

## **GREAT PARKS STATEMENT ON FUTURES COMMISSION REPORT**

Great Parks CEO Todd Palmeter offered the following statement about the report from the Cincinnati Futures Commission.

“Great Parks is proud of its existing partnership with the City of Cincinnati at Fernbank Park, Otto Armleder Memorial Park, and the Lunken Trail. We made a commitment in 2002 as part of our 1.0 mil replacement levy to provide additional funds to operate Fernbank and Armleder, including capital improvement costs. Then, in 2022, Great Parks began operating the Lunken Trail to link the Beechmont Bridge Connector Trail and the future Oasis Trail to the City.

“Great Parks engaged the community as part of our comprehensive master plan process in 2019 and is executing on the public’s identified priorities. This funding supports land preservation, law enforcement, day-to-day operations, capital expenditures for critical infrastructure, and park improvements.

“Like others, we are reviewing the Futures Commission’s report today for the first time. We appreciate the valuable work of the Commission to examine these complex issues. We also appreciate the Commission’s acknowledgment that we are good stewards of the public’s resources, effectively and efficiently operating the public’s assets with excellence. We know from our existing partnership with the City that it can work. We are open to exploring opportunities to build upon our relationship with the City in a financially responsible way and look forward to having conversations with Mayor Pureval, Cincinnati Parks’ leadership, City administration, and members of the Futures Commission.”

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