

Citizenship & Beauty



As a French native, Gerald believes that environmentalism and citizenship are one and the same. Gerald has always viewed his 24-year tenure as Superintendent with the Cincinnati Parks Department as a way of giving back to the community that welcomed him as a foreign-born citizen. For him, civic duty is keeping the “house of the host” clean and green. Gerald describes the use of alternative energy as another way to be a responsible guest: “our use of traditional, polluting resources is like eating too much dessert and leaving the consequences on the planet for someone else to deal with in the future.” Gerald has made our parks more sustainable by orchestrating the development of fifteen solar energy sites, six geothermal generation sites, improving land management practices, and encouraging natural ecological succession on park grounds. In doing so, Gerald hopes to remind us that we are all guests on this planet.

