

# Parks and Recreation Means Quality of Life

Ohio is fortunate to have some of the finest parks and recreation facilities in the country.

## Parks and recreation:

- improves **quality of life**
- improves **health and wellness**
- contributes to **education and environmental sustainability**
- drives **economic development**

**A potential November ballot issue threatens all of that.**

Proponents of an issue to eliminate all property taxes in Ohio talk a good game. But they know that their effort would *decimate* our state—ending services that Ohio residents expect and value.

The truth is, most Ohio parks and recreation agencies receive property tax funding and many, including popular Metroparks districts around the state, receive most of their funding from property taxes—*every penny of which has been approved by voters*.

An elimination of property taxes with no replacement funding source—as the proponents of this dangerous amendment have proposed—*would close parks, eliminate services, and negatively and directly impact the quality of life for millions of Ohioans*.



**Ohioans know when something's worth supporting.**

That's why they approve property taxes—especially when the impact is clear, and the services provided are ones they depend on.

**It's why more than 90% of park levies in Ohio were approved last year and over 80% in the last decade.**

**We need to continue to honor the wishes of Ohio voters.**

***We need to protect parks and recreation in Ohio.***

**DECLINE to sign to place the property tax issue on the November ballot.**

