

YEAR END REPORT: 2020

FrogWatch is a citizen science project of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, or AZA, which “provides individuals, groups, and families opportunities to learn about wetlands in their communities by reporting on the calls of local frogs and toads.” As a member of the Akron Zoo Chapter of FrogWatch USA, Medina County Park District has completed a fifth field season of field monitoring.

The surveys are completed from February through August, and focus on calls and call intensity of frog species within specific locations. Frogs and toads are considered indicator species within their habitats, as they are “both prey and predator”, and have also been on a global decline. For this reason, Medina County Park District remains interested in learning more about species present throughout the Park District and has continued to conduct FrogWatch surveys.

MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT OBSERVATIONS

Despite a vastly different season, 17 volunteers made 260 observations of 9 different species at 24 survey stations spanning 13 parks. The parks showing the greatest species diversity were Brunswick Lake Park, Buckeye Woods Park, Green Leaf Park, and Letha House Park.

2020 Medina County Park District FrogWatch Species Observed by Park									
Park Location	Frog Species Observed								
	American Toad	American Bullfrog	Northern Green Frog	Gray Treefrog	Spring Peeper	Western Chorus Frog	Wood Frog	Eastern Cricket Frog	Fowler’s Toad
Allardale			x	x				x	
Brunswick Lake Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Buckeye Woods Park	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Chippewa Inlet Trail North			x	x	x	x			
Chippewa Inlet Trail South	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Green Leaf Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Killbuck Lakes				x	x	x	x		
Lake Medina				x	x				
Medina Marsh	x								
Carolyn Ludwig Murgage Park		x	x	x					
Plum Creek Park		x	x		x				
River Styx Park	x		x	x	x				
Letha House Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

Table 1. Species observed by volunteers within the Medina County Park District during the 2020 field season. Species presence is indicated by an “x”. Dark green squares indicate confirmed observations. Light green squares indicate unconfirmed and/or isolated observations.