

Events and Programs

Kokosing Gap Trail Tree Chipping
News Years in the Forest
Annual Fishing Seminar
Pheasants Forever Banquet
Dog park walk for the Humane Society
Nature Lovers Garden Club
Pheasants Forever Outdoor Skills Event
Earth Day Expo
Earth Day Tree Planting
Bladensburg Wellness Path Dedication
Heart of Ohio Trail Paving Dedication
Free Fishing Day at Foundation Park
State Envirothon Competition
Family Fun Day (Kiwanis/Rotary)
Kokosing Scenic River Day
Kokosing River Float
Knox County Fair
Dan Emmett Festival
Mohican River Canoe float
FFA Soil Judging Competition
Town and Country Garden Club
Heart of Ohio Tour
Fall Foliage Hike
Pheasants Forever Youth Hunt
Heart of Ohio Trail Annual Meeting
Kokosing Gap Trail Annual Meeting
SWCD Annual Banquet
Celebration in the Forest

Media

- Approx. 70 print, web and radio media hits
- Over 17,000 visits to web site, over 1.2 mil. hits
- Visit us on Facebook or www.knoxcountyparks.org

Partners

Mount Vernon Rotary
Mount Vernon Kiwanis
Knox Chapter Pheasants Forever
Cub & Boy Scout Troops
Knox County Kayakers
ODNR Scenic Rivers Program
Brown Family Environmental Ctr.
Knox Health Department
Knox Soil & Water Conserv. Dist.
Knox Co. Commissioners
We Love Pets
Ohio Rental
East Knox School District
Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Apple Valley Singers
Landers Foundation
Knox Community Hospital
Knox CVB
Kokosing Gap Trail Board
Heart of Ohio Trail Board
Mohican Wilderness Campground
Knox Cooperative Extension
Knox Co. Horsemen's Council
Knox Litter Prev. and Recycling
Knox Fish & Game Association
CES Credit Union
Burch Tree Care
Ramser Arboretum
ODNR - Wildlife
ODNR - Watercraft
4-H Clubs
Town and Country Garden Club
Nature Lovers Garden Club
Smalls Sand and Gravel



Knox County Park District

2010 Annual Report



Thayer Ridge Frisbee Disc Golf



Honey Run Highlands



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Heart of Ohio Trail Paving

New Park Development

Honey Run Highlands—This new 348 acre park was opened, with the construction of two parking lots, information kiosks, miles of hiking trails and a maintenance road. Approximately 50 acres of tall grass prairie were planted to aid bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasants and other wildlife. Nesting boxes for songbirds and the state threatened barn owl were installed.

Bat Nest Road Access—Thousands of trees were planted.

Thayer Ridge—A nine-hole, frisbee disc golf course was constructed with the assistance of Mount Vernon Rotary.

Park Amenities Development

Picnic Shelter (Wolf Run)—Received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to construct a picnic shelter.

Bark Park (Wolf Run)—Designed a new agility area.

Tourism & Economic Development

KnoxWays Marketing Project—Attracted a federal scenic byways grant and partnered with the Knox County Commissioners and Knox Convention and Visitors Bureau to aid tourism in eastern Knox County.

Maps, travelers guide, DVD, website and directional signage were developed. Visit: www.knoxways.org

Land Protection

Protected nearly 58 acres of woods, floodplain and stream habitat on a farm via a conservation easement near the Mohican State Scenic River.

Trail Development

Heart of Ohio Trail:

- Paved a 3.7 mile section of the trail from Bishop Road west to a bridge east of Graham Road, Mount Liberty.
- Constructed the Mount Liberty staging area parking lot.



Mohican Valley Trail:

- Used a CDBG grant to pave 0.5 miles of the trail from the Holmes County line to the Bridge of Dreams, with assistance from the Knox County Commissioners.



More than four miles of hiking trails & footbridges were constructed at Wolf Run, Thayer Ridge and Honey Run Highlands parks.



Did You Know?

KCPD owns, manages or protects more than 1,000 acres of parks, bike trails, farmland and open space.

KCPD pays property taxes on 80% of the property we own.

KCPD and its trail partners received nearly 2.4 million dollars in the form of grants and donations in 2010.

KCPD operates just under 2 FTEs (full time equivalents or employees).