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NEW PLANNING CHIEF IS PARK USER WHO SPECIALIZES IN PARK, TRAIL & FACILITY DESIGN

Summit Metro Parks announces the hiring of Nick Moskos as its chief of planning and development. Moskos joins the park district with 21 years of professional experience.

A few notable, local outdoor projects Moskos has designed include the Brandywine Falls connector to the Bike & Hike Trail in Sagamore Hills, Phase 2 of the multipurpose Freedom Trail in Akron, Liberty Park in Twinsburg, Wood Hollow Metro Park in Hudson, Cascade Plaza in downtown Akron, and the Kent State University Esplanade in Kent.

Moskos's experience also includes school site design for his Akron Public Schools alma maters: King Elementary School, Litchfield Middle School and Firestone High School. Prior to his graduation from The Ohio State University, Moskos interned for the National Park Service.

Moskos said he was drawn to the Summit Metro Parks position because of the district's leadership, family-like work environment and exciting projects on the horizon. Among the openings scheduled for 2016, the organization's 95th anniversary: a mountain bike trail in Hampton Hills Metro Park (Akron) and a cross-country course in Silver Creek Metro Park (Norton).

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,100 acres, including 16 parks, several conservation areas and more than 125 miles of trails, with 22.4 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 5.2 million visitors.

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