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MIKE GREENE NAMED CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History has named Summit Metro Parks Education & Recreation Manager Mike Greene its 2019 Conservation Educator of the Year. The prestigious award recognizes lifelong achievements to the field of conservation education among Northeast Ohio's informal educators, classroom teachers or naturalists.

Greene, who joined Summit Metro Parks in 1991, is being honored for his depth of knowledge and ability to work with a wide range of ages. Some of his many accomplishments include initiating the park district's well-known amphibian migration program, creating a popular tour of the "Crystal Palace" that forms in Gorge Metro Park each winter, and founding a citizen science program that has grown to include hundreds of volunteers throughout Summit County. Greene also helped develop the "Outside is In" program to introduce urban youth to nature study, fishing, art and storytelling.

The award will be presented at the sixteenth annual Conservation Symposium at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Summit Metro Parks manages more than 14,000 acres, including 16 parks, several conservation areas and more than 150 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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