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Subject: Geauga Park District Research Grants Program

Greetings Researchers,

Geauga Park District is pleased to solicit applications for our 2024 Research Grants Program. This program is designed to encourage scientific research efforts while directing projects towards problems of conservation concern for Geauga Park District. Enclosed are the announcements of the Research Grants Program and the Research Grant Proposal Form. Proposals must be received by Geauga Park District on or before **February 25, 2024**.

Geauga Park District began this research grants program in 1994 in order to promote scientific work partially or wholly on Geauga Park District lands. The primary goal of this program is to facilitate the Park District's mission to preserve, conserve, and protect the natural features of Geauga County. Research themes must have relevance to Geauga Park District sites, species occupying these sites, and/or overall natural resource management objectives. Secondary products include: 1) fostering higher education by providing local universities (both undergraduate/graduate students and professors) with valuable outdoor laboratories and learning opportunities, 2) improving collaborative research between Geauga Park District and other researchers, 3) contributing knowledge on Ohio's natural history/heritage to the scientific community, and 4) educating the general public through public programs given by research grant recipients.

Please look over all the enclosed information thoroughly before submitting your proposal. If you have questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at: ppira@geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-226-2538. I look forward to collaborating with you and/or your students on research to protect our important natural resources.

Sincerely,

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