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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Warren County Park District Honors Supporters at First Annual “Friendsgiving” Gathering**

LEBANON, Ohio — Warren County Park District hosted its first annual “Friendsgiving” Supporter Appreciation Gathering on Sunday November 9 at Armco Park in Lebanon to thank volunteers and partners for their contributions. With the help of supporters, the Park District has positively impacted lives on 7,400 occasions through its nature programs and logged 978 volunteer hours this year. In addition, the Park District also partners with other local organizations who host their own programs and activities in the Park District, increasing the options available to our community.

Supporters attending the “Friendsgiving” event shared details of their Park District partnership work with the group and enjoyed networking and forming new connections with each other. Park District CEO Matt Latham and Nature Education Supervisor Shannon Pennington provided a recap of programs held so far in 2025, and a preview of what’s to come in 2026. This preview included exciting grant- and donor-funded projects made possible by partnerships with several groups in attendance. A potential new Armco Park dog park, new bike trail connection to Armco Park along SR 741, plus wetland habitat restoration and multi-use trail work at Landen-Deerfield Park in Maineville, are all in process thanks to these partnerships.

Pennington commented, “Your efforts have made an impact! With your help, many new people are learning about our Park District and everything we have to offer. We would not be able to reach this many people without your participation.”

Warren County Park District is a county-wide park and green space provider, managing 1,716 acres in 12 parks across the County including its flagship parks, Armco and Landen-Deerfield. Our mission is to enhance our

community's well-being by preserving quality natural spaces where all are invited to discover and experience the great outdoors. For more information, see www.WarrenCountyParks.com, email parks@warrencountyparks.com, or call (513) 695-3980.

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Friendsgiving

Supporter Appreciation Gathering 2025

Blooms and Berries Farm Market	Orienteering Cincinnati
Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA)	OSU Extension and 4H
City of Lebanon Parks & Rec	ParkRun
Deerfield Township Park & Rec	Riverdogs Paddlesports
Friends of Warren County Park District	SAFE on Main
Heroes on the Water	Scouts
Little Miami Conservancy	Southwest Ohio Rocketry Association
Little Miami Watershed Network	Warren County Astronomical Society
Loveland Paddlesports	Warren County Kennel Club
Mason Community Center	Warren County Libraries
Master Gardeners	WC Soil & Water Conservation District
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists	Whitetails Unlimited
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Wild Birds Unlimited

7,404
Positive Park Interactions

978 Volunteer Hours
Estimated \$34,024 value

(Not including independent programs and volunteer work that our supporters are doing on their own!)

Our selfless supporters give
their time, talent, and heart.

Thank you

You make a real difference!



