



Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners
Board Meeting Agenda
December 18 9:00 AM
950 Eden Park Drive Cincinnati, OH 45202

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. Call to Order

A. Public Comments

II. Administrative Actions

A. Action Item: Approval of November 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

III. Information / Updates / Action Items

A. Cincinnati Zoo Update

Mark Fisher, VP of Facilities,
Planning, and Sustainability, CZBG

B. Vietnam Women Veterans Memorial

National Society of Colonial Dames
of America – State of Ohio

C. Urban Forestry Assessment Update

Garrett Dienno, Supervisor, Urban Forestry

1. Action Item: Urban Forestry Assessment Approval

D. Planning & Design Update

Jason Barron, Director

E. Monthly Finance / IT Division Highlights

Herta Fairbanks, CFO

F. HR Update

Derrick Gentry, HR Manager

G. Capital Budget & 3-Year Plan Presentation

Jason Barron, Director

1. Action Item: FY27 Capital Budget Request

IV. Director's Comments

V. Open Commissioner Discussion & Comments

VI. Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, January 15, 2025, at 9:00 AM

VII. Adjournment



Date: December 18, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Jason Barron, Director
Subject: Action Item Agenda

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This memo provides a summary of action items for the December 2025 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

Action Items

- **Approval of the November 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes**
- **Urban Forestry Assessment Update**
Staff respectfully request the Board recommends to City Council a 2027 Urban Forestry front footage assessment of \$0.31 per foot. This assessment amount will generate \$3.5 million to maintain service levels through fiscal year 2028.
- **FY27 Capital Budget Request**
Staff respectfully requests the Board of Park Commissioners approve the proposed Parks Capital Budget Request for FY27.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

November 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners was held on this day at 950 Eden Park Drive. Commissioners present: President Molly North, Vice President Kick Lee, and Commissioner Phyllis McCallum. Commissioner Susan Castellini and Commissioner John Neyer attended virtually. President North called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Acknowledgement of Public Comments

President North acknowledged public comments received via email regarding Burnet Woods signage and accessibility.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Approval of the October 16 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner McCallum motioned to approve the October 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Vice President Lee seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Otto Armleder Lease Renewal

Parks Director, Jason Barron, provided background on the ownership and management of Otto Armleder Memorial Park. Since 2005, Great Parks of Hamilton County has operated the section of the park managed by Cincinnati Parks. The current lease is set to expire on December 31, 2025, and Great Parks is working with the City to exercise a five-year extension. Staff requested the Board approve the execution of a Lease and Operating Agreement to extend the current agreement with Great Parks for an additional 5-year term. Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the execution of the lease. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Nature Education Fee Increases

Director Barron briefly recapped the analysis of Parks' Nature Education programming and summarized the proposed program fee increases presented at the October Board Meeting. Staff requested the Board approve the proposed Nature Education fee adjustments as outlined. Commissioner Neyer motioned to approve the adjustments. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Sinton Biochar Contract Update

Director Barron outlined the factors that contributed to a need for additional engineering support from KZF Design, to ensure the construction drawings for the Parks Operation Campus at Sinton have the level of detail needed to house the Parks' biochar project. Staff recommended approval of an additional \$21,009 award of work to KZF, to complete design of the construction drawings to include proper installation and alignment of all biochar production components. Vice President Lee motioned to approve the additional cost. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Sherman Recreation Area

Director Barron shared plans for a Gaslight Property development adjacent to the Sherman Recreation Area – a park space owned by Cincinnati Parks and managed by the

Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Gaslight has proposed using the Sherman Recreation Area to meet the stormwater needs of their project by installing a green-infrastructure bio-swale into an area of the property that is currently lawn. Parks Staff will work with Gaslight to develop and finalize the plans, and Gaslight will pay for the installation and work with City Law to develop a plan for annual funding for long-term maintenance. Staff requested the Board recommend approval of this modification to the physical design and layout of the park. Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the change to the property. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

INFORMATION / UPDATES

Planning & Design Update

Director Barron shared brief updates on the Ault Park Playground and Everybody's Treehouse at Mt. Airy Forest.

Finance / IT Update

Division Manager of Finance and IT, Herta Fairbanks, addressed a question from President North on Year-to-Date Expenses, specifically Professional Services and Utilities. Staff and the Commissioners discussed the City's process for managing utilities, as well as progress and next steps on the Parks Finance team's FY2026 financial realignment goals. President North requested an update on endowment fund balances.

HR Update

Director Barron gave an overview of full-time staffing, vacancies, and efforts to streamline part-time hiring, improve training and professional development opportunities, and update Parks' Policy Manual.

ACTION ITEM

Foundation Grant Application / Acceptance: Let's Grow Local

Director Barron shared details of the 2025 Let's Grow Local tree planting event in the West End. Staff requested the Board approve the application for and acceptance of grant funds made to the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to support this effort, in an amount up to \$2,500. Vice President Lee motioned to approve the application for and acceptance of the grant. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Barron presented the following updates:

- Parks' Greenspace team led a winter planting installation at Fountain Square
- Over 300 volunteers planted trees, installed tree wells, mulched, and picked up litter at this year's Let's Grow Local event in the West End
- A ribbon cutting at the Mt. Airy Forest Bike Skills Course took place on October 31
- Parks' Fall All Staff celebration took place on October 23
- Upcoming events throughout Parks through early December

OPEN COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

Commissioner McCallum shared that she attended the winter CPAC meeting and noted how heartwarming it was to see so many enthusiastic volunteers, and thanked the Parks Foundation for their partnership on that project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President North motioned to adjourn into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee. Vice President Lee motioned to adjourn to Executive Session. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:18am. President North adjourned the meeting at 11:19am.

The next regular meeting date is Thursday, December 18, at 9:00am.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT _____ DIRECTOR _____



Date: December 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Garrett Dienno, Supervisor of Urban Forestry

Subject: 2027 Urban Forestry Assessment (FY 2028)

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Background

As the primary stewards of Cincinnati's tree canopy, the Urban Forestry Program (UFP) is the city's frontline agency for emergency response, maintenance, and replacement of public street trees. The program is funded through an annual assessment, defined by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 727. The assessment process requires three City Council ordinances, culminating in a levy paid by all property owners whose parcel abuts the public right of way.

The Urban Forestry Advisory Board (UFAB) reviewed the attached budget and work plan on December 11, 2025, with a recommendation of approval to maintain the \$0.31 per front foot for the 2027 assessment to the Board of Park Commissioners. Staff respectfully request the Board of Commissioners to approve the attached work plan and recommend this assessment rate to City Council.

Findings

The Forestry Program has three core functions:

1. **Emergency/Emergent Tree Maintenance** - Each year approximately 800 storm calls are received and resolved by Urban Forestry staff, who are on-call 24/7 to respond to these emergency situations. This also covers routine tree maintenance requests that fall between our regular 6-year pruning cycles. On average, approximately 1,000 trees are removed throughout the city annually.
2. **Preventive Maintenance (PM)** - Each year roughly 12,000 street trees (1/6th of the city) are inspected and maintained for pruning and removal needs. The attached work plan details the target neighborhoods for FY 28.
3. **Planting** – The forestry program plants on average 1,000 trees throughout the city annually, primarily focusing on areas that are below the following canopy coverage goals: 40% citywide; 40% in residential neighborhoods; 25% in mixed-use industrial areas; and 10% in the central business district.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully request the Board of Park Commissioners recommend to City Council a 2027 Urban Forestry front footage assessment of \$0.31 cents per foot. This assessment amount will generate \$3.5 million to maintain service levels through fiscal year 2028.

Attachments - 2027 Budget; 2027 Workplan

Recommended 2027 ASSESSMENT BUDGET (FY28)

Urban Forestry Street Tree Program

Cincinnati Park Board Division of Natural Resources

Assessment rate: \$0.31/ft

EXPENSES		Proposed FY 2028 Budget	Comments
Personnel		\$1,522,298.40	Calculated from top salary of positions multiplied by 40% to account for benefits and future COLA
Capital Equipment		\$70,000.00	Held for possible truck replacement, otherwise will be added to the reserve.
Contractual Maintenance		\$1,545,000.00	Contractual services for FY 23, 24, and 25 were \$1,469,363.25, \$1,260,844.67, and \$1,428,962.78 respectively.
Emergency	\$550,000.00		Averaged \$55,000 per month on EM contract for FY 2026. Having inhouse crews do all <20" prunes and removals could save up to \$152k annually based on current contract pricing. In FY 25 Forestry expended \$568,633 on EM services.
Preventive	\$620,000.00		Neighborhoods of Clifton, East Westwood, English Woods, Millvale, South Cumminsville, North Fairmount, South Fairmount, Villages at Roll Hill, Avondale, North Avondale, East Price Hill, and Lower Price Hill. Initial cost estimates came back between \$860k & \$625k (when trees >8" are removed). In house crews are already beginning to work on PM work in these areas.
Stump Grinding	\$75,000.00		FY 25 was \$106,116.80; YTD FY 26 \$70,576.42
Planting	\$300,000.00		Expended \$484,635.07 in FY 25. \$300k will pay for ~600 trees at current contract prices.
Materials & Supplies		\$163,000.00	Expended \$136,898.64 so far for FY 26 on non-personnel and non-contracutal services
Training + Travel	\$14,000.00		
Fleet (Repair + Fuel)	\$40,000.00		
Utilities+Phones	\$23,000.00		
Advertisement	\$3,000.00		
Office Supplies	\$5,000.00		
Hort.+Small Equip	\$10,000.00		
CAGIS Annual Licenses	\$28,000.00		
Maximo(?)	\$40,000.00		
TOTAL		\$3,300,298.40	
REVENUE @\$0.31/FF		\$3,502,139.75	
Anticipated Delinquencies		(\$100,000.00)	
Fund 792 assessment revenue		\$3,402,139.75	
Reserve		\$101,841.35	

Cincinnati Parks 2027 (FY28) Street Tree Program Recommended Budget Report

Expense Descriptions:

Personnel – \$1,552,298.40

Salary and fringes for 25% Division Manager of Natural Resources, 25% Senior GIS Analyst, Urban Forestry Supervisor, four Urban Forestry Specialists, one Administrative Technician, one part-time Park Specialist for administrative assistance, and the Urban Forestry tree crew (Maintenance Crew Leader, one Lead Arborist, two Arborist 2's, and two Arborist 1's, one part-time Park Specialist)

Capital Equipment – \$70,000.00

Capital equipment – Held for possible replacement pickup truck, otherwise will be added to the reserve.

Contractual Maintenance

Emergency – \$550,000

Emergency response and routine street tree maintenance between pruning cycles. Majority of removals and prunes less than 20" diameter will be completed by in-house tree crews.

Preventive – \$620,000

Conduct routine pruning cycle for neighborhoods of Clifton, East Westwood, English Woods, Millvale, South Cumminsville, North Fairmount, South Fairmount, Villages at Roll Hill, Avondale, North Avondale, East Price Hill, and Lower Price Hill. Prunes less than 8" diameter will be completed by in-house tree crews.

Stump Grinding - \$75,000

Contractual stump grinding of approximately 400 stumps annually.

Planting & Young Tree Maintenance – \$300,000

Comprehensive Planting – replace trees removed in all communities and conduct targeted plantings in communities of need as determined by the 2020 Urban Tree Canopy Analysis (600 plantings est.).

Materials and Supplies – \$163,000.00

Municipal Garage costs, fuel/fleet repairs, utilities, training, office supplies, tree care equipment and materials for crews, CAGIS & MAXIMO licenses.



Date: December 18, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Jason Barron, Director
Subject: Planning & Design Monthly Update

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Park Board Commissioners, please review the monthly update from the Division of Planning & Design (P&D):

2025 Plan of Work Underway Projects

Smale Lot 23 Enhancements – Construction: This Smale Stage Lawn Project continues on schedule despite the recent weather delays. They will soon begin work on the north seat wall area. Parks is working with the Parks Foundation to schedule a hard hat tour of the construction site in January.

Mt. Airy Area 23 Bike Skills Course, ADA Pathway, and Comfort Station: Parks plans to utilize the City's Third Party Agreement with Megen Construction to complete the additional site work. P&D met last week with Megen Construction to review the specifications and scope of work for the comfort station, overlook, and equipment project. Megen will submit a proposal in early January for Parks to review. After reviewing the proposal and aligning the scope and budget, staff plan to present the project to the Board at the January Board meeting for consideration.

Parks has asked Megen to propose a cost for the accessible pathway work as well. In addition, Parks will get a proposal from the City's sidewalk contractor for the path. Staff plan to bring the best proposal to the Board for consideration in January as well.

Ault Park Playground: The Ault Park Playground grand opening was last Friday. **See attached photos.** Parks is working with the contractor, DWA, to ensure all punch list items have been completed, after some weather delays. Additionally, Facilities and Operations are working to install two new benches in the playground area and to replace the picnic table adjacent to the playground.

Sinton Biochar Contract Update: KZF plans to deliver 90% drawings by the end of the year. In January, P&D staff will coordinate review of the 90% across various sections of the Parks team, including Operations, Facilities, Natural Resources, and Leadership. Parks' goal is to return all comments to KZF by the end of January. KZF will then finalize the construction drawings over the next two months. Then Parks will begin the RFP process with City Procurement.

Mt. Airy Everybody's Treehouse – Repairs and Stabilization: This project has had some weather delays over the last few weeks. However, everything is still on schedule to be completed by late winter for a spring re-opening. Facilities completed a complimentary carpentry project on the entrance pathway. Facilities is gearing up to do some repair work on the roof of the main structure early next year.

Sawyer Point Playground: Initial sketches of two concepts for the main play structure were released last week to solicit public feedback. Staff is compiling the results of the public feedback to share with Midstates and Earthscape. Parks is meeting with Midstates next week to begin discussions about the additional play features that will complement the signature Earthscape play feature.

P&D led a site review with several sections of the Parks team to get feedback and analyze the site. **See attached slides.** Staff is working with City Law to finalize the contract for MKSK's engagement as Landscape Architect for the redevelopment of the overall site.

Glenway Park: Under the City's pilot professional services program, Parks has identified an architect to design the accessible pathway entrance to Glenway Park. We are working with City Law to finalize their contract and expect that work to begin in the new year. The next step is to work with City Procurement to identify a playground partner for the project.

Sherman Recreation Area: P&D and DNR met with the developer's landscape architects last week to review the stormwater infrastructure plans. Parks also reviewed the plans with MSD, which has requested additional technical information.

Mt. Airy Forest Stormwater Improvements: Five of the six stormwater projects that the Board approved for Mt. Airy Forest have been completed. The remaining project near the Arboretum Lake will be completed when the weather improves.

Eden Park Elsinore Steps/Playhouse in the Park Stormwater Improvements: Parks is working with MSD and Tele-Vac Environmental to clear the 3 storm lines that are on the hillside near the Elsinore Steps. **See attached photos.** The work to replace the two inlets along the steps will begin in the new year, along with the stormwater work in the Parks land immediately adjacent to the Playhouse parking garage.

Priority Maintenance & Emerging Repair Projects

- Bronze Sign restoration project
- Warder Nursery parking expansion
- Mt. Airy Arboretum Septic System repairs
- Septic system conversions: McFarlan Woods and Doris Day Dog Park
- Admin roof repairs
- Vehicle gates at Mt. Echo, Bellevue, Fairview, and Mt. Storm
- Alms Park Pergola – could need emergency repair soon
- California Woods Shelter – tree fell on roof







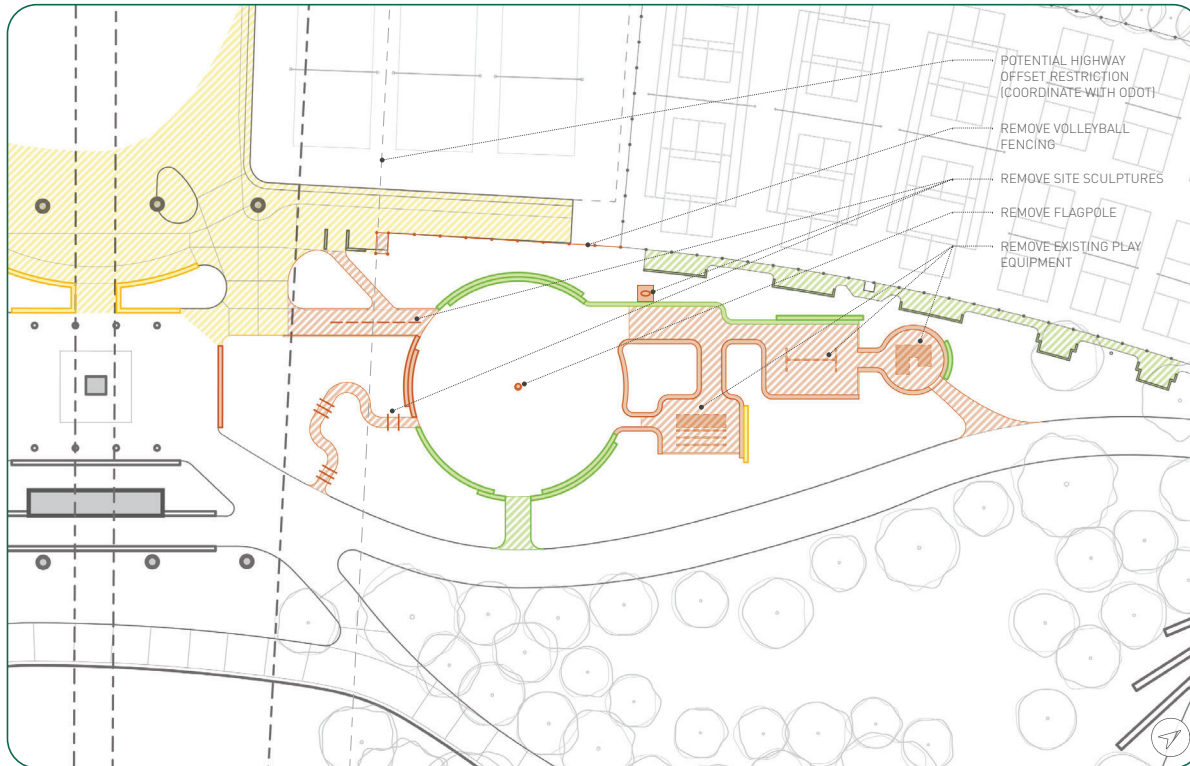
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SAWYER POINT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY



GRAPHIC LEGEND:

	EQUIPMENT OR SCULPTURE (DEMO)		SURFACING (NO SCOPE)
	WALL/CURB (TO REMAIN)		SURFACING (TO REMAIN)
	WALL/CURB (VALIDATE)		SURFACING (VALIDATE)
	WALL/CURB (DEMO)		SURFACING (DEMO)

Infrastructure Strategy:

- Most of the site will be reworked to support the new playground program and aesthetic, while select elements that tie into the broader Sawyer Point character will remain.
- Remove all existing playground equipment, metal sculptures, and flagpoles.
- Preserve key sections of the bullnosed concrete site walls; remove or modify others based on program needs.
- Evaluate walls proposed for removal or alteration to confirm tree protection, grade retention, and soil impacts.
- Several walls with donor-name imprints are noted to remain, but a full donor refresh is planned; identify opportunities for new donor recognition within the design.
- Identify walls that could be adaptively reused as seating edges, play features, or gathering points.
- Document and address any repair or stabilization needs for walls or site elements slated to remain.



SAWYER POINT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EXISTING LANDSCAPE STRATEGY



GRAPHIC LEGEND:

	TREE (NO SCOPE)		SOD (DEMO)
	TREE (TO REMAIN)		LANDSCAPE (TO REMAIN)
	TREE (VALIDATE)		LANDSCAPE (VALIDATE)
	TREE (DEMO)		LANDSCAPE (DEMO)

Landscape Strategy:

- The site sits within a dense grove of trees that are both valued by the public and appreciated for the shade they provide, preserving these trees may reduce the need for additional shade structures.
- The site is generally flat, with a gentle slope rising toward the northeast
- Large mature trees are the highest protection priority, particularly where they pose little impact on programmable playscape space; additional trees shown to remain are preserved due to nearby infrastructure or existing underground utilities to remain.
- Landscape beds designated to remain follow the same logic, retained where adjacent infrastructure or utilities limit modification.
- Proposed landscape designs should achieve the following:
 - Replace removed trees where appropriate
 - Provide shade into maturity
 - Avoid creating maintenance burdens beyond a reasonable standard of care
 - Establish a planted edge that offers natural spatial containment
 - Maintain clear sightlines to and from adjacent park areas to support security
 - Incorporate locally-appropriate plant species
 - Be integrated into a comprehensive irrigation plan

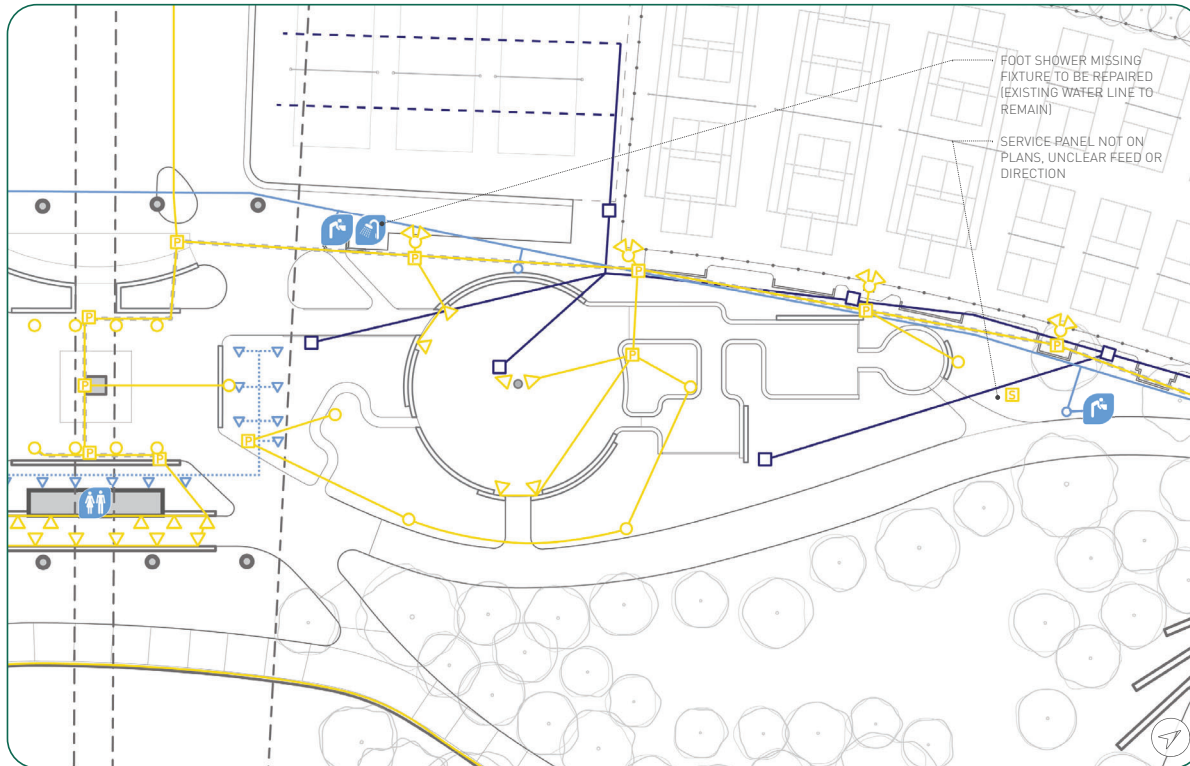
Species Approach:

- Honey locusts present maintenance and programming challenges due to heavy pod drop and shallow, dense rooting. The two mature specimens at the north end should be evaluated for removal; if removed, they should be replaced with large-canopy shade trees suited for long-term growth somewhere on site.
- Austrian Pine [AP] has a relatively short lifespan. The lone on-site specimen is approximately 40 years old, exhibiting stress, and should be evaluated for removal.
- White Pine [WP] on site are also showing signs of decline and should be evaluated for removal.
- Female Ginkgos drop fruit with an unpleasant smell and should be removed.
- Proposed planting layouts should prioritize local species that support regional ecological communities and reinforce the site's native plant assemblages.



SAWYER POINT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EXISTING UTILITIES (PRE-SURVEY)



GRAPHIC LEGEND:

— ELEC. DISTR. LINE	[P] ELEC. PULL BOX	—○— YARD HYDRANT & PLUMB.
==== ELEC. DISTR. LINE (CONC. ENCASED CONDUIT)	[S] ELEC. SERVICE PANEL	---▽ IRRIGATION
○ POLE LIGHT	□ YARD DRAIN & STORM	[F] DRINKING FOUNTAIN
△ DIRECTIONAL / FLOODLIGHT	--- PERFORATED DRAIN	[S] FOOT SHOWER

GENERAL NOTES:

- UTILITIES AS SHOWN ARE DERIVED FROM ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS (1986). ALL UTILITIES SHOULD BE SURVEYED FOR ACCURATE LOCATIONS.

Existing Utilities General Strategy:

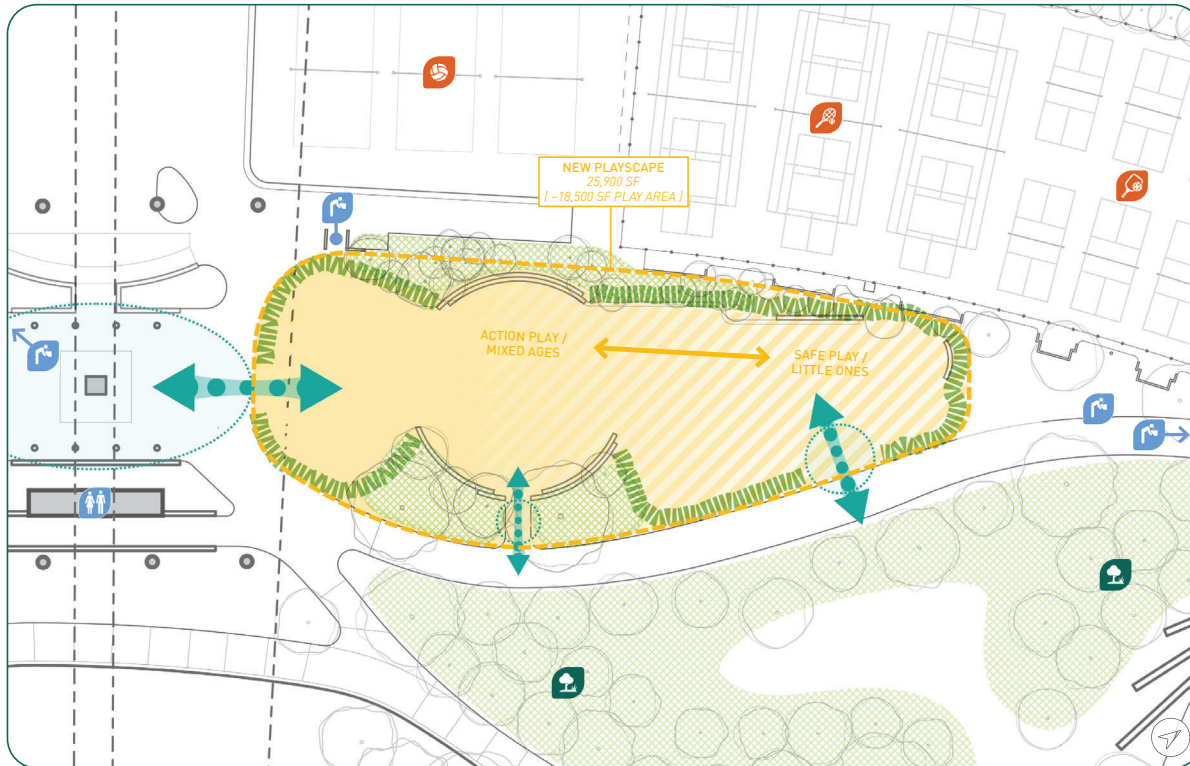
- Primary electric, water, and drainage lines that both feed the defined playscape region and other areas of the park run along the northwest border of the region; this general utility bank region should largely remain, whereas all feeds from this bank are subject to change depending on program and construction needs.
- No utilities are shown to be demolished, consultants to coordinate utility scope with Parks staff and playground designer.
- Expect that all electric service lines to new electrical equipment will need to be replaced from site to panel in nearby tennis building using existing conduits.
- Other areas of Sawyer Point Park should be minimally interrupted from utility work disruptions during construction.

Specific Utility Callouts:

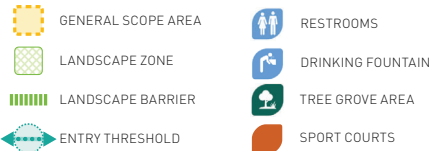
- All existing sport floodlights to remain.
- Directional lights in site walls to remain to have their lenses rehabilitated, bulbs replaced.
- New outlets, where proposed, should be integrated into light poles and/or recessed with lockable covers wherever feasible.
- All existing drinking fountains to be replaced with ADA-compliant fixtures with appropriate features (jug fill, dog bowl, etc.).
- All water service lines, with exception to water fountain feeds, to be replaced; propose several hose bibs in murdock boxes for the purpose of site cleaning and watering, as well as at least one yard hydrant.
- All newly proposed landscape beds should be irrigated.

SAWYER POINT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

GENERAL PROGRAMMING & SITE UTILIZATION



GRAPHIC LEGEND:



GENERAL NOTES:

- SCOPE AREAS AS SHOWN ARE GENERAL REGIONS OF FOCUS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON PROPOSED DESIGNS. NOT ALL ITEMS DIAGRAMMED CORRESPOND WITH PROJECT OR CONSULTANT SCOPE LIMITATIONS.
- SAFE AND ACTION PLAY PROGRAMMING SHOULD BE FUNCTIONALLY BLENDED, WITH EITHER SOFT BOUNDARIES OR NONE AT ALL.

Programming Goals:

- Create a playscape that is distinctively local, reflecting Cincinnati's identity.
- Ensure the space is dynamic and engaging for children of all ages and abilities.
- Emphasize accessibility, inclusivity, and intergenerational appeal.
- Ensure visibility from surrounding areas to improve wayfinding and clear entry cues (in coordination with the Landscape Architect).

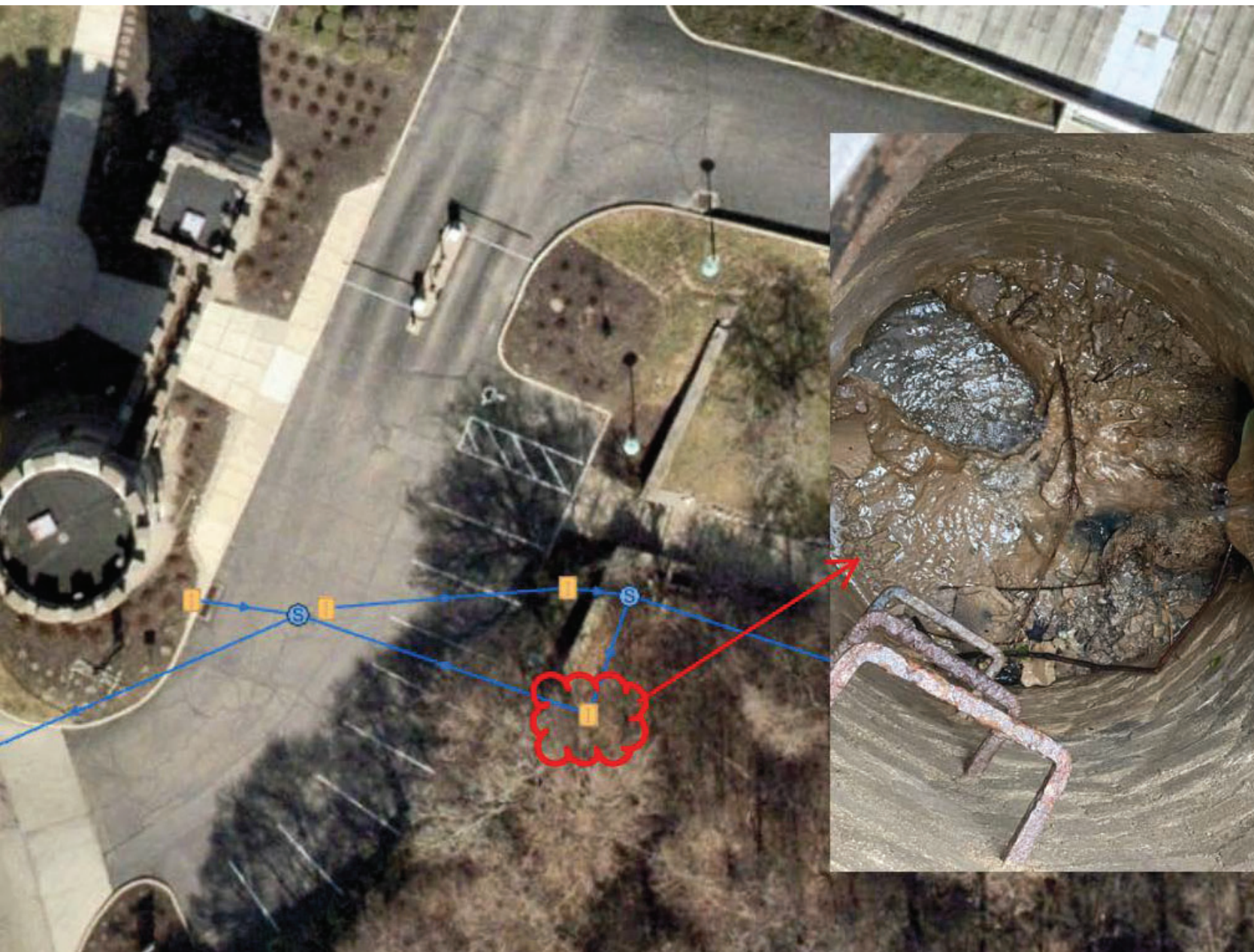
Operations and Safety:

- Use soft containment strategies (existing seat walls, new/existing landscaping) instead of fences or gates.
- Provide adequate lighting for evening and night play.
- Provide shaded caregiver zones with amenities that support comfort and engagement with the playscape.

Design & Theming:

- Materiality and form should be durable, maintainable, and resonant with the broader Sawyer Point aesthetic language.
- Top themes:
 - Riverboats & the Ohio River
 - Native Flora and Fauna
 - Local Industrial & Riverfront History
- Feature and Play Equipment preferences:
 - Swings
 - Slides
 - Climbing / Wall
 - Playhouses
 - Zip Line
 - Sensory / Interactive











Date: December 18, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Herta Fairbanks, Division Manager/CFO
Subject: Finance Division Highlights

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Financial Realignment - Phase 1 Summary

Goal 1 – Bureau Reduction

Goal 2 – Fund Consolidation

Goal 3 – Revenue Code Alignment

Goal 4 – Clarify and Align Policies

We are wrapping up Goal 1 – Bureau Realignment and beginning discussions with the Office of Budget & Evaluation on Goal 2 – Fund Consolidation.

In the meantime, we have been analyzing our monthly reports and noting areas where improvement and/or specific notes should be provided. Here are a few observations:

Target Percentages

On several slides in the financial presentation, target percentages are provided to compare to actual percentages. These target percentages are based upon an average calculation of the timing of expense spending and revenue collection each month in fiscal years 2018 through 2023. While these percentages provide a benchmark by which to analyze Parks operations, there have been many changes that influence the actual monthly data now. For example, in 2021, Parks Operations completed an efficiency realignment of the districts between East, West, and Waterfront to eliminate what was formerly the Central District. This realignment impacted when and where expenditures occurred and further, which funds some expenditures were drawn from. Similarly, some parks have seen increases in activation since the 2018-2023 time period which impacts revenue generation and therefore also affects the comparison of actual to target.

These impacts indicate the need to review and update the target percentages for both spend and revenue to ensure that the targets are reflective of current Parks activity. Parks Finance will be looking at the target figures after the current financial realignment is complete. This will likely be a late FY27 activity. In the meantime, the target spend on the expense type basis appears to track fairly well with our actual spend and therefore can be used in the interim as a benchmark to identify potential areas of concern. The target spend by fund is less accurate and should be considered on an overall Parks basis, rather than by individual fund.

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Revenue

Year to date revenue for Fund 318 – Sawyer Point and Fund 326 – Parks Donations and Special Activity are both significantly above the target revenue percentage for this time of year. Part of this is related to the narrative provided above regarding the calculation of the target and part is related to the additional activation of our Parks. The revenue budgets have not been adjusted for several years to reflect the additional activities and therefore, it creates a greater than expected variance. We will be working on adjusting the revenue targets during the upcoming FY27 budget cycle.

Available Spend Calculation

The available spend calculation is a comparison of projected revenue still to be collected against projected expenses still to be expended through the remainder of the fiscal year with the addition of the current fund balance against a recommended reserve level. Typically, fund reserves are recommended to be anywhere from three to six months' worth of operating expenses. The basis for our current recommended reserves may require adjustment based upon the factors noted in the discussion above as well as with the impact of the current financial realignment. Once the financial realignment is complete, we anticipate reviewing the recommended reserve levels and proposing any adjustments to the recommended reserves at that time. This is likely another late FY27 analysis. In the meantime, the total available spend dollars presented in the last column of the table for all funds is a good benchmark to analyze the health of the Parks-controlled funds.



Date: December 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Derrick Gentry, Supervising Human Resources Analyst

Subject: HR Status Update

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This memo provides an overview of current vacancies and the recruitment process for Parks.

Full Time Overview



Parks currently has 171 full-time employees, 105 part-time employees, and 9 vacant positions, and we are moving swiftly to prepare for another season of work to keep Cincinnati Parks beautiful.

Retirements

Rodney Simpson – Retiring after 16 years of service to Cincinnati Parks. Rodney most recently worked as a Laborer in our East Region.

Jason Barron
Director

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FULL-TIME VACANT POSITIONS		
Position Title	Total	Notes
Administrative Technician	1	On Hold
Arborist 2	3	On Hold
Supervisor of Maintenance	1	On Hold
Service Area Coordinator	1	On-Hold
HVAC Specialist	1	On Hold
Truck Driver	2	On Hold
Total vacancies	9	

HR Initiatives

Parks Policy Handbook Enhancement: Strengthening Clarity, Consistency, and Accountability Across Cincinnati Parks

The enhancement of the Parks Policy Manual provides a structured, accessible foundation for consistent decision-making and operations across Cincinnati Parks. This effort focuses on clarifying expectations, aligning divisional practices,

and ensuring policies reflect current operational realities, labor agreements, and City requirements.

Rather than introducing new rules, the updated manual consolidates and standardizes existing policies, procedures, and guidance into a clear, user-friendly resource. This approach improves transparency, supports supervisors and staff in day-to-day decision-making, and reduces uncertainty and risk.

Together, these enhancements strengthen accountability, improve operational consistency, and provide a reliable framework that supports both employees and leadership across the Parks system.

Marketing and Recruitment Partnership: Strengthening Workforce Outreach Through HR and Communications Collaboration

Parks HR is partnered with the Parks Communications team to build on previous recruitment and outreach efforts by aligning messaging, branding, and strategies to attract and retain a diverse, high-quality workforce. This collaboration ensures recruitment efforts are consistent, visible, and reflective of Cincinnati Parks' mission and culture.

Rather than launching new campaigns, the partnership enhances existing recruitment materials, digital platforms, and storytelling efforts to better highlight career opportunities, employee experiences, and pathways into Parks employment. Coordinated outreach improves reach, clarity, and engagement with prospective candidates.

Together, this HR–Communications partnership provides a cohesive, sustainable approach to marketing and recruitment that strengthens talent pipelines and supports the long-term workforce needs of Cincinnati Parks.

Parks Academy Initiative: Unifying Safety, Training, and Professional Development for Parks Employees

Parks Academy serves as a unified framework that brings together safety, resources, and professional development efforts to better support Cincinnati Parks employees. By integrating these areas, Parks Academy promotes consistency, clarity, and accessibility while reinforcing the organization's commitment to employee well-being and growth.

Rather than introducing standalone initiatives, Parks Academy aligns and elevates existing training, safety programs, and development opportunities under a single structure. This approach strengthens communication, improves coordination across divisions, and ensures employees clearly understand available resources.

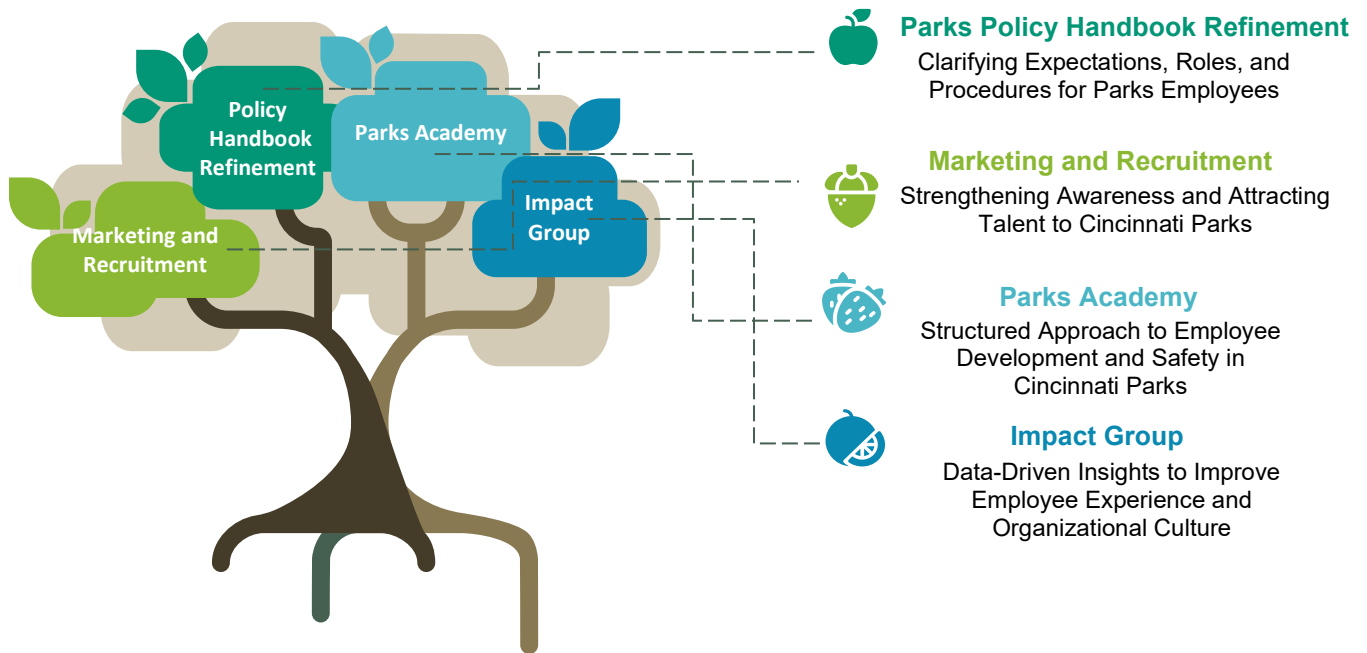
Together, these combined efforts provide a practical and sustainable model for enhancing safety, building skills, and supporting the long-term success of the Parks workforce.

Impact Group Engagement: Assessing and Strengthening Parks Culture, Communication, and Engagement

The Impact Group engagement provided a data-driven view of employee culture at Cincinnati Parks, confirming strong mission alignment while identifying opportunities to improve leadership visibility, communication, recognition, and cross-department collaboration.

In response, Parks will form a Culture and Engagement Committee of HR, Communications, leadership, and staff to prioritize recommendations, coordinate efforts, and promote transparency without adding new or burdensome programs.

Building on existing initiatives, such as staff socials, All Staff gatherings, and employee highlight videos, the committee will strengthen informal connections, reinforce Parks values, and improve communication. Together, this approach offers a practical, sustainable framework for building trust and a more engaged Parks workforce.





Date: December 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Jason Barron, Parks Director

Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget Request

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Parks respectfully submits the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 capital budget for approval by the Board of Park Commissioners.

The Park's Fiscal Year 2027 General Capital Target, as determined by the City Manager's Office of Budget & Evaluation, is \$6,149,000. Parks capital budget request totals \$7,149,000. This request includes \$3,599,000 in Parks Infrastructure Rehabilitation projects, aligning with the target, and four additional individual projects totaling \$3,550,000, which is \$1,000,000 over target. The individual projects align with the 6-year capital plan approved in last year's budget, with the request to advance one project forward into FY27 from FY28 to more quickly address a deteriorating signature parks asset.

Attachment A provides an overview of the Parks Infrastructure Rehabilitation projects totaling \$3,599,000 and the four additional individual projects totaling \$3,550,000.

Attachment B provides an update to the 6-year capital plan that was approved last year.

Community Budget Requests:

The City's Budget process includes the opportunity for community members to submit Community Budget Requests (CBRs). The Office of Budget and Evaluation assigns the CBRs to the appropriate City Department for review. Parks has reviewed the assigned Community Budget Requests and is planning to address five CBRs with Parks Infrastructure and Rehabilitation capital allocation, including a picnic shelter in Sayler Park, engineering analysis and design work for the Bellevue Pavilion in CUF, a new drinking fountain in Sayler Park, horticultural plantings in Mt. Adams, and fence painting at the Geier Esplanade in Oakley.

Infrastructure and Rehabilitation:

The proposed capital budget request for Parks Infrastructure Rehabilitation allocation will fund a variety of much needed maintenance and capital projects throughout the Parks system, including a new picnic shelter in Sayler Park, Urban Forestry innovation to preserve mature, large canopy trees in the Right-of-Way throughout the city, IT infrastructure for the Sinton Operations Campus project, accessibility improvements in Sawyer Point to compliment the new playground, engineering analysis and design work for the Bellevue Pavilion in CUF, Facilities Maintenance projects throughout the park system, and the engineering, planning, design, and management oversight of the capital projects.

6-Year Capital Plan Projects:

The proposed capital budget request includes four individual projects from the 6-Year Capital Plan that was passed as part of the FY26 biennium budget. Parks FY27 target included four projects: McEvoy Park Renovations, Mt. Airy Adventure Playground, Warder Nursery Renovations, and a general Playground Renovations project. In Parks FY 27 capital budget request, Parks has combined the target budgets for the Mt. Airy Adventure Playground and the general Playground Renovation project into a single budget request allowing for the fact that the Mt. Airy Adventure Playground will likely need additional resources. In addition, Parks has requested advancing the Smale Concrete and Granite Rehabilitation project slated for FY28 to FY27.

McEvoy Park Renovation – This project will renovate McEvoy Park in College Hill. McEvoy Park is a 27-acre park on Daly Road in College Hill that has not seen investment in a long time. McEvoy Park has several public safety issues that Parks works with the Cincinnati Police Department to manage. This project will narrow and constrict the loop road, creating a single entrance and exit for vehicle traffic. The project will also install a new playground with safety buffers and add fencing and strategic plantings to activate the park, protect and separate amenities, and promote safety. This project will breathe new life into beautiful greenspace that has been neglected for years, restoring it into a vibrant and safe community asset.

Proposed FY27 Budget: \$1,300,000

Mt. Airy Adventure Playground – This project will develop a one-of-a-kind adventure playground that will include adventure play concepts such as climbing elements and a zip line. The new playground will be located in McFarlan Woods, which is an underutilized area of Mt. Airy Forest in Westwood. McFarlan Woods often experiences nefarious activity and dumping due to the low level of positive activity and foot traffic. The Parks Foundation has identified donors who are interested in helping to fund a portion of this project, and the City capital investment would leverage those private donations. The new playground will be a destination for families and bring positive activity to an underutilized portion of Mt. Airy Forest. Initial conversations with the Mt. Airy Forest Community Advisory Council have been extremely well received. The new adventure playground will be in Westwood, near a residential area that lacks quality outdoor recreation opportunities. This project creates a new destination adventure playground in an underserved neighborhood. Kids from Westwood and across the city are going to love this project.

Proposed FY27 Budget: \$750,000

Warder Nursery Renovation – The purpose of this project is to refurbish the Warder Nursery facility including greenhouse rehabilitation, heating/cooling and ventilation upgrades, utilities to improve restrooms, office space for the horticulturalists, and infrastructure upgrades to facilitate the loading and unloading of plant material and accessories to various park locations. Traditionally, Warder Nursery has been an underutilized Parks asset. Parks has reinvested in the operations at Warder over the last two years in order to increase plant production, thereby decreasing our need to buy plants from outside vendors.

This project is also critical to the future renovation of the Krohn Conservatory as Warder Nursery will be used to store the signature plant collections currently on display in Krohn Conservatory during the renovation of the conservatory. The renovations will also support

Parks' Greenspace team, which receives 15,000 square feet of live plants twice per year to be planted in public spaces throughout the community.

Proposed FY27 Budget: \$500,000

Smale Concrete and Granite Rehabilitation - This project aims to maintain Smale Riverfront Park as one of the premier parks in the country. The first phase of Smale Riverfront Park opened in 2012. After 13+ years the many beautiful hardscapes within the park are in need of the routine maintenance that will keep the park at the level to be voted best riverwalk park in the country. As a relatively new City capital asset, this project will ensure that the asset does not experience the deferred maintenance issues that are all too common with older City assets. The project will repair and where necessary replace concrete and granite that has shifted or broken from wear and settling since the park opened.

This project was originally slated for funding in FY28 in the 6-year capital plan. Parks is requesting that the funding be advanced to FY27 because of the urgency of the needed repairs. In the summer of 2025, one of the cascades on Vine Street had to be shut down because of failing infrastructure. The cascade was malfunctioning and leaking so severely that it had to be shut down to prevent further and more permanent damage not only to the infrastructure of the cascades, but also the infrastructure underneath. The severe leaks in the cascades are causing additional wear and tear on other infrastructure such as the steps foundation, the parking garage, and the ceiling of the bike center, among others.

The cascades are a signature and beloved feature of Smale Riverfront Park, and citizens miss them when they are down even for routine maintenance let alone extended repairs. Advancing this vital capital investment would allow Parks to get the cascade back online as soon as possible and prevent additional long term or more costly disruptions and damaged infrastructure from delayed maintenance.

Proposed FY27 Budget: \$1,000,000

Recommendation

Parks staff respectfully requests the Board of Park Commissioners approve the proposed Parks Capital Budget Request for FY27. These projects are the most critical unfunded capital improvement projects in the Parks system.

Six Year Capital Need Projection

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Parks Infrastructure Rehabilitation	\$ 2,747,000	\$ 3,599,000	\$ 3,982,000	\$ 3,905,000	\$ 3,830,000	\$ 3,792,000
Total I&R:						\$ 21,855,000
Owl's Nest	\$ 2,000,000					
Glenway Park Renovation (incl. Playground)	\$ 350,000					
Gibson House Roof	\$ 250,000					
Sawyer & Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail	\$ 1,000,000					
Krohn (\$10m of \$80m)	\$ 250,000		\$ 1,250,000		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 6,000,000
Mt. Airy Adventure Playground		\$ 750,000				
McEvoy Park Renovation	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,300,000				
Warder Nursery Rehabilitation		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			
Playground Renovation	\$ 389,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 500,000
Smale Concrete and Grante Rehabilitation		\$ 1,000,000				
Inwood Park Renovation			\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		
MLK Park Renovation			\$ 750,000			
Mt. Airy Operations Center Renovation				\$ 250,000	\$ 1,500,000	
Interactive Water Feature					\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Fairview Park Overlook Stabilization					\$ 250,000	\$ 2,000,000
Bellevue Park Stabilization					\$ 250,000	\$ 2,000,000
Total Major Project:	\$ 4,439,000	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 8,250,000	\$ 11,500,000
						\$ 36,989,000
Total Parks Capital Funding	\$ 7,186,000	\$ 7,149,000	\$ 7,732,000	\$ 9,405,000	\$ 12,080,000	\$ 15,292,000

FY27 Capital Budget Request

Modernization & Strategic Investment Projects			
Mt. Airy Adventure Playground	Mt. Airy		\$ 750,000
McEvoy Park Renovation	College Hill		\$ 1,300,000
Warder Nursery	City-wide		\$ 500,000
Smale Concrete and Grante Rehabilitation	City-wide		\$ 1,000,000
Project Total			\$ 3,550,000

Parks Infrastructure Rehabilitation - CSR	Neighborhood		\$ 3,599,000
Project			Amount
Sayler Park Picnic Shelter/Stage	Sayler Park	CBR	\$ 250,000
Urban Forestry Infrastructure Innovation - Tree preservation	City-wide		\$ 150,000
Sinton Operations Campus IT Needs	Walnut Hills		\$ 100,000
Bramble Park Trail	Madisonville		\$ 100,000
Parks IT Needs (City WiFi, Digital Display Sawyer Point & PL Parking, Eden Park Security Cameras, Mehring Way Camera, PC Refresh, Laser Engraver)	City-wide		\$ 62,000
Sawyer Point Parking Lot and Entrances Accessibility Improvements	City-wide		\$ 500,000
Bellevue Pavilion Stabilization Analysis & Design	CUF	CBR	\$ 250,000
Facilities Maintenance	City-wide		\$ 787,000
Contingency Projects (signs, stormwater, sinkholes, steps, sidewalks, driveways, lights, shelters, etc.)	City-wide		\$ 600,000
* Includes CBRs for Sayler Park Drinking Fountain, Mt. Adams sign, Oakley Geier Esplanade fence painting	Sayler Park, Mt. Adams, Oakley	CBR	
Engineering, Planning, and Design	City-wide		\$ 800,000
Total			\$ 3,599,000

Total Request	\$ 7,149,000
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Project Name	Q4 25	Q1 26	Q2 26	Q3 26	Q4 26	Q1 27	Q2 27	Q3 27	Q4 27	Q1 28	Q2 28	Q3 28	Q4 28
Completed													
Ault Park Valley Trail													
International Friendship Park													
Burnet Woods Dog Park													
Ault Playground													
Mt Airy Area 23 Bike Skills Course													
Current Focus Project													
Mt Airy Treehouse													
Smale Stage Lawn Enhancements													
Mt Airy Skills Course Path/Comfort Station/Overlook													
Eden Park Steps by Playhouse													
Sawyer Point Playground & Planning													
Biochar & Sinton Campus													
Glenway Park Renovations and Playground													
California Woods Hydrological Plan													
Owls Nest Improvements & Pavilion Restoration													
Next Up													
Mt Airy Doris Day Dog Park													
Gibson House Roof and Façade													
Burnet Woods Improvements Bandstand, Paths, etc.													
Inwood Park Master Plan													
Bramble Park Trail													
Ohio River Way Bike Trail - Sawyer & Yeatman's													
Riverfront Marina													
Smale Rivers Edge													
Krohn Conservatory Restoration Study													
McEvoy Park													
Smale Concrete & Granite Upgrades													
Warder Nursery Campus Upgrades													
Mt. Airy - McFarlan Playground													
Sawyer Point Skating Rink Improvements													
Future Park Projects													
Lytle Park Comfort Station													
Playground Renovations - Hoffner first													
MLK Park Renovation													
Seasongood Square Improvements													
Ault Park Cascade, Plaza, Pavilion													
Mt. Airy West Operations Center													
Bellevue Park Master Plan													
Burnet Woods Stormwater Control													
Fairview Erosion / Master Plan													
Jackson Hill Master Plan													
Alms Park Pavilion, Plaza and Stairs													

P = Partnered Project

Planning

Bidding & Contracts

Fundraising/Identifying Funds

Construction

Closeout

CINCINNATI PARK BOARD

Financial Presentation Month ending November 30, 2025

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Finance and IT Significant Accomplishments

November 2025

Finance Team

- Completed FY27 Capital Budget Submission
- Began closeout of outdated bureaus/units
- Quick Stats:
 - \$291,350 in new encumbrances processed
 - 301 payments processed
 - 142 cash receipts processed

IT Team

- Expanded network services to the Smale Park Horticulturalist Office
- Coordinated surplus of 4 pallets of obsolete IT equipment
- Began transition to full implementation of ServiceNow for tracking IT requests: 21 tickets closed in November

In Development

- Correcting bureau/unit designations in CFS – finalizing expenses, working on revenues
- Consolidating some Parks' funds (326, 330, 332)
- Installation of security cameras at Krohn Conservatory
- Final stages of correcting Parks' Table of Organization for budgeting purposes



Year to Date Expenses By Expense Type As of November 30, 2025

Category	YTD Expended	Budget	Target Spend %	Actual Spend %	Variance
Advertising	\$ 39,867	\$ 111,472	39%	36%	-4%
Auto & Truck Expense	\$ 183,022	\$ 505,380	42%	36%	-6%
Bank Fees	\$ 49,609	\$ 77,130	46%	64%	19%
Benefits & Taxes	\$ 2,072,727	\$ 5,114,460	44%	41%	-4%
Equipment	\$ 1,190	\$ 58,395	44%	2%	-42%
Fuel	\$ 100,387	\$ 187,690	48%	53%	6%
Insurance	\$ 809	\$ 31,624	0%	3%	3%
IT	\$ 2,830	\$ 92,830	39%	3%	-36%
Postage	\$ 1,858	\$ 3,339	35%	56%	21%
Professional Services	\$ 858,073	\$ 3,772,707	37%	23%	-14%
Rentals	\$ 74,556	\$ 400,562	34%	19%	-15%
Salaries	\$ 5,529,747	\$ 13,877,808	43%	40%	-3%
Supplies	\$ 902,000	\$ 2,554,005	34%	35%	1%
Taxes	\$ 953,064	\$ 1,014,539	96%	94%	-2%
Travel & Training	\$ 21,409	\$ 58,799	26%	36%	10%
Utilities	\$ 412,347	\$ 1,011,438	36%	41%	5%
	\$ 11,203,494	\$ 28,872,178			

Year to Date Expenses by Fund As of November 30, 2025

Fund Name	Expenses	Budget*	Target % Spend^	Actual % Spend	% Variance
General Fund	\$ 7,517,044	\$ 12,139,550	60%	62%	2%
Stormwater Fund	\$ 47	\$ 1,954,190	0%	0%	0%
Hwy Greenspace (Street Construction Management)	\$ 160,853	\$ 532,560	46%	30%	-16%
Infrastructure Fund (Income Tax-Infrastructure)	\$ 852,855	\$ 1,653,130	42%	52%	10%
Sawyer Point	\$ 300,249	\$ 1,516,597	23%	20%	-3%
Park Donations and Special Activity	\$ 225,212	\$ 1,900,174	32%	12%	-20%
W.M. Ampt Fund (Free Concerts)	\$ 10,308	\$ 17,380	42%	59%	18%
Groesbeck Fund (endowment)	\$ 2,970	\$ 20,440	42%	15%	-27%
Cincinnati Riverfront Park	\$ 85,895	\$ 1,647,860	42%	5%	-36%
Park Lodge / Pavilion Deposits	\$ 8,442	\$ 284,120	11%	3%	-8%
Krohn Conservatory	\$ 676,577	\$ 2,510,620	32%	27%	-5%
Urban Forestry	\$ 40,655	\$ 335,080	43%	12%	-30%
Private Endowment	\$ 292,588	\$ 1,131,037	36%	26%	-10%
Forestry Assessment	\$ 1,029,800	\$ 3,229,440	37%	32%	-5%
	\$ 11,203,494	\$ 28,872,178			

unspent dollars returned to the City

^target increases monthly

Year to Date Revenue As of November 30, 2025

Fund Description	FY26 Revenue	FY26 Budget	Target % Revenue	Actual % Revenue	% Variance
318 - Sawyer Point	\$490,623	\$648,500	50%	76%	26%
326 - Parks Donations and Special Activity	\$561,883	\$715,250	37%	79%	42%
329 - Smale Fund	\$546,307	\$1,431,000	33%	38%	5%
330 - Park Lodge/Pavilion Deposit	\$17,490	\$282,630	61%	6%	-55%
332 - Krohn Conservatory	\$640,209	\$1,805,000	30%	35%	5%
Grand Total	\$2,256,512	\$4,882,380			

Year to Date Available Spend As of November 30, 2025

Cincinnati Park Board *Available Spend Calculation*

Fund Name	November 2025	Remaining Expenses	Remaining Revenue	Recommend Reserves	Available for Spend Dollars*
318 Sawyer Point	\$1,558,006	\$1,216,348	\$157,877	\$450,000	\$49,535
326 Park Donations and Special Activity	\$662,432	\$1,674,962	\$153,367	\$400,000	(\$1,259,163)
329 Cincinnati Riverfront Park	\$3,225,829	\$1,561,965	\$884,693	\$800,000	\$1,748,557
330 Park Lodge/Pavilion Deposits	\$2,117,033	\$275,678	\$265,140	\$200,000	\$1,906,495
332 Krohn Conservatory	\$1,779,215	\$1,834,043	\$1,164,791	\$700,000	\$409,963
Total Available	\$9,342,515	\$6,562,996	\$2,625,868	\$2,550,000	\$2,855,387

**Remaining Revenue is Budgeted Revenue less Revenue collected to date. Based on the shifting of expenses between funds for the financial realignment, revenue projections need to also be shifted. Therefore, the Available for Spend Dollars should be viewed on an overall Parks basis until the revenue projection realignment is completed.*

Park Board Fund Balances As of November 30, 2025

Cincinnati Park Board *Fund Balances*

Fund	Name	Balance as of					
		Beg of FY 24	Beg of FY 25	Beg of FY 26	End of 1st Qtr	10/31/25	11/30/25
318	Sawyer Point	\$1,230,729	\$1,235,689	\$1,493,885	\$1,532,227	\$1,443,256	\$1,558,006
326	Park Misc Revenue & Special Activity	\$1,172,721	\$1,077,492	\$497,768	\$561,397	\$477,150	\$662,432
327	WM Ampt Free Concerts	\$12,942	\$24,322	\$20,780	\$14,431	\$11,072	\$10,472
328	Groesbeck Endowment	\$149,396	\$173,596	\$175,140	\$175,140	\$167,170	\$172,170
329	Cincinnati Riverfront Park	\$3,578,882	\$3,037,841	\$2,889,213	\$2,998,575	\$3,094,812	\$3,225,829
330	Park Lodge/Pavilion Deposits	\$1,716,918	\$1,844,989	\$2,126,319	\$2,140,726	\$2,117,941	\$2,117,033
332	Krohn Conservatory	\$1,779,215	\$1,456,623	\$1,477,001	\$1,562,233	\$1,347,415	\$1,245,352
335	Schmidlapp Endowment	\$2,717	\$4,312	\$5,393	\$5,393	\$5,393	\$5,393
403	Yeatman's Cove Park Trust	\$724,010	\$611,709	\$629,451	\$634,631	\$634,631	\$634,631
428	Urban Forestry	\$583,324	\$533,628	\$699,244	\$681,240	\$683,731	\$673,460
430	Parks Private Endowment	\$924,214	\$860,715	\$503,162	\$327,502	\$254,827	\$1,381,195
706	Ampt Trust	\$138,440	\$126,987	\$130,446	\$133,229	\$133,229	\$133,229
707	Groesbeck Trust	\$56,147	\$38,688	\$36,964	\$38,536	\$38,536	\$38,536
708	Schmidlapp Music	\$51,112	\$50,703	\$51,115	\$51,544	\$51,544	\$51,544
752	Permanent Capital Improvement	\$1,031,248	\$928,991	\$1,135,395	\$1,168,869	\$1,195,041	\$1,201,302
792	Forestry Assessment	\$3,239,177	\$3,966,880	\$4,431,444	\$3,979,093	\$3,689,210	\$4,405,268
Total All Funds		\$16,391,192	\$15,973,165	\$16,302,721	\$16,004,767	\$15,344,959	\$17,515,852

Park Board Endowment Fund Summary

As of November 30, 2025

Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners

Endowment Fund Summary

Fund Name	Jun-22 Balance	Jun-23 Balance	Jun-24 Balance	Jun-25 Balance	EO 1st Qtr	Oct-25 Balance	Nov-25 Balance
Trustee							
Bettman	\$2,227,929	\$2,470,657	\$2,794,919	\$3,074,940	\$3,116,799	\$3,161,829	\$3,167,831
Drabner	\$1,145,614	\$1,280,297	\$1,459,107	\$1,579,007	\$1,547,359	\$1,686,698	\$1,697,449
Fleischmann	\$745,006	\$807,308	\$875,328	\$907,388	\$890,616	\$965,979	\$972,136
Fleischmann	\$2,701,141	\$3,017,938	\$3,156,963	\$3,417,351	\$3,348,948	\$3,732,216	\$3,755,998
Geier	\$1,708,506	\$1,908,824	\$2,175,241	\$2,353,904	\$2,306,812	\$2,514,965	\$2,530,996
Miles-Edwards	\$3,864,459	\$4,245,084	\$5,139,297	\$5,448,247	\$5,427,673	\$5,663,994	\$5,868,097
Levy	\$32,395	\$36,682	\$43,339	\$48,738	\$49,906	\$50,813	\$50,958
Sub-total	\$12,425,051	\$13,766,790	\$15,644,194	\$16,829,577	\$16,688,113	\$17,776,494	\$18,043,464
Beneficiary Only							
Hauck- Sooty Acres	\$486,533	\$502,506	\$542,363	\$566,509	\$590,219	\$594,825	\$597,882
Hauck - Fountain Sq	\$1,380,434	\$1,390,504	\$1,510,557	\$1,582,237	\$1,617,411	\$1,661,260	\$1,669,799
Meyer	\$4,299,811	\$4,476,736	\$4,845,413	\$5,073,835	\$5,288,236	\$5,330,136	\$5,358,138
Sub-total	\$6,166,778	\$6,369,747	\$6,898,333	\$7,222,580	\$7,495,866	\$7,586,221	\$7,625,819
Endowment Total	\$18,591,829	\$20,136,537	\$22,542,527	\$24,052,157	\$24,183,979	\$25,362,715	\$25,669,283
Commissioner Fund 430	\$287,536	\$924,214	\$860,715	\$479,910	\$309,327	\$254,827	\$1,381,195
Commissioner Money Market Acc	\$1,704,458	\$1,488,098	\$1,615,023	\$225,359	\$1,177,497	\$1,341,778	\$573,720
Commissioner Investment Acct	\$3,003,382	\$1,586,535	\$1,663,058	\$1,132,404	\$1,143,115	\$987,417	\$991,280
Total Commissioner Dollars	\$4,995,376	\$3,998,846	\$4,138,796	\$1,837,673	\$2,629,939	\$2,584,022	\$2,946,194
Grand Total	\$23,587,205	\$24,135,383	\$26,681,323	\$25,889,830	\$26,813,918	\$27,946,737	\$28,615,477

Appendix – Fund Descriptions

FUND 318 – SAWYER POINT

“To account for receipts and expenditures in the operation and maintenance of the Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point, including the support of capital improvements, and all monies received from fees and contributions” – 6/18/88

- Appropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - BOV revenue
 - rentals and permits in Bicentennial Commons

FUND 326 – PARK MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND SPECIAL ACTIVITY

“For the purpose of accounting for revenue from various park programs and events for operating expenses related to parks” – 10/30/2018

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Program revenue
 - Event revenue
 - Rentals and permits
 - Concession sales
 - Donations

FUND 327 – W.M. AMPT FREE CONCERTS FUND

“To account for money received as income from Investment of bequest and expenditures for the costs of concerts in various parks” – 7/1/28

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Investment income from endowment

FUND 328 – GROESBECK ENDOWMENT FUND

“To account for money received from the investment of bequest and expenditures for the cost of concerts in Burnet Woods” – 7/1/28

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Investment income from endowment

Appendix – Fund Descriptions

FUND 329 – CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT PARK FUND

“To accept donations, program funds, event funds, lease revenues, and common area maintenance (CAM) income from public and private entities to be used for park operations, maintenance, programs, events, and capital replacement of the Cincinnati Riverfront Park” – 9/22/09

- Appropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Donations
 - Program funds
 - Event funds
 - Lease revenues
 - CAM charges
 - Interest income on the balance of the fund

FUND 330 – PARK LODGE/PAVILION DEPOSITS

“To account for deposits made for the use of the lodges and the expenditure for the maintenance of the lodges, replacements of damages to the lodges and refunds of overages contained in the amounts collected” - 1937

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Donations

FUND 332 – KROHN CONSERVATORY

“To deposit and expend monies collected by the Park Board Volunteers through the Friends of Krohn organization” – 9/14/88

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Krohn gate admissions
 - Krohn gift shop revenue
 - Friends of Krohn memberships

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FUND 428 – URBAN FORESTRY

“To receive funds from the sale of forest products, donations, permit fees, and compensatory payments and to make such expenditures to maintain the Urban Forest Management Program” – 10/14/81

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Revenue from the sale of forest products
 - Donations
 - Permit fees
 - Compensatory Damage Payments

FUND 430 – PARKS PRIVATE ENDOWMENT

“To account for revenue from various private endowments to be used for park operations, maintenance, programs, events, and capital projects at only Parks facilities” – 10/30/18

- Unappropriated Fund
- Unrestricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Endowment distributions

FUND 752 – PARK BOARD PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

“To account for the revenue received from the rental or sale of any park property. Expenditures may be made for maintaining and operating the property, including the payment of taxes, pending the use of the property for park purposes, and purchasing, constructing, or acquiring permanent improvements for park purposes, but only when specifically authorized by ordinance.” – 12/31/52

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Revenue from rental or sale of any park property

FUND 792 – FORESTRY ASSESSMENT

“To account for the deposits and expenditures of the Urban Forestry Program” – 1985

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Assessment revenue

Appendix - Fund Descriptions

Additional Funds supporting Parks Activities:

050 – City of Cincinnati General Fund

- Appropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - City Tax Revenue

107 – Cincinnati Stormwater Fund

- Unappropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - City Stormwater Fees

301 – Street Construction Maintenance

- Appropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Ohio Motorvehicle Tax Revenue

302 – Income Tax Infrastructure

- Appropriated Fund
- Restricted Fund
- Revenue that goes into this account:
 - Income Tax Infrastructure revenue