) for professional design services for the Wendy Park Shoreline Protection Improvements (“Project”). In 2022, through grant funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) Office of Coastal Management, Cleveland Metroparks worked with KS and subconsultant GEI Consultants Inc. (“GEI”) to complete the design, permitting and probable construction cost estimates for the Project. The Rivers and Lake Fund provided the required grant match. Since 2022, the final design has been completed and construction is planned to begin in early 2024 which will be partially funded through a recently received grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) for \$150,000. The final stages of construction will host a site for contractor training led by ODNR.

The contract with KS for site development, preliminary design, coastal and waterway permit application, coordination, and final design was established at \$37,978.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

Amendment No. 1

KS was requested to provide a proposal for additional services to include bidding, construction, and closeout phase services. KS is prepared to continue to coordinate with the selected contractor and Cleveland Metroparks through Project completion.

Proposal Analysis

A proposal was requested from KS to continue professional services for the Project scope as described above. KS’s proposed not-to-exceed cost of \$37,946 will cover the following scope items:

Scope of Services	Fee
Task 6	
6.1 Bidding Phase Services	\$ 9,896
6.2 Construction Phase Services	\$23,838
6.3 Project Closeout	\$ 4,212
Scope of Services Total for Amendment No. 1	\$37,946
Previous Contract Amount	\$37,978
NEW Scope of Services TOTAL	\$75,924

No. 24-01-009: It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1, as per RFQu #6447, with **KS Associates, Inc.**, for professional services as summarized above, for an additional not-to-exceed amount of **\$37,946, resulting in a total revised contract amount not-to-exceed \$75,924** for professional design services as outlined above in a form acceptable to the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer, pursuant to a proposal dated November 16, 2023.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.
 Nays: None.

(e) ***Cleveland Harbor West Pier Repair and Improvements: Memorandum of Agreement*** (Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/ Andrew Stahlke, Project Developer)

Background

The Department of the Army (the “Federal Government”) owns the Cleveland Harbor West Pier (“West Pier”) which extends from Wendy Park on Whiskey Island north to the historic former United States Coast Guard Station (“USCG Station”) along the Cuyahoga River. The West Pier and USCG Station are publicly accessible via a pedestrian walkway atop the West Pier.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

The Federal Government, represented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”), intends to repair the approximately 1,320 foot long West Pier structure beginning in the Spring of 2024. The work will include removal of existing fencing, asphalt topping, and concrete curbing, followed by installation of a new concrete cap and concrete-filled steel sheet piling (the “Project”).

No electrical, data, water, or sewer service currently exists at the USCG Station, limiting its use as a public facility. No viable pipes or conduits currently exist to provide such utility services. Cleveland Metroparks desires to have infrastructure installed along the portion of the West Pier that is disconnected from land (approximately 600 feet) in order to provide for potential future utility service to the USCG Station.

Cleveland Metroparks wishes to partner with the Federal Government via a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”). The MOA will allow the USACE to add utility related infrastructure and new fencing along the West Pier to the scope of the Project, with the costs for these items to be paid by Cleveland Metroparks. USACE and Cleveland Metroparks will work together to include these specific improvements (utility infrastructure and fencing) in the design documents and in Project construction. In order to allow the process with the Federal Government to advance, a starting point estimate of \$350,000 will be included in the agreement. If the amount necessary increases, then staff will return to the Board following procurement policy.

No. 24-01-010:

It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement and/or other associated agreement(s) with the **Department of the Army** for the Cleveland Harbor West Pier Repair and Improvements Project **in an amount not to exceed \$350,000** and any other documents/agreements as may be necessary to effectuate the above, in form(s) to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

- (f) *Award of Single Source #6825 – Heritage Boat Docks Collision Repair*
(Originating Sources: Sean McDermott, Chief Planning & Design Officer/Seth Keller,
Project Manager)

Background

On October 15, 2020, Cleveland Metroparks entered into a Construction Manager at Risk contract with Schirmer Construction, LLC (“Schirmer”) as a result of RFQu #6502 for Heritage 1 Boat Slips, Canal Basin Park, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation; and Rivergate Park Boat Slips, Merwin’s Wharf, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Schirmer has completed their work under Contract Amendment No. 1, Contract Amendment No. 2, and Contract Amendment No. 3 and the project has since been declared substantially complete.

On August 23, 2023, an incident at the newly constructed boat docks at Heritage Park took place. The M/V American Courage came up against the new docks while backing down the Cuyahoga River and caused damage. Since the damage, Cleveland Metroparks staff along with the design engineer of the project (KS Associates) performed an initial inspection and documented the damage. Once a scope of work was established to repair the damage, Schirmer provided an estimated cost to complete the work.

The damage to the docks occurred while the docks were still under the warranty period provided in the contract with Schirmer. In order to preserve the warranty with Schirmer, it is prudent and necessary that Schirmer perform the required repair work. That stated, finalization of arrangements with the insurance carrier covering the cost of the loss are underway.

Dock Repair Summary

After inspection of the damaged docks, it was determined eight (8) of the docks would require removal from the water and repair/replacement. To remove the docks, the pavers, waterline, and electrical conduit would need removed and disconnected. Additionally, Schirmer will need to establish access to the docks to get their equipment in to perform the repairs. In doing so the established vegetation will be damaged along with removal and replacement of planted trees will be required.

Once the preparatory work is completed, docks will be removed and replaced. Four (4) of the dock piles will be removed from the Cuyahoga River and new piles will be driven while the docks fabrication is taking place. Once the docks are re-installed the final connections for the repaired waterlines and electrical conduit can be made. The contractor will repair any damaged walkways and restore disturbed areas from the temporary site access. The scope of work and costs are outlined below:

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	TOTAL COST
PREPARATORY WORK				
1	REMOVE CONCRETE PAVERS AND CLEATS	817	SF	\$ 4,968.00
2	STORE PAVERS AND CLEATS	1	LS	\$ 1,066.00
3	TEMPORARY SAFETY SIGNAGE	1	LS	\$ 309.00
4	ELECTRICAL - TEMPORARY DISCONNECT	1	LS	\$ 8,735.00
5	PLUMBING - TEMPORARY DISCONNECT	1	LS	\$ 3,400.00
6	REMOVE EXISTING TREES IN CONFLICT	2	EA	\$ 400.00
STRUCTURAL REPAIRS				
7	CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY ACCESS RAMP	1	LS	\$ 12,052.00
8	SALVAGE PILE CAPS	4	EA	\$ 200.00
9	50TN CRANE TO PULL DOCKS	8	EA	\$ 18,691.00
10	TRANSPORT DOCKS TO FABRICATOR	1	LS	\$ 1,400.00
11	SECURE REMAINING DOCKS FOR WINTER	1	LS	\$ 4,288.00
12	STRUCTURAL REPAIRS BY FABRICATOR	3	EA	\$ 32,550.00
13	ADDITIONAL REPAIRS, AS NECESSARY (FLOATS & FENDERS)	5	EA	\$ 43,942.00
14	TRANSPORT DOCKS TO SITE	1	LS	\$ 1,400.00
15	GEO GRADEL MOBILIZATION & DE-MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$ 74,775.00
16	EXTRACT EXISTING PILES	4	EA	\$ 72,505.00
17	SET REPAIRED DOCK SECTIONS INTO RIVER	8	EA	\$ 35,720.00
18	DRIVE NEW PILES	4	EA	\$ 80,435.00
19	REMOVE TEMPORARY ACCESS RAMP	1	LS	\$ 7,036.00
20	ELECTRICAL - RE-CONNECT SYSTEM	1	LS	\$ 19,602.00
21	PLUMBING - RE-CONNECT SYSTEM	1	LS	\$ 7,102.00
22	REINSTALL CONCRETE PAVERS AND CLEATS	817	SF	\$ 14,042.00
23	REINSTALL PILE CAPS	4	EA	\$ 400.00
24	INSTALL NEW TREES TO REPLACE REMOVED	2	EA	\$ 2,801.00
25	SITE RESTORATION - 6" CONCRETE WALK	500	SF	\$ 13,382.00
26	SITE RESTORATION - TOPSOIL AND SEED	1	LS	\$ 5,144.00
INCIDENTALS				
27	SUPERVISION	1	LS	\$ 4,004.00
28	FUEL	1	LS	\$ 2,170.00
29	MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$ 5,348.00
30	FACILITIES	4	MNTH	\$ 500.00
31	SURVEY & LAYOUT	1	LS	\$ 3,896.00
COST OF WORK				\$ 482,262.13
GENERAL ALLOANCE (5.00%)				\$ 24,113.11
SECTION TOTAL				\$ 506,375.23
GENERAL CONDITIONS FEE (7.20%)				\$ 34,722.87
CMR FEE (3.50%)				\$ 16,879.17
TOTAL COST				\$ 557,977.28

No. 24-01-011:

It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Schirmer Construction LLC for services described above, to authorize and agree to oblige these funds in a sum of \$557,977.28, until reimbursement is received under the terms and conditions of the insurance claim; and further, that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement and execute any other documents as may be required to execute the contract and complete the repairs; form of document(s) to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPs/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES.

No. 24-01-012: It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the following awards:

- (a) **RFP #6710:** **Management Services for Manakiki Banquet/Conference Facility Catering Operations & Golf Clubhouse Food Services/Snack Bar** (see page **100298**);
- (b) **Bid #6814:** **Wendy Park Nature Based Shoreline Protection – Lakefront Reservation** (see page **100299**);
- (c) **Single Source #6820:** **One (1) Used 2020 Jacobsen HR700 Mower** (see page **100301**);
- (d) **Single Source #6821:** **2024 Marine Fuel** (see page **100302**);
- (e) **ODOT and Sourcewell Co-Op #6822:** **Three (3) New 2024 John Deere 5075E Cab Utility Tractors with Loader** (see page **100303**); and,
- (f) **Single Source #6823:** **Student Conservation Association Conservation Corps Trail Crew** (see page **100304**).

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.
Nays: None.

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPs/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)

RFP #6710 SUMMARY: **MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR MANAKIKI BANQUET/CONFERENCE FACILITY CATERING OPERATIONS & GOLF CLUBHOUSE FOOD SERVICES/SNACK BAR**

Background

On October 19, 2023, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 23-10-160, the Board approved a new three-year contract with Dino’s Catering, Inc. (“Dino’s”) for management of the Manakiki banquet/conference facility from May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2027. The resolution approved by the Board reflected capital investments of \$50,000 per year for each year of the agreement, for a total of \$150,000. Dino’s proposal in response to Request for Proposals #6710, however, proposed a total three-year capital investment of \$50,000.

Staff recommends that the Board amend Board Resolution No. 23-10-160 to accurately reflect Dino’s proposal, set forth below:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Three-Year Total
<i>Guaranteed Payment</i>	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$360,000
<i>Additional Payment</i>	10% of Adjusted Gross Receipts of any sales in excess of \$1,200,000	10% of Adjusted Gross Receipts of any sales in excess of \$1,200,000	10% of Adjusted Gross Receipts of any sales in excess of \$1,200,000	
<i>Capital Investment</i>	\$50,000			\$50,000
<i>Total Value to Cleveland Metroparks</i>				\$410,000

Should Cleveland Metroparks, in its sole discretion, decide to extend the agreement beyond 2027, Dino’s has proposed an annual remittance of \$130,000 per year and total capital investment of \$50,000 beginning May 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board amend Board Resolution No. 23-10-160 to approve a Management Services Agreement with **Dino’s Catering, Inc. d/b/a Dino’s at Manakiki, LLC** for Manakiki Banquet/Conference Facility Catering Operations & Golf Clubhouse Food Services/Snack Bar with a term of three (3) years commencing on May 1, 2024 and ending on April 30, 2027, both dates being inclusive, with the option to extend the Agreement for up to an additional three (3) years at the sole discretion of Cleveland Metroparks, *i.e.*, May 1, 2027 through April 30, 2030, with a **total three-year remittance of \$360,000 (\$120,000 per year), and a total of \$50,000 for capital investments**, and, further, that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Management Services Agreement in a form approved by the Chief Legal & Ethics Officer.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 24-01-012 on Page 100297)

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPs/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)**BID #6814 SUMMARY: **WENDY PARK NATURE BASED SHORELINE PROTECTION – LAKEFRONT RESERVATION****

(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/Michele Crawford, Project Development Manager/Seth Keller, Project Manager)

Background

Wendy Park is a 22-acre public greenspace located within the Lakefront Reservation on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. Cleveland Metroparks has managed the park since 2014 and staff has documented significant erosion along the shoreline at the park. Since 2017, greater than 10 feet of shoreline loss has been documented. This erosion affects water quality by contributing to increased sediment loads and accumulating debris on the shoreline. Additionally, the erosion threatens park infrastructure. Wendy Park is a popular destination for water and nature-enthusiasts and in 2019 recorded over 343,000 visitors. Wendy Park is comprised largely of fill material and past land management included mowed edges and lack of shoreline buffers and stabilization. As a result of these historical influences coupled with recent high lake levels, the shoreline has experienced significant erosion. This project will stabilize this section of shoreline using a nature-based design to protect the shoreline and to provide a buffer from future storm events and high-water levels.

In 2022, through grant funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) Office of Coastal Management, Cleveland Metroparks worked with consultants KS Associates and GEI Consultants, Inc. to complete the design, permitting and probable construction cost estimates for the project. The Rivers and Lake Fund provided the required grant match. Construction will be partially funded through a recently received grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) for \$150,000, and the final stages of construction will be a site for contractor training led by ODNR.

The Wendy Park Nature Based Shoreline Protection Project (“Project”) was released for bid with bids due on December 20, 2023.

Wendy Park Nature Based Shoreline Protection Scope of Work

The Project consists of installing nature-based shoreline protection measures along approximately 469.5 linear feet of shoreline, including the placement of 1,110 cubic yards of sand for beach restoration and 400 cubic yards of earth fill to support vegetation along the landward edge of the restored beach. To provide additional stability to the restored beach, 760 tons of ODOT Type A Armor Stone and 125 feet of coir fiber block stabilization will be used along the landward edge of the restored beach, along with 1,700 tons of 1- to 2-ton Toe Stone along the water line and 30 feet offshore. Native seed and temporary grass cover seeding covering 0.27 and 0.06 acres, respectively, will be planted over the new fill. Native plant plugs will be installed through 60 square yards of erosion control double-mat near the gaps in the offshore toe stone. The existing driftwood along the shoreline will be removed prior to fill placement and reinstalled and anchored afterwards to reduce run-up over the restored beach face.

Bid Results

On December 20, 2023, the following sealed bids were received for Bid #6814-Wendy Park Nature Based Shoreline Protection, in the Lakefront Reservation. Five (5) bids were received for the Project. The Engineers’ Estimate for this work was \$464,100.

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPS/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)

Vendor	Bid Total
Eclipse Co., LLC	\$472,421.00
Geo Gradel Co.	\$421,138.50
Mark Haynes Construction, Inc.	\$417,762.00
Shoreline Contractors LLC	\$463,701.92
The Great Lakes Construction Co.	\$544,211.61

Bid Analysis

Staff performed a review of the bid results with the design consultant KS Associates. Mark Haynes Construction, Inc. (“Haynes”) has recent project experience with shoreline restoration work for the City of Euclid and for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, Haynes has performed work for Cleveland Metroparks in the recent past and successfully completed those projects. Haynes is in Norwalk, Ohio and has been in business since 1999, specializing in grading and shoreline erosion control.

Furthermore, due to the unique nature of the work on an active and dynamic shoreline, staff is recommending the addition of a \$30,000 owner allowance included in the contract in order to allow for modifications or additions to the contemplated work.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Mark Haynes Construction, Inc. as the lowest and best bidder for Bid #6814-Wendy Park Nature Based Shoreline Protection, Lakefront Reservation in a **not to exceed amount of \$447,762** as reflected above and inclusive of a \$30,000 owner allowance. In the event the bidder cannot satisfy the bid, the project will be given to the next successive bidder who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next lowest and best bidder who can satisfy the requirements of the bid. The form of the contract shall be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 24-01-012 on Page 100297)

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPS/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)

SINGLE SOURCE #6820 SUMMARY: ONE (1) USED 2020 JACOBSEN HR700 MOWER for Golf

Item	2020 Used Jacobsen HR700 Mower
Department	Golf
New unit base cost-plus accessories, includes delivery	\$92,500
Description	14” cutting width, 192.5 hours, and all standard equipment with a one (1) year parts warranty, as per quote dated on December 8, 2023
Total Order	\$92,500

*Note: Other used mowers were researched from UGATE and Tractor Pool, however, either the mowers were older and/or had more engine hours.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board approve the purchase of one (1) used 2020 Jacobsen HR700 mower, equipped as specified in the above summary, as per Single Source #6820, from **Baker Vehicle Systems, for a total cost of \$92,500.**

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 24-01-012 on Page 100297)

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPS/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)

SINGLE SOURCE #6821 SUMMARY: **2024 MARINE FUEL** for resale at East 55th, Emerald Necklace and Wildwood Marinas

HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE
2023 Expenditure - \$328,395.64
2024 Estimate - \$500,000.00

Background

Since 2014, Cleveland Metroparks has purchased marine fuel for resale (87 Conventional without lead or ethanol) for East 55th Marina from Great Lakes Petroleum. Cleveland Metroparks added that service at Emerald Necklace Marina in 2016 and Wildwood Marina in 2020.

Great Lakes Petroleum provides a high-quality additive called ValvTect, which is an industry leader in fuel additives for marine engines. Boaters recognize that utilization of ValvTect products prevents ethanol/gasoline related problems by keeping moisture in suspension and preventing bacteria and other microbiological growth. This, in turn, improves engine performance, reduces fuel consumption, and minimizes harmful exhaust emissions.

Research by Cleveland Metroparks staff found an overwhelming majority of Great Lakes boaters prefer to purchase and utilize fuel with the ValvTect additives to keep their engines sound and free from failure. ValvTect’s strict regulations for its product causes it to limit its suppliers to be sure that those it authorizes can maintain its standards.

ValvTect can only be sold by Certified ValvTect Marine Fuel Distributors that meet strict quality control specifications when adding this product to 87 Conventional Fuel without lead or ethanol. There are several fuel distributors in Ohio; however, Great Lakes Petroleum is the only distributor in the City of Cleveland that holds the ValvTect certification. Cleveland Metroparks will follow the pricing set by OPIS (Oil Price Information Service), which is the oil industry index used to verify base prices submitted by suppliers and will hold the additive cost per gallon at ±\$0.04.

Cleveland Metroparks staff recommend continuing the purchase and supply of marine fuel with the ValvTect additive from Great Lakes Petroleum.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the purchase of 87 Conventional Fuel without lead and ethanol that has been treated with ValvTect marine-additive products as per Single Source #6821, as noted in the summary above, to be supplied on an as needed basis for the 2024 boating season, from certified distributor **Great Lakes Petroleum**, for a **total cost not to exceed \$500,000**, for dispensation/resale at the East 55th, Emerald Necklace and Wildwood Marinas. In the event the log of consumption approaches 90 percent of the estimate, an action item will be presented to the Board requesting an increase.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 24-01-012 on Page 100297)

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPS/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)

ODOT AND SOURCEWELL CO-OP #6822 SUMMARY:
**THREE (3) NEW 2024 JOHN DEERE 5075E CAB UTILITY TRACTORS WITH
 LOADER** for Brookside, Hinckley, and Ohio & Erie Canal Reservations

Item	2024 John Deere 5075 Tractor
Department	Brookside, Hinckley, and Ohio & Erie Canal Reservations
New unit base cost-plus accessories, includes delivery	\$75,005.40
Description	Equipped with: 75 HP John Deere engine, heated cab, seven (7) foot boom mounted front blade, 30193707 and 30193757, in full cooperation with ODOT Cooperative Contract #207-23 and Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #082923-DAC
Total Order x3	\$225,016.20

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board approve the purchase of three (3) new 2024 John Deere 5075E tractors, equipped as specified in the above summary, as per ODOT and Sourcewell Co-Op #6822, from **Polen Implement, for a total cost of \$225,016.20**, in full utilization of the ODOT Purchasing Program, contract number 207-23 and Sourcewell Purchasing Program, contract number 082923-DAC.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 24-01-012 on Page 100297)

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPS/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)**SINGLE SOURCE #6823 SUMMARY: **STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
CONSERVATION CORPS TRAIL CREW****

(Originating Sources: Joseph V. Roszak, Chief Operating Officer/Jim Rodstrom, Director of Construction)

Background

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) conducts and maintains conservation corps programs across the United States for the purpose of providing educational and hands-on conservation and natural resource management opportunities. The proposed SCA crew will consist of four members and a working crew leader, all provided by SCA. The crew will perform meaningful and necessary work that corresponds with expansion and rehabilitation plans for revitalizing Cleveland Metroparks trails. Projects for this crew will consist of trail construction and rehabilitation, natural resource enhancements, and general trail management. This program will result in cost savings to the Park District by removing the need for contracted work crews, trail construction contractors, and other intermittent employees the Trails Division has utilized in the past.

Following the success of a similar program throughout the 2023 season, the Trails Division looks to continue this model of workforce to optimize trail construction and maintenance efforts. Trails Fund grants and donations have been identified as the primary funding source for this program.

The scope of services for this agreement includes the following:

1. The recruitment, hiring, and training of a qualified Crew Leader to manage the Crew, implement the program, and to recruit participants to become Crew members.
2. Managing SCA Crew Leader and Crew to carry out project work as assigned for a 26-week term commencing in early May 2024 with a contract completion date of November 2024.
3. Providing all work gear, uniforms, and personal protective equipment required for assigned projects. In addition, daily transportation vehicles and associated costs are included.
4. Providing and maintaining all administrative requirements and records for the Crew and Crew Leader.
5. Satisfying all Risk Management, Workers Compensation, Health Insurance, and pre-employment background check contract requirements.

Recommendation

SCA has proposed project deliverables and has provided a program cost of \$182,714.58 to hire, train, and administer a conservation corps trail crew consisting of a Crew Leader and four Crew Members for a 26-week term encompassing the entire 2024 prime trail building season. SCA is the only professional trail building organization with this type of program in place in this region

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPS/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES (cont.)

of the United States. They have been organized and operating as a non-profit for 67 years and are recognized as a national leader in conservation, sustainability, and community program development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the Student Conservation Association for Single Source #6823, Student Conservation Association Conservation Corps Trail Crew in the amount of **\$182,714.58**. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 24-01-012 on Page 100297)

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED
SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING (Presented 1/18/24)

Pursuant to Cleveland Metroparks By-Laws, Article 5 (Procurement), Section 5(a), “The CEO is authorized to enter into contracts and contract amendments for construction, change orders, and to purchase equipment, goods and services, and real estate, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, if the cost of the contract or contract amendment, for any single project, or the amount of the purchase, does not exceed \$75,000. Any contracts where the cost exceeds \$25,000 or any purchase where the amount exceeds \$25,000, and approved by the CEO, shall be reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the execution of said contract or said purchase,” the following is provided:

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
Wetland mitigation credits at the Grafton Swamp Wetlands Mitigation Bank at South Chagrin Reservation.	The Nature Conservancy	\$32,500.00	(7)
Executive life insurance program.	Pacific Life Insurance Company	\$48,750.00	(7)
Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the Bedford Land Bank (Viaduct Park) at Bedford Reservation; additional services.	National EC Services, Inc.	\$1,700.00 20,537.00 <u>6,647.00</u> \$28,884.00	(7)
2024 equipment purchases, rentals, and services for various locations.	Ohio Cat	\$75,000.00	(2)
2024 fuel infrastructure, maintenance inspection, and installations for various locations.	Collins Equipment Corp.	\$75,000.00	(2)
2024 shipping charges for various locations.	UPS Stores	\$75,000.00	(2)
Automotive fluids and lubricants to be supplied on an “as needed” basis for a one (1) year period beginning May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024; additional products.	Four-O Corporation	\$50,000.00 <u>25,000.00</u> \$75,000.00	(3)
Three (3) new 2024 Xerox Altalink C8170, C8145, and C8135 multifunction color copiers for Administration Building.	ComDoc, Inc.	\$32,397.90	(3)

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED (cont.)

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
Cyber liability insurance for 2024.	Willis Towers Watson	\$25,862.00	(7)
2024 copier maintenance agreement (cost-per-copy program) for various Xerox copiers for various locations.	ComDoc, Inc.	\$50,000.00	(2)
2023 Cuyahoga County prisoner holding cost.	Cuyahoga County Treasurer	\$41,500.00	(3)
Annual law enforcement policy manual and daily training bulletins, supplemental manual, and procedures for a three (3) year agreement from 2024 through 2026.	Lexipol, LLC	\$74,761.15	(2)
Professional engineering services to review Brookside Reservation pump station.	CTI Engineers, Inc.	\$37,100.00	(7)
2024 Police uniform apparel.	Galls	\$75,000.00	(7)
Legal advertisements with the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com for a one (1) year period beginning February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.	Advance Ohio Media, LLC	\$50,000.00	(3)
Window cleaning services for a two (2) year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 for various locations.	The Mobile Tint Pro LLC	\$75,000.00	(7)
Deer processing services for a one (1) year period beginning January 8, 2024 through January 7, 2025.	Duma Deer Processing, LLC	\$54,000.00	(7)
One (1) new 2024 Ventrac 4520N tractor for Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation.	Mast Lepley Silo Inc.	\$42,770.00	(2)

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED (cont.)

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
Point Bland body armor and Guardian carriers for Police.	Galls	\$50,000.00	(2)
Professional services for Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse restroom renovations at Brecksville Reservation.	Patton Painting Inc.	\$44,705.00	(7)
Various disposables (non-bid) for 2024 for various Enterprise locations.	Sysco Food Services	\$50,000.00	(3)
Professional services for Rivergate Flats Industrial Railroad Greening – Phase 2 Grading; includes labor and equipment, at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation.	F. Buddie Contracting, Ltd.	\$47,650.00	(7)

===== **KEY TO TERMS** =====

- (1) "**BID**" – Formal bid invitations sent and advertised in *The Plain Dealer* 15 days preceding the bid opening.
- (2) "**COOPERATIVE**" – Purchased through cooperative purchasing programs i.e. – State of Ohio, OMNIA, etc.
- (3) "**SINGLE SOURCE**" – Purchased from one source as competitive alternatives are not available.
- (4) "**PROPRIETARY**" – Products purchased for resale directly from the brand’s manufacturer.
- (5) "**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**" – Services of an accountant, architect, attorney at law, physician, professional engineer, construction project manager, consultant, manager, surveyor or appraiser as outlined under Article 5, Sections 1-4 of the Board By-Laws and defined by ORC 307.86.
- (6) "**COMPETITIVE QUOTE (over \$5,000 up to \$25,000)**" – Originally estimated \$25,000 or less, quoted by three vendors.
- (7) "**COMPETITIVE QUOTE (over \$25,000 to \$75,000)**" – Chosen through the accumulation of three written quotes.

**CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS (1/18/24)**

Pursuant to Cleveland Metroparks By-Laws, Article 5 (Procurement), Section 5(b) and (c), “...the CEO is not authorized to enter into any change orders to construction contracts, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, except that the CEO is authorized to enter into change orders to construction contracts, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, where the additional cost is less than THE LESSER OF: (i) \$75,000, or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the contract at the time of the change order. Each change order by the CEO under this Article shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the execution of said change order. The aggregate value of all change orders authorized by the CEO shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original contract value without prior approval of the Board. If the Board approves a revised contract value, then the aggregate value of all change orders issued after Board approval of the revised contract value shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the revised contract value without additional approval of the Board.”

I. “Amendment to Professional Service Contract. For professional service contracts greater than \$75,000, the CEO is not authorized to enter into any amendment to professional services or other special services agreement, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, except that the CEO is authorized to enter into amendments to professional services and other special services agreements for additional fees, without prior approval by the Board in each instance, where the additional fees for the agreement by the CEO pursuant to this Section, are less than THE LESSER OF: (i) \$75,000, or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the agreement at the time of the amendment. Each amendment by the CEO under this Section shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the execution of said amendment. The aggregate value of all amendments authorized by the CEO shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original contract value without prior approval of the Board. If the Board approves a revised contract value, then the aggregate value of all change orders issued after Board approval of the revised contract value shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the revised contract value without additional approval of the Board,” the following is provided:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Item/Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Change Order or Amendment</u>
<p><u>Barge No. 225 Modifications and Relocation to Wildwood Park, Euclid Creek</u></p> <p>Contract Amount: Original Amount: \$167,500.00 Amendment No. 1 Amount: \$43,200.00 Amendment No. 2 Amount: \$9,900.00 Revised Contract Amount: \$220,600.00</p>	<p>Additional services to remove existing steel pile spuds at North Coast Harbor</p>	<p>PE Limited</p>	<p>#2</p>

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPs/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES; GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED; CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS.

The following were presented to the Board for award/acknowledgment: bid/RFP/co-op/single source tabulations, as shown on pages **100297** through **100305**; \$25,000 to \$75,000 purchased items/services report, pages **100306** through **100308**; and construction change orders, page **100309**.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL.

No. 24-01-001: It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to approve vouchers, net payroll, employee withholding taxes, and procurement card charges, as identified on pages **100331** to **100478**.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

No. 24-01-002: It was moved by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to approve JP Morgan Mastercard-Arborwear dated December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$327.86, as identified on pages **100479** to **100480**.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu and Mr. Rinker.

Abstained: Mr. Moore.

Nays: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Public comments were offered by Marty Leshner of Olmsted Township. All such comments can be heard in their entirety by accessing the "About" section of Cleveland Metroparks website at <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/cleveland-metroparks-organization/boards-of-park-commissioners/board-meeting-archives>.

INFORMATION/BRIEFING ITEMS/POLICY.

- (a) ***RAISE East Side Trails Project Update***
*(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/
Sara Byrnes Maier, Principal Planner/Josiah Denson, Planner)*

Cleveland Metroparks was awarded \$950,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program ("RAISE") for its RAISE Cleveland Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning application in November 2021. The application was submitted in partnership with the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, and was derived from the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan.

Now known as the 2023 RAISE East Side Trails, the project entails full design of two trails: the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Phase 2 North and the Morgana Run-Booth Avenue Extension, as well as feasibility/preliminary engineering of two others: the Opportunity Corridor Connector and Euclid Creek Greenway Extension. After finalizing a grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation in 2023, Cleveland Metroparks selected Chagrin Valley Engineering, LTD, to lead design of the project in May 2023.

Major public engagement activities occurred in September/October and December 2023 to advance design of the projects, including a project website at 2023raise.cuyahogagreenways.com. Staff will recap the process to date, design progress, and upcoming milestones.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was scheduled by the Board for Thursday, February 15, 2024, 8:00 a.m. at the Board's office, 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio.

ADJOURNMENT.

No. 24-01-013: There being no further matters to come before the Board, upon motion by Vice President Rinker, seconded by Vice President Ittu, and carried, President Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

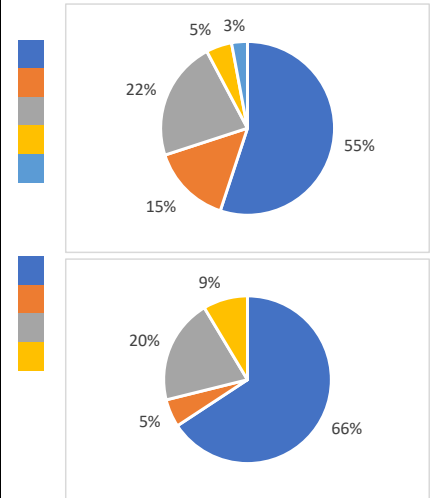
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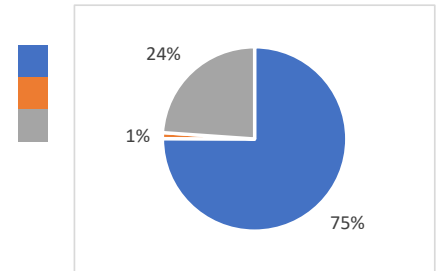
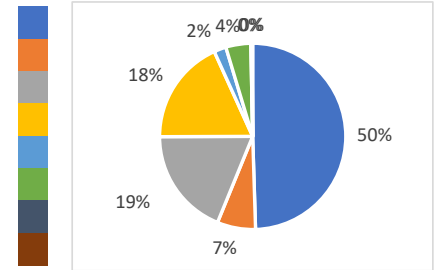
**Cleveland Metroparks
Financial Performance
12/31/2023
CM Park District**

	Actual December '22	Actual December '23	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD December '22	Actual YTD December '23	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Property Tax	8,837	0	(8,837)	78,482,678	97,514,599	19,031,921
Local Gov/Grants/Gifts	3,592,562	2,368,809	(1,223,753)	14,916,740	26,443,508	11,526,768
Charges for Services	1,419,461	2,108,093	688,632	34,780,526	39,379,495	4,598,969
Self-Funded	752,153	803,958	51,805	6,792,536	8,446,424	1,653,888
Interest, Fines, Other	<u>209,178</u>	<u>772,522</u>	<u>563,344</u>	<u>2,485,596</u>	<u>5,235,003</u>	<u>2,749,407</u>
Total Revenue	5,982,191	6,053,382	71,191	137,458,076	177,019,029	39,560,953
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	5,673,964	6,748,275	(1,074,311)	69,779,114	78,345,398	(8,566,284)
Contractual Services	288,469	353,023	(64,554)	5,065,462	6,379,221	(1,313,759)
Operations	1,760,838	2,239,772	(478,934)	21,645,428	24,140,828	(2,495,400)
Self-Funded Exp	<u>760,555</u>	<u>1,503,042</u>	<u>(742,487)</u>	<u>7,555,626</u>	<u>10,274,663</u>	<u>(2,719,037)</u>
Total OpEx	8,483,826	10,844,112	(2,360,286)	104,045,630	119,140,110	(15,094,480)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	(2,501,635)	(4,790,730)	(2,289,095)	33,412,446	57,878,919	24,466,473
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	78,004	59,109	18,895	747,909	822,431	(74,522)
Construction Expenses	3,317,375	3,583,498	(266,123)	20,671,562	35,083,391	(14,411,829)
Capital Equipment	262,582	342,023	(79,441)	3,618,987	6,596,962	(2,977,975)
Land Acquisition	(182,356)	5,380,237	(5,562,593)	1,430,426	9,540,591	(8,110,165)
Capital Animal Costs	<u>2,068</u>	<u>8,577</u>	<u>(6,509)</u>	<u>20,233</u>	<u>28,019</u>	<u>(7,786)</u>
Total CapEx	3,477,673	9,373,444	(5,895,771)	26,489,117	52,071,394	(25,582,277)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(5,979,308)	(14,164,174)	(8,184,866)	6,923,329	5,807,525	(1,115,804)



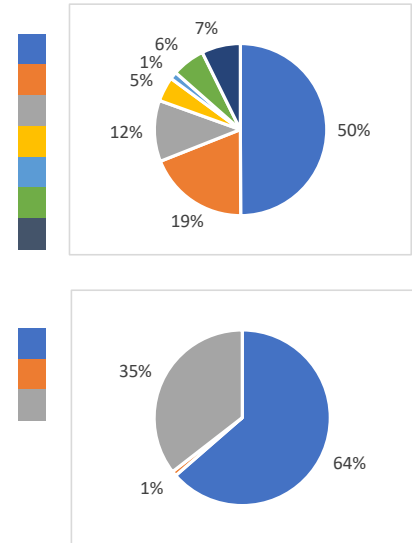
**Cleveland Metroparks
Financial Performance
12/31/2023
Zoo**

	Actual December '22	Actual December '23	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD December '22	Actual YTD December '23	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
General/SE Admissions	341,309	739,978	398,669	7,287,453	7,769,622	482,169
Guest Experience	17,939	39,173	21,234	1,199,439	1,043,894	(155,545)
Zoo Society	0	0	0	2,813,234	2,948,090	134,856
Souvenirs/Refreshments	77,528	117,807	40,279	2,418,330	2,869,600	451,270
Education	2,614	2,755	141	350,335	330,811	(19,524)
Rentals & Events	75	4,250	4,175	545,485	676,766	131,281
Consignment	5,798	0	(5,798)	39,488	40,158	670
Other	<u>51,510</u>	<u>9,892</u>	<u>(41,618)</u>	<u>55,524</u>	<u>12,770</u>	<u>(42,754)</u>
Total Revenue	496,773	913,855	417,082	14,709,288	15,691,711	982,423
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	1,282,672	1,403,853	(121,181)	15,769,346	17,104,489	(1,335,143)
Contractual Services	7,883	3,839	4,044	191,419	237,663	(46,244)
Operations	<u>395,453</u>	<u>596,114</u>	<u>(200,661)</u>	<u>5,163,972</u>	<u>5,445,636</u>	<u>(281,664)</u>
Total OpEx	1,686,008	2,003,806	(317,798)	21,124,737	22,787,788	(1,663,051)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	(1,189,235)	(1,089,951)	99,284	(6,415,449)	(7,096,077)	(680,628)
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	7,171	0	7,171	23,226	26,792	(3,566)
Construction Expenses	88,688	180,758	(92,070)	1,430,267	8,374,512	(6,944,245)
Capital Equipment	4,835	0	4,835	166,597	230,803	(64,206)
Capital Animal Costs	<u>2,068</u>	<u>8,577</u>	<u>(6,509)</u>	<u>20,233</u>	<u>28,019</u>	<u>(7,786)</u>
Total CapEx	102,762	189,335	(86,573)	1,640,323	8,660,126	(7,019,803)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(1,291,997)	(1,279,286)	12,711	(8,055,772)	(15,756,203)	(7,700,431)
Restricted Revenue-Other	682,492	119,655	(562,837)	4,763,660	4,344,286	(419,374)
Restricted Revenue-Zipline	33,093	46,403	13,310	528,312	528,110	(202)
Restricted Expenses	<u>923,877</u>	<u>841,076</u>	<u>82,801</u>	<u>5,647,670</u>	<u>7,070,761</u>	<u>(1,423,091)</u>
Restricted Surplus/(Subsidy)	(208,292)	(675,018)	(466,726)	(355,698)	(2,198,365)	(1,842,667)



**Cleveland Metroparks
Financial Performance
12/31/2023
Golf Summary**

	Actual December '22	Actual December '23	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD December '22	Actual YTD December '23	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Greens Fees	32,547	85,889	53,342	5,346,294	6,179,894	833,600
Equipment Rentals	8,186	32,160	23,974	2,040,478	2,356,088	315,610
Food Service	24,958	15,697	(9,261)	1,190,312	1,415,062	224,750
Merchandise Sales	14,351	18,164	3,813	510,056	572,530	62,474
Pro Services	700	830	130	151,525	171,523	19,998
Driving Range	3,004	11,423	8,419	500,765	765,784	265,019
Other	<u>56,314</u>	<u>70,337</u>	<u>14,023</u>	<u>544,947</u>	<u>906,591</u>	<u>361,644</u>
Total Revenue	140,060	234,500	94,440	10,284,377	12,367,472	2,083,095
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	366,583	425,846	(59,263)	5,188,314	5,900,940	(712,626)
Contractual Services	3,879	8,593	(4,714)	67,210	83,064	(15,854)
Operations	<u>252,026</u>	<u>366,945</u>	<u>(114,919)</u>	<u>2,747,191</u>	<u>3,290,979</u>	<u>(543,788)</u>
Total OpEx	622,488	801,384	(178,896)	8,002,715	9,274,983	(1,272,268)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	(482,428)	(566,884)	(84,456)	2,281,662	3,092,489	810,827
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	29,660	13,579	16,081	117,245	176,506	(59,261)
Construction Expenses	159,445	312,507	(153,062)	651,283	4,297,311	(3,646,028)
Capital Equipment	<u>49,240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,240</u>	<u>502,531</u>	<u>579,212</u>	<u>(76,681)</u>
Total CapEx	238,345	326,086	(87,741)	1,271,059	5,053,029	(3,781,970)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(720,773)	(892,970)	(172,197)	1,010,603	(1,960,540)	(2,971,143)



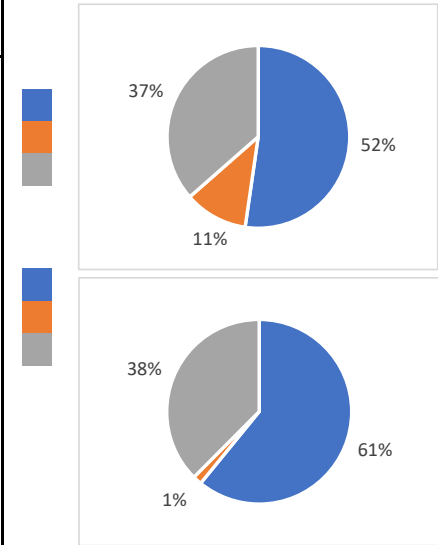
Cleveland Metroparks
 Financial Performance
 12/31/2023
 Golf Detail

	Big Met (18)		Little Met (9)		Mastick Woods (9)		Manakiki (18)		Sleepy Hollow (18)		Total	
	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23
Operating Revenue	1,635,403	1,953,450	517,277	635,951	360,746	440,079	1,577,019	1,740,854	2,131,951	2,571,129	10,284,374	12,367,472
Operating Expenses	<u>1,274,131</u>	<u>1,514,816</u>	<u>294,723</u>	<u>359,001</u>	<u>266,053</u>	<u>369,660</u>	<u>1,138,668</u>	<u>1,213,473</u>	<u>1,623,679</u>	<u>1,757,642</u>	<u>8,002,712</u>	<u>9,274,983</u>
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	361,272	438,634	222,554	276,950	94,693	70,419	438,351	527,381	508,272	813,487	2,281,662	3,092,489
Capital Labor	0	0	38,710	0	0	0	19,389	21,748	8,098	50,104	117,246	176,507
Construction Expenses	78,259	0	36,754	0	0	0	377,828	3,878,143	65,436	157,691	651,283	4,297,310
Capital Equipment	0	<u>44,074</u>	<u>8,890</u>	0	0	0	<u>38,541</u>	<u>49,151</u>	0	<u>49,150</u>	<u>502,530</u>	<u>579,212</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	78,259	44,074	84,354	0	0	0	435,758	3,949,042	73,534	256,945	1,271,059	5,053,029
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	283,013	394,560	138,200	276,950	94,693	70,419	2,593	(3,421,661)	434,738	556,542	1,010,603	(1,960,540)

	Shawnee Hills (27)		Washington Park (9)		Seneca (27)		Ironwood		Golf Admin		Total	
	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23
Operating Revenue	1,358,394	1,658,717	673,016	809,635	2,023,897	2,530,547	0	27,110	6,671	0	10,284,374	12,367,472
Operating Expenses	<u>980,550</u>	<u>1,105,943</u>	<u>516,645</u>	<u>579,244</u>	<u>1,281,686</u>	<u>1,386,279</u>	0	<u>75,563</u>	<u>626,577</u>	<u>913,362</u>	<u>8,002,712</u>	<u>9,274,983</u>
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	377,844	552,774	156,371	230,391	742,211	1,144,268	0	(48,453)	(619,906)	(913,362)	2,281,662	3,092,489
Capital Labor	843	24,376	7,669	28,028	42,537	52,251	0	0	0	0	117,246	176,507
Construction Expenses	7,757	41,840	20,669	14,331	64,580	156,938	0	0	0	48,367	651,283	4,297,310
Capital Equipment	<u>33,177</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>49,000</u>	0	<u>184,843</u>	0	0	0	<u>188,079</u>	<u>436,117</u>	<u>502,530</u>	<u>579,212</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	41,777	66,936	77,338	42,359	291,960	209,189	0	0	188,079	484,484	1,271,059	5,053,029
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	336,067	485,838	79,033	188,032	450,251	935,079	0	(48,453)	(807,985)	(1,397,846)	1,010,603	(1,960,540)

**Cleveland Metroparks
Financial Performance
12/31/2023
Enterprise Summary**

	Actual December '22	Actual December '23	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD December '22	Actual YTD December '23	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Concessions	181,721	210,939	29,218	2,710,953	3,574,512	863,559
Dock Rentals	51,915	66,040	14,125	766,603	770,470	3,867
Other*	<u>272,112</u>	<u>288,780</u>	<u>16,668</u>	<u>2,329,638</u>	<u>2,491,390</u>	<u>161,752</u>
Total Revenue	505,748	565,759	60,011	5,807,194	6,836,372	1,029,178
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	237,080	282,474	(45,394)	3,321,763	3,901,433	(579,670)
Contractual Services	2,068	3,012	(944)	114,534	98,684	15,850
Operations	<u>92,252</u>	<u>107,508</u>	<u>(15,256)</u>	<u>2,113,936</u>	<u>2,405,562</u>	<u>(291,626)</u>
Total OpEx	331,400	392,994	(61,594)	5,550,233	6,405,679	(855,446)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	174,348	172,765	(1,583)	256,961	430,693	173,732
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	6,424	0	6,424	15,982	17,019	(1,037)
Construction Expenses	4,221	195	4,026	61,257	13,341	47,916
Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,183</u>	<u>12,241</u>	<u>7,942</u>
Total CapEx	10,645	195	10,450	97,422	42,601	54,821
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	163,703	172,570	8,867	159,539	388,092	228,553



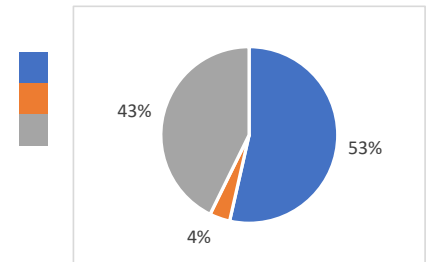
*Other includes Chalet fees, parking, hayrides, aquatics, gift cards, misc.

Cleveland Metroparks
Financial Performance
12/31/2023
Enterprise Detail

	Merwin's Wharf		EW Beach House		E55th Marina		E55th Restaurant		Wildwood		Euclid Beach		EmerNeck Marina		EmerNeck Restaurant		Edgewater Pier		Wallace Lake		Hinckley Lake		Huntington		Boat Dock		Chalet		Ledge Lake		Parking		Enterprise Admin		Total	
	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23	YTD December '22	YTD December '23		
Operating Revenue	1,703,751	2,515,228	433,439	465,864	982,516	928,172	442,599	552,840	36,258	25,826	5,224	2,670	445,525	425,892	294,857	342,808	36,232	30,180	29,406	34,761	9,850	19,549	318,726	381,871	0	1,916	405,887	488,796	150,359	139,513	512,563	480,486	0	0	5,807,192	6,836,372
Operating Expenses	<u>1,812,497</u>	<u>2,246,388</u>	<u>329,591</u>	<u>365,270</u>	<u>476,692</u>	<u>449,076</u>	<u>395,881</u>	<u>517,997</u>	<u>59,184</u>	<u>40,941</u>	<u>6,562</u>	<u>7,164</u>	<u>314,012</u>	<u>304,431</u>	<u>269,861</u>	<u>346,968</u>	<u>33,047</u>	<u>31,085</u>	<u>32,990</u>	<u>44,176</u>	<u>11,797</u>	<u>21,690</u>	<u>232,210</u>	<u>289,929</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,369</u>	<u>267,660</u>	<u>348,046</u>	<u>147,067</u>	<u>150,405</u>	<u>25,966</u>	<u>21,818</u>	<u>1,135,213</u>	<u>1,217,926</u>	<u>5,550,230</u>	<u>6,405,679</u>
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	(108,746)	268,840	103,848	100,594	505,824	479,096	46,718	34,843	(22,926)	(15,115)	(1,338)	(4,494)	131,513	121,461	24,996	(4,160)	3,185	(905)	(3,584)	(9,415)	(1,947)	(2,141)	86,516	91,942	0	(453)	138,227	140,750	3,292	(10,892)	486,597	458,668	(1,135,213)	(1,217,926)	256,962	430,693
Capital Labor	15,982	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,982	17,019	
Construction Expenses	23,077	6,927	0	0	14,050	1,771	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,131	4,643	61,258	13,341
Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,697	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,486	12,241	20,183	12,241
Total Capital Expenditures	39,059	6,927	0	0	14,050	1,771	7,697	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,617	33,903	97,423	42,601	
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(147,805)	261,913	103,848	100,594	491,774	477,325	39,021	34,843	(22,926)	(15,115)	(1,338)	(4,494)	131,513	121,461	24,996	(4,160)	3,185	(905)	(3,584)	(9,415)	(1,947)	(2,141)	86,516	91,942	0	(453)	138,227	140,750	3,292	(10,892)	486,597	458,668	(1,171,830)	(1,251,829)	159,539	388,092

Cleveland Metroparks
 Financial Performance
 12/31/2023
 Nature Shops and Kiosks

	Actual December '22	Actual December '23	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD December '22	Actual YTD December '23	Fav (Unfav)
Retail Revenue	90,589	112,558	21,969	582,840	760,130	177,290
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	24,308	27,907	(3,599)	362,828	401,325	(38,497)
Contractual Services	781	2,081	(1,300)	8,435	28,239	(19,804)
Operations	<u>18,699</u>	<u>28,922</u>	<u>(10,223)</u>	<u>262,221</u>	<u>320,031</u>	<u>(57,810)</u>
Total OpEx	43,788	58,910	(15,122)	633,484	749,595	(116,111)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	46,801	53,648	6,847	(50,644)	10,535	61,179
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,365</u>	<u>21,554</u>	<u>(17,189)</u>
Total CapEx	0	0	0	4,365	21,554	(17,189)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	46,801	53,648	6,847	(55,009)	(11,019)	43,990



**CLEVELAND METROPARKS
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND INVESTMENTS SCHEDULES
FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 2023**

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Current	Past Due				Total
	1-30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	Over 90 Days	
\$313,670	\$827	\$300,000	\$17,500	\$24,699	\$656,695

Date Placed	Bank	Description	Days of Duration	Rate	Date of Maturity	Interest Earned	EOM Balance
12/01/23	Fifth Third Securities	Money Market (A)	30	5.13%	12/31/23	14.93	3,496.00
12/01/23	Key Bank Capital Markets	Portfolio (B)	30	15.756%	12/31/23	604,449.00	\$46,339,041
12/01/23	STAR Ohio	State pool (C)	30	5.48%	12/31/23	128,367.10	\$25,629,146
12/01/23	HNB	Money Market (D)	30	4.95%	12/31/23	30,027.26	\$6,033,097

(A) Federated Government Money Market Account

Investment balance ranged from \$3,481 TO \$3,496 in December 2023.

(B) KBCM - Net Change in Portfolio \$78,184.49. Ending Account Value \$46,934,022 in December 2023

Investment balance ranged from \$45,734,592 to \$46,339,041 in December 2023

(C) State Treasurer's Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio)

Investment balance ranged from \$30,500,779 to \$25,629,146 in December 2023.

(D) Huntington National Bank Premier MMA Public Funds

Investment balance ranged from \$9,003,070 to \$6,033,097 in December 2023.

Source: Wade Steen, Chief Finance Officer

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CLEVELAND METROPARKS
Appropriation Summary - 2024

Object Code	Object Description	Original Budget			Total Prior Budget Amendments	Proposed Amendment #1 1/18/2024	Total
		Baseline Budget	Carry Over Encumbrances	Total			
OPERATING							
51	Salaries	\$ 70,457,162	\$ 3,669	\$ 70,460,831	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,460,831
52	Employee Fringe Benefits	21,396,109	543,837	21,939,946	-	-	21,939,946
53	Contractual Services	17,161,050	2,919,032	20,080,082	-	(29,567) A	20,050,515
54	Operations	31,109,745	3,793,826	34,903,572	-	29,567 B	34,933,139
	Operating Subtotal	140,124,067	7,260,364	147,384,431	-	-	147,384,431
CAPITAL							
571	Capital Labor	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	1,000,000
572	Capital Construction Expenses	27,875,059	13,556,329	41,431,388	-	41,047,474 C	82,478,862
574	Capital Equipment	6,394,036	2,207,611	8,601,647	-	-	8,601,647
575	Zoo Animals	100,000	298	100,298	-	-	100,298
576	Land	2,500,000	110,632	2,610,632	-	-	2,610,632
	Capital Subtotal	37,869,095	15,874,871	53,743,966	-	41,047,474	94,791,440
TOTALS							
Grand totals		\$ 177,993,162	\$ 23,135,235	\$ 201,128,397	\$ -	\$ 41,047,474	\$ 242,175,871

OPERATING

53 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

\$ (29,567) Transfer of appropriations from Other Contractual Services for Park Operations/Golf
 Net budget effect is zero

A \$ (29,567) Total increase (decrease) to Contractual Services

54 OPERATIONS

\$ 29,567 Transfer of appropriations to Computer Software and Contractual Services from Capital Equipment for Park
 Operations/Golf
 Net budget effect is zero

B \$ 29,567 Total increase (decrease) to Office Operations

\$ - **TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) TO OPERATIONS**

CAPITAL

572 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES

\$ 1,226,375 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Park Operations Enterprise Construction
 projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 283,533 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Park Operations Enterprise Maintenance
 projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 1,202,267 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Park Operations Golf Construction projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 160,732 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Park Operations Golf Maintenance projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 29,149,610 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Park Operations Construction projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 3,165,064 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Park Operations Maintenance projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 139,573 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Police Maintenance projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 2,395,193 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Primate Forest projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 1,036,503 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for various Zoo Construction projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 196,200 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo PCA Infrastructure
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 393,430 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Animal Improvement Areas
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 578,135 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo General Projects
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 400,000 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Restroom Improvements
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 157,559 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Rainforest Instructure
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 171,646 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Roads/Paths/Parking
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 191,654 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Interpretive Programs Improvements
Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

\$ 200,000 Increase in capital fund appropriations for Capital Project Expenses for Zoo Roofs
Appropriation increase will be covered by existing cash balance from unused 2023 budget

C \$ 41,047,474 Total increase (decrease) to Capital Construction Expenses

\$ 41,047,474 TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) TO CAPITAL

\$ 41,047,474 GRAND TOTAL - INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR AMENDMENT

JANUARY 18, 2024

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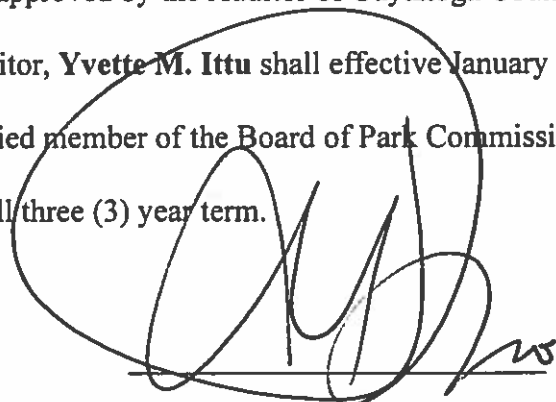
IN RE: : Doc. 141 Case No. 89032
Board of Park Commissioners :
of the Cleveland Metroparks District :
: **JUDGMENT ENTRY**

On this 19th day of December, 2023, the Court finds that, effective 1/1/24 a vacancy will exist on the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metroparks District, and the Court further finds that **YVETTE M. ITTU**, currently serving as a Board of Park Commissioner, is a person well qualified to continue to serve as a member of said Board. (See Resume attached as Exhibit-A).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to the provisions of O.R.C. 1545.05, the Court hereby re-appoints **YVETTE M. ITTU** as a Member of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metroparks District for the term beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **YVETTE M. ITTU** shall give bond for the faithful performance of her duties as Park Commissioner in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), to be approved by the Auditor of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and that upon approval of the County Auditor, **Yvette M. Ittu** shall effective January 1, 2024, continue to be a duly appointed and qualified member of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metroparks District for a full three (3) year term.

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**PROBATE JUDGE
JUDGE ANTHONY J. RUSSO**

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Yvette M. Ittu

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Yvette Ittu is the *Executive Vice President of Finance and Operations* of the *Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP)*, one of the largest chambers of commerce in the country and the leading business organization in the region driving catalytic projects and leading initiatives that impact and advance the business community and the region.

In addition, she is *President and CEO* of *Cleveland Development Advisors (CDA)*, an affiliate of GCP that is responsible for the management of real estate investment funds initiated, and in part capitalized, by certain GCP members. CDA-managed capital serves as a source of private-sector funding for catalytic real estate development projects that have significant impact on Northeast Ohio's growth and development. Under Yvette's leadership, CDA has successfully raised five private equity funds and secured more than \$300 million in tax credit equity allocations. These funds have supported over \$4.2 billion in economic and community development and business attraction and expansion, resulting in significant job creation and retention, through strategic investments in projects throughout the City of Cleveland and targeted areas of Cuyahoga County and the region.

Yvette is also a board member of *Digital C*, a non-profit focused on making Greater Cleveland's digital future equitable. One of its major initiatives is the provide reliable affordable high-speed broadband to the "unconnected." In addition, she serves on the board of *Downtown Cleveland Alliance*, an organization focused on strengthening and building downtown Cleveland as an essential economic engine of the region.

Prior to joining CDA, Yvette was an *associate* with the law firm of *Calfee, Halter and Griswold LLP* practicing in the areas of public law and public finance. She served as bond counsel on multiple financings for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the City of Cleveland, and several other Ohio local governments. In addition, Yvette served as *Finance Director* for the *City of Lakewood* and held several *financial management positions* for the *City of Cleveland* including the chief financial officer post for Cleveland Public Power, the city-owned power company.

Yvette obtained her *Juris Doctorate Degree* from *Cleveland-Marshall College of Law*. In addition, she is a *Certified Public Accountant* and has a *Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration* from *Cleveland State University*. She currently serves on the National New Markets Tax Credit Coalition and on other local community and nonprofit boards.

*Yvette M. Ittu (page 2)***Experience:**

2000 to Present **Cleveland Development Advisors, Inc.**
President

2004 to Present **Greater Cleveland Partnership**
Executive Vice President, Finance and Operations

1999 to 2000 **Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP.**
Associate

1996 to 1999 **City of Lakewood, Lakewood , Ohio**
Finance Director

1985 To 1996 **City of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio**
(Various positions of increasing responsibility over 11-year period)

1993 to 1996 **Department of Public Utilities**
Comptroller, Cleveland Public Power

1991 to 1993 **Department of Finance**
Risk Manager, Finance Administration

1987 to 1991 **Accounting Supervisor, Financial Reporting & Control**

1985 to 1987 **Financial Analyst, Treasurer's Office**

Education: Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio
Juris Doctor Degree, December 1994
Student Bar Association Senator

Bar Admission: State of Ohio Bar, May 1995

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio
BBA Accounting and Finance, August 1984

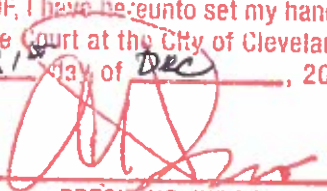
Certifications: Certified Public Accountant
Certified, December 1989

**Current Boards/
Appointments:**

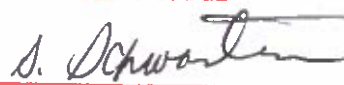
New Markets Tax Credit Coalition (Board member; former past President)
Digital C (Board Member)
Downtown Cleveland Alliance (Board Member)
Cleveland Neighborhood Progress – Village Capital Corporation (Board Member)
Benjamin Rose Institute – (Board Member)(Rolled off 2024)
Cuyahoga County – Audit Committee (Rolled off 2022)
City of Cleveland – Audit Committee (Committee Chair)(Rolled off 2022)
Cleveland International Fund – (Former Board Chair)(Rolled off 2020)

The State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County: IN THE PROBATE COURT I, Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Cuyahoga, do hereby certify this instrument is a true and correct copy, taken from the Probate Court Records in this office, where the same are required to be kept by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Probate Court at the City of Cleveland, in said County, this 21st day of Dec, 2023.

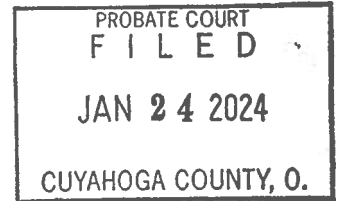


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January 18, 2024

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OATH IN OFFICE**

January 18, 2024

I, Yvette M. Ittu, do hereby swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District.

This I promise to do as I shall answer unto God.

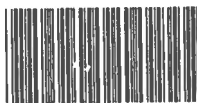
Yvette M. Ittu
 YVETTE M. ITTU
1/18/24
 Date

The State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County: IN THE PROBATE COURT I, Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Cuyahoga, do hereby certify this instrument is a true and correct copy, taken from the Probate Court Records in this office, where the same are required to be kept by law.
 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Probate Court at the City of Cleveland, in said County, this 24th day of Jan, 2024.

Anthony J. Russo
 PRESIDING JUDGE

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MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498
PHONE: (800) 678-8171 FAX: (515) 243-3854

OFFICIAL BOND

THE STATE OF Ohio
Cuyahoga COUNTY BOND No. 100216518

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we Yvette M. Ittu
as Principal, and Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State
of Ohio, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Cleveland Metropark District
in the penal sum of
Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) Dollars.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas the above bounden Principal was duly elected or
appointed to the office of Board of Park Commissioners
on the 12th day of September, 2023, for the term beginning on the 31st day of December, 2023,
and ending on the 31st day of December, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his/her con-
tinuance therein then the above obligation to be void, to otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims
which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the
Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision
of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this
bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to
subsequent acts of the Principal.

Signed and dated this 14th day of September, 2023.

Yvette M. Ittu

By: *[Signature]*

Countersigned (if required):

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: _____

By: Brittany Seaborn
Brittany Seaborn, Attorney-in-Fact



Taken and approved this _____ day of _____, _____

Approving Officer

OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF Ohio
Cuyahoga County

I, Yvette M. Ittu, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the
State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to
enter, to the best of my ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day

of February, 2024.

[Signature]

Notary Public

[Signature]
Principal

MARTIN REGIS MCGANN, ATTY.
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF OHIO
My commission has no expiration date
Section 147.03 O.R.C.

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (in California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Lori Bogart

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 14th day of September, 2023.



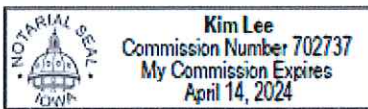
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC. d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

Larry Taylor President

STATE OF IOWA COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 14th day of September, 2023, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



Kim Lee Notary Public

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 14th day of September, 2023.



William Warner Jr. Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-001

The following vouchers have been reviewed as to legality of expenditure and conformity with the Ohio Revised Code.

Attest: _____

Chief Financial Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the payment of the following items, which may include Then and Now Certificates, are ratified by the Board of Park Commissioners. All expenditures have been reviewed and approved for payment by the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the by-laws of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Direct Disbursement dated December 8, 2023 in the amount of \$77,781.30

Wire Transfer dated December 8, 2023 in the amount of \$662,127.07

Printed Checks dated December 8, 2023 in the amount of \$6,653,336.36

Direct Disbursement dated December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$48,750.00

Wire Transfer dated December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$6,634.85

Printed Checks dated December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$556,472.35

Direct Disbursement dated December 22, 2023 in the amount of \$617,486.46

Wire Transfer dated December 22, 2023 in the amount of \$652,730.91

Printed Checks dated December 22, 2023 in the amount of \$745,282.19

Direct Disbursement dated December 29, 2023 in the amount of \$152,079.00

Printed Checks dated December 29, 2023 in the amount of \$838,188.13

Direct Disbursement dated January 5, 2024 in the amount of \$938.00

Wire Transfer dated January 5, 2024 in the amount of \$676,085.53

Printed Checks dated January 5, 2024 in the amount of \$2,395,604.11

Net Payroll dated November 19, 2023 to December 2, 2023 in the amount of \$1,747,785.14

Withholding Taxes in the amount of \$408,943.98

Net Payroll dated December 3, 2023 to December 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,600,039.02

Withholding Taxes in the amount of \$379,950.80

Bank Fees/ADP Fees in the amount of \$31,575.56

Cigna Payments in the amount of \$1,871,082.08

ACH Debits (First Energy; Sales Tax) in the amount of \$119,505.23

JP Morgan Mastercard/Mastercard Travel Card dated December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$437,445.06

Total amount: \$20,679,823.13

PASSED: January 18, 2024

Attest: _____

President of The Board of Park Commissioners

Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves **Resolution No. 24-01-001** listed above.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-002

The following vouchers have been reviewed as to legality of expenditure and conformity with the Ohio Revised Code.

Attest: _____

Chief Financial Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the payment of the following items, which may include Then and Now Certificates, are ratified by the Board of Park Commissioners. All expenditures have been reviewed and approved for payment by the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the by-laws of the Board of Park Commissioners.

JP Morgan Mastercard-Arborwear dated December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$327.86

Total amount: \$327.86

PASSED: January 18, 2024

Attest: _____

President of The Board of Park Commissioners

Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Park Commissioners approves **Resolution No. 24-01-002** listed above.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

ACTION ITEMS.

- (a) ***Swearing in of Patrol Officers***
(Originating Source: Kelly J. Stillman, Chief of Police)

Brooklyn Barnes

Officer Brooklyn Barnes completed her Peace Officer Training at Cuyahoga Community College West Campus. She has been a member of the Cleveland Police Department since June 2018.

Michael Daley

Officer Michael Daley completed his Peace Officer Training at the Cuyahoga Community College Basic Police Academy. He has been a member of the MetroHealth Police Department since March 2023. Prior to joining MetroHealth, he served as an officer for University Hospitals Main Campus.

Brian Halcomb

Officer Brian Halcomb completed his Peace Officer Training at Medina County Law Enforcement Training Academy. He has been a member of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District since December 2014.

Nicholas Palmer

Officer Nicholas Palmer completed his Peace Officer Basic Training at Lorain County Community College Basic Police Training in December 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board appoint Brooklyn Barnes, Michael Daley, Brian Halcomb and Nicholas Palmer as full-time police officers for Cleveland Metroparks as authorized by Section 1545.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (b) ***Chief Executive Officer's Retiring Guests***
(Originating Source: Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer)

Vickie A. Neale, Interior Design Project Manager

Vickie A. Neale has served Cleveland Metroparks for more than 44 years as a Zoo Laborer, Cashier, Clerk, Accounts Payable Clerk, Purchasing Clerk, Purchasing Specialist, Administrative Secretary and Account Technician, Buyer, Visual Communications Specialist, Associate Manager of Visual Communications, and Interior Design Project Manager. Vickie played a significant role in numerous large-scale new construction projects such as the Rainforest, Canal Way Center, Rocky River Police and Operations Center, Mill Stream Run Management Center, Stillwater Event Center, West Creek Stewardship Center, and Brecksville Trailside Program Center. She also

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

contributed to several large scale building renovation projects including Metroparks Administration Building, Emerald Necklace Marina, Merwin's Wharf, Ohio and Erie Canal Management Center, the Zoo Administration Donor Wing, and clubhouse renovations at Big Met, Sleepy Hollow, Shawnee Hills, and Manakiki Golf Courses. Her accomplishments in all of her roles at Cleveland Metroparks can be seen at almost any building, pavilion and shelter in all of the reservations and administrative buildings across the entire park district. Vickie's contributions and willingness to dedicate time, effort, and resources to her team has been an asset to Cleveland Metroparks, and the products of her labor are appreciated and will not be forgotten.

James J. Ramsay, Grounds Maintenance

James J. Ramsay has served Cleveland Metroparks for more than 10 years as a Park Maintenance Laborer, Janitor, and Grounds Maintenance for Lakefront, West Creek Stewardship Center, Rocky River, and West Creek Management Center. James used his knowledge and skills to assist with many projects including his most recent at West Creek where he designed and created a unique bench that is marveled by all at the Skyline Overlook so guests can have a place to sit and view the city after a climb. He showed his commitment to the preservation of land and nature by being an exceptional grounds keeper and maintaining with great passion the plants and flowerbeds around the reservations. Additionally, he was well known for his efficiency and ability to accomplish tasks and maximize his efforts. James' contributions and willingness to dedicate time, effort, and resources to his team has been an asset to Cleveland Metroparks, and the products of his labor are appreciated and will not be forgotten.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board recognize Vickie A. Neale and James J. Ramsay for their years of service to Cleveland Metroparks and the greater Cleveland community by adopting the Resolutions found on pages 39 to 40 .

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

(c) 2024 Budget Adjustment No. 2

(Originating Sources: Wade Steen, Chief Financial Officer/Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer)

The following amendments are requested for Board approval:

**CLEVELAND METROPARKS
Appropriation Summary - 2024**

Object Code	Object Description	Original Budget			Total Prior Budget Amendments	Proposed Amendment #2 2/15/2024	Total
		Baseline Budget	Carry Over Encumbrances	Total			
OPERATING							
51	Salaries	\$ 70,457,162	\$ 3,669	\$ 70,460,831	\$ -	\$ 225,000 A	\$ 70,685,831
52	Employee Fringe Benefits	21,396,109	543,837	21,939,946	-	241,250 B	22,181,196
53	Contractual Services	17,161,050	2,919,032	20,080,082	(29,567)	220,080 C	20,270,595
54	Operations	31,109,745	3,763,826	34,873,572	29,567	(6,080) D	34,897,059
	Operating Subtotal	140,124,067	7,230,364	147,354,431	-	680,250	148,034,681
CAPITAL							
571	Capital Labor	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	1,000,000
572	Capital Construction Expense	27,875,059	13,556,329	41,431,388	41,047,474	275,244 E	82,754,106
574	Capital Equipment	6,394,036	2,207,611	8,601,647	-	503,756 F	9,105,403
575	Zoo Animals	100,000	298	100,298	-	-	100,298
576	Land	2,500,000	110,632	2,610,632	-	150,000 G	2,760,632
	Capital Subtotal	37,869,095	15,874,871	53,743,966	41,047,474	929,000	95,720,440
TOTALS							
Grand totals		\$ 177,993,162	\$ 23,105,235	\$ 201,098,397	\$ 41,047,474	\$ 1,609,250	\$ 243,755,121

An explanation of adjustments, by category, can be found on pages 41 to 43. The net effect of all adjustments is an increase of \$1,609,250 which is funded by increased revenue, donations, grants, or received but previously unappropriated funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Park Commissioners approve 2024 Budget Adjustment No. 2 for a total increase of \$1,609,250 as delineated on pages 41 to 43.

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- (d) ***Award of RFP #6768-b – Construction Manager at Risk for Cleveland Metroparks Zoo-Wide Construction Projects (2024-2029), Cleveland Metroparks Zoo***
(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/ Michele Crawford, Project Development Manager)

Background

On August 31, 2023, Cleveland Metroparks advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQu #6768) for interested parties to submit qualifications related to the performance of Construction Manager at Risk for the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo-Wide Construction Projects (2024-2029), Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (“Project”). The Project’s desired outcome is to partner with a Construction Manager at Risk (“CMR”) to provide construction services and support for anticipated projects for a period of up to 5 years. The projects will range in complexity and have varying budgets which will be determined on a per project basis. Currently, four preliminarily identified projects are the Gray Kangaroo Barn (“Project No. 1”), Welcome Plaza Paver Replacement (“Project No. 2”), Giraffe Barn Repairs and Modifications (“Project No. 3”) and Zoo Electrical Infrastructure Repairs and Updates (“Project No. 4”). Multiple additional projects will be identified and delivered over the course of the contract period (2024-2029). The maximum combined value of the multiple projects that could be delivered is approximately \$15,000,000 (in 2024 dollar value). Although it is likely that additional projects will be added during the identified 2024-2029 term, there is no guarantee of work or project value and frequency.

RFQu Response and Analysis

Cleveland Metroparks staff prepared RFQu #6768 and requested that the respondents demonstrate qualifications relative to scope of the Project, which includes working in an operating and unique environment. The construction manager at risk RFQu yielded eleven (11) responding construction manager at risk firms. Each firm’s statements of qualifications were reviewed by a panel of Cleveland Metroparks staff, including Sean McDermott, Christopher Widdowson, Keith Carney, Christopher Lowe, Jeff Chenoweth and Michele Crawford.

Cleveland Metroparks	
Construction Manager at Risk for Cleveland Metroparks Zoo-Wide Construction Projects (2024-2029) Cleveland Metroparks Zoo	
RFQu #6768	
Construction Manager (at Risk) Firms	Short List
Cleveland Construction	
Constructability, Inc*	
Gilbane Building Co.	
Hummel Construction	
Independence Construction	
Panzica Construction	
Regency Construction Services	X
Schirmer Construction LLC	
The Albert M. Higley Co.	
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.	X
Turner Construction Co.	X
*Submission withdrawn	

Through an independent evaluation of the qualifications, the review panel determined a short list of three firms and requested a proposal (RFP #6768-b) from each. Following receipt of the proposal each short-listed firm was interviewed. Following the interviews, the proposals from

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each short-listed construction management firm were then ranked by the panel in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). As permitted by the ORC, both the qualifications of the firm and their proposed price are blended to produce a “best value” score. At Cleveland Metroparks election, qualifications are weighted at 70% and price at 30%.

Below is a listing of the three short-listed firms, and their correlating “best value” score.

RFP #6768-b Results

Ranking	Construction Manager (at Risk) Firm	Price (sum)	(1) Price Component (30 pts max)	(2) Qualifications Component (70 pts max)	(1)+(2) Best Value Score (100 pts max)
1	Turner Construction Co.	\$637,039	27.1	66.5	93.6
2	The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.	\$581,193	30	63	93
3	Regency Construction Services	\$760,576	20.7	61.6	82.3

The price reflected in the above table includes a combined sum of the four (4) projects for the preconstruction services fee, the preconstruction stage compensation, estimated general conditions costs (based on percentage of construction cost), and the construction manager at risk fee (based on percentage of construction cost). The current combined construction cost for the four (4) identified projects is estimated at \$4,250,000 and will be contracted on a per project basis. Once construction documents are nearing finalization, staff will return to the Board to set a Guaranteed Maximum Price for each phase of construction, for each project at which time the construction costs, the general conditions costs, and the construction manager fee will be finalized. Upon the negotiation of the contracts with the recommended construction manager, Turner Construction Company (“Turner”), the preconstruction stage compensation will be established at \$16,230 for Project No. 1, \$7,939 for Project No. 2, \$7,939 for Project No. 3, and \$11,734 for Project No. 4, totaling \$43,842. As additional projects are identified during the contract term (2024-2029) they will be individually reported to the Board per Ohio law and the Cleveland Metroparks Procurement Policy and Bylaws.

RFP Analysis

Staff recommends the construction manager at risk contracts be negotiated and awarded to **Turner**. Turner, a nationwide company based in New York, New York, has had presence in Cleveland since 1907 and an established office since 1962. Turner is currently working on the First Tee-Cleveland Renovation in Washington Reservation and the Cleveland Zoo Administration Office Remodel and Addition. The approach demonstrated by Turner and resources dedicated to preconstruction planning, insights on sourcing and procuring construction materials and products and the capability to self-perform select components of the work provides many positive attributes for the Project. Their key goal of operational excellence aligns with the mission of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Turner’s understanding of the projects and flexibility to assist in future planning and strategy will prove valuable in the execution of the planned projects over the next 5 years. Turner’s experience with similar and complementary projects, along with

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familiarity with the Zoo programs and protocol establishes their firm as the “best value” when ranked against the other short-listed construction manager (at risk) firms. Notwithstanding, the Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. and Regency Construction Services teams submitted thorough and competitive proposals and interviewed extremely well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into four (4) separate Construction Manager at Risk Contracts with **Turner Construction Company**, being ranked as the “best value” for RFP #6768-b, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo-Wide Construction Projects (2024-2029) for a sum of \$43,842 for preconstruction stage compensation (Gray Kangaroo Barn, \$16,230; Welcome Plaza Paver Replacement, \$7,939; Giraffe Barn Repairs and Modifications, \$7,939; Zoo Electrical Infrastructure Repairs and Updates, \$11,734). In the event that a GMP contracts cannot be negotiated with the construction manager, a contract would then be negotiated, per Ohio Revised Code, with the next ranked construction manager, who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next ranked construction manager. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

- (e) ***Award of RFP #6803-b – Construction Manager at Risk for Cleveland Metroparks Old Lorain Connector Trail, Rocky River Reservation***
(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/Michele Crawford, Project Development Manager/Andrew Stahlke, Project Developer)

Background

On November 7, 2023, Cleveland Metroparks advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQu #6803) for interested parties to submit qualifications related to the performance of Construction Manager at Risk for the Cleveland Metroparks Old Lorain Connector Trail, Rocky River Reservation (“Project”). The execution of the Project is summarized in a Project Development Agreement between West Park Kamm’s Neighborhood Development (“West Park Kamm’s”) and Cleveland Metroparks. On November 16, 2023, the Board authorized the execution of a Project Development Agreement (“PDA”) between West Park Kamm’s, Cleveland Metroparks, and Cleveland Clinic Foundation (“Clinic”) (Board Resolution No. 23-11-183) to collaboratively design and construct the Project. No final agreement has been reached by all parties to date but discussions are progressing.

The Project’s desired outcome is to create a roughly 1/3-mile-long paved multi-use path in the vicinity of Old Lorain Road connecting Riveredge Road in the City of Cleveland’s Kamm’s Corners neighborhood and Little Met Golf Drive in the Rocky River Reservation. Starting at the eastern termini, the trail will run along the south and west sides of the existing Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital parking structure south of Old Lorain Road, traversing vegetated and sloping terrain, before following Old Lorain Road downhill west to meet the existing sidewalk at the intersection of Old Lorain Road and Little Met Golf Drive. West Park Kamm’s was awarded \$750,000 in American Rescue

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Plan Act (ARPA) Community Grant Funding from Cuyahoga County District 2 for use on the Project and has also obtained a \$750,000 commitment from Cleveland City Council for use on the Project. Discussions with the Cleveland Clinic continue regarding the finalization of funding for the Project. Furthermore, the City of Cleveland contributed \$50,000 for preliminary design of the Project.

RFQu Response and Analysis

Cleveland Metroparks staff prepared RFQu #6803 and requested that the respondents demonstrate qualifications relative to scope of the Project. The construction manager at risk RFQu yielded three (3) responding construction manager at risk firms. Each firm’s statements of qualifications were reviewed by a panel of Cleveland Metroparks staff, including Sean McDermott, Seth Keller, and Andrew Stahlke.

Cleveland Metroparks	
Construction Manager at Risk for Cleveland Metroparks Old Lorain Connector Trail Rocky River Reservation	
RFQu #6803	
Construction Manager (at Risk) Firms	Short List
F. Buddie Contracting, Ltd.	X
Nerone & Sons, Inc.	X
Schirmer Construction, LLC	X

Through an independent evaluation of the qualifications, the review panel determined a short list of all three firms and requested a proposal (RFP #6803-b) from each. Following receipt of the proposal each short-listed firm was interviewed. Following the interviews, the proposals from each short-listed construction management firm were then ranked by the panel in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). As permitted by the ORC, both the qualifications of the firm and their proposed price are blended to produce a “best value” score. At Cleveland Metroparks election, qualifications were weighted at 50% and price at 50%. Below is a listing of the three short-listed firms, and their correlating “best value” score.

RFP #6803-b Results

Ranking	Construction Manager (at Risk) Firm	Price (sum)	(1) Price Component (50 pts max)	(2) Qualifications Component (50 pts max)	(1)+(2) Best Value Score (100 pts max)
1	Nerone & Sons, Inc.	\$93,425	50	44.5	94.5
2	Schirmer Construction, LLC	\$167,120	10.6	47	57.6
3	F. Buddie Contracting, Ltd.	\$228,225	-22.1	46.5	24.4

The price reflected in the above table includes the preconstruction services fee, the preconstruction stage compensation, estimated general conditions costs (based on percentage of construction cost), and the construction manager at risk fee (based on percentage of construction cost). The current construction cost is estimated at \$1,765,000. Once construction documents are nearing finalization, staff will return to the Board to set a Guaranteed Maximum Price for each phase of construction, at which time the construction costs, the general conditions costs, and the construction manager fee will

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be finalized. Upon the negotiation of a contract with the recommended construction manager, Nerone & Sons, Inc., the preconstruction stage compensation will be established at \$14,000.

RFP Analysis

Staff recommends the construction manager (at risk) contract be negotiated and awarded to **Nerone & Sons, Inc.** (“Nerone”). Nerone, a Northeast Ohio company based in Warrensville Heights has been in operation since 1955 and is currently working on the Solon-to-Chagrin Falls Trail Project. The Project approach presented by Nerone demonstrated a strong understanding of how best to work on the existing site conditions and considered the sloping terrain and constrained attributes. Nerone’s overall methodology will provide many positive qualities for the Project and be valuable in the execution of the Project relative to the final deliverable desired. Their Project team and goals align with the mission of Cleveland Metroparks and the Project partners.

Nerone’s experience with similar and complementary projects, along with the competitive price associated with their services, establishes their firm as the “best value” when ranked against the other short-listed construction manager (at risk) firms.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Construction Manager (at Risk) contract with **Nerone & Sons, Inc.**, being ranked as the “best value” for RFP #6803-b, Old Lorain Connector Trail, Rocky River Reservation, inclusive of \$14,000 for preconstruction stage compensation. In the event that a contract cannot be negotiated with the construction manager, a contract would then be negotiated, per Ohio Revised Code, with the next ranked construction manager, who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next ranked construction manager. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

- (f) ***Amendment No. 4 – Contract 1543 – Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Construction Manager at Risk for Gorilla Primate RainForest Addition – RFP #6484-b – Guaranteed Maximum Price 3***
(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/ Michele Crawford, Project Development Manager/Keith Carney, Project Manager)

Background

On February 10, 2020, Cleveland Metroparks advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQu #6484) for construction management firms to submit qualifications for the construction manager (at risk) services for the proposed Gorilla Primate RainForest Addition (“Gorilla Project”) at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. On June 18, 2020, the Board awarded a Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract to The Albert Higley Co. (“Higley”) (Board Resolution No. 20-06-094) for the construction manager at (at risk) services for the construction of the Gorilla Project. At the time of the Board’s award, only the concept development pricing compensation was fixed (at \$21,500.00) for preconstruction services, as the Gorilla Project drawings had not yet surpassed the initial concept phase. The Board later approved Contract Amendment No. 1 to the pre-

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construction fees in May 2022 (Board Resolution No. 22-05-074) for \$164,500.00 to continue services through the preparation of a guaranteed maximum price. On April 20, 2023, the Board approved Contract Amendment No. 2 for Guaranteed Maximum Price 1 (“GMP 1”) for \$380,044.76 (Board Resolution No. 23-04-073). On September 21, 2023, the Board approved Contract Amendment No. 3 for Guaranteed Maximum Price 2 (“GMP 2”) for \$673,156.06 (Board Resolution No. 23-09-147). A phased approach has allowed for staff to return to the Board as the Gorilla Project design progresses and provides for preconstruction stage compensation and construction components to also be addressed in progressive stages.

Since October of 2023, demolition and remediation on former Wyrwas Property has been completed (GMP 1 and GMP 2) and the site will be further prepared in the spring and summer of 2024 to become a staging area for job site trailers and material lay down area in support of the next phases of construction for the Gorilla Project.

The design team has continued to develop plans for the next phase of the Gorilla Project which includes the construction of a permanent zoo access road adjacent to Big Creek. By removing and replacing the existing flood wall to the north of the existing RainForest building, room will be established to construct 2-way vehicle access. Construction on the subject work is anticipated to commence in June of 2024. In advance of the access roadway work select tree removal needs to be performed by Higley.

Furthermore, the Gorilla Project includes complex and specialized mechanical, structural and site systems and can benefit from a design-assist partners to make optimal design decisions. Design assist partners have already been established for HVAC in GMP 2 (Board Resolution No. 23-09-147). Presently, a design-assist firm has been selected for site enabling and a design-assist firm has also been selected for building envelope consisting of Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene (“ETFE”) and both will work with the design team and Higley to assist with the planning and execution of complex early site work and also with the layout of structural steel and ETFE building components.

GMP Establishment

Higley has established the Guaranteed Maximum Price 3 (“GMP 3”) based on drawings provided by the design team and estimates provided by Higley and their subcontractors. Higley has also established the additional design-assist fees based upon an approved engineering narrative:

GMP 3 Construction Items	Cost
Select Tree Removal	\$ 58,726.00
General Requirements (Allowance)	\$ 12,410.00
Temporary Drive Construction (to allow for select tree removal)	\$ 16,901.00
Subcontract Default Insurance	\$ 908.00
Cost of Work Subtotal	\$ 88,945.00
GMP 3 Fees	
Contingency (3%)	\$ 2,668.35

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General Conditions (6.81%)	\$ 6,057.15
CMR Fee (1.75%)	\$ 1,556.54
Fee Subtotal	\$ 10,282.04
Owner Directed Allowance	\$ 20,000.00
Total GMP 3 Cost	\$ 119,227.04
Additional Preconstruction Items - Design-Assist Fees	
Site Enabling	\$ 29,300.00
ETFE	\$ 36,540.00
Total Additional Preconstruction Fee	\$ 65,840.00
Total Contract Amendment 4 (GMP 3 + Additional Preconstruction)	\$185,067.04

Construction Schedule

Higley’s construction schedule associated with the proposed GMP 3 anticipates a March 2024 Project commencement and an April 2024 Project completion barring any unforeseen condition delays. Cleveland Metroparks Staff will monitor construction progress and provide updates to the Board. Staff will return to the Board with subsequent GMP’s related to the project as the exact scope of work is developed, sequenced, and approved.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with **The Albert Higley Co.**, for the construction of RFP #6484-b, Gorilla Primate RainForest Addition, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, to reflect a GMP 3 in the amount of **\$119,227.04**, and additional preconstruction fees for **\$65,840.00**, which will be an amount in the addition of \$292,699.00 already awarded for preconstruction stage services, and \$380,044.76 already awarded for GMP 1, and GMP 2 awarded in the amount of \$673,156.06, for a total **contract amount of \$1,530,966.86**, in a form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

- (g) ***Contract Amendment No. 3 #1669 – Design-Builder for Cleveland Metroparks Solon to Chagrin Falls Trail – South Chagrin Reservation – Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 1 (Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/ Michele Crawford, Project Development Manager)***

Background

On May 31, 2022, Cleveland Metroparks issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQu) for interested parties to submit qualifications to provide Design-Builder services for the Solon to Chagrin Falls Trail in the South Chagrin Reservation (“Project”). The Project includes the design and construction of a 10’ wide paved all-purpose trail that will connect Solon to Chagrin Falls from SOM Center Road to the northern corporation line

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along the former Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company corridor. The Project includes trail development, trailhead development, amenities, supporting infrastructure, bridges and related or complementary work. On August 18, 2022, the Board awarded a Construction Manager at Risk Contract to Nerone & Sons Inc. (“Nerone”) (Board Resolution No. 22-08-118) for the Project. At the time of the Board’s award, only the preconstruction stage compensation was fixed at \$460,414.00. On February 16, 2023, the Board approved Contract Amendment No. 1 (Board Resolution No. 23-02-026) for \$68,942.00 to cover additional geotechnical and environmental scope of the preconstruction stage compensation. Amendment No. 2 for \$40,847.00 was completed on December 6, 2023 for additional structural design and plan preparation. The total amount for preconstruction stage compensation is currently \$570,203.00.

Per the contract, a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for construction is then developed and brought back to the Board for approval.

The City of Solon (“Solon”) and the Cleveland Metroparks entered into a collaborative Project Development Agreement (“PDA”), effective March 24, 2022, which established the formal partnership and responsibilities of the parties towards the mutual development of the Project (Board Resolution No. 21-12-182). On December 6, 2023 the PDA was amended to reflect updated Project conditions. Subsequently, Solon established the maximum expenditure on the trail portions of the project at \$5,985,500.00.

The design documents for the Project have now reached a 60% completion status. In constant partnership with Solon the design has reached a point where a guaranteed maximum price for construction can be established. In addition to a guaranteed maximum price and preconstruction costs for the trail that does not exceed \$5,985,500.00, costs for additional work have also been requested for: (1) replacement of a failing culvert pipe; (2) work to take place outside of the Solon municipal boundary; and (3) the Behm Memorial Marker. Upon approval of the GMP, staff will work with the City of Solon to amend the PDA to reflect the need to add recognition of the replacement of the failing culvert pipe and the Behm Memorial Marker, both of which the City of Solon will provide funds to cover, in addition to the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,985,500.00 for the Project.

GMP Establishment

Nerone has established the below GMP based upon 60% complete Construction Documents (CDs):

Solon to Chagrin Falls Trail Construction Items	Cost
General Requirements	\$158,539.95
Clearing and Grubbing	\$50,000
Staging Area (Franklin Park Blvd)	\$109,112.68
Staging Area (Pump Station)	\$47,658.45
SWPPP	\$204,229.59
Misc. Demo and Haul Away	\$10,000.00

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Earthwork/Haul Road/Subbase	\$1,274,925.14
Temporary Creek Crossings	\$202,415.18
Bridge #1	\$345,400.19
Bridge #2	\$273,233.28
Bridge #3*	\$273,233.28
Sewers Beginning to STA 105+00	\$243,196.45
Sewers STA 118+00 to STA 124+00	\$15,090.43
Sewers 151+00 to STA 153+00	\$41,705.15
Sewers 200+00 to STA 204+00	\$45,131.64
Sewers 232+70	\$600.00
Sewers 258+50	\$20,660.86
Sewers 259+00 to STA 264+00	\$110,663.69
Asphalt Pavement	\$668,410.04
Fences & Gates	\$328,047.27
Landscaping	\$110,000.00
Trail Item Subtotal	\$4,532,253.27
Solon to Chagrin Falls Trail Allowance Items	
General Allowances (5%)	\$226,612.66
Trailhead	\$50,000.00
Utility Relocation	\$15,000.00
Signage & Pavement Marking	\$75,000.00
Landscaping	\$50,000.00
Design Contingency (60% CD's to 100% CD's)	\$200,000.00
Property Costs for Construction Access & Staging	\$50,000.00
Topsoil Processing	\$50,000.00
Trail Allowance Item Subtotal	\$716,612.66
Trail Construction Cost of Work	\$5,248,865.93
Solon to Chagrin Trail Construction Fees	
General Conditions (4.5%)	\$236,198.97
Design-Build (1.0%)	\$52,488.66
Trail Construction Fee Subtotal	\$288,687.63
Total Trail Construction Cost	\$5,537,553.56
Culvert Replacement Construction	
Culvert Replacement	\$433,780.12
Culvert Replacement Construction Cost of Work	\$433,780.12
Culvert Replacement Fees	
General Conditions Fee (4.5%)	\$19,520.11
Design Build (1.0%)	\$4,337.80
Culvert Replacement Fee Subtotal	\$23,857.91
Total Culvert Replacement Construction Cost	\$457,638.03
Construction Stage Design Services Fee	\$26,840.00

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Cleveland Metroparks Trail Enhancement - Memorial	\$25,000.00
Total GMP No. 1 Trail & Culvert Replacement Construction Cost & Fees	\$6,047,031.59
PRE-CONSTRUCTION STAGE COMPENSATION	
Original Contract	\$460,414.00
Additional Pre-Construction Stage - Amendment No. 1	\$68,942.00
Additional Pre-Construction Stage - Amendment No. 2	\$40,847.00
Current Contract Total	\$570,203.00
New Contract Total (Pre-Construction + GMP No. 1)	\$6,617,234.59

*Cleveland Metroparks funded portion

Financial Responsibility of Project Costs Reflected Above (Total \$6,617,234.59)

City of Solon - Trail Related Costs**	\$5,818,965.71
Behm Memorial Contribution – Donated to City of Solon	\$25,000.00
City of Solon - Culvert Replacement (2024 City of Solon Budget)	\$457,638.02
Cleveland Metroparks (Bridge #3 Construction)	\$288,261.12
Cleveland Metroparks (Bridge #3 Engineering)	\$27,369.74
Total Cost**	\$6,617,234.59

** Environmental/Wetland Mitigation Costs remain outstanding

Construction Schedule

Nerone’s construction schedule associated with the proposed GMP anticipates a February 27, 2024 Project commencement for select tree removal, a May 2024 target construction start, and a Summer 2025 Project completion barring any unseasonal weather or material procurement delays. Cleveland Metroparks Staff will monitor construction progress and supply chain challenges and provide updates to the Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract with **Nerone & Sons Inc.**, for the construction of RFP #6650-b, Solon to Chagrin Falls Trail to reflect a **GMP** in the amount of \$6,047,031.59, which will be in addition to \$570,203.00 already awarded for preconstruction stage services, for a total **contract valued at \$6,617,234.59**, in a form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)**(h) *Authorization to Submit an Application to the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ("RAISE") Grant Program***

(Originating Sources: Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer/Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/Sara Byrnes Maier, Principal Planner/Josiah Denson, Planner)

Background

On June 17, 2021, the Board authorized submission of the RAISE Cleveland Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's ("US DOT") RAISE discretionary grant program. RAISE was previously known as the BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) and TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) programs. Through the efforts of the Cuyahoga Greenway Partners, Cleveland Metroparks, the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and additional members worked to identify a bundle of four of the most competitive trail planning projects for the RAISE program ("Project") from the Cuyahoga Greenway Plan, which identified 69 regionally significant trails and bikeway projects.

The RAISE application, submitted on July 12, 2021, in coordination with the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, was awarded \$950,000 on November 18, 2021, with local matching funds provided by Cleveland Metroparks (\$235,000) and the City of Cleveland (\$315,000) for a total current available budget of \$1,500,000. The Project entails full design of two trails: the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Phase 2 North ("SVDC") and the Morgana Run-Booth Avenue Extension ("MRBA"), as well as feasibility/preliminary engineering of two others: the Iron Court/Opportunity Corridor Connector ("ICOC") and Euclid Creek Greenway Phase 2 North ("ECG").

A federal grant agreement between the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA"), on behalf of the UUS DOT, the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), and Cleveland Metroparks was executed on January 18, 2023, and a Local Public Agency ("LPA") agreement was executed between ODOT and Cleveland Metroparks on February 8, 2023. On May 18, 2023, the Board authorized entering into contract with Chagrin Valley Engineering, LTD in response to RFQu #6683 in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.

Planning and design of the Project, now known as the 2023 RAISE East Side Trails (www.2023RAISE.CuyahogaGreenways.org), began in summer 2023 and significant public and stakeholder engagement began at that time and will continue throughout the remainder of the design process. A project team including the consultant team, Cleveland Metroparks, City of Cleveland, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Slavic Village Development Corporation, and Union Miles Development Corporation meets bi-weekly to guide progress on the Project. SVDC and MRBA have progressed through feasibility study in the preliminary engineering process and have established alignments and cost estimates, and full design will be complete in June 2025.

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The 2024 RAISE application cycle makes available \$1.5 billion for surface transportation projects that have significant local or regional impact. Successful applicants must fully obligate funds by September 30, 2028, and all funds must be expended by September 30, 2033. Both planning and construction projects are eligible under RAISE. Maximum project awards are \$25 million, and projects in areas of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities, as designated by the US DOT and the White House Office of Management and Budget, respectively, are eligible for up to 100% federal funding.

Project Description

This RAISE application entails construction of SVDC and MRBA, currently under design through the 2021 RAISE Planning grant, and shown on the map on page 44.

The total federal RAISE funding request is up to \$19,500,000. Since these projects are located in areas of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities, no local matching funds are required and 100% federal funding will be requested. Additional funds may also be sought through other non-federal grant programs and/or private sources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Transportation for funding assistance from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program up to \$19,500,000 for the above listed projects; no local match is contemplated with this application; and further that the Board authorize the funds to be made available as needed until reimbursement is received from the RAISE program; and further that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements and execute any documents as may be required to accept the grant award; form of agreements to be approved by the Chief Legal & Ethics Officer.

AWARD OF BIDS/RFPs/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCES.**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:**

- (a) **Amendment to RFP #6748:** Walk-Off Floor Mat and Shop Towel Services (see page 25);
- (b) **Bid #6795:** Grass Seeds, Fertilizers, Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, and Other Misc. Turf Supplies (see page 26);
- (c) **Bid #6824:** Euclid Beach Parking Lot Improvements (see page 27);
- (d) **Single Source #6827:** “Live” Fish Stocking of Rainbow Trout (see page 29);
- (e) **Ohio Co-Op #6829:** Three (3) New 2024 Honda Odyssey EX Minivans (see page 30); and,
- (f) **Single Source #6831:** One (1) Used 2020 International HX620 Semi Truck and One (1) Used 2020 Landoll 326A26 Lowboy Equipment Trailer (see page 31).

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AMENDMENT TO RFP #6748 SUMMARY: **WALK-OFF FLOOR MAT AND SHOP TOWEL SERVICES** at Cleveland Metroparks Various Locations

Background

Since 2019, Cleveland Metroparks has obtained walk-off floor mat and shop towel rental services, for Concessions, Restaurants, Marinas, and other park locations from Aramark Uniform Services (AUS).

On August 25, 2023, Purchasing released RFP #6748 Walk-Off Floor Mat and Shop Towel Services at Cleveland Metroparks Various Locations, seeking a three (3) year term and an option to renew for an additional three (3) year term at Cleveland Metroparks' sole discretion. Aramark Uniform Services (AUS) was awarded a contract due to best overall value, as the vendor of choice for Cleveland Metroparks' walk-off floor mat and shop towel services for a three (3) year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with an option to renew for an additional three (3) year period for a total six (6) year cost not to exceed \$250,000.

The award was authorized by the Board in Resolution No. 23-11-187 adopted on November 16, 2023.

Subsequent contract negotiations between Cleveland Metroparks and Aramark Uniform Services (AUS) did not result in an agreement of contract terms.

As a result of failed contract negotiations, Cleveland Metroparks Purchasing Division staff recommends awarding walk-off mat and shop towel services to the next bidder offering best overall value, Cintas Corporation, for a three (3) year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with an option to renew for an additional three (3) year period at Cleveland Metroparks' sole discretion, for a total six (6) year cost not to exceed \$250,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board amend Resolution No. 23-11-187 and approve an award on RFP #6748 walk-off floor mat and shop towel services at Cleveland Metroparks Various Locations and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, in a form approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer, to enter into a three (3) year agreement beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, with an option to renew for an additional three (3) year period, between Cleveland Metroparks and **Cintas Corporation, rather than Aramark Uniform Services (AUS) for a combined total six-year cost not to exceed \$250,000** for Cintas' next best proposal, as summarized above and maintained in the proposal file for RFP #6748.

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BID #6795 SUMMARY: **GRASS SEEDS, FERTILIZERS, FUNGICIDES, HERBICIDES, INSECTICIDES, AND OTHER MISC. TURF SUPPLIES** to be supplied on an “as needed” basis to various Cleveland Metroparks golf courses and other locations throughout Cleveland Metroparks during the 2024 Season

HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE
2023 YTD Expenditure = \$684,809.96
2024 Estimate = \$865,000

Background

This bid provides 182 various turf products. The entire spreadsheet, recording of all bids and alternatives submitted, is on file in the Office of Procurement. A split award is recommended, and cost estimates are listed in the table below.

Vendors	Advanced Turf Solutions	Aquatic Control	Aspen Outdoors	Harrell’s	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Site One Landscape Supply	Walker Supply
Estimated encumbrance per vendor	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$275,000	\$115,000	\$75,000

The 2024 estimate is based on a “worst case/highest usage” scenario (i.e., anticipating unfavorable summer conditions). The actual expenditures are typically less per year.

All materials and quantities were specified under the direction of the Golf Operations Staff who reviewed the bids and presents the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the purchase of various Grass Seed, Fertilizers, Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, and Miscellaneous Turf Supplies on a split award basis to the following lowest and best bidders for Bid #6795, **Advanced Turf Solutions, Aquatic Control, Aspen Outdoors, Harrell’s, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Site One Landscape Supply, and Walker Supply**, to be purchased on an "as-needed" basis, during the 2024 season, as shown and at the unit prices reflected and on file in the Procurement Office, **in the amount of \$865,000**. In the event the log of consumption approaches 90 percent of the total estimate, an action item will be presented to the Board requesting an increase. In the event one of the awarded vendors cannot satisfy the bid, the award will be given to the next lowest and best bidder who can satisfy the bid as reflected on the spreadsheet recording bids and alternatives on file in the Office of Procurement, which the Board, in its discretion, adopts in these minutes. The difference in cost and all related costs to the difference will be assumed by the original bidder and/or surety.

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BID #6824 SUMMARY: EUCLID BEACH PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

(Originating Sources: Joseph V. Roszak, Chief Operating Officer/Jim Rodstrom, Director of Construction)

In October of 2020, Cleveland Metroparks was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Great Lakes Commission for water quality treatment and stormwater runoff reduction from the approximately three acre Euclid Beach parking lot in Euclid Creek Reservation. The extended detention of the stormwater in the vegetated islands will allow the suspended sediment and pollutants that the stormwater picks up as it runs across the pavement to settle out and be filtered through the bioswales. In addition, the green infrastructure components will provide storage of the stormwater with controlled discharge for rain events. After the stormwater components of the project are complete, asphalt paving, striping, and casting adjustments will be completed. At the conclusion of the infrastructure improvements, bioswale plantings and mulching will be completed under a separate contract.

Bids were received on February 6, 2024 and are tabulated below:

Bidder Name	Lump Sum Bid
Phillips Paving LLC	\$472,810.00
Eclipse Company	\$484,619.75
Perk Company	\$486,000.00
Ohio Paving	\$493,000.00
C&J Contractors	\$535,000.00
Fabrizi Trucking	\$545,000.00
Karvo Companies	\$588,000.00
Engineer’s Estimate	\$585,000.00

Staff recommends awarding the bid to **Phillips Paving LLC**. Phillips Paving has not performed work for Cleveland Metroparks, however the senior leadership of Phillips Paving has successfully performed work for Cleveland Metroparks in the past, including the Rivergate Parking Lot Improvements in 2014, 2015 Asphalt Parking Lot Improvements in North Chagrin Reservation, 2018 Asphalt Parking Lot and Asphalt Pavement Improvements in Brecksville Reservation, and 2020 Asphalt Parking Lot Improvements in Big Creek, Hinckley, Lakefront, and Rocky River Reservations. In addition, they have completed/are under contract for similar projects for other public and commercial agencies throughout this region and throughout the state of Ohio.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with **Phillips Paving LLC** as the lowest and best bidder for Bid #6824, Euclid Beach Parking Lot Improvements for the bid amount of **\$472,810**. In the event that the bidder cannot satisfy

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the bid, the award will be given to the next successive bidder who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next lowest and best bidder who can satisfy the bid. The difference in cost and all related costs to the difference will be assumed by the original bidder and/or surety. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

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SINGLE SOURCE #6827 SUMMARY: “LIVE” FISH STOCKING OF RAINBOW TROUT to be dispensed at various Cleveland Metroparks locations beginning February 22, 2024 through February 21, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE
2022/2024 YTD Total Expenditure = \$93,600.00
2024/2026 Estimate = \$117,800.00

Background

Cleveland Metroparks will purchase premium quality, live trout from single source vendor Hooked on Trout LLC for the purpose of stocking various locations for a two (2) year period. Over the past 18 years, Hooked on Trout (formerly Little Pickerel) has proven to be the only supplier capable of meeting Cleveland Metroparks quality and annual delivery requirements between Fall and Spring. Hooked on Trout maintains the appropriate certifications required by the State of Ohio and as represented herein meet that criterion; “Trout must be certified as tested negative for VHS, IPN Virus and Whirling Disease.”

Quote details follow:

	2024-2026 Estimated Quantity	Hooked On Trout LLC
Rainbow Trout (12")	24,800 lbs.	\$4.75 per lb.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize Single Source #6827 to purchase “Live” Stocking Rainbow Trout Fish from **Hooked on Trout LLC, for a total cost not to exceed \$117,800** (Rainbow Trout \$4.75/lb.) to be supplied as scheduled for a two (2) year period beginning February 22, 2024 through February 21, 2026. In the event the log of consumption approaches 90 percent of the total estimate, an action item will be presented to the Board requesting an increase.

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OHIO CO-OP #6829 SUMMARY: **THREE (3) NEW 2024 HONDA ODYSSEY EX MINIVANS**

Item	2024 Honda Odyssey EX Minivans
Description	The Odysseys will be equipped with 3.5L V6 gasoline engine, front wheel drive, seven (7) passenger, white exterior color, power doors and locks; with standard and extended warranty, as per quote and in full cooperation with Ohio Cooperative Contract #RSI018519.
New unit base cost-plus accessories, includes delivery and tags.	\$40,005 each
Total (x3)	\$120,015
Units Replaced	2005 Ford Escape (117,000 miles) (EO0505) 2009 Dodge Caravan (141,000 miles) (EO2609) 2005 Ford Escape (123,000 miles) (EO0105)

The replaced units will go to online auction or replace units of lesser value that will go to online auction.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board approve the purchase of three (3) new 2024 Honda Odyssey EX Minivans as per Ohio Co-Op #6829, equipped as specified in the above summary, from **Lindsay Honda** for a **total cost of \$120,015**, in full utilization of the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract Number RSI018519.

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SINGLE SOURCE #6831 SUMMARY: ONE (1) USED 2020 INTERNATIONAL HX620 SEMI TRUCK AND ONE (1) USED 2020 LANDOLL 326A26 LOWBOY EQUIPMENT TRAILER

Item	2020 International HX620 Semi Truck and 2020 Landoll 326A26 Lowboy Equipment Trailer
Description	The truck will be equipped with Cummins diesel engine, automatic transmission, automatic lubrication system, safety lighting, “wet lined” hydraulic system to operate trailer, and with standard equipment. The trailer will have rear loading ramps and automatic lubrication system. The truck and trailer come with standard factory warranty for five (5) years or 150,000 miles.
Unit base cost	\$170,000
Units replaced	1993 International 940 Semi Truck (316,000 miles) (EO3593) 2000 Witzco Challenger Lowboy Equipment Trailer (EO3100)

The replaced units will go to online auction or replace units of lesser value that will go to online auction.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board approve the purchase of one (1) used 2020 International HX620 Semi Truck and one (1) used 2020 Landoll 326A26 Lowboy Equipment Trailer as per Single Source #6831, equipped as specified in the above summary, from **Cuyahoga County** for a **total cost of \$170,000**.

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED
SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING (Presented 2/15/24)

Pursuant to Cleveland Metroparks By-Laws, Article 5 (Procurement), Section 5(a), “The CEO is authorized to enter into contracts and contract amendments for construction, change orders, and to purchase equipment, goods and services, and real estate, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, if the cost of the contract or contract amendment, for any single project, or the amount of the purchase, does not exceed \$75,000. Any contracts where the cost exceeds \$25,000 or any purchase where the amount exceeds \$25,000, and approved by the CEO, shall be reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the execution of said contract or said purchase,” the following is provided:

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
Professional services to assist Cleveland Metroparks with a towing suitability survey and feasibility report for Barge 225; additional services.	Northeast Technical Services Company	\$9,850.00 9,900.00 24,400.00 <u>5,800.00</u> \$49,950.00	(6)
Demolition services for Rivergate Flats Industrial Railroad Greening, phase one (1) at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation; additional services.	Baumann Enterprises	\$39,300.00 <u>6,000.00</u> \$45,300.00	(7)
Four (4) month rental agreement for the time period of September 5, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for a trackless train for the Zoo; additional purchase amount.	Artistic Holiday Design, LLC	\$22,000.00 <u>29,000.00</u> \$51,000.00	(3)
Professional services to replace gate and operator for Gate A at the Zoo.	Brakefire, Inc.	\$30,680.64	(7)
Sidewalk replacement at Acacia Reservation; additional concrete repair at Acacia Reservation and North Chagrin Nature Center.	Platform Cement, Inc.	\$28,600.00 <u>7,450.00</u> \$36,050.00	(7)
Six (6) new Swan paddleboats for Retail Division.	Great Lakes Composite LLC	\$37,800.00	(3)
“Live” catfish for stocking various locations for 2024 and 2025.	Melissa Bauman	\$35,640.00	(7)
One (1) new 2024 Ford F250, 4x4, crew cab truck.	Valley Ford Truck Inc.	\$57,655.00	(2)

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED (cont.)

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
New rifles and equipment for Police.	Vance’s Law Enforcement	\$31,034.57	(3)
Real estate taxes for Ironwood Golf Course in Hinckley Reservation.	John A. Burke	\$42,744.96	(3)
License agreement for survey software for Marketing for a three (3) year period beginning February 24, 2024 through February 23, 2027.	Qualtrics	\$63,000.00	(3)
Professional services for Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse restroom renovations at Brecksville Reservation; additional services.	Patton Painting Inc.	\$44,705.00 <u>12,518.00</u> \$57,223.00	(7)
Two (2) used 2023 Mini Trucks, 4x4, with dump beds.	Mini Trucks Ohio	\$59,800.00	(7)
2024 native plants for resale for various Nature Centers.	Archewild	\$36,947.69	(7)
Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) DataMaster Intoxilyzer 9000 for Police.	Intoximeters Inc.	\$27,143.00	(3)

===== **KEY TO TERMS** =====

- (1) “BID” – Formal bid invitations sent and advertised in *The Plain Dealer* 15 days preceding the bid opening.
- (2) “COOPERATIVE” – Purchased through cooperative purchasing programs i.e. – State of Ohio, OMNIA, etc.
- (3) “SINGLE SOURCE” – Purchased from one source as competitive alternatives are not available.
- (4) “PROPRIETARY” – Products purchased for resale directly from the brand’s manufacturer.
- (5) “PROFESSIONAL SERVICE” – Services of an accountant, architect, attorney at law, physician, professional engineer, construction project manager, consultant, manager, surveyor or appraiser as outlined under Article 5, Sections 1-4 of the Board By-Laws and defined by ORC 307.86.
- (6) “COMPETITIVE QUOTE (over \$5,000 up to \$25,000)” – Originally estimated \$25,000 or less, quoted by three vendors.
- (7) “COMPETITIVE QUOTE (over \$25,000 to \$75,000)” – Chosen through the accumulation of three written quotes.

**CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS (2/15/24)**

Pursuant to Cleveland Metroparks By-Laws, Article 5 (Procurement), Section 5(b) and (c), “...the CEO is not authorized to enter into any change orders to construction contracts, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, except that the CEO is authorized to enter into change orders to construction contracts, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, where the additional cost is less than THE LESSER OF: (i) \$75,000, or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the contract at the time of the change order. Each change order by the CEO under this Article shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the execution of said change order. The aggregate value of all change orders authorized by the CEO shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original contract value without prior approval of the Board. If the Board approves a revised contract value, then the aggregate value of all change orders issued after Board approval of the revised contract value shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the revised contract value without additional approval of the Board.”

I. “Amendment to Professional Service Contract. For professional service contracts greater than \$75,000, the CEO is not authorized to enter into any amendment to professional services or other special services agreement, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, except that the CEO is authorized to enter into amendments to professional services and other special services agreements for additional fees, without prior approval by the Board in each instance, where the additional fees for the agreement by the CEO pursuant to this Section, are less than THE LESSER OF: (i) \$75,000, or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the agreement at the time of the amendment. Each amendment by the CEO under this Section shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the execution of said amendment. The aggregate value of all amendments authorized by the CEO shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original contract value without prior approval of the Board. If the Board approves a revised contract value, then the aggregate value of all change orders issued after Board approval of the revised contract value shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the revised contract value without additional approval of the Board,” the following is provided:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Item/Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Change Order or Amendment</u>
<p><u>Bridge Inspection and Engineering Support Program, 2019 to 2024</u></p> <p><u>Contract Amount:</u> Original Contract Amount: \$147,980.00 Amendment No. 1 Amount: \$7,500.00 Amendment No. 2 Amount: \$69,105.00 Amendment No. 3 Amount: \$206,100.00 Amendment No. 4 Amount: \$23,400.00 Amendment No. 5 Amount: \$25,900.00 Amendment No. 6 Amount: \$151,780.00 Amendment No. 7 Amount: \$25,270.00 Revised Contract Amount: \$657,035.00</p>	<p>Additional services for structure type review, study, and funding applications for Royalview Lane and Big Creek Parkway.</p>	<p>Arcadis US, Inc.</p>	<p>#7</p>
<p><u>CMR for Cleveland Metroparks First Tee Cleveland Expansion, Washington Reservation</u></p> <p><u>Contract Amount:</u> Original Contract Amount: \$6,000.00 Amendment No. 1 Amount: \$363,101.00 Change Order No. 1 Amount: Void Change Order No. 2 Amount: \$0.00 Amendment No. 2 Amount: \$2,178,269.04 Charge Order No. 3 Amount: \$38,636.51 Change Order No. 4 Amount: \$64,715.43 Revised Contract Amount: \$2,650,721.98</p>	<p>Additional services for plumbing modifications and electrical conduit.</p>	<p>Turner Construction Company</p>	<p>#3</p>

CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS (cont.)

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Item/Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Change Order or Amendment</u>
<p><u>Garfield Park Pond and Stream Restoration Project, Garfield Park Reservation</u></p> <p><u>Contract Amount:</u> Original Contract Amount: \$384,000.00 Amendment No. 1 Amount: \$182,020.00 Amendment No. 2 Amount: \$5,800.00 Amendment No. 3 Amount: \$45,000.00 Amendment No. 4 Amount: \$49,000.00 Revised Contract Amount: \$665,820.00</p>	<p>Additional services for utility service design, program center engineering, and construction administration support.</p>	<p>GDP Group</p>	<p>#4</p>

INFORMATION/BRIEFING ITEMS/POLICY.**(a) *Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting***

(Originating Source: Wade Steen, Chief Financial Officer)

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Cleveland Metroparks for its annual comprehensive financial report for the 11th consecutive year for fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

(b) *Natural Resources Annual Fisheries Program Highlights*

(Originating Sources: Joseph V. Roszak, Chief Operating Officer/Jennifer Grieser, Director of Natural Resources/Mike Durkalec, Aquatic Biologist)

Fishing is a traditional outdoor recreation pursuit that has been popular in Cleveland Metroparks since the agency's inception. It embodies our mission, "protecting nature, connecting communities and inspiring conservation of our world." 2023 offered a good example of highlights from our fisheries program, which included stocking of 11,900+ lbs of rainbow trout and 3,600 lbs of farm raised catfish, both from Ohio businesses. At Hinckley Lake spillway, over 6,000 sportfish valued at \$36,000 were salvaged and released at Camp Cheerful among other locations and 700 lbs of gizzard shad were donated to Lake Erie Nature and Science Center to feed rehabilitating animals.

Organized fishing events directly served over 3,000 attendees with several collaborations with Outdoor Experiences aimed at underserved communities. One highlight showcased fish and aquatic plants of Lake Erie for a national audience as a fieldtrip associated with the Great Lakes Conference. Natural Resources collaborated with external entities by taking important roles in brook trout and lake sturgeon (both state endangered species) management planning, as well as assisting projects aimed at restoration of fish population in the Cuyahoga River. Additionally, the Fishing Fund garnered nearly \$47,000 in the past year from leveraging local organizations and donors as well as philanthropists from Boston and Alaska. Finally, the online Fishing Report Blog will be celebrating 19 years of serving the public in May.

(c) *2023 Park District Visitation Results & LoRaWAN Overview*

(Originating Sources: Kelly Manderfield, Chief Marketing Officer/Beth Coduti, Manager of Research & Analytics/Anthony Joy, Chief Information Officer/Renee Senft, Cleveland Foundation Fellow)

Beth Coduti, Cleveland Metroparks Manager of Research & Analytics, and Renee Senft, Cleveland Foundation Fellow, will present the 2023 Park District Visitation Results & LoRaWAN Overview.

INFORMATION/BRIEFING ITEMS/POLICY (cont.)

In 2023, Cleveland Metroparks continued to grow in popularity and community impact by attracting more than 19.3 million Recreational Visits*, the second highest annual visitation on record and the fourth consecutive year in which visitation surpassed 19 million Recreational Visits. Based on the 2023 Park District Visitation Study, this was an increase of roughly 273,486 visits (1.4%) compared to the previous year and illustrates that visitation across the Park District continues to remain at record highs. Visitor Occasions (representing the total number of people *entering* Cleveland Metroparks reservations) increased by over 10,000 year-over-year. The most notable increases in visitation were seen at several reservations where new amenities were added including: Brecksville (+4%), which saw the opening of new natural surface trails, Huntington (+13%), which has seen capital investments in recent years including Karen's Way Place Space in 2023, and West Creek (+7%), where new amenities were added at the Watershed Stewardship Center.

In addition, Cleveland Metroparks will demonstrate its uses of emerging technologies including LoRaWAN (Long Range Wide Area Network) that the Park District expects will further advance the insights and goals of the annual Visitation Study.

(*Recreational Visits are people using reservations in which they park their vehicles or arrive by foot/bike.)