

BEAMAN PARK NATURE CENTER

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



Due to the efforts of Metroparks and Friends of Beaman Park, as well as an amazing “dream team” staff, the Nature Center continued to thrive in 2025. The addition of the Tennessee Naturalist Program in February brought new learners (pictured above) and a whole new volunteer base to our growing center. Replaced bench installation, tree removal and trail work made our trails safer and more accessible than ever. Let’s look back over this year through people and place, as well as our priorities for 2026.



Beaman Park PEOPLE



Our partnerships with local private and public schools escalated with field trips, lab experiences and research projects throughout the year. Belmont students focused on Butternut Hickory trees and the canker affecting this population. Another volunteer studied the habits of Louisiana Waterthrush in Henry Creek.

In conjunction with Friends of Beaman Park, over 18,000 people enjoyed free programs and visitor services, including night hikes, campfires, yoga, forest bathing and tree identification classes.

Beaman Park PLACE



Friends of Beaman Park funded and replaced two benches in the Park: one on Henry Hollow Loop and one at Five Points/the beginning of the Laurel Woods Trail. FOBP also funded replacement of the wildflower garden fence.

Although a drought persisted for most of 2025, the Chestnut Oaks experienced a “mast” year, dropping thousands of beautiful acorns everywhere. Many summer wildflowers did not bloom until October after a late September rain. Henry Creek and Long Hollow Creek ran very low for most of the warm months.



Beaman Park PRIORITIES

- Engage more schools in field trips, internships and other environmental education opportunities
- Continue our deep-dive into the stories of both our forest and indigenous activity in the Park pre-1800.
- Support our community as an oasis from the city.

