

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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## PARMA AND BUSCH FAMILY TO DEDICATE TRAIL AREA

**(PARMA)** – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero, the West Creek Preservation Committee and members of the Busch family of Parma will officially dedicate the city's new conservation area Wednesday, October 28. The public is invited to attend the 10 a.m. ceremony. The ceremony will take place behind the Busch Funeral Home 7501 Ridge Road. Parking will be available in the funeral home parking lot adjacent to the wooded area.

"Residents have shown their support and excitement over plans to provide a green area for recreation," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "This will be the icing on the cake – a nature showcase for the entire region. The conservation project benefits everyone and shows the great commitment of the Busch family."

The West Creek Preservation Committee, the City of Parma and the Busch family have combined efforts to preserve more than 40 acres of natural green space. The City of Parma owns most of the future site for the park. Approximately 13 of those acres are being acquired from the Busch family.

The span includes the ecologically important headwaters of Big Creek, fish and wildlife habitat and access to a future recreational trail. Parma and West Creek say the big picture illustrates a sustainable approach to community development. The project is being funded predominantly by state and federal grants.

"I think this gives everybody in the region a rare opportunity for ownership," said Mayor DePiero. "The park belongs to the people, and that's the way it should be."

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