



2019 Impact Report

Thanks to the support of our generous donors, the Ottawa County Parks Foundation enjoyed a successful 2019. The Foundation successfully helped with new property acquisition and improvements to current parks. Your support made possible:

- Funding for the multi-year Grand River Greenway Campaign, leading to construction on two segments of the Idema Explorers Trail. One segment, 1.17 miles along Cottonwood Drive in Jenison connects neighborhoods to the Jenison business district. The second 1-mile segment connects the Allendale campus of Grand Valley State University to Grand Ravines along 42nd Avenue.
- Designation of \$3,000 of project funds to be used for trail and kiosk signage at the new Stearns Creek Park.
- Hosting of *Art in the Parks* at the Nature Center in collaboration with the Lakeshore Visual Arts Collective; *Veterans of the Ottawa County Poor Farm* history talk; *Breakfast at the Park* at Grand Ravines; and *Fall into Nature* for families at the Nature Center.



With your continued support, the Ottawa County Parks Foundation will be able to use private funds to leverage Ottawa County Parks millage dollars for public benefit. Ottawa Sands is a shining example of the power of partnership between the public and private sector. Non-designated donations are crucial so we have the ability to support unexpected acquisitions.

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