

Oldham County Fiscal Court Grant Application

Date of Application: December 17, 2025

Official Name of Organization: Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve

Address: 12501 Harmony Landing Road, Goshen, KY 40026

EIN: 31-0908496

Date and Place of Incorporation: Goshen, KY on July 7, 1975

Name, Complete Address, Email and Phone Number of Contact Person:

Tavia Cathcart Brown, Executive Director

12501 Harmony Landing Road, Goshen, KY 40026

Tavia@KYNaturePreserve.org

502-228-4362 office, 502-523-9005 mobile

Purpose of Organization and Services Rendered:

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve is a public charity established in 1975 (50 years ago!) through the legacy of Virginia Creasey Mahan and Howard Mahan to bring nature and community together. The Preserve served 60,000 annual visitors last year alone through large community events and educational programming.

Since Oldham County does not have a public park anywhere near Goshen, Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve serves this function in our area of the County.

Your support will have an outsized impact, due to these challenges: the March hailstorm damaged 15 of our structures and the insurance deductible rose from \$2,500 to \$25,000. Soon after, we canceled our fundraising gala (the Butterfly Ball) due to the threat of tornadoes.

Visitors to Creasey Mahan enjoy 170-acres with picnic areas, 9-miles of hiking trails, our Forest Friends Playground, camping, an educational natural history museum, our historic Mahan Manor and Springhouse, recreational fields, covered pavilions, and our two-acre native plant Woodland Garden that is part of the statewide tourism initiative called The Kentucky Garden Trail.

This is the eighth year of our **Thrive Forest School**, the area's first nature-based preschool for children 3 to 6 years of age, following the Oldham County School Calendar. Our Thrive offerings have expanded to include summer camps, after-school programming, and periodic programs for toddlers and parents. Over 2,500 students and campers are served annually.

We served another 2,300 students through school field trips, especially providing classes to children receiving free and reduced lunches through Title One Schools.



As a public charity that serves Oldham County and the surrounding counties, our needs are great. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Amount Requested: \$5,875

Proposal for Funding:

A. Statement of Need for Project

Oldham County Fiscal Court has been with us from the beginning as the Nature Preserve has built an exceptional and hugely popular Forest Friends Playground. Thank you so very much for your support!



The Forest Friends Playground is an inclusive ADA-accessible playground, which is in use every day by hundreds of families and is always free to visit, serving the entire region.

Thousands of families from Oldham County use it on a regular basis. Its emphasis is to bring *all* children together – those in wheelchairs, with mobility-assisted devices and with special needs – so they may play alongside their friends and family members.

In September 2024, we opened our wheelchair-accessible, four-season restroom at the playground, which is greatly appreciated by our visitors. This restroom is also used for larger community and athletic events sponsored by local schools, like the Rumble Through the Jungle, the second largest cross-country race in the state.

Note that the playground is a drop-off and pick-up location for our Thrive Forest School programming, including Thrive Nature Camp. It is an important meeting space, where our students and campers play while parents meet with our educators.

The next important step will be to pave the large parking area, serving all visitors using the play areas, athletic fields, our trails, and events. We are actively seeking concurrent funding for the paving project from a variety of sources, and this is *not* part of this request.

This grant request is to provide support to purchase and install a cedar split rail fence around the parking lot to ensure the safety of visitors and children visiting the playground and trails and establish a perimeter for vehicles. We anticipate that this project will occur in late summer of 2026, after the parking lot is paved.

Who Benefits

Everyone in Oldham County may benefit from The Forest Friends Playground, the new restrooms, and access to nine-miles of trails, recreational fields, and our entire 170-acres. We are open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. The Forest Friends Playground draws local residents, as well as tourists from across the region.

With the support of Oldham County Fiscal Court, your gift would make a tremendous difference to thousands of Oldham Countians and their families who visit Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve. As mentioned previously, we served an excess of 60,000 visitors this year alone.

B. Proposed Use of Funds to Remediate the Need

The proposed use of funds would be used to purchase materials to construct a cedar split rail fence across 990 linear feet, with cedar posts every 10 feet.

We will include various “end-post” openings for pedestrian walkways and for service vehicles.

The fencing will delineate the perimeter of the parking area next to the Forest Friends Playground, restrooms, and the entrance to the trails and recreational fields.

C. Project Budget

At the time of this request, the cost of materials for 990 linear feet of cedar fencing is shown below (if more than \$.50, rounded up to the nearest dollar). We hope lumber costs don't rise in 2026.

Creasey Mahan pledges to cover or find funding to match the request from Oldham County Fiscal Court for 50% of the total project cost. Should extra funds be available from Fiscal Court, we'd be extremely grateful if a larger award might be granted.

Item & Description (At Menards)	Units	Per Unit	Total
10' of Cedar Split Rail Fencing Package	99	\$55	\$5,445
Additional End Rails for Pedestrian Entrances and Drive-Throughs	15	\$18	\$270
60-lb Bags of Sakrete for Posts	80	\$4.50	\$360
Entrance/Safety Signage on Fence	7	\$25	\$175
Rental Equipment for 1-Week	2	\$250	\$500
Cost of Installation - Seven Days with Four Crew			\$5,000
Total Project Cost			\$11,750
<i>Creasey Mahan's 50%</i>			\$5,875
<i>Grant Request for 50% Match</i>			\$5,875

All of us at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve greatly appreciate your generous consideration of this meaningful project and request.

We are proud to have the support of Oldham County Fiscal Court and the Grants Committee. You are making a tremendous difference to all of us in the community, and we are extremely grateful.

Warm regards,

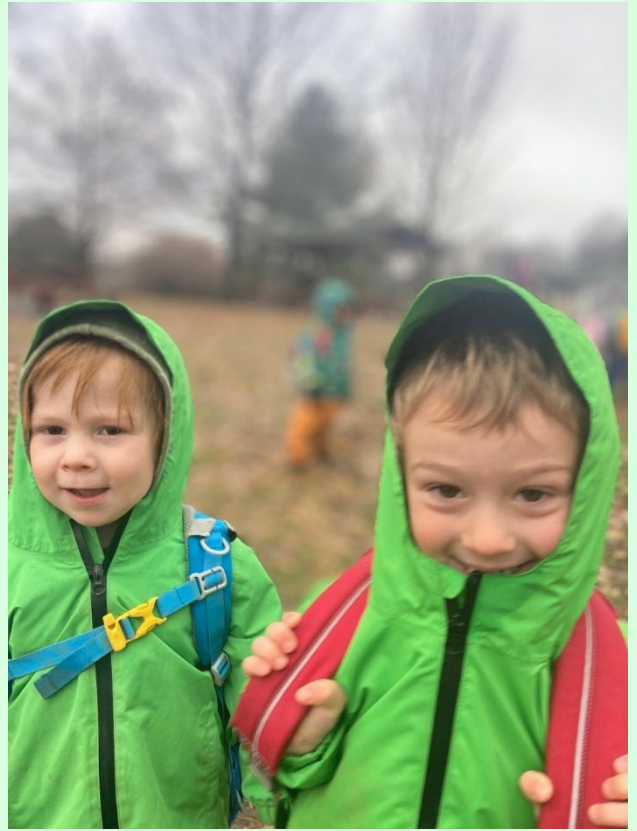
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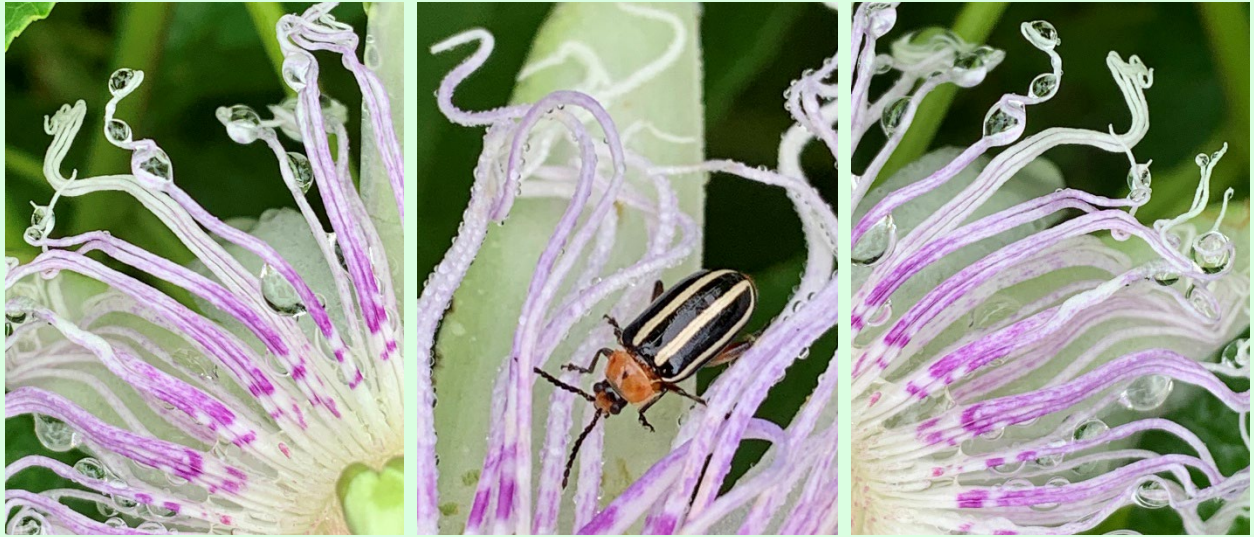
Tavia Cathcart Brown
Executive Director



Thank you for helping us at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve,
as we provide a safe and beautiful setting for children to play, get healthy, study,
and build confidence and friends.

*Here are some photos of our students, visitors, and wildlife that represent
the wonder and beauty of Creasey Mahan.*











Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve 2025 All-Volunteer Board of Directors



<u>Member</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Occupation/Affiliations</u>
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Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Department of the Treasury

Date: **OCT 01 2018**

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve
12501 Harmony Landing Road
Goshen, KY 40026

Employer Identification Number:
31-0908496
Person to Contact - ID Number:
S. Rogers – 0196693
Contact Telephone Number:
877-829-5500 Toll-Free
Form 990 Required:
Yes

Dear Sir or Madam:

On April 20, 2018 you notified the Internal Revenue Service of your intent to terminate your foundation status as a private foundation under section 507(b)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and become a public charity. In our letter of August 12, 2014, we stated that you would be treated as a public charity until the expiration of your 60-month advance ruling period.


Based on the information you submitted at the end of the advance ruling period, we determined that you have terminated your private foundation status under the provisions of section 507(b)(1)(B) of the Code. Accordingly, as of April 1, 2014 you have been reclassified as a public charity described in section(s) 501(c)(3) of the Code. Since your exempt status wasn't under consideration, you continue to be classified an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, *Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities*, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Because this letter could help resolve questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,


Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P.O. Box 2508, Cincinnati, OH 45201

District
Director

Oldham Civic Center and Game
Preserve, Inc.
101 West Main Street
LaGrange, Kentucky 40031

Person to Contact:
Janna Skufca
Telephone Number:
513-684-3578
Refer Reply to:
EP/EO: JKS:sl
Date:

JAN 24 1977

CIN: EO: 770 124

State tax i.d.#

D-16601

Federal tax i.d.#

31-0908496

Gentlemen:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further concluded that you are a private foundation as defined in section 509(a) of the Code. In this letter we are not determining whether you are a private operating foundation as defined in section 4942(j)(3) of the Code.

You are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. You are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If your purposes, character, or method of operation is changed, you must let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. Also, you must inform us of all changes in your name or address.

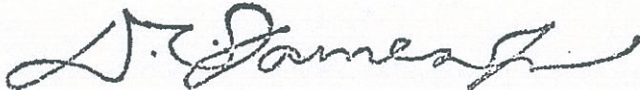
You are required to file Form 990EF, Return of Private Foundation Exempt From Income Tax, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, for failure to file a return on time.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Please keep this determination letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. T. James".

District Director

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form 990

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2024

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

A For the **2024** calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization CREASEY MAHAN NATURE PRESERVE INC		D Employer identification number 31-0908496
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 502-228-4362
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	12501 HARMONY LANDING ROAD		G Gross receipts \$ 2,807,086.
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code GOSHEN, KY 40026-9769		
F Name and address of principal officer: TAVIA CATHCART BROWN SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions H(c) Group exemption number	

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **WWW.KYNATUREPRESERVE.ORG**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **L** Year of formation: **1975** **M** State of legal domicile: **KY**

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: CREASEY MAHAN NATURE PRESERVE IS A PUBLIC CHARITY ESTABLISHED IN 1975 THROUGH THE LEGACY OF VIRGINIA		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	24
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	388
	7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	528,293.	790,880.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	312,194.	269,014.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	87,011.	348,557.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	38,863.	13,344.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	966,361.	1,421,795.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0.	0.
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		775,092.	807,713.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.	0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		49,435.	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		472,064.	651,474.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,247,156.	1,459,187.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-280,795.	-37,392.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 5,879,106.	End of Year 6,154,542.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	30,789.	5,599.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	5,848,317.	6,148,943.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date	
	TAVIA CATHCART BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN
	CHRISTINE KEITH, CPA			P00963290
Preparer Use Only	Firm's name	Firm's EIN		
	CHERRY BEKAERT ADVISORY LLC	88-2730877		
	Firm's address	Phone no.		
	101 SOUTH 5TH STREET STE 2100 LOUISVILLE, KY 40202	888-587-1719		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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KY Secretary of StateReceived and Filed
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State of origin: Kentucky
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Fee: \$15.00
Principal Office

12501 HARMONY LANDING RD.
GOSHEN, KY 40026

Registered Agent Name/Address

TAVIA P. CATHCART
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Current Officers

President	BARRY HINES	1008 KENT RD., GOSHEN, KY 40026
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Director	BARRY HINES	1008 KENT RD., GOSHEN, KY 40026
Director	CLARA ANN PALLARES	77 WESTWIND RD., LOUISVILLE, KY 40207

County:	Oldham
Business size:	Medium
Business type:	Educational Services

Signatures

Signature Tavia P. Cathcart

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Title

Registered Agent



Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, Inc.
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Accrual Basis

PROPOSED BUDGET Jan - Dec 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
405 · Contributions Received	266,641.33	142,000.00	187.8%
406 · Grants	252,734.57	457,450.00	55.2%
420 · Other Income	-208.27	3,100.00	-6.7%
422 · SBA Loan - PPP Program	100,435.97		
430 · Facilities, Weddings & Sales	8,846.18	26,000.00	34.0%
603 · Education Fees - Income	2,641.19	4,600.00	57.4%
603.10 · Fundraising - Income	91,895.73	183,000.00	50.2%
604.10 · Thrive Forest School Income	252,596.84	290,000.00	87.1%
Total Income	975,583.54	1,106,150.00	88.2%
Gross Profit	975,583.54	1,106,150.00	88.2%
Expense			
502 · Gross Salaries	535,521.77	675,451.00	79.3%
506 · Tax & Licenses	34.59		
510 · Professional Services Fees	17,953.83	14,600.00	123.0%
511 · Retirement - Company Matching	29,649.15	39,000.00	76.0%
522 · Mktg, Web Site & Appeal Expense	1,879.90	12,000.00	15.7%
524 · Insurance-Liability/Worker's Comp	37,650.58	40,450.00	93.1%
526 · Health Insurance	35,704.11	44,000.00	81.1%
530 · Utilities	28,666.44	31,000.00	92.5%
532 · Grounds	3,266.95	4,000.00	81.7%
533 · Play Areas-FF & Rockasaurus	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
534 · Buildings	119,063.48	12,000.00	992.2%
536 · Equipment-Machinery & Repairs	14,071.80	16,500.00	85.3%
537 · Bank Fees	12,263.13	13,200.00	92.9%
538 · Dues & Subscriptions	39.21	1,300.00	3.0%
540 · Office Supplies & Equipment	2,814.77	6,800.00	41.4%
542 · Miscellaneous - Operating	8,981.76	10,000.00	89.8%
544 · Employee Training & Tuition	0.00	500.00	0.0%
607 · Grant Expenditures	51,467.05	40,000.00	128.7%
612 · Postage	381.68	3,700.00	10.3%
614 · Educational Programs	77.00	250.00	30.8%
616 · Printing-Ltrhd, Cards, Shirts	0.00	1,300.00	0.0%
624 · Program supplies	0.00	50.00	0.0%
6560 · Payroll Expense-FICA & Medicare	40,704.75	51,672.00	78.8%
Total Expense	940,191.95	1,021,773.00	92.0%
Net Ordinary Income	35,391.59	84,377.00	41.9%

Three Letters of Support for Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve
Submitted by Parents of Children Attending Thrive Forest School
at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve

Dear Committee Members,

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve is such a wonderful asset to our community in Oldham County and the surrounding region. Both the beautiful preserve and its educational programming connect people to nature and benefit area families in so many ways.

My family (three generations) enjoys spending time at the Preserve hiking, playing at the amazing playground, volunteering in the garden, and learning at the Nature Center. Both of my daughters have attended the Thrive Forest School program for preschool (my youngest is currently enrolled).

Thrive Forest School is a one-of-a-kind program, the first in our region, and I have been impressed by the philosophy, quality of educators, and the growth I have seen in my children. I am so thankful that my children could attend this type of unique high quality early childhood program. I cannot overstate the lifelong benefits of attending a developmentally appropriate nature-based program like Thrive Forest School.

As a parent it is difficult to find excellent programs for early childhood that have openings. Thrive is exceptional, I strongly encourage you not to miss the opportunity to support the growth and improvement of this community asset.

We fully support improvements such as paving the parking lot and adding a perimeter fence for safety purposes.

We were completely surprised when we learned that Creasey Mahan doesn't receive any general funding from the City of Goshen or Oldham County, when it serves as the "public park" in our area. My family strongly encourages you to consider annual support to ensure it continues to serve families like ours.

Regards,

Jamie Strang

Dear Committee -

I am a resident of Oldham County and parent of a student at Thrive Forest School at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, writing in support of their proposal.

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve is an Oldham County treasure and the heart of the Goshen community. As the first forest school in the region, Thrive has set the precedent for high-quality, nature-based education in Kentucky. Families travel to our county to give their child the gift of preschool in the forest, and this grant would support CMNP's ability to bring opportunities to Oldham County families, including students in the Thrive Forest School program.

My three-year-old daughter, Ann Marie, has had a fabulous experience at Thrive. We are an adventurous family and hike and camp with her often, but the confidence, curiosity, and love of nature that she has learned at Thrive is beyond what we could give her ourselves. As a public-school educator, I value the chance for her to have a non-traditional early childhood education and believe in the benefits for her as she moves into a more traditional school setting.

Oldham County has long been a place where people move because they value education for their children, and I'm thrilled that Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve's Thrive programming is included in the many rich educational opportunities that our children have available to them.

I'm proud of the ways that Creasey Mahan has evolved through the years to meet the needs of the community, while maintaining the natural respite and historic site that has always attracted folks in our region.

I attended Girl Scouts in the field house many years ago and hiked the same trails my daughter now takes to her classroom. I look forward to seeing all the innovative ways that CMNP will continue to serve our community.

Thank you for your role in providing continued opportunities for children in Oldham County.

Elaine Dillard

Hello,

I am writing to share my support of Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve and its vision for the future, including Thrive Forest School.

Thrive Forest School and Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve have been invaluable parts of our family's life during the past five years. Our daughter started Thrive Forest School in 2021 as soon as she turned three years old. My son, six months old at the time, and I would hike throughout the preserve (with him in a pack on my front or back) while we waited for her morning session to end. He was so excited when he finally turned three years old and could attend Thrive. He is currently a Thrive student, and both of my children will spend 5-6 weeks at Thrive Summer Camp this summer.

For both of my children, their love of the forest and awe of natural things stems from their time at Thrive/Creasey. Because of Thrive, they are both creative problem-solvers and never express boredom as they can create games out of sticks, acorns, and rocks. They marvel at the beauty of small natural wonders such as bird nests, waterfalls, and vibrant leaf colors. Each day, whether rain or shine, heat or snow, they looked/look forward to their time at Thrive with their friends and educators. The Thrive educators are outstanding, modeling resilience and kindness and masterfully implementing an inquiry, child-based curriculum. The educators are always eager to share a positive story from my child's day and nurture them when they need extra support. The leadership of the program is extraordinary, thoughtful, approachable, and responsive to family questions and needs; undoubtedly, the program is positioned to thrive for many years to come.

Thrive Forest School is a magical place. As my children join other school communities, the teachers always positively remark that they can tell that my daughter and son have attended/attend Forest School because of their comfort in the outdoor world, love of nature, creativity, and ability to climb trees!

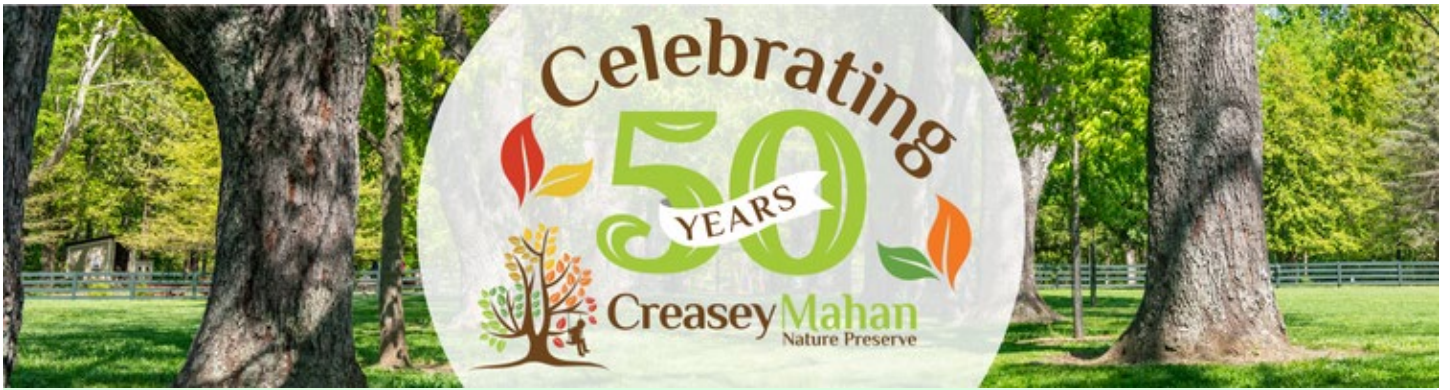
I feel incredibly grateful that we found Thrive Forest School as I cannot imagine a better beginning for our children. The nature preserve has been an important place of well-being for our entire family as well. As I mentioned, on most days while my children were/are at Thrive, I hike the trails of the preserve. As a working mom, these are moments that I look forward to all week for a sense of peace, exercise, and connection with nature. **As a family, we also love to visit Creasey Mahan on occasional weekends to hike, picnic, and explore the fantastic playground.**

As a former teacher and school leader, I wish all children had access to a program like Thrive. The benefits of spending time in nature are well-researched and documented; teaching our children about the marvels of our natural world are essential for the future health of our planet. Thrive and Creasey Mahan are the antidotes to a world that is increasingly dominated by technology and busyness.

Thrive Forest School and Creasey Mahan are absolute treasures for our community, and I fully trust that the leadership of both are committed to always protecting and ensuring this treasure exists for generations to come.

Sincerely yours,

Kelly Wright Henrion



**Thank
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