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PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES TWO NEW LEADERS

Summit Metro Parks announces the hiring of two leaders who will represent the park district as chief of marketing & communications and chief of community engagement.

Stephanie Walton has been named chief of marketing & communications. Prior to joining Summit Metro Parks, Walton was senior communications representative at FirstEnergy Corp. and served in leadership roles with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. She holds a master's degree in communication from John Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Ohio University.

Walton and her family enjoy the outdoors, frequently picnicking and visiting the Jogging Trail in Sand Run Metro Park. "A big part of what makes the Akron area such a wonderful place to live is our beautiful natural areas, and I am thrilled to join Summit Metro Parks to help continue that legacy," she said of her new role.

Demetrius Lambert-Falconer will serve as chief as community engagement, overseeing the park district's education, recreation and outreach efforts. Lambert-Falconer joined Summit Metro Parks in May of 2016 as outreach manager. Previously, she held leadership positions with Cleveland Metroparks and the National Park Service. Lambert-Falconer holds a master's degree in education from Cleveland State University and a bachelor's degree in social science education with a minor in black history from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

"I expect the community engagement department will continue to be vital in connecting Summit County residents (to the parks). The atmosphere of teamwork here is refreshing, and I look forward to continued partnerships," said Lambert-Falconer.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,300 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 million visits.



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