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Oakland County is a leader in creating programs and services based on public private partnerships which point the way towards the future of county government. Oakland County is in the middle of a period of remarkable growth that shows no signs of slowing down. Our county government has created an environment which fosters new business and allows its residents to enjoy a superior quality of life. Our business-friendly atmosphere has brought about the creation of Automation Alley, bringing 40,000 high-tech jobs to the region. In addition to our significant economic strides, we take great pride in our own excellent park facilities, and encourage others to visit and explore our innovative and interactive programs as models for their own park development. We are especially excited about the creation of a state of the art environmental education center in the Indian Springs Metropark, located in the heart of Oakland County.

Oakland is concerned about the economic health of the Detroit metro area. It is our hope that investment in a strong central city would lead to a rising tide of economic development in the region. However, this investment should not undermine the continued economic prosperity of Oakland County nor the level of support earmarked for the other excellent parks already in the HCMA system.

While revitalizing the Detroit park system could be an important aspect of economic development in the city, the limited resources available to the HCMA must be considered. Therefore, we applaud efforts to build park facilities inside of Detroit, and feel that there is great room for private organizations to create partnerships within the city park system.