



FRIENDS OF EATON COUNTY PARKS

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Dear Friends of Eaton County Parks,

This is our annual request to ask you to renew your membership and for non-member on our mailing list to consider membership. **Thanks to all of you who have supported our efforts to partner with staff to maintain our parks and look for ways of improving them.**

This past year has been focused on working with the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission and park staff to explore the creation of a countywide park millage. Our board strongly believes that this is crucial if we are going to adequately fund our parks and develop our latest gem, Crandell Park. Although we were able to partner in developing a millage plan and obtained its approval by the Park Commission, the effort stalled out about the same time as the coronavirus hit us and the county commission expressed concerns about this being the right time for a new millage effort. **This initiative remains our number one priority as a board.**

Membership donations and our annual fundraiser have continued to provide money to provide children the opportunity to enjoy and learn about natural wonders within our parks either through camp scholarships or transportation to attend Annie's big Nature Lesson. And, of course, our board and volunteers continue to help monitor and maintain our trail systems. We also are encouraging the funding of **memorial benches** and if you are interested please let us know either on the membership form or by calling or writing. We have included a copy of our latest brochure to review and pass on. If you are a new member, please use the application on the brochure so we can obtain your address and other pertinent information.

For Our Parks,

Riley Spayde, President

Reminder: Don't forget to visit the park's website at www.EatonCountyParks.org and their link to The Friends. Also, please be sure we are in your address book so you can receive our monthly updates.