

Dear Mayor Bradley:

I am writing in support of maintaining Cromwell Park as an important wildlife habitat, to be enjoyed by the people of Lorain and the people who visit this area. I have a PhD in ornithology, and I specialize in research on bird biology, including their migratory habits. As a birder myself, I travel throughout Northeastern Ohio. The majority of the sites that I visit are ones that are recognized as Important Bird Areas by the National Audubon Society. Their vetting process confirmed that the greater Black River area is a key spot for nesting birds, as well as for the many species that pass through our region as they migrate between Canada's boreal forest and their tropical wintering grounds. Birds have increasingly fewer rest stops to refuel during migration, and habitats like Cromwell Park are important for thousands of individual birds every year. Additionally, they are enjoyed by a growing coalition of birders who value green spaces and the wildlife that uses these spaces. Please keep Cromwell Park as a wildlife habitat rather than degrading its value by adding a physical and audible nuisance that will directly impact the birds of this important bird area. Thank you for your consideration.

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