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SUMMIT METRO PARKS RECEIVES GREEN FLEET DESIGNATION FROM CLEAN FUELS OHIO

The Summit Metro Parks vehicle fleet was recognized at today's Midwest Green Fleets Forum and Expo in Columbus for achievements in efficiency and environmental performance. Clean Fuels Ohio has designated Summit Metro Parks a one-star Ohio Green Fleet for its green initiatives, including displacing 20 percent of its fuel use with biofuels such as biodiesel and ethanol.

"As part of our mission to conserve natural resources, Summit Metro Parks is committed to reducing petroleum usage, vehicle emissions and idling," said Executive Director Lisa King. "We remain focused on continuing to help improve air quality in Summit County and beyond."

In order to qualify for Ohio Green Fleets recognition, a fleet must provide data demonstrating reductions in vehicle emissions and petroleum fuel consumption. Clean Fuels Ohio uses tools from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy to designate fleets at one-, three-, or five-star levels in accord with the reductions they have attained across six metrics, including criteria pollutants (nitrogen oxide, particulate matter, volatile organic compounds and carbon dioxide), petroleum displacement and efficiency.

Clean Fuels Ohio initiated the Ohio Green Fleets program in 2008. As of 2018, the program has enrolled more than 700 fleets and formally recognized 91 fleets as certified Ohio Green Fleets. These certified Ohio Green Fleets have displaced a combined annual total of more than 21 million gallons of petroleum and eliminated more than 2,996 tons of nitrogen oxide, 198 tons of particulate matter (PM 2.5), 347 tons of volatile organic compounds and 206,416 tons of carbon dioxide.

For more information about the Ohio Green Fleets program, please visit cleanfuelsohio.org or contact Program Director Andrew Conley at (614) 884-7336 or Andrew@CleanFuelsOhio.org.

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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. Visit us online at summitmetroparks.org.



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