

DARKE COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

Levy Information

The Darke County Park District is on the ballot November 7 as issue #9. The Park Board has compiled the following facts about the levy.

This 0.5 mill levy is a renewal of the existing levy that was passed by voters in 2013. It will provide funds to maintain the district preserves and facilities and requested park improvements for another 10 years.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

As a renewal levy, the rate is the same as the current rate of approximately \$18/year for each \$100,000 of assessed home value. For accurate homestead or agricultural rates, please visit the Darke County Auditor's website.

Because the election is in November, the levy cost will be based on your assessed home value before the 2023 property revaluations.

WHAT DOES THE LEVY FUND

This levy provides roughly one-half of the day-to-day operational costs for the 14 preserves, including the upkeep of the Nature and Bish Discovery Centers, trails as well as natural and cultural history programming offered year-round. Your Darke County Parks help keep greenspace and outdoor recreation accessible to all of Darke County. This levy ensures these services continue at the current high standard without interruption.

THIS LEVY WILL PROVIDE

- Continuation of the Community Grants Program
- Upkeep of nearly 30 miles of trails
- Conservation and habitat management of over 1,000 acres
- Continuation upkeep of historical and modern facilities
- Continuation of year round program and special event offerings
- Retention of highly qualified staff

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DARKE COUNTY PARKS RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Surpassed 1.2 million dollars awarded through our local grant program to Darke County villages and City of Greenville for park improvements
- Host 6 annual special community events, nearly every other month, bringing tourism dollars to the County.
- Return of state tax dollars back to Darke County through more than two-million dollars in grant funding.
- Interacted with nearly every school district in the county. Thousands of students visit the parks or are visited in classroom annually.
- Offering canoe/kayak/bike rentals bringing outdoor recreation to all
- Added nearly 10 miles of new trails
- Installed new directional signage on Tecumseh Trail multipurpose trails
- Volunteers have donated over 3,663 hours in 2022 alone which equates to a value of over \$73,000



QUESTIONS?

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