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Auditor Highlights Popular Annual Financial Report, A Concise Snapshot of Fairfield County Governmental Finances

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor is pleased to highlight the Popular Annual Financial Report during Sunshine Week. Popular Annual Financial Reports are short summaries of the County’s financial activities. Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, stated “These reports aim to inform the public about the County’s financial condition, without excessive detail or the use of technical terms. Some items of interest include the list of top taxpayers and employers within the county.”

The cover of the Popular Annual Financial Report has historically featured a project of the Fairfield County Parks District.

The most recent feature was the Elias B Wagner Preserve. This 160-acre property will be known as Wagner Preserve and is in Liberty Township, south of the Village of Baltimore. The most remarkable feature of this preserve is the heron rookery. It is one of the largest great blue heron rookeries south of the Lake Erie watershed. There has been an average of 50 nests per season on site.

Before a parkland, especially a nature preserve, can be opened to the public, it can take years of preparation. The emphasis of this long-term project is to protect habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered species and/or the preservation of high-quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species.

You can read more about this current project and find all Popular Annual Financial Reports at <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/fc-financial-reports-ACFR-PAFR.html>

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