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GREAT PARKS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

June 27, 2024

To the Citizens of Hamilton County and the Board of Park Commissioners:

We are pleased to submit the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Great Parks of Hamilton County (hereafter, also referred to as “Great Parks”). This report conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the United States of America in accordance with implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 and provides full and complete disclosure of the financial position and operations of Great Parks for the year ended December 31, 2023. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with Great Parks’ management. To the best of our knowledge, the following data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the financial position of the entity as a whole and the results of operations of the various funds of Great Parks. All necessary financial disclosures have been included to enable the reader to gain an understanding of Great Parks’ financial activities.

GAAP requires that management’s provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). Great Parks’ MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Report Presentation

Financial statements of governmental organizations differ somewhat from the statements prepared for profit-oriented organizations in that governmental organizations prepare statements on a fund basis. In governmental accounting, the term “fund” is used to identify a separate accounting entity with its own assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

Great Parks has established various funds to segregate activities in order to comply with legal requirements, to better facilitate management control, and to satisfy the requirements of GAAP. The presentation of this report and the financial statements contained herein are in conformance with principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) through its various pronouncements and the guidance of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Reporting Entity

Great Parks of Hamilton County was created in 1930 under authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of protecting local natural resources and providing outdoor recreation. Great Parks is governed by a five-member Board of Park Commissioners, each of whom is appointed to a three-year term by the Probate Court Judge of Hamilton County and who serve without pay. The first Park Board took office on July 17, 1930.

The Board of Park Commissioners appoints a Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for executing the policy of the Park Board. Since 1930, Great Parks has acquired and conserved 18,080 acres of parkland and open space, including twenty-two parks and conservation areas.

The mission of Great Parks of Hamilton County is “To preserve and protect natural resources and to provide outdoor recreation and education in order to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.”

Since its creation in 1930, Great Parks has relied on a combination of funding derived from self-generated earned income sources and voter approved tax levies to fulfill its mission.

Board of Park Commissioners

William Burwinkel • Caren Laverty • Scott Schuster • Marcus Thompson • Melissa Wegman • Todd
Palmer, CEO

10245 Winton Road • Cincinnati, OH 45231 • greatparks.org

Currently, the major parks and nature preserves that Great Parks owns or leases are:

Armleder Park	5057 Wooster Pike Cincinnati, OH 45226
Campbell Lakes Preserve	10431 Campbell Road, Harrison, OH 45030
Embschhoff Woods	4050 Paul Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238
Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve	3455 Poole Road, Cincinnati, OH 45251
Fernbank Park	50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45233
Francis RecreAcres	11982 Conrey Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249
Glenwood Gardens	10397 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215
Kroger Hills	8529 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45227
Lake Isabella	10174 Loveland-Madeira Road, Loveland, OH 45140
Little Miami Golf Center	3811 Newtown Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244
Miami Whitewater Forest	9001 Mt. Hope Road, Harrison, OH 45030
Mitchell Memorial Forest	5401 Zion Road, Cleves, OH 45002
Newberry Wildlife Sanctuary	5300 Sheits Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252
Oak Glen Nature Preserve	7584 Thompson Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247
Richardson Forest Preserve	4000 West Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45251
Sharon Woods	11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, OH 45241
Shawnee Lookout	2008 Lawrenceburg Road, North Bend, OH 45052
Triple Creek	2700 Buell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45251
Werk Road Property	2918 Werk Road, Cincinnati, OH 45211
Winton Woods	10245 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231
Withrow Nature Preserve	7075 Five Mile Road, Cincinnati, OH 45230
Woodland Mound	8250 Old Kellogg Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255

County Structure

Great Parks' base for its real estate tax levy revenue (approximately \$40 million) is Hamilton County. The county of Hamilton was named for the former Secretary of Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, and was created by proclamation of Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the Northwest Territory, on January 2, 1790. The county was the second county formed in the state of Ohio, with Cincinnati as the county seat. The county is situated in the extreme southwestern corner of the state and covers an area of 413 square miles. The county encompasses 49 municipalities, villages, and townships, of which Cincinnati is the largest. The county is the third largest in the state of Ohio in terms of population (825,037). Located on the Ohio River, the county forms the core of the "Cincinnati Metropolitan Area," which includes the counties of Hamilton, Warren, Clermont, and Butler in Ohio; Dearborn and Ohio counties in Indiana; and Kenton, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Pendleton, and Boone across the river in Kentucky.

The County Auditor serves as both the chief financial officer for the county and the real property assessor for all political subdivisions within the county. The Auditor prepares the general tax list of the county, calculates the voted and un-voted tax rates for real estate property and, once collected, distributes the tax receipts to the appropriate political subdivisions and agencies within the county. The collection and distribution of tax levy proceeds is the only service provided to Great Parks.

Major Initiatives 2023

Great Parks acquired 240 acres of land near Miami Whitewater Forest in 2023. With this acquisition, Great Parks reached a major conservation milestone with total land holdings beyond 18,000 acres. The newly acquired acreage advances Great Parks' position as the largest landowner in Hamilton County.

In 2023, Great Parks celebrated the grand opening of the Music Garden located within Glenwood Gardens. The whimsical, interactive garden includes all-weather percussion instruments for performers of all skill levels to enjoy. The plantings in the Music Garden are musically themed such as lyrical blues meadow sage and fiddlehead fern. An accessible path in a treble clef shape winds through the garden. The garden blends a love of music with reconnecting with the natural world.

Great Parks completed the new fitness equipment circuit at Woodland Mound in 2023. The trail contains ten fitness stations and an accessible path connecting each feature. Guests of all abilities will be able to get active and enjoy the fitness benefits in the outdoors.

Additionally, Great Parks unveiled a new and improved disc golf course at Woodland Mound in 2023. New tee pads, baskets, course layout and signage were installed as part of the project. To celebrate the completion of the disc golf course improvements, an inaugural disc golf tournament was held in the fall.

Throughout 2023, Great Parks hosted several special events including Protect Your Wild Earth Day, Fairytale Festival, National Night Out, Urban Thrive Festival, and Hispanic Heritage Festival. The Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo saw record breaking attendance in 2023. Additionally, Great Parks saw a 40% increase in attendance at Holidays on the Farm in 2023.

Great Parks partnered with like-minded organizations in 2023 to provide sustainability leadership. In conjunction with various partners, Great Parks composted food waste at Winton Woods, donated seven hundred pounds of dated uniforms to be repurposed, collected eleven thousand pounds of e-waste to be recycled and collected over two hundred bags of trash and recycling at the Protect Your Wild Earth Day Event.

Financial Information

Great Parks' day-to-day accounting and budgetary records are maintained on a basis other than GAAP. For financial reporting purposes, the accounting records are converted to a modified accrual basis for all governmental funds and the accrual basis for entity-wide reporting. A further discussion of the two basis of accounting can be found in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Budgetary appropriations for the operation of Great Parks' departments are established through the adoption of the annual Appropriation Resolution by the Board of Park Commissioners. Budgetary control is facilitated through the maintenance of an encumbrance system for purchase orders and through the use of Great Parks' financial software.

Great Parks maintains budgetary control within the organizational unit and fund by not permitting expenditures and encumbrances to exceed appropriations. Various departments are subject to performance budget reviews. Funds appropriated may not be expended for purposes other than those designated in the Appropriation Resolution.

Goods and services to be purchased costing under \$10,000 do not require a formal bid. Purchases over \$10,000 but under \$50,000 must have three quotes. Purchases for goods exceeding \$50,000 must be legally bid under Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.86 through 307.92 or acquired through the approved use of the State of Ohio or similar purchasing programs. Purchases for services in compliance with Ohio Revised Code are governed by Great Parks' by-laws. Purchases exceeding \$50,000 must be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Internal Controls

In developing and revising Great Parks' accounting and reporting control system, management's consideration is given to the adequacy of internal controls to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding:

- safeguarding assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition
- reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets.

The concept of a reasonable assurance recognizes that:

- the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived
- the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

All internal control evaluations occur within the above framework. Great Parks' internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions. Initial responsibility for budgetary control rests with individual departments. The department managers receive a monthly report comparing the budget with cash receipts and expenditures.

The Finance Department conducts internal cash and inventory audits at all facilities within the parks. Bank reconciliations are completed by finance personnel not authorized to sign checks.

Economic Outlook

In December 2023 the unemployment rate in the county was 2.8%, which was lower than the state and national average. Between 2021 and 2022 the median household income grew from \$64,087 to \$68,249, a 6.49% increase. In 2022 the median property value in Hamilton County was \$205,000, and the homeownership rate was 59.2%.

Long-term Financial Planning

Great Parks annually updates its multi-year financial forecast which projects budgeted and projected revenues and expenditures for the duration of the current levy (2026) and the new levy which passed in 2021 (2031).

In addition, a 5-Year Capital Plan is updated to set guidelines for establishing project priorities. Great Parks' plan is to finance capital projects and the related future operating costs without using debt.

Independent Audit

The independent audit was performed by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office. The unmodified opinion rendered by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office on Great Parks' basic financial statements, combining statements, and individual fund schedules, is included in the financial section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Awards

Great Parks received three awards from the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association in 2023: 3rd Place Marketing Innovation Award for the Find Your Winter Wild campaign, 2nd Place Recreation Award for the Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo and 3rd Place Recreation Award for the Urban Thrive Festival.

In 2023, Great Parks received the National Association of County Park & Recreation Officials' Class IV Award for the Beechmont Bridge Connector.

Great Parks received the Bronze Level Leader in Workplace Equity Certification from Ellequate. The certification designates Great Parks as an employer that is committed to creating a more diverse, equitable and inclusive workplace. Additionally, the certification identifies Great Parks as an agency that is dedicated to creating a workplace where everyone feels valued, respected, and supported.

The Ohio Auditor of State awarded Great Parks the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the 2022 audit. Additionally, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded Great Parks the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2023 Budget Book submission. This was the inaugural budget book submission for Great Parks.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Great Parks for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. This was the twenty-fifth year Great Parks received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, Great Parks published an easy-to-read, efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This report satisfies both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year. It is believed the current Annual Comprehensive Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program requirements. It is being submitted to the GFOA to determine eligibility for another certificate.

Acknowledgements

This Annual Comprehensive Financial Report represents a continuing commitment by the Board of Park Commissioners and the management of Great Parks to provide prudent financial information of Great Parks' activities and to demonstrate stewardship of the funds granted to Great Parks by the voters of Hamilton County.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the support of Great Parks' staff, especially Kathy Volk, Director of Finance, for their effort in developing this report with the staff of Plattenburg & Associates, Inc. We thank Brigid Kelly, Hamilton County Auditor, and her office for assistance in providing data for the Statistical Section and the Ohio Auditor of State's Office, our auditors, for their assistance and review during this project.



Todd Palmeter
Chief Executive Officer



Andrew Collins
Chief Financial Officer



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**Great Parks of Hamilton County
Ohio**

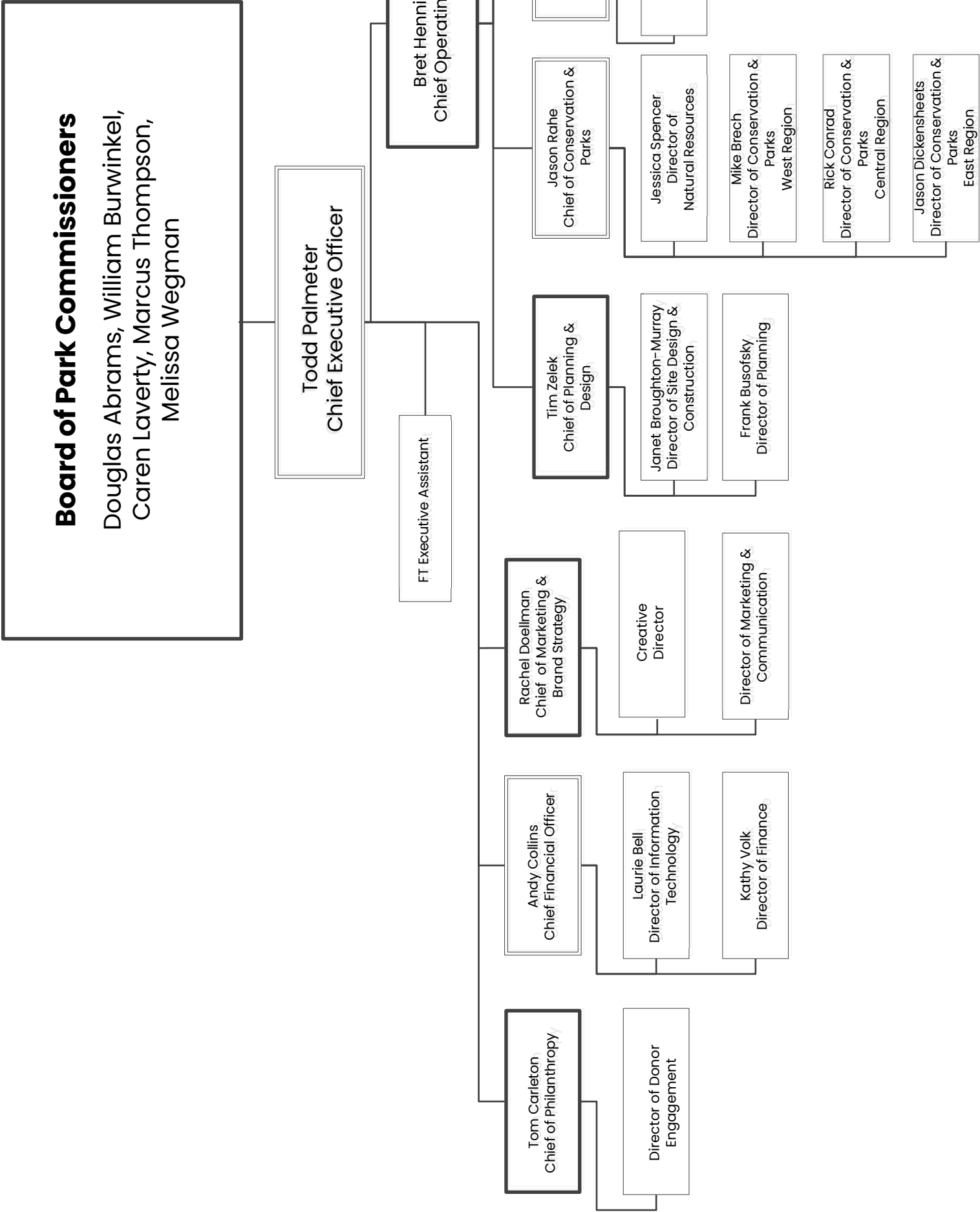
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For the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2022

Executive Director/CEO

Great Parks of Hamilton County

2023 Organizational Chart



**GREAT PARKS OF HAMILTON COUNTY
LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**

DECEMBER 31, 2023

ELECTED OFFICIAL

HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE

HONORABLE JUDGE RALPH E. WINKLER
TERM EXPIRES FEBRUARY 2027

APPOINTED BY PROBATE JUDGE

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
DOUGLAS ABRAMS	DECEMBER 31, 2025
WILLIAM J. BURWINKEL	DECEMBER 31, 2025
CAREN LAVERTY, PRESIDENT	DECEMBER 31, 2023
MARCUS L. THOMPSON	DECEMBER 31, 2024
MELISSA WEGMAN	DECEMBER 31, 2025

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

TODD PALMETER	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BRET HENNINGER	CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
ANDREW COLLINS	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JASON RAHE	CHIEF OF CONSERVATION & PARKS
RACHEL MESSERSCHMITT	CHIEF OF GUEST EXPERIENCES
MOLLY DEJESUS	CHIEF OF HUMAN RESOURCES
RACHEL DOELLMAN	CHIEF OF MARKETING & BRAND STRATEGY
TOM CARLETON	CHIEF OF PHILANTHROPY
TIM ZELEK	CHIEF OF PLANNING
SCOTT SNOW	CHIEF OF RANGERS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Park Commissioners:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Great Parks of Hamilton County, Hamilton County, Ohio (Great Parks), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Great Parks' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Great Parks of Hamilton County, Hamilton County, Ohio as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of Great Parks Forever, which represent 100 percent of the assets, net position, revenues, and expenses of the discretely presented component unit as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors who report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Great Parks Forever, is based solely on the report of other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Great Parks, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Great Parks' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Great Parks' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Great Parks' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, required budgetary comparison schedules, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Great Parks' basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 27, 2024, on our consideration of the Great Parks' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Great Parks' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Great Parks' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Faber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Keith" and last name "Faber" clearly distinguishable.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
June 27, 2024

**Great Parks of Hamilton County
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

As management of the Great Parks of Hamilton County (Great Parks), we offer readers of the financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Great Parks for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal of this report. The government wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which differs from those presented on a budgetary basis.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- Great Parks' total net position increased by \$21,492,391 for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- The assets and deferred outflows of Great Parks exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 by \$178,651,123 (net position). Of this amount, \$127,547,336 has been invested in capital assets.
- Governmental activities' investment in capital assets increased by \$11,472,084. Capital assets of Great Parks are owned with no related debt.
- General revenues in Governmental Activities decreased \$216,211 in 2023.
- At December 31, 2023, Great Parks' governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$64,157,123, an increase of \$12,110,472 in comparison to the prior year. On a combined basis, \$719,302 is non-spendable, \$9,752,814 is considered restricted, and \$13,480,847 is considered assigned at December 31, 2023. The remaining unrestricted fund balance is \$40,204,160.

Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Great Parks of Hamilton County as an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Great Parks' basic financial statements. Great Parks' basic financial statements are comprised of the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements and 4) required supplementary information. This report also contains combining statements, individual fund schedules and statistical table information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The government-wide financial statements - ***the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities*** - are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of Great Parks' finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

**Great Parks of Hamilton County
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report both long-term and short-term information about Great Parks' overall financial status using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the method of accounting used by private-sector companies.

- **Statement of Net Position.** The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of Great Parks' assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position. This statement provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources and the obligations to Great Parks' creditors, and supplies the basis for evaluating Great Parks' capital structure.
- **Statement of Activities.** The Statement of Activities provides information about all of Great Parks' current-year revenues and expenses, and measures the success of Great Parks' operations over the past year. Use of the accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting means all current year revenues and expenses are reported regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two government-wide statements report Great Parks' net position and changes in net position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for Great Parks as a whole, the financial position has improved or diminished. In evaluating the overall position of Great Parks, non-financial information, such as changes in Great Parks' tax or employment base, the condition of Great Parks' capital assets and other factors, such as changing economic conditions, population and customer growth, and new or changed rules and regulations also need to be considered.

All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the Statement of Activities for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned, but unused vacation leave).

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the overall financial position of Great Parks is presented in the following manner:

- **Governmental Activities –** Great Parks' programs and services are reported here, including General Government, Public Safety, Operation and Maintenance, Naturalists, Visitor Services, and Facilities expenditures. These services are financed primarily by user fees, taxes and intergovernmental revenues, including state grants.

Fund Financial Statements

Information about Great Parks' major funds is presented in the Fund Financial Statements (see table of contents). Fund financial statements provide detailed information about Great Parks' major funds - not Great Parks as a whole. Some funds are required by state law. Other funds may be established by Great Parks, with approval of Park Commissioners, to help control, manage and report funds received for a particular purpose or to show that Great Parks is meeting legal responsibilities for use of grants. Great Parks' major funds are the General Fund and Mitchell Fund.

**Great Parks of Hamilton County
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

Governmental Funds

Great Parks' services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how funds flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of Great Parks' general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps to determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future on services provided to patrons. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary Funds

Great Parks maintains one type of proprietary fund: an internal service fund. The internal service fund is an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among Great Park's various functions. Because these services benefit governmental functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the governmental-wide financial statements. The internal service fund is also presented on the proprietary fund financial statements. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found later in this report.

Great Parks as a Whole

Net Position

Net Position (assets and deferred outflows of resources minus liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) may serve over time as a useful indicator of Great Parks' financial position. Great Parks' total assets and deferred outflows exceeded total liabilities and deferred inflows at December 31, 2023 by over \$178.7 million compared with \$157.2 million at the end of 2022. This was an increase from 2022.

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Table 1
Net Position

	2023	2022	Net Change
Assets:			
Current and Other Assets	\$111,304,191	\$99,446,193	\$11,857,998
Capital Assets, Net	127,547,336	116,075,252	11,472,084
Net OPEB Asset	0	3,066,973	(3,066,973)
Total Assets	238,851,527	218,588,418	20,263,109
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Pension	12,870,572	3,713,908	9,156,664
OPEB	1,934,832	0	1,934,832
Total Deferred Outflows	14,805,404	3,713,908	11,091,496
Liabilities:			
Other Liabilities	3,336,671	1,697,715	1,638,956
Long-Term Liabilities	32,665,018	10,601,715	22,063,303
Total Liabilities	36,001,689	12,299,430	23,702,259
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property Taxes	38,396,165	38,621,670	(225,505)
Leases	388,517	403,460	(14,943)
Pension	0	10,440,955	(10,440,955)
OPEB	219,437	3,378,079	(3,158,642)
Total Deferred Inflows	39,004,119	52,844,164	(13,840,045)
Net Position:			
Investment in Capital Assets	127,547,336	116,075,252	11,472,084
Restricted	9,772,630	12,479,313	(2,706,683)
Unrestricted	41,331,157	28,604,167	12,726,990
Total Net Position	\$178,651,123	\$157,158,732	\$21,492,391

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2023, Great Parks' assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$178,651,123.

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At year-end, capital assets represented 53% of total assets. Capital assets include land, buildings and improvements, construction in process, and equipment. These capital assets are used to provide services to the citizens and are not available for future spending.

A portion of Great Parks' net position, \$9,772,630 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they must be used. The external restriction will not affect the availability of fund resources for future use.

Total assets increased from the prior year due primarily to an increase in cash. Long-term liabilities increased mainly due to net pension liability.

Changes in Net Position

Table 2 provides a comparative summary of Great Parks' revenue and expenses along with the changes in Net Position for the years 2023 and 2022. Great Parks' total revenue increased by \$3,397,635 in 2023 to \$66,342,804. Thirty-seven percent (37%) of Great Parks' revenue came from Great Parks' facilities (charges for use), grants, investment income and other revenue. Additionally, 63% of revenue came from taxes.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	2023	2022	Net Change
Expenses:			
Parks and Recreations	\$ 44,850,413	\$ 33,941,636	\$ 10,908,777
Total Expenses	44,850,413	33,941,636	10,908,777
Revenues:			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$15,909,979	\$15,263,285	\$646,694
Operating Grants and Contributions	850,259	109,918	740,341
Capital Grants and Contributions	3,048,939	822,128	2,226,811
General Revenue			
Taxes	41,666,433	43,834,500	(2,168,067)
Intergovernmental Revenue	898,463	1,246,952	(348,489)
Investment Earnings	3,338,360	(503,105)	3,841,465
Other Revenues	630,371	2,171,491	(1,541,120)
Total Revenues	66,342,804	62,945,169	3,397,635
Change in Net Position	21,492,391	29,003,533	(7,511,142)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	157,158,732	128,155,199	29,003,533
Net Position - End of Year	\$178,651,123	\$157,158,732	\$21,492,391

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Governmental Activities

Total governmental revenue increased by \$3,397,635. The most significant item that contributed to this net increase was an increase in investment income received in 2023 when compared to 2022.

Total governmental expenses increased by \$10,908,777. Parks and recreations expenses increased mainly due to changes in both net pension and OPEB liabilities from 2022 to 2023.

With total governmental revenues exceeding expenses, the Change in Net Position for 2023 was an increase of \$21,492,391. Governmental net position at December 31, 2023, on the accrual basis, was \$178,651,123 (Table 2).

Great Parks' Funds

Great Parks has two major governmental funds: General Fund and Mitchell Fund.

General Fund

The fund balance at December 31, 2023 was \$54,404,309, which was an increase in fund balance of \$11,750,167 from 2022. The increase in fund balance is mainly due to an increase in property tax revenues received in 2023 compared to 2022. This increase was due to a passage of a new tax levy for Great Parks. The levy was for additional 0.95 mills for Great Parks.

Mitchell Fund

The fund balance at December 31, 2023 was \$5,334,591, which was an increase in fund balance of \$457,363 from 2022. The increase in fund balance was mainly due to an increase in the investment earnings during 2023 compared to 2022. The increase in investment earnings is a result of a favorable investment market.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Great Parks' annual budget, the starting point for its financial planning and control, is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The Board of Park Commissioners typically adopts the annual operating budget for Great Parks in December of the preceding budget year. All disbursements and transfers of cash between funds require appropriation by the Great Parks Commissioners. The adopted budget may be amended by the Great Parks Commissioners. All budgeted amendments and supplemental appropriations made during 2023 are included in the revised budgeted amounts presented in the budget to show comparisons.

For Great Parks, the final budgeted expenditures were \$88,642,299 and the final actual expenditures were \$64,905,499. The difference was \$23,736,800. Variations from the final budgeted expenditures to the actual expenditures are primarily due to the following: Great Parks overestimated for salaries, fringe benefits, and supplies and services throughout all departments (Conservation and Parks, Guest Experiences, etc.) for 2023. As the Great Parks completed the year, its General Fund balance reported an actual fund balance of \$44,796,251, on a Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis.

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Capital Assets

At December 31, 2023, Great Parks had invested \$127,547,336 (net of accumulated depreciation) in capital assets compared to \$116,075,252 in 2022. This represents an increase of 9.9% in capital assets from 2022 to 2023.

Table 3 provides a comparable summary of Great Parks' net capital assets, for fiscal years 2023 and 2022. For more detailed information, see capital asset activity information in Notes 1 and 8 to the basic financial statements.

	2023	2022
Land	\$84,956,403	\$78,633,271
Construction in Progress	9,762,370	5,234,405
Building	15,389,935	16,120,342
Equipment	4,676,391	3,882,334
Land Improvements	3,711,737	3,849,160
Leasehold Improvements	25,186	122,233
Playgrounds	1,085,204	903,736
Infrastructure	6,447,493	6,326,092
Vehicles	1,492,617	1,003,679
Totals	<u>\$127,547,336</u>	<u>\$116,075,252</u>

Long-Term Debt

Great Parks had no long term debt in 2023 and 2022. The legal debt limitation at December 31, 2023 was \$287,333,000 and \$225,014,090 in 2022. Great Parks' plan is to finance capital projects and the related future operating costs generally without using debt, but may use financing and leases as appropriate. The Computation of Legal Debt Margin table can be found in the statistical section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Great Parks is a special purpose government operating under the authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, providing park and recreation opportunities to the citizens of Hamilton County, as well as adjoining counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Sixty percent (60%) of the U.S. population is within one hour's flight time and the metropolitan area is within 600 miles of 53% of the nation's purchasing power and 52% of the nation's manufacturing establishments.

The corporate headquarters of numerous companies are located in Hamilton County. Cincinnati is the home to five Fortune 500 corporations, including Procter & Gamble, the Kroger Company, Fifth Third Bancorp, Cintas, and Western & Southern Financial Group.

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The Hamilton County metropolitan area is a growing center for international business, with over 1,000 companies engaged in international trade. Metropolitan area companies generate sales of approximately \$23.2 billion to customers outside the U.S. each year. Major export products include aircraft parts, medical instruments, machinery, and computer software. Directly imported products amount to over \$11 billion annually. Over 450 Greater Cincinnati companies are also owned by foreign companies from countries such as, Japan, France, Germany and Canada. Foreign trade zone status is also available in Greater Cincinnati to assist firms engaged in international trade to lower import duty and tax expenses. The County is also the location of major federal government installations, including a regional postal service center, a regional Internal Revenue Service center, an environmental research center, an occupational health and safety research center and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The County's primary sporting venues include Paycor Stadium seating 65,535; Great American Ballpark, with a seating capacity of 42,271; TQL Stadium seating 26,000; Heritage Bank Center, which can accommodate 17,556; Fifth Third Arena at the University of Cincinnati with a capacity of 13,176; and Cintas Center at Xavier University with seating for 10,250.

For further information regarding Hamilton County, please see the Statistical Section.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, patrons, and creditors with a general overview of Great Parks' finances and to show Great Parks' accountability for the funds it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the CFO, Great Parks of Hamilton County, 10245 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231 or call (513) 521-7275.

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Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
Assets:		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$67,446,179	\$12,645,679
Restricted Cash	120,990	0
Restricted Cash with Fiscal Agent	0	1,454,778
Receivables (Net):		
Taxes	41,604,377	0
Accounts	66,419	0
Interest	258,974	0
Intergovernmental	699,441	0
Leases	388,509	0
Pledges	0	4,595,791
Inventory	719,302	0
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	94,718,773	0
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	32,828,563	0
Total Assets	238,851,527	18,696,248
Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Pension	12,870,572	0
OPEB	1,934,832	0
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	14,805,404	0
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	1,069,282	6,816
Accrued Wages and Benefits	509,813	0
Contracts Payable	1,206,655	0
Retainage Payable	120,990	0
Due to Other Governments	198,668	0
Gift Card Liability	70,781	0
Claims Payable	160,482	0
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Due Within One Year	314,050	0
Due In More Than One Year		
Net Pension Liability	29,672,383	0
Net OPEB Liability	651,869	0
Other Amounts	2,026,716	0
Total Liabilities	36,001,689	6,816
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Property Taxes	38,396,165	0
Leases	388,517	0
OPEB	219,437	0
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	39,004,119	0
Net Position:		
Investment in Capital Assets	127,547,336	0
Restricted for:		
Facility Maintenance and Improvements	9,756,555	0
Law Enforcement	16,075	0
Scholarships and Support	0	7,721,242
Unrestricted	41,331,157	10,968,190
Total Net Position	\$178,651,123	\$18,689,432

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Component Unit	Total
	Expenses						
Governmental Activities:							
Parks and Recreation	\$44,850,413	\$15,909,979	\$850,259	\$3,048,939	(\$25,041,236)	\$0	(\$25,041,236)
Total Governmental Activities	44,850,413	15,909,979	850,259	3,048,939	(25,041,236)	0	(25,041,236)
Component Unit:							
Great Parks Forever	\$1,134,099	\$119,738	\$0	\$3,018,831	0	2,004,470	2,004,470
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes Levied for:							
					41,666,433	0	41,666,433
					898,463	0	898,463
					9,084	0	9,084
					3,338,360	1,399,573	4,737,933
					621,287	278	621,565
Total General Revenues					46,533,627	1,399,851	47,933,478
Change in Net Position					21,492,391	3,404,321	24,896,712
Net Position - Beginning of Year					157,158,732	15,285,111	172,443,843
Net Position - End of Year					\$178,651,123	\$18,689,432	\$197,340,555

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2023

	General	Mitchell	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$56,772,122	\$5,368,060	\$4,453,925	\$66,594,107
Restricted Cash	120,990	0	0	120,990
Receivables (Net):				
Taxes	41,604,377	0	0	41,604,377
Interest	215,644	17,576	21,247	254,467
Intergovernmental	699,441	0	0	699,441
Leases	388,509	0	0	388,509
Inventory	719,302	0	0	719,302
Total Assets	100,520,385	5,385,636	4,475,172	110,381,193
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	1,034,013	35,269	0	1,069,282
Accrued Wages and Benefits	504,993	4,820	0	509,813
Compensated Absences	288,400	0	0	288,400
Contracts Payable	1,160,551	0	46,104	1,206,655
Retainage Payable	120,990	0	0	120,990
Due to Other Governments	196,683	1,985	0	198,668
Gift Card Liability	70,781	0	0	70,781
Total Liabilities	3,376,411	42,074	46,104	3,464,589
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Property Taxes	38,396,165	0	0	38,396,165
Grants and Other Taxes	636,703	0	0	636,703
Delinquent Property Taxes	3,208,212	0	0	3,208,212
Leases	388,517	0	0	388,517
Investment Earnings	110,068	8,971	10,845	129,884
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	42,739,665	8,971	10,845	42,759,481
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	719,302	0	0	719,302
Restricted	0	5,334,591	4,418,223	9,752,814
Assigned	13,480,847	0	0	13,480,847
Unassigned	40,204,160	0	0	40,204,160
Total Fund Balances	54,404,309	5,334,591	4,418,223	64,157,123
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances	\$100,520,385	\$5,385,636	\$4,475,172	\$110,381,193

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to
Net Position of Governmental Activities
December 31, 2023

Total Governmental Fund Balance		\$64,157,123
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial
resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Capital assets used in the operation of Governmental Funds		127,547,336
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Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-
period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.

Delinquent Property Taxes	3,208,212	
Local Government Fund Revenue	430,377	
Interest	129,884	
Grant Revenue Difference	<u>206,326</u>	
		3,974,799

An internal service fund is used by management to charge
back costs to individual funds. The assets and
liabilities of the internal service fund are included in
governmental activities in the statement of net position.

Internal Service Net Position		762,516
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Some liabilities reported in the statement of net position do not
require the use of current financial resources and, therefore,
are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.

Compensated Absences		(2,052,366)
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Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions and OPEB
are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not
reported in the funds.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	12,870,572	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	1,934,832	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(219,437)</u>	
		14,585,967

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current
period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net Pension Liability	(29,672,383)	
Net OPEB Liability	<u>(651,869)</u>	
		<u>(30,324,252)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$178,651,123</u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	Mitchell	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property and Other Taxes	\$42,027,276	\$0	\$0	\$42,027,276
Charges for Services	14,413,136	0	0	14,413,136
Investment Earnings	2,326,909	858,964	74,525	3,260,398
Intergovernmental	4,611,459	8,605	850,259	5,470,323
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,485,442	0	0	1,485,442
Traffic Fines	11,401	0	0	11,401
Gifts and Donations	9,084	0	137,045	146,129
Miscellaneous	217,557	0	10,324	227,881
Total Revenues	65,102,264	867,569	1,072,153	67,041,986
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	6,794,911	0	0	6,794,911
Public Safety	3,878,307	0	0	3,878,307
Operations and Maintenance	7,696,688	409,223	223,302	8,329,213
Stewardship	3,260,340	0	0	3,260,340
Naturalist	687,055	0	0	687,055
Communication	1,531,924	0	0	1,531,924
Visitor Services	13,510,521	0	0	13,510,521
Philanthropy	405,453	0	0	405,453
Capital Outlay	15,851,181	983	945,909	16,798,073
Total Expenditures	53,616,380	410,206	1,169,211	55,195,797
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	11,485,884	457,363	(97,058)	11,846,189
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	264,283	0	0	264,283
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	264,283	0	0	264,283
Net Change in Fund Balance	11,750,167	457,363	(97,058)	12,110,472
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	42,654,142	4,877,228	4,515,281	52,046,651
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$54,404,309	\$5,334,591	\$4,418,223	\$64,157,123

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds		\$12,110,472
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital asset additions as expenditures.
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation
expense. This is the amount of the difference between capital
asset additions and depreciation in the current period.

Capital assets used in governmental activities	15,252,184	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(3,772,178)</u>	
		11,480,006

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the
extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement
of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. The
amount of the proceeds must be removed and the gain or loss
on the disposal of capital assets must be recognized. This is the
amount of the difference between the proceeds and the gain or loss.

(7,922)

Governmental funds report pension and OPEB contributions as
expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost
of pension and OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions
are reported as pension and OPEB expense.

Pension contributions	2,528,511	
Pension Expense	(4,327,885)	
OPEB Expense	<u>1,374,632</u>	
		(424,742)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide
current financial resources are not reported as revenues in
the funds.

Delinquent Property Taxes	(360,843)	
Intergovernmental - Local Government	(46,998)	
Intergovernmental - Grants	(615,802)	
Interest	<u>68,100</u>	
		(955,543)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the
use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as
expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated Absences	(130,741)
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The internal service fund used by management to charge back costs
to individual funds is not reported in the entity-wide statement of
activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal
service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of
the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.

Change in Net Position - Internal Service Funds	<u>(579,139)</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$21,492,391</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Current Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$852,072
Receivables (Net):	
Accounts	66,419
Interest	4,507
Total Current Assets	922,998
Liabilities:	
Current Liabilities:	
Claims Payable	160,482
Total Current Liabilities	160,482
Net Position:	
Unrestricted	762,516
Total Net Position	\$762,516

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	<u>\$1,875,289</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,875,289</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Claims	<u>2,511,129</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,511,129</u>
Operating Income	<u>(635,840)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Investment Earnings	<u>56,701</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>56,701</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(579,139)</u>
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>1,341,655</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$762,516</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$1,808,870
Cash Payments for Claims	<u>(2,386,571)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(577,701)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Earnings (Loss) on Investments	<u>54,876</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Cash Flows from Investing Activities	<u>54,876</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(522,825)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>1,374,897</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u><u>\$852,072</u></u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Operating Income (Loss)	(635,840)
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:	
(Increase) Decrease in Receivables	(66,419)
Increase (Decrease) in Claims Payable	<u>124,558</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$577,701)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States of America, these financial statements present all funds for which Great Parks is financially accountable. Great Parks is considered a related organization to Hamilton County, Ohio. This decision is based on the fact that the Board of Park Commissioners is appointed by the Probate Court Judge of Hamilton County, but Hamilton County cannot impose its will on Great Parks in any manner, nor does there exist any financial benefit or burden relationship between Great Parks and Hamilton County.

The accompanying financial statements of Great Parks are prepared in conformity with GAAP, prescribed in statements and interpretations issued by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

A component unit is a legally separate organization that meets any of the following criteria: (1) Great Parks appoints the voting majority of an organization's governing board, and (a) Great Parks is able to impose its will on the potential component unit, or (b) Great Parks is in a relationship of financial benefit or burden with the potential component unit; (2) the potential component unit is fiscally dependent upon the Great Parks or; (3) the financial statements would be misleading if data from the potential component unit were not included. Based on these criteria, the following entity is included as discretely presented component unit:

Great Parks Forever - Great Parks Forever meets the criteria stated in the previous paragraph to qualify as a component unit of Great Parks of Hamilton County (Great Parks). Although Great Parks does not control the timing or amount of receipts from Great Parks Forever, all of the resources or income thereon that Great Parks Forever holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the Great Parks by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by Great Parks Forever can only be used by, or for the benefit of, Great Parks, Great Parks Forever is considered a component unit of Great Parks and is discretely presented in Great Parks' financial statements. Great Parks Forever was formed in 2007 with the sole purpose of assisting Great Parks in protecting and enhancing regional parkland and providing outstanding outdoor recreation and nature education services. Great Parks Forever is fully supported by private and corporate contributions. Financial statements can be obtained by emailing info@greatparksforever.org. Further disclosures for Great Parks Forever can be found in Note 14.

Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about Great Parks as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison for each function or program of Great Parks' governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operation or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues. The comparison

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of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of Great Parks.

The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Great Parks presents the statement in a format that displays *assets plus deferred outflows of resources equals liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, plus net position*. *Net position* is displayed in three components:

- The *Net Investment in Capital Assets* component consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- The *Restricted Net Position* component represents net position with constraints placed on their use that are either 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- The *Unrestricted Net Position* component consists of net position that do not meet the definition of the preceding two components.

Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements

Great Parks uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Great Parks functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of Great Parks are categorized as governmental funds. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statement.

The following are Great Parks' major governmental funds:

Governmental Funds

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income.

General Fund is the general operating fund of Great Parks. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Mitchell Fund is used to account for the initial bequest from William Morris Mitchell and the subsequent accumulation of investment income, donations, expenditures for contiguous land, construction, maintenance and operations of the Mitchell Memorial Forest.

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Proprietary Fund

The focus of the proprietary funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service.

Internal Service Fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of Great Parks on a cost-reimbursement basis. Great Parks' internal service fund reports on a self-insurance program for employee health benefits.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For Great Parks, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which Great Parks receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which Great Parks must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to Great Parks on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: grants and interest.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For Great Parks, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide

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statement of net position for pension and other post employment benefits. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 5 and 6.

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Great Parks has deferred inflows of resources from seven sources which arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting: property taxes, pension, OPEB, investment earnings, leases, delinquent property taxes and grants. Therefore, the governmental funds defer these amounts and will recognize them as an inflow of resources in the subsequent period that the amounts become available.

For the full accrual basis, deferred inflows of resources arise from property taxes. Property taxes are reported as deferred inflows of resources since as of December 31, 2023 there is an enforceable legal claim but the taxes were levied to finance fiscal year 2024 operations. Great Parks will recognize an inflow of resources in the subsequent period for which the property taxes were levied to finance. Deferred inflows of resources related to leases, pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. The deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 5 and 6.

Expenditures/Expenses

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds. On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

Great Parks maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments." Investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. Interest earned from investments purchased with pooled cash is allocated to the funds, based on amounts in the pool, unless otherwise restricted by statute.

Investment procedures and interest allocations are restricted by provisions of the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools", Great Parks records all its investments at fair value. See Note 2, "Deposits, Investments and Investment Return."

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the statement of net position/balance sheet, investments with an original maturity of three months or less and investments of the cash management pool are considered to be cash equivalents.

Great Parks has invested funds in STAR Ohio during 2023. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. Great Parks measures their investment in STAR

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Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes. See Note 2, "Deposits, Investments and Investment Return."

Inventories

Inventory is valued at cost, using first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of inventory items are recognized as expenditures in the General Fund when sold or consumed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, vehicles, land improvements, leasehold improvements, playgrounds, and infrastructure owned by Great Parks. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital Assets are stated at historical or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets, donated works of art and similar items, and capital assets received in a service concession arrangement are reported at acquisition value. All capital assets in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized. See Note 8 for accumulated depreciation by class. Depreciation for capital assets is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the assets.

Depreciation lives used for property items within each property classification are as follows:

Buildings	30 years	Parking	10 years
Machinery/Equipment	7 years	Trails	20 years
Vehicles	5 years	Sewers	20 years
Furniture/Fixtures	7 years	Dams	30 years
Water Supply	20 years	Bridges	30 years
Roads/Pavement	20 years	Playgrounds	15 years

Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

Compensated Absences

Great Parks' records accumulated unpaid sick leave, vacation, holiday and compensatory time benefits as compensated absences payable when earned by the employee.

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Vacation

Full-time employees will be eligible for accrued vacation leave after their first pay period with approval from their supervisor. Part-time employees who are promoted to a full-time position will begin their accruals the pay period in which the promotion is effective. Accrual of vacation time is as follows based on position and seniority date:

Director and Chief Level			
Continuous Length of Full-Time Service From Most Recent Date of Hire	Amount of Vacation Hours Granted Per Two- Week Pay Period	No. of Vacation Hours Granted Per Calendar Year	Maximum No. of Vacation Hours Permitted
Day 1 through 7 years	4.62	120	240
8 years through 14 years	6.20	160	320
15 or more years	7.70	200	400

Other Full-Time Employees			
Continuous Length of Full-Time Service From Most Recent Date of Hire	Amount of Vacation Hours Granted Per Two- Week Pay Period	No. of Vacation Hours Granted Per Calendar Year	Maximum No. of Vacation Hours Permitted
Day 1 through 7 years	3.10	80	160
8 years through 14 years	4.62	120	240
15 years through 24 years	6.20	160	320
25 or more years	7.70	200	400

At the beginning of the 8th, 15th and 25th year, based on their seniority date, employees will progress to the next accrual level.

Vacation pay for eligible employees is based on their current rate of pay. Overtime hours are not counted in computing vacation time. Any employee, who works less than 2,080 hours per year, will have vacation time determined by the percentage of the total hours they work. No vacation time is earned while an employee is on an unpaid leave of absence or an unpaid military leave. Vacation time may be accumulated to a maximum of that earned in two years. At the time of an employee's termination, the employee is entitled to compensation at their current rate of pay for any earned but unused vacation leave.

Sick Leave

Sick leave accumulates for full-time employees at the rate of 4.62 hours for every 80 hours worked with a maximum of 15 days per year. There is no maximum accumulation. It is to be used as needed and approved. Upon retirement, an employee with 10 or more years of active service may receive a one-time payment. For employees hired prior to September 1, 2012, this payment is calculated as one hour's pay for every two hours of accrued leave, up to a maximum of 720 hours. The payment is calculated as one hour's pay for every four hours of accrued leave, up to a maximum of 480 hours, for employees hired on or after September 1, 2012. At December 31, 2023, Great Parks recorded a liability for sick leave totaling \$1,136,030 in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, whereby sick leave is expensed and accrued only for probable retirees.

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Compensatory Time

The maximum accumulation for exempt employees is 80 hours of comp time and comp time earned in excess of the maximum will be forfeited. Non-Exempt employees are paid overtime at the time and a half rate for any hours worked over 40.

Long-term obligations for vested sick leave, vacation and comp time and any claims or judgments are shown in the Statement of Net Position. Unpaid vacation, sick leave and comp time, are computed as prescribed in GASB Statement No. 16. A full accrual for future amounts due is presented as compensated absences in government-wide statements. See Note 10.

Pension/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability (asset), information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

Inter-Fund Transactions

During the normal course of operation, Great Parks has certain transactions between funds. Charges from the General Fund to Other Governmental Funds for administration, maintenance, utilities and other costs are identified as Charges for Services (revenue) by the General Fund and expenditures in the Other Governmental Funds. All other inter-fund transactions are reported as transfers. Total amounts transferred during 2023 were \$0.

Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", Great Parks classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. The following categories are used:

Nonspendable – Resources that are not in spendable form (inventory) or have legal or contractual requirements to maintain the balance intact.

Restricted – Resources that have external purpose restraints imposed on them by providers, such as creditors, grantors, or other regulators.

Committed – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Park Commissioners. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Park Commissioners removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

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Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by Great Parks for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by Great Parks' Commissioners or a Great Parks official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

Unassigned – Residual fund balance within the General Fund that is not restricted, committed, or assigned. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from incurred expenses for specific purposes exceeding amounts which had been restricted, committed or assigned for said purposes.

Great Parks applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Great Parks, in its proprietary fund (internal service fund), distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the proprietary fund could include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. Net position, net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Great Parks applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. Of Great Parks' restricted net position, none was restricted by enabling legislation.

Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of Great Parks and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

Note 2 - Deposits, Investments and Investment Return

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, government's deposits may not be returned to it. Great Parks deposit policy for custodial risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law. State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance; bonds and other obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies or instrumentalities of the state of Ohio; bonds of any Great Park, county, school district or special road district of the state of Ohio; bonds of any state; or a surety bond having an aggregate value at least equal to the amount of the deposits. Beginning in 2018, the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) allowed for participating financial institutions to pool collateral for Ohio public unit deposits. The Treasurer of State is the sole administrator and monitors the OPCS. Fifth Third Bank participated in the OPCS during fiscal year 2023. At December 31, 2023, \$6,360,747 of Great Parks' bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk as these deposits were uninsured and collateral held was in other than Great Parks' name.

Investments

Great Parks may legally invest in direct obligations of, and other obligations guaranteed as to principal by, the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies and instrumentalities. Great Parks may not purchase corporate bonds, stocks or notes. Donations of these items may be held until such time as the Board of Park Commissioners deems it advisable to sell such items.

At December 31, 2023, Great Parks had the following investments:

STAR Ohio Account	\$16,694,449
Certificates of Deposit	6,660,987
Corporate Stocks	8,650,596
Federal Home Loan Bank	1,559,265
Federal National Mortgage Association	1,408,945
U.S. Treasury Note	20,948,625
Commercial Paper	927,309
Discount Commercial Paper	2,221,170
Money Market Fund	1,173,271
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	992,891
Total	<u>\$61,237,508</u>

Fair Value Measurement

Great Parks' investments measured and reported at fair value are classified according to the following hierarchy:

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- Level 1 – Investments reflect prices quoted in active markets.
- Level 2 – Investments reflect prices that are based on a similar observable asset either directly, or indirectly, which may include inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 – Investments reflect prices based on unobservable sources.

The categorization of investments with the hierarchy is based on the transparency of the instrument and should not be perceived as the particular investment's risk. Great Parks had the following reoccurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023:

Issuer	Moody's	S&P	Fair Value Hierarchy	Maturity Date	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
Corporate Stocks						
P&G	Aa3	AA-	Level 1	N/A	\$3,851,071	N/A
Warner Bros Discovery Inc Ser	Baa3	BBB-	Level 1	N/A	23,227	N/A
Eaton Corp	Baa1	A-	Level 1	N/A	2,854,921	N/A
Exxon Mobil Corp	Aaa	AA+	Level 1	N/A	332,733	N/A
Bristol Myers Squibb Co	A2	A+	Level 1	N/A	410,480	N/A
PNC Financial Services	A3	A-	Level 1	N/A	539,343	N/A
AT&T Inc	Baa1	BBB+	Level 1	N/A	141,573	N/A
Halliburton Company	Baa1	A-	Level 1	N/A	132,815	N/A
US Bancorp	A1	A+	Level 1	N/A	279,156	N/A
Verizon Communications	Baa1	BBB+	Level 1	N/A	85,277	N/A
					<u>8,650,596</u>	
Certificates of Deposits						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	Various	<u>6,660,987</u>	<u>1.36</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	Various	<u>1,559,265</u>	<u>2.72</u>
Federal National Mortgage						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	Various	<u>1,408,945</u>	<u>1.66</u>
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	Various	<u>992,891</u>	<u>2.14</u>
U.S. Treasury Note						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	N/A	<u>20,948,625</u>	<u>2.17</u>
Commercial Paper						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	N/A	<u>927,309</u>	<u>0.45</u>
Discount Commercial Paper						
	N/A	N/A	Level 2	N/A	<u>2,221,170</u>	<u>0.23</u>
Money Market Funds						
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>1,173,271</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Investment Pools						
STAR Ohio	N/A	AAAm	N/A	N/A	<u>16,694,449</u>	<u>0.14</u>
					<u>\$61,237,508</u>	<u>1.09</u>

N/A - Information is not applicable or unavailable

The above table identifies the credit quality ratings and interest rate risk (calculated with the weighted average maturity method) of each investment. Investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using pricing sources as provided by the investment managers and advisors. Great Parks' investments in money market funds are measured at amortized cost and therefore are not classified based on the hierarchy above. STAR Ohio is reported at its share price (net assets value per share).

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As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, Great Parks' investment policy limits all maturities to a maximum of five years. However, some securities are donated and held in the original form of the donation, which may exceed the maximum of five years.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. It is Great Parks' policy to limit its investments to those permitted by state law, donated corporate stock or corporate bonds. Purchases of corporate stock, corporate bonds or obligations of political subdivisions other than the State of Ohio are prohibited.

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, Great Parks will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. All investments in corporate stock are held in Great Parks' name. Great Parks' investment policy does not address custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Great Parks limits investments with one issuer to no more than 50% of the investment portfolio except as follows:

1. Donated corporate stock, no limit.
2. External Investment Pool, (STAR Ohio) secured by U.S. Treasury obligations, \$25 million limit. Rated by Standard & Poor, AAAM.
3. Concentration Account – Operating bank account used for temporary cash balances, \$15 million limit.
4. PCA – Investments are temporary and authorized by ORC 135.145 and 135.354, \$25 million limit.

At December 31, 2023 the investment portfolio included the following concentrations of common stock that exceeded 5% of the total investments in common stock:

Company	Fair Value at December 31, 2023
Procter & Gamble	\$3,851,071
Eaton Corp PLC	2,854,921
PNC Financial Services	539,343

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Summary of Carrying Values

The carrying values of deposits and investments shown above are included in the balance sheet and statement of net position as follows:

Carrying Value	
Cash Deposits	\$6,329,661
Investments	<u>61,237,508</u>
Total	<u><u>\$67,567,169</u></u>

Investment Income

Investment Income for the year ended December 31, 2023 consisted of:

Interest and dividend income	\$2,034,249
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value	<u>624,521</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,658,770</u></u>

Note 3 - Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against real and public utility property. Property tax revenue received during 2023 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of the 2022 taxes. Real property taxes for 2023 are levied after October 1, 2023, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. The 2023 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2024 operations.

Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. Public utility property taxes for 2022 became a lien December 31, 2022, are levied after October 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes.

The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2024 property tax receipts were based are as follows: (Amounts in thousands)

Real Property - 2023 Valuation	
Residential/Agricultural	\$27,193,416
Commercial/Industrial/Public Utilities	<u>1,539,861</u>
Total Valuation	<u><u>\$28,733,277</u></u>

Property taxes are payable semi-annually. The first payment is due January 20 with the remainder payable by June 20.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including Great Parks. The County Auditor periodically remits to Great Parks its portion of the taxes collected.

Accrued property taxes receivable represent real property taxes, public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of the year end for which there is an enforceable legal claim.

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Great Parks' property tax is generated from three sources. The first is an unvoted 0.03 mill levy granted annually by the Hamilton County Commissioners. The second is a replacement levy of 1.0 mill which is scheduled to expire in 2027. The third source is a new levy that was approved by voters in 2021 for 0.95 mill which is scheduled to expire in 2031.

Note 4 – Lease – Lessor Disclosure

Great Parks collectively (the "lessor") entered into an agreement with Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County for the use of land in Miami Whitewater Forest and Withrow Nature Preserve for twenty-five years (placement of two radio transmission towers). Future rental income is based on any revenues generated from the radio transmission towers. Great Parks believes the lease will be extended an additional twenty-five years at the end of the original term.

<u>Lease Year</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$14,551	\$822	\$15,373
2025	14,582	791	15,373
2026	14,613	760	15,373
2027	14,644	729	15,373
2028	14,675	698	15,373
2029-2033	73,841	3,024	76,865
2034-2038	74,625	2,240	76,865
2039-2043	75,418	1,447	76,865
2044-2048	76,219	646	76,865
2049	15,341	32	15,373
	<u>\$388,509</u>	<u>\$11,189</u>	<u>\$399,698</u>

*-Lease Receivable

Great Parks recognized \$14,521 in lease revenues (principal) and \$852 in interest from lease activity for 2023.

Note 5 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions - between an employer and its employees - of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee - on a deferred-payment basis - as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension/OPEB liability represents Great Parks' proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

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Ohio Revised Code limits Great Parks' obligation for this liability to annually required payments. Great Parks cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, Great Parks does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension/OPEB liability on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in accrued wages and benefits on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 6 for the OPEB disclosures.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description

Great Parks employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the combined plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying

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provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

<u>Group A</u> Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	<u>Group B</u> 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	<u>Group C</u> Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<u>State and Local</u>	<u>State and Local</u>	<u>State and Local</u>
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>
Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
<u>Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
<u>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</u>
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment. The options for Public Safety and Law Enforcement permit early retirement under qualifying circumstances as early as age 48 with a reduced benefit.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the OPERS Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>State and Local</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates			
Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee *	10.0 %	**	***
2023 Actual Contribution Rates			
Employer:			
Pension ****	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>	<u>13.0 %</u>

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

** This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

*** This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.

**** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

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Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined within the constraints of statutory limits for each division and expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2023, Great Parks' contractually required contribution was \$2,528,511.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Great Parks' proportion of the net pension liability was based on Great Parks' share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share of Great Parks' defined benefit pension plans:

	OPERS		
	Regular	Law Enforcement	Total
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net Pension Liability	\$24,979,168	\$4,693,215	\$29,672,383
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.08353700%	0.01691100%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.07763500%	0.01748000%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00590200%	-0.00056900%	
Pension Expense	\$3,643,353	\$684,532	\$4,327,885

At December 31 2023, Great Parks reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS		
	Regular	Law Enforcement	Total
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$829,703	\$155,889	\$985,592
Changes in assumptions	263,887	49,581	313,468
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	7,119,848	1,337,713	8,457,561
Changes in employer proportionate share of net pension liability	492,842	92,598	585,440
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,128,582	399,929	2,528,511
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$10,834,862</u>	<u>\$2,035,710</u>	<u>\$12,870,572</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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\$2,528,511 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS		Total
	Regular	Law Enforcement	
2024	\$1,306,428	\$245,458	\$1,551,886
2025	1,816,337	341,263	2,157,600
2026	2,095,718	393,754	2,489,472
2027	3,487,797	655,306	4,143,103
Total	\$8,706,280	\$1,635,781	\$10,342,061

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, using the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67:

	OPERS Traditional Plan
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:	
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

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The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 12.1 percent for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	22.00%	2.62%
Domestic Equities	22.00	4.60
Real Estate	13.00	3.27
Private Equity	15.00	7.53
International Equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	5.00	3.27
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the current year was 6.9 percent for the traditional plan and the combined plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the traditional pension plan, combined plan and member-directed plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents Great Parks' proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what Great Parks' proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability			
OPERS - Regular	\$37,417,960	\$24,979,168	\$14,632,325
OPERS - Law Enforcement	7,030,280	4,693,215	2,749,197
	<u>\$44,448,240</u>	<u>\$29,672,383</u>	<u>\$17,381,522</u>

Note 6 – Postemployment Benefits

Net OPEB Liability

See Note 5 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees, and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

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OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees - Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees - Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A - 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B - 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C - 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022, who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

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The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the OPERS Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a two percent allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2022 was 4.0 percent; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. Great Parks' contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2023.

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. Great Parks' proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Great Parks' share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

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	OPERS		Total
	Regular	Law Enforcement	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$548,764	\$103,105	\$651,869
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.08767200%	0.01571400%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.08168800%	0.01623100%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00598400%	-0.00051700%	
OPEB Expense	(\$1,157,209)	(\$217,423)	(\$1,374,632)

At December 31, 2023, reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS		Total
	Regular	Law Enforcement	
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Changes in assumptions	\$535,990	\$100,705	\$636,695
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,089,864	204,769	1,294,633
Changes in employer proportionate share of net OPEB liability	2,950	554	3,504
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$1,628,804	\$306,028	\$1,934,832
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$136,883	\$25,718	\$162,601
Changes in assumptions	44,103	8,286	52,389
Changes in employer proportionate share of net OPEB liability	3,743	703	4,446
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$184,729	\$34,708	\$219,437

\$0 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS		Total
	Regular	Law Enforcement	
2024	\$178,036	\$33,450	\$211,486
2025	399,689	75,096	474,785
2026	339,855	63,854	403,709
2027	526,495	98,920	625,415
Total	\$1,444,075	\$271,320	\$1,715,395

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation used the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases,	2.75 to 10.75 percent
	including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	5.22 percent
Prior Year Single Discount Rate	6.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent
Prior Year Municipal Bond Rate	1.84 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.5 percent, initial
	3.50 percent, ultimate in 2036
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, if any contribution are made into the plans, the contributions are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made. Health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was 15.6 percent for 2022.

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The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)</u>
Fixed Income	34.00%	2.56%
Domestic Equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	4.70
International Equities	25.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	6.00	1.84
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 5.22 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 6 percent. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 4.05 percent (Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"). The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

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Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents Great Parks' proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.22 percent, as well as what Great Parks' proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.22 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (6.22 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.22%)	Current Discount Rate (5.22%)	1% Increase (6.22%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)			
OPERS - Regular	\$1,867,743	\$548,764	(\$539,609)
OPERS - Law Enforcement	350,921	103,105	(101,384)
	<u>\$2,218,664</u>	<u>\$651,869</u>	<u>(\$640,993)</u>

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate

Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability			
OPERS - Regular	\$514,369	\$548,764	\$587,478
OPERS - Law Enforcement	96,642	103,105	110,378
	<u>\$611,011</u>	<u>\$651,869</u>	<u>\$697,856</u>

Note 7 – Commitments

Great Parks has contractual commitments to various vendors for future supplies and services. Determinable amounts are recorded as remaining balances of contracts at year end December 31, 2023, as follows:

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Purpose	Dollars of Encumbrances	Fund	Dollars of Encumbrances
Park Operations	\$3,670,990	General	\$12,386,865
Park Improvements	\$8,903,306	Health Insurance	3,500
Operating Supplies	186,463	Evergreen	1,491
		Mitchell	94,369
		Burchenal Fund	274,534
Total	\$12,760,759	Total	\$12,760,759

Note 8 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$78,633,271	\$6,323,132	\$0	\$84,956,403
Construction in Progress	5,234,405	12,801,017	8,273,052	9,762,370
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	60,270,602	647,684	0	60,918,286
Equipment	11,926,509	1,589,275	582,251	12,933,533
Infrastructure	42,243,976	761,483	0	43,005,459
Land Improvements	8,155,835	140,159	0	8,295,994
Leasehold Improvements	6,584,018	0	0	6,584,018
Playground	5,099,284	324,312	0	5,423,596
Vehicles	3,836,702	938,174	609,545	4,165,331
Totals at Historical Cost	221,984,602	23,525,236	9,464,848	236,044,990
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	44,150,260	1,378,091	0	45,528,351
Equipment	8,044,175	795,218	582,251	8,257,142
Infrastructure	35,917,884	640,082	0	36,557,966
Land Improvements	4,306,675	277,582	0	4,584,257
Leasehold Improvements	6,461,785	97,047	0	6,558,832
Playground	4,195,548	142,844	0	4,338,392
Vehicles	2,833,023	441,314	601,623	2,672,714
Total Accumulated Depreciation	105,909,350	3,772,178	1,183,874	108,497,654
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$116,075,252	\$19,753,058	\$8,280,974	\$127,547,336

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Depreciation Expense

Depreciation Expense was charged to functions of the governmental activities as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Government	\$420,462
Public Safety	192,245
Conservation & Parks	477,796
Infrastructure	1,853,203
Guest Experience	828,472
Total	<u>\$3,772,178</u>

Note 9 – Risk Management

Property and Torts

Great Parks is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts - theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years, nor has there been a significant reduction in insurance coverage in the same period.

Workers' Compensation

Great Parks pays into the State of Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation System at a retrospective rate based on gross salaries less any employee contributions to a 457 plan. Workers' claims are submitted to the State of Ohio for authorization and payment to the injured employee. The State of Ohio establishes employer payments, employee payments, and adequate reserves.

Employee Benefits

Medical insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. The claims liability of \$160,482 reported in the internal service fund at December 31, 2023, is an estimate which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by the increased claims adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. Changes in claims activity for 2023 (the sixth year of activity) were:

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Year Claims</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2023	\$35,924	\$1,817,401	\$1,692,843	\$160,482
2022	116,229	1,512,638	1,592,943	35,924

Note 10 – Compensated Absences/Long Term Liabilities

Long term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was:

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	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Net Pension Liability: OPERS	\$8,275,390	\$21,396,993	\$0	\$29,672,383	\$0
Net OPEB Liability: OPERS	0	651,869	0	651,869	0
Compensated Absences	2,326,325	1,327,480	1,313,039	2,340,766	314,050
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$10,601,715</u>	<u>\$23,376,342</u>	<u>\$1,313,039</u>	<u>\$32,665,018</u>	<u>\$314,050</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund in which employees' salaries are paid, which in prior years has typically been the General Fund. There is no repayment schedule for the net Pension/OPEB liability. Net Pension/OPEB Liability represents the long-term portion of the accrued liability associated with OPERS Pension/OPEB liability. These items will be repaid from the funds from which the employees work to whom the liability is associated with or the General Fund if no such funds are available.

Note 11 – Fund Balance

Fund balance is classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which Great Parks is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Mitchell Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable:				
Inventory	<u>\$719,302</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$719,302</u>
Total Nonspendable	719,302	0	0	719,302
Restricted for:				
Facility Maintenance and Improvements	0	5,334,591	4,402,148	9,736,739
Law Enforcement	0	0	3,812	3,812
Enforcement and Education	0	0	1,715	1,715
Drug and Law Enforcement	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,548</u>	<u>10,548</u>
Total Restricted	0	5,334,591	4,418,223	9,752,814
Assigned to:				
Encumbrances:				
General Government	366,785	0	0	366,785
Public Safety	70,979	0	0	70,979
Operations and Maintenance	578,575	0	0	578,575
Stewardship	264,864	0	0	264,864
Naturalist	374,742	0	0	374,742
Communication	93,406	0	0	93,406
Visitor Services	408,899	0	0	408,899
Philanthropy	1,737	0	0	1,737
Capital Improvements	9,706,559	0	0	9,706,559
Budgetary	<u>1,614,301</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,614,301</u>
Total Assigned	13,480,847	0	0	13,480,847
Unassigned	<u>40,204,160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,204,160</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$54,404,309</u>	<u>\$5,334,591</u>	<u>\$4,418,223</u>	<u>\$64,157,123</u>

Note 12 – Contingent Liabilities

Grants

Great Parks receives financial assistance from federal, state, and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. Management estimates that such disallowed claims, if any, would not materially affect the financial statements of Great Parks.

Litigation

From time to time, Great Parks is a party to various claims and litigation. Management estimates that any potential claims against Great Parks would not materially affect the financial statements of Great Parks.

Note 13 – Public Entity Risk Pool

Great Parks Health Plan

Great Parks sponsors an Employee Health Plan administered by Custom Design Benefits, LLC. The Plan maintains health insurance benefits for employees and their dependents. Plan benefits are funded by Great Parks and employees that participate in the Plan. The Plan offers medical and prescription drug coverage to the participants on a self-insured basis.

Health care service providers accept an assignment of benefits as consideration in full for services rendered, and send the participants' claims directly to the claims administrator. The Plan pays the scheduled benefit amount, less any required deductibles, copayments and coinsurance percentage, directly to the provider.

Plan participants pay a certain portion of the cost of covered expenses under the Plan, including any applicable deductibles, copayments and the coinsurance percentage that is not paid by the Plan (out-of-pocket expenses). The Plan limits the amount of out-of-pocket expenses the participants must pay toward certain types of covered expenses (annually \$5,000 per individual, \$10,000 per family). Once the participant has paid the out-of-pocket expense limit, the Plan will reimburse additional eligible covered expenses incurred during that year at 100%.

All participants pay a premium rate that is actuarially calculated based on the participants' actual claims experiences. The premiums are utilized for the payment of claims within the claims servicing pool up to the self-insurance deductible limit.

In the event of a deficiency in the fund, the General Fund will complete an advance to the health care fund.

For all individual claims exceeding \$75,000, stop loss coverage is purchased, as well as for an annual total plan aggregate claims amount. All plan participants also pay a monthly administration fee for third party administrative services.

Note 14 – Discretely Presented Component Unit

Description of the Organization

Great Parks Forever's (the Organization) financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Organization is a not-for-profit organization established in accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization operates under a Board of Directors with twelve members. The Organization was formed with the sole purpose of assisting Great Parks of Hamilton County in protecting and enhancing regional park land and providing outstanding outdoor recreation and nature education services.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) No. 958 *Not-for-Profit Entities*. Under ASC No. 958 the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants).

With Donor Restrictions

Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants).

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction expires or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments

The Organization reports investments in accordance with ASC No. 958-320, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Investments in marketable securities with readily determined fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values in the Statement of Net Assets. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets. Investments of the net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions are pooled for making investment transactions and are carried at fair value. Interest and dividend income, as well as realized and unrealized gains and losses, are allocated to each net asset class.

Pledges Receivable

Pledges received, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenue by net asset class when the donor's commitment is received. Unconditional promises are recognized at the estimated present value of the future cash flows, net of allowances. Unconditional promises designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as restricted support. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contributions is received, the Organization reports the support as without donor restrictions. Conditional promises are recognized when the donor conditions are substantially met.

For unconditional promises to give noncash assets, the Organization records the fair value of the underlying asset at the date of initial recognition as pledges receivable. Subsequent changes in fair value of such noncash assets after the date of initial recognition are recoded as adjustments to pledges receivable and as contributions revenue by either increasing or decreasing the net asset class in which the original contribution was recorded. This could result in negative contributions revenue being reported.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue results from various fundraising activities. It represents amounts received from sponsors, vendors, and sales of admission tickets in advance. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the period that the fundraising activity actually occurs.

Deferred revenue results when cash or other assets are received before donor conditions are substantially met.

Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and related notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investments

The various investments in fixed income securities, mutual funds and other investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market fluctuations, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities could occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

The Organization determines the fair values of its financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established ASC No. 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Organization's own assumptions based on market data and on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The Standard describes three levels within its hierarchy that may be used to measure fair value:

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Level 1 Inputs: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 quoted prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Inputs: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would rise in pricing an asset or liability.

The fair value of investments held by the Organization at December 31, 2023 is summarized as follows:

Investment Type	Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Common Stock	\$2,973,545	\$0	\$0
US Treasuries/Agency Securities	1,350,179	0	0
Corporate Bonds	0	1,399,917	0
Municipal Bonds	64,305	0	0
Exchange Traded Funds	98,096	0	0
Mutual Funds - Equity Securities	3,785,330	0	0
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	1,075,392	0	0
Other Investments	328,074	13,217	0
Total	\$9,674,921	\$1,413,134	\$0

Pledges Receivable

Unconditional promises to give are included in the financial statements as pledges receivable and contributions of the appropriate net asset category. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. The discount rate on those amounts is computed using a risk free interest rate applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received. The amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenue. For the year ended December 31, 2023 there were no unconditional promises that required amortization.

Unconditional promises to give noncash assets are reported as contributions receivable at fair value of the underlying asset at year end, if applicable.

Conditional promises to give are not included as support until conditions of those promises have been met. For the year ended December 31, 2023 there were no conditional promises.

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Unconditional promises to give consist of the following at December 31:

	2023
Receivable in less than one year	790,000
Receivable in one to eight years	4,385,000
Total unconditional pledge receivables	<u>5,175,000</u>
Less discounts to net present value	(579,209)
	<u><u>\$4,595,791</u></u>

Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust at Fair Value

The Organization is the beneficiary under a perpetual trust administered by an outside party. Under the terms of this trust, the Organization has the irrevocable right to receive income earned on the trust assets in perpetuity, but never receives the assets held in trust.

Due to the nature of the valuation inputs, the interest in perpetual trust is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The estimated value of the expected future cash flows is \$1,454,778, which represents the fair value of the trust at December 31, 2023. Distributed earnings from the trust for 2023 was \$65,904.

The following table is a reconciliation of all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets as fair value (Level 3) at December 31:

Balance, December 31, 2022	\$1,320,641
Change in value of trust	134,137
Balance, December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$1,454,778</u></u>

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes or periods:

Dog Park	\$20,296
Land Acquisition & Preservation	1,474,488 *
Legacy Tree	500
Legacy Beach	325
Park & Program Support	6,059,564
Recreation	403
Volunteer Management	2,000
Donor restricted endowment	
supporting dog parks - Mablutz	163,666
Total	<u><u>\$7,721,242</u></u>

*-see note above "Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust at Fair Value"

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Donor-Restricted Endowment Fund

The Organization's Mablitz endowment fund was established to support Great Parks of Hamilton County's dog parks. The original contribution to the endowment fund is a donor restriction that stipulates the original principal is to be held and invested by the Organization indefinitely, and income from the fund and future contributions are to be expended for dog parks. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with the endowment fund are classified and reported based on the existence of donor imposed restrictions.

At December 31, 2023, the endowment fund is composed of the following:

Endowment fund balance	\$163,666
Amount required to be invested in perpetuity	<u>(100,000)</u>
Amount available for appropriation for dog park	<u>\$63,666</u>

Interpretation of UPMIFA: The Organization has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Organization classifies as perpetual in nature (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as perpetual in nature is classified as purpose or time restricted until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- a. The duration and preservation of the fund
- b. The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- c. General economic conditions
- d. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- e. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- f. Other resources of the organization
- g. The investment policies of the organization

Funds with Deficiencies: From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Organization to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. The Organization had no such deficiencies as of December 31, 2023.

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The changes in endowment net assets for the year ending December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Endowment net assets, January 1, 2023	\$149,059
Contributions	4,147
Investment return net	10,778
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	(318)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2023	<u>\$163,666</u>

Expense Disclosures

	<u>Program Activities</u>	<u>Supporting Activities</u>			
	<u>Parks Support</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fund-Raising</u>	<u>Supporting Total</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Great Parks of Hamilton County Support	\$695,211	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$695,211
Nonfinancial Expenses	0	71,843	47,895	119,738	119,738
Services and Professional Fees	0	131,869	118,812	250,681	250,681
Advertising Fees	0	0	4,765	4,765	4,765
Supplies, Printing, and Postage	0	0	4,333	4,333	4,333
Insurance	0	1,498	0	1,498	1,498
Software Licenses and Support	0	2,437	2,437	4,874	4,874
Misc Expense	0	13,250	39,749	52,999	52,999
Total Expenses	<u>\$695,211</u>	<u>\$220,897</u>	<u>\$217,991</u>	<u>\$438,888</u>	<u>\$1,134,099</u>

Some categories of expense are attributable to more than one activity and require allocation, applied on a consistent basis.

Other expenses are assigned directly to specific activities as expenditures are made.

Fundraising expenses that are related to special events have been reported net on the statement of activities, if applicable.

Income Taxes

The Organization is a not-for-profit corporation as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the organization is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

GAAP requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Organization's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more likely than not of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more likely than not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expenses in the current year. A reconciliation is not provided herein, as the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized benefits are zero, with no interim additions, reductions, or settlements. The Organization is relying on its tax-exempt status and its adherence to all applicable laws and regulations to preserve that status. However, the conclusions regarding the uncertainty in income taxes will be subjective to review and may be adjusted at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, ongoing analysis of tax laws, regulations, and interpretations thereof.

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The Organization's informational returns filed in the U.S. federal jurisdiction are generally subject to examination for three years after the later of the due date or date of filing. As a result, the Organization is no longer subject to income tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2020.

Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated events occurring between the end of its most recent fiscal year and May 10, 2024, the date the financial statements were issued.

Related-Party Transactions

The Organization has no employees and minimal property (other than cash and investments). Clerical and management duties are provided by Great Parks of Hamilton County (GPHC) employees, including the utilization of equipment and facilities of Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Organization and GPHC executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines roles and responsibilities of both entities. This agreement requires the Organization to pay \$100,000 for the use of employees, equipment and facilities, if requested by GPHC. It was not requested in 2023.

For accounting purposes ASC No. 958 requires the value of facilities and services be recognized in the Statement of Activities. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Organization recorded \$119,738 for services and facilities provided (In Kind) by GPHC.

Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The following reflect the Organization's financial assets as of the date of the Statement of Financial Position, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the financial statement date.

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,557,624
Pledges Receivable	\$4,595,791
Investments	<u>11,088,055</u>
	17,241,470
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:	
Donor-restricted purpose	6,166,464
Donor-restricted to maintain as an endowment	<u>100,000</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u><u>\$10,975,006</u></u>

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, the Organization invests cash in excess of requirements in various types of investments.

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Nonfinancial Contributions

Nonfinancial Contributions: The Organization has no employees. Substantially all clerical, management, and fund-raising duties are presently performed by employees of GPHC. Contributions of professional services are recognized at fair value if these contributions create or enhance nonfinancial assets, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided through contributions. Contributed services are valued and are reported at the estimated fair value based on current rates for similar services.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, contributed nonfinancial assets recognized within the statement of activities included:

	<u>2023</u>
Fundraising	
Office Space	\$1,680
Wages	<u>46,216</u>
Total Fundraising	47,896
Management and General	
Office Space	2,520
Wages	<u>69,322</u>
Total Management and General	71,842
Total Nonfinancial Contributions	<u><u>\$119,738</u></u>

New Accounting Principle

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measure of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. This guidance will replace the incurred loss impairment methodology under current GAAP with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. The Organization will be required to use a forward-looking expected credit loss model for accounts receivable, loans, and other financial instruments. Credit losses relating to available-for-sale debt securities will also be recorded through an allowance for credit losses rather than a reduction in the amortized cost basis of the securities. The implementation of ASU 2016-13 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Organization.

Net assets as of January 1, 2023 were restated to correct pledges receivable.

	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>
Net Assets Previously Reported:	\$2,621,654
Pledges Receivable	<u>3,866,372</u>
Net assets restated:	<u><u>\$6,488,026</u></u>

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Contingency

During 2023, the Organization received further information related to the Beneficial Interest in a Perpetual Trust (see above note). The related estate is not settled and a claim is pending against the estate. Management believes the claim will likely reduce the Trust and the future income distributions. The trust continues to make distributions under the terms of the trust. Based on available information, management is unable to determine an estimate of the potential impact of this claim.

Note 15 – Tax Abatement Disclosures

Great Parks is subject to tax abatements granted by the Hamilton County Enterprise Zone (EZA) program and the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program. These programs have the stated purpose of increasing business activity and employment in Hamilton County.

Under the EZA program, businesses may apply for substantial tax reductions on real property investments. The amount of the tax exemption is negotiated on an individual project basis and varies according to the size of the investment and the number of jobs created or retained. Under the CRA program, real property investment incentives are available for projects involving remodeling or new construction, local retail and service businesses, and residential renovations or new construction. Projects must be consistent with local zoning and community objectives for area development.

Information relevant to disclosure of these programs for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 is:

Tax Abatement Program	Amount of Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year Ended 2023
Hamilton County Enterprise Zone	\$34,037
Community Reinvestment Area	2,207,470

The names of the governments that entered into the agreements are as follows:

Cincinnati	Mt. Healthy
Blue Ash	Newtown
Cheviot	North College Hill
Cleves	Norwood
Deer Park	St. Bernard
Evendale	Sharonville
Fairfax	Silverton
Forest Park	Springdale
Green Hills	Woodlawn
Harrison	Colerain Township
Lockland	Columbia Township
Loveland	Sycamore Township
Madeira	Symmes Township
Mariemont	

During the year ended December 31, 2023 Great Parks did not enter into tax abatement agreements.

Note 16 – Implementations of new Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2023, Great Parks implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 94, Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements, GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements.

GASB Statement No. 94 sets out to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Some PPPs meet the definition of a service concession arrangement (SCA), which the Board defines in this Statement as a PPP in which (1) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties; (2) the transferor determines or has the ability to modify or approve which services the operator is required to provide, to whom the operator is required to provide the services, and the prices or rates that can be charged for the services; and (3) the transferor is entitled to significant residual interest in the service utility of the underlying PPP asset at the end of the arrangement. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 94 did not have an effect on the financial statements of Great Parks.

GASB Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 did not have an effect on the financial statements of Great Parks.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Great Parks' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Great Parks Proportion of the Net Pension Liability - Regular	0.08353700%	0.07763500%	0.07587400%	0.08425400%	0.08152000%
Liability - Law Enforcement	0.01691100%	0.01748000%	0.01861200%	0.01920900%	0.01821100%
Great Parks' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Regular	\$24,979,168	\$6,885,070	\$11,427,159	\$16,428,800	\$22,253,381
Pension Liability - Law Enforcement	4,693,215	1,390,320	2,564,161	4,021,364	5,060,918
Pension Liability - Total	<u>\$29,672,383</u>	<u>\$8,275,390</u>	<u>\$13,991,320</u>	<u>\$20,450,164</u>	<u>\$27,314,299</u>
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Regular	\$12,951,636	\$11,279,443	\$10,685,050	\$11,856,414	\$11,010,450
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Law Enforcement	2,022,928	1,957,691	2,022,989	2,085,624	1,898,177
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Total	<u>\$14,974,564</u>	<u>\$13,237,134</u>	<u>\$12,708,039</u>	<u>\$13,942,039</u>	<u>\$12,908,627</u>
Great Parks Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	198.15%	62.52%	110.10%	146.68%	211.60%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%

Note - Amounts presented as of Great Parks' measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.08211900%	0.08517500%	0.09170740%	0.09355700%	0.09355700%
0.01812400%	0.01820900%	0.01988100%	0.02079600%	0.02079600%
\$12,859,896	\$19,268,169	\$15,775,165	\$11,284,020	\$11,029,152
2,866,287	4,208,579	3,443,640	2,508,230	2,451,577
<u>\$15,726,183</u>	<u>\$23,476,748</u>	<u>\$19,218,805</u>	<u>\$13,792,250</u>	<u>\$13,480,729</u>
\$10,833,085	\$12,853,550	\$11,697,100	\$11,480,008	\$11,872,842
1,798,848	2,000,634	2,335,578	1,927,540	1,958,478
<u>\$12,631,933</u>	<u>\$14,854,184</u>	<u>\$14,032,678</u>	<u>\$13,407,548</u>	<u>\$13,831,320</u>
124.50%	158.05%	136.96%	102.87%	97.47%
84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Great Parks Contributions to Pension
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually Required Contribution - Regular	\$2,128,582	\$1,813,229	\$1,579,122	\$1,495,907	\$1,659,898
Contractually Required Contribution - Law Enforcement	399,929	366,150	354,342	366,161	377,498
Contractually Required Contribution - Total	<u>\$2,528,511</u>	<u>\$2,179,379</u>	<u>\$1,933,464</u>	<u>\$1,862,068</u>	<u>\$2,037,396</u>
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(2,528,511)	(2,179,379)	(1,933,464)	(1,862,068)	(2,037,396)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Regular	15,204,157	12,951,636	11,279,443	10,685,050	11,856,414
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Law Enforcement	2,209,552	2,022,928	1,957,691	2,022,989	2,085,624
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Total	<u>\$17,413,709</u>	<u>\$14,974,564</u>	<u>\$13,237,134</u>	<u>\$12,708,039</u>	<u>13,942,039</u>
Contributions as a Percentage of					
Covered Payroll - Regular	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Covered Payroll - Law Enforcement	18.10%	18.10%	18.10%	18.10%	18.10%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$1,541,463	\$1,408,301	\$1,542,426	\$1,403,652	\$1,377,601
343,570	307,603	322,102	376,028	310,334
<u>\$1,885,033</u>	<u>\$1,715,904</u>	<u>\$1,864,528</u>	<u>\$1,779,680</u>	<u>\$1,687,935</u>
(1,885,033)	(1,715,904)	(1,864,528)	(1,779,680)	(1,687,935)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
11,010,450	10,833,085	12,853,550	11,697,100	11,480,008
1,898,177	1,798,848	2,000,634	2,335,578	1,927,540
<u>\$12,908,627</u>	<u>\$12,631,933</u>	<u>\$14,854,184</u>	<u>\$14,032,678</u>	<u>\$13,407,548</u>
14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
18.10%	17.10%	16.10%	16.10%	16.10%

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Great Parks Proportionate Share
of the Net Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension (OPEB) Liability (Asset)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Great Parks Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) - Regular	0.08767200%	0.08168800%	0.08139300%	0.08683700%	0.08396100%
Liability (Asset) - Law Enforcement	0.01571400%	0.01623100%	0.01729400%	0.01784800%	0.01691900%
Great Parks Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) - Regular	\$548,764	(\$2,551,701)	(\$1,435,969)	\$11,616,328	\$10,715,440
OPEB Liability (Asset) - Law Enforcement	103,105	(515,272)	(322,219)	2,843,390	2,436,931
OPEB Liability - Total	<u>\$651,869</u>	<u>(\$3,066,973)</u>	<u>(\$1,758,188)</u>	<u>\$14,459,718</u>	<u>\$13,152,371</u>
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Regular	12,951,636	11,279,443	10,685,050	11,856,414	11,010,450
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Law Enforcement	2,022,928	1,957,691	2,022,989	2,085,624	1,898,177
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Total	<u>14,974,564</u>	<u>13,237,134</u>	<u>12,708,039</u>	<u>13,942,039</u>	<u>12,908,627</u>
Great Parks Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	4.35%	-23.17%	-13.84%	103.71%	101.89%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability (Asset)	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%	46.33%

(1) - The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note- Amounts presented as of Great Parks' measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

2018	2017
0.08389000%	0.08517500%
0.01671000%	0.01820900%
\$8,933,312	\$8,590,906
1,991,107	1,914,790
<u>\$10,924,419</u>	<u>\$10,505,696</u>
10,833,085	12,853,550
1,798,848	2,000,634
<u>\$12,631,933</u>	<u>\$14,854,184</u>

86.48% 70.73%

54.14% 54.04%

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Great Parks Contributions to
Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension (OPEB)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Eight Fiscal Years (1)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually Required Contribution to OPEB - Regular	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractually Required Contribution to OPEB - Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Contractually Required Contribution to OPEB - Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Contributions to OPEB in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Regular	15,204,157	12,951,636	11,279,443	10,685,050	11,856,414
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Law Enforcement	<u>2,209,552</u>	<u>2,022,928</u>	<u>1,957,691</u>	<u>2,022,989</u>	<u>2,085,624</u>
Great Parks Covered Payroll - Total	<u>\$17,413,709</u>	<u>\$14,974,564</u>	<u>\$13,237,134</u>	<u>\$12,708,039</u>	<u>\$13,942,039</u>
Contributions to OPEB as a Percentage of Covered Payroll - Regular	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered Payroll - Law Enforcement	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

(1) - The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2016 is not available.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

2018	2017	2016
\$0	\$140,483	\$255,864
0	18,302	35,591
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$158,785</u>	<u>\$291,455</u>
0	(158,785)	(291,455)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
11,010,450	10,833,085	12,853,550
1,898,177	1,798,848	2,000,634
<u>\$12,908,627</u>	<u>\$12,631,933</u>	<u>\$14,854,184</u>
0.00%	1.30%	1.99%
0.00%	1.02%	1.78%

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$40,282,117	\$40,793,400	\$42,027,276	\$1,233,876
Charges for Services	13,800,316	13,975,477	14,398,193	422,716
Investment Earnings	1,635,142	1,655,896	1,705,982	50,086
Intergovernmental	4,390,084	4,445,805	4,580,277	134,472
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,423,760	1,441,831	1,485,442	43,611
Traffic Fines	10,928	11,066	11,401	335
Gifts and Donations	8,707	8,817	9,084	267
Miscellaneous	291,100	294,794	303,711	8,917
Total Revenues	61,842,154	62,627,086	64,521,366	1,894,280
Expenditures:				
Capital Projects:				
Supplies and Services	1,079,866	1,472,380	1,078,103	394,277
Travel and Training	125	171	125	46
Capital Outlay	20,136,891	27,456,322	20,104,017	7,352,305
Total Capital Projects	21,216,882	28,928,873	21,182,245	7,746,628
Conservation and Parks:				
Salaries	4,594,250	6,264,185	4,586,750	1,677,435
Fringe Benefits	1,118,758	1,525,409	1,116,932	408,477
Supplies and Services	2,359,427	3,217,040	2,355,575	861,465
Travel and Training	75,623	103,111	75,500	27,611
Fixed Costs	2,193	2,990	2,189	801
Capital Outlay	2,455,470	3,347,993	2,451,461	896,532
Total Conservation and Parks	10,605,721	14,460,728	10,588,407	3,872,321
Finance:				
Salaries	869,658	1,185,764	868,238	317,526
Fringe Benefits	200,780	273,760	200,452	73,308
Supplies and Services	673,689	918,564	672,589	245,975
Travel and Training	39,256	53,525	39,192	14,333
Fixed Costs	711,253	969,782	710,092	259,690
Capital Outlay	10,132	13,814	10,115	3,699
Total Finance	2,504,768	3,415,209	2,500,678	914,531

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Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Guest Experiences:				
Salaries	8,528,061	11,627,872	8,514,139	3,113,733
Fringe Benefits	1,737,544	2,369,112	1,734,707	634,405
Supplies and Services	3,334,199	4,546,126	3,328,756	1,217,370
Travel and Training	67,315	91,783	67,205	24,578
Fixed Costs	565,544	771,110	564,621	206,489
Capital Outlay	2,141,999	2,920,580	2,138,502	782,078
Total Guest Experiences	16,374,662	22,326,583	16,347,930	5,978,653
Human Resources:				
Salaries	779,747	1,063,172	778,474	284,698
Fringe Benefits	196,968	268,562	196,646	71,916
Supplies and Services	493,243	672,529	492,438	180,091
Travel and Training	71,711	97,777	71,594	26,183
Fixed Costs	362,473	494,226	361,881	132,345
Capital Outlay	16,748	22,836	16,721	6,115
Total Human Resources	1,920,890	2,619,102	1,917,754	701,348
Information Technology:				
Salaries	540,725	737,269	539,842	197,427
Fringe Benefits	142,451	194,229	142,218	52,011
Supplies and Services	1,213,367	1,654,406	1,211,386	443,020
Travel and Training	9,107	12,417	9,092	3,325
Fixed Costs	523,460	713,729	522,605	191,124
Capital Outlay	394,440	537,812	393,796	144,016
Total Information Technology	2,823,550	3,849,862	2,818,939	1,030,923
Marketing & Brand Strategy:				
Salaries	289,959	395,355	289,486	105,869
Fringe Benefits	72,270	98,539	72,152	26,387
Supplies and Services	1,233,034	1,681,222	1,231,021	450,201
Travel and Training	11,530	15,721	11,511	4,210
Fixed Costs	1,140	1,554	1,138	416
Total Marketing & Brand Strategy	1,607,933	2,192,391	1,605,308	587,083
Planning, Design & Construction:				
Salaries	1,136,168	1,549,146	1,134,313	414,833
Fringe Benefits	290,431	395,998	289,957	106,041
Supplies and Services	395,213	538,867	394,568	144,299
Travel and Training	31,899	43,494	31,847	11,647
Fixed Costs	1,688,997	2,302,920	1,686,240	616,680
Total Planning, Design & Construction	3,542,708	4,830,425	3,536,925	1,293,500
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Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Rangers:				
Salaries	2,867,923	3,910,366	2,863,241	1,047,125
Fringe Benefits	760,195	1,036,514	758,954	277,560
Supplies and Services	320,631	437,176	320,108	117,068
Travel and Training	19,650	26,793	19,618	7,175
Fixed Costs	1,674	2,282	1,671	611
Capital Outlay	33,618	45,837	33,563	12,274
Total Rangers	4,003,691	5,458,968	3,997,155	1,461,813
Philanthropy:				
Health Services:				
Salaries	322,635	439,907	322,108	117,799
Fringe Benefits	74,695	101,845	74,573	27,272
Supplies and Services	7,602	10,366	7,590	2,776
Travel and Training	5,035	6,865	5,027	1,838
Fixed Costs	861	1,175	860	315
Total Philanthropy	410,828	560,158	410,158	150,000
Total Expenditures	65,011,633	88,642,299	64,905,499	23,736,800
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,169,479)	(26,015,213)	(384,133)	25,631,080
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	253,309	256,524	264,283	7,759
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	253,309	256,524	264,283	7,759
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,916,170)	(25,758,689)	(119,850)	25,638,839
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	44,916,101	44,916,101	44,916,101	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$41,999,931	\$19,157,412	\$44,796,251	\$25,638,839

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Mitchell Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:				
Investment Earnings	\$1,075,849	\$1,075,849	\$148,944	(\$926,905)
Total Revenues	1,075,849	1,075,849	148,944	(926,905)
Expenditures:				
Mitchell:				
Salaries	436,664	574,681	187,988	386,693
Fringe Benefits	82,909	109,114	35,693	73,421
Supplies and Services	342,081	450,203	147,269	302,934
Travel and Training	3,013	3,965	1,297	2,668
Fixed Cost	99,431	130,858	42,806	88,052
Total Mitchell	964,098	1,268,821	415,053	853,768
Capital Outlay	192,937	253,918	83,061	170,857
Total Expenditures	1,157,035	1,522,739	498,114	1,024,625
Net Change in Fund Balance	(81,186)	(446,890)	(349,170)	97,720
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	431,072	431,072	431,072	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$349,886	(\$15,818)	\$81,902	\$97,720

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For Period Ending December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Budgetary Process

Budget - A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, who serves as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year for the period of January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

Estimated Resources - The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to Great Parks by September 1. As part of this certification, Great Parks receives the official certificate of estimated resources which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about January 1, this certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. Prior to December 31, Great Parks must revise its budget so that the total budgeted expenditures from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. Budget receipts, as shown on the accompanying financial statements, do not include January 1, 2023 unencumbered fund balances. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

Appropriations - A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources, as certified.

Encumbrances - Great Parks is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by mandate of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded on the Non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance.

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be re-appropriated.

Great Parks is organized into eight divisions, led by a Chief Operating Officer and a Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Operating Officer reports to the Chief Executive Officer, who in turn reports to a Board of Park Commissioners. Under these divisions are various departments. All governmental funds of Great Parks have legally adopted budgets at the personal service and other object levels within each department for estimated resources and appropriations. The transfer of appropriations within the two respective object levels in each department does not require approval of the Board of Park Commissioners. Revisions to estimated resources or budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners and submitted to the Hamilton County Auditor. Department managers are responsible for operating within the approved budget, as periodically amended.

Listed below is a reconciliation of the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 from modified accrual (GAAP) basis to the Non-GAAP budgetary basis.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For Period Ending December 31, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balance

	General	Mitchell
GAAP Basis	\$11,750,167	\$457,363
Revenue Accruals	(580,898)	(718,625)
Expenditure Accruals	1,097,746	6,461
Encumbrances	(12,386,865)	(94,369)
Budget Basis	<u>(\$119,850)</u>	<u>(\$349,170)</u>

Note 2 – Net Pension Liability

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions

Changes in assumptions:

2023: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for this period.

2022: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 7.20% to 6.90%
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.25% to 2.75%
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%

2021-2020: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for this period.

2019: OPERS Board adopted a change in the investment return assumption, reducing it from 7.50% to 7.20%.

2018: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2017: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.00% to 7.50%
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.02% to 3.25%-10.75%

2016-2014: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

Changes in benefit terms:

2023-2014: There were no changes in benefit terms for this period.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For Period Ending December 31, 2023

Note 3 - Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions

Changes in assumptions:

2023: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The single discount rate decreased from 6.00% to 5.22%.
- The municipal bond rate increased from 1.84% to 4.05%.

2022: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The municipal bond rate decreased from 2.00% to 1.84%.
- The initial health care cost trend rate decreased from 8.50% to 5.50%.
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.25% to 2.75%.
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%.

2021: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The single discount rate increased from 3.16% to 6.00%.
- The municipal bond rate decreased from 2.75% to 2.00%.
- The initial health care cost trend rate decreased from 10.50% to 8.50%.

2020: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The single discount rate decreased from 3.96% to 3.16%.
- The municipal bond rate decreased from 3.71% to 2.75%.
- The initial health care cost trend rate increased from 10.00% to 10.50%.

2019: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The single discount rate increased from 3.85% to 3.96%.
- The investment rate of return decreased from 6.50% to 6.00%.
- The municipal bond rate increased from 3.31% to 3.71%.
- The initial health care cost trend rate increased from 7.50% to 10.00%.

2018: The single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%.

Changes in Benefit Terms:

2023: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period.

2022: Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For Period Ending December 31, 2023

2021: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period.

2020: On January 15, 2020, the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and pre-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022, and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for pre-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees.

2019-2018: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period.

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COMBINING STATEMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific governmental revenues (other than major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action and expenditures for a specified purpose.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2023

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$4,453,925
Receivables (Net):	
Interest	21,247
Total Assets	4,475,172
Liabilities:	
Contracts Payable	46,104
Total Liabilities	46,104
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Investment Earnings	10,845
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	10,845
Fund Balances:	
Restricted	4,418,223
Total Fund Balances	4,418,223
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances	\$4,475,172

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Revenues:	
Investment Earnings	\$74,525
Intergovernmental	850,259
Gifts and Donations	137,045
Miscellaneous	<u>10,324</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,072,153</u>
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Operations and Maintenance	223,302
Capital Outlay	<u>945,909</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,169,211</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(97,058)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>4,515,281</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$4,418,223</u></u>

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Fund Descriptions

Law Enforcement Fund – To account for money that is contraband or is derived from the sale of contraband. Ten percent is to be used for community prevention programs and ninety percent for discretionary law enforcement projects.

Law Enforcement and Education Fund – To account for fines related to driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs or alcohol. This fund may be spent on any DUI related enforcement or education programs.

Drug and Law Enforcement Fund – To account for drug fines remitted by the courts. The fund may be used for efforts that pertain to drug offenses.

Evergreen Fund - To account for donations identified by the donor to be used for a specific purpose and to account for the following separate funds which are combined for reporting purposes:

Estate of Betty Martin
Estate of Dorothy E Bauer
Potter Plantings
Estate of Virginia Miller
Others

Burchenal Fund - Established to account for funds donated to provide trails, gardens and appropriate memorial and other capital improvements on the Burchenal Tract at Glenwood Gardens, Woodlawn, Ohio.

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
December 31, 2023

	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement and Education	Drug and Law Enforcement	Evergreen	Burchenal	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Assets:						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$3,812	\$1,715	\$10,548	\$1,042,012	\$3,395,838	\$4,453,925
Receivables (Net):						
Interest	0	0	0	4,033	17,214	21,247
Total Assets	3,812	1,715	10,548	1,046,045	3,413,052	4,475,172
Liabilities:						
Contracts Payable	0	0	0	0	46,104	46,104
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0	46,104	46,104
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Investment Earnings	0	0	0	2,059	8,786	10,845
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	0	0	0	2,059	8,786	10,845
Fund Balances:						
Restricted	3,812	1,715	10,548	1,043,986	3,358,162	4,418,223
Total Fund Balances	3,812	1,715	10,548	1,043,986	3,358,162	4,418,223
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$3,812	\$1,715	\$10,548	\$1,046,045	\$3,413,052	\$4,475,172

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement and Education	Drug and Law Enforcement	Evergreen	Burchenal	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Revenues:						
Investment Earnings	\$182	\$91	\$362	\$46,491	\$27,399	\$74,525
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	850,259	0	850,259
Gifts and Donations	0	0	0	137,045	0	137,045
Miscellaneous	0	235	2,831	7,258	0	10,324
Total Revenues	182	326	3,193	1,041,053	27,399	1,072,153
Expenditures:						
Current:						
Operations and Maintenance	268	0	0	223,034	0	223,302
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	500,887	445,022	945,909
Total Expenditures	268	0	0	723,921	445,022	1,169,211
Net Change in Fund Balance	(86)	326	3,193	317,132	(417,623)	(97,058)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	3,898	1,389	7,355	726,854	3,775,785	4,515,281
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$3,812	\$1,715	\$10,548	\$1,043,986	\$3,358,162	\$4,418,223

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Law Enforcement Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$300	\$120	(\$180)
Total Revenues	300	120	(180)
Expenditures:			
Law Enforcement:			
Supplies and Services	4,279	266	4,013
Total Expenditures	4,279	266	4,013
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,979)	(146)	3,833
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	3,979	3,979	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$3,833	\$3,833

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Law Enforcement and Education Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$17	\$48	\$31
Miscellaneous	83	235	152
Total Revenues	100	283	183
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	1,541	0	1,541
Total Expenditures	1,541	0	1,541
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,441)	283	1,724
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	1,441	1,441	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$1,724	\$1,724

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Drug and Law Enforcement Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$260	\$269	\$9
Miscellaneous	2,740	2,831	91
Total Revenues	3,000	3,100	100
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Drug Law Enforcement			
Supplies and Services	10,494	0	10,494
Total Expenditures	10,494	0	10,494
Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,494)	3,100	10,594
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	7,494	7,494	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$10,594	\$10,594

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Evergreen Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$4,198	\$31,916	\$27,718
Intergovernmental	111,824	850,259	738,435
Gifts and Donations	18,024	137,045	119,021
Miscellaneous	955	7,258	6,303
Total Revenues	135,001	1,026,478	891,477
Expenditures:			
Evergreen:			
Salaries	60,960	50,000	10,960
Supplies and Services	194,430	159,474	34,956
Travel and Training	16,534	13,561	2,973
Total Evergreen	271,924	223,035	48,889
Capital Outlay	660,782	541,982	118,800
Total Expenditures	932,706	765,017	167,689
Net Change in Fund Balance	(797,705)	261,461	1,059,166
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	785,978	785,978	0
Fund Balance End of Year	(\$11,727)	\$1,047,439	\$1,059,166

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures by Budget Center and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Burchenal Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$248,000	\$136,219	(\$111,781)
Total Revenues	248,000	136,219	(111,781)
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	2,162,463	405,053	1,757,410
Total Expenditures	2,162,463	405,053	1,757,410
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,914,463)	(268,834)	1,645,629
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	1,914,228	1,914,228	0
Fund Balance End of Year	(\$235)	\$1,645,394	\$1,645,629

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STATISTICAL SECTION

Statistical Section

This part of Great Parks of Hamilton County's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures and required supplementary information says about Great Parks' overall financial health.

Contents

Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how Great Parks' financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Debt Capacity

Great Parks has no outstanding long-term debt.

Revenue Capacity

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess Great Parks' most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which Great Parks' financial activities take place.

Operating Information

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in Great Parks' financial report relates to the services Great Parks provides and the activities it performs.

Other Information

Other information contained in this report is the Insurance Coverage Schedule and a list of park facilities.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports for the relevant year.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Net Position by Component
For Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Governmental Activities				
Invested in Capital Assets with no related debt	\$111,437,499	\$113,423,622	\$114,767,087	\$114,417,948
Restricted for:				
Facility Maintenance & Improvements	7,788,542	7,494,940	8,393,368	8,906,206
Law Enforcement	16,383	24,122	36,106	47,216
Net OPEB Asset	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	(1,261,263)	(1,127,171)	(2,877,415)	(815,171)
Total government activities net position	117,981,161	119,815,513	120,319,146	122,556,199
Total Governmental				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	111,437,499	113,423,622	114,767,087	114,417,948
Restricted for:				
Facility Maintenance & Improvement	7,788,542	7,494,940	8,393,368	8,906,206
Law Enforcement	16,383	24,122	36,106	47,216
Net OPEB Asset	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	(1,261,263)	(1,127,171)	(2,877,415)	(815,171)
Total governmental net position	\$117,981,161	\$119,815,513	\$120,319,146	\$122,556,199

Note:

In 2015 Great Parks adopted GASB No. 68.

In 2018 Great Parks adopted GASB No. 75.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$115,012,078	\$116,542,511	\$116,580,717	\$116,508,634	\$116,075,252	\$127,547,336
7,975,149	9,117,099	9,379,732	10,578,212	9,399,698	9,756,555
53,440	27,022	10,290	10,730	12,642	16,075
-	-	-	-	3,066,973	-
(11,186,492)	(15,292,178)	(17,311,818)	1,057,623	28,604,167	41,331,157
111,854,175	110,394,454	108,658,921	128,155,199	157,158,732	178,651,123
115,012,078	116,542,511	116,580,717	116,508,634	116,075,252	127,547,336
7,975,149	9,117,099	9,379,732	10,578,212	9,399,698	9,756,555
53,440	27,022	10,290	10,730	12,642	16,075
-	-	-	-	3,066,973	-
(11,186,492)	(15,292,178)	(17,311,818)	1,057,623	28,604,167	41,331,157
\$111,854,175	\$110,394,454	\$108,658,921	\$128,155,199	\$157,158,732	\$178,651,123

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Changes in Net Position
For Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Expenses				
Governmental Activities				
Parks and Recreation	\$34,003,089	\$34,046,337	\$34,280,623	\$36,765,491
Total governmental expenses	<u>34,003,089</u>	<u>34,046,337</u>	<u>34,280,623</u>	<u>36,765,491</u>
Program Revenue				
Governmental Activities				
Charges for service	13,244,872	13,801,191	13,767,970	13,753,488
Operating grants	-	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	177,613	74,573	192,531
Total governmental activities program revenue	<u>\$13,244,872</u>	<u>\$13,978,804</u>	<u>\$13,842,543</u>	<u>\$13,946,019</u>

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$37,225,951	\$39,466,068	\$36,815,712	\$20,518,226	\$33,941,636	\$44,850,413
37,225,951	39,466,068	36,815,712	20,518,226	33,941,636	44,850,413
12,391,413	13,168,363	11,736,764	14,304,856	15,263,285	15,909,979
25,752	112,035	163,146	131,728	109,918	850,259
21,920	58,381	73,269	34,300	822,128	3,048,939
\$12,439,085	\$13,338,779	\$11,973,179	\$14,470,884	\$16,195,331	19,809,177

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Changes in Net Position (continued)
For Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net (Expense) Revenue				
Governmental Activities	(\$20,758,217)	(\$20,067,533)	(\$20,438,080)	(\$22,819,472)
Total governmental net expense	(20,758,217)	(20,067,533)	(20,438,080)	(22,819,472)
General Revenue and Other Changes in Net Position				
Governmental Activities				
Taxes	14,822,271	15,120,751	14,669,348	19,226,805
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Programs	2,684,711	5,864,189	3,956,284	3,803,055
Investment gain (loss)	468,858	(344,327)	886,528	816,874
Miscellaneous	1,024,088	1,261,272	1,429,553	1,209,791
Total governmental activities	18,999,928	21,901,885	20,941,713	25,056,525
Total governmental	(\$1,758,289)	\$1,834,352	\$503,633	\$2,237,053
Change in Net Position				
Governmental Activities	(\$1,758,289)	\$1,834,352	\$503,633	\$2,237,053
Total governmental	(\$1,758,289)	\$1,834,352	\$503,633	\$2,237,053

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
(\$24,786,866)	(\$26,127,289)	(\$24,842,533)	(\$6,047,342)	(\$17,746,305)	(\$25,041,236)
(24,786,866)	(26,127,289)	(24,842,533)	(6,047,342)	(17,746,305)	(25,041,236)
19,928,825	18,843,645	20,083,798	20,267,738	43,834,500	41,666,433
2,393,672	2,688,734	1,012,077	1,776,005	1,246,952	898,463
844,305	2,378,206	808,526	2,336,141	(503,105)	3,338,360
1,264,951	756,983	1,202,599	1,163,736	2,171,491	630,371
24,431,753	24,667,568	23,107,000	25,543,620	46,749,838	46,533,627
(\$355,113)	(\$1,459,721)	(\$1,735,533)	\$19,496,278	\$29,003,533	\$21,492,391
(\$355,113)	(\$1,459,721)	(\$1,735,533)	\$19,496,278	\$29,003,533	\$21,492,391
(\$355,113)	(\$1,459,721)	(\$1,735,533)	\$19,496,278	\$29,003,533	\$21,492,391

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
For Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
General Fund				
Non-Spendable	\$576,901	\$443,751	\$399,698	\$407,045
Assigned	775,965	1,120,101	1,123,078	289,035
Unrestricted	7,619,736	7,550,774	6,680,083	13,708,117
Total General Fund	<u>\$8,972,602</u>	<u>\$9,114,626</u>	<u>\$8,202,859</u>	<u>\$14,404,197</u>
All Other Government Funds				
Restricted	\$7,776,089	\$7,462,489	\$8,385,002	\$8,897,150
Assigned	1,812,485	1,810,772	2,195,188	1,477,218
Total All Other Governmental Funds	<u>\$9,588,574</u>	<u>\$9,273,261</u>	<u>\$10,580,190</u>	<u>\$10,374,368</u>

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$440,617	\$461,797	\$423,878	\$325,760	\$495,067	\$719,302
3,571,294	5,435,352	8,063,172	3,214,095	5,057,602	13,480,847
12,598,972	11,210,518	9,504,192	18,743,381	37,101,473	40,204,160
\$16,610,883	\$17,107,667	\$17,991,242	\$22,283,236	\$42,654,142	\$54,404,309
\$8,022,678	\$9,139,832	\$9,387,208	\$10,587,584	\$9,392,509	\$9,752,814
-	-	-	-	-	-
\$8,022,678	\$9,139,832	\$9,387,208	\$10,587,584	\$9,392,509	\$9,752,814

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
For Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Revenues				
Taxes	\$15,048,080	\$15,109,875	\$14,747,437	\$19,038,483
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,956,667	1,959,125	1,852,600	1,787,487
Charges for service	11,288,205	11,842,066	11,915,370	11,966,001
Intergovernmental	2,643,087	6,137,098	4,619,345	3,805,216
Donations and grants	394,003	632,936	456,803	690,579
Investment income (loss)	468,858	(344,327)	886,528	816,874
Traffic Fines	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	620,335	696,545	1,047,323	573,271
Total Revenue	32,419,235	36,033,318	35,525,406	38,677,911
Expenditures				
General government	2,430,512	2,910,817	2,800,884	3,128,867
Public safety	3,645,855	3,553,575	3,358,738	2,861,827
Operation and maintenance	8,751,262	8,890,493	7,986,891	8,155,049
Stewardship	734,922	881,767	913,223	925,255
Naturalist	1,056,072	1,146,477	1,136,961	1,153,716
Communication	683,536	719,020	787,011	767,402
Visitor service	8,963,657	9,074,826	8,629,523	8,511,784
Facilities	2,665,427	2,529,936	2,443,919	2,242,448
Philanthropy	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	4,329,717	6,609,100	7,073,094	5,074,519
Total Expenditures	33,260,960	36,316,011	35,130,244	32,820,867
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(841,725)	(282,693)	395,162	5,857,044
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Sale of Assets	9,750	109,404	-	138,472
Transferred in	4,500,000	3,000,000	4,404,580	700,000
Transferred out	(4,500,000)	(3,000,000)	(4,404,580)	(700,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	9,750	109,404	-	138,472
Net change in fund balances	(\$831,975)	(\$173,289)	\$395,162	\$5,995,516

Note:

(a)-Facilities expenditure is now included in Visitor service expenditure

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (a)	2023
\$19,491,690	\$19,232,277	\$19,802,464	\$20,060,536	\$41,888,622	\$42,027,276
1,517,132	1,558,334	1,435,413	1,600,853	1,205,233	1,485,442
10,872,255	11,604,041	10,296,557	12,698,881	14,051,264	14,413,136
3,263,387	2,881,291	1,211,636	1,950,112	1,237,056	5,470,323
151,745	62,619	65,082	58,318	120,967	146,129
838,368	2,377,511	809,138	2,337,178	(559,906)	3,260,398
2,026	5,988	4,795	5,122	6,788	11,401
400,808	483,010	1,093,992	794,509	1,907,536	227,881
36,537,411	38,205,071	34,719,077	39,505,509	59,857,560	67,041,986
3,454,451	4,206,835	4,067,665	4,396,745	5,731,837	6,794,911
3,258,975	3,447,495	3,362,798	3,334,451	3,658,622	3,878,307
7,585,624	6,343,018	5,962,707	6,164,432	7,476,365	8,329,213
897,359	1,011,499	1,075,207	947,713	3,172,268	3,260,340
1,881,714	1,876,136	2,263,984	2,198,118	290,042	687,055
1,189,497	1,191,136	1,001,139	965,296	1,740,092	1,531,924
9,371,700	9,907,475	8,776,854	9,447,702	12,651,443	13,510,521
2,404,074	1,993,276	1,617,602	1,751,312	-	-
-	-	314,594	340,521	387,495	405,453
6,777,921	6,770,838	4,989,100	4,777,758	5,716,553	16,798,073
36,821,315	36,747,708	33,431,650	34,324,048	40,824,717	55,195,797
(283,904)	1,457,363	1,287,427	5,181,461	19,032,843	11,846,189
138,900	156,575	43,524	310,909	142,988	264,283
765,079	-	-	-	-	-
(765,079)	-	(200,000)	-	-	-
138,900	156,575	(156,476)	310,909	142,988	264,283
(\$145,004)	\$1,613,938	\$1,130,951	\$5,492,370	\$19,175,831	\$12,110,472

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Capital Assets Statistics
For Last Ten Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net Investment in Capital Assets				
Land	\$65,762,856	\$68,992,496	\$72,102,938	\$73,158,653
Construction in Progress	3,226,072	3,909,257	797,141	1,549,994
Buildings	21,776,981	21,459,969	20,927,344	20,127,482
Equipment	2,784,554	2,846,688	3,345,457	3,674,723
Infrastructure	10,713,195	9,701,399	10,654,598	9,770,384
Land Improvements	3,392,051	3,200,935	4,139,063	3,909,007
Leasehold Improvements	2,255,898	1,749,435	1,242,972	736,509
Playgrounds	1,176,268	1,058,882	1,043,189	947,414
Vehicles	349,624	504,561	514,385	543,782
Total	\$111,437,499	\$113,423,622	\$114,767,087	\$114,417,948

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$75,215,470	\$76,678,628	\$77,564,274	\$78,422,036	\$78,633,271	\$84,956,403
1,825,952	3,645,998	3,316,155	4,508,258	5,234,405	9,762,370
19,385,316	18,110,701	18,504,337	17,503,834	16,120,342	15,389,935
3,050,209	3,214,775	3,564,979	3,674,204	3,882,334	4,676,391
9,169,226	8,531,985	7,591,105	6,577,044	6,326,092	6,447,493
4,199,369	4,235,524	4,193,892	4,098,210	3,849,160	3,711,737
611,655	486,801	361,947	237,093	122,233	25,186
870,275	734,230	697,393	557,627	903,736	1,085,204
684,606	903,869	786,635	930,328	1,003,679	1,492,617
\$115,012,078	\$116,542,511	\$116,580,717	\$116,508,634	\$116,075,252	\$127,547,336

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Great Parks of Hamilton County
 Computation of Legal Debt Margin
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
 (Amounts in Thousands)

• Tax valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation in the Great Parks of Hamilton County as shown by the tax duplicate for the year 2022, the latest tax duplicate at the date hereof.	\$28,733,277
Aggregate permitted principal amount of bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of the voted tax levy of a park district pursuant to Section 1545.21, O.R. C. (1 percent of tax valuation).	\$287,333
• Total remaining principal of all outstanding bonds issued.	None
• Available principal amount of bonds issued.	\$287,333

Note:

Great Parks' plan is to finance capital additions and the related future operating costs generally without using debt, but may use financing and leases as appropriate.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Real, Utility and Tangible Personal Property Taxes
For the Last Ten Years

Tax Year / Collection Year	Current Levy	Delinquent Levy	Total Levy	Current Collection	Current Levy Collected
2013 / 2014	\$16,825,936	\$968,794	\$17,794,729	\$16,300,125	96.87%
2014 / 2015	16,896,790	951,821	17,848,611	16,390,199	97.00%
2015 / 2016	16,944,706	858,390	17,803,096	16,514,566	92.76%
2016 / 2017	19,678,423	1,032,413	20,710,836	19,092,492	92.19%
2017 / 2018	19,839,696	1,367,757	21,207,453	19,257,730	90.81%
2018 / 2019	19,925,170	1,132,337	21,057,507	19,373,835	92.00%
2019 / 2020	20,196,261	1,398,608	21,594,869	19,672,025	91.10%
2020 / 2021	20,626,132	1,385,035	22,011,167	19,906,443	90.44%
2021 / 2022	42,968,036	3,091,025	46,059,061	41,421,061	96.40%
2022 / 2023	42,998,689	2,821,330	45,820,019	41,594,787	96.74%

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Office, Budget Commission

Delinquent Collection	Total Collection	Total Collections As a Percent of Total Levy
\$532,760	\$16,832,884	94.59%
486,093	16,876,292	94.55%
451,284	16,965,850	95.30%
532,206	19,624,698	94.76%
586,463	19,844,193	93.57%
549,031	19,922,866	94.61%
614,017	20,286,042	93.94%
568,887	20,475,330	93.02%
1,466,221	42,887,282	93.11%
1,361,141	42,955,928	93.75%

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Great Parks of Hamilton County
Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property
For the Last Ten Years
(Amounts in Thousands)

Tax Duplicate Year / Collection Year	Real Property		Public Utility		Total		Total Direct Tax Rate
	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value	
2014 / 2015	\$17,367,886	\$49,622,531	\$899,654	\$2,570,440	\$18,267,540	\$51,421,839	1.03
2015 / 2016	17,421,110	49,774,600	927,266	2,649,331	18,348,376	51,629,132	1.03
2016 / 2017	17,496,276	49,989,360	966,585	2,761,671	18,462,861	51,922,530	1.03
2017 / 2018	18,333,373	52,381,066	1,009,993	2,885,694	19,343,366	54,401,050	1.03
2018 / 2019	18,361,434	52,461,240	1,084,391	3,098,260	19,445,825	54,630,022	1.03
2019 / 2020	18,531,556	52,947,302	1,157,539	3,307,254	19,689,095	55,262,380	1.03
2020 / 2021	21,013,930	60,039,800	1,259,789	3,599,397	22,273,720	62,559,378	1.03
2021 / 2022	21,176,924	60,505,498	1,324,717	3,784,906	22,501,641	64,290,404	1.03
2022 / 2023	21,164,872	60,471,062	1,383,936	3,954,103	22,548,808	64,425,165	1.98
2023 / 2024	27,193,416	77,695,474	1,539,861	4,399,603	28,733,277	82,095,077	1.98

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Office Website, Value of Real & Public Utilities

Note:

Property in Hamilton County is reassessed every six years. In Ohio, taxable assessed value is 35% of appraised market value. Estimated actual value is calculated by dividing assessed value by that percent. Tax rates are per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. According to Ohio law, tax exempt property is classified separately and is not included in residential, commercial or industrial properties until it is no longer exempt and its use is determined at a later date.

Excludes tax-exempt property.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Property Tax Rates
All Direct and Overlapping Governments
For the Last Ten Years
(Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
HAMILTON COUNTY										
GENERAL OPERATING	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26
DRAKE HOSPITAL (FAMILY SVCS & TREATMENT)	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI HOSPITAL	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07
COUNTY POLICE INFORMATION CENTER	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	3.37	3.37
SUPPORT OF CHILDREN SERVICES	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	4.75	4.75	4.51	4.51	4.51
RECREATION/ ZOOLOGICAL PURPOSES	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
SENIOR SERVICES	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
TOTAL	18.85	18.85	18.85	19.16	19.16	21.14	21.14	20.90	21.28	21.28
TOWNSHIPS										
ANDERSON	19.03	14.57	14.57	18.12	18.12	18.12	18.12	18.12	18.12	18.12
ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	3.28
COLERAIN	18.26	20.21	20.21	20.21	20.21	20.21	23.21	23.21	23.21	23.21
COLUMBIA	17.01	17.01	18.61	22.01	22.01	22.01	22.01	22.01	20.41	20.41
CROSBY	10.24	10.24	10.24	10.24	8.37	8.37	10.24	10.24	8.37	10.24
DELHI	28.09	30.58	30.58	31.12	31.12	34.57	34.57	34.57	34.57	39.55
GREEN	11.71	14.66	14.66	14.66	14.66	14.66	14.66	14.66	14.66	19.61
HARRISON	5.24	5.24	1.87	1.87	5.24	1.87	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.24
MIAMI	11.91	13.41	13.41	13.41	13.41	13.41	15.91	15.91	15.91	13.66
SPRINGFIELD	23.80	23.80	23.80	23.80	23.80	23.80	28.80	28.80	28.80	28.80
SYCAMORE	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
SYMMES	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.40	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
WHITEWATER	11.44	11.44	11.44	16.81	16.81	16.81	16.81	16.81	16.81	16.81
SCHOOLS										
CINCINNATI	71.49	70.65	70.15	77.23	77.23	76.61	73.10	73.10	72.85	67.80
DEER PARK	86.53	86.53	86.53	92.03	92.03	92.03	92.03	92.03	98.72	97.42
FINNEYTOWN	96.88	96.88	96.93	97.78	97.78	97.78	105.47	105.47	105.47	99.28
FOREST HILLS	65.55	70.50	70.50	68.81	68.81	68.81	73.16	73.16	72.94	78.96
INDIAN HILL	46.06	44.81	46.06	46.16	46.16	44.37	44.30	44.30	49.53	48.73
LOCKLAND	47.19	47.09	47.09	47.09	47.09	47.09	48.09	48.09	57.42	55.09
LOVELAND	78.08	83.68	82.09	82.09	82.09	81.94	81.49	81.49	81.39	86.19
MADEIRA	101.82	101.82	101.55	107.07	107.07	106.82	106.22	106.22	112.17	110.77
MARIEMONT	107.77	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	121.98	121.98	121.98	121.79	120.27
MILFORD	79.65	79.65	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	82.47	79.75
MT. HEALTHY	76.87	74.81	75.26	75.47	75.47	75.41	74.91	74.91	74.91	72.91
NORTH COLLEGE HILL	66.77	66.77	66.77	67.03	67.06	67.03	67.03	67.03	66.93	65.22
NORTHWEST	59.57	59.57	58.87	58.48	67.03	58.00	63.96	63.96	63.79	59.49
NORWOOD	59.02	59.66	59.98	65.80	65.80	65.75	63.58	63.58	64.04	58.35
OAK HILLS	50.97	51.15	51.15	51.51	51.51	51.29	50.56	50.56	50.29	48.35
PRINCETON	61.28	62.58	62.58	62.58	62.58	62.18	65.43	65.43	65.38	64.18
READING	70.67	70.67	78.15	78.15	78.15	77.99	77.23	77.23	77.09	83.93
ST. BERNARD	57.34	58.46	58.56	66.12	66.12	68.59	65.44	65.44	67.67	57.58
SOUTHWEST	44.18	44.18	44.18	48.67	48.70	48.32	48.16	48.16	47.93	45.38
SYCAMORE	66.45	66.45	66.37	72.87	72.87	72.45	74.70	74.70	74.45	73.60
THREE RIVERS	49.87	49.87	49.22	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	49.40
WINTON WOODS	87.41	87.41	87.81	94.76	94.76	93.92	91.94	91.94	91.93	88.37
WYOMING	93.37	93.37	93.28	102.73	102.73	101.78	101.55	101.55	100.65	97.78
GREAT OAKS JOINT VOCATIONAL	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Property Tax Rates (continued)
All Direct and Overlapping Governments
For the Last Ten Years
(Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CITIES & VILLAGES										
ADDYSTON	7.59	8.09	8.09	8.09	8.09	8.09	8.09	8.09	8.09	8.09
AMBERLEY	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	11.52	11.52	20.52	20.52	20.52	20.52	20.52	20.52	20.52	20.52
BLUE ASH	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08
CHEVIOT	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	23.13
CINCINNATI	12.08	12.10	12.10	12.04	12.04	12.42	12.40	12.52	11.47	13.60
CLEVES	13.63	13.63	13.63	17.13	17.13	17.13	19.63	19.99	13.63	13.63
DEER PARK	12.05	10.45	10.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45
ELMWOOD PLACE	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	26.28
FAIRFAX	2.76	2.76	1.80	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76
FAIRFIELD	5.94	5.94	5.94	8.44	8.44	8.44	8.44	8.44	8.44	10.54
FOREST PARK	12.76	11.08	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.83
GLENDALE	21.58	21.58	21.58	21.58	21.58	21.58	21.58	21.58	21.58	24.08
GOLF MANOR	38.52	38.52	43.52	43.52	43.52	32.52	32.52	32.52	32.52	42.52
GREENHILLS	33.58	33.58	30.86	29.23	29.23	32.73	32.73	32.73	32.73	31.93
HARRISON	14.50	14.50	16.90	16.90	16.90	16.90	16.90	16.90	15.09	15.09
INDIAN HILL	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
LINCOLN HEIGHTS	48.73	48.73	48.73	57.83	57.83	57.83	57.83	57.83	57.83	57.83
LOCKLAND	7.52	7.52	7.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52
LOVELAND	10.35	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	13.85
MADEIRA	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
MARIEMONT	14.37	14.37	14.37	16.35	16.35	16.35	16.35	16.35	16.35	16.35
MILFORD	11.80	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.80	18.30	18.30	18.30	21.30
MONTGOMERY	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	16.05	16.05	16.05	16.05	16.05
MT. HEALTHY	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	24.01	24.01	22.47	24.01
NEWTOWN	2.37	2.37	2.37	12.54	12.54	12.04	11.97	11.97	11.73	11.99
NORTH BEND	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	9.09	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.88
NORTH COLLEGE HILL	11.58	12.88	12.88	16.08	16.08	16.08	16.08	16.08	24.88	23.58
NORWOOD	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40
READING	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52
ST. BERNARD	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28
SILVERTON	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15
SPRINGDALE	3.06	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.06	3.06	3.08	3.08	3.06	3.08
TERRACE PARK	13.84	13.28	13.84	13.28	13.84	13.28	13.28	13.28	13.28	13.28
WOODLAWN	5.08	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.08
WYOMING	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.54
SPECIAL DISTRICTS										
Deer Park/Silverton Joint Ambulance	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90
Little Miami Joint Fire and Rescue District	-	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	14.05	14.05	14.05	15.80
Western Joint Ambulance District	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Fairfax/Madison Pl. Joint Fire and Rescue	12.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Parks of Hamilton County	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.98	1.98	1.98
Cincinnati-Hamilton County Public Library	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Office-Budget Commission-Tax Year Data

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Demographic and Economic Statistics
For the Last Ten Years

Fiscal Year	Population	Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	Annual Average Unemployment Rate
2014	806,631	\$41,322,507	\$51,229	5.3%
2015	807,598	42,060,595	52,081	4.5%
2016	809,099	43,251,503	53,456	4.3%
2017	813,822	46,331,959	56,931	4.4%
2018	816,684	48,642,736	59,561	4.1%
2019	817,473	50,464,493	61,732	4.1%
2020	817,985	53,197,441	65,035	7.8%
2021	826,139	56,049,565	67,845	4.1%
2022	825,037	59,210,201	71,767	3.6%
2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Affairs, Ohio Job and Family Services

Population data, personal income and per capita personal income are not available for 2023.

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Principal Tax Payers
December 31, 2023
Current Year and Nine Years Prior
(Amounts in Thousands)

Current Year - 2023			
Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Business	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Percent of Total Assessed Valuation
Duke Energy Ohio	Utility	\$1,509,994	5.26%
City of Cincinnati	Municipality	89,162	0.31%
Procter & Gamble	Consumer Goods Manufacturing	68,414	0.24%
Fifth Third Bank	Financial Services	33,637	0.12%
HGREIT II Edmondson Road LLC	Real Estate Management	33,588	0.12%
FFC Realty LLC	Real Estate Management	28,099	0.10%
Texas Gas Transmission LLC	Natural Gas Pipeline	28,019	0.10%
Duke Energy Miami Fort LLC	Utility	26,473	0.09%
HGREIT II Madison Road LLC	Real Estate Management	25,137	0.09%
312 Walnut LLC	Real Estate Management	24,647	0.09%
		<u>\$1,867,170</u>	<u>6.52%</u>
Nine Years Prior - 2014			
Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Business	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Percent of Total Assessed Valuation
Duke Energy Ohio	Utility	\$869,408	4.76%
City of Cincinnati	Municipality	93,426	0.51%
Procter & Gamble	Consumer Goods Manufacturing	81,772	0.45%
Dayton Power & Light	Utility	29,050	0.16%
Duke Realty Ohio	Real Estate Management	27,556	0.15%
Fifth Third Bank	Financial Services	27,034	0.15%
Wells Fargo	Financial Services	26,936	0.15%
Carew Realty Inc	Real Estate Management	26,113	0.14%
CBRE	Real Estate Management	20,039	0.11%
Rookwood Pavilion LLC	Real Estate Management	18,476	0.10%
		<u>\$1,219,810</u>	<u>6.68%</u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor, Highest Value Tax Payer Report 2014, 2023.

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Great Parks of Hamilton County
Principal Employers
Current Year and Nine Years Prior

Employer	2023		2014	
	Full Time Employees	Rank	Full Time Employees	Rank
Kroger Co.	20,000	1	20,948	1
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	18,502	2	14,954	3
Trihealth Inc.	12,096	3	11,400	4
University of Cincinnati	11,141	4	15,378	2
Proctor & Gamble Co.	11,000	5	11,000	6
St. Elizabeth Healthcare	10,353	6	7,270	10
UC Health	9,816	7	10,000	7
GE Aerospace	7,500	8	8,670	8
Mercy Health - Cincinnati	7,500	9	8,210	9
Fifth Third Bancorp	7,000	10		
City of Cincinnati			11,156	5

Sources:

2023 Source Data: Business Courier 2023-2024 Book of Lists

2014 Source Data: Business Courier 2014-2015 Book of Lists

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Operating Indicators by Department
For Last Ten Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Administration:				
Full time employees	173	174	170	182
Part time employees	47	45	37	28
Seasonal employees	758	764	816	984
Employee injuries	37	22	18	24
Days missed work time (due to injuries)	93	186	12	144
Active unemployment claims	4	8	5	4
Payroll checks processed	19,030	19,236	19,242	18,659
Peak season payroll checks	994	1,003	979	957
Purchase orders issued	1,977	1,725	1,575	1,546
Vendor invoices processed	22,886	22,896	21,989	33,360
Vendor checks issued	4,893	4,496	4,150	4,111

Source: Great Parks of Hamilton County Administration Department

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
207	217	215	211	237	236
17	952	764	902	860	877
924	-	-	-	-	-
15	25	14	14	16	20
102	224	201	257	234	190
2	2	4	21	5	8
17,253	18,378	14,807	17,609	17,992	18,945
915	957	736	828	846	911
1,853	1,759	1,600	1,568	1,771	1,586
24,478	24,291	19,349	19,908	20,872	22,844
3,889	3,665	2,998	3,067	2,786	2,726

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Operating Indicators by Department
For Last Ten Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Ranger Department				
Response				
Burglar Alarm	443	394	352	454
Fire Alarm	17	9	14	16
Animal Complaints	107	98	115	155
Offenses				
Theft	52	63	69	85
Drug	20	15	17	20
Property Damage	26	55	64	88
Crimes against persons	5	3	4	6
Other	18	37	14	16
Motor vehicle permits				
Annual	164,030	164,054	155,025	143,200
Other	108,342	107,616	98,557	82,530
Interpreters				
Programs presented	1,995	2,597	2,735	2,531
Program attendance	79,983	82,043	87,316	77,642
Visitor Center attendance	142,481	170,170	162,712	139,391
Communication				
Press releases	217	133	164	137
Website viewing occasion	2,291,554	2,549,130	2,383,050	2,233,404

Note:

In 2019 Great Parks raised motor vehicles permit fees for both residents and non-resident dailies.
In 2016 Great Parks raised motor vehicle permit fees for non-county residents.

Source: Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger, Outdoor Education, Marketing, and Administration Departments

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
571	1,048	1,135	556	554	383
12	21	20	15	14	10
137	268	296	240	360	707
37	59	72	65	97	73
101	77	74	45	58	85
40	55	93	84	68	79
7	2	19	16	15	22
10	27	48	55	57	77
125,870	129,350	115,762	133,711	98,684	123,544
59,972	33,764	30,539	27,320	21,181	24,548
2,534	2,525	616	1,142	1,422	1,830
86,057	89,109	40,395	61,087	53,172	86,240
143,120	166,173	25,712	139,848	161,788	180,002
132	125	75	91	52	114
2,192,783	2,221,141	2,352,061	2,351,415	2,425,115	3,230,282

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Operating Indicators by Department
For Last Ten Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017
School Programming				
Programs	1,105	1,196	1,137	1,291
Participants	7,700	8,224	7,724	7,723
Golf Management				
Rounds of golf	202,310	210,444	216,516	212,332
Fishing and Boating				
Pounds of fish stocked	18,700	15,055	18,494	16,425
Boat rentals	28,635	24,472	26,343	32,447
Riding Center				
Riding lessons	8,112	9,171	10,071	10,247
Land Acquisition				
Acres acquired	51	286	383	125
Others				
Reservations/all areas	2,197	2,567	2,695	3,105
Volunteer hours	66,572	61,192	55,407	57,000
Special events	142	161	166	145

Note:

In 2019, InReach was renamed School Programming.

Due to reorganization and change in staff, the number of In Reach Programs for 2018 going forward were counted per program. Prior to 2018, programs were counted per session.

Source: Great Parks of Hamilton County Guest Experiences, Outdoor Education, Golf, and Volunteer Departments

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
179	137	122	182	189	436
7,264	4,720	3,928	6,182	10,147	20,009
191,513	205,103	214,551	240,183	236,384	263,482
17,300	18,450	11,400	16,257	15,100	16,530
24,524	18,205	27,093	21,419	16,139	13,686
8,543	9,086	7,913	7,645	7,772	9,218
158	68	2	27	79	240
3,507	3,282	1,102	3,032	3,312	3,221
47,312	47,773	17,124	27,098	26,488	26,782
116	128	11	35	39	10

Great Parks of Hamilton County
Schedule of Insurance Coverage
December 31, 2023

Coverage	Carrier	Policy Number	Expiration Dates	Limits Aggregate	Deductible	Annual Premium
General Liability	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	\$12,000,000		\$109,022
Automobile Liability / Physical Damage	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	10,000,000	\$5,000 / \$5,000	86,686
Employee Theft	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	1,000,000	5,000	\$Included
Building and Contents (a)	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	71,292,229	10,000	17,674
Inland Marine	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	8,663,832	5,000	21,216
Law Enforcement Liability	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	12,000,000	10,000	27,032
Crime	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	1,000,000	1,000	4,753
Public Officials Liability	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	12,000,000	10,000	29,205
Boiler	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	71,292,229	10,000	\$Included
Cyber Liability	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	1,000,000	25,000	12,977
Malicious Act	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	1,000,000		5,064
EDP	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	1,570,736	1,000	3,518
Terrorism	Ohio Plan	OH 1694179	8/31/2024	Per Policy	\$25,000 Property \$10,000 Liability	2,667
Liquor Liability	Founders	2023008872	8/31/2024	\$1mil/\$2mil		13,261
Bond - Andrew Collins	West American	999013511	8/8/2024 - 8/8/2025	1,000,000		1,038
Bond - Bret Henninger	Liberty Mutual	999059067	7/22/2024 - 7/22/2025	25,000		100
Bond - Todd Palmeter	Liberty Mutual	999006134	6/12/2024 - 6/12/2025	25,000		100
Bond - District Park Rangers (37)	Liberty Mutual	601016633	1/1/2025 - 1/1/2026	900,000		3,150
Annual Premium						\$337,463

Note:

(a) - Includes Ohio Advantage Credit and Ohio Safety Allowance Credit

Source: Great Parks of Hamilton County Risk Manager

Recreational Activities	Armleder Park	Campbell Lakes	Embshoff Woods	Farbach-Werner	Fernbank Park	Francis RecreAcres	Glenwood Gardens	Lake Isabella	Little Miami Golf Ctr.	Miami Whitewater	Mitchell Memorial	Sharon Woods	Shawnee Lookout	Triple Creek	Winton Woods	Withrow	Woodland Mound
Amphitheater-Outdoor				X											X	X	X
Athletic Fields	X					X				X				X			
Boating - Canoes	X	X						X	X	X		X	X		X		X
Boating - Kayaks	X	X						X	X	X		X	X		X		X
Boating - Mini Pontoon										X		X			X		
Boating - Pedal Boats										X		X			X		
Boating - Row Boats		X						X		X		X	X		X		X
Campgrounds								X		X	X				X		
Cross Country Skiing	X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Disc Golf Courses			X							X					X		X
Dog Parks	X									X							
Fishing	X	X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Food - Snack Bars						X			X	X		X		X	X		X
Gift/Bookstores							X			X		X					X
Golf - Courses									X	X		X			X		X
Golf - Driving Ranges									X	X					X		
Golf - Miniature Golf									X								
Hiking Trails	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Horseback Riding Trails										X					X		
Ice Skating	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Interpreters Offices				X			X			X		X			X		X
Lawn Bowling									X								
Mountain Bike Trails											X						
Fitness Trails			X							X		X			X		X
Paved Trails	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X		X
Picnic Areas	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Playgrounds	X		X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Reservable Lodges/Banquet Centers					X			X				X			X	X	X
Reservable Meeting Rooms/Auditoriums							X	X		X		X			X		X
Reservable Shelters			X		X			X		X		X	X	X	X		X
Riding Center/Lessons															X		
Scenic Overlooks	X				X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Sledding										X		X			X		
Visitor Center							X			X		X			X		X
Wet Playground												X			X		X

Source: Great Parks of Hamilton County Guest Experiences Department

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