

The Office of the Livingston County HCMA Commissioner
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The Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a vital resource to our entire region. Historically, Livingston County has been a rural community and over the past three decades, has experienced rapid growth. We believe that Metroparks bring enjoyment and a better quality of life for our families and communities. Livingston County is currently home to two Metroparks, Huron Meadows and Kensington Metropark.

Huron Meadows Metropark, which contains Maltby Lake, is a 1,540-acre park located south of Brighton in Livingston County. It features an 18-hole golf course that offers cross-country skiing during the winter. The park also has boat rentals, six miles of walking trails, fishing areas and picnic areas with a ball diamond and volleyball court.

Kensington Metropark, located in both Livingston and Oakland Counties, receives more than two and a half million visitors each year. The 4,357 acre recreational facility features 18-hole regulation golf course, a disc golf course, a nature center, a farm learning center, picnic areas, beaches, boat rentals and a paved hike-bike trail. In the winter, visitors may sled, toboggan, cross-country ski and ice skate.

As the site of the first Metropark, we are aware of the importance of creating and preserving a greenspace. Livingston County Metroparks have been a success for the entire region and we hope that a potential Detroit Metropark will similarly benefit Detroit and surrounding communities.

Preserving and enhancing the City of Detroit is in all of our interests. As strong cities attract families, businesses, and tourists, creating a thriving park in Detroit will help Southeastern Michigan to grow and prosper.