

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



Sunrise Over Pike Ridge Park - Jeff Seifert



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Hello friends,

In 2025, Stark Parks continued its commitment to enriching the quality of life in Stark County by conserving and connecting our natural and cultural resources. We enhanced recreation opportunities, advanced conservation efforts, and expanded educational programs that serve residents and visitors alike. In 2025, our parks and trails had over 1.5 million visits!

These accomplishments were made possible through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and community

supporters. Together, we strengthened connections to nature, created meaningful experiences, and ensured our parks remain accessible and welcoming to all. As we look ahead, we remain focused on stewardship, innovation, and community engagement. Thank you for supporting Stark Parks and helping us create lasting value for our community.



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Dan Moeglin
Executive Director

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Park Commissioners is five-member body appointed by Judge Curt Werren, Stark County Court of Common Pleas Probate Division. Board members are volunteers who serve three-year terms.



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

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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

Legend

1-13 Towpath Trailheads

- 1 Canal Bend
- 2 Craig Pittman
- 3 Wooster St.
- 4 John Glenn Grove
- 5 Massillon Rec. Center
- 6 Lake Ave
- 7 Bridgeport Quarry
- 8 40 Corners
- 9 Crystal Springs
- 10 Butterbridge Rd
- 11 Lock 4
- 12 St. Helena Heritage Park
- 13 Lake Lucerne

Map is not to scale

Hours:
Parks are open 24 hours a day, unless noted otherwise.




BY THE NUMBERS

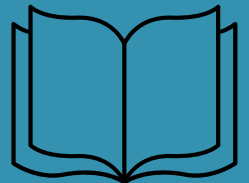
📷 Amy O'Donnell



**3,550 hours of
water rentals***



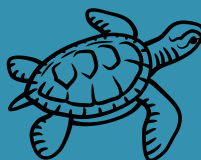
**25,644 event/program
attendees**



**Over 225,000 magazines
distributed**



**Over 18,000 hours of
volunteer service**



**1,417 animals
treated**



**23,201 Ranger
Patrol Hours**

*Nearly 10,000 paying marina guests with 84% from Stark County

PROJECTS

\$4.6 million awarded to support park improvements!



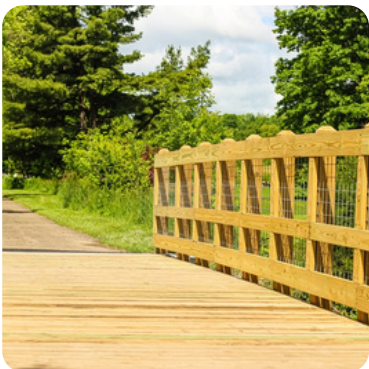
TAM O' SHANTER PARK

- New flushable public restrooms and parking
- Upgraded trail work with new paved section
- Hosted dedication in 2025



PETROS LAKE PARK

- Installed new flushable restrooms that will be available year-round
- Removed invasive callery pear and maintenance of overall invasives



SIPPO VALLEY TRAIL BRIDGES

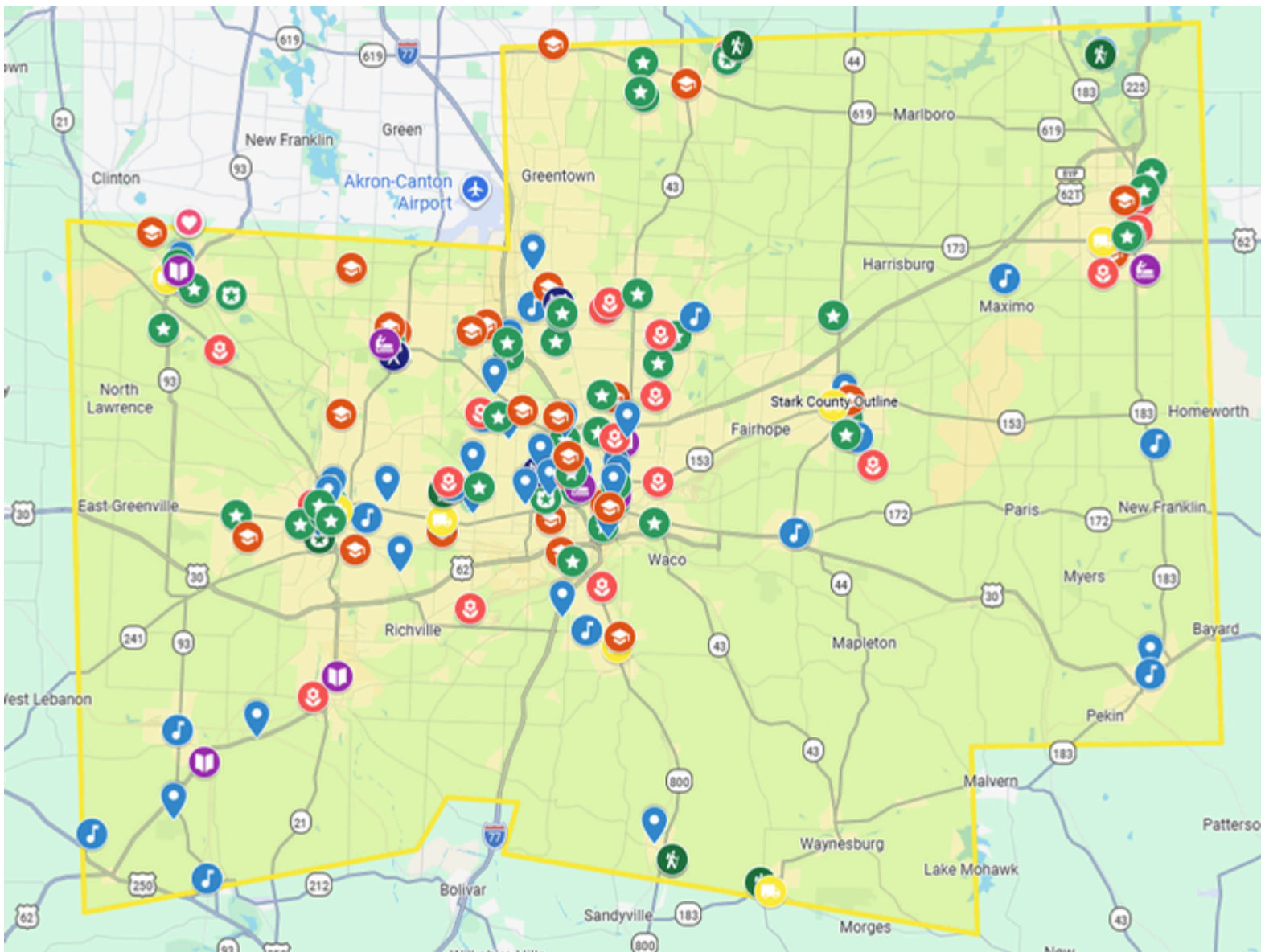
- Replaced bridge #7 and #11
- Hosted bridge dedication in 2025 to honor donors including Friends of Stark Parks

Additional projects include:

- Demolition work at Molly Stark and Quail Hollow Parks
- Fry Family Park chip and seal trail from Visitor Center to bridge; reforestation work
- 10-year comprehensive plan public meetings
- Trail user county and accessibility needs study completed
- Launched new StarkParks.com website

COMMUNITY REACH

- ★ Community Engagement/Ranger Events
- 📍 Requested Education Programs
- 🎵 Special Events
- 🚗 Community Parades
- 👤 Volunteer Groups



HIGHLIGHTS



PIKE RIDGE PARK

- The newest park opened in April 2025
- Park located in Pike Township on 520 acres featuring rustic hiking and equestrian trails



SIPPO LAKE PARK BRIDGE

- Pedestrian bridge at Sippo Lake Park damaged from arson
- Community support helped with rebuilding of the bridge; completed in fall 2025



AMBASSADOR ANIMALS

- New ambassadors - Girlfriend (coyote), Obi-One (long-eared owl), Garbanzo Bean (striped skunk) & more!
- Lost long-time ambassador Jade (red fox), Big Brown Bats & American Toad



PUBLIC PROGRAMS

- Fall Fest at Tam O'Shanter - 2,000 people
- Discovery Days community events
- December Fest holiday events
- Summer Serenades - over 1,000 people

VOLUNTEERS



Over 800 volunteers dedicated 18,000 hours to in 2025 saving the Park District nearly \$200,000.

Trailblazers spent over 2,400 hours on the trails and 33 groups from around the county offered their help with various projects.



Wildlife Center volunteers spent 8,500+ hours caring for animals this year!

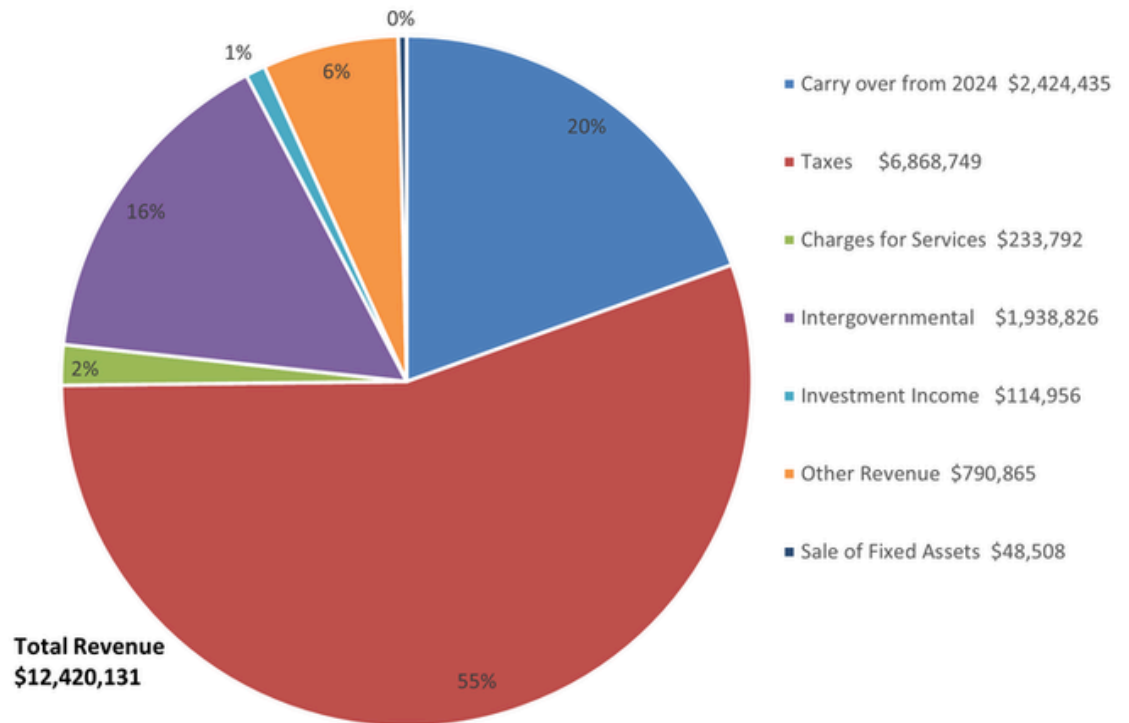
Volunteers removed nearly 2,500 pounds of garlic mustard from various parks and spent 72 hours removing invasive privet from Sippo Lake Park.



FeLeap volunteers made 40 appearances around the county and Education volunteers assisted with 96 programs that welcomed nearly 6,500 attendees!

FINANCIALS

2025 Revenue



2025 EXPENSES

