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**THE CONSERVANCY FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (CVNP) IS HOSTING MORE THAN 250 NATIONAL PARK LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**  
*National Park Friends Alliance Meeting in Cleveland and CVNP week of Oct. 23*

**PENINSULA, Ohio – Oct. 5, 2023** – The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is hosting more than 250 national park leaders from across the United States during the Annual Meeting of the National Park Friends Alliance (NPFA) the week of Oct. 23. The NPFA, a non-profit, unites national parks’ philanthropic park partners and park officials, meeting several times a year to share best practices and advance park partnerships.

“It truly is an honor to have our amazing community and national park selected for the National Park Friends Alliance Annual Meeting to highlight our creative partnership work with Cuyahoga Valley National Park,” said Deb Yandala, president and CEO, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. “As one of the largest national park friends groups in the country, we are especially well known among this group for our excellence in working with community partners, engaging members and volunteers, and in offering innovative arts and education programs. As a past president of the NPFA, I am so excited to share our story and welcome the other non-profit executives supporting our national parks across the United States.”

During the four-day event, participants will spend two days in meetings in downtown Cleveland and two days on field trips to spotlight the Conservancy for CVNP’s work in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The meeting will include training on a variety of topics including: community collaborations/engagement, philanthropy, connecting young adults to public lands careers, supporting park science needs, exploring models of co-leadership with Indigenous communities, and engaging the next generation of conservation champions through immersive education experiences.

**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](http://www.forcvnp.org).

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