FrogWatch End of Year Report: 2026

FrogWatch USA™ is a citizen science project hosted by the Akron Zoo where people are able to learn about, and identify, the frog and toad species in their area and then report on the calls they hear in a particular area. The Medina County Park District has been a member of the Akron Zoo Chapter for eleven survey seasons. These surveys operate from February to August, at least 30 minutes after sunset. Volunteers identify calling frog and toad species and record the call intensity, as well as the current weather conditions, at least once per month at their designated sites.

Amphibians like frogs and toads are indicators of ecosystem health and are in decline globally. As the climate and land use around our parks change, surveying which species are present in those areas remains as important as ever.

For the 2026 season, over 500 observations were made by 10 volunteers across 39 station sites in 14 of our parks. Ten unique species of frogs were identified. The parks with the highest amount of observed diversity were Buckeye Woods Park and Green Leaf Park. The distribution of species in the parks surveyed is shown in the table below, where species present are denoted with an "X."

Park	Species Observed										
	American Bullfrog	American Toad	Gray Treefrog	Green Frog	Spring Peeper	Western Chorus Frog	Wood Frog	Northern Leopard Frog	Pickerel Frog	Blanchard's Cricket Frog	**Total**
Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary	X		X	X	X	X					5
Allardale Park			X		X						2
Brunswick Lake Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				7
Buckeye Woods Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		8
Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				7
Chippewa Lake Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				7
Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary			X	X	X	X					4
Green Leaf Park	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	8
Hubbard Valley Park		X	X	X	X	X					5
Lake Medina		X	X		X						3
Medina Marsh Nature Preserve	X				X	X					3
Plum Creek Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				7
River Styx Park		X	X	X	X	X					5
Sharon Nature Preserve		X	X		X	X		X			5