



CITY OF ANN ARBOR 2007-2012 PARK MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

PARK MAINTENANCE:

WHAT IS PARK MAINTENANCE?

Park Operations cares for and maintains the City parks. Park Operations is responsible for play equipment, trails and pathways, restrooms and shelter care, athletic field maintenance and facility maintenance in the 157 parks in the park system.

RECREATION FACILITIES:

Recreation facilities require ongoing maintenance to keep them operating smoothly. The parks facilities include 4 pools, 2 ice arenas, 2 golf courses, 2 canoe liveries, 2 community centers, a farmers market, senior center, historic house, and a farm site. Below are examples of maintenance responsibilities:

- Heating and cooling repairs and replacement
- Compressor and pump maintenance and repair at the pools and ice arenas
- Plumbing repairs and fixture replacement
- Lighting repair, replacement and upgrades for the interior and exterior of facilities
- Dock repairs and replacement
- Equipment maintenance and repair such as Zambonis
- Amenity repair and replacement such as pool deck equipment, pool slides and spray equipment
- Purchase of new recreation equipment such as canoes, kayaks, and ice skates

FORESTRY:

Parks Forestry is responsible for the care of trees within the parks. Areas of focus for Forestry include:

- Planting, pruning, training and watering of new trees
- Clearing storm damage
- Emergency tree removal
- Root aeration
- Assist NAP in clearing invasive species & maintaining natural areas
- Tree trimming
- Stump grinding and chipping
- Pruning brush adjacent to park pathways



A dock at Argo Canoe Livery.

MILLAGE REVENUE FUNDS PARK
MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND
IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
CITY OF ANN ARBOR PARKS SYSTEM



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COMMUNITY WIDE PARKS:

Our neighborhood and community parks include 75 playgrounds, more than 50 miles of pathways, 31 tennis courts, 34 ball diamonds, 10 soccer fields, 87 picnic areas, and numerous restrooms, picnic shelters, and basketball courts. Below are examples of maintenance responsibilities:

- Playground inspections, repair and maintenance including safety surfacing replacement
- Pathway and trail maintenance and repair
- Tennis court maintenance
- Athletic field maintenance, including fertilizing, aerating of turf areas, irrigation repair and replacement, lining and grooming, goal and bleacher repair and maintenance
- Graffiti removal and vandalism repair
- Drinking fountain installation and repair
- Restroom cleaning and renovation
- Park sign creation and maintenance



Tennis courts at Burns Park.

VOLUNTEERISM & OUTREACH:

Parks has developed a number of volunteer programs to both augment the maintenance and upkeep of park space and help foster a sense of community pride and involvement with the park system.



GIVE 365

GIVE 365 builds upon the culture of volunteerism the City has established and assists in the maintenance of recreation facilities and park amenities. The program fosters a sense of community and ownership amongst neighbors, players, coaches and families. Samplings of the current areas of focus are:

- Pool and ice arena seasonal startup
- Lifeguard training program
- Counselor in training program
- Ball field maintenance through the Friends of the Field Program
- Pioneer Living Program teachers
- Golf course rangers
- Earth Day work days
- River clean ups
- Weekly facility cleaning and upkeep

ADOPT-A-PARK

Adopt-A-Park focuses their efforts on engaging neighbors in caring for their neighborhood parks and playgrounds. Activities include planting flowers and trees as well as keeping the parks neat and clean. While Adopt-A-Park volunteers help out year round, the cornerstone event is the Spring Kick-off held each year in mid-May. Samplings of the current areas of focus are:

- Planting trees at a number of park locations
- Refurbishing safety surfacing at a number of park playgrounds
- Planting flowers and maintaining beds throughout the parks
- Mulching around park trees to promote tree health
- Planting and caring for rainwater gardens to improve water quality

Give 365 Program volunteer.