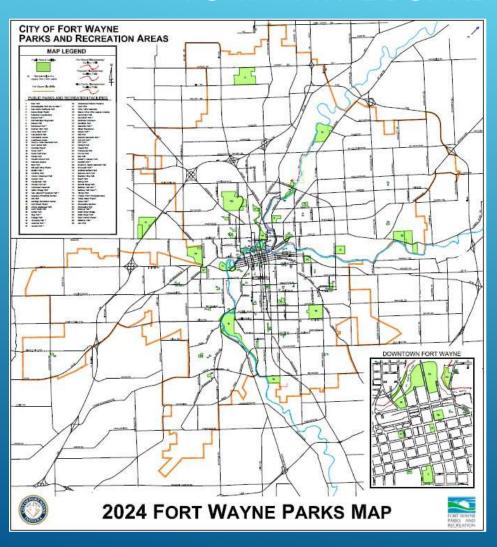
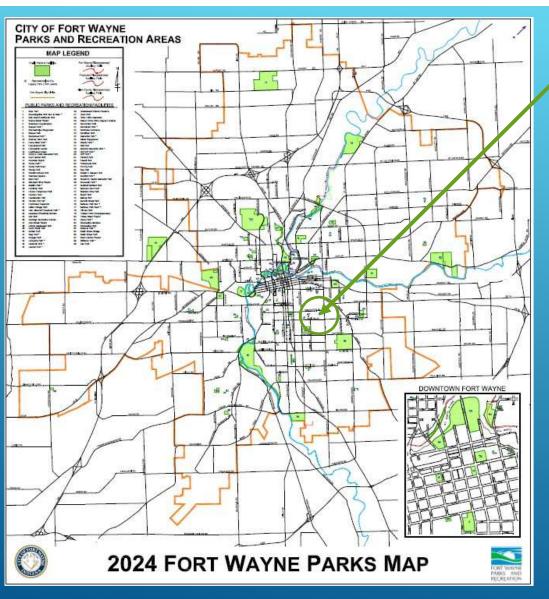
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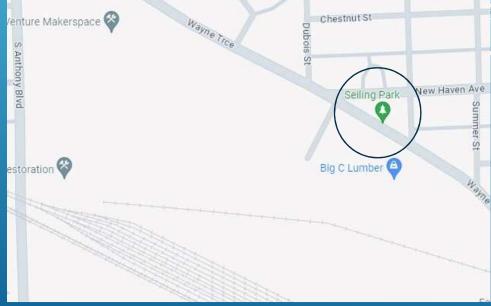
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## SIELING PARK

Wayne Trace and New Haven Ave.



SIELING PARK Since 1915

Size in Acres: .60

This 1997 photo is of the Dietrick F. Sieling House at 2208 Wayne Trace in Fort Wayne. It's now The Rose Home, a transitional living facility for women.

Mr. Sieling owned a dry goods store that was located adjacent to the house to the east, and the park across the street is named for him. In 1915, Sieling donated the triangular piece of land to the parks department for the purpose of maintaining the space for recreational activities for the neighborhood youth, along with commemorating the area marking the route of the Wayne Trace Indian Route to Cincinnati.



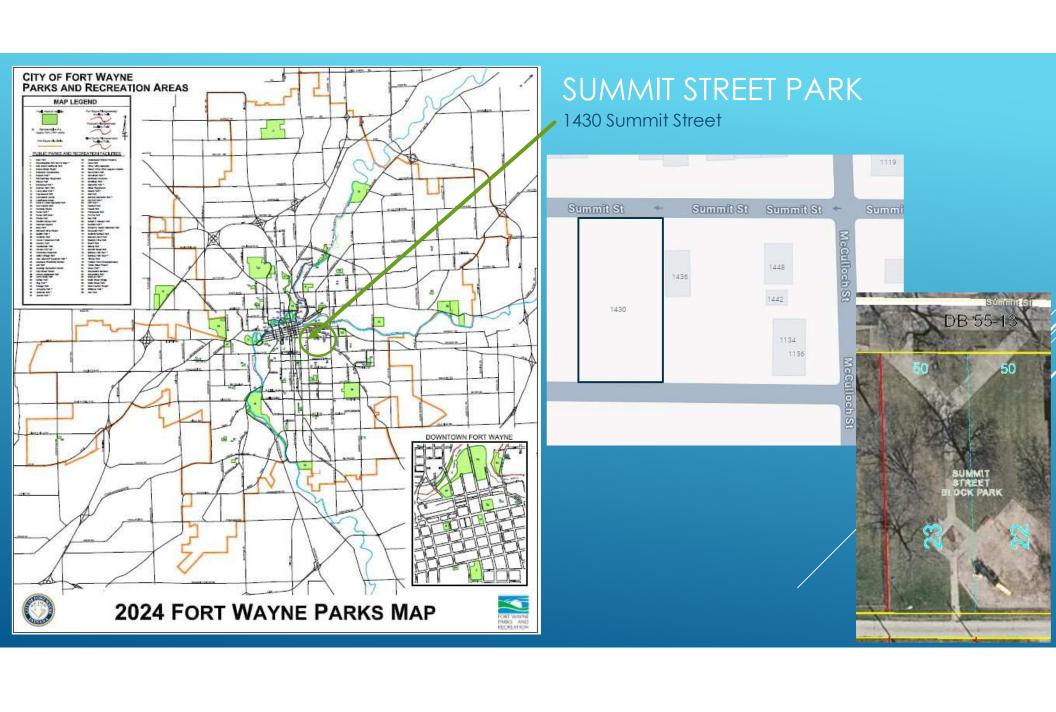
# SIELING PARK -TODAY

Since 1915

Size in Acres: .60

The park consists today basically the same as it was when Mr. Sieling donated the property, in which it is mainly open lawn area with randomly spaced shade trees and a commemorative seating bench. The park is also home to a monument commemorating the location of the Indian Trail to Cincinnati route by General Harmer's army in 1730.





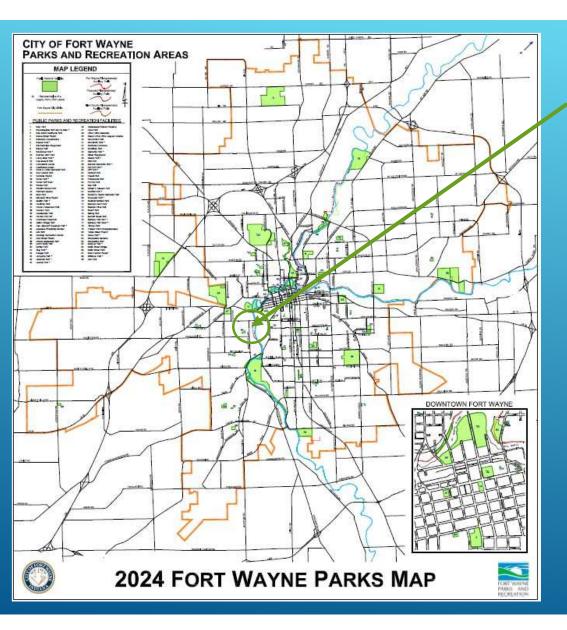
#### SUMMIT STREET PARK TODAY

Since 1976 Size in Acres: .34

In 1976 the Board of Park Commissioners requested the transfer of this property to the city from the county. The intention at that time was to provide a small block park for the neighborhood in conjunction with other capital improvements afforded under the Community Development Act.

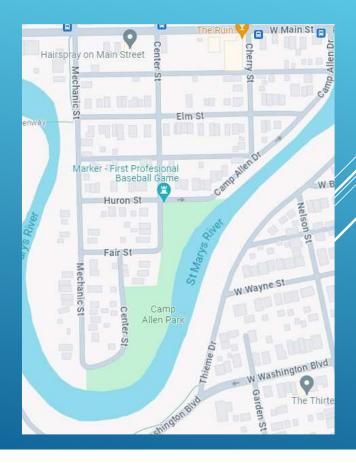
This park features a playground for children to enjoy, as well as benches and a picnic table for visitors.





## CAMP ALLEN PARK

Located at Camp Allen Drive and Center Street

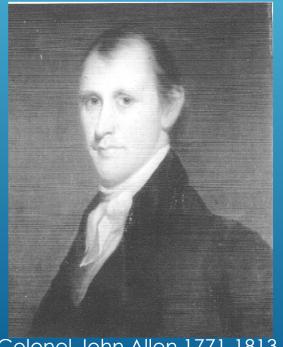


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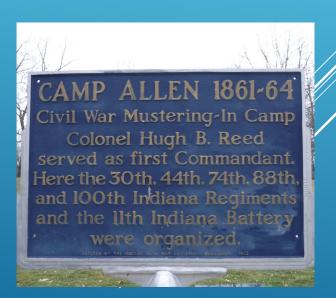
Since 1912

Size: 3.5 Acres

Before its purchase in 1912, Camp Allen Park was a rendezvous point and training ground for Union soldiers during the Civil War. Soldiers would assemble at this location before leaving Fort Wayne to fight in the war. One of those regiments, the Thirtieth, was commanded by Colonel Sion S. Bass, one of Fort Wayne's most famous Civil War heroes. Camp Allen takes its name from Colonel John Allen, an attorney, close associate of famed American statesmen Henry Clay and a distinguished soldier who fought to defend the Fort Wayne area during the War of 1812. He was killed in action while leading his men at the Battle of Frenchtown in southeast Michigan. Colonel Allen is honored by having several counties names after him including Allen County, Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.







#### Since 1912

Size: 3.5 Acres

#### CAMP ALLEN PARK

After the end of the Civil War, and the evacuation of the military, the open, level topography of the site became commonly used by locals for recreational activities, specifically the newly-growing sport of baseball. Thus, in 1871, many point to Camp Allen as the site of the first professional baseball game in history. The game was played on May 4, 1871 between the Fort Wayne Kekionga, and the Cleveland Forest City. The Kekionga defeated Cleveland by a score of 2-0. At the time of the game, a covered grandstand called the "Grand Duchess" was constructed to provide spectator accommodations. However it was short-lived as it burned to the ground on

November 5, 1871.





#### CAMP ALLEN PARK TODAY

Camp Allen features a playground with slides, a swing set, and a climber in the north section of the park and a basketball court in the south section.



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