

# Parks & Forestry

We build connections in our community:  
Neighbor to Neighbor; Neighbor to Nature;  
and Neighbor to History.

We do this by preserving our history,  
conserving our green infrastructure, and  
engaging our community in the outdoors.

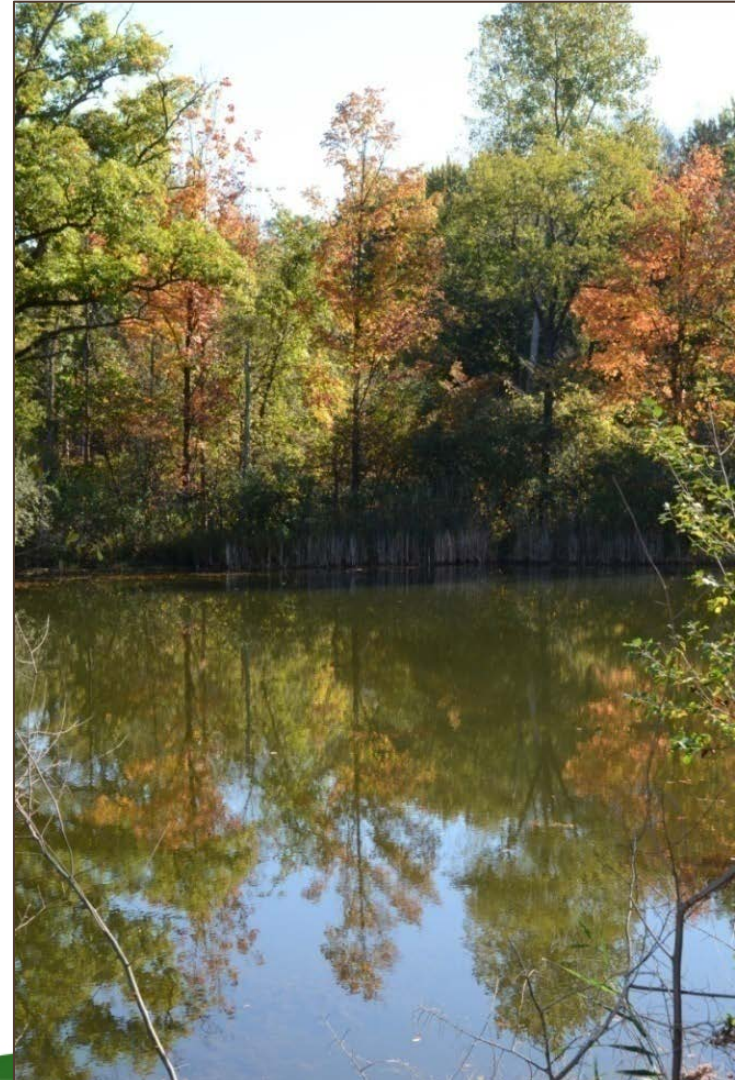


# Innovation Hills

## *Going Forward*

### The Plan - Six Phases

- **Phase I – Trails & Plantings**
  - Base parking lot in progress / complete by spring 2018
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Mile trail loop and restrooms planned for summer 2018
- **Phase II – Community Water Feature area**
  - Construction starts spring 2018 (or earlier)
- **Phase III – Play Areas & Sensory Garden**
  - Sensory Garden plantings starting fall 2017, complete spring 2018
  - Design/community input process for play areas starting soon
- **Phase IV – Observation Areas & Art**
- **Phase V – Community Structure**
- **Phase VI – Bridge Connections**



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## *Investment to Date*

City Investment (\$450,000) – includes \$150,000 match for received grant

### Partnerships Received (\$775,000)

- \$400,000 of in-kind services to construct portion of parking lot and paved trails
- \$155,000 in private/business donations
- \$150,000 grant from Land & Water Conservation Fund for boardwalk and restrooms
- \$30,000 grant from the Brooksie Way
- \$40,000 Gro1000 grant from Scott's Miracle Gro





# Museum Division

- 2018 = New Displays
- 2019 = Equipment Barn



# Parks Division



Feasibility Study requested to review possibility of creating waterpark like setting at Spencer Park

Over 300,000 families and individuals visit us in their cars every year



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# Natural Resources Division

- A one stop shop for Natural Resources issues
- Moving Forestry function into this division
- Moving several parks functions into this division
  - Green Space
  - Wildlife Response
  - Clinton River
  - Trails
- Added 9 Acres of woods and wetlands on Ruby Avenue
- Converted 2 Acres of City owned woods adjacent to Harding to Green Space
- Free Tree Planting program to residents (about 400/year)



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# Natural Resources Division

## New Functions

- Outdoor Engagement Programs
- Outreach to HOAs and businesses
- Planning for long-term stewardship of parkland natural resources
- Grant Pursuit for stewardship to leverage our dollars







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