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## METROPARKS TOLEDO

## Pearson Playground Legacy Bricks

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## Be part of the new Pearson Playground

More than 80 years ago, a citizens' initiative preserved the "big woods" now known as Pearson Metropark for future generations to enjoy.

Pearson is one of the last remaining stands of the Great Black Swamp, a notorious forest that once blanketed much of northwest Ohio. Purple cress, spring beauties, trillium, wild ginger and wild geranium bloom in spring. The thick woods and location close to Lake Erie make Pearson a favorite stopover for a wide variety of migrating birds. Buildings, shelters, bridges, ponds and a garden with a waterfall were built by workers enrolled in Depression-era work programs, such as the Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps.

Today Pearson is home to more than 11 miles of trails for walking, hiking and biking. Picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. The natural areas today remain as a remnant of the Black Swamp. A variety of trees including red maples, sycamores, basswood, cottonwood and oaks remain today. The wet woods provide a favorable habitat for many varieties of native wildflowers. Woodpeckers, orioles, red tanagers and many other birds abound in this ecosystem.

The past meets the future at the newly constructed playground in the center of the park featuring a towering tree as the centerpiece. The playground reflects the park's natural history as the Great Black Swamp. The area also features typical play structures, such as swings, slides and climbing walls, as well as custom-made, functional sculptures based on the natural surroundings.

Once again, you can be part of history by buying an engraved legacy brick to be placed around the new playground.

## Your Legacy Bricks

E ach brick will have up to three lines of text, 16 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation). To preserve the character of the area, no logos or other artwork will be used on the legacy bricks. Please note exposure to the weather may cause bricks to change in color and markings over time.

Metroparks reserves the right to approve all copy to be engraved on the bricks. Metroparks is a tax exempt agency. Donations are deductible to the full extent allowed by law. For more information, call the development office at 419-407-9723.

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