

Cincinnati Parks
Burnet Woods Conversation
Corryville Recreation Center
August 13, 2018

Q: Visioning: New Ideas for Burnet Improvements —

I think the Park Commissioners should take to heart the message & presentation of the spokesperson of Preserve Burnet Woods! Burnet Woods is a regional treasure, a remnant of a forest, replete with unique natural properties. It is a mixed-mesophytic forest, a part of the Clifton Plateau, spared from the onslaught of the glacier which explains how & why the vegetation there is so incredibly diverse which, in turn, attracts such abundant bird & wildlife habitation. It is nationally recognized as such. Improvements would include education,

community consciousness-raising about these unique natural wonders. That could be a process of long-standing. To permit any construction, development or building would defeat & abort any such educational goals. Collaboration should be sought with naturalists, botanists, ecologists, environmentalists for this purpose & goal — not with an arts center who purports responsibilities for invasive weed control or "biodiversity instruction," for God's sake! Does The Art Museum or Playhouse pose with ^{such} grandiose, disingenuous interests? Of course not!

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Use road changes to improve accessibility +
put wheelchair trail in valley (after sewers
are fixed)

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The footprint of a dog park would
be less than the CCAE. I would
love to see a small dog park.
I don't want to see bike trails.

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A New Idea (Improve all existing features)

Modernize the TRAILS / Add in more permeable features to the trail system, Repair parking where appropriate with permeable concrete / pavers Etc.

Improve the passive recreational aspects of the green spaces to limit the off target Foot Prints.

Example (Frisbee Golf activities never stay completely on target, a lot of off s. to ^{Foot} traffic occurs)

I'm not against Frisbee golf, the course should be controlled

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① we do not need new ideas for Burnet Woods. If you want to update the master plan, then do so with a thought out process.

② it is not our problem that the M.P. has gone unattended for 11 years.

↓ ③ ~~while~~ development is not the way to fund the park! ↓

④ IF ANY DEVELOPMENT IS TO BE
DONE IN THE PUBLIC A TRANSPARENT
AND EQUITABLE SELECTION
PROCESS MUST BE DEVELOPED
AND OPEN TO EVERYONE, WITH
GUIDELINES, TIMEFRAMES, SELECTION
CRITERIA. ALLOWING THESE 2 ONLY.
OUTSIDE OF SAID PROCESS IS A
VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST.

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CCA Center is ~~not~~ a duplication
of the Recreation center.

Get rid of ~~the~~ concrete drives put in
gravel paths and bike trails

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A WALKING PATH AROUND THE PARK THAT IS CONTINUOUS & MORE SET BACK FROM ROADS. TRAILS ARE NICE BUT MANY STEPS WHICH DO NOT WORK FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. COULD ALSO BE INCORPORATED INTO A PART OF THE PARK. MANY MODERN PARKS INCLUDE A FEATURE LIKE THIS. SHOULD BE MARKED FOR DISTANCE (5 KM OR 2 MILES ETC). & BUILT ON SURFACE, NOT CONCRETE (TOO HARD).

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Plant more trees + remove
invasives.

Increase programming at Trailside.
No new buildings!

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-I fully support the CCAC being in Burnett Woods. This would ~~be~~ be a reason that my family + I would actually use Burnett Woods - a very underutilized park + community asset.

+ bike paths
-I also support better walking paths + maintain bike trails, especially if the woods were opened up more (so we'd feel safer!)

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Please, not more new ideas.

Simply carry out the fundable parts of the
Master Plan as money becomes available.

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I was told that parking money generated in Burnet Woods goes to the Cincinnati Park Board. Dedicate that money specifically to Burnet Woods for maintenance or programs originating in the nature center.

That money should not go into any general fund for Cincinnati parks.

Thank you.

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Improving trails

Build a fitness path course

Improve programming at Trilside. Include gardens in the valley that may alleviate drainage issues.

Reopen concession building

*When I was a child going to Trilside Nature classes + programs we participated in nature hikes or clean ups. These programs can also be considered community service.

Concerts in park, -as* fundraisers

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Develop volunteer stewards for some
Parks. They could lead trail crews,
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build community involvement & ownership.

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The problem is political, and involves not having enough public money dedicated to the ~~the~~ healthy maintenance of our up-till-now wonderful park system, City and County. The solution proposed is similar to the "privatization" everywhere rampant, and seems to throw each Park onto its own financial needle, there to thrive or not. The real solution, in my opinion, is system-wide, rather than Atomization. We need to

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adequately tax ourselves to support the
whole system, or we don't deserve to have a system.
My proposal is to put on the levy on the ballot,
and keep ~~the~~ John Cranley far enough away from
leading the pro-levy campaign that he doesn't
have its chances of passing, as he did the last
time it was up. The problem, I think, is that the
levy failed. Let's try it again.

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1. Pedestrian bridgeway from UC across MLK into the Park. Would facilitate walking, biking, running between the areas. Provide safe access across MLK
2. CCAC would bring art + nature sensitive citizens into the park. Its presence would increase use ^{and} _{appreciate} of the trails and other natural features of the park
3. Improvement of water ^{LAKE} quality and drainage ~~is~~ needed in many areas close to Luckow and "the valley."

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Find out from community what features / programming would increase use/utilization and then focus resources and prioritize those features / programming. The park should serve the greatest possible number of people and the most diverse population possible while protecting the ecology as best as possible. The parks should belong to the entire population, not just a segment.

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remove invasive plants & stop building with
cheap sod that brings invasive plants in
Complete the Disc golf course & expand
to 18 holes. (disc golfers donate thousands
of volunteer hours to community parks)

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Loop trail around park for walkers, joggers, maybe
cyclists.

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I think it would be great for CCAC + CEF to follow Preserve Burnet Woods's leadership and to not build in the park. The three groups can work together to support the Cincinnati Parks Board's mission to conserve nature and protect it for our children and their children. Construction is the opposite of what Burnet Woods needs.

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Go away with student parking in the woods.
It should not be a car park, it is a
people park!