



Your voice: Paul Sittenfeld

Accessible park a new Cincinnati treasure

The Memorial Day weekend, perhaps especially, has afforded us an opportunity to look back with gratitude and to look forward with hope. The Cincinnati Park Board, in a partnership with individuals, families, and organizations, is providing a welcome note of optimism for our community and for special residents of it.

Today, the Katharine T. and Fletcher E. Nyce Garden of the Bettman Nature Preserve will be dedicated. This small park, adjacent to Beechwood Home and located in an area bounded by O'Bryonville, Evanston, and Walnut Hills, is the first completely handicapped-useful park

in the city of Cincinnati. Its handsome setting and adjacent parking offer a completely wheelchair accessible experience highlighted by raised beds enabling interactive gardening by visitors in wheelchairs. A fragrance bed will bring special pleasure to those with sight impairment.

The lead gift for this innovative and exciting addition to the Cincinnati landscape comes from the late Kay and Fletcher Nyce. Mr. Nyce, a longtime business and civic leader, and Mrs. Nyce, a dedicated environmentalist and early standard bearer for the Civic Garden Center and the Cincinnati Nature Center, derived

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great pleasure themselves, especially in their later years, from natural settings and open spaces.

Natives of Pennsylvania and longtime residents of Connecticut, they valued their five decades in Cincinnati and gave much of themselves, in

time and in treasure, to it. This garden reflects their enduring caring for our city and the residents of it.

Other funding sources include Beechwood Home and a number of donors who share the Nyces' respect for nature and commitment to the future. In providing an appropriate and accessible park for those with physical limitations, they salute those residents of our community and acknowledge their importance to us all.

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