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Dedication to be held November 9 for new 18,000+ sq.ft. public park in Cleveland’s Buckeye/Woodhill neighborhood honoring fallen Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens

Officer Derek Owens’ Memorial Park to open Spring 2020 thanks to efforts of the family of fallen Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens, Cleveland Police Foundation, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Saint Luke’s Foundation, Cleveland Foundation, LAND studio and others

CLEVELAND, OH (October 25, 2019) – A dedication for a new public park on Cleveland’s east side— Officer Derek Owens’ Memorial Park— will be held on November 9. The collaborative project was the effort of many community partnerships and will serve as a beautiful public gathering space.

Quick Facts:

<p>Why it Matters</p>	<p>Cleveland’s Buckeye/Woodhill neighborhood will soon welcome a new public park as a tribute to fallen Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens. Officer Derek Owens’ Memorial Park will provide a place for the community to gather, relax and reflect.</p> <p>The family of Derek Owens and the Cleveland Police Foundation— with the help of Western Reserve Land Conservancy, St. Luke’s Foundation, Cleveland Foundation, LAND studio and other community partners— have consolidated three parcels into one to form the new 18,022 sq.ft. space. Features of the new park include reflective walking paths made from the sandstone foundations of demolished neighborhood structures, new plantings and trees- including favorites of Officer Owens- and a play set, courtesy of the Cleveland Browns.</p> <p>A dedication for Officer Derek Owens’ Memorial Park will be held on November 9, 2019. The \$180,000 project is anticipated to be complete, with the park to open to the public, in Spring 2020. The Cleveland Police Foundation is the owner in perpetuity and will provide the maintenance and upkeep of the park.</p>
<p>Event Details</p>	<p>OFFICER DEREK OWENS’ MEMORIAL PARK A DEDICATION</p> <p>Saturday, November 9 11 a.m. Officer Derek Owens’ Memorial Park 10404 Parkview, Cleveland</p> <p>(Grand Opening to be held in May of 2020)</p>

<p>History</p>	<p>Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens was shot and killed in November 2008 while responding to a call to the 10400 block of Parkview Avenue, just off of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Officer Owens and his partner responded to a dispatch to investigate youth gathered in a vacant garage of an abandoned house at 10410 Parkview Avenue.</p> <p>Officer Owens loved serving his community and leaves behind his wife, Ericka, his two children Sydni and Chandler, his parents, Wayne and Barbara, and his sister Dawn. Residents of this block of Parkview wanted to show their respect and condolences to the family, community, and the Cleveland Police Department by establishing a reflective park in the memory of Officer Owens and in unity with his family. Many community partners and organizations came together to make the Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park possible.</p>
<p>Who:</p>	<p>Primary Project Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Family of Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens > Cleveland Police Foundation > Western Reserve Land Conservancy > Saint Luke's Foundation > Cleveland Foundation > LAND studio > Cleveland Browns <p>Contributing Project Partners: Neighborhood leader Kim Fields, Turner Construction, Cleveland Police 4th District, Cleveland Police Community Relations Unit, Cement Masons Local 404, Down to Earth Landscaping, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, The Brotherhood of Carpenters, Ironworkers Union, Ozanne Construction and many other community partners contributed time and resources to the project.</p>
<p>For More Information</p>	<p>Interviews with project partners available upon request.</p> <p>Cleveland Police Foundation Website: www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org Facebook: @TheClevelandPoliceFoundation</p> <p>Western Reserve Land Conservancy Website: www.wrlandconservancy.org Instagram: @wrlconservancy Facebook: @WesternReserveLandConservancy</p>

About Cleveland Police Foundation

The Cleveland Police Foundation was established in 2010 to strengthen the bond between the Cleveland Division of Police and the citizens it serves through support for youth and community outreach programs, police charities, advanced education and training, and for specialized equipment and technology in order to help our police officers better perform their duties.

About Western Reserve Land Conservancy

The nationally accredited Western Reserve Land Conservancy— the largest local land trust in Ohio—provides the people of northern and eastern Ohio with essential natural assets through land conservation and restoration. The Land Conservancy has preserved natural areas and working farms in more than 20 counties across Ohio. Its urban program, Thriving Communities, works statewide to clean and green urban centers devastated by the foreclosure crisis. To date, the Land Conservancy has permanently preserved more than 750 properties totaling 57,000+ acres; created more than 170 public parks and preserves; led the efforts to create 55 county land banks across Ohio; as well as planted and distributed more than 13,000 robust trees in Cleveland.