

ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Hello friends,

Please take a few minutes to read through our Stark Parks 2024 Annual Report. Last year was amazing for us. We improved our operational processes to become more efficient with the resources you entrust to us. As a staff, I believe we have come together since many of us were

adjusting to new positions and new responsibilities. We invested in our parks and trails to improve maintenance and elevate user experiences. We protected our native animals and we restored important environmental features at parks like Fry Family Park and Tam O'Shanter. Making our parks and trails more accessible and durable has been an important priority as was demonstrated by the paving of 3 miles of the Middle Branch Trail. Organizations like Friends of Stark Parks and the Quail Hollow Volunteer Association did an amazing job of supporting our mission and endeavors. We enjoyed working with our fellow park and recreation partners at the cities, villages, and townships around Stark County. Last year was a truly successful year and we are honored to serve you at Stark Parks.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Moeglin".

Dan Moeglin
Executive Director



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



L-R: Ralph Dublikar (Vice Chair) Susan Clark Chaddock, Bill Bryan (Chair), Katie Cerrone, David Regula

Our Mission: Stark Parks mission is to preserve, manage, and connect natural areas to serve the community through recreation, conservation and education.

ABOUT STARK PARKS

- 15 Parks
- 4 Lakes
- 125+ Miles of Hiking, Biking & Equestrian Trails
- 4 Historic Properties
- 6,800 Acres of Natural Areas
- Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Educational Programming



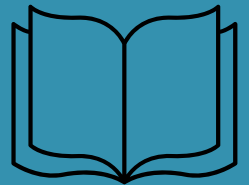
BY THE NUMBERS



1,656 trees planted



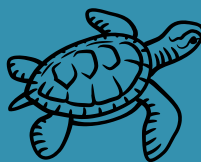
19,499 event/program attendees



Over 225,000 magazines distributed



Over 16,000 hours of volunteer service



535 animals treated and released to wild



26,809 Ranger Patrol Hours

PROJECTS



MIDDLE BRANCH TRAIL

- Paved 3-mile trail from 55th Street to Colonial Blvd
- Funded by Carbon Reduction funds
- Administered by ODOT



DEER CREEK RESERVOIR

- New ADA kayak launch installed
- Funded by Friends of Stark Parks, Stark County Ski Club and various individual donors



CRYSTAL SPRINGS TRAILHEAD

- Accessible improvements made at trailhead
- Added picnic tables and new signage
- Funded by Ohio & Erie Canalway Assoc.

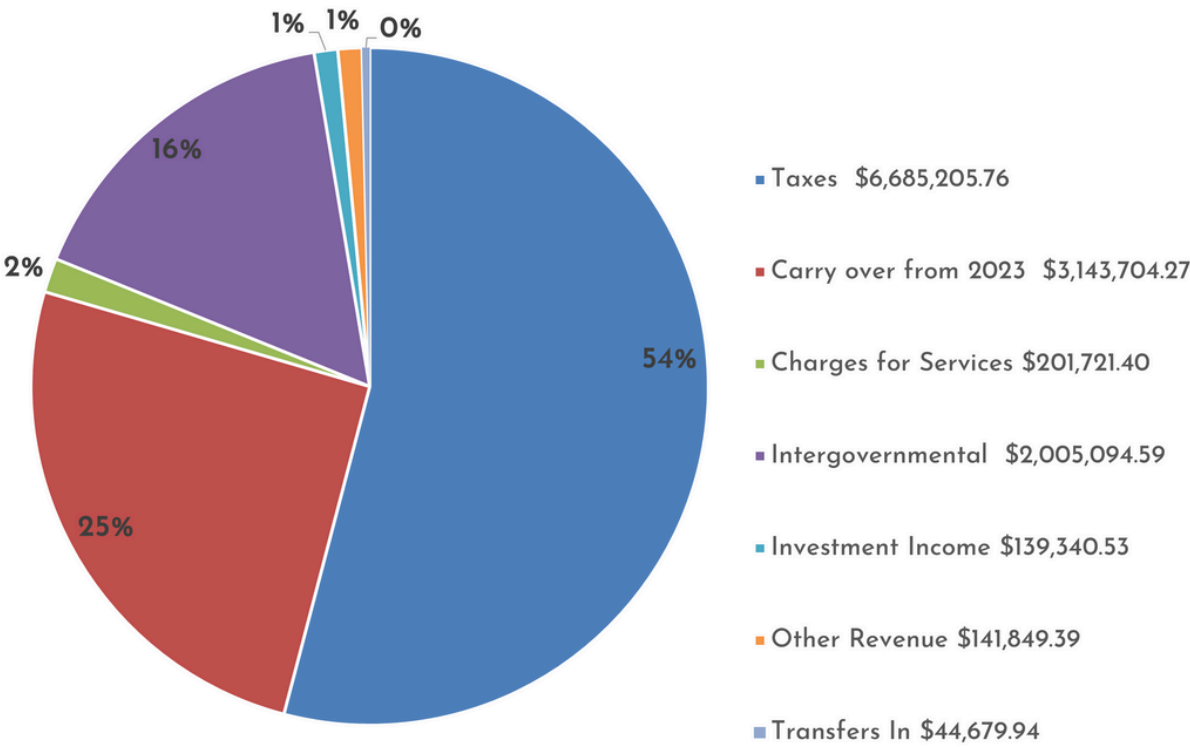
Additional projects include:

- Sitework for Tam O'Shanter & new access road
- Pike Ridge Park parking lot
- Sippo Valley Trail bridge repair
- Middle Branch Trail Fountains at Edgewood extension
- Nimisila Creek Diversion Structure
- ADA assessment tool

FINANCIALS

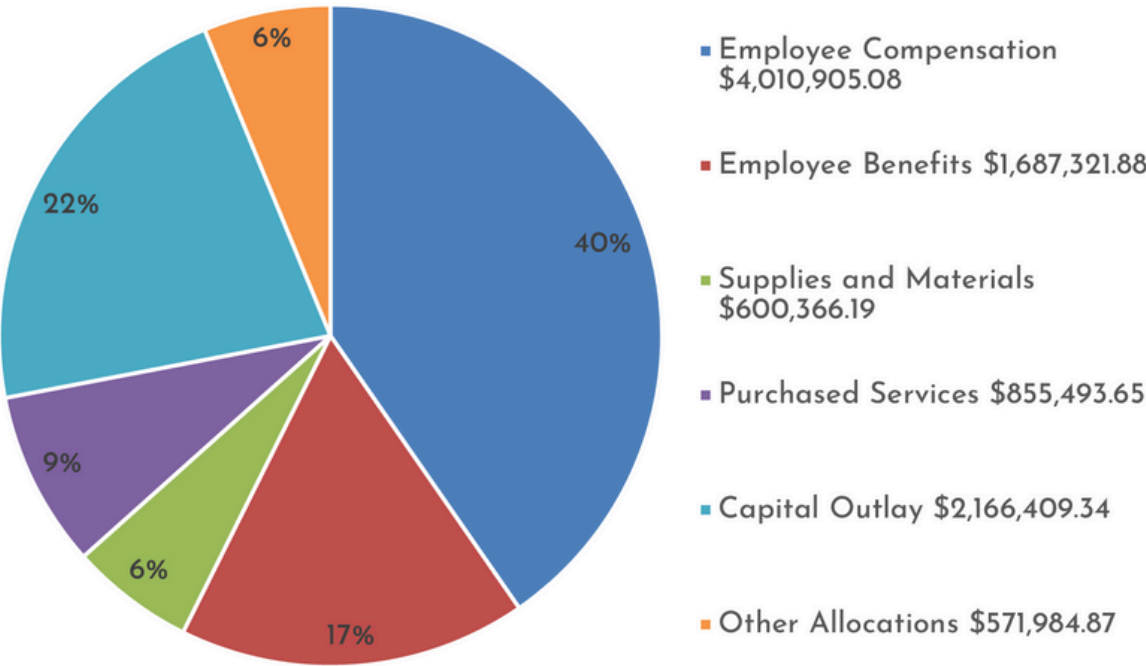
2024 REVENUE

Total Revenue
\$12,361,595.88



2024 EXPENSES

Total Expenses
\$9,937,160.95



GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

**Nearly \$6,000,000
in Grant
Funding Received**

**Includes \$2,300,000
for Molly Stark Park
Demolition**

**Sponsorships for
Summer and Fall Fests**

**Aqua Ohio
Massillon Cable TV
Kenan Advantage Group
Eslich Wrecking
SACS Consulting**

**Sponsorships for
Summer Serenades**

**ArtsInStark
Friends of Stark Parks
Rotary Clubs of Stark
County
Visit Canton**

**Non-profit
Partner Support**

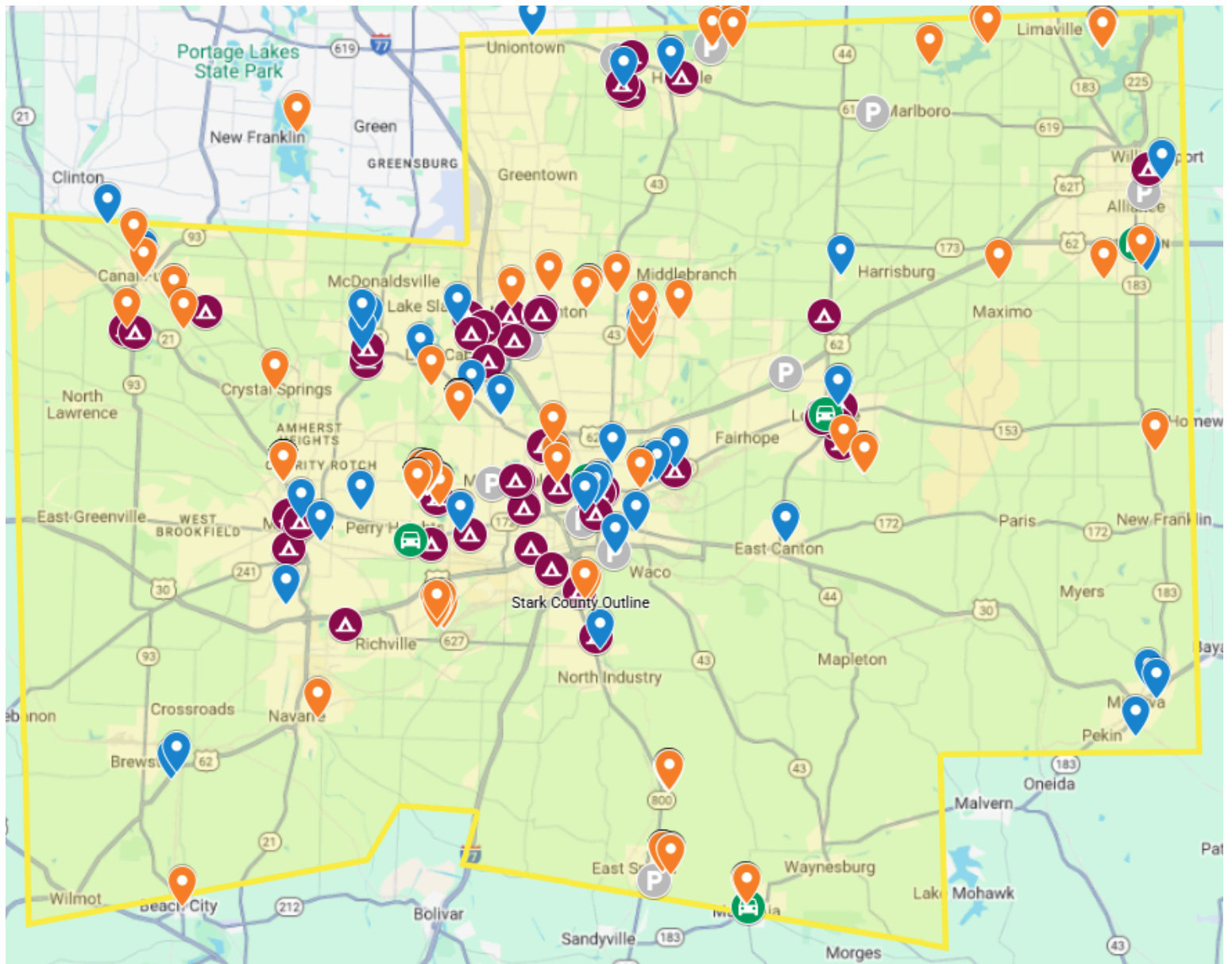
Friends of Stark Parks

**Quail Hollow
Volunteer Association**

***organizations primary mission is to support
Stark Parks projects and programs**

COMMUNITY REACH

-  Community Events
-  Parades
-  Requested Programs
-  Public Programs & Volunteer Projects



HIGHLIGHTS



AWARD WINNING MARINAS

Sippo Lake and Walborn Reservoir Marinas were recertified in 2024 as Ohio Clean Marinas. Walborn also received “gold” status.



MEET MAVERICK

Long-time K9 ranger, Gunnar retired in 2024 after nearly 11 years of service. With his retirement came the addition of Maverick. He is training in tracking, article search, and narcotics.



SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

- Collected over 14,000 pounds of e-waste
- Installed three additional e-waste bins
- Partnered with The Onion Bag Litter Prevention Project
- Added/collected over 9,000 compost



TRAIL WORK

- Sippo Valley Trail repairs and bridge work
- Pike Ridge Park trail routes
- Completed Fountains of Edgewood Trail Construction

PEOPLE & PROGRAMS

