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GREAT PARKS RECEIVES \$500,000 STATE FUNDING FOR GLENWOOD GARDENS TO WINTON WOODS TRAIL

Great Parks will receive \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Clean Ohio Trail Fund program for the planned Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods shared-use trail, a 3.6-mile link between the two major parks that will extend the existing West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail to 9 miles of contiguous trail.

"The Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods Trail is an eagerly anticipated connection and we are excited to build and further expand the network of trails in our region," said Todd Palmeter, Great Parks CEO. "This is the latest example of how we are continuing to leverage public funding support from local taxpayers to create new trail miles, which the public has identified as a top priority."

The Parks and Facilities Master Plan for Great Parks calls for adding 50 miles of internal trails, over 10 miles of new regional trails, plus the development of a 25-mile blueway and trail system along the Great Miami and Whitewater river corridors.

Although the Great Parks destinations of Glenwood Gardens and Winton Woods are adjacent to each other, guests cannot easily connect between the two without first leaving a park. These new miles of trail will extend from the West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail through Glenwood Gardens, joining with the Harbor Loop Trail in Winton Woods. Along the way, users will pass through Forest Park, Greenhills, Woodlawn, and Springfield Township, although the trail will be located entirely on public land or easements.

The new funding from ODNR's Clean Ohio Trail Fund adds to \$6.47 million in state and federal transportation funds obtained previously by Great Parks for this project. Initial construction on Phase 1, which will include linking trail access to public transportation via a bus stop at the intersection of Glendale Milford Road and Springfield Pike, will take place this year.

More information and a proposed map are available online at https://www.greatparks.org/about/projects/glenwood-to-winton-trail.

(Note to editors: Pictures of the Winton Woods Harbor Loop Trail in use are available in <u>this</u> <u>Dropbox folder</u>.)

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