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Conservancy Gifts \$97,100 to Cuyahoga Valley National Park for Trail Maintenance

PENINSULA, Ohio – The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park has gifted \$97,100 to Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) to be used for trail maintenance this summer. These funds, raised throughout 2019 specifically for trail maintenance, allowed CVNP to hire two seasonal employees dedicated to trail maintenance as well as purchase trail rigging tools and a compact tractor.

“We are grateful to have the Conservancy as such a vital, committed partner,” Craig Kenkel, CVNP Superintendent said. “This gift is ultimately for the people who enjoy the over 120 miles of trails in CVNP.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have been finding refuge in CVNP for renewal, recreation, and physical fitness. The Conservancy is thrilled to help improve the trails through this donation, in turn providing a safer, more enjoyable experience for all who visit.

“Now more than ever, we are seeing how essential greenspace is to our well-being,” said Deb Yandala, Conservancy CEO. “Because of our wonderful supporters, we are able to make this gift to CVNP to help maintain trails during what is sure to be a very busy summer.”

Funds for this gift were raised through the Conservancy’s popular 2019 fundraisers, Topography and Elevation, and by individual donors who supported the Conservancy’s “Trails Forever” campaign. Due to safety concerns around COVID-19, the Conservancy made the tough decision to cancel these events for 2020.

As the official nonprofit friends group of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Conservancy continues to advocate for park preservation and programming. Individuals wishing to join the Conservancy in supporting CVNP projects and trails are asked to do so by visiting forcvnp.org/donate.

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About the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the official friends group and philanthropic partner for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). With a mission to enrich lives and our communities by inspiring use, appreciation and support of CVNP and ensure its preservation, the Conservancy offers cultural and educational programming, co-manages an environmental education center, co-manages the park's volunteer program, provides venues for weddings, meetings and special events, and operates park retail spaces.