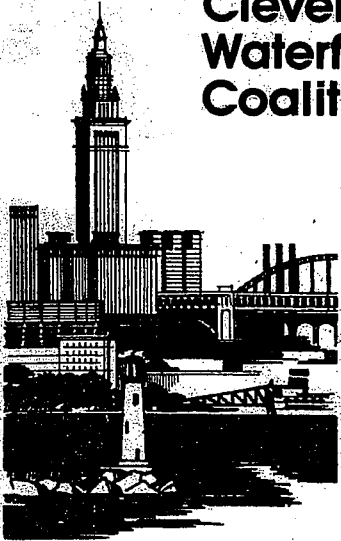


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"A park on Pier 34" (next to East Ninth Street Pier) is a first step toward a beautiful, income producing waterfront.

Will you help to make it happen? A strong Cleveland residents' voice is essential.

Simply fill out the form below and mail it to the Cleveland Waterfront Coalition.

Deposit or mail to:

Cleveland Waterfront Coalition
346 The Arcade
401 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

I want waterfront development starting on Pier 34 NOW.

Name _____ Apt. # _____

Address _____

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For information or to become a member - call 771-2666.

A Look At: THE LAKEFRONT STATE PARK

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by Paul Svedersky

Everyday more and more people are discovering Cleveland's Lakefront State Park, which has been in operation since 1978. The park became a reality on November 8, 1977 when state and city officials signed a lease for state operation of Edgewater Park (at the west end of the Shoreway), Gordon Park (at the foot of Liberty Boulevard), and Wildwood Park, (Neff Road by the mouth of Euclid Creek). The 50-year lease, at \$1 per year, includes an option for the state for another 50 years.

The Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at the time, Robert Teater, called the plan "an adventure in urban conservation at Cleveland's door." He said that the hope of everyone involved was to "make Cleveland turn around and face the water," and to make the lakefront a "goldmine rather than a dumping ground."

The lakefront had indeed become a dumping ground and the City aptly realized it did not have the money needed for park restoration. As part of the turnover plan, the Ohio General Assembly granted an initial \$5 million for capital improvements. Since then, further capital improvements have moved the project closer so realizing the "goldmine."

If attendance at the parks is any indication of their popularity, then the numbers speak for themselves. According to Dave Stites, Park Manager of the Lakefront State Park, there were 2.6 million people visiting the parks in 1980. In 1981 there were 4.6 million visitors, and in 1982 there were 5.2 million visitors. The Cleveland Lakefront State Park outdrew every other state park in Ohio.

Included in the park system are the East 55th Street Marina and the newly acquired Euclid Beach, adding up to approximately 18 miles of shoreline. The five park areas represent 400 acres of the "North Coast" to be enjoyed by all.

Soon it will be possible to ride bicycles from one end of the park to the other along the lakefront. At Edgewater there is a new off-shore fishing pier used by many, as well as an outdoor physical fitness exercise course. Future plans call for a boat ramp, a beach house, and general marina and beach improvements. As in the other parks, public restroom facilities will be added. For the entire park system, east and west, further improvement costs are projected to reach into millions of dollars through 1986.

The Cleveland Lakefront State Park provides a natural relief to the metropolitan skyline, and is enjoyed by city and suburban residents alike. In an attempt to restore the park to its original grandeur, a park staff of 16 rangers and 16 full-time maintenance personnel tend the area. Safety and cleanliness are important "musts" for park enjoyment, and the state can be congratulated for efforts in these areas. The Lakefront State Park is assuring Cleveland area residents that the lake and its lakefront are treasured assets and should be preserved.

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE: An examination of plans for the Lakefront State Park. What is being planned? What is to come? An analysis of the state park situation will appear in the January/February Issue of "Waterfront News."

OHIO'S WATER LAWS

CONFERENCE

The National Water Well Association will sponsor the first conference on Ohio's water laws. Those topics to be addressed include: State laws affecting water usage, Water management, and Pollution Control. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Columbus Plaza; 50 North Third Street; Columbus, Ohio 43215. Fee is \$100. For more information contact: National Water Well Association; 500 W. Wilson Bridge Road; Worthington, Ohio 43085.