

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR - 2/13/2024

FROM THE DIRECTOR & OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

ST. JOHN'S MILL RIVER ACCESS:

The gravel parking lot is completed. Pavement will be added as funding allows.

FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE:

Major Contributors in December & January:

AEP Foundation - \$5,000
Greater Fostoria Community Foundation (Robert & Betty Watson Fund & Ashland Farms Fund) - \$4,200

Journey Financial Solutions - \$2,000 Anthony Paradiso & DeAnn Krauss - \$1,000

Thank you for your generous support!

Contributions will continue to be accepted until the goal is met, with ground-breaking planned as soon as construction funding is in place. Just over \$300,000 is still needed to begin construction.

Donors giving \$250 or more will be recognized on the permanent donor appreciation wall inside the Nature Education Center – the larger the donation, the greater the recognition for your thoughtful contribution that will benefit the community for many generations to come.

See all who have contributed so far - the current list of donors is available to view online. Contributions can also be made online through the parks website anytime.

COMMUNITY PARK GRANTS PROGRAM:

The fourth Community Park Grants Program announcement was sent out to community park administrators in January. We are looking forward to receiving applications by noon on May 1, 2024.

If there have been contact changes for agencies who normally receive this announcement (and did not receive it in January) those agencies should contact the park office for the information.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION, & PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY

FEBRUARY – MAY PROGRAM GUIDE is now available on-line.

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 January:

Bellevue Preschools (2)
Fostoria City Preschools (4)
Fostoria YMCA (1)
Lincoln Preschools (6)
Seneca Co Homeschoolers (1)
Seneca East Preschool (2)
Sentinel—Family Learning Center (2)
Wesley Center (1)
ECI (1), GLCAP Fostoria (2), GLCAP Tiffin (1) cancelled due to school closing

GENERAL PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS:

	Jan (2023)	Total
Programs	29 (26)	29 (26)
Participants	393 (283)	393 (283)

View other upcoming programs at www.SenecaCountyParks.com

2024 WORK SESSION:

The Board & Staff had a work session on January 24 at GHNP. It included an introductory overview of each park, current plan status, and discussion of the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse in April. At least one other Board/Staff work session will likely occur this year.