



## **CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE Operating Policies**

*Use of this nature preserve is primarily intended for passive recreation, nature observation, research and education.*

### **1.0 Purpose/Scope**

The purpose of the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve Operating Policies is to provide clear and consistent documentation of operating policies and responsible parties.

The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority is responsible for managing the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority is responsible for approving operating standards, responsible parties and associated procedures

### **2.0 Definitions and Acronyms**

CCCPA – Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure(s)

CLNP – Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, also referred to as Dike 14

ODNR– Ohio Department of Natural Resources

### **3.0 Location**

The Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve is located at Lake Shore Boulevard and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The closest physical address is 8701 Lakeshore Boulevard, NE (state park address), Cleveland, Ohio. Latitude: N 41° 32.69'; Longitude: W 081° 37.97'

### **4.0 Contact Information**

#### 4.1 For emergency purposes

4.1.1 In the case of an emergency, dial 911. It is appropriate to call 911 when (a) someone is hurt and needs help, (b) someone is hurting someone else, (c) there is smoke or fire, (d) someone is taking something which is not theirs.

4.1.2 Emergency responses for medical emergencies, crimes, and accidents will be the responsibility of Cleveland Public Safety.



- 4.1.2.1 Police: Deputy Chief of Police Calvin Williams [CWilliams3@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:CWilliams3@city.cleveland.oh.us); Commander Wayne Drummond [DDrummond@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:DDrummond@city.cleveland.oh.us)
- 4.1.2.2 Fire: Assistant Chief Pat Kelly [PKelly@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:PKelly@city.cleveland.oh.us)
- 4.1.3 Emergency Medical Service: Deputy Commissioner Nicole Carlton [NCarlton@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:NCarlton@city.cleveland.oh.us); Commander James Willson [JWillson@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:JWillson@city.cleveland.oh.us)
- 4.1.4 For Police non-emergency call the Cleveland Police Department at 216.621.1234.
- 4.2 For day-to-day and general inquiries
  - 4.2.1 For general inquiries, contact The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority. 1375 E Ninth Street, Suite 2300. Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Telephone: 216-241-8004

## 5.0 Policies

- 5.1 Operating Times
  - 5.1.1 Normal operating times are “during daylight hours”.
  - 5.1.2 Special events operating times are to be agreed to with CCCPA.
- 5.2 Parking for the Nature Preserve is provided in the ODNR parking lot located at 8701 Lakeshore Blvd. Overflow parking is also available at the Gordon Park Boat Ramps.
- 5.3 Visitation
  - 5.3.1 Visitors are responsible for their actions and are advised that the “naturalness” of the property offers potential hazards that must be considered for safe, enjoyable visits.
  - 5.3.2 Visitors are asked to use caution at all times and enter the property at the visitor’s own risk.
  - 5.3.3 Persons shall be permitted within the confines of a nature preserve in those areas and facilities provided for general public use. Persons are expected to remain on the trail or trail system, except with written permission of CCCPA.
- 5.4 Meetings and Events
  - 5.4.1 No person or persons shall conduct any public meeting or event on CLNP without first obtaining permission from CCCPA, application must be made not less than thirty days prior to the day of the proposed meeting or event.
  - 5.4.2 Permission shall not be granted if it is determined by CCCPA that the specified meeting or event has a reasonable probability of having any of the following effects:
    - 5.4.2.1.1 Interferes with normal area usage, or
    - 5.4.2.1.2 Endangers the environment, or
    - 5.4.2.1.3 Creates great risk of physical harm to the public present in the area, or



5.4.2.1.4 CCCPA may require a performance bond from the permittee as a condition of the issuance of the permit.

5.5 Grounds Maintenance and Management

5.5.1 Cleveland Metroparks shall perform maintenance activities as agreed upon (based on the May 25, 2010 License Agreement)

5.6 Maintenance of Structures (fencing, gates, signage, decking)

5.6.1 The CCCPA or its agent shall perform maintenance of structures.

5.7 New Structure Design and Approval

5.7.1 CCCPA is responsible for approval of any and all structure designs and/or installations.

6.0 Preservation

6.1 No person shall collect, remove, injure, deface, destroy or otherwise disturb ice, soil, sand, gravel, rocks, fossils, minerals, plants, plant materials, animals or any other substance within the nature preserve. Collecting of materials for research purposes may be permitted upon written application to and approval by CCCPA.

6.2 No person shall introduce or bring any plant or animal or their reproductive bodies into the nature preserve without written permission of CCCPA or an appointed agent.

6.3 No person shall place or scatter salt, grain, feed or other substance capable of luring, enticing or attracting wild animals and birds.

6.4 No person shall hunt, pursue, trap, catch or attempt to hunt, pursue, trap or catch any wild animals or fish without written approval from the CCCPA.

6.5 No person shall bring any animal or pet into the nature preserve.

6.5.1 Exceptions: Service Dogs used by blind, deaf, mobility or emotionally impaired persons.

6.6 No person shall bring or operate motorized vehicles or bicycles in the nature preserve.

6.6.1 Exceptions: maintenance and emergency vehicles, as well as mobility aids such as wheelchairs and strollers.

The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority reserves the right to modify this policies and procedures document.