OHIO POWER/AEP PROJECT SLATED TO BEGIN!

This Thursday, November 16 marks the beginning of a large-scale project implemented by Ohio Power, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP). The project involves rebuilding 28-miles of power line between Ohio Central and Millwood substations. The necessary improvements include: upgrading the aging (quad) towers from the 1920's with single, higher pedestal steel poles. These upgrades will strengthen the local electric transmission system, reduce the likelihood of power outages and speed recovery of service when outages occur.

This project will affect Honey Run Highlands Park, off and on but not continuously from now until the end of August 2024, when this portion of the project is estimated to be completed. Watch for updates on Park District's Facebook and Instagram pages and the website at <u>www.knoxcountyparks.org</u> Click on the Parks link and the link for Honey Run Highlands.

On Thursday, November 16 the following Honey Run Highlands Trails will be closed to allow helicopter crews to side trim from the air, with crews on the ground to maintain safety. Trails closed until the trimming is completed include: the Pine Knob, Prairie, Warbler Way and White Oak trails which all intersect the power line right-of way.

During this project, always maintain a safe distance from any equipment performing activities associated with the removal of the current towers and the replacement with the new towers. Knox County Park District appreciates your patience during this project as does, Ohio Power/AEP.