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GREAT PARKS FOREVER GIFT FROM THE FARMER FAMILY FOUNDATION COULD LEAD TO \$7 MILLION IN SUPPORT

Great Parks Forever, the philanthropic partner of Great Parks, has received a \$3 million gift from The Farmer Family Foundation, plus a matching gift of up to \$2 million that, together with community donations to secure the full match amount, could push the total value to \$7 million. Funds will be applied to projects such as new trails, new park facilities and amenities and improved access to conservation areas as prioritized by members of the public in their vision for Great Parks' future.

"We are grateful to The Farmer Family Foundation not only for this generous gift but also for their leadership in inviting others to join in creating the park system the community has asked for," said Tom Carleton, chief of philanthropy, Great Parks. "Great Parks is following through on the commitment to leverage both taxpayer funding and private philanthropy to allow us to achieve the ambitious goals outlined in our Comprehensive Master Plan while ensuring community involvement and support."

The Farmer Family Foundation matching gift will be available through June 30, 2025.

"We are excited to partner with Great Parks in its efforts to make our region a vibrant place to live, learn, work and play," said Scott Farmer, trustee, The Farmer Family Foundation. "We are impressed with the projects that prioritize health and well-being for families and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations. We hope our match encourages others to support this valuable community asset."

This announcement adds to previous major gifts to Great Parks Forever, with recent support coming from the James J. and Joan A. Gardner Family Foundation, Bob and Jeanne Coughlin Foundation, the Harold C. Schott Foundation and United Dairy Farmers. These gifts, from leading philanthropic organizations in the region, have set the stage for leveraging private support of the Comprehensive Master Plan in a truly meaningful way.

Great Parks Forever has an ambitious goal to raise \$50 million to supplement taxpayer funding and enable major initiatives now moving forward from the Comprehensive Master Plan. These include the addition of 50+ internal trail miles and 10+ regional trail miles through projects such as the Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods Trail and the Oasis Trail. Additional examples are the planned Woodland Mound Nature & Education Center, improvements to the Shaker Trace

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Nursery and the future 10,000 square foot destination playground at Sharon Woods. Many more projects are planned, with updates available at greatparks.org/projects.

More information about Great Parks Forever is available at greatparksforever.org or by contacting Tom Carleton, Great Parks chief of philanthropy, at tcarleton@greatparks.org.

(Note to editors: Pictures of Scott Farmer and Tom Carleton are available [in this Dropbox folder](#).)

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About Great Parks

Great Parks' mission is to preserve and protect natural resources and to provide outdoor recreation and education in order to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations. For additional information, visit www.greatparks.org or call 513-521-7275. Great Parks Forever, the philanthropic partner of Great Parks, translates an early conservation promise into everyday experiences and lasting legacies. For additional information, please visit GreatParksForever.org.

About The Farmer Family Foundation

The Farmer Family Foundation is diligent in identifying programs with the potential to make a significant impact and transform peoples' lives. The focus is on philanthropic investments that meet essential community needs and those that ensure Greater Cincinnati is thriving. The Foundation prioritizes investments in efforts that enhance K-12 education for at-risk individuals and enable economic self-sufficiency. Beyond the greater Cincinnati area, investments are selectively made to support health care research. Trustees – Joyce B. Farmer, Brynne F. and Bob Coletti, Scott and Mary Farmer, Amy F. and George Joseph.

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