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\$120 Million MWCD Master Plan Supports Regional Economic Development

The \$120 million multiyear Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) capital improvement plan is well on its way as over \$41 million has been expended in planning, design, and construction of projects. Responsible stewardship of MWCD oil and gas resources has resulted in a master plan to invest in capital improvements at the MWCD parks and recreational facilities. In 2013 the MWCD Board of Directors approved the \$120 million facilities and infrastructure upgrade program for the five major MWCD parks (Atwood, Charles Mill, Pleasant Hill, Seneca and Tappan) and included Piedmont Marina and campground.

The MWCD upgrades to the parks has infused significant dollars into local and regional businesses. The impressive scorecard of businesses positively affected by the MWCD master plan to date includes the following:

- 11 prime engineering, architectural or surveying firms from Ohio have been engaged in programming, planning, preliminary design, final design and limited construction services.
- 2 geotechnical firms, both with offices in Ohio, hold contracts for services as needed for design and construction testing services.



Ohio designers and contractors are putting the final design plans together for ten new cabins at Pleasant Hill Lake Park shown here.



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Stark County Resident Newest Addition to MWCD Board of Directors



The 2017-2018 five-member MWCD Board of Directors includes (front) President Clark Sprang from Holmes County, Vice-President Robert Moorehead from Guernsey County (rear), Steve Paquette from Stark County, Joanne Limbach from Tuscarawas County, and Gordon Maupin from Wayne County.

Stephen Paquette of Stark County was appointed to a five-year term to the Board of Directors by the 18-member panel of judges of the Conservancy Court in 2017. Paquette retired from the Stark Development Board after a 27-year career with the organization. As the top executive of the Stark Development Board, Paquette was instrumental in promoting economic development of not only Stark County, but also promoting the Northeast Ohio region. Mr. Paquette has served in leadership positions in many northeast Ohio economic development organizations including Team NEO, MAGNET and NEOTEC and also served his community as the Chairman of the Annual Fund Drive for the United Way of Greater Stark County.

Before moving to Stark County, Paquette spent 17 years in economic development services in Arizona where he was honored with many awards including Developer of the Year and being named as a Fellow and Honorary Life Member by the International Economic Development Council. Mr. Paquette is a graduate of the University of Arizona where he earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a major in Area Development. He is also a graduate of the Industrial Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma.

Paquette joins the four other Board members in leading the District in the mission of being "Responsible stewards providing the benefits of flood reduction, conservation and recreation in the Muskingum River Watershed".

Outdoor Amphitheater Now Part of MWCD Assets

In 2004 MWCD leased 45 acres of wooded property to a non-profit group, Johnny Appleseed Heritage Center, who had a vision and plan to honor the legend of John Chapman through an outdoor drama production. John Chapman was the legendary Johnny Appleseed that roamed parts of Ohio that included areas near MWCD's Charles Mill Lake in the Ashland and Richland county areas.

The non-profit group secured funding to construct and operate a beautiful 1700-seat outdoor amphitheater along with constructing a smaller complimentary facility housing a 1000-seat indoor auditorium. The wooded setting was perfect for the mission of the group and enhanced the experience of those attending the outdoor drama.

The non-profit group lost part of its major funding source, struggled for a few years and eventually requested MWCD to take ownership of the facilities. The transfer of the ownership and operation to MWCD was finalized in October 2017. MWCD is actively pursuing a partner or partners to program or re-purpose the Johnny Appleseed Outdoor Drama Center.

Highlights of the newly acquired facility include:

- Outstanding acoustics throughout the 1,700-seat outdoor amphitheater
- 100-seat indoor auditorium with individual writing surfaces and built in projector
- Parking for 500 vehicles
- Nestled in mature wooded setting
- Beautiful architectural details found throughout the facilities

Initial efforts to re-purpose the facilities included a brainstorming session with community leaders from Ashland and Richland counties to identify organizations that may benefit and have an interest in programming at the facility. Potential uses of the facilities include, but are not limited to:

- Outdoor concert and drama productions
- Day camps
- Corporate and leadership training using the 100-seat auditorium
- Environmental programming

For more information regarding the opportunities to use these outstanding facilities contact the MWCD main office at 330-343-6647.



The Johnny Appleseed outdoor Amphitheatre accommodates 1,700 seats and has outstanding acoustics



The 100-seat indoor auditorium is perfect for corporate training, education, and other presentations.



The Johnny Appleseed statue greets visitors.

\$120 Million MWCD Master Plan

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- 14 different prime contractors received a lowest and best bid contract for construction. 12 of these companies are headquartered in the MWCD 18-county region, one company is from West Virginia and one company is from Pennsylvania.
 - Each prime contractor has approximately 10 subcontractors who are typically from the MWCD 18-county region. It is estimated that at least 140 subcontractors have been engaged in Master Plan construction.
 - Each prime contractor has a lengthy list of material suppliers who are typically from the MWCD 18-county region.
 - 3 companies, all with offices in Ohio, have been hired to assist with construction observation and construction administration services.
- The \$120 million committed to this phase of the master plan not only leaves a legacy of improved facilities at the MWCD parks and campsites but also boosts the local and regional economies.

Piedmont Marina



Pleasant Hill Lake Park



Pleasant Hill Lake Park Area 22 has 56 new campsites ready for occupancy.

Over \$41 million has been infused into the regional economy through the Master Plan.

MWCD Master Plan Projects Completed

All Parks	Utilities and Infrastructure Assessments Park Aerial Mapping Conceptual Design Plans
Atwood Lake Park	All Purpose Trail, Phase 1 All Purpose Trail, and Bridge, Phase 2 Beach Seawall Welcome Center Amphitheater Trail Lighting Sanitary Sewer Main
Charles Mill Lake Park	Boat Storage Gravel Lot
Piedmont Marina	Dock Access Drop Off Exterior and Interior Marina Renovations
Pleasant Hill	Activities Center Addition and Park Offices Upgrades
Seneca Lake Park	Beach Concession Stand Building
Tappan Lake Park	West Campground Culvert East Campground Sanitary Sewer Improvements East Campground Shower House and Laundry

Seneca Lake Park



The Seneca Beach Concession Stand is ready for the 2018 recreation season.



Contractors worked through the winter at the Seneca Main campground on the 107 new full service utility hook-up lots.

Atwood Lake Park



This Fall photo shows 142 campsites at Atwood are nearing completion.



Rave reviews came from campers who used the new campsites in Area 20 during the Alive Festival.

Tappan Lake Park



The new Tappan Lake Park East Campground restroom is ADA accessible, has a family restroom/shower room and has coin-operated laundry facilities.

MWCD Master Plan Projects Under Construction

Park Location	Project Description	Number of Campsites
Atwood Lake Park	Area 20 RV Campground	132 Lots
	Area 4 and 8 Main Campground Improvements Special Events Parking Lot	66 new lots, 40 renovated lots
Charles Mill Lake Park	Water and Wastewater Utility Improvements Area 2a Main Campground Redevelopment, Phase 1	91 lots
Piedmont Marina	Area 10 N Marina Campground Renovation Electric Utility Improvements	31 lots
Pleasant Hill Lake Park	Area 22 RV Campground Sanitary Collection Improvements Area 10S and 9 RR Campground Redevelopment	56 lots 45 lots
Seneca Lake Park	Areas 13, 9 and 21 Main Campground	107 lots
Tappan Lake Park	Area 2 Campground Renovation, Phase 1 Beach Courtesy Dock Area 23, 24 and 29 East Campground	66 lots 74 lots

Lake Recharge Schedules Identified

As part of the flood risk management operation of the reservoirs and dams in the Muskingum River Watershed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts annual temporary drawdown of the normal pool elevation of the MWCD lakes. Shoreline and boat launch projects along with lake clean-up efforts were completed in this last round of winter drawdown. Shoreline stabilization and construction projects completed during the 2017-2018 drawdown include:

- Charles Mill – completion of the boat launch ramp replacement
- Seneca Lake – 4 shoreline stabilization projects at Hickory Grove and Cadillac Lane areas
- Tappan Lake – 2 shoreline stabilization projects located at the Tappan Highlands area

The temporary 2017-2018 drawdown and recharge dates and lake levels are as follows:

Reservoir	Normal Pool Elevation	Winter Pool Elevation	Total Drawdown (feet)	Initiate Refill Date	Intermediate Refill Elevation by March 15, 2018 Unless Noted
Atwood	928.00	923.00	5.0	February 1	926.00
Charles Mill	997.00	992.00	5.0	February 15	995.00
Clendening	898.00	893.00	5.0	February 1	896.00
Leesville	963.00	958.00	5.0	February 22	961.00 by March 22
Piedmont	913.00	908.00	5.0	February 1	911.00
Pleasant Hill	1020.00	1014.00	6.0	February 1	1018.00
Seneca	832.20	824.20	8.0	March 1	830.20 by March 22
Tappan	899.30	891.30	8.0	February 15	897.30

Lake enthusiasts can find real time lake levels online at <http://www.lrh-wc.usace.army.mil/wm/?basin/mus>.



Seneca Lake Park members were part of the MWCD team that retrieved an impressive total of 647 tires from MWCD lakes during Thanksgiving week during the winter drawdown.

MWCD Main Office Annex Recently Purchased and Occupied

Part of the MWCD Main Office operations has recently moved into a permanent home after leasing space for the past three years. Engineering, Field Services and part of Recreation operations have moved into a 2-year-old facility located at 2050 Reiser Ave SE in New Philadelphia. This location is referred to as Main Office Annex. MWCD took title on the building and the 5.2-acre tract and then completed renovations in October. Renovations included converting the unfinished second floor space into offices and expanding the parking lot. Useable floor space is now over 11,000 square feet. This location accommodates not only offices for personnel but also has a large garage necessary to service the MWCD fleet of vehicles and construction equipment. The building also has a large conference area which will be used to host future Board of Directors' meetings which are open to the public. Board meeting dates, locations and minutes are found on the website at www.mwcd.org. Operations which remain at the Main Office at 1319 Third Street NW in New Philadelphia include Recreation Leases, Docking, Conservation and Administration which encompasses Finance, Human Resources, Safety, and Information Services and Technology. To reach personnel in both the Main Office and Main Office Annex, customers can continue to use the single main office phone number at 330-343-6647 or toll free at 877-363-8500.



Main Office | 1319 Third St. NW | New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Where you can find MWCD Administration, Recreation Leases, Docking and Conservation.



Main Office Annex | 2050 Reiser Ave. SE | New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Where you can find MWCD Engineering, Field Services, Recreation Parks, Marinas, and Law Enforcement.

2018 Recreation Rates Approved



2018 camping and cabin rental rates have been determined. Reservations can be made at www.mwcd.org. The campsite shown is a daily - new renovated standard full hook-up lot at Atwood Lake Park.

Camping, marina and docking rates for 2018 were approved by the MWCD Board of Directors at the November meeting. Newly renovated full utility hook-up lots are available for daily rental at Atwood Lake Park, Piedmont Marina and Pleasant Hill Lake Park. All parks and marinas provide unrenovated lots with partial or full utility hookups for daily, 30-day or seasonal rentals. 10% discounts for senior citizens, active military and veterans are available. In addition, former Prisoners of War and 100% disabled veterans receive 50% discounts.

Rates were also established for the following services at select parks and marinas:

- Kayak, paddle boat and pontoon boat rentals
- Shelter rentals
- Cabin and motel rentals

Camping and cabin rates are found on the MWCD website at www.mwcd.org/upload/camp_rate_brochure_for_web.pdf.

Plan and Reserve Your Summer Fun Now!

www.mwcd.org

2017 MWCD Awards and Acknowledgements



AWARDED BY	AWARD/RECIPIENT
Tuscarawas Soil and Water Conservation District	MWCD named Conservation Partner of the Year
Water Management Association of Ohio	Dave Kopchak, Chippewa Subdistrict Technician of the Year
Ohio Auditor of State	Exemplary Financial Reporting for FY 2016
Cambridge Area Chamber	Snazzy Award Seneca Park Beach Concession Stand
Carroll County Chamber	Golden Shovel Atwood Welcome Center
Leadership Stark County	Barb Bennett 30 Faces of 30 Years of Leadership



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Our Values

Service

We take the extra step to understand the needs of our customers, external stakeholders and each other, focusing on solutions to provide the best experience possible

Team work

We leverage our collective knowledge and work as a team together to advance our mission and improve the organization

Excellence

What we do, we do well, keeping our standards of service and our work performance at a high level

With integrity

We work with each other, our customers and partners openly and sincerely in an ethical and professional manner

Accountability

We do what we say we are going to do with a positive attitude and a willingness to grow, learn and challenge ourselves and each other

Respect

We treat others with courtesy and dignity as we would like to be treated

Dedication

We have passion for our mission and are committed to our work and the role we play in the organization

Safety

We foster a culture of safety to ensure protection of our customers, our partners and each other

MWCD Values Approved by Board

The Board recently approved eight main values that exemplify the manner in which MWCD staff does and will operate in relationship with MWCD customers, with each other and with partner agencies. The anachronism used by staff is **STEWARDS**, which directly correlates to the essence of the mission of MWCD.

Mission

Responsible stewards dedicated to providing the benefits of flood reduction, conservation and recreation in the Muskingum River watershed.