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Local Stores support Erie MetroParks through Volunteer Work

Starbucks and Lowe's employees volunteer at Erie MetroParks.

Huron, Ohio, July 28– This year Erie MetroParks was the recipient of the Lowe's Heroes award. The program encourages Lowe's employees in a location to team together, adopt a volunteer project with a local nonprofit organization or K–12 public school and make a difference. Erie MetroParks was nominated by Louis Polak because of her personal enjoyment of the trails at East Sandusky Bay MetroPark. Their employees voted on which volunteer project to adopt and chose Erie MetroParks. A group of employees at the Sandusky Lowe's store volunteered on July 26th at East Sandusky Bay MetroPark at the Enchanted Cottage location. Their project consisted of priming and painting a shelter that will be able to be reserved and creating a children's play area. They donated all the materials, including 3 beautiful benches for the children's play area. They also donated all the labor needed to make the project a success!

Additionally**,** employees from the Starbucks on SR250 are looking to become more involved with the community. With the help of Starbucks Community Involvement Leader, Kasey Hatmaker, and Store Manager, Amanda Freyman, the employees plan on volunteering on a monthly basis. On July 20th they had a workday at Osborn MetroPark. Six employees pitched in and spread woodchips under the playground areas.

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