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## FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS TO STREAMLINE OPERATIONS THROUGH CONSOLIDATION

DAYTON – To streamline operations and service, Five Rivers MetroParks is consolidating administrative headquarters and programming staff from various office locations into one central office. After an extensive search process, the organization opted to lease the third floor of the former Woolpert building at 409 Monument Ave. “As a county-wide agency, we want to be at the center of the region,” said MetroParks Executive Director Rebecca Benná. “Consolidation will improve public access, eliminate the cost of three leased properties, reduce staff travel time, increase productivity and equipment sharing, and save gasoline and energy.”

The new location will also offer increased and free public parking as well as a one-stop-shop for services, such as camp site and picnic shelter reservations, and easy accessibility to maps, brochures and other permit applications.

Benná stated, “MetroParks’ strategy is to protect the region’s natural areas and connect residents to these places by promoting active, outdoor lifestyles. We also want to continue to utilize tax dollars effectively so that we can focus on improving the quality of life and making our region attractive to businesses and a talented workforce.”

There is still much to do before moving into the new space, but park officials are hopeful to have all offices up and running in the building by spring 2012.

Learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks by visiting the website [www.metro parks.org](http://www.metro parks.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.metro parks.org](http://www.metro parks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK.

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