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THE CONSERVANCY FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK RAISED MORE THAN \$70,000 AT ITS ANNUAL EVENTS SUPPORTING TRAILS IN OHIO'S NATIONAL PARK

Over 900 people attended Elevation and Topography on June 16 and 17

PENINSULA, Ohio – June 21, 2023 – The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) welcomed over 900 guests to the park during its signature fundraisers, Elevation on June 16 and Topography on June 17, at Indigo Lake in CVNP. Together the events raised more than \$70,000 for the Trails Now Fund, which provides immediate assistance for trail maintenance and priority trail projects in CVNP. Since the events began 12 years ago, Topography and Elevation have raised nearly \$1.4 million for the park's more than 125 miles of trails.

"We are grateful for the generous support during these events since the work of maintaining and improving the multipurpose trails loved by thousands every year is never done," said Dan Blakemore, vice president of philanthropy, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. "With Elevation and Topography, we aspire to bring people together for a one-of-a-kind evening in our national park that in turn makes a meaningful difference as well as ensures the remarkable landscape in CVNP remains a haven for both nature and humanity."

During Elevation, over 500 guests enjoyed a wonderful meal, hiking, live music, dancing, a make-your-own trail mix bar, campfires and s'mores. At Topography, more than 400 guests delighted in cocktails as well as an amazing dining experience by Spice Catering Co., live music and finished the evening with campfires.

Consider joining others who made a gift this past weekend to the Conservancy's Trails Now Fund at www.forcvnp.org/donate. Current projects provide immediate support to bridle-hiking trail improvements, the replacement of pedestrian bridges and other needs identified by CVNP leadership.

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About Conservancy for CVNP

The Conservancy for CVNP is the official friends group and philanthropic partner for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. With a mission to enrich people's lives and enhance our region by inspiring use, preservation and support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Conservancy offers cultural and educational programming, co-manages the park's volunteer program, provides venues for weddings, meetings and special events, and operates park retail spaces. Learn more at www.forcvnp.org.

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