

Oakland Water Resources Commissioner Elected Treasurer of Metroparks Board

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Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner John P. McCulloch was elected treasurer of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. An attorney and certified public accountant, he was unanimously selected to fill the one-year term.

The seven-member authority oversees the Metropark system throughout five counties in southeast Michigan: Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. In addition to the five members selected by each county, two members are chosen by the governor.

McCulloch said his background in finance, coupled with more than 11 years of experience on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission where he is the current vice chairman will serve the 24,000-acre Metropark system well.

“Parks contribute to the quality of life, but they must be given the appropriate financial support if they are to continue to meet the recreational demands of our citizens,” McCulloch said. “In these trying economic times, we cannot afford to lose sight of the value our Metroparks provide to those who enjoy them.”

McCulloch added that he looks forward to doing his part “to ensure that the parks remain a treasure for all in southeastern Michigan.”

Founded in 1939, the Metroparks Authority receives most of its funding for its 13 parks through local property taxes. Additional revenue comes from vehicle admission fees, golf and boat launching fees as well as rental fees for boats and bicycles.