



# August 2024 Operations Department Report

## BOWEN NATURE PRESERVE

- Work continues on the 1872 Beard House and grounds (check out during tour following meeting)
  - More windows replaced, reglazed, repainted, and wood fill
  - Interior cleaning
  - Exterior scrubbing and power washing, removing vines and root systems that had attached to bricks and mortar
  - New park sign installation
  - Recontouring landscape
  - Windmill installation



## CLARY-BOULEE-MCDONALD NATURE PRESERVE

- We are still waiting on the survey description correction from the surveyor, so we can proceed with the property acquisition
- In the meantime, we are beginning to manage invasives on site
- Gates will be placed this fall to manage lot use throughout the year.
- The Parks had been hopeful to have possession of the property by now to be able to institute a local hunting lottery for the site for this upcoming season. Unfortunately, since the property description correction has delayed the property transfer now for several months, the site will remain closed through the winter with NO hunting permitted for this upcoming 2024-2025 hunting season.

## ST. JOHN'S MILL RIVER ACCESS

- Parking lot asphalt laid and lines painted, providing 15 spaces
- Our staff will be backfilling around the edge and placing the entry sign this year



### **FORREST NATURE PRESERVE**

- Some vandalism in July occurred in both the lower and upper activity areas

### **MERCY COMMUNITY NATURE PRESERVE**

- Hawk Tree Service donated their services to drop a dangerous tree that was hanging over the trail
- Met with Mercy Health staff regarding illegal dumping and encroachment of the Hospital property in the Nature Preserve area

### **STEYER NATURE PRESERVE**

- Two memorial benches placed by river
- Site preparations for Fun in the Sun Family Fun Spectacular at Steyer



### **OPPORTUNITY PARK**

- Dead pine was removed
- Next phase – discussions are taking place to create a layout for the next section of trails that will be added to the park, around the sledding hill area
- This park has also been discussed as a possible location for the Seneca County Bicentennial sculpture location

### **ALL AREAS**

- Daily schedules are monopolized by mowing, weed control, trimming, and daily maintenance.