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# With growing population and green outlook, Anderson Twp. seeks continuation of parks money with levy

Millage would stay at level first approved in 1992

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ANDERSON TOWNSHIP, Ohio -- Forty years ago, Anderson Township had no parks of its own. A lot has changed since then.

In the intervening years, the township has opened eight parks to complement Hamilton County facilities in the township. In 1975, it established a parks department, and the township itself has defied Cincinnati's trend of declining population by nearly doubling its own, from some 25,000 to about 45,000.

One of the things that draws people to this suburban community is the parks, says Ken Kushner, executive director of the Anderson Township Park District.

“That’s why people are coming to Anderson Township, because of the schools and the parks,” Kushner said. “In a community like Anderson that’s put a lot of effort into its park systems, in my estimation you can’t have enough parks because that’s the character of your community. We’re just fortunate to be where we’re at with all the forward-thinking people these last 40 years.”

The community’s commitment to its green momentum will be tested Nov. 8, when a ballot initiative will ask residents to approve a 10-year property tax levy that would provide \$1.9 million annually for operations and park maintenance. It will ask homeowners to pay \$66.50 per \$100,000 of their property’s assessed value.

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