

## **A Rich Past: the Stranahan House**

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In 1938, many Americans were struggling to recover from the Great Depression. But some had the means to take advantage of depressed property and labor costs to build their American dream. Robert A. Stranahan was one of the fortunate few. In 1938, he built his mansion at the back of a large property near Central Avenue. This 32,000 square foot mansion includes 17 bathrooms, 16 fireplaces, and 15 primary bedrooms. It served as the Stranahan Residence until 1968 following the death of Stranahan's second wife.

The property and mansion was donated to and the Toledo Metroparks, and in 1975, the mansion was converted into the [Manor House](#) and opened to the public. Tucked away within Wildwood Preserve, “Today, The Manor House hosts a variety of events both seasonal and occasional. Baby showers, bridal showers, even weddings and birthday parties have taken place within these walls.” This example of philanthropy has a lasting effect for the people of Toledo.