

Annual Report 2020

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Parks**



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Dallas Lake Park, Pond Lil

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LaGrange County Commissioners
LaGrange County Council Members
LaGrange County Board of Parks and Recreation

Honorable Officials,

In accordance with the Laws of the State of Indiana and Amendments Thereto, herewith is submitted the Annual Report of the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation. The following report summarizes the department's works for the past year. The LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation Staff and Board, as always, would like to thank the County Commissioners and the County Council for their continued cooperation and support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Franke, Director
LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation

LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Swimming pier, Dallas Lake Park Beach

MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department continued its efforts to maintain the park system. Maintenance tasks included: turf mowing, trash pickup, pier installation and removal, building janitorial and maintenance, beach maintenance, boardwalk repairs, road grooming, equipment repair, playground preventative maintenance and safety checks, facility construction, landscape maintenance, trail maintenance, and a multitude of other duties too numerous to mention.

The Maintenance Department is responsible for this variety of tasks on our ten (10) properties, including approximately 683 acres, twenty-seven (27) buildings, three (3) playgrounds, three (3) beaches, and over eight (8) miles of trails and boardwalks.

Natural areas that require periodic maintenance include prairies, wetlands, and woodland areas.

LaGrange County Park Department Staff includes Director, Superintendent, Maintenance Technician, Maintenance/Communication Specialist, and Interpretive Naturalist, all of whom are involved in the maintenance duties.

The seasonal maintenance staff included three (3) seasonal maintenance workers over the summer, and two (2) seasonal employees in the fall.

The Circuit Court Probation Department again provided a juvenile community service work crew. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the hours available from this program dropped considerably. They were unable to work for the majority of the year.

EQUIPMENT

The Department purchased a 2020 pickup truck, Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD. A new John Deere Mower Z997R was purchased in December of 2020 and will be delivered in 2021. Both purchases are part of an equipment replacement plan we hope to continue.



PARK AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Park staff completed a number of park and facility projects in 2020.

At David Rogers Memorial Park two of the historic log houses needed sill logs repaired or replaced. Wilkinson House and Zumbrum House had new foundation boulders placed on poured concrete pillars, sill logs repaired, and new chink and daub for the log gaps.



At Pine Knob Park, new targets were purchased and installed for the archery trail. A quote was received and approved for \$4,501.98. This provided several new 3D targets including a Turkey, Buck, Mule Deer, Stegosaurus, and a Baboon; plus 4 new NASP bullseye targets. This also covered new target inserts in many existing 3D targets.

A new tractor bridge was built at Pine Knob Park to replace one that was deteriorating.

The Pine Knob Program Center received a new security system.

At Duff Lake/Mike Metz Fen (Pine Knob Park), a prescribed fire was completed in March. Blue Heron Ministries applied herbicide control for cattails and phragmites.



Baby changing tables were installed in the bathrooms of Maple Wood Nature Center, Dallas Lake Lodge, and Pine Knob Program Center. We are grateful to the Greenfield Home Extension Club and the Plato Home Extension Club for their donations to this project.

Atwood Lake Beach had an extensive erosion control natural seawall planting funded by Great Lakes Commission Grant and managed through LaGrange County Soil and Water District.



Dallas Lake Park, Delt Church Park, and the LaGrange County Nature Preserve suffered extensive tree damage from an early summer storm. Our Park Maintenance Staff has been working countless hours this year clearing trails. At LaGrange County Nature Preserve so many trees were downed by the storm that special clearance was approved through Indiana State Nature Preserves for a timber sale. Permission was granted due to prior established use of the preserve as walking trails and as a maple sugar harvest woods. Michiana Tree Service was contracted to prepare saw logs and chip tree tops. Campbell Road Sawmill purchased the saw logs. Dekalb County Horsemen's Association was hired to pull logs out by horse. We are also grateful for donated time and equipment from LaGrange County REMC for a day of chipping tree tops.



At Delt Church Park the construction of two horse shelters was completed. Underground water lines were plumbed to the horse shelters.

Additional playground surfacing was added at Delt Church Park Megatower Playground.



LaGrange County REMC, through its Envirowatts grant, funded part of our habitat restoration project at Delt Church Park. We began the process of restoring selected areas to Oak Savanna. Brush mowing in selected areas was followed by selective invasive tree removal by means of cutting, and control of selective invasive plants with herbicide application. Our end goal is to restore a combined 11 acres of outlying areas of the park, to the prairie and oak woodland continuum indicative prior to European settlement.

PROPERTY CHANGES

LAND ACQUISITIONS

Cedar Lake Fen – A purchase of property from willing sellers, three parcels totaling approximately 31 acres, was completed in 2020. The land purchase was by a Great Lakes Restoration Grant funded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This property is significant due to the presence of an extremely endangered Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly. Our goal at this site is not to add outdoor recreation, but instead to preserve this as a natural habitat that will continue to support, protect, and manage its associated plant and animal life. With the experience of our Park Maintenance Staff, and our partnership with Blue Heron Ministries, we will be restoring/managing this property through invasive control and other measures needed to steward this habitat.

LAND NAME CHANGE

Upon the retirement of Mike Metz, Park Director for 36 years, the Park Board changed the name of Duff Lake Fen to Mike Metz Fen.

LAND SALES

Due to damage from a large tree fall and the resulting extensive and costly repairs to the Atwood Beach access, this beach was declared a surplus property and appraised for sale. This property was sold at auction for \$20,000. Sale was closed in December 2020.

STAFF

Mike Metz retired in January 2020, after serving 36 years as Park Director.

Thom Miller accepted the position of Director in February of 2020, following the retirement of Mike Metz. Thom Miller resigned in September.

Mary Franke accepted the position of Director in September of 2020.

George DeWald was promoted to the position of Park Superintendent in September 2020.

Blaine Williams resigned after serving as our Maintenance Tech for 16 years.

Shelby Holsinger accepted the position of Park Maintenance Tech in April 2020.

Emily Wolfe accepted the position of Secretary in September of 2020.

The Parks Department has a part-time ranger on staff whose duties include patrolling the parks in order to provide protection and safety to park visitors, enforce park rules and regulations, assist the public, and check for maintenance issues. The ranger is also responsible for answering alarm calls and communicating with the Sheriff's Department.

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John Egli, President

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Crowd-source river level monitoring
Little Elkhart River, Delt Church Park
Humans and others trail crosswalk, Dallas Lake Park
Hunter Safety Education, Dallas Lake Park

PARK USE AND ATTENDANCE

Due to Covid-19 contact tracing concerns, LaGrange County Park properties were closed briefly, March 20 - April 27. After re-opening playgrounds, Park buildings and drinking fountains remained closed. June 26 all park facilities were open for use, with the exception of drinking fountains. The trails at Maple Wood remained closed longer due to trail/storm damage.

Three (3) indicators of general park usage and attendance are gate receipts at Dallas Lake Park, pavilion reservations, and money collected from the archery range at Pine Knob Park.

These figures reflect a variation in how people used the parks this year verses last year. Since group activities and camps were restricted or cancelled at times due to Covid-19, rental usage and gate receipts decreased. However, as people searched for places to go, our season pass sales and post collections increased.

Gate receipts at Dallas Lake Park indicated that approximately 1691 cars, and 15 bicycles, walkers, motorcycles and van passengers visited the property June through the middle of August during the hours an attendant was on duty. \$2,150.15 was collected from the post, accounting for another 430 paying vehicles.

There were 30 season passes sold for 2020. This increased from 13 season passes sold in 2019.

There were 140 paid and 6 not-for-profit facility reservations at Delt Church Park, Dallas Lake Park, David Rogers Memorial Park, Maple Wood Nature Center and Pine Knob Park. The number of pavilion reservations decreased from last year. Many reservations were canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The majority of those canceled, were rescheduled. Some renters requested refunds. The total amount in refunds given was \$2,533.50.

Pine Knob Park's archery range collected \$5,612.62 which means at least 1,122 persons registered to use the range. This is an increase from 2019.

A total of 2,984 people attended organized programs, hosted in a LaGrange County Park and/or lead by park personnel.

These figures do not include the multitudes of passive visitors to our properties throughout the year. Trails at Pine Knob Park, Dallas Lake Park, and Delt Church Park are used daily by walkers and joggers. A summer day at Delt Church Park may see hundreds picnicking or playing on the playground. It would be safe to say that incidental park visits far outnumber the documented numbers listed above.

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2020 First Day Hike, Dallas Lake Park
Hunter Safety Education, Pine Knob Park

2020 Interpretive Naturalist Annual Report

Maple Wood Nature Center Attendance

In Building: This total represents every patron who entered the Nature Center for a purpose other than a program, as well as groups who used the building for private occasions.

Programs: This is the total number of people who attended public programs offered by the Naturalist at Maple Wood. It also includes school field trips to Maple Wood. For March, it does not include the attendance to Maple Syrup Days. For 2020, many reoccurring monthly programs were canceled due to Covid-19 virus concerns.

Days Open: January – July 2020, the hours of operation were Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Sundays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The building has been closed on Sundays in July. Beginning in August 2020, the hours of operation were officially changed to Wednesdays, and every 2nd and 4th weekend. The hours remain exactly the same. This change allows the Naturalist to travel to other properties and reduces the expense of building hosts.

Maple Wood Nature Center was closed to the public from March 23 – June 17, 2020. All park trails were closed April 4-28, 2020.

Maple Wood monthly attendance	People in Building	Program Attendance	Number of Programs	Days Open
January	139	37	4	12
February	59	215	11	13
March	83	708	19	8
April	0	0	0	0
May	0	41	4	0
June	13	30	4	3
July	18	9	3	9
August	66	50	5	8
September	77	54	5	10
October	78	144	11	10
November	38	43	4	9
December	29	141	6	9
	600	1472	76	91

Visiting Naturalist Programs

In addition to offering programs at Maple Wood Nature Center, the Naturalist traveled to schools, retirement homes, and day camps in the county. Many of these visits are established, repeating monthly programs, while others may be a once a year field trip. In 2020, the Naturalist only visited retirement homes in January and February. When school resumed in the fall, only Prairie Heights School Corporation allowed outside visitors. The loss of many regularly scheduled programs for the year negatively impacted program attendance numbers. The Naturalist offered more family programs at Dallas Lake Park and David Rogers Memorial Park, during summer and fall months. These locations, in particular the lawn next to the park office, served as wonderful outdoor venues for naturalist programs. LaGrange County Public Library's partnership program, Patchwork Trails, was occasionally canceled due to Covid-19 virus concerns.

Month	Number of Programs	Attendance
January	11	252
February	10	225
March	1	110
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	1	15
July	5	77
August	4	47
September	10	161
October	11	144
November	10	155
December	10	165
Total	73	1351

Special Events

A special event is a program that typically has an extended schedule beyond a traditional naturalist program. A special event can have food, crafts, stations, guest presenters, or a specific purpose like an anniversary. These programs tend to require additional staff and volunteers, and sometimes a bigger budget. All special events past mid-March 2020 were canceled to encourage people to not gather in large groups with strangers. These cancellations included the 29th Anniversary of Maple Syrup Days.

Friends of LaGrange County Parks Sap Run & Syrup Stroll: 30

Free Family Fishing Day: 15

Maple Syrup Days/Drive Through Syrup Sale

Due to restrictions set forth as a result of Covid-19, our annual March event, Maple Syrup Days, was canceled. This resulted in a surplus of maple syrup inventory. We created an event, a Drive Thru Syrup Sale, held December 12. This offered an opportunity to sell maple syrup, maple syrup suckers, maple cotton candy, maple sugar, and other gift items. This event resulted in sales of \$2,766.00.

Summary of Program Attendance	2020	2019
Special Events	45	4053
Maple Wood Nature Center	1472	1359
Visiting Naturalist Programs	1351	2123
IN Hunter Safety Education	116	93
Total	2984	7628

Attendance Summary Comments

Comparing the attendance totals of 2019 to 2020 is comparing apples to oranges. The primary goal of this chart is to show that, in spite of all of the closures, cancellations, and restrictions, the Naturalist found ways to offer nature-based educational programs and support the local community. After March, the Naturalist chose to limit all public programs to 25 participants to promote an atmosphere of safety in the parks.

When interpreting the numbers on the charts included in this report, it is important to recognize the impact one special event can have on an entire year. It is also important to recognize that the majority of the Maple Wood Nature Center Program numbers came from maple syrup field trip tours in March prior to school closures. This number would have been even higher if all field trips would have been completed, but the last week of field trips were cancelled as mandatory closures went into effect across the county. Special events are high risk, high reward. Schools and family programs are a consistently safe target audience. Moreover, the investment pays with repeat visitors and lasting relationships.

In the spring, during the building and trail closures, the Naturalist made a couple of YouTube videos featuring the parks. Because it is impossible to determine the actual number of people viewing the videos, the Naturalist is not counting the views in attendance.

The Naturalist also started a monthly (April-October) butterfly newsletter for the northeast Indiana region, called *The Lonely Satyr*. There are currently 38 subscribers, but the actual readership and distribution is impossible to determine, so the newsletter is not listed as a program.

Professional Development

May: Michigan Butterfly Network Butterfly Monitor Training (Online) – Blue Heron Ministries
July & August: Forest School Teacher Institute Teacher Certification (Online) – Chattanooga, TN
November: Environmental Educators Association of Indiana Annual Conference (Online)

The Naturalist is a member of the Nature-based Early Childhood Education Network- Northeast Indiana region, and the Outdoor Learning Exchange. The Outdoor Learning Exchange is a group of formal and non-formal educators in Minnesota and Northeast Indiana. Both of these organizations meet monthly via Zoom and share activities and advice for educating children outside.

Through these organizations, the Naturalist has been able to attend several free webinars hosted by Inside-Outside: Nature-based Educators of New England. The Naturalist also heard author Robin Wall Kimmerer of Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants.

School Connections

Prairie Heights Community School Corporation

Westview School Corporation

Lakeland School Corporation

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County

Middlebury Community Schools

Oak Farm Montessori School

Parochial Schools: 11

Preschools: 7

Homeschool cooperatives: Allen, LaGrange, Steuben, Whitley, Noble Counties and Sturgis, Michigan

Flora & Fauna Highlights:

Maple Wood Nature Center: Blue-spotted Salamander, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Mourning Cloak Butterfly, Indigo Bunting, Large-flowered Bellwort, Wood Duck, Scarlet Tanager, Giant Swallowtail Butterfly, Brown Creeper, Great-horned Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Comma Butterfly

Dallas Lake Park: Baltimore Oriole, Yellow Warbler, Garter Snake, Eastern Box Turtle

Delt Church Park: Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler

Pine Knob Park & Fen of Duff Lake: Woodcock nest, Barred Owl, American Kestrel, Red-spotted Purple Butterfly, Monarch Butterfly

SUMMER RECREATION

Due to the restrictions set forth as a result of Covid-19, and a concern for the health of all involved, all summer day camps and swimming lessons were canceled for the summer of 2020.

Our parks and beaches remained open during the summer and our naturalist offered weekly programs for families that were hosted outside with plenty of room for social distancing.

The Summer Recreation Staff included: A waterfront director, and two (2) lifeguard/gate attendants.

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Massasauga Rattlesnakes emerging from hibernation.
Duff Lake, April 2020

FINANCES, GRANTS, DONATIONS

The 2020 budget was \$568,538.01, our Special Non-Reverting Operating Fund appropriated budget was \$97,570.00.

LaGrange County Parks has been approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the National Park Service, for a \$175,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to build trails and facilities on the Duff Lake Fen property.

LaGrange County REMC Operation Round Up Grant gave \$1,000 to help fund puppet shows for two days at Maple Syrup Days. Since Maple Syrup Days was cancelled, we are able to hold this over and use for 2021 Maple Syrup Days.

LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau Granted \$1,500 for Maple Syrup Days advertising and demonstrators.

INDNR Grant of \$2,452.50 was received for invasive honeysuckle control at Pine Knob Park.

A Great Lakes Commission Grant of \$3,669 was received, thanks to the help of the LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District, to install a natural seawall at Atwood Beach.

A LaGrange County REMC EnviroWatts Grant provided \$3,500 to be used for habitat restoration at Delt Church Park.

A LCCF Grant of \$1,154.13 was given for the Disc Golf Course at Delt Church Park.

A LCCF Community Action Grant was awarded in the amount of \$5,420 for Forest School 2021.

Campbell Road Sawmill paid \$7,754.42 for the downed logs at the LaGrange County Nature Preserve.

The Atwood Beach property was sold for \$20,000.

DONATIONS

LaGrange County Parks accepted a total of \$2,114.51 in donations for 2020.

The Greenfield Home Makers Extension Club donated \$418 and the Plato Home Extension Club donated \$237.51 to use for Baby Changing Stations in Park restrooms. We also received \$100 from Knights of Columbus and a \$75 memorial donation from Dallas Heights Association. The remainder of the donations came in varying amounts from our appreciative park patrons.

The Friends of LaGrange County Parks purchased and donated water quality testing kits, tools, canoes, paddles, and life jackets. These supplies were for naturalist water testing programs.

SPECIAL NON-REVERTING OPERATING FUND COLLECTIONS

ACCOUNT	COLLECTIONS 2020	COLLECTIONS 2019
Nature Center Receipts	\$ 7,774.00	\$ 21,115.26
Pavilion Reservations	\$ 18,513.50	\$ 24,405.50
Dallas Post/Gate	\$ 11,749.15	\$ 12,200.39
Donations	\$ 1,459.00	\$ 9,167.50
Programs	\$ 3,271.00	\$ 3,446.50
Pine Knob Archery	\$ 5,612.62	\$ 5,522.57
Miscellaneous	\$ 15,923.86	\$ 0
REMC/EnviroWatts Grant 2020	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0
Donation – Changing Stations	\$ 655.51	\$ 0
Summer Program	\$ 0	\$ 8,050.00
Duff Lake Trails	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Duff Lake Restoration	\$ 38,197.50	\$ 0
Sale of Property	\$ 19,565.00	\$ 0
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$ 144.93	\$ 193.69
LCCF Grant – Forest School 2021	\$ 5,420.00	\$ 0
Totals	\$166,786.07	\$ 99,101.41

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Fund 1219 PARK AND RECREATION

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Period Ending Date: December 31, 2020

Department

Account Number	Current Year Appropriated Budget	Net Budget Amendments	Current Year Total Amended Budget	Months-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Budget Balance
Account Name						
Fund 1219 PARK AND RECREATION						
Fiscal Year 2020						
Department 000						
Category 1 Taxes and Intergovernmental						
Revenues						
000-0000 GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	212,742.35	514,329.20	-614,329.20
000-5100 AUTO AND AIRCRAFT EXCISE TAX INTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,131.12	38,720.49	-36,720.49
000-6200 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.34	1,870.37	-1,870.37
000-6900 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,280.33	2,561.29	-2,561.29
Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	214,553.81	555,481.35	-555,481.35
Expenses						
000 01 1001 DIRECTOR	61,050.61	0.00	61,050.61	4,076.32	62,774.90	875.71
000 01 1003 MAINTENANCE/COMMUNICATION SPEC	64,990.40	322.55	45,312.95	3,474.40	45,312.95	0.00
000 01 1004 INTERPRETER / NATURALIST	45,426.94	0.48	45,427.42	3,664.30	45,427.42	0.00
000 01 1005 SUPERINTENDENT	0.00	12,078.35	12,078.00	4,026.30	12,078.00	0.00
000 01 1014 MAINT / CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN	49,180.67	-11,034.35	38,146.32	3.30	38,146.32	0.00
000 01 1015 MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	42,224.00	-1,366.15	40,857.85	2,050.30	34,560.50	6,297.35
000 01 1020 PART TIME HANDS/MAINT	11,775.00	2,000.30	13,775.00	732.32	13,366.29	372.71
000 01 1030 SEASONAL STAFF	29,000.00	-2,000.30	27,000.00	865.86	25,273.67	726.13
000 01 1040 SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST	32,487.49	0.00	32,487.49	2,267.90	27,794.11	4,703.38
000 01 1010 PARK BOARD (5)	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	375.30	1,500.00	0.00
000 01 1010 EXTRA HOURS/OVERTIME	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	564.52	2,435.48
000 01 1012 LONGEVITY	3,620.00	0.00	3,620.00	1,000.30	2,215.29	1,404.71
000 01 1020 FICA	20,200.00	0.00	20,200.00	1,469.27	19,813.27	1,386.73
000 01 1021 PERF	31,755.00	0.00	31,755.00	2,614.30	25,876.61	1,788.39

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Fund 1219 PARK AND RECREATION

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Period Ending Date: December 31, 2020

Department

Account Number Account Name	Current Year Appropriated Budget	Net Budget Amendments	Current Year Total Amended Budget	Month-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Budget Balance
000-01-1522 HEALTH INSURANCE	43,250.00	0.00	43,250.00	3,000.00	31,800.00	9,600.00
000-01-1523 UNEMPLOYMENT	1,910.00	0.00	1,910.00	66.06	609.10	1,100.84
000-01-1525 MEDICARE	4,725.00	0.00	4,725.00	343.32	4,263.09	371.91
Expenses Total	427,593.81	0.00	427,593.81	31,817.31	306,242.81	31,360.20
Personal Services Acct Cat Total	427,593.81	0.00	427,593.81	283,167.13	189,244.61	-666,837.52
Category 2 Supplies						
Expenses						
000-02-2010 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,320.00	-423.36	1,316.02	117.36	904.96	141.06
000-02-2020 GAS, OIL, LUBRICANTS	20,000.00	-2,021.26	17,978.74	673.36	15,821.67	2,157.07
000-02-2021 TIRES & TUBES	1,850.00	-1,000.00	850.00	3.00	273.00	527.00
000-02-2022 GARAGE & MOTOR SUPPLIES	500.00	-100.00	500.00	5.37	264.52	215.48
000-02-2025 PAINT	500.00	0.00	500.00	52.37	678.70	221.24
000-02-2026 HARDWARE & TOOLS	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	411.16	3,913.98	1,086.02
000-02-2030 SIGNS	500.00	0.00	500.00	3.00	325.00	275.00
000-02-2033 SAND, GRAVEL, CONCRETE	6,000.00	-2,000.00	4,000.00	3.00	3,069.49	910.51
000-02-2034 HERBICIDE & SEED	500.00	-300.00	400.00	47.00	223.90	176.10
000-02-2035 REPAIR BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	9,000.00	21,652.75	30,652.75	16,305.02	23,810.09	827.66
000-02-2036 PLAYGROUND SURFACING (NEW)	1,500.00	-200.00	1,300.00	3.00	1,212.50	87.50
000-02-2040 UNIFORMS	500.00	61.04	561.04	112.00	561.04	0.00
000-02-2042 PAPER GOODS	1,000.00	-645.02	354.98	3.00	322.04	32.94
000-02-2043 CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,000.00	-300.00	900.00	59.06	753.41	146.59
000-02-2044 INTERPRETIVE MATERIALS	750.00	107.36	857.36	413.84	857.95	0.00
Expenses Total	56,750.00	16,031.49	66,781.49	17,398.84	69,047.32	6,734.17
Supplies Acct Cat Total	56,750.00	16,031.49	66,781.49	17,398.84	69,047.32	6,734.17

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DEPARTMENT HEAD BUDGETARY STATUS

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Fund 1219 PARK AND RECREATION

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Period Ending Date: December-31, 2020

Department

Account Number Account Name	Current Year Appropriated Budget	Net Budget Amendments	Current Year Total Amended Budget	Month-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Budget Balance
Category 3 - Other Services and Charges						
Expenses						
000-03-3601 LEGAL SERVICES	1,200.00	690.30	1,890.00	690.30	1,890.00	0.00
000-03-3602 GATEKEEPING / SECURITY	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	1,000.30	4,000.00	0.00
000-03-3603 WATER TESTING	1,500.00	-245.30	1,255.00	0.30	1,255.00	0.00
000-03-3604 SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES	2,000.00	243.48	2,243.48	553.95	2,240.48	0.00
000-03-3605 DEMOLITION	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3609 CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	800.00	0.00	800.00	600.30	800.21	123.79
000-03-3610 TELEPHONE / INTERNET	2,850.00	0.00	2,850.00	514.37	2,367.40	-482.61
000-03-3612 TRAVEL / MILEAGE	500.00	-500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3613 POSTAGE	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	585.30	1,045.00	155.00
000-03-3614 FREIGHT & EXPRESS	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
000-03-3620 PRINTING	800.00	300.00	1,100.00	190.25	800.25	40.75
000-03-3621 ADVERTISING	500.00	-32.72	467.27	0.00	300.88	-166.20
000-03-3633 WORKMAN'S COMP	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,587.26	5,387.26	\$12.74
000-03-3640 UTILITIES	6,800.00	75.72	6,875.72	527.11	5,875.73	0.00
000-03-3641 PORTABLE TOILETS	2,850.00	-670.30	1,980.00	0.00	1,560.00	0.00
000-03-3642 GARBAGE SERVICES	2,050.00	362.30	2,412.30	632.30	2,032.00	0.00
000-03-3644 TRUCK REPAIRS	2,850.00	0.00	2,850.00	63.30	2,141.50	708.50
000-03-3645 BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	8,500.00	-2,740.48	4,759.52	433.32	2,815.95	1,943.56
000-03-3668 IPMA MEMBERSHIPS	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
000-03-3669 PARK CONFERENCE	880.00	-640.30	240.00	43.30	240.00	0.00

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Fund 1219 PARK AND RECREATION
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000-03-3071	PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS	75.00	0.00	75.00	3.30	69.95	5.00
000-03-3079	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	190.00	-190.00	0.00	3.30	0.00	0.00
000-03-3087	DOMAIN RENEWAL	20.00	0.00	20.00	3.30	0.00	20.00
	Expenses Total	47,295.00	-6,627.00	41,768.00	10,897.77	37,448.71	4,318.29
	Other Services and Charges Acct Cat Total	47,295.00	-6,627.00	41,768.00	10,897.77	37,448.71	4,318.29
	Category & Capital Outlays						
	Expenses						
000-04-4051	PICKUP TRUCK PAYMENT	35,000.00	-125.00	34,875.00	3.30	34,500.00	275.00
000-04-4052	MOVER TRADE	3,450.00	2,500.00	5,950.00	3.30	0.00	5,950.00
000-04-4053	POWER TOOLS	1,000.00	125.00	1,125.00	3.30	961.95	163.04
000-04-4054	UTILITY VEHICLE	3,650.00	-2,500.00	1,150.00	3.30	0.00	1,150.00
	Expenses Total	42,900.00	9.00	42,909.00	9.90	25,561.95	7,138.04
	Capital Outlays Acct Cat Total	42,900.00	9.00	42,909.00	9.90	25,561.95	7,138.04
	Category & Other Receipts						
	Revenues						
000-6801	REFUNDS & REIMBURSEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.93	144.93	-144.93
	Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.93	144.93	-144.93
	Other Receipts Acct Cat Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.93	144.93	-144.93
	Debt Total	-568,533.01	-5,504.45	-578,042.50	175,015.45	27,310.45	-605,372.95
	Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	215,029.37	555,632.25	-555,632.25
	Expenses Fund Total	568,533.01	5,504.45	578,042.50	50,111.92	520,214.00	49,740.70
	Net (Rev/Exp)	-568,533.01	-5,504.45	-578,042.50	175,015.45	27,310.45	-605,372.95
	Beginning/Adjusted Balance	\$1,060.24	+	YTD Revenues	YTD Expenses	Current Fund Balance	
				555,632.25	528,301.80	66,480.69	

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Fund 1179 PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING

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Account Name						
Fund 1179 PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING						
Fiscal Year 2020						
Department 000						
Category 1 Personal Services						
Expenses						
000-01-1002 RECREATION DIRECTOR	4,375.00	0.00	4,375.00	0.00	0.00	4,375.00
000-01-1005 WATERFRONT DIRECTOR	6,200.00	0.00	6,200.00	0.00	5,661.00	1,209.00
000-01-1006 RECREATIONAL ASSISTANT	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
000-01-1030 SEASONAL STAFF	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	22.00	6,977.40
000-01-1520 FICA	1,214.00	0.00	1,214.00	0.00	317.94	896.06
000-01-1523 UNEMPLOYMENT	362.00	0.00	362.00	0.00	45.23	346.77
000-01-1525 MEDICARE	284.00	0.00	284.00	0.00	74.15	209.85
Expenses Total	21,465.00	0.00	21,465.00	0.00	5,550.02	15,914.98
Personal Services Acct Cat Total	21,465.00	0.00	21,465.00	0.00	5,550.02	15,914.98
Category 2 Supplies						
Expenses						
000-02-2012 MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES	12,500.00	-4,933.50	7,566.50	17.31	4,863.23	2,713.27
000-02-2013 RANGER SUPPLIES	350.00	471.17	821.17	0.00	821.17	0.00
000-02-2030 PROGRAM & MEETING SUPPLIES	6,000.00	-1,640.26	4,359.74	104.26	441.20	5,918.51
000-02-2040 UNIFORMS	360.00	0.00	360.00	132.30	300.00	0.00
000-02-2041 LIFE GUARD SUPPLIES	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	6.45	43.55
000-02-2051 TRAIL REPAIR MATERIALS - MAPLEWOOD	0.00	1,124.12	1,124.12	0.00	0.00	1,124.12
000-02-2060 PINE KNIFE PROGRAM SUPPLIES	650.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	50.00	600.00
Expenses Total	21,850.00	-4,973.50	16,876.50	284.17	6,472.08	16,399.45
Supplies Acct Cat Total	21,850.00	-4,973.50	16,876.50	284.17	6,472.08	10,399.45
Category 3 Other Services and Charges						
Expenses						

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000-03-3021 ADVERTISING	550.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	422.60
000-03-3022 SOCL / NFAF GRANT 20-23 - MATCH	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	1,416.25	8,516.25	10,083.75
000-03-3034 TAX ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3051 TRAIL REPAIR - MAPLEWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3080 LIFEGUARD CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3084 CLASS INSTRUCTION	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3085 ART CLASS INSTRUCTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3095 SUMMER CAMP EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3096 MAPLEWOOD HOST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3097 BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3098 PINE KNOS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3099 MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3101 ENVIROWATT'S GRANT-EQUIP RENTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3102 ENVIROWATT'S GRANT-HERBICIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3103 SALES AND USE TAX	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3501 REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-03-3525 NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses Total	31,255.00	21,900.00	53,155.00	7,613.14	32,924.30	20,230.70
Other Services and Charges Acct Cat Total	31,255.00	21,900.00	53,155.00	7,613.14	32,924.30	20,230.70
Category 4: Charges for Services						
Revenues						
000-5700 PAVILION RESERVATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges for Services Acct Cat Total						

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Category 6 Capital Outlays						
Expenses						
000-04-4010 EQUIPMENT	1,320.00	0.00	1,320.00	143.36	143.06	856.05
000-04-4015 PICNIC TABLES / GRILLS	5,000.00	-3,210.72	1,789.28	0.00	0.00	1,789.28
000-04-4022 BUFF LAKE FEN PARK PROJECT	17,000.00	-17,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
000-04-4023 CHANGING STATIONS	0.00	1,045.00	1,045.00	0.00	1,045.00	0.00
000-04-4024 ALARM SYSTEM - PINE KNOR	0.00	3,210.72	3,210.72	3,210.72	3,210.72	0.00
Expenses Total	23,000.00	-15,965.80	7,034.20	3,364.07	4,405.67	2,628.53
Capital Outlays Acct Cat Total	23,000.00	-15,965.80	7,034.20	3,364.07	4,405.67	2,628.53
Category 7 Other Disbursements						
Expenses						
000-05-0002 REFUND OF RESERVATION	0.00	2,633.50	2,633.50	0.00	2,633.50	0.00
Expenses Total	0.00	2,633.50	2,633.50	0.00	2,633.50	0.00
Other Disbursements Acct Cat Total	0.00	2,633.50	2,633.50	0.00	2,633.50	0.00
Category 8 Other Receipts						
Revenues						
000-5000 NATURE CENTER RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,243.30	7,774.00	-7,774.00
000-5000 DALLAS LAKE ADMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,749.16	-11,749.16
000-5000 DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.30	1,469.00	-1,469.00
000-5061 REMC / ENVIROMATTS GRANT 2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00
000-6000 PROGRAM FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.30	3,271.00	-3,271.00
000-6400 PINE KNOR ARCHERY FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.30	5,812.62	-5,812.62
000-7000 SALE OF PROPERTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,065.30	15,565.00	-19,565.00
000-9000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,523.86	-15,523.86
000-9901 DONATION - CHANGING STATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	655.51	-655.51
Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,628.90	69,510.14	-69,510.14

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Other Receipts Acct Cat Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,625.50	69,510.14	-49,510.14
Debt Total	-97,570.00	-3,500.00	-101,070.00	11,954.82	38,138.10	-137,208.10
Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,932.80	68,023.64	-68,023.64
Expenses Fund Total	97,570.00	3,500.00	101,070.00	14,227.88	61,885.54	49,184.46
Net (Rev/Exp)	-97,570.00	-3,500.00	-101,070.00	11,954.82	38,138.10	-137,208.10
Beginning/Adjusted Balance	86,639.42	+	YTD Revenues	YTD Expenses	Current Fund Balance	
			88,023.64	51,885.54	121,768.62	

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Fund 4906 SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM

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Account Name						
Fund 4906 SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM						
Fiscal Year 2020						
Department 000						
Category 1 Personal Services						
Expenses						
000-01-1002 RECREATION DIRECTOR	4,375.00	0.00	4,375.00	3.30	0.00	4,375.00
000-01-1005 ASSISTANT	1,950.00	0.00	1,950.00	3.30	0.00	1,950.00
000-01-1520 FICA	363.00	0.00	363.00	3.30	0.00	363.00
000-01-1523 UNEMPLOYMENT	127.00	0.00	127.00	3.30	0.00	127.00
000-01-1525 MEDICARE	82.00	0.00	82.00	3.30	0.00	82.00
Expenses Total	6,837.00	0.00	6,837.00	8.80	0.00	6,837.00
Personal Services Acct Cat Total	6,837.00	0.00	6,837.00	8.80	0.00	6,837.00
Category 2 Supplies						
Expenses						
000-02-2010 CAMP SUPPLIES	250.00	0.00	250.00	3.30	0.00	250.00
Expenses Total	250.00	0.00	250.00	8.80	0.00	250.00
Supplies Acct Cat Total	250.00	0.00	250.00	8.80	0.00	250.00
Category 3 Other Services and Charges						
Expenses						
000-03-3021 ADVERTISING	80.00	0.00	80.00	3.30	0.00	80.00
000-03-3022 CAMP EXPENDITURES	850.00	0.00	930.00	3.30	0.00	930.00
Expenses Total	750.00	0.00	750.00	8.80	0.00	750.00
Other Services and Charges Acct	750.00	0.00	750.00	8.80	0.00	750.00
Cat Total	7,837.00	0.00	7,837.00	8.80	0.00	7,837.00
Dept Total	7,837.00	0.00	7,837.00	8.80	0.00	7,837.00
Expenses Fund Total	7,837.00	0.00	7,837.00	8.80	0.00	7,837.00
Net (Rev/Exp)	7,837.00	0.00	7,837.00	8.80	0.00	7,837.00
Beginning/Adjusted Balance	6,595.36	+	YTD Revenues 0.00	YTD Expenses 0.00	Current Fund Balance 6,595.36	

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Fund 9103 PINE KNOB PARK RESTORATION
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Fund 9103 PINE KNOB PARK RESTORATION						
Fiscal Year 2020						
Department 000						
Category 1 Taxes and Intergovernmental						
Revenues						
000.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,197.50	-38,197.50
GRANT FUNDING						
Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,197.50	-38,197.50
Taxes and Intergovernmental Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,197.50	-38,197.50
Carl Total						
Category 3 Other Services and Charges						
Expenses						
000.003.9001	15,063.05	0.00	15,063.05	0.00	0.00	15,063.05
STEWARDSHIP COSTS						
Expenses Total	15,063.05	0.00	15,063.05	0.00	0.00	15,063.05
Other Services and Charges Acct	15,063.05	0.00	15,063.05	0.00	0.00	15,063.05
Carl Total						
Dept Total	-15,063.05	0.00	-15,063.05	0.00	38,197.50	-53,260.55
Revenues Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,197.50	-38,197.50
Expenses Fund Total	15,063.05	0.00	15,063.05	0.00	0.00	15,063.05
Net (Rev/Exp)	-15,063.05	0.00	-15,063.05	0.00	38,197.50	-53,260.55
Beginning/Adjusted Balance	-38,197.50	*	0.00	Current Fund Balance	0.00	

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Delt Church Park savanna expansion
funded by LaGrange County REMC
Envirowatts Grant.

2020 Summary and Future Considerations

We learned the true meaning of flexibility this year as we continuously changed our plans, not only because of ever changing COVID-19 restrictions, but also because of the weather, and changes in staff.

The purchase of Cedar Lake Fen was finalized in 2020 and restoration work will begin in 2021. We received federal approval of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to develop trail, boardwalk, and support facilities in the Duff Lake/Mike Metz Fen area. This development will allow park patrons the opportunity to enjoy this rare and beautiful natural area. This project should begin in the spring of 2021 and will require a major portion of the staff's time and resources for up to three years.

Our staff spent a large amount of time cleaning up storm damage this year. The storm that blew through in June took down hundreds of trees at Delt Church Park, Dallas Lake Park, and especially at the LaGrange County Nature Preserve.

2021 Plans

A great deal of staff time will be spent on the new trail system at the Duff Lake/Mike Metz Fen.

Future ADA improvements to our park properties are planned for 2021 using 2020 ADA County Funds. For Dallas Lake Lodge is planned an ADA compliant kitchen remodel, installing bathroom plumbing covers for exposed sink drains and lines, and porch railing. Maple Wood Nature Center will receive a 1200 square foot concrete pad between Nature Center and Sugar House. This will help ease the use of the park during Maple Syrup Days for patrons with mobility concerns. We are planning to install tactile pads in Delt Church Park at trail/road crossings to help patrons with visual impairments. At Pine Knob Park we are planning an ADA compliant kitchen remodel as well. David Rogers Park will receive a needed ADA Pit type restroom, to be installed adjacent to the stage with a crushed limestone parking area.

Delt Church Park will see continued effort in creating the Oak Savanna Prairie in selected areas.

Future Goals

Delt Church Park needs to have one of its pavilions removed and replaced. Logan Field Pavilion is aging and non-ADA compliant. The new, larger structure would be built in a different location to allow ADA accessibility and possibly accommodate larger groups.

Duff Lake/Mike Metz Fen plans to continue establishing trails/boardwalks throughout, to encourage the public to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty this new property has to offer.

