Metro Parks

Established 1945

“To conserve open spaces, while providing places and opportunities that encourage people to discover and experience nature.”

Special Park District

- 1917 - Special Parks (O.R.C. Chapter 1545)
- 1945 - Establishment of Columbus & Franklin County Metropolitan Park District
- 1948 - Blacklick Woods
- 27,000 acres touching 7 different counties

Board of Park Commissioners

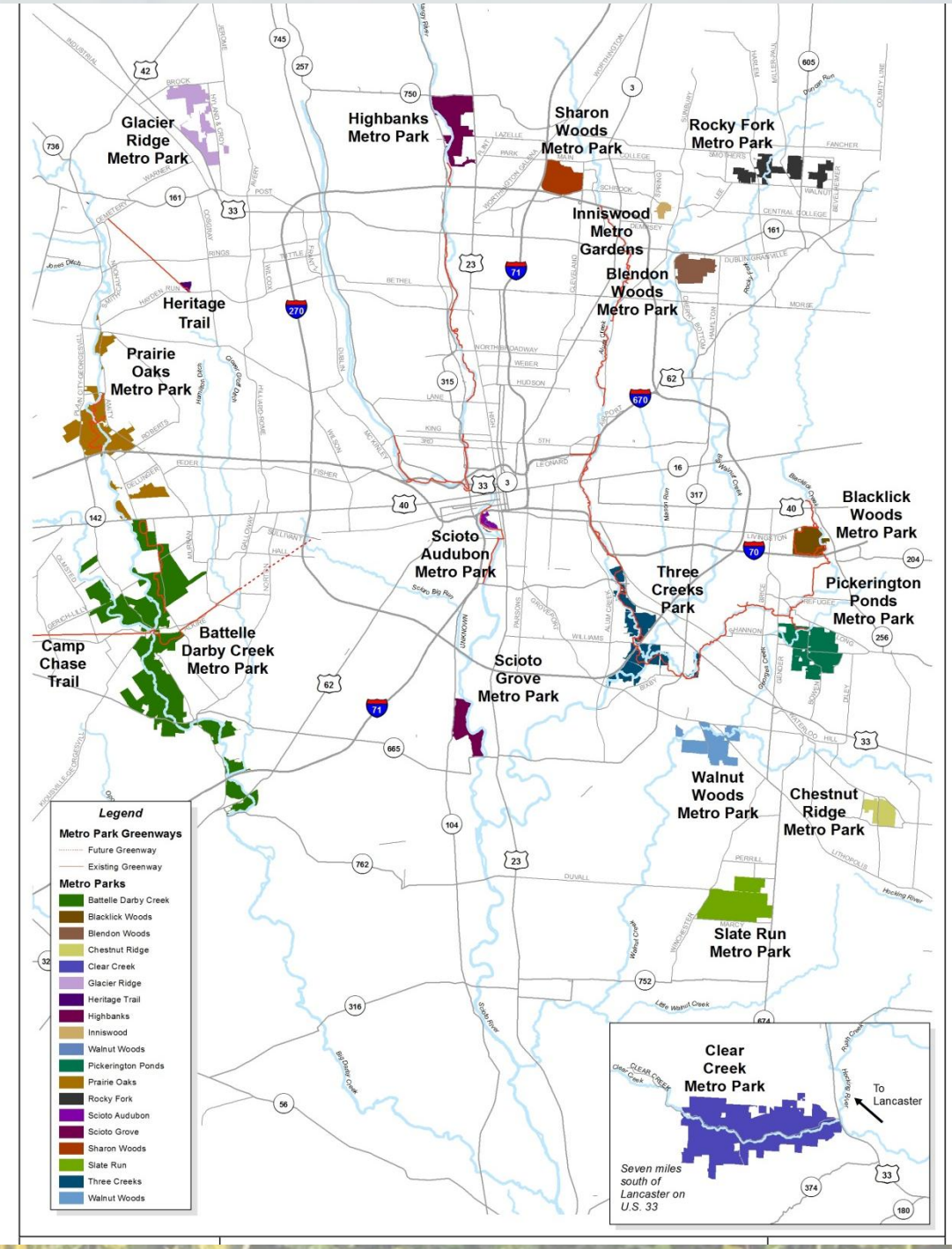
- 3-person board
- Serve without pay
- Greg S. Latshutka, Jeffrey McNealy, Jim McGregor

Metro Parks Funding

- 10 year 0.75-mill property tax levy
- $23 per $100 K in property value
- Additional funding
  - State of Ohio Local Government Funds
  - Park generated revenues
  - Grants, donations, investment

Visitors

- 7.8 million visitors
- More than COSI
- More than the Columbus Zoo
- More than the Columbus Clippers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Scioto Audubon Metro Park
Three Creeks Park
Pickerington Ponds Metro Park
Camp Chase Trail
Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park
Scioto Grove Metro Park
Walnut Woods Metro Park
Chestnut Ridge Metro Park
Slate Run Metro Park
Clear Creek Metro Park
To Lancaster
Seven miles south of Lancaster on U.S. 33
Legend
Metro Park Greenways
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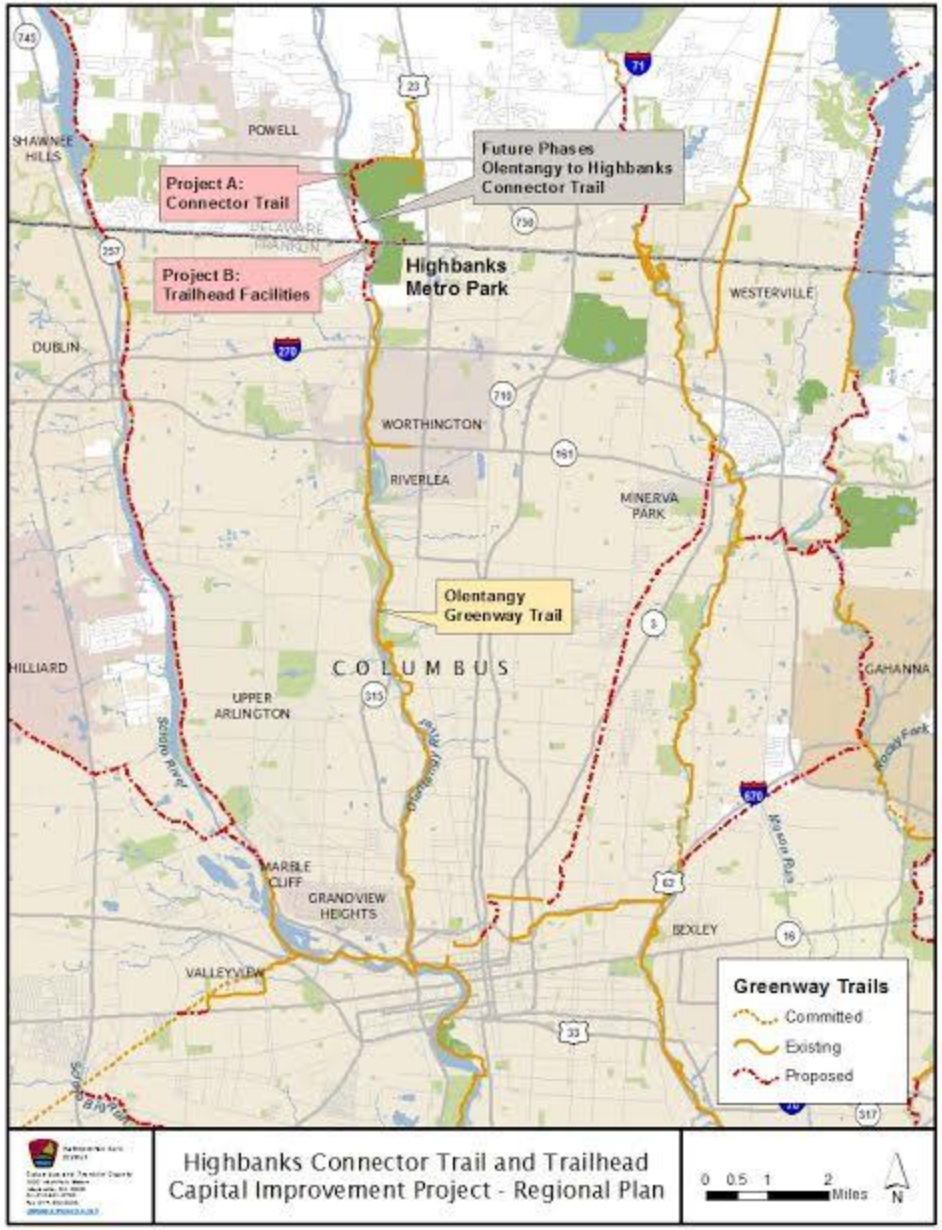
Future Phases
Olentangy to Highbanks
Connector Trail
Project A:
Connector Trail
Project B:
Trailhead Facilities
Highbanks
Metro Park
Olentangy
Greenway Trail
POWELL
SHAWNEE HILLS
DUBLIN
WORTHINGTON
RIVERLEA
WESTERVILLE
MINERVA PARK
HILLIARD
COLUMBUS
UPPER ARLINGTON
GAHANNA
MARBLE CLIFF
GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS
BEXLEY
VALLEYVIEW
Greenway Trails
Committed
Existing
Proposed
Highbanks Connector Trail and Trailhead
Capital Improvement Project - Regional Plan
0 0.5 1 2 Miles
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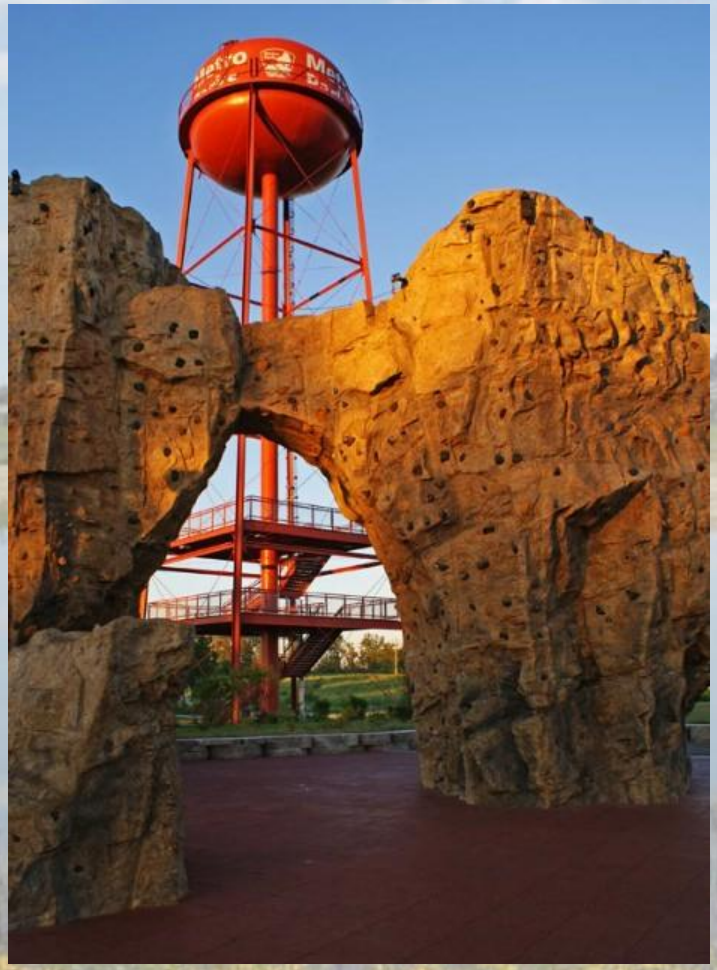

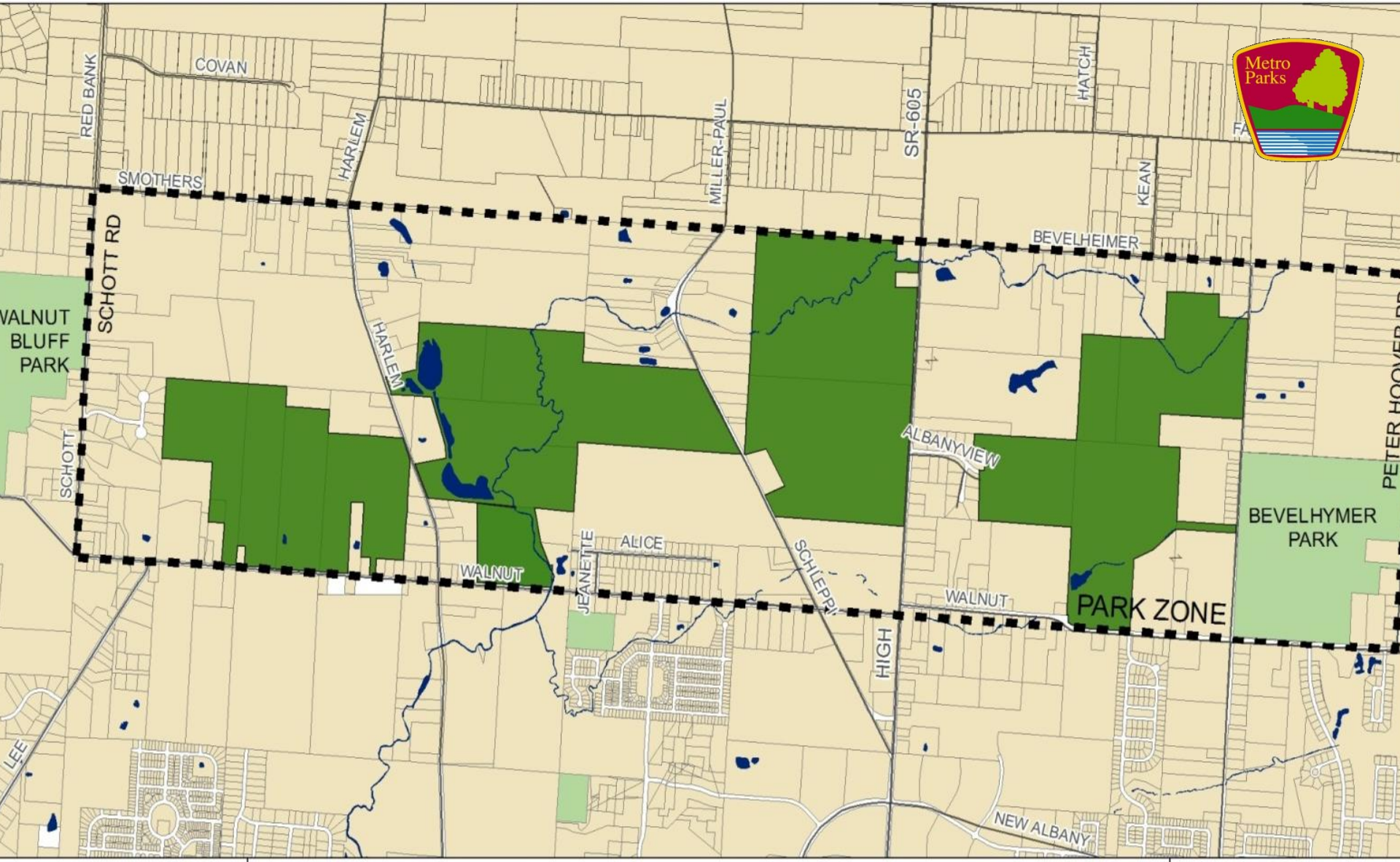

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Rocky Fork Metro Park

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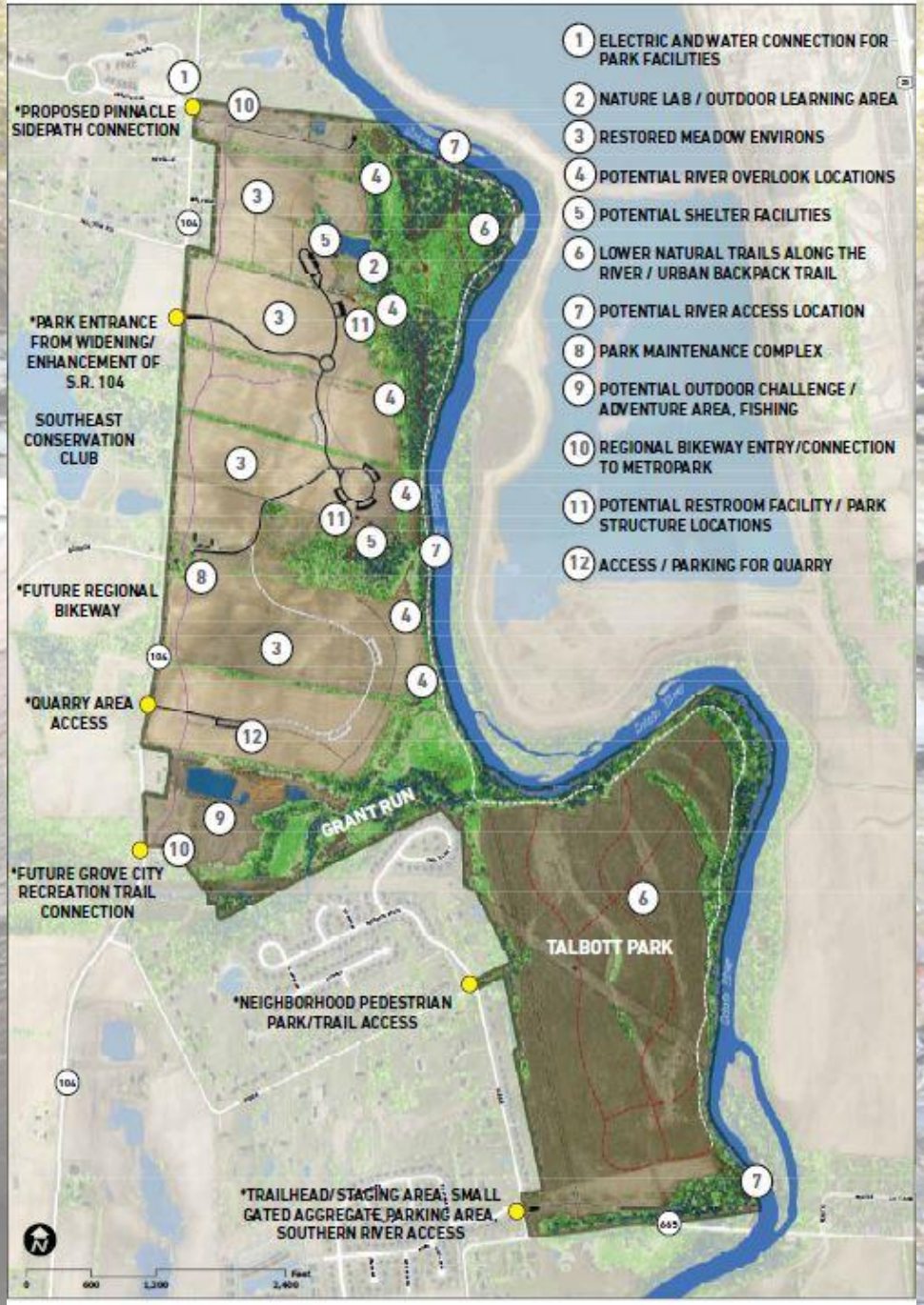
Legend

- Park Zone
- Metro Parks - Fee
- Metro Parks - Easement
- Other Agency Holdings
- Water
- Parcel



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