

# Summit Metro Parks Foundation 2024 Annual Report

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## CONNECTING DONOR SUPPORT

- > **318** donors from **33** states and the District of Columbia, **37** members of the Green Islands Legacy Society, **nine** sponsors and **16** grants



- > **Eight** Summit Metro Parks projects were supported with Summit Metro Parks Foundation funding.



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## INSPIRING WITH EVENTS

### *Wild & Scenic Film Festival*

- > New in 2024 and held at The Nightlight in Akron, this event featured inspiring stories that celebrated the beauty of nature and the importance of conservation.

### *Mothers Day 5K — 13th annual race*



- > A spring tradition in its 13th year, the Mother's Day 5K made great strides to become a zero-waste event, all while hosting over 600 participants at the gorgeous Munroe Falls Metro Park.

### *Promises in the Park*



Judge Stormer married 13 couples outside of Himelright Lodge.

## CONSERVING & SUPPORTING GREAT PARKS

### *All-electric equipment*

- > Purchased new mowers and landscaping equipment to provide quieter and cleaner park environments

### *River Access at Valley View*



- > Raised over \$1.3 million in funding for construction
- > Collaborated with the Akron Garden Club for their centennial gift to Akron to install a native landscape

### *Parcours Trail upgrades*

- > Granted 13 new fitness stations at Goodyear Heights and Sand Run Metro Parks trails

### *Summit Lake Nature Center*

- > Over \$25,000 in grant funds supported multiple programs

### *1928 Model AA truck restoration*



- > Complete restoration of engine and mechanical parts

### *Benches & tree trust*



### *Ranger Explorers post*

- > Funding provided for **eight** Ranger Explorers

### *Fish stocking*

- > Stocked **6,000** native fish at nine park lakes and ponds

### *Cycling Without Age*



- > Hosted **six** programs with support from the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation

### *Nimisila Campground*

- > Added or upgraded electric to **18** campsites and lighting to restrooms and shelters

*Your contribution supports exceptional parks, for everyone.*

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