

Oakland County Parks



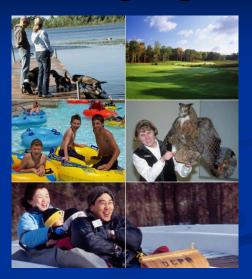
- 1.6 million annual visitors
- Celebrating 40 years in 2006
- 11 parks; more than 6,000 acres



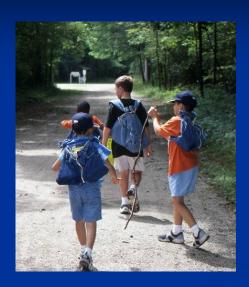


Sites & Facilities Highlights

- 6 day-use parks
- 5 golf courses
- 2 waterparks
- 2 nature centers
- 2 campgrounds
- The Fridge toboggan run



Award-winning system



- National, state and local awards
- Innovative recreation programs
- Outstanding facility design
- Exceptional staff





County-wide Survey



- Stakeholders interviews
- Parks & Recreation staff focus group
- CVT input
- Voter survey

Community Connection Initiative



- Meet with local officials
- Solicit feedback for long range plan
- Incorporate input into 3-year strategic plan

Oakland County Parks Info/Resources



- Best practices
- NW Parks & Recreation Association
- Networking
- MichiganRecreation andPark Association



Linking Economy, Community & Environment



Water Resources/Natural Areas/Trail Networks

- 5 river systems & 1400 lakes
- Key Quality of Life Assets
- Billions added to adjacent real estate
- Business Attraction and Retention Asset









- Recreation on wheels
- 1,672 visits in 2006
- Mobile stages
- Creating concert consortium

Community Assistance Program



- \$25,000 from Parks Commission
- For youth at risk, lower socioeconomic
- Mobile visits, buses, trips to waterparks and nature centers
- 30,000 served in 2006

Camps for Youth



- Sports, Wild Adventures, Arts
- Camps hosts 1,000 youth annually
- Scholarships available
- CampWilderness for youth groups

Urban Park Strategy



- Evaluate urban recreation opportunities
- Benchmark with recreation organizations nationwide
- Inventory existing public and private resources
- Develop recommendations

Cooperative Programs/Partners



- Oakland Trails Advisory Council
- Create systems of foot paths and connected horse trails – Oakland Equestrian Coalition
- Recreational programs for citizens with disabilities
- Royal Oak Township Recreation
- Michigan Senior Olympics
- Waterford Schools/ Drayton Plains Nature Center



