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BENNÁ TRANSITIONS INTO LEADERSHIP ROLE

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS EAGER TO MAINTAIN STRONG REPUTATION AND START NEW CHAPTER OF DISTRICT'S HISTORY

DAYTON – New Five Rivers MetroParks Executive Director Becky Benná assumed her role at the helm of the Montgomery County organization on Wednesday, March 23. Most recently, Benná served as the director of parks and recreation for the City of Glendale, Ariz. The native Ohioan says she is glad to be back in her home state and is anxious to learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks and explore its role in the community.

“As the former director of the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department, and frequent user of the Five Rivers MetroParks system, I am very familiar with the organization’s outstanding legacy,” Benná says.

Benná says the strong focus on conservation, advocacy for active lifestyles and supplementing the region’s economic vitality are all reasons she was attracted to the MetroParks leadership position. “Five Rivers MetroParks is a very well-respected organization,” she says. “I was attracted to the opportunity to work with a variety of community partners and leaders to provide excellent conservation, recreation and educational experiences to our residents and visitors.”

Benná initially will spend time in her new position working alongside Five Rivers MetroPark employees in a practical orientation that will allow her to get a first-hand look at day-to-day operations from the perspective of the employees she will be overseeing. “I plan to continue the momentum established by Charlie Shoemaker, the park commissioners, staff, volunteers and community partners,” she says. “I look forward to working with other local agencies to continue to enrich the lives of Montgomery County residents, all the while honoring the respect and trust the community has placed in our park district.”

Learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks by visiting the website www.metroparks.org or calling (937) 275-PARK (7275).

ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, high-quality river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as a steward of greater Dayton’s public lands. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages, and diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to ensure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto www.metroparks.org or call (937) 275-PARK.

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