



**FROM THE DIRECTOR  
& OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**ST. JOHN’S MILL RIVER ACCESS:**

The gravel parking lot is in, but waiting for the final compaction which was delayed due to the rainy weather the end of December.

**FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE:**

Staff are adding insulation and shelving to the 4-bay garage.

**BOWEN NATURE PRESERVE:**

Storm window fabrication continues as does restroom repairs in the Beard House at Bowen Nature Preserve.

**BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY PROPERTY:**

Black Swamp Conservancy is seeing out the H2Ohio project with the wetland restoration contractors. The property is located on W SR 12, about 1.4 miles southwest of Bettsville.

This property is still planned to be turned over to the Seneca Parks after the monitoring and preliminary management contract expires with the restoration contractors in another year.

Site amenity planning will continue, including the addition of a trail system, with hopes of opening the park for visitors in a couple years, as additional grants will be sought for these improvements.

**2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE:**

Planning and preparations continue for this special event.

**2023 PARK IMPACTS:**

The annual summary of park impacts is attached.

**FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**PUBLIC PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION, & PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY**

**Special Request Outreach Programs & Events**

In addition to the regularly schedule Park programs, listed below are other agencies who received programming opportunities from the Seneca Parks in December:

- Bellevue Preschools (2)
- Christmas Parade
- ECI (1)
- Fostoria City Preschools (4)
- Fostoria YMCA (1)
- GLCAP Fostoria (2)
- GLCAP Tiffin (1)
- Lincoln Preschools (6)
- New Riegel Elementary Nature Club
- Seneca Co Homeschoolers (1)
- Seneca East Preschool (2)
- Wesley Center (1)
- Winter Camp

**GENERAL PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS:**

	Dec (2022)	Total
Programs	38 (33)	440 (418)
Participants	550 (485)	9061 (6385)

**Updates from Linda at the Board meeting about:**

- Winter Camp
- Winter Bird Count
- SNP Hunter survey: summary is attached. Hunters are required to fill out the form when hunting on the property; hunting is permitted November 1 – January 31, and following all associated ODNR State of Ohio hunting regulations.

*Happy New Year!*