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Executive Director Report

Reflecting on 2024, I am proud to share we had marked growth, adapted to a variety of adverse weather conditions and operational challenges, and collaborated to implement forward-thinking solutions to strengthen the Conservancy and our communities throughout the Watershed. As you can expect, our growth centered on our core missions of flood mitigation, recreation, and conservation, advancing each in ways that we have never done before, and that is exciting.

REIMAGINING RECREATION

2024 brought exciting developments in reimagining recreation. This strategic focus is aimed at expanding recreational offerings. We significantly renovated the Atwood Lake Park Activity Center, built our first splash pad at Seneca Lake Park (already a family favorite) and completed the Tappan Lake Park Welcome Center, improving visitor experience with a business center, and a welcoming atmosphere. We have also added sports courts at several locations, a BMX bike pump track, and new trails – all areas where you have asked us to expand and improve.

Additionally, we are exploring new opportunities to expand camping and lodging options. You will soon see unique accommodations like treehouses, glamping sites, and new camping areas at several of our parks. We continue to read the market and adapt to the recreational interests of our guests. These new camping types are non-traditional, but we feel it will bring new visitors to enjoy our parks, marinas, and lakes.

EXPANDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We expanded our efforts to engage with the community. A major highlight was our flood mitigation focus groups where we gathered input from local stakeholders to better understand flood risks. Record programming and event attendance indicated growing interest in our work and the value it brings to our communities, leading to funds and assistance for tackling flooding issues. Additionally, our outreach expanded with a significant increase in engagement, social media followers, and our presence at community events. These efforts are helping us foster deeper connections and ensure our work reflects the needs and desires of the communities we serve.



REAFFIRMING CONSERVATION

Conservation remains central to our mission. Through our expanded Partners in Watershed Management (PWM) program, we supported agricultural and conservation best management practices. Our cover crop initiatives promoted soil health and reduced erosion, benefiting both local farmers and the Watershed's health. We introduced a new initiative to provide research grants across the District to identify water quality threats, ensuring the preservation of superior water quality in our lakes. Our continued vigilance in monitoring oil and gas activities ensures responsible practices aligned with conservation goals. Forestry projects, including sustainable timber harvesting and habitat restoration, also contributed to the health of our forests.

ENHANCING FLOOD MITIGATION

Flood mitigation remained a key focus. Both significant flooding and drought conditions underscored the importance of continued investment in flood mitigation infrastructure. Thanks to our team and partners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), we implemented crucial measures to protect our communities from extreme weather impacts. In addition to upgrading and maintaining reservoirs and dams with USACE, we provided critical funding through our PWM program to help organizations improve water quality, waterways, and conservation practices. These investments demonstrate our commitment to enhancing flood resilience and ensuring a safe and sustainable watershed for future generations. Then, as drought conditions persevered, we balanced our obligations to provide water for consumers and recreation on our lakes. We were especially proud to respond quickly to support area farmers to supply water for livestock when no other sources were available. This is the collaborative spirit and community engagement we continue to build upon.

UPGRADING TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

2024 was a year of technological advancement. While this might seem boring, keeping up with technology, especially streamlining our reservation process, is designed to make it easier and less stressful for visitors. Likewise, if you have visited our new website, you may have seen our new Chat Bot – Bryce. Bryce can field questions and learns to assist

you through artificial intelligence. We have also embraced solar energy, reducing our environmental impact, saving money, and improving the sustainability of our operations.

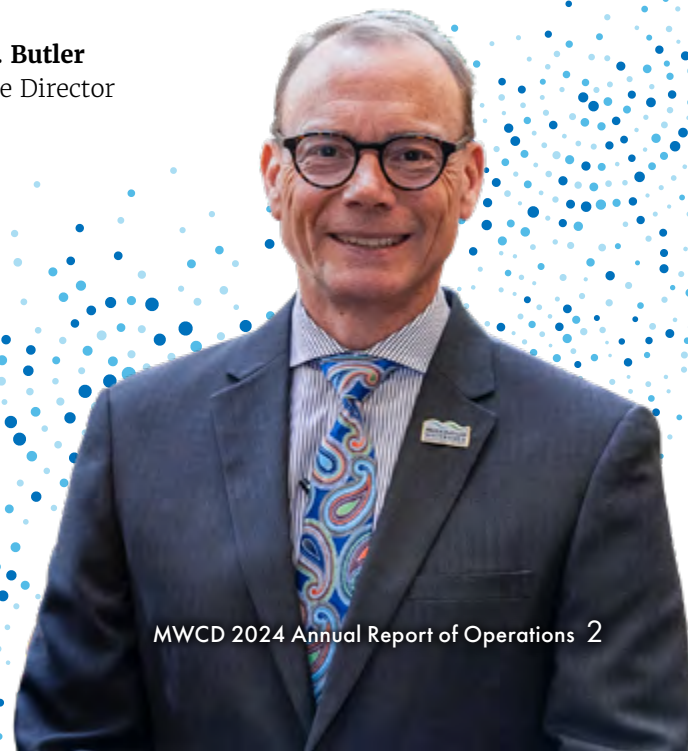
FINANCIAL STABILITY

2024 was a strong year financially, thanks to careful management and strategic investments. We received the Ohio Auditor's Award for excellence in financial reporting, recognizing our commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility. We also began creating an endowment fund, ensuring we have the resources to sustain future operations.

As part of our commitment to sound governance, we welcomed Karl Gebhardt to our Board of Directors. His experience and dedication will be invaluable as we ensure our leadership remains dynamic, diverse, and committed to the needs of our communities.

Finally, I want to thank all MWCD staff and you, our guests. MWCD staff work hard all year to provide you with safe and enjoyable experiences whether you are camping, boating, using our trails, or simply visiting. We do this as we remain committed to the vision and values that have guided us for nearly 100 years. The strategic investments we make in infrastructure, recreation, and conservation continue to pave the way for a brighter, more sustainable future, and we are excited to see what comes next.

Craig W. Butler
Executive Director





REIMAGINING RECREATION

Diversifying and Enhancing Park Offerings With Three Major Projects

In 2024, MWCD made significant progress in diversifying and enhancing its recreational offerings successfully completing three state-of-the-art projects: the Atwood Lake Park Activity Center, Seneca Lake Park Splash Pad, and Tappan Lake Park Welcome Center.

ATWOOD LAKE PARK ACTIVITY CENTER

Last year, MWCD announced the grand opening of a \$1.6 million renovation to the Atwood Lake Park Activity Center.

The renovation also involved upgrades to the HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, as well as the installation of a new metal roof and a backup generator.

Also at the park, 4,100 feet of existing gravel trails have been repaved with asphalt, providing an easier connection between the Activity Center to the Amphitheater, Area H and the Beach Area at a total cost of \$114,000.

- Indoor gathering space
- Covered outdoor gathering area
- Expanded nature center
- ADA-accessible restrooms
- Large food preparation and concession area with an eat-in dining space
- Expanded retail shop





SENECA LAKE PARK SPLASH PAD

The first-ever splash pad at any MWCD park is located at Seneca Lake Park. This exciting new attraction features an array of exciting water activities including thrilling water slides, interactive fountains, and a variety of spray features.

- Official Ribbon Cutting will occur in 2025
- Opened on August 10, 2024
- Only open for 3 weeks (24 days)
- 1,250 users – expect 2025 to be a big year for users

TAPPAN LAKE PARK WELCOME CENTER

The new Tappan Lake Park Welcome Center, from design to completion, is a \$4.3 million, 3,900-square-foot facility that enhances visitor experiences.

The Center is a key component of MWCD’s broader initiative outlined in its new five-year strategic plan to enhance recreational facilities across its parks and lakes.

- Interactive exhibits
- Retail shop
- ADA-accessible restrooms
- Comfortable lounge areas
- Business Center





Exploring Evolving Recreational Trends

TREEHOUSES AND LUXURY CABINS COMING TO MWCD

The growing popularity of alternative camping experiences, such as glamping and eco-friendly lodging, inspired MWCD to consider new ways to enhance the visitor experience. In 2024, this vision became a reality with the identification of two exciting projects at Tappan Lake Park and Atwood Lake Park.

The two parks will introduce treehouses and small luxury cabins that provide both seclusion and stunning lake views. The treehouses will be nestled in the treetops, providing guests with a serene and elevated perspective of the surrounding landscapes, while the luxury cabins will feature modern amenities and panoramic views of the lakes.

These new accommodations are designed with sustainability and functionality in mind, incorporating eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient features to minimize their environmental footprint.

**Photos are conceptual and are not actual representations of MWCD projects.*



Atwood Peninsula

NEW COTTAGE DEVELOPMENTS AT ATWOOD LAKE

In 2024, MWCD took significant steps toward expanding residential offerings with two new developments at Atwood Lake.

The Pines Cottage Development will feature 18 premier parcels on the southeast side of the lake ranging from 0.5 to 0.75 acres. Offering exclusive lakeside living, each lot will incorporate green infrastructure, private docks, golf cart parking, and a nature observation platform. The final design is expected to be completed in 2025 with construction expected in 2026.

Meanwhile, the Peninsula Housing and Multi-Family Development will provide a mix of individual cottage-style houses and multi-family units. The community will feature docks, green spaces, pickleball courts, and a shared community building.



Pines Cottage Development



Expanding Trail Network

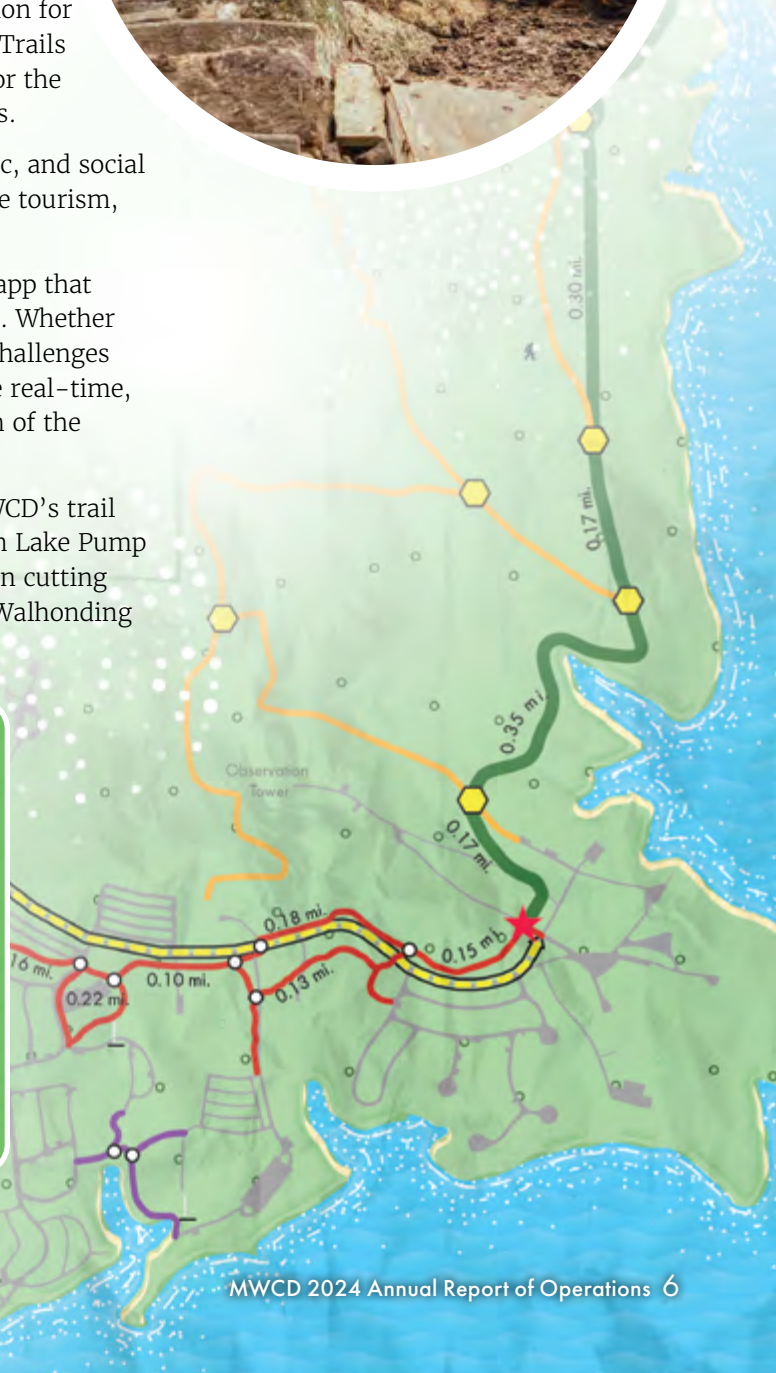
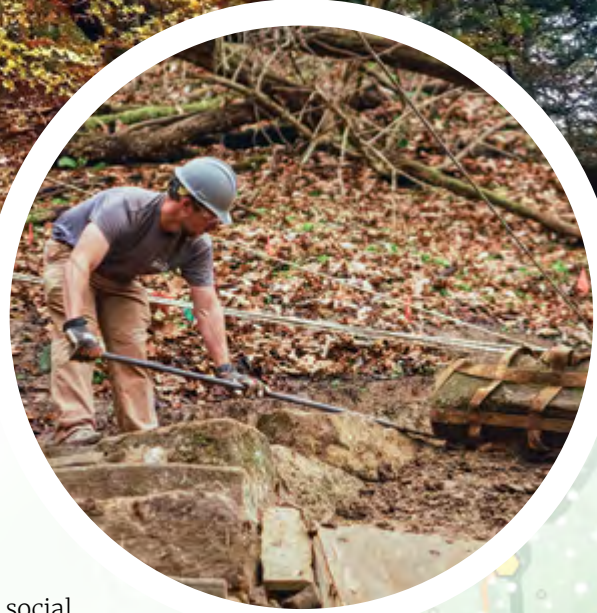
PROGRESS CONTINUES

In 2024, MWCD made significant strides toward its vision of creating a comprehensive trail network that serves as a regional destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Central to this effort was the launch of the Trails Master Plan, a strategic initiative that will lay the groundwork for the development of up to 200 miles of trails across MWCD properties.

MWCD’s trail system contributes to the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the region. Trails foster community pride, promote tourism, and help local economies grow by attracting visitors.

MWCD also partnered with OuterSpatial, a cutting-edge mobile app that will serve as the official platform for all MWCD trail information. Whether users are looking for trail updates, closures, or participating in challenges like the award-winning Capture the Canvas, the app will provide real-time, easy access to everything related to the trails. The official launch of the OuterSpatial app is scheduled for 2025.

Looking ahead, 2025 is shaping up to be an exciting year for MWCD’s trail system. Upcoming projects include the completion of the Tappan Lake Pump Track, the installation of the Atwood Lake Storybook Trail, ribbon cutting for the Seneca Lake Storybook Trail, and the designation of the Walhonding River as an Ohio Water Trail.



2024 saw the completion of several key projects that expanded and improved the existing trail network:

- A 500-foot ADA-compliant boardwalk at Tappan Lake’s Beall Farm
- 2.13 miles of newly paved trails on the Eagle and Cemetery Bay Trails at Atwood Lake Park
- Trail and staircase improvements on the Quarry Trail at Clendening Lake
- The equine trails at Pleasant Hill Lake Park saw sustainable reroutes

'Capture the Canvas' Blends Art With Trail System Success

In 2024, the innovative Capture the Canvas program received two prestigious recognitions, further cementing MWCD's commitment to enhancing outdoor experiences and fostering community engagement.

Capture the Canvas incorporates artwork created by local high school students along the trails. The artwork ranged from depictions of nature and wildlife to fantastical outdoor scenes. Participants were encouraged to take a selfie with the canvas and upload it to MWCD's website for a chance to win prizes. The successful program attracted 6,702 participants between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association presented MWCD with a first-place award for the program, while it also received a RUBY Award for Spirit of Community from the Ohio Travel Association.



- **MWCD maintains over 42 miles of trails**
- **290 miles of water trails are within the District**
- **MWCD measured trail use and logged over 11,000 trail users in 2024 on six of our most popular trails**





TAPPAN LAKE PARK ACTIVITIES AREA



Parks and Marinas Capital Improvements Planned

The Park and Marina Capital Improvement Plan (Master Plan) represents the largest upgrade to MWCD recreational facilities in over 50 years. Developed through public input and national benchmarking, the plan outlines priorities for enhancing parks and marinas.

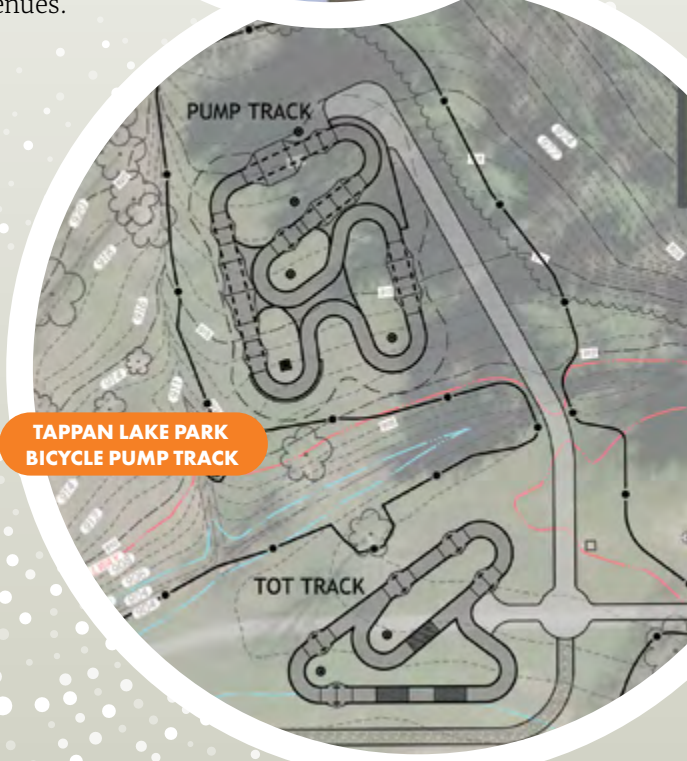
In December 2024, the MWCD Board approved Phase 3 of the plan with a \$154-million budget – part of a \$349-million program focusing on campground renovations, new amenities and infrastructure upgrades, including splash pads, playgrounds, and expanded camping options.

MWCD’s investments have significantly impacted the regional economy, with a recent study showing nearly \$1 billion in local economic contributions. Funding for these improvements is primarily from oil and gas lease revenues.



In 2024, MWCD invested over \$17 million in capital projects, including:

- **Atwood: Activity Center Renovation and Trails Paving**
- **Clendening: Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Station, and Water Treatment Plant with Laundry and Cabin Site Improvements**
- **Leesville: North Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Station**
- **Pleasant Hill: Covert Road Culvert Replacement**
- **Seneca: Beach Amenities, Marina Launch Ramp and Parking Improvements**
- **Tappan: Welcome Center and Marina Generator**



TAPPAN LAKE PARK BICYCLE PUMP TRACK

Notable Recreation Projects

In 2024, MWCD made significant strides in the renovation and expansion of its campgrounds, including conceptual designs at Tappan and Atwood as well as preparations for the 2025 construction of upgrades at Pleasant Hill and Charles Mill beaches.

PARK UPDATES

Charles Mill Park

- Installed new large cookers at the Main Camp and Eagle Point pavilions
- Gatehouse remodel
- Installed a new kayak launch system
- Replaced and installed a new dock in the main campgrounds

Pleasant Hill Park

- Stained the Welcome Center
- Stained five cabins

Seneca Park

- Renovated the beach store
- Painted the interior of the Welcome Center
- Installed a "Free Little Library"

MARINA UPDATES

Atwood Marina West

- Complete overhaul of the Atwood West launch ramp

Clendening Marina

- Replaced Dock 2 with a new, pole-free dock system
- A new wastewater treatment plant includes a new dump station and air compressor
- Upgrades to Cabin 6 and Cabin 8

Piedmont Marina

- Replaced old dock boards
- Installed a new ADA-accessible kayak launch ramp
- Added a large commercial washer and two new dryers for guests

Seneca Marina

- Installed a new dock with 14 slips
- Resurfaced two docks
- Began renovation of the marina retail area

Tappan Marina

- Took delivery of a new 36-slip cluster dock and successfully removed the old dock in the fall
- Took delivery of new composite decking materials and upgraded the US 250 launch ramp piers



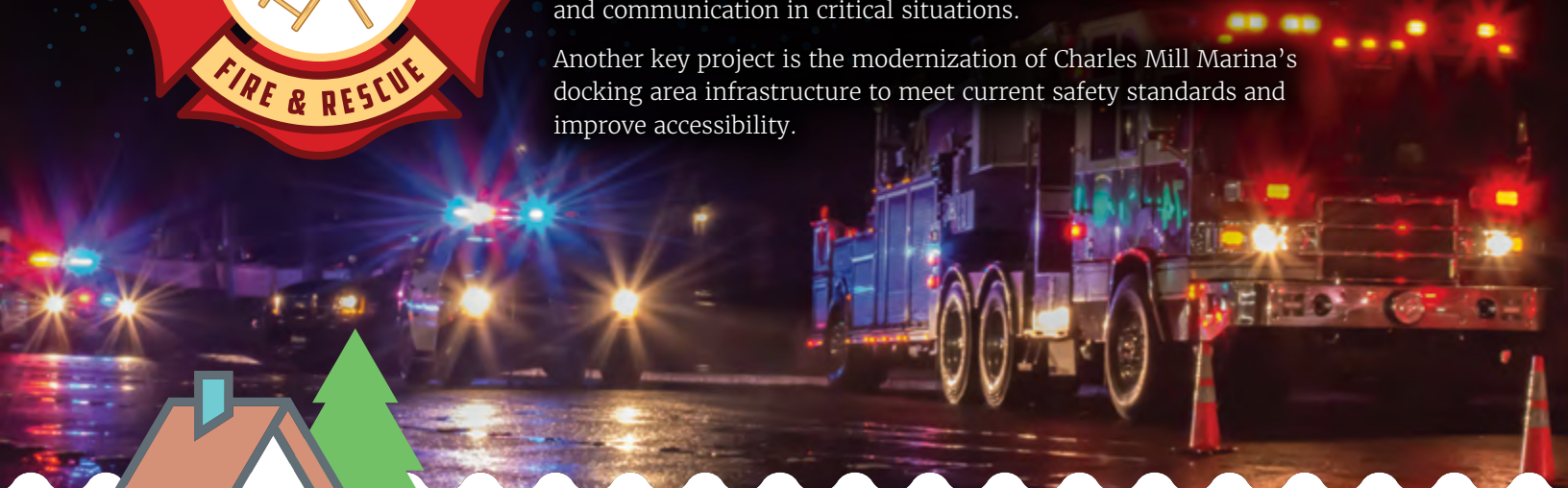
Pictured: (Left) Piedmont Marina Kayak Launch
(Below) Seneca Lake Marina Boat Ramp and Parking Improvements



State-Funded Improvements

MWCD was awarded funds for a Regional Safety Center at Tappan Lake, providing a law enforcement training location and a new base for the Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department. By consolidating these efforts into one central location, MWCD is fostering stronger collaboration among emergency responders, improving coordination and communication in critical situations.

Another key project is the modernization of Charles Mill Marina’s docking area infrastructure to meet current safety standards and improve accessibility.



COTTAGE SITE LEASING & DOCKING

MWCD manages 1,205 cottage sites across several lakes, providing recreational opportunities and enhancing lakefront living. Below is the breakdown of current cottage site leases by lake:

| LAKE | COTTAGE SITES |
|---------------|---------------|
| Atwood | 365 |
| Charles Mill | 211 |
| Leesville | 103 |
| Piedmont | 91 |
| Pleasant Hill | 96 |
| Seneca | 166 |
| Tappan | 147 |
| Wills Creek | 26 |
| Total | 1,205 |

COTTAGE SITES REAPPRAISED

In 2024, MWCD completed a comprehensive reappraisal of its cottage site lot properties, marking the first such review in over a decade. The findings of the reappraisal helped assess whether rental rates were aligned with current market values. Based on this analysis, MWCD implemented necessary rate adjustments to ensure fair pricing in 2024.

Other data includes:

- 31% of lessees are full-time residents
- 200 project-related permits
- 110 cottage site inspections
- 63 lease orientation conferences
- 49 Tree Removal Assistance applications approved for \$20,000 in support
- 74 docking construction permits
- Over 3,400 docking decals
- Over 400 fishing tournaments



EXPAND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Focus Groups Address Flood Mitigation Concerns

In 2024, MWCD held four Flood Mitigation and Conservation Focus Group Meetings, bringing together 88 stakeholders from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations. These discussions were designed to address the growing challenges of localized flooding and explore collaborative strategies to mitigate flood risks and protect communities across the Watershed.

The focus groups were instrumental in identifying key areas where partnerships could be strengthened and new strategies developed. Participants discussed critical issues such as funding gaps, community needs, and effective mitigation measures. The feedback gathered pointed to several areas of focus for MWCD moving forward:

- **Improving Access to Resources:** Streamlining grant processes and providing technical support to help communities navigate funding opportunities.
- **Expanding Engagement and Advocacy:** Increasing communication and collaboration with stakeholders to better address local flood challenges.
- **Enhancing Funding Opportunities:** Identifying new sources of funding for flood mitigation and conservation projects.
- **Broader Regional Collaboration:** Strengthening partnerships throughout Appalachian Ohio to improve flood resilience.

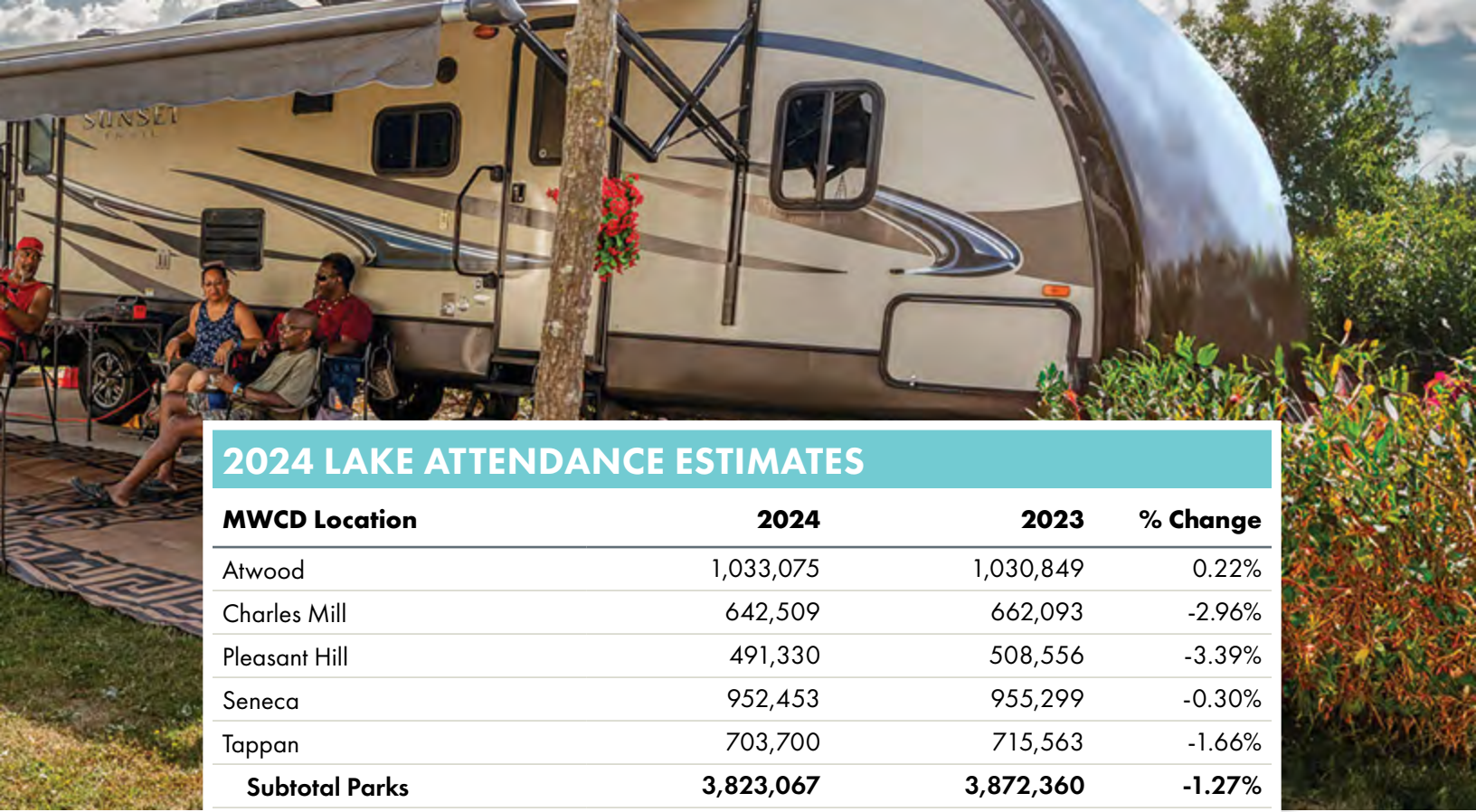
These focus group meetings also highlighted the growing impact of intensifying rainfall and flooding in vulnerable areas. MWCD is actively addressing these shifts by incorporating natural infrastructure solutions and expanding its flood mitigation programs.

The insights gained from these meetings are already shaping MWCD's efforts to improve flood management, ensure better resource access, and engage more communities in long-term solutions.



Park Attendance and Revenue Reflect Market Conditions

Estimated attendance at parks and marinas declined in 2024, and operational net income decreased by 4% compared to the prior year, while overall revenues remained relatively flat. Operational revenue in 2024 was \$14,859,103 compared to \$14,903,875 in the prior year.

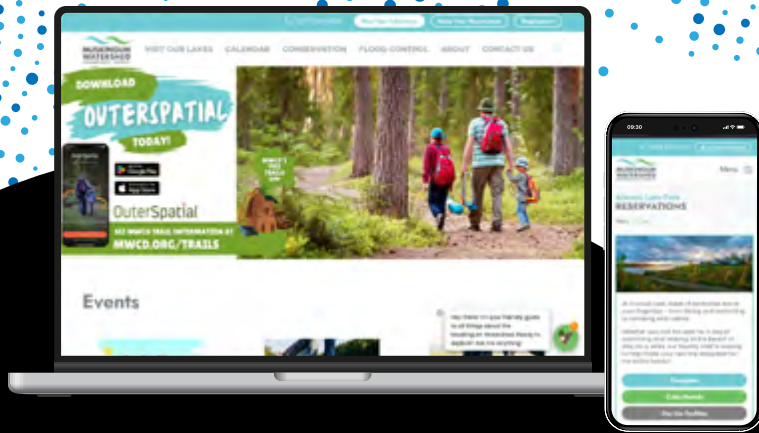


2024 LAKE ATTENDANCE ESTIMATES

| MWCD Location | 2024 | 2023 | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Atwood | 1,033,075 | 1,030,849 | 0.22% |
| Charles Mill | 642,509 | 662,093 | -2.96% |
| Pleasant Hill | 491,330 | 508,556 | -3.39% |
| Seneca | 952,453 | 955,299 | -0.30% |
| Tappan | 703,700 | 715,563 | -1.66% |
| Subtotal Parks | 3,823,067 | 3,872,360 | -1.27% |
| Piedmont | 193,188 | 197,244 | -2.06% |
| Clendening | 29,804 | 31,469 | -5.29% |
| Subtotal Marinas | 222,993 | 228,713 | -2.50% |
| Grand Total - Est Attendance | 4,046,060 | 4,101,074 | -1.34% |

PARK AND MARINA OPERATIONAL NET INCOME

| MWCD Location | 2024 | 2023 | % Change |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Atwood Lake Park | \$1,787,238 | \$1,845,163 | -3.14% |
| Charles Mill Lake Park | \$485,848 | \$564,320 | -13.91% |
| Clendening Marina | \$118,521 | \$162,278 | -26.96% |
| Leesville Campground | \$97,776 | \$91,375 | 7.00% |
| Piedmont Marina | \$181,069 | \$234,120 | -22.66% |
| Pleasant Hill Lake Park | \$869,278 | \$892,309 | -2.58% |
| Seneca Lake Park | \$1,303,629 | \$1,372,013 | -4.98% |
| Seneca Marina | \$268,235 | \$249,541 | 7.49% |
| Tappan Lake Park | \$866,613 | \$763,315 | 13.53% |
| Tappan Marina | \$125,019 | \$221,087 | -43.45% |
| Leased Marinas | \$610,164 | \$618,621 | -1.37% |
| TOTAL | \$6,713,390 | \$7,014,142 | -4.29% |



Website and Reservation System Launched

A new MWCD website and an upgraded reservation system have been launched to streamline and simplify access to information and to book and pay reservations for park, marina, and campground reservations.

More Recreational Events Draw More Public Involvement

In 2024, MWCD saw a significant increase in outdoor recreational programming with a record-breaking 1,074 events – a 10% increase from 2023. These programs attracted 42,704 participants, marking a 5% rise from the previous year.

NOTABLE EVENTS:

- **Total Solar Eclipse:** MWCD hosted themed programs at Pleasant Hill, Charles Mill, Atwood, and Tappan Lakes to witness this rare event.
- **Country Waves Concert:** Over 2,000 people enjoyed live performances from Joe Nichols at Atwood Lake Park, a “zero waste” event that diverted 70% of waste from landfills.
- **Second Saturdays at Tappan Lake Park:** These popular events featured food trucks, vendors, and live music.
- **Knotty Hour at Tappan Lake Park:** This new program for fiber arts enthusiasts fostered creativity and community connection.
- **Educational Courses:** MWCD Rangers and certified staff led Ohio Boater and Hunter Education courses.
- **Winter Programs:** Programs like Souper Hikes and snowshoeing welcomed nearly 400 participants, showcasing the parks as year-round destinations.
- **Little Free Libraries:** New libraries at Charles Mill, Seneca, and Tappan Lake Parks provided a community space for book exchanges and encouraged literacy.



KEY STATS:

- 1,074 programs hosted (10% increase)
- 42,704 participants attended programs (5% increase)
- Over 100 participants in Ohio Boater and Hunter Education Courses
- Nearly 400 participants in winter programs

Awards

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

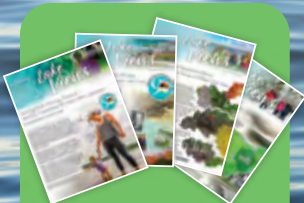
Achievements in marketing, advertising, and communications were honored at the Ohio Travel Association's RUBY Awards presentation in 2024, sponsored by Ohio Magazine. MWCD received a RUBY Award for Spirit of Community for Capture the Canvas program. The organization earned a Citation of Excellence for its Annual Report, Digital Marketing Campaign, and Event Campaign.



EPA AWARD

MWCD was awarded a Silver Level attainment through the Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Communities Award, aimed at reducing organizational impacts on the environment, producing a better environment, conserving natural resources and resulting in long-term economic benefits.

Engagement & Outreach Efforts



4 Quarterly Newsletters Distributed



64 Special Events Attended



32 MWCD Presentations Given



34 Press Releases



4 Tradeshows

Facebook & Instagram Followers Increased

Over 10,000

New Followers





DAC Orphan Property Review

In 2024, MWCD's GIS team played a key role in supporting the Development Advisory Committee (DAC) with an initiative to assess and inventory MWCD properties across the District.

This project focused on orphan properties—smaller, more isolated parcels—helped MWCD gain a deeper understanding of their strategic importance. By identifying underutilized or surplus properties, the review process will guide future decisions about property management, development, or potential sale.

Earth Day Initiatives Extended

MWCD's celebration of Earth Day expanded into a week of environmental stewardship and community action in 2024. The week began with litter clean-up events and culminated in a tire take-back event, bringing together residents and partners to make a meaningful impact on the region's environment.

MWCD partnered with MPLX and Gulfport Energy Corporation to plant 100 native fruit and nut trees, enriching the landscape and providing food sources for local wildlife. Additional activities included a tree giveaway sponsored by the Williams Companies, where over 800 trees were distributed to the public. Another 100 trees were donated to Camp Tuscazoar to further support local environmental efforts.

The week's events concluded with a tire take-back, sponsored by Kraton Chemical, Encino Energy, and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation. The event collected 1,100 tires, weighing over 33,000 pounds. MWCD then partnered with Willig Tire Recycling LLC, to properly dispose of the tires, helping reduce environmental impact.



Cleanup, Recycling Initiatives Successful

MWCD's Community Clean-up Events further showcased the collective effort to protect our natural resources. Over 2,500 pounds of trash was removed from MWCD's lakes, parks, and surrounding areas. Last year, Tusky Valley Schools joined MWCD as part of their Community Give Back event, focusing clean-up efforts at Dover, Atwood, and Bolivar Dams. Their participation highlighted the importance of youth involvement in environmental stewardship.

Additionally, MWCD collaborated with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation and energy partners – including Encino Energy, MPLX, Gulfport Energy, Infinity Natural Resources, and the Williams Companies – to sponsor and support clean-up events at several lakes. These partnerships are crucial to fostering a sense of shared responsibility and encouraging broader community participation in conservation efforts.

Through these impactful events, MWCD continues to engage and empower local communities, providing hands-on opportunities for individuals, schools, and businesses to make a positive difference in preserving and protecting the region's natural beauty.



Forestry Advances Education on Sustainable Practices

The MWCD Forestry team remains dedicated to promoting sustainable forestry practices through hands-on educational opportunities. In 2024, the Forestry team hosted several field-based events, focusing on topics such as pine management, maintaining healthy white oak populations, and collaborating with agencies to implement logging best management practices. These events provided participants with practical, real-world knowledge to apply in their own forestry efforts.

In addition, the Forestry team tackled challenges faced by newly planted trees, particularly the risk of deer browses. Partnering with Buckeye Career Center, MWCD taught students about the history of its reforestation program and the importance of protecting young trees. A field-based project resulted in the capping of nearly 2,500 trees to shield them from deer damage.



Solar Energy Launch Begins at Tappan Lake Park

In 2024, MWCD installed a solar panel system at Tappan Lake Park, beginning a multi-year initiative to incorporate solar energy across District facilities. Solar energy projects are also slated for Atwood, Clendening, Piedmont, and Seneca Lakes, as well as the Main Office in New Philadelphia.





STRENGTHENING OUR WORKFORCE

Headquarters Plan Opens New Era of Operating Efficiency

In 2023, MWCD embarked on an important initiative to enhance its operations while also strengthening our community connection with a new headquarters complex. The new facility will put all MWCD staff and equipment under one roof, streamlining operations, fostering collaboration, and better positioning MWCD to fulfill its mission for years to come.

After extensive research and discussions, the Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park in New Philadelphia was identified as the ideal location for the new headquarters. This site offers ample space for a substantial office building, as well as additional facilities for maintenance, a sign shop, and a laydown yard for heavy equipment.

The location's central positioning, close to major transportation routes, also ensures convenient access to all MWCD properties, making it an optimal choice for the District's needs.

In 2024, MWCD moved forward with preliminary designs and renderings for the new facility and received positive

feedback from the Board of Directors. The next step was to issue a Request for Qualifications to engage architectural and engineering firms to finalize the plans.

2025 will be a year of construction and completion is expected in the fall of 2026.

The facility is designed with sustainability in mind, incorporating green infrastructure for stormwater management, solar power for energy needs, and walking trails for public engagement.

This new headquarters will stand as a testament to MWCD's ongoing commitment to growth, sustainability, and service to the people of Ohio.





Rangers Achieve Important Certification

In February 2024, MWCD announced that its 30-member team of Rangers had achieved full compliance with the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency's certification standards. This significant accomplishment reflects MWCD's continued commitment to professionalism, safety, and excellence in law enforcement practices.



In addition to their law enforcement duties, MWCD Rangers also offer Ohio Boater and Hunter Education Courses and maintaining a strong presence to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for all visitors.

Rangers Integrated Into Recreation Department

In 2024, MWCD undertook a strategic realignment of its departments to improve internal communication, streamline operations, enhance overall guest services, and maximize the safety of our parks, marinas, cottage areas, and lands.

As part of this initiative, MWCD Rangers were integrated into the Recreation Department to foster greater collaboration and improve operational efficiency.

By combining resources and expertise, this realignment will not only strengthen security efforts but also ensure that guests have access to more comprehensive services, maintaining a District-wide focus.

Ranger Call Center Launched

In September 2024, MWCD announced the launch of a new 24-hour call center, offering visitors an easy way to reach MWCD Rangers for assistance with non-emergency issues. The center can be reached at 844-692-3529 (844-MWCD-LAW). For life-threatening emergencies, visitors should still call 911 directly.

The call center is designed to handle situations such as disturbances, suspicious activity, or issues related to MWCD recreational regulations.



Full-Time Employment Reaches 128

MWCD employed 128 full-time team members in 14 different facilities located in eight different counties in 2024. Another 177 seasonal/variable employees worked at MWCD facilities during the recreational season.



REAFFIRMING CONSERVATION MISSION



MWCD and FAO Partner in Conservation Efforts

In 2024, MWCD made a transformative \$5 million investment to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) to support environmental stewardship across the region. This funding is directed to FAO's Environmental Stewardship Pillar of Prosperity, which advances conservation and sustainability through community projects, scholarships, fellowships, research, and innovation in Appalachian Ohio.

This partnership will provide over \$150,000 annually to support five key areas:

- 1. Community Grants** – Funding for locally driven environmental preservation projects.
- 2. Scholarships** – Support for individuals pursuing degrees or training in ecology, forestry, wildlife ecology, and green energy technology.
- 3. Fellowships** – Two-year fellowships offering financial support and mentorship for individuals driving environmental change.
- 4. Innovation Grants** – Investment in creative approaches to environmental stewardship.
- 5. Research Grants** – Funding studies that contribute to the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and habitats.

Funding opportunities extend to the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio and seven additional counties served by MWCD.

Through this collaboration, MWCD not only contributes financially but also lends its expertise in conservation. To date, FAO's Environmental Stewardship Pillar has invested over \$1.6 million in the region. This ongoing partnership reflects MWCD's commitment to building a sustainable future for the Muskingum River Watershed and the broader Appalachian region.



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Aquatic Plant Management Ongoing

In July 2024, MWCD conducted a pilot project to mechanically remove approximately eight acres of lotus plants from Seneca Lake, clearing navigation channels for boating. In addition to managing beneficial plants, MWCD discovered the presence of the invasive hydrilla in Seneca Lake during routine aquatic vegetation surveys.



This aggressive plant species, which has spread to several Ohio lakes, grows rapidly, displaces native plants, and spreads easily through boat trailers and small fragments. As part of our early detection and rapid response strategy, MWCD treated patches of hydrilla in late fall and exposed mudflats over the winter.

To further combat this threat, MWCD secured \$10,000 in funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Aquatic Stewardship Program for continued efforts in 2025.

Aerial Seeding Enhances Cover Crop Efforts

In 2024, MWCD's Agricultural Assistance Programs continued to expand, making a significant impact on conservation efforts across the Muskingum River Watershed. A significant highlight was our successful aerial seeding demonstration event for cover crops, held in cooperation with the Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District. This event showcased the latest technology and techniques for planting cover crops, a key practice in protecting farmland from erosion and improving soil health.

Through ongoing partnerships, we are proud to support the planting of 35,000 acres of cover crops annually across 18 counties within the Watershed. This long-standing collaboration provides essential financial assistance to farmers, helping them protect their fields from winter erosion and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.



Fund Supports Water Quality Assessment Efforts

In 2024, MWCD launched a new fund to support the development of Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategies aimed at addressing water quality impairments across the Muskingum River Basin. This fund is designed to help secure federal funds for projects that tackle nonpoint source pollution, a significant challenge to water quality.

Nonpoint source pollution is distinct in that it does not originate from a single, identifiable source, such as a factory or residential area. Instead, it arises from multiple diffuse sources, including agriculture, forestry, construction, and even highways. Due to its widespread and often hard-to-trace nature, addressing nonpoint source pollution requires coordinated, community-wide strategies.

To assist communities in developing effective plans, MWCD's fund helps cover up to 75% of the costs—up to \$9,000 per plan.



Stewardship Through MWCD Oil & Gas Development

Unconventional (Utica) operations remained steady throughout 2024. By the end of 2024 Utica royalty revenue was generated by 141 producing wells at Tappan, Clendening, Seneca, Dover, Piedmont, Atwood, and Leesville Reservoirs.

Last year, MWCD secured two key oil and gas leases. Both are designed with strong environmental safeguards to minimize operational impacts with no well pads, infrastructure, or interference with lake activities. A five-year lease involves Utica Shale development on nearly 2,100 acres at Seneca Lake. The other lease covers 2,233 acres at Leesville Lake.

Oil and gas revenue has allowed MWCD to make strategic conservation investments throughout the Watershed. By reinvesting revenue into the protection and restoration of natural resources, MWCD continues to uphold its mission of environmental stewardship for generations to come.



Forestry Team Focuses on Forest Health and Sustainability

In 2024, the MWCD Forestry team made significant strides in improving and maintaining forest stands, centered on enhancing forest ecosystem health and sustainability through targeted management practices.

A key initiative was the implementation of over 260 acres of vine control projects, removing nuisance vines that threaten tree health by blocking sunlight, choking trees, and hindering forest regeneration. While native vines can benefit wildlife, invasive vines can harm the overall ecosystem.

Invasive species control was another priority, with nearly 200 acres targeted for the removal of invasive plants such as Japanese honeysuckle, burning bush, and tree of heaven that can disrupt the natural biodiversity of the forest.



Conservation Efforts Buoyed by Grant

In 2024, MWCD secured a grant through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to acquire and preserve approximately 622 contiguous acres of forested land at Wills Creek in Coshocton County.

The acreage includes reclaimed wooded land, ponds, wetlands, and streams, providing numerous benefits for conservation, recreation, and public use. The property also supports stormwater mitigation efforts and offers significant economic and social benefits. The land features an existing trail that immediately adds recreational value.



ENHANCE FLOOD MITIGATION

Flooding and Drought Mitigation Efforts Tested

Spring 2024 tested the resilience of MWCD as a series of powerful storms brought significant rainfall to the region. In April, communities across Ohio experienced rainfall amounts reaching 7 to 9 inches in some areas, overwhelming local infrastructure and prompting concern about potential flooding.

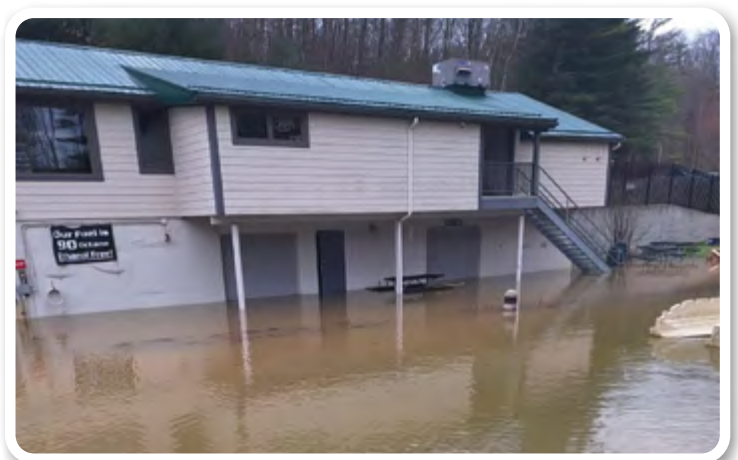
Clendening, Leesville, and Piedmont Lake regions recorded the heaviest rainfall—Clendening saw 7.80 inches, Leesville 9.29 inches, and Piedmont 8.07 inches, with other areas like Zanesville, Marietta, and New Philadelphia receiving 5.7 to 5.9 inches.

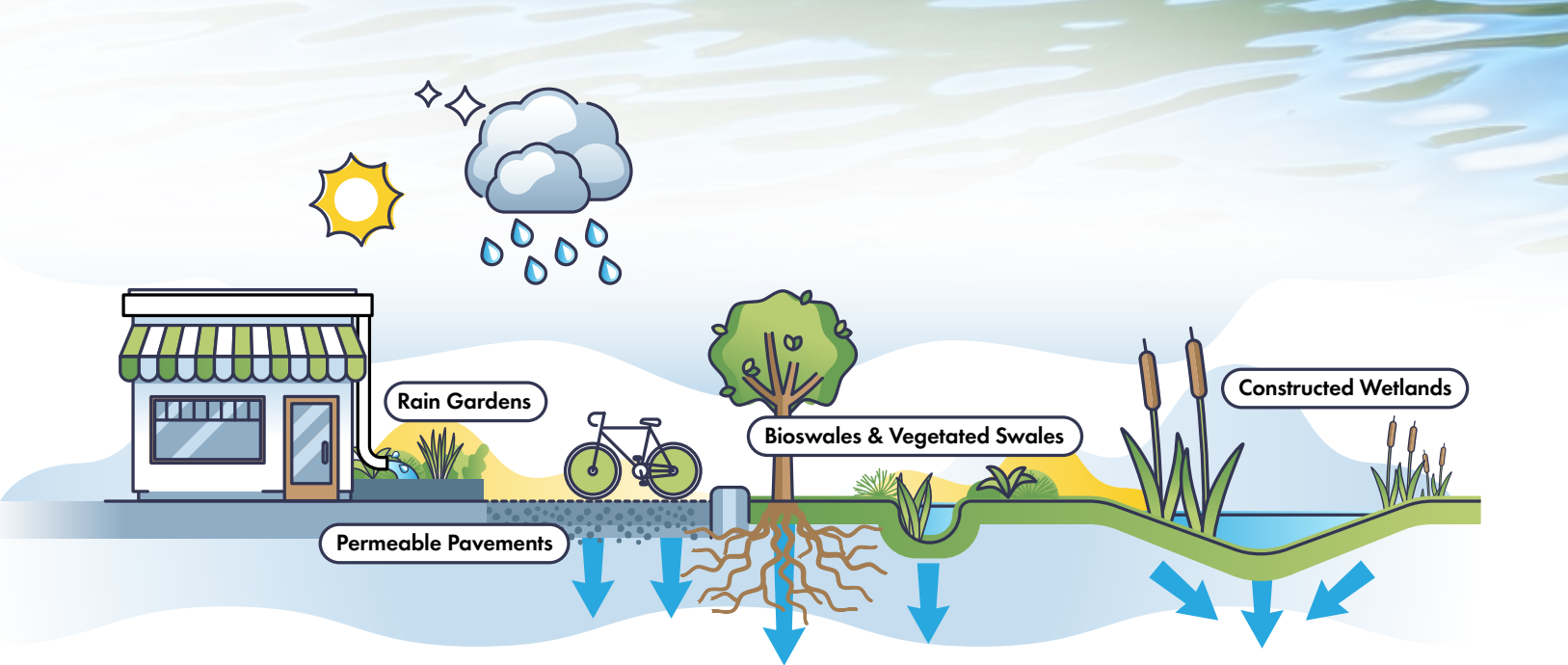
As the rain poured down, MWCD’s network of 16 dams and reservoirs, built to manage water levels and reduce flooding, performed as designed, preventing widespread damage. The reservoirs held an additional 28 billion gallons of water above the “summer pool” level. While designed to hold up to 549 billion gallons during flood events, these dams successfully buffered the heavy rainfall, managing water flow to protect downstream communities from more severe flooding.

MWCD’s flood control system is at the heart of our mission, with dams and reservoirs designed to manage water storage and release during storms. Beyond these large-scale efforts, MWCD also focuses on addressing smaller-scale, localized flooding problems that affect local

communities and day-to-day transportation, emergency services, and general daily activity.

MWCD’s Partners in Watershed Management (PWM) program is designed to help reduce the impact of flooding on these smaller communities. Since its inception, the PWM program has provided nearly \$16 million in funding to counties within the Watershed, supporting 240 projects that aim to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for flood mitigation. These BMPs focus on improving stormwater management through practices like restoring wetlands, elevating roads, and introducing Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) solutions.





FLOOD MITIGATION: PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS

Flood mitigation plays a vital role in protecting lives, infrastructure, and ecosystems. For example, the Great Flood of 1913 resulted in over 467 deaths and widespread destruction, highlighting the urgent need for flood control systems. Since 1933, MWCD’s flood management infrastructure has saved an estimated \$10 billion in flood damage. Beyond safeguarding lives and properties, flood mitigation also reduces the economic strain caused by flood-related damage. This includes minimizing the disruption of critical infrastructure like roads and utilities, as well as preventing environmental harm like erosion and water contamination.

Flood mitigation strategies, including GSI, are now key to reducing flooding risks and improving stormwater management. Unlike traditional stormwater systems, which rely on concrete infrastructure to move water quickly, GSI uses natural processes such as vegetation and permeable surfaces to absorb and filter water, reducing runoff, improving water quality, and supporting ecosystems. The PWM program is increasingly focusing on GSI to complement traditional stormwater infrastructure and provide more sustainable, environmentally friendly flood control solutions.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS: A NEW CHALLENGE IN 2024

While spring brought heavy rain and flooding, 2024 also introduced a new challenge: drought conditions. After the floodwaters receded, Ohio entered a period of extreme dry weather, impacting water levels across the region. Low lake levels necessitated changes in how MWCD managed operations, especially at lakes, marinas, and boat ramps. It also underscored the importance of the dams and reservoirs in maintaining water supply during periods of drought.

MWCD’s system of reservoirs is designed to store 549 billion gallons of water, providing a buffer during both floods and droughts.

ADAPTING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

The dual challenges of flooding and drought experienced in 2024 serve as a reminder of the growing unpredictability of Ohio’s climate. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and intense, requiring MWCD to adapt its flood and drought management strategies accordingly by enhancing its infrastructure and expanding its conservation efforts. This includes restoring natural ecosystems, promoting responsible land use, and supporting sustainable water practices through public education and outreach.

Through its extensive network of dams, reservoirs, and flood mitigation programs, MWCD is helping Ohio’s communities prepare for and respond to these environmental challenges. The PWM program’s shift toward Green Stormwater Infrastructure is a key part of this strategy, helping to manage water and reduce the risk of future flooding.

LOOKING AHEAD: COLLABORATION AND RESILIENCE

In the wake of the spring flooding and the ongoing drought conditions, MWCD remains committed to its mission of flood mitigation and water resource management. Through partnerships with local governments, nonprofits, and community stakeholders, MWCD is working to implement more flood-resistant infrastructure and sustainable water management practices. This includes addressing smaller flooding issues in local communities while continuing to invest in large-scale flood control systems that protect the entire region.

MWCD Subdistricts

Ohio law allows for the creation of smaller subdistricts within MWCD, five of which exist in the District. Four — Black Fork, Clear Fork, Buffalo Creek, and Duck Creek — are currently inactive.

Duck Creek Subdistrict: Supports three flood gauges that provide early warning information for residents.

Chippewa Subdistrict: Manages a flood control system with eight dams and 33 miles of modified channels in northern Wayne and southern Medina counties.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE NEEDS INCLUDE:

- Removing logjams, downed trees, and debris
- Slip repairs along Chippewa Creek and other channels
- Hydraulic structure repairs and sediment monitoring
- Ongoing mowing and maintenance of dam slopes, berms, banks, and spillway systems

2024 COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- Replacement of the lake drain valve in the inlet structure of Dam IV-A
- Replacement of a culvert on the River Styx channel
- Reestablishment of 1.5 miles of maintenance berm along Chippewa Creek



Geospatial Data Accuracy and Accessibility Enhanced

In 2024, MWCD made significant strides in improving the accuracy, organization, and accessibility of its geospatial data. The Surveying and GIS teams worked diligently to ensure that all data accurately reflects current conditions, while making it practical and accessible for both internal use and public access when appropriate.



Partners in Watershed Management

The Partners in Watershed Management (PWM) Project Assistance Program supports the work of agencies and groups involved in conservation programs, water quality issues and flood reduction and mitigation projects, in cooperation with the MWCD Mission.

PROJECTS

| Applicant Name and County | Project Title | Project Total | Grant Request | Grant Awarded |
|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ashland County Park District Ashland County | Greentown Native American Preserve | \$510,500 | \$194,000 | \$194,000 |
| Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow Licking County | Buckeye Lake Water Quality Monitoring | \$101,256 | \$33,721 | \$33,721 |
| Carroll SWCD Carroll County | Carroll SWCD Green Infrastructure Design | \$250,500 | \$21,850 | \$21,850 |
| City of Barberton Summit County | S. Barberton Wetland Restoration and Stream Creation | \$155,797 | \$116,848 | \$116,848 |
| Holmes County Health District Holmes County | Sewage Treatment System GIS Development | \$530,000 | \$250,000 | \$95,000 |
| Holmes SWCD Holmes County | Killbuck Creek Clear Passage | \$171,600 | \$146,600 | \$65,000 |
| Muskingum SWCD Muskingum County | Grow Native | \$46,506 | \$25,760 | \$25,760 |
| Natural Areas Land Conservancy Summit County | Clinton Wetlands Preserve | \$114,551 | \$114,551 | \$114,551 |
| Noble County Engineer Noble County | Noble Local Schools District Flooding Reduction | \$327,717 | \$294,945 | \$156,945 |
| Tusc SWCD Tuscarawas County | Village of Baltic Streambank Stabilization | \$162,419 | \$156,869 | \$156,869 |
| Village of McConelsville Morgan County | McConnel Run Stream Project | \$277,279 | \$150,472 | \$150,472 |
| West Creek Conservancy Richland County | Clear Fork Mohican River Wetland Restoration Project | \$387,000 | \$35,500 | \$35,500 |
| TOTAL | | \$3,035,125 | \$1,541,116 | \$1,166,516 |

2024 PWM Overview:

- 12 projects awarded
- \$1,166,516 awarded
- 10 counties awarded
 - ▶ Ashland, Licking, Carroll, Summit (2), Holmes (2), Muskingum, Noble, Tuscarawas, Morgan, and Richland
- 240 projects awarded since 2009
- Nearly \$16 million awarded since 2009
- \$146,035 awarded in Debris Removal Grants in eight counties
 - ▶ Ashland, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Licking, Muskingum, Richland, and Tuscarawas



Reservoir Work Completed

DREDGING AT PLEASANT HILL

Dredging of multiple areas near the Idlewood Association dock areas at Pleasant Hill Lake was completed in 2024 to provide improved water depth for dock association members to access their docks. The dredging work included the removal of 768 cubic yards of sediment, at a cost of \$37,200.



SHORELINE PROJECTS AT THREE LAKES

Since 2010, MWCD has completed over 12.3 miles of shoreline stabilization at its reservoirs, investing \$14 million in these projects. In 2024, three shoreline stabilization projects were completed at a total cost of \$355,400:

- **Atwood** – Pines Cottage Area / Arcadia Drive: 525 feet of shoreline stabilization, including 270 feet of rock riprap and 250 feet of bank grading. Native grasses were planted, and a coir log was installed for \$27,900.
- **Charles Mill** – South Peninsula Cottage Area: 1,875 feet of stabilization, featuring a coir log, rock riprap, and native plantings for \$327,500.
- **Pleasant Hill** – East Hill Boat Club: 75 feet of rock riprap, part of a larger dredging project, costing \$9,600.

These completed projects and future locations can be viewed on MWCD's website.

DEDICATED TO OUR MISSION

KARL GEBHARDT APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Karl Gebhardt, a leader in Ohio's environmental, agricultural, and natural resources sectors, has been appointed to the MWCD Board of Directors by the Conservancy Court.

Gebhardt spearheaded farmland preservation efforts at the Department of Agriculture and held key positions at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He also served as deputy director at the Department of Natural Resources. He holds a master's degree in public policy from The Ohio State University and a bachelor's in business from Franklin University.



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FINANCIAL STABILITY

NEW TRUST ENSURES FUTURE FINANCIAL STABILITY

In 2024, Ohio law was amended to allow for the creation of a trust, which may be funded by the MWCD board of directors using surplus funds from any source —excluding the Maintenance Assessment. The law outlines clear guidelines for establishing and managing such trusts, with a focus on transparency and accountability. This change enhances MWCD’s ability to ensure long-term sustainability and organizational stability.

MWCD RECEIVES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD FOR FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE

MWCD was honored in 2024 with the ‘Auditor of State Award’ from the Ohio Auditor’s Office for its outstanding financial performance and compliance with state auditing standards. This recognition reflects the District’s commitment to transparency and accountability in its financial operations.



| 2024 YTD Cash And Investment Balance - By Fund | Balance |
|--|--------------------|
| 001 IMPROVEMENT FUND | 1,325,650 |
| 002 MAINTENANCE FUND | 145,550,684 |
| 003 RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND | 41,375,223 |
| 004 BOND FUND | 100 |
| 009 MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FUND | 11,413,924 |
| Grand Total | 199,665,581 |

| 2024 YTD Actual Revenue - By Fund | YTD Actual Revenue 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 001 IMPROVEMENT FUND | 22,073 |
| 002 MAINTENANCE FUND | 105,500,176 |
| 003 RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND | 5,303,682 |
| 009 MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FUND | 2,649,124 |
| Grand Total | 113,475,055 |

| 2024 YTD Revenue - By Department | YTD Actual Revenue 2024 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10 ADMINISTRATIVE | 2,485,290 |
| 15 FINANCE | 4,400,575 |
| 20 ENGINEERING | 4,971,487 |
| 50 CONSERVATION | 83,441 |
| 60 LEASING | 3,951,185 |
| 65 NATURAL RESOURCES | 82,546,809 |
| 80 PARKS & RECREATION | 11,590,159 |
| 85 MARINAS | 3,400,019 |
| 89 RANGERS | 46,090 |
| Grand Total | 113,475,055 |

| 2024 YTD Revenue - By Activity | | YTD Actual Revenue 2024 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 13000 | PURCHASE & SALE LAND/BUILDING | 19,573 |
| 15000 | EASEMENTS & RIGHT OF WAYS | 2,500 |
| 21000 | USE OF WATER ASSETS | 1,089,462 |
| 21002 | USE OF WATER ASSETS | 36,204 |
| 23000 | LAND & BUILDING RENTAL | 40,487 |
| 24000 | FARM OPERATIONS - SHARECROP | 188,332 |
| 27000 | ASSESSMENT | 2,197,064 |
| 29100 | MINERAL OPERATIONS - OIL AND GAS | 80,798,690 |
| 33000 | TIMBER HARVESTING | 457,549 |
| 36000 | PINE PULPWOOD OPERATIONS | 93,717 |
| 42000 | MARINA OPERATIONS | 7,778 |
| 44000 | WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS | 100,000 |
| 48000 | GENERAL PARK FACILITIES | 1,695,842 |
| 49000 | MASTER PLAN | 3,222,992 |
| 50000 | WATER SYSTEMS | 59,512 |
| 51000 | FISHING RIGHTS | 62,647 |
| 51600 | LAKE PATROL OPERATIONS | 46,090 |
| 52000 | MARINA OPERATIONS | 2,825,395 |
| 52100 | MARINA OPERATIONS - CAMPING | 566,847 |
| 53000 | COTTAGE SITES | 3,207,701 |
| 53100 | CLUB SITES | 81,164 |
| 53200 | MULTIPLE DOCKS | 597,740 |
| 54002 | SITES LAKE SEWER SYSTEM | 48,825 |
| 54003 | MIFFLIN WATER SYSTEM | 2,100 |
| 54009 | SENECA CHESTNUT GROVE SEWER | 24,600 |
| 54012 | PARK SEWER SYSTEM | 905 |
| 55000 | VACATION CABINS | 919,476 |
| 56100 | PARK REFRESHMENT STANDS | 60,431 |
| 56300 | BOAT RENTALS | 40,525 |
| 56500 | ACTIVITY CENTERS | 110,473 |
| 56700 | VENDING MACHINES | 18,323 |
| 57000 | PARK CAMPING | 9,534,412 |
| 57100 | TRAILER PUMP OUT | 25,975 |
| 57200 | CAMPER TRAILER STORAGE | 143,216 |
| 57500 | FIREWOOD | 36,963 |
| 58000 | GENERAL PARK FACILITIES | 232,898 |
| 58100 | PARK SHELTERS | 25,127 |
| 58800 | SPECIAL EVENTS | 143,524 |
| 58801 | ALIVE | 175,038 |
| 80000 | INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS | 4,400,295 |
| 81000 | MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | 70,007 |
| 81100 | BAD CHECK CHARGES | 280 |
| 81500 | CONSTRUCTION PERMITS | 9,175 |
| 84700 | CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS | 40,283 |
| 86200 | MISC REVENUE - TAXES | 14,918 |
| Grand Total | | 113,475,055 |

| 2024 YTD Actual Expenditures - By Fund | YTD Actual | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 001 | IMPROVEMENT FUND | 595,073 |
| 002 | MAINTENANCE FUND | 20,328,961 |
| 003 | RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND | 17,141,314 |
| 009 | MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FUND | 4,585,360 |
| Grand Total | | 42,650,707 |

| 2024 YTD Expenditures - By Department | YTD Actual | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 | ADMINISTRATIVE | 2,261,267 |
| 11 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 1,088,994 |
| 12 | PUBLIC INFORMATION | 324,499 |
| 13 | HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFETY | 678,773 |
| 14 | LEGAL | 375,838 |
| 15 | FINANCE | 661,821 |
| 20 | ENGINEERING | 18,957,713 |
| 50 | CONSERVATION | 1,749,999 |
| 60 | LEASING | 1,232,848 |
| 65 | NATURAL RESOURCES | 1,160,368 |
| 80 | PARKS & RECREATION | 9,726,913 |
| 85 | MARINAS | 2,740,331 |
| 89 | RANGERS | 1,691,344 |
| Grand Total | | 42,650,707 |

| 2024 YTD Expenditures - By Appropriation Grouping | YTD Actual |
|---|-------------------|
| PERSONNEL | 13,331,913 |
| MATERIALS & SUPPLIES | 2,099,392 |
| PUBLICITY & ADVERTISING | 241,504 |
| UTILITIES | 1,789,097 |
| GAS & OIL AND SERVICE | 542,511 |
| CONTRACTS | 20,934,093 |
| RESALE | 528,001 |
| OPERATING EQUIPMENT | 980,543 |
| REAL ESTATE TAXES | 415,625 |
| OTHER | 1,788,029 |
| Grand Total | 42,650,707 |



In Memoriam: Rick Basnett

The 2024 MWCD Annual Report of Operations is Dedicated in Memory of Richard A. Basnett. Rick, a Lease Technician, worked in the MWCD main office since 2022.

He will be missed by co-workers and all who he assisted.



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



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