



Portage Park District

'Trail Lake Park' property information

Acquisition History

- Acquired by the Portage Park District in 2017 from the Gressard Family with grants from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Not yet open to the public

Features

- 130 acres located in the City of Steetsboro and Franklin Twp.; frontage access on Ravenna Road
- Adjacent to the south side of Herrick Fen State Nature Preserve
- Varied terrain, with rolling hills and gentle slopes
- Varied natural habitat, including a 30-acre spring fed man-made lake, mature hardwoods and evergreens, old fields and wetlands
- Natural springs supply water to Herrick Fen, a high quality wetland with rare species
- Rumored site of the Native American "Mahoning Path" from Pittsburgh to Sandusky
- Abandoned railroad corridor that used to ship ice from Twin Lakes to Cleveland

Opportunities

- Lake was stocked and used as a commercial fishery supplying bass and bluegill locally; potential for fishing and paddling
- High quality natural areas have potential for nature appreciation, birdwatching, research and education programs
- Near to Phillips Park with tennis and basketball courts and playgrounds
- Potential for trail connection to Herrick Fen
- Flatter areas could accommodate handicapped accessible trail

Constraints

- Grant funding sources restrict high impact recreational development—conservation and water quality protection are priorities
- Non-native invasive plants need to be controlled

Possible Park Uses

- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Fishing
- Cross country skiing
- Sledding
- Nature education programs
- Primitive camping
- Nature adventure playgrounds
- Outdoor fitness and exercise
- Other?

'Tinkers Creek Greenway' property map



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