

To: Ohio Summit County Legislators, **Renew the Clean Ohio Fund**
From: Friends of Metro Parks, Serving Summit County

The Clean Ohio Fund is a program to fund the protection of natural areas, prime farmland and waterways and clean up contaminated property.

Renewal of the Clean Ohio Fund is not a tax. It is financed by the revenue generated from the sale of state bonds, sold to investors, and repaid with existing state revenues.

Renewal of Clean Ohio enables state and local governments to be eligible for matching federal funds as well as other public and private funds, which may be used to clean up and protect the environment in four areas:

1. Brownfield assessment, clean up and redevelopment
2. Open space and natural areas conservation
3. Farmland preservation
4. Recreational trails

Metro Parks, Serving Summit County has used Clean Ohio Funding for land acquisition and to build the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath from 2003 to 2010.

In the past, the Clean Ohio Fund has had strong nonpartisan support. The renewal of this fund is important. It benefits our natural areas, our environment and the well being of the citizens of the State of Ohio. We ask our summit County legislators for their support.