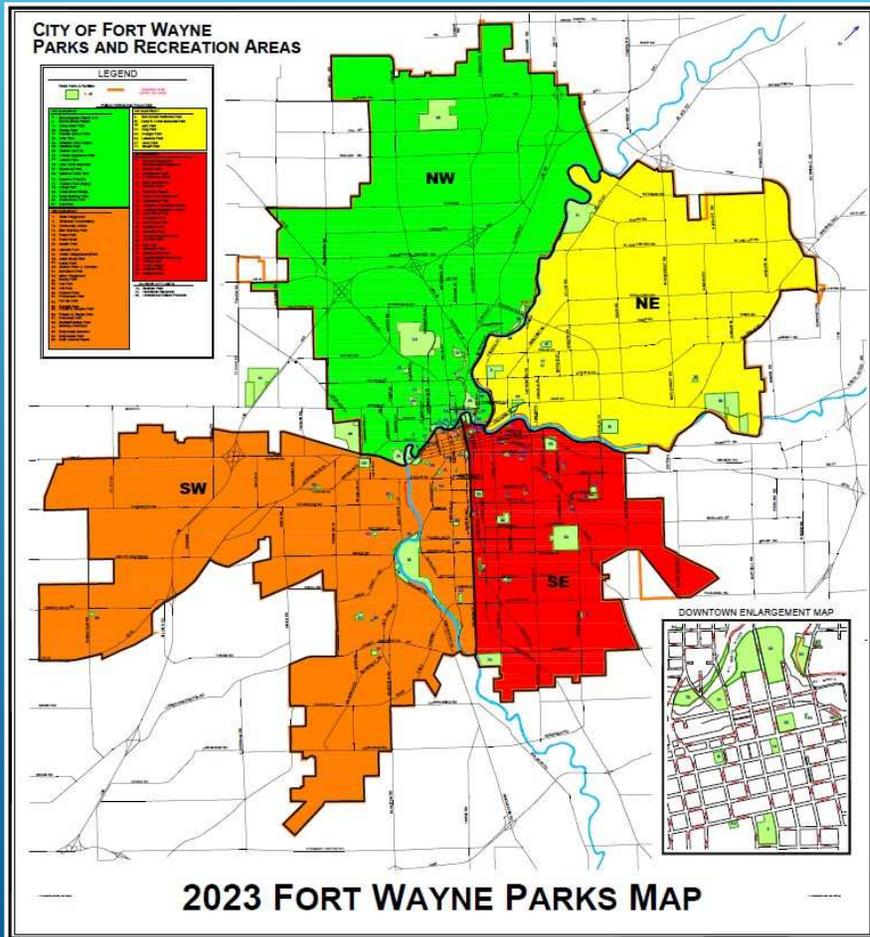


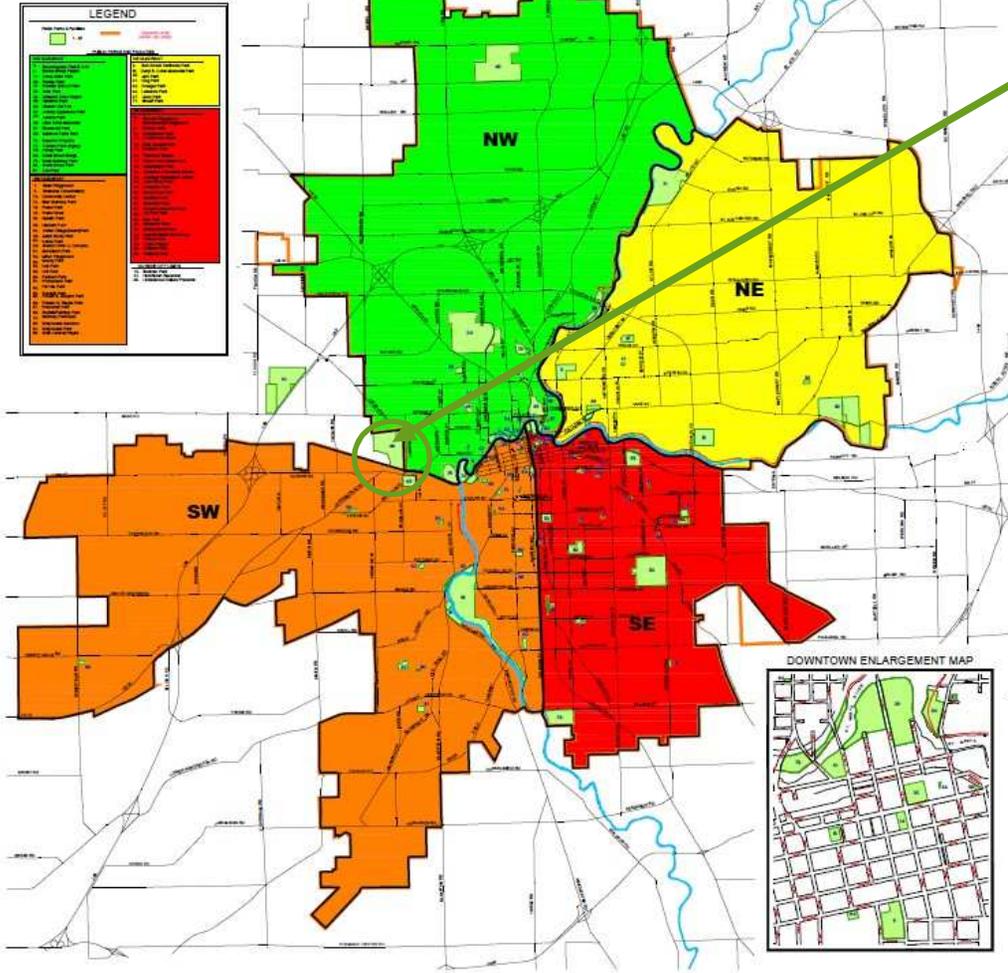
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## Parks History and Highlights:

- Lindenwood Nature Preserve
- Old Fort Park
- Salomon Farm Park



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# LINDENWOOD NATURE PRESERVE

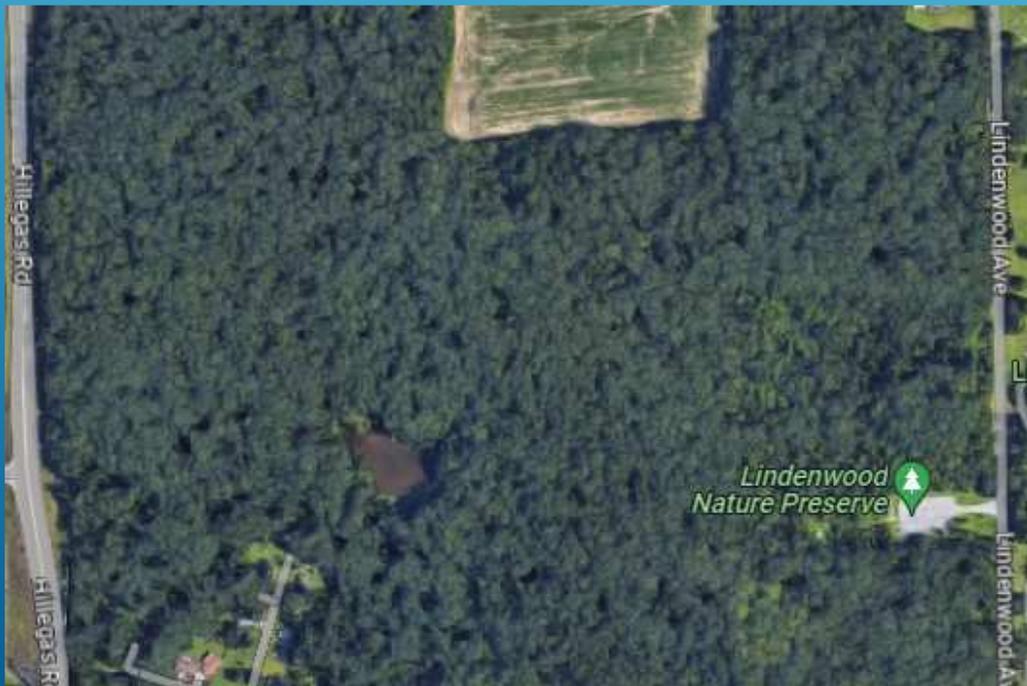
Located outside of the city limits at 600 Lindenwood Avenue

# LINDENWOOD NATURE PRESERVE

Since 1987

Size in Acres: 110

History: Lindenwood Nature Preserve became a park when the city leased the land from Lindenwood Cemetery in June 1974. When the 10-year lease expired, the Fort Wayne Park Foundation, along with help from the English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation, purchased the land for the Board of Park Commissioners. Lindenwood Park became an official city park in 1987. In 1994, the Board of Park Commissioners resolved to protect the park in perpetuity by applying to the Department of Natural Resources for Nature Preserve Status. This designation was awarded by the State of Indiana and Lindenwood Park became Lindenwood Nature Preserve.



# LINDENWOOD NATURE PRESERVE - MISSION

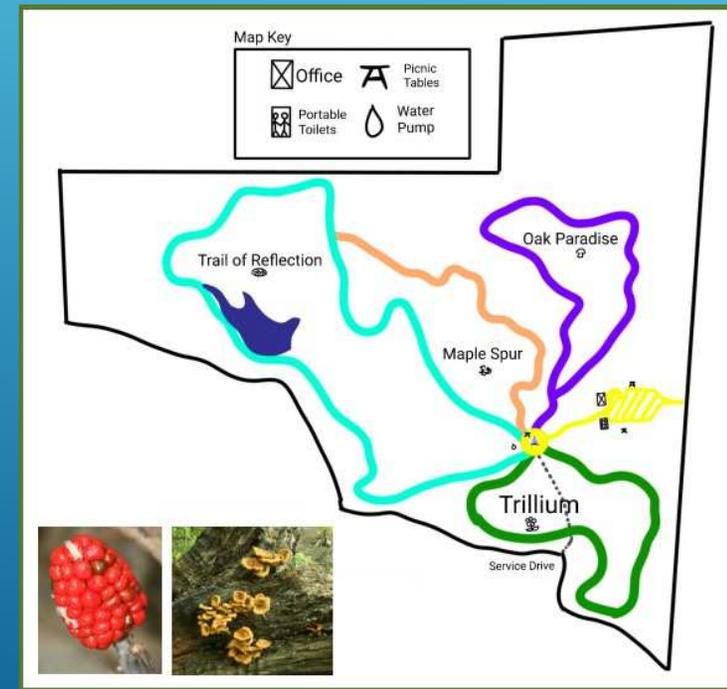
The mission of Lindenwood Nature Preserve is to:

- \* Protect Lindenwood's natural habitat
- \* Provide programs and events designed to promote environmental education and cultural enrichment and to Foster awareness that the natural setting enhances the quality of life through artistic inspiration, spiritual connection, physical fitness and exploration.



# LINDENWOOD NATURE PRESERVE

Lindenwood Nature Preserve encompasses 110 wooded acres with an open-air pavilion and 4 hiking trails: Maple Spur Trail (.25 miles), Trillium Trail (.5 miles), Oak Paradise Trail (.75 miles), and Trail of Reflection (1 mile). Hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking and just relaxing in nature are a few of the activities you'll enjoy at the preserve. Admission is free. While there are no permanent restroom facilities, the parks department does provide an enclosed, secure area with portable toilets available.

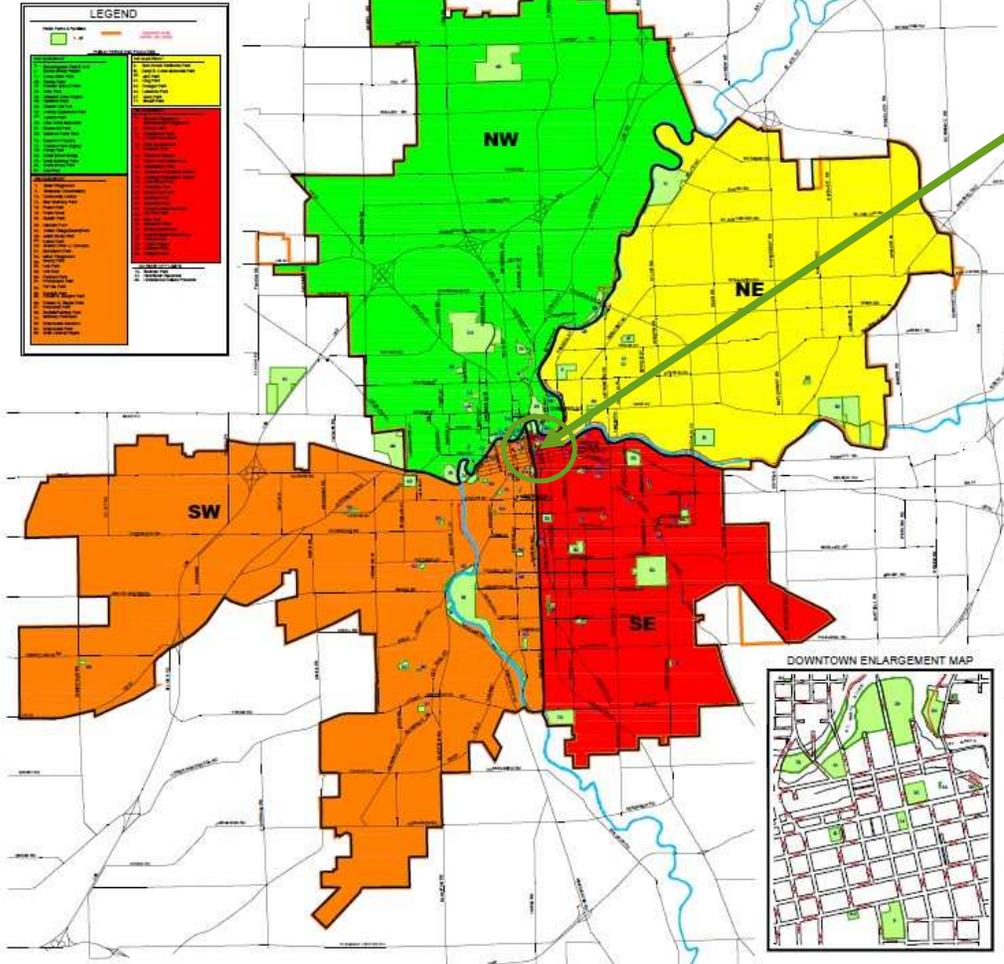


## LINDENWOOD NATURE PRESERVE

Finally, one of the most scenic and beautiful features in the park is the centrally located Lindenwood Reflection Pond. Accessed from the Trail of Reflection, the pond has a large wood deck with seating areas allowing for viewing of the water and scenery.



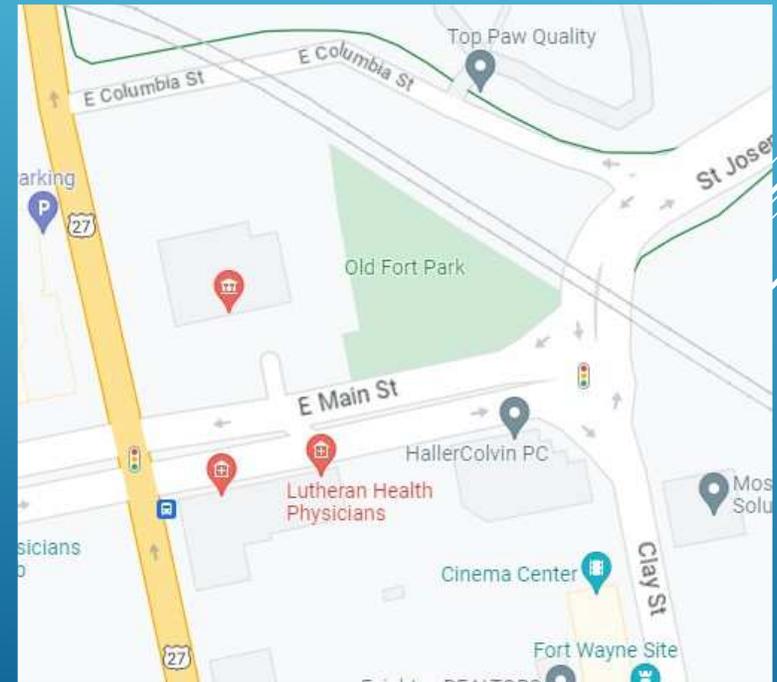
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# OLD FORT PARK

Located at the intersection of Clay and Main Streets



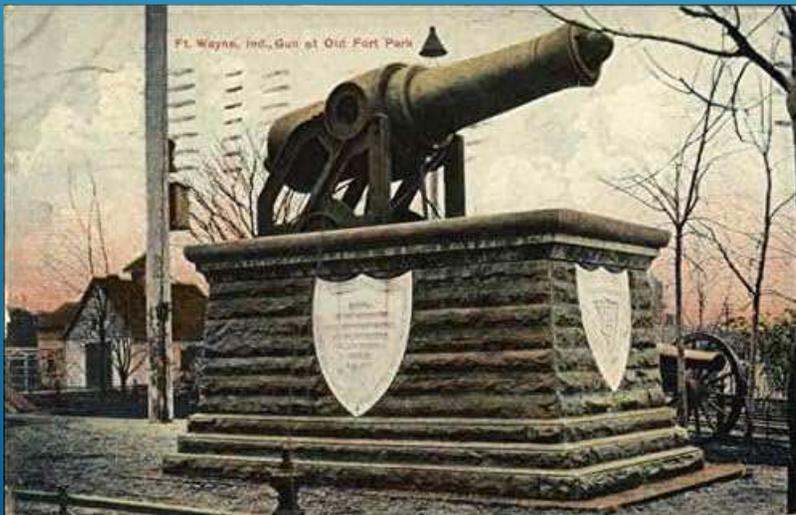
# OLD FORT PARK

Since 1863

Size: 0.2 Acres

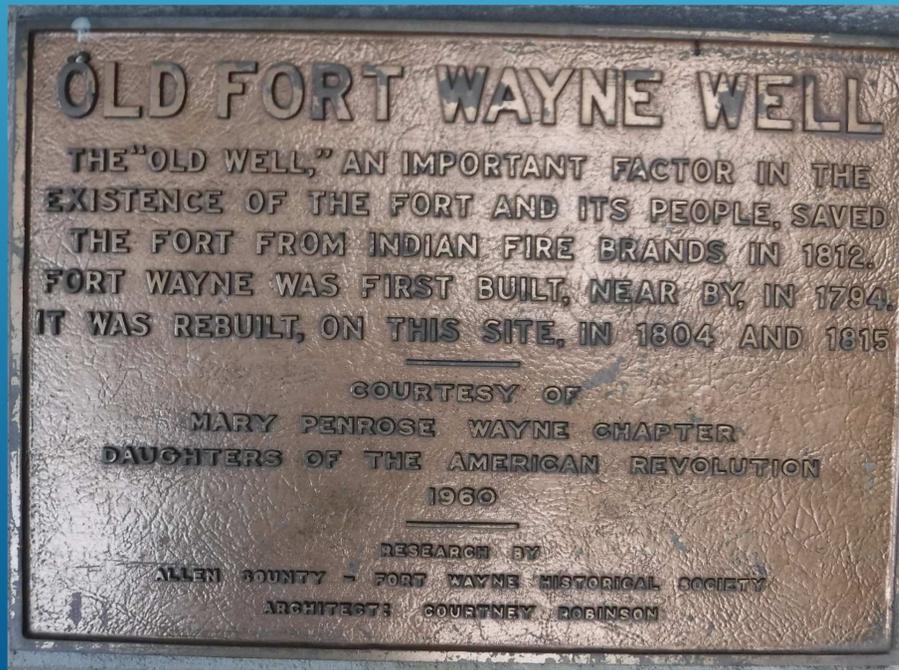
History: Old Fort Park is Fort Wayne's oldest park. The land for this park was purchased during the Civil War in 1863 for \$800. It features the original well that was used by the fort's occupants when it was dedicated to General Anthony Wayne on October 22, 1794. It also has a marker that outlines a little history of the area. The little triangular spot — one-fifth of an acre — is the most treasured bit of ground in Fort Wayne, as it was a part of the site enclosed within the historic old Fort Wayne. Henry M. Williams later placed about the tract an iron fence and erected in the park a flagpole.

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## OLD FORT PARK TODAY

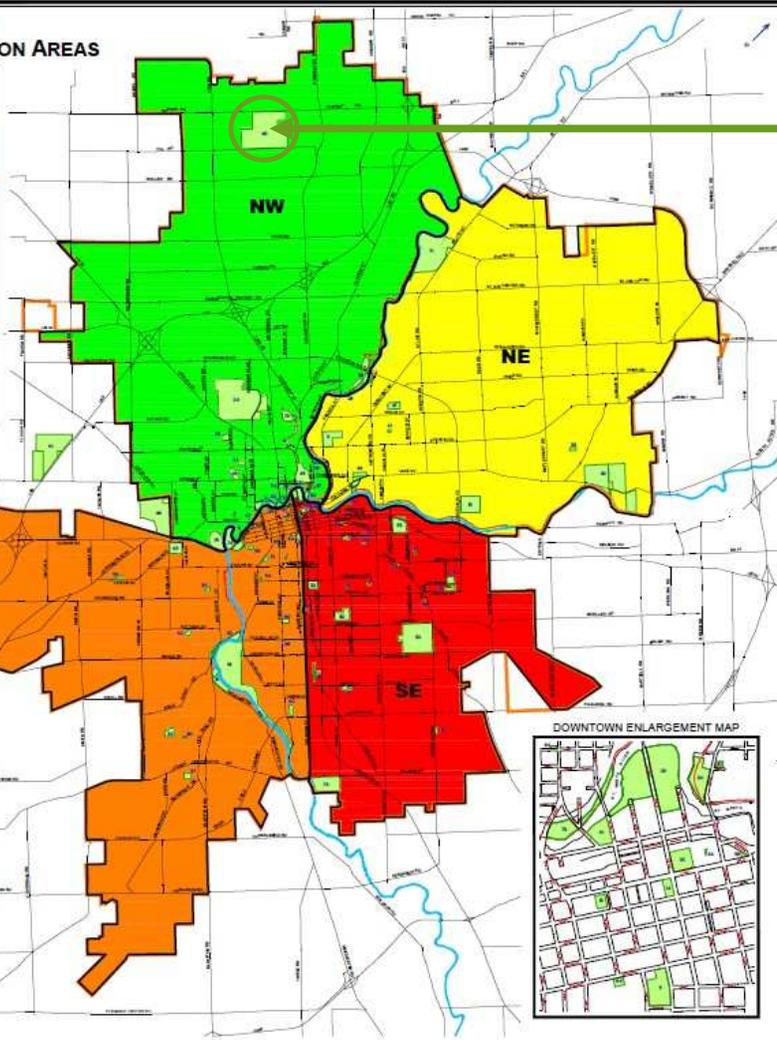
To the untrained eye today, it is easy to pass by the park without noticing that it is there. There is very little remaining to remind us of the events that transpired on the site in the past. The only item in the park is a single water well monument that is thought to have supplied water to General Anthony Wayne's soldiers during the time of the original American fort. In 1960, the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a bronze marker commemorating the story of the well.



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LEGEND

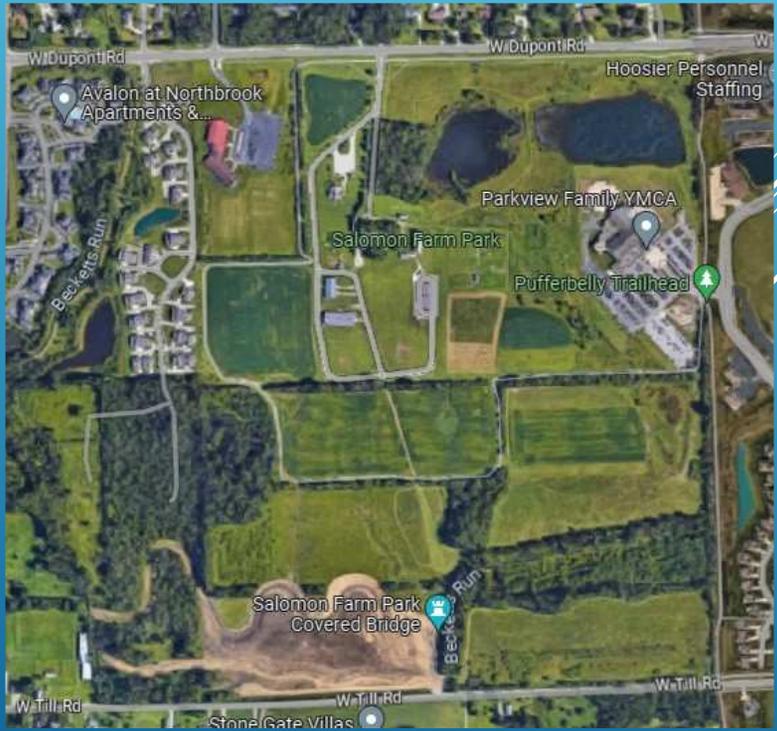
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# SALOMON FARM PARK

817 W. Dupont Rd



# SALOMON FARM PARK

Since 1996

Size in Acres: 174.0

In 1996 the Salomon Historic Farm Park was launched through the generous donation of land by Chris Salomon. Mr. Salomon, his daughter Lynn, and his wife Maxine had discussed and conceived, perhaps twenty years earlier, the potential of their beautiful landmark farm becoming a historic working farm and park for others to experience. With the assistance and grateful acceptance of the Fort Wayne Board of Park Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Department, the Salomon family wishes have come true. With the help of local business man and philanthropist, the late Don Wolf and his wife Virginia, funds were raised for further improvements to the park.



Don and Virginia Wolf

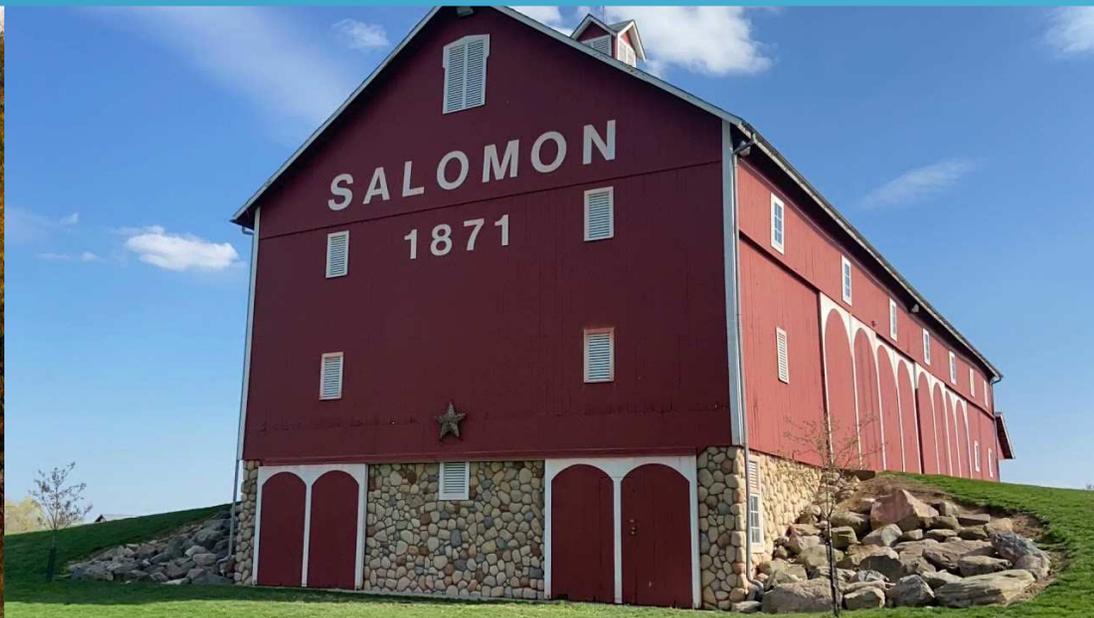
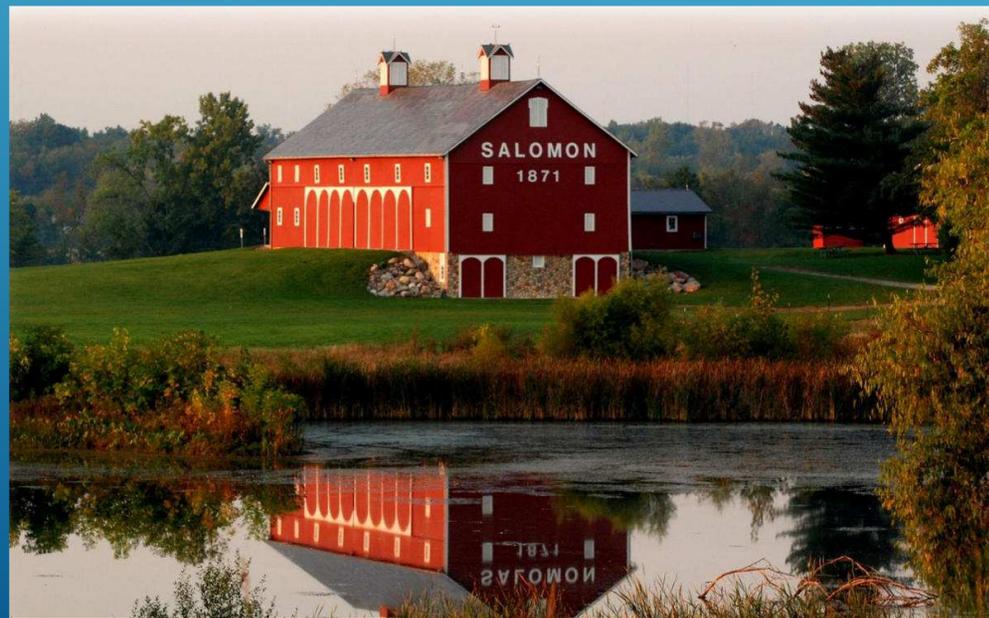
## SALOMON FARM PARK

One of the first projects that the parks department engaged in was the complete renovation of the historic 1871 symbol of the farm, the big barn. This renovation included the complete reconstruction of the stone foundations, along with a new slate roof and numerous interior and exterior replacements. This was a huge undertaking that took nearly three years to complete by very skilled tradesmen with construction beginning in 2003 and completion in 2006.



## THE BARN TODAY

Today the barn has been completely restored back to its original grandeur and is once again a symbol of the farm and definitely one of the most popular destinations for visitors to the park.



# THE BARN TODAY

The barn is an actively rented space used for farmers markets, corporate and family events, weddings, and much more. It is very popular and there is always a waiting list to reserve it.



## THE LEARNING CENTER

In 2001 the Learning Center building was built at the front of the park. It was used as a staff office and an educational space for school and camp groups.



## THE LEARNING CENTER

In 2017 the Learning Center received a sizeable expansion which doubled the size of the building, adding restrooms and a professional grade teaching kitchen for programming. It was at that time that the building was also re-commemorated as the Wolf Family Learning Center.



## THE HERITAGE BARN

In 2008 a large wood-frame barn was built in the park and is identified as The Heritage Barn. This building is used to house a large collection of antique farm equipment that is displayed and demonstrated during the annual fall festival event.



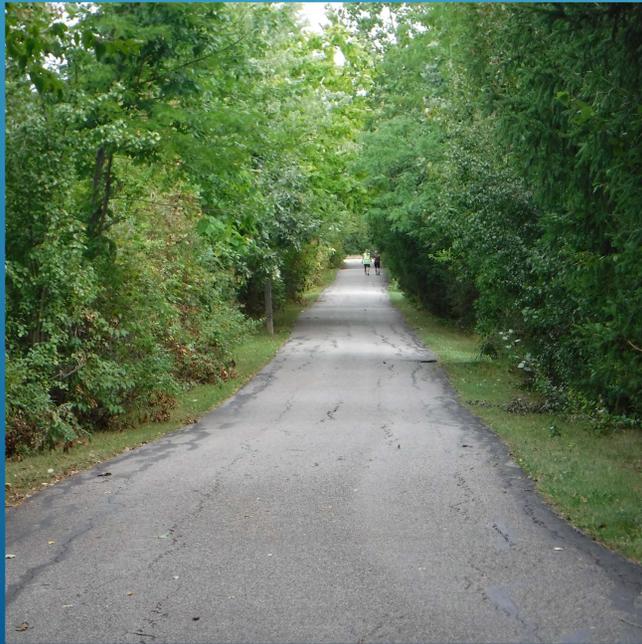
## THE BLACKSMITH BUILDING

In 2016 a small building was constructed for blacksmith demonstrations. The building contains a working forge along with a demonstration area in which skilled blacksmiths give demonstrations to teach the trade.



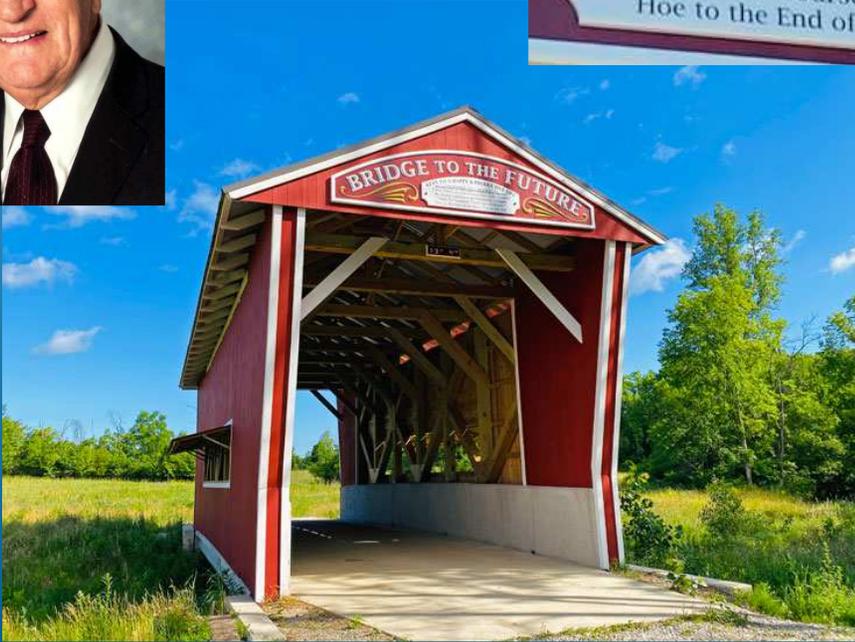
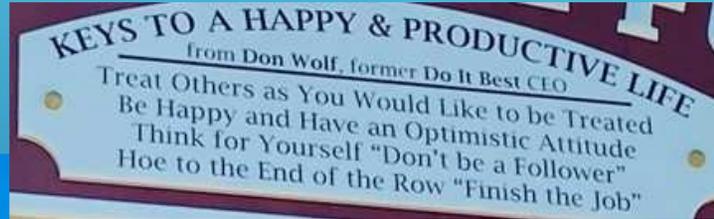
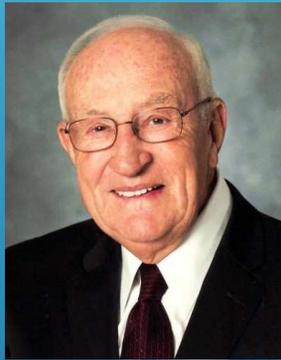
## THE WALKING PATH

One of the most popular features in Salomon Farm Park is the walking path. Originally constructed as a small gravel path around the park, it quickly became so popular that it was expanded and paved to accommodate the growing demand. The path consists of a 1.65 mile loop that connects visitors to the neighboring Parkview YMCA campus and the Pufferbelly trail that gives access south to Wallen Road and north through neighborhoods past Carroll Road.



# THE BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

In 2019 the final passion project by the late Don Wolf was completed. The covered bridge project on the south end of the park, positioned over the Becketts Run creek was constructed as a memorial to Don and is forever known as The Bridge To The Future. Although Don passed away just before the completion of the bridge, he was instrumental in the design and his words to live by are enshrined in a plaque on each end of the bridge.



# THE SALOMON HOMESTEAD

Also in 2019 the Salomon homestead was renovated to more accurately reflect the historic value of its original construction . The house can be rented for events such as weddings and social groups.



# SALOMON FARM HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!

Between all of the natural beauty, the wildlife, and fun programming, there is always something to see and do at Salomon Farm.



MUCH MORE TO COME...

