



Great Parks Foundation

Annual Report 2016

Thank you for your support of Great Parks Foundation!

In 2016, Great Parks Foundation (GPF) continued to grow thanks to your generosity. GPF supported multiple projects at Great Parks of Hamilton County (GPHC) impacting the park district's three major initiatives—*conservation, education, and recreation*. Some examples are a new solar panel array to reduce energy costs and consumption; a matching grant to plan a trail connecting Winton Woods to Glenwood Gardens; and free programs and activities on Great Parks Days for all community members.

GPF board and staff members also created the organization's first strategic plan in 2016. In addition to setting objectives, the planning process went a step further to refocus the mission statement and define GPF's core values: *legacy, integrity, collaboration, and innovation*. Please review the enclosed illustration at your convenience and contact GPF staff at 513-521-7275 x257 or aculman@greatparksfoundation.org with any questions.



5,169

people tapped their toes to the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra at a free community concert



686

children received scholarships to attend a Great Parks educational program



33

trees were planted and 17 benches were dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones

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	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$132,351	\$3,691,471	\$3,823,822
Revenue	\$363,012	\$3,801,144	\$4,164,156
Expenditures	\$182,544	\$367,804	\$550,348
Change in Fair Market Value of Investments	\$5,991	\$217,601	\$223,592
Ending Balance	\$318,810	\$7,342,411	\$7,661,221

In 2016, Great Parks Foundation received the final distribution of a large, unrestricted bequest. The Board of Directors approved the following guidelines related to these funds.

"The Dorothy B. Francis Trust did not have any restrictions on the funds donated to Great Parks Foundation. The Foundation voted to:

- adhere to its spending policy for all unrestricted investment assets,
- maintain the funds in the investment account, and
- review its use of the funds after Great Parks has developed a master plan which utilizes the land donated by Richard and Dorothy Francis."

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