



Important Announcement from The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes  
*Peter Bode Announced as New President & CEO*



On behalf of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes' Board of Trustees, we are thrilled to announce [Peter Bode](#) as the next President & CEO.

Working with Shaker Heights based executive search firm Dise & Co., a nine-member Search Committee conducted a thorough search with feedback from multiple stakeholders including retiring President & CEO Kay Carlson, staff members, former board members, key donors, and community partners. The search was national in scope, initially drawing over 300 applications. Following a comprehensive interview process with both local and national candidates, the committee unanimously selected Peter Bode as the next President & CEO of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

Peter will bring high energy and many new relationships and community partnerships that will expand the diversity and reach of the Nature Center's mission. His wealth of experience and expertise in nonprofit transformational leadership, ecological restoration and social and environmental advocacy will build upon the strengths of the Nature Center and the momentum it has gained from the highly successful Capital Campaign and guide the strategic direction of the organization.

Peter will be stepping down as the Executive Director of the Community Life Collaborative, located in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He led the organization in carrying out its mission to engage communities in social and environmental justice by empowering untapped relationships, collaborations, and understanding across boundaries. With more than a decade of environmental nonprofit leadership, Peter has extensive experience, ranging from senior ecological project management and conservation at West Creek Conservancy to Planning Commissioner for the City of Seven Hills. Peter is a graduate of Cleveland State University with a B.S. in Environmental Science. He is also a Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) by the Society for Ecological Restoration and a Qualified Data Collector for the Ohio EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).

Peter's distinctive background with a deep history and interest in the environment and conservation uniquely positions him to carry out the Nature Center's strategic vision and goals created by the Board of Trustees. Peter will officially join the team beginning May 22, 2023, to allow overlap with Kay Carlson before she retires on June 9, 2023, after over 15 years of service.

Peter and his family live in the Seven Hills area of Cleveland. Please join us in welcoming them to the Nature Center family.

We look forward to introducing Peter to our Nature Center community in the next few months.

In appreciation and service,

Meghan Hunter  
NCSL Board Chair

Kate Fox Nagel, DrPH, MPH  
NCSL Search Committee Chair