

## Trust buys part of Keil farm in South Toledo for metropark use

Portions of the last remaining operating farm within the city of Toledo is now a part of the Toledo Area Metroparks with the help of the Trust for Public Land and U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur.

The Trust for Public Land - a national nonprofit conservation organization that often serves as an intermediary for communities looking to buy property for preservation - bought 40 acres on the northern portion of the Keil family farm in South Toledo. The trust then transferred the land to the metroparks.

The first phase of the acquisition was funded with \$1.1 million in federal Economic Development Initiative Funds as well as \$514,000 in federal Community Development funds. The Trust for Public Land has an option to buy the remaining 114 acres, which it plans to also transfer to the metroparks during the second phase of the acquisition.

Miss Kaptur (D., Toledo) and the Trust for Public Land has been working since the late 1990s to acquire the land.