

RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT

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The Richfield Joint Recreation District was formed in 2014 by the Richfield Village and the Richfield Township. The immediate reason for this was to purchase the former Cleveland Girl Scout facility, Camp Crowell-Hilaka. The former camp, in Summit County, has just over 330 acres and sits near the intersection of Broadview Road and Streetsboro Road in Richfield. The facility is an historic site as the southern portion was the home of James Kirby of vacuum cleaner fame and many other patents. The northern part of the property was owned by the Neal family who ran a very large orchard. The facility had Kirby's home, Kirby's patented lake, two beautiful brick homes of the Neal family, a carriage house, and Gund Hall. The Gund family was a strong supporter of the Girl Scouts. There is also an 1840's home of the Oviatt family which may have to be moved.

The current major goals are to renovate Gund Hall for group activities, restore the caretaker's house for the park headquarters, design a new entry for the park, and repair and restore the dams for the two lakes. The other homes may have to be mothballed until funds are available for their renovation. EDG of Akron has been developing a master plan for the facility.

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