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# Park district completes project under budget

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The Anderson Township Park District has successfully completed a significant Riverside Park Riverbank Restoration Project. The Anderson Township Park District used in-house labor to complete the restoration project for \$374,078.26, saving \$257,096.74 from the project engineer's estimate.

**Advertisement** Recently, the Anderson Township Park District was honored to have Ernst Quintana, regional director of the National Park Service and his staff, visit Riverside Park for a review of the Riverbank Restoration Project. Quintana was impressed with the project and the park district's ability to accomplish the restoration.

"This project works. This could be used as a model to fix future bank erosion problems on the Nation's National



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**From left are: Ken Kushner, Anderson Township Park District executive director; Eric Party, Little Miami Inc. director; Hector Santiago, National Park Service Rivers coordinator; Rory Robinson, National Park Service outdoor recreational planner; Ernest Quintana, National Park Service regional director; and Mike Smith, Anderson**



great success. Our talented staff performed superbly throughout this initiative. The restoration project was funded through a Clean Ohio Conservation Grant. Because of our ability to perform the project in-house, the result was a savings of \$257,096.74 for local and state taxpayers. The park district would also like to thank the many partners contributing to the success of this project including: Anderson Township Trustees, Anderson Township Board of Park Commissioners, New Horizon Community Church and Clean Ohio Fund Officials," stated Kushner.

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Scenic Rivers," stated Quintana.

The intention for the project was to stop the bank from eroding by armoring the bottom of the riverbank with stone, saving valuable parkland. However, the project differs from past projects on the scenic rivers because it uses native vegetation and landscape to tie the affected area back together with its original environment.

Ken Kushner, Anderson Township Park District executive director, was pleased to hear the National Park Service's praise of the project.

"We are excited this project has ended with such

Township Park District operations manager.

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