



## WAYS TO GIVE

There are several ways to support the Parks Foundation. Please review these details to see which scenario may best fit your situation.

**Write a check; mail it to:** Ottawa County Parks Foundation, Inc., PO Box 510, Allendale MI 49401

You will receive a receipt for your donation. Consult your tax professional to determine if it is an eligible tax deduction when you prepare your tax return.

**Make a secure online donation on our website:** [www.ottawacountyparksfoundation.org](http://www.ottawacountyparksfoundation.org)

*Please note the processing company retains a portion for their processing fees; the Foundation receives the net amount of the contribution. If you are making a large donation, please consider writing a check, so the Foundation receives the full amount.*

### **Contribute to the Ottawa County Parks Foundation Endowment Fund**

We have established an endowment fund through the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. If you designate a donation to this endowment fund, the principal will be held in the investment account and only the annual earnings of that fund can be accessed for current projects or expenses.

### **Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your retirement account**

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you can elect to make charity donations directly from your retirement account. Those qualified distributions are not counted as taxable income to you because the charity receives the funds. These distributions are not tax deductible as they are not included in your taxable income calculation

#### **Name the Ottawa County Parks Foundation as a beneficiary**

This could be applied to retirement accounts, life insurance contracts, or perhaps other property ownership. Be sure to discuss this with a Foundation officer to get the correct wording and Foundation's IRS ID#. If you make such a designation, please provide us with information so that we will have appropriate records.

### **Donate appreciated stock shares from your investment account.**

You will need to provide your investment advisor with: DTC# 0226 & the Foundation account #H6F-155788. Your advisor will have you sign an authorization for gift transfer of shares from your account to the Foundation's account at Huntington Bank. Please advise us of the number of shares & what stock you are gifting so that we can correctly identify and receipt your gift. You would be donating the market value of the stock. *(If you sold the stock in your account, you would be subject to capital gain effects for your tax return. The Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization, so we can sell stock shares without being subject to capital gain tax.)*

### **Donate other property**

The Parks Foundation could accept some other types of property as tax deductible gifts. You must discuss the possibility with Parks staff and/or Foundation officers to determine the best fit for the donation, determine the valuation, and whether the property might be retained or sold.

### **Volunteer to serve**

You may have talents and experience which would make you a valuable addition to a committee or to provide services to the Foundation. Interested? Let us know.

**We appreciate your support to help us accomplish our shared goals.**

The Ottawa County Parks Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization.  
Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.