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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2020

Despite the cancellation of our Summer Nature Camp and the majority of our programs in 2020, our financial position remained strong at the end of the year. We strictly monitored our expenses, focusing on maintenance and upkeep of our trail systems and additional work to create a welcoming environment for the influx of park visitors during lockdown. We also spent funds to increase our virtual learning and educational programs in both synchronous and asynchronous formats.



Cromwell Valley Park Council representatives joined Delegate Michele Guyton in Annapolis to advocate for capital funding for the park.

ADVOCACY

romwell Valley Park Council's mission dedicated to the stewardship of CVP as a public space for passive recreation and educational programs often requires its leaders and volunteers to advocate for funding from Baltimore County and the State of Maryland.

In 2020, one such effort included joining Senator West and Delegate Guyton in Annapolis to present a bond initiative request to the Maryland General Assembly House of Delegates for funding capital improvements to the Barnatorium and Willow Grove facilities, an area which is the focal point for educational programs and group activities at our park.

CVPC President, Mia Walsh, provided quantitative measurements showing the usage of this site for the citizens of Baltimore County and the positive impact it would have for both youth field trips and adult educational programming at CVP. For this effort, we were awarded \$200,000 for improvements of facilities

at Willow Grove. Other advocacy efforts in 2020 included the presentation of ongoing funding needs for parking, egress/ingress, and structural improvements at Baltimore County Town Hall meetings with County Executive Johnny Olszewski and Councilmen Kach and

Cromwell Valley Park Council is proud of its positive working relationships with our politicians and County leadership.



\$ 17,061.03

ASSETS \$107,315.18 Checking \$ 60,832.31 \$ 46,179.81 Savings

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity Restricted \$ 17,061.03 Equity Unrestricted \$86,780.73 \$ 3,773.42 **Net Surplus**



FUNDS Accessible Path \$ 250.00

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Thanks to fundraising campaigns to support specific areas of the park in 2020, we received \$16,975 in donations in calendar year 2020. This was 282% higher than our conservative donation budget of \$6,000, though less than the \$23,275 received in 2019.

- Park Rangers created hybrid nature education activities to provide programming during the pandemic. Geocaching, Water-Water Everywhere, Insect Safari and Nature Quest are just a few topics!
- Our first Art Show Fundraiser featured canvas prints of digital images provided gratis by the talented photographers who capture the beauty of our

Members of Cromwell Valley Park Council lobbied in Annapolis with Senator Chris West and Delegate Michele Guyton to request funds for CVP capital improvements.



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DOG WASTE STATIONS

#CLEANPARKS Initiative

Seeing a great need within the park, the CVP Council initiated a 2020 year end donation campaign for the purchase of additional dog waste stations to be placed throughout the park's vast hiking trails. Donors contributed funds to purchase dispensers, waste bags and waste containers for the "honor" of having a waste station named after a loved one or their own pet. Six additional stations were purchased for CVP.



COVID-19 Pandemic leads to record numbers

romwell Valley Park Council President, Mia Walsh, is used to seeing other park visitors on the trails on the weekends, but during the week, she would often

be the only hiker. All that changed when the COVID-19

pandemic uprooted our world in early 2020. When the country and the globe went on lockdown and the only available recreation was going to a park, the amount of visitors using CVP's trails and open spaces increased exponentially.

Nearby municipalities, like Pennsylvania and Baltimore City (thereby also Loch Raven Reservoir watershed), closed their parks and trails to the public. However, Baltimore County government took great measures to keep our parks open for

Throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2020, the trend for individuals and families coming to enjoy Cromwell Valley Park continued, both during the week and the weekends, as well. Putting these numbers in perspective, in 2019, we recorded approximately 95,000 visitors for the year. In 2020, our **monthly** visitor count ranged from 25,000 to 52,000.

Cromwell Valley Park Council volunteers and Park Staff worked tirelessly besides one another to ensure the trails were maintained to accommodate additional pedestrian volume. Creatively, our Rangers produced virtual and hybrid nature education programming to continue this important piece of our community involvement.

We are grateful to the visitors, donors, volunteers and partners for the continued support provided to CVP in 2020 and beyond!



Wildlife thrived within the Cromwell Valley Park boundaries during the 2020 pandemic.

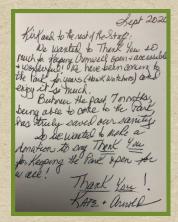
Red Fox & "Snowy Hubie" Piebald Fawn Photos by MPW



LOVE NOTES

Throughout 2020, we received notes from park visitors thanking us. Here are two we especially like:

"The park is amazing and continues to improve every year. This year it literally saved my husband's life. For a couple of days when he walked the hill at Sherwood, he would get a slight tightness in his chest. He didn't have the sensation any other time but it was enough for him to know something wasn't right. Several tests later, he was diagnosed with a 90% blockage in an artery and had a stent inserted. He now has a clean bill of health and is back to his near daily walks at CVP. We're so grateful for a good outcome and a beautiful park so close to home. We are truly blessed. " CR





On-demand virtual nature education is available, hosted by our CVP Park Rangers!

www.cromwellvalleypark.org /summer-programs/onlineactivities/





\$ 1,000 + (6 donors)

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"Donating to the park

was a given this year–

having this space during

priceless for our family.

\$ 100 - \$249 (53 donors)

Allen, Roberto & Margaret

ur generous donors permit us to address special needs in our park for projects outside of Baltimore County's budget. We are able to serve a wider audience while improving the natural setting in Cromwell Valley, which is enjoyed by our entire surrounding community.

THANK YOU 2020 DONORS!

\$ 100 - \$249 (CONTINUED)

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In March 2020, we held our first Art Show Fundraiser, made possible by the many generous photographers who contributed their digital images of CVP's landscapes, wildlife and flora.

Firt Show

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Printing their images on both photograph paper, as well as framed canvas prints, the Council hosted patrons for wine and light appetizers while they perused the artwork, buying items to take home and hang on their walls. Patrons were able to speak to the photographers about their work, inspiration and favorite places to shoot in the park.

This event netted almost \$2,000 in monies which were used towards the purchase of a new John Deere Gator for our Trails Committee.

Please tag us in your social media posts with pictures of CVP!

Special thanks to Doug Lake, Randall Peck, Dave Hepner, Dennis Murphy, Mike McCloskey, Bobby Phillips, Yuri Chaban, Mia Walsh, Michelle Monaghan, Laura Simms and Rose Wolfe for their support.

Rick Childs

hank you to the generous supporters who made the purchase of our

purchases. 52 of those donors gave \$99 or less, demonstrating how small,

2020 John Deere Gator possible. 72 donors contributed to this

campaign either through direct donations, Facebook Giving, or Art Show

individual contributions combined can make a significant impact to our

Henry & Leigh Peck Charitable Fund, Dr. Pat Kingman and Brian and Mia

Special donor recognition goes to Baltimore Road Runners Club, The

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