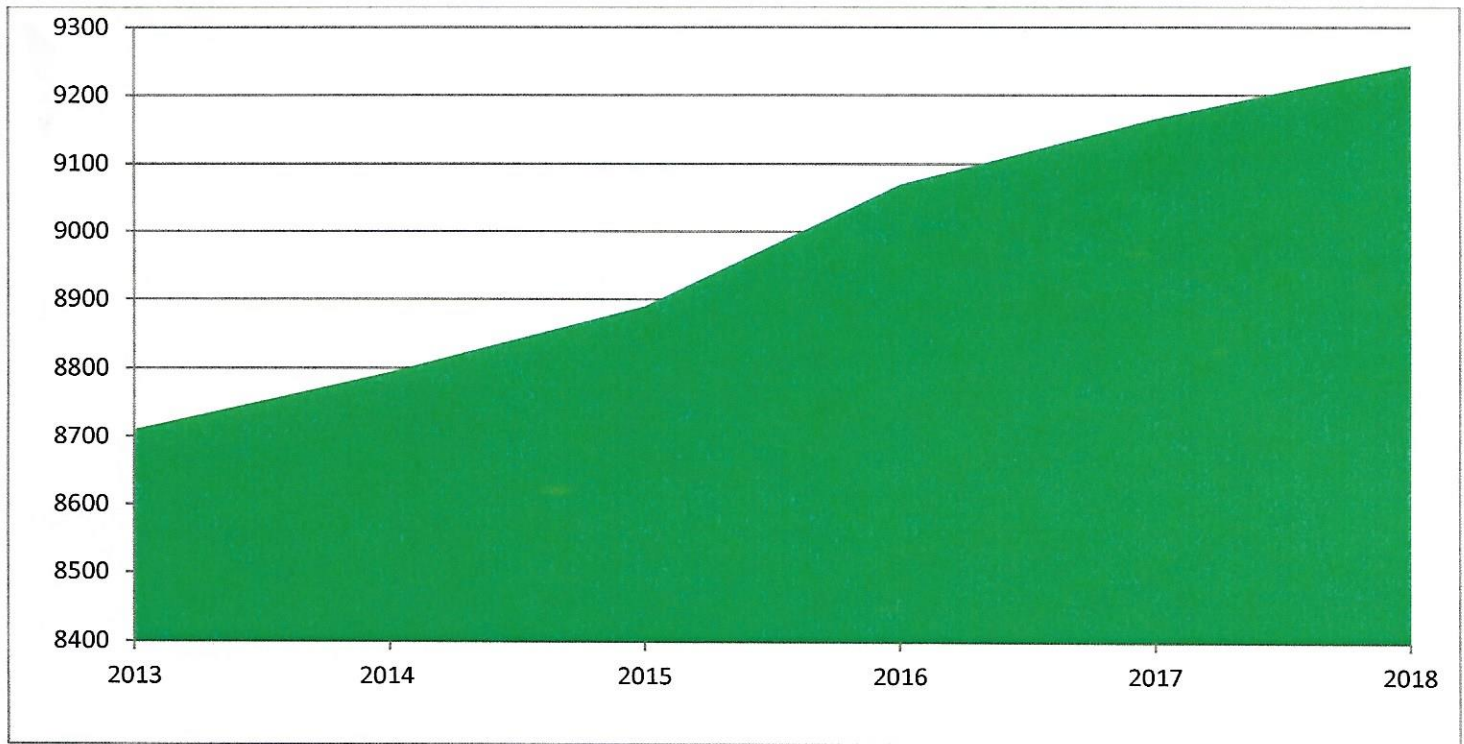


LAKE METROPARKS LAND ACREAGE 2013 – 2018



LAND ACREAGE - PROTECTED AND ACCESSIBLE

By the end of 2018 we will have protected an additional 79 acres for a total of over 9,245 acres owned or managed by Lake Metroparks. These acquisitions involved the addition of 12 acres at Big Creek Corridor, 46 acres at the Environmental Learning Center, and 21 acres at Hell Hollow.

Over the past year we have completed several improvements to the parks including the streambank restoration at Grand River Landing, a new flush restroom at Penitentiary Glen adjacent to Nature Play, development of Blair Ridge Park, and the Archery Range at Hidden Lake. These new amenities continue our goal of increasing access to our clean and safe parks while providing unique and new ways that our guests can enjoy their parks.

2017 - 2018 VISITATION

Between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018 we had over 3.4 million visits to the parks. To put that in perspective, our visitation has increased approximately 30.8% from 2.6 million visits in 2012. This past year we saw essentially the same number of visitors as last year with a very small increase of approximately 5,000 more visitors or 0.14%. When we looked at the monthly visitation numbers we had very poor attendance in February and June where we experienced a combined reduction of over 93,000 visits compared to last year. On the plus side, our new amenities have been extremely popular. Visitation at Nature Play exceeded 145,000, the pier at Painesville Twp. was enjoyed by over 80,000 visitors since opening last October and the tower at Lake Erie Bluffs welcomed over 52,000 guests (an increase of over 35% from the previous year).

Chagrin River Park continued to be the most visited park with approximately 558,319 guests followed by Fairport Harbor at over 326,424. The top ten were rounded out by Pine Ridge Country Club, Veteran's Park, Farmpark, Penitentiary Glen, Chapin Forest, Lake Erie Bluffs (which broke into the top ten for the first time), Painesville Twp. Park (also new to the top ten) and Lakefront Lodge.