



Hello,

I am the Vice President for the “Friends” of the Preble County Park District. I am inviting you to support the Preble County Park District (PCPD) by becoming a member of the Friends of PCPD. I would like to introduce you to how our Non-Profit Park Support (Friends of the PCPD) works and explain how the Preble County Park District acquires its funding.

Contrary to believe, the Ohio Park Districts are not funded by any taxpayer funding, unless a tax-levy has been secured. Preble County Park District would like to function and grow without a tax-levy. The “Friends” helps us to be able to receive grant monies and tax-deductible donations in support of our parks, as well as provide volunteer assistance.

I have attached a “Friends” membership form if you are interested in joining our effort to grow, protect and sustain our parks. It also lists the benefits of becoming a “*Friend*” to the Park District. Without further ado, let me tell you what we have been doing.

A “Friends” membership indicates that you believe in the importance of Parks to our community. We have two parks, the Garber Nature Center (9691 OH-503 North, Lewisburg, OH) and the Herbert and Patricia Wagers Park, aka Devil’s Backbone, (Old SR 725, Camden, OH).

The events of the past couple of years have reinforced the extreme importance of outdoor resources in our lives. In this regard, during the past year much effort has gone into improving the quality of the experiences at both locations. At Garber, in addition to the regular maintenance and improvement of the trails, a Story Board has been installed providing additional interest for young families. A beautiful electronic sign in front of the Garber House, now catches the eye of all those who drive past. At The Wagers Park, we installed a required wildlife friendly fence and this park is now open to the public. Special thanks for these improvements go to Friends Members: Mark Schwab, John Schwab, Rick Hunter, Jon Granville, Larry Kalmus, Jon Costanzo and Joe Bradley. Betty Schwab has been volunteering her time to clean the Garber House. Several Miami University students have been assisting with the accessioning of the Garber artifacts.

It is our hope that you will choose to become a member and be a part of this progressive vision for Preble County. We hope that you will share with your friends and family all the good things that are happening in hopes of introducing more citizens to the joys of the Garber Nature Center and Wagers Park. We have enclosed our 2022 List of Free Programs; find more detailed information on our website at preblecountyparks.org.

If you have questions, please call the office at 937-962-5561. Check out the Preble County Park District page on Facebook. This is our first attempt at soliciting for members for the “*Friends*.” As promised, we will only email you 12 times or less a year.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Happy Hiking,

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