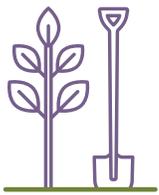


As a conservation agency, Summit Metro Parks is a leader in protecting native biodiversity and using nature-based solutions to mitigate environmental impact. In 2025, we took several steps toward a greener future for our community and our native ecosystem.

NATIVE BIODIVERSITY



1,076
TREES & SHRUBS
planted across
2.37 acres



2,974
NATIVE SEED PACKETS
handed out to the public

SEVEN
NEW PARTNERS



added to the Wild Back Yard partner program



Planted
650 **NATIVE PLANTS**
at the Valley View Area at Cascade Valley Metro Park

1,081 **BIRDS OF OVER 70 SPECIES**

were banded in cooperation with Cuyahoga Valley National Park to track movements and monitor populations



Over
2,700
ATTENDEES



at the Native Plant Festival

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION



Over
1,000 **POUNDS OF NATIVE FISH**
released into park lakes



1,840
ACRES OF INVASIVE PLANTS

and over



2,000
INVASIVE TREES
treated or removed

Fully inventoried

EIGHT

PARKS AND CONSERVATION AREAS

for water quality, plant and animal species, geological features and base cartography



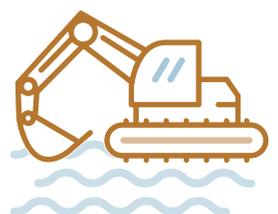
204.5
ACRES PURCHASED

for conservation, resource management and/or park use



US EPA
DREDGING BEGAN

in **Gorge Metro Park**, paving the way for a cleaner Cuyahoga River



WASTE REDUCTION & DISPOSAL

2,605 
POUNDS OF ORGANIC MATTER
 composted by staff at the park district's Administrative Offices

677 
CHRISTMAS TREES
 collected and chipped into mulch used for landscaping and compost

18 **LIMITED WASTE EVENTS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF**

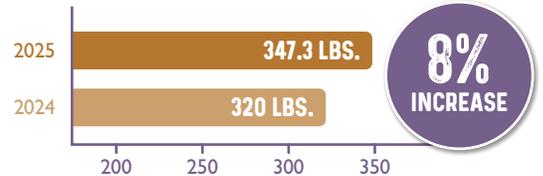
2.7 
POUNDS OF CANDY WRAPPERS
 recycled during the community collection program

14 
WASTE WISE VOLUNTEERS
 assisted with limited waste goals at multiple public park events

Pounds of **material recycled** at limited waste events



Pounds of **material composted** at limited waste events



Produced over
14.4 TONS OF ORGANIC MATTER

via public composting bins, preventing over **1,266 tons** of methane and **35,459 tons** of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from releasing in landfills*

*Calculated using the EPA Food Waste Methane Emissions Calculator

Nine cleanups
 with **433 volunteers** were held at various park locations, resulting in over

3,320 POUNDS OF TRASH
 removed from land and waterways



14.5 TONS OF E-WASTE

recycled at six public bin locations in the parks (a **19% increase** from 2024)

126 POSTS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY



on Facebook, Instagram and X, resulting in **745,108 views** and **25,260 interactions**

RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE



New electric equipment purchased for use in parks, including two commercial snow blowers, multiple hedge trimmers and pole saws, and an e-bike for park police



Energy efficient lighting upgrades implemented at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm and the operations garages at the Valley View Area of Cascade Valley Metro Park



Purchased two electric vehicles that have reduced CO₂ emissions by **over 5,630 pounds***

*Calculated by using the EPA Green House Gas Equivalencies Calculator



Do you want to take steps to support a greener future? Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/SMPGreenerFuture to explore resources and learn more.