

Glenwillow, Land Conservancy create park along Tinker's Creek

The Village of Glenwillow and the Land Conservancy partnered to create a new 17.5-acre park and protect a half-mile of Tinker's Creek, the largest tributary of the Cuyahoga River.

Glenwillow acquired the wooded property, located on the east side of Richmond Road, adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks Bedford Reservation, with a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant secured by the Land Conservancy. It is now permanently protected with a conservation easement held by the Land Conservancy. The village will own and maintain the park. It will be used for passive recreation and outdoor education.

Mayor Mark Cegelka said, "This property is a wonderful asset to the village, as it protects land that has a significant scenic, natural, aesthetic and open space value to Glenwillow. Through the partnership



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of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, we were able to make this acquisition with using only grant funds, so no tax dollars were used. This project is just one piece in the overall plan to connect all areas of Glenwillow with multi-purpose trails and greenways, which will make our village a very desirable community to live and work."

Sarah Ryzner, director of projects for the Land Conservancy's Thriving Communities Institute, applauded the village for preserving the property and for protecting the Tinker's Creek corridor. "We thank the Clean Ohio

Green Space Conservation Program for providing the funding to protect a critical piece of property in the Tinker's Creek Watershed and create the potential for future connections," Ryzner said.

Ryzner also thanked the Cuyahoga Land Bank for its assistance on the project.