



**OAKLAND
COUNTY PARKS**

2021 Annual Report

Conversations
& Conservation

Photo by Matt Nichols
Rose Oaks County Park



The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission was established by Public Act 261 of 1965. Founded in 1966, the commission is the policymaking board that oversees the system's 6,700 acres. Commissioners are tasked with allocating resources throughout 14 parks, and making decisions about purchasing park land, constructing facilities, preserving maintenance standards and developing innovative programs and services.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing all residents quality recreation experiences that encourage healthy lifestyles, support economic prosperity, and promote the protection of natural resources.



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Vice Chairman
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Secretary
Novi • Appointed 2019



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Commissioner
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Chris Ward
Director - Parks & Recreation
Appointed 2021



Melissa Prowse
Manager - Planning & Community Services
ADA Coordinator
Joined Parks staff in 2006



Phil Castonia
Manager - Parks & Recreation Operations
Joined Parks staff in 2006

Chairman's Message

Dear Resident:

Resilience and cooperation would best describe the year that challenged us with the continued COVID-19 pandemic.

You visited the Oakland County Parks and facilities in record numbers, seeking outdoor respite. We saw increased attendance at the campgrounds, golf courses, parks and more. Despite a nationwide staff shortage, parks employees pulled together to meet the demand for outdoor recreation services. I'm proud of our staff who worked harder and developed creative ways to provide four seasons of fun while keeping employees and guests safe.

We also partnered up to provide vaccination clinics in cooperation with the Oakland County Health Division. And, the Oakland County Farmers Market continued to act as a host site for the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. These services were critical to the residents of our county.

The parks Commission and staff also kept their word about the initiatives of our 2020 millage renewal. In 2021, the parks system distributed 7,297 free annual vehicle permits to residents ages 62 and older, veterans, active military and individuals with permanent disabilities.

In 2022 we'll kick off two grant programs that will assist the county's cities, villages and townships with local park improvements and non-motorized trail projects. One of our goals is to increase recreation opportunities for all residents of the county where they live and work.

We'll also be focusing our efforts on combining invasive species county-wide by fostering a cooperative effort to reduce invasive species across the county's 910 square miles.

I'd like to recognize the retirement of former Executive Officer Dan Stencil and Manager of Park Operations Sue Wells within the past year. These two helped build an incredible park system over the past 35 years, and while we're sad to see them go, we wish them the best in their much-deserved retirement.

And with that I'd like to welcome Chris Ward as the new Director of the Oakland County Parks system. Chris brings a wealth of experience in the public sector, including formerly serving as the Chief of Staff for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. I'm looking forward to seeing what he and his talented team of park professionals have in store for the future of the parks system.

And last, thank you to our residents for your continued support and record-breaking patronage of your Oakland County Parks - I hope to see you out on the trails soon.



Gary McGillivray
Parks Commission Chairman



Residents reflect on lives lost in pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic deeply impacted Oakland County communities, so as the anniversary of the first COVID-19 case in the county approached in March 2021, a Tribute Walk was organized to remember those who lost their lives as well as honor those who worked on the frontlines to help save lives.

Held at Waterford Oaks County Park, the outdoor event was an immersive experience featuring an interactive light display designed by Oakland County-based Bluewater Technologies. More than 3,000 visitors walked the half-mile illuminated path during the 11 days it was open. Thousands more tuned in to the night event livestreams.

The Tribute Walk was emotional for many with one section using lights to represent lives lost to COVID-19 and another incorporating lights that swirled around those passing by to represent how those lost are always with their loved ones.

At the walk, visitors also posted names and notes on tribute boards that were displayed at various locations throughout the county.

The Tribute Walk was part of the #OaklandTogether COVID-19 Tribute, which included County Executive Dave Coulter and Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist participating in a virtual discussion about COVID-19 and the inequities people of color faced when confronting the virus; development of online Remembrance and Gratitude Story Maps by Oakland County's geographic information systems team that allowed residents to share stories on those they lost and offer messages of thanks; and a video where Coulter and fellow county officials reflected on the pandemic.

For its efforts, Oakland County won the Best in Category award for Civic Education and Public Information from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The national award is presented annually to recognize new county initiatives that improve the lives of residents.

"We knew we couldn't let the solemn milestone of a year living with the COVID-19 pandemic pass without acknowledging what a difficult year it's been for all of us," Oakland County Executive David Coulter said. "The Tribute Trail and other COVID-19 related activities we sponsored gave our residents the chance to grieve losses, celebrate heroes and look forward to a time when the pandemic is behind us. And we truly appreciate NACo's recognition of this tribute."

- Oakland County Executive, Dave Coulter



New initiatives kick-off in 2021



When residents overwhelmingly voted in favor of OCPR's millage renewal in 2020, staff got busy to make sure it made good on the initiatives planned, like free vehicle permits for qualifying individuals, new grant programs for municipalities and a stronger focus on environmental sustainability and natural resource management.

The free Annual Vehicle Program is up and running at full steam, providing permits for seniors, veterans and active military and people with permanent disabilities.

"This program was a tremendous success in its first year," Melissa Prowse, Manager - Planning & Community Services/ADA Coordinator, said.

AVP

7,297

free annual vehicle permits
distributed to
qualifying residents

OCPR provided funding to the City of Novi for the removal of buckthorn and other woody plants like honeysuckle and autumn olive from two spots in Rotary Park.

"Invasive species pose a number of problems for native habitats," Rick Meader, Landscape Architect with the City of Novi, said, noting that OCPR provided a \$15,000 grant for the work, with the rest coming from the city's Tree Fund.

"It will take a year or two for the new growth to really show up, as the wood chips will need to decompose, and for the soil to recover from the impacts of long-term buckthorn occupation. But once those effects are diminished, native seeds from seedbank often grow and start to restore the area to a more natural state," Meader explained. "So, while the area may look very different once the clearing is done, know that it is not part of any construction project, but rather a reconstruction project of a healthy, more natural Rotary Park."

In 2022 OCPR will accept applications for two grant programs to support local community park and trail projects.

"The goal of the program," Prowse said. "Is to support Oakland County communities park and trail projects, and hopefully serve as match funding for other grant opportunities.

We know we can't have an Oakland County Park in every community in the county, but these programs will help us support our local communities by helping fund the projects that their residents want to see."

Oakland University teams with parks for pollinator monitoring

Across the globe, populations of butterflies and bees are in decline, largely due to habitat degradation resulting from increased urbanization and agricultural intensification. Given the importance of these insects as pollinators and in terrestrial food webs, these population declines are a growing concern for humans and the environment. Pollinators aid in reproduction for nearly 90 percent of all flowering plants. In addition to the managed European Honey Bee species (*Apis mellifera*), wild bee species are especially important pollinators of wildflowers and agricultural crops, including our most nutritious fruits and vegetables. In Michigan, we have more than 450 bee and 160 butterfly species, most of which provide pollination services. In summer 2021, Oakland University researchers conducted plant and pollinator surveys in Orion Oaks and Springfield Oaks county parks to help land managers assess habitat quality for pollinators.

These surveys were part of a larger pollinator study led by Dr. Mary Jamieson, Biology Professor at OU and students in her research group across 10 study sites in Oakland County. Their study found that Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) and Gray Headed Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)

were two of the most abundant native wildflower species and floral resources visited by pollinators. During their visual surveys, more than 4,000 insects were observed visiting floral resources in this study, 27% of which were bumble bees, 18% were honey bees and 36% were butterflies. Other bees, flies and wasps were also commonly encountered pollinators. Other frequently visited native wildflowers included Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), Virginia Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*), Joe-Pye Weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*) and Goldenrod species (*Solidago*).

Across study sites, 2,500 total bees were counted visiting flowers during plot surveys. Commonly observed groups of wild bees included bumble bees (*Bombus*), honey bees (*Apis mellifera*), yellow-faced bees (*Hylaeus*), small sweat bees (*Lasioglossum*) and small carpenter bees (*Ceratina*). Two bumble bee species of special concern were found at Orion Oaks County Park, including the Black-and-Gold Bumble Bee (*Bombus auricomus*), which is listed as an imperiled species in Michigan but globally secure, and the Golden Northern Bumble Bee (*Bombus fervidus*) which is considered globally vulnerable.



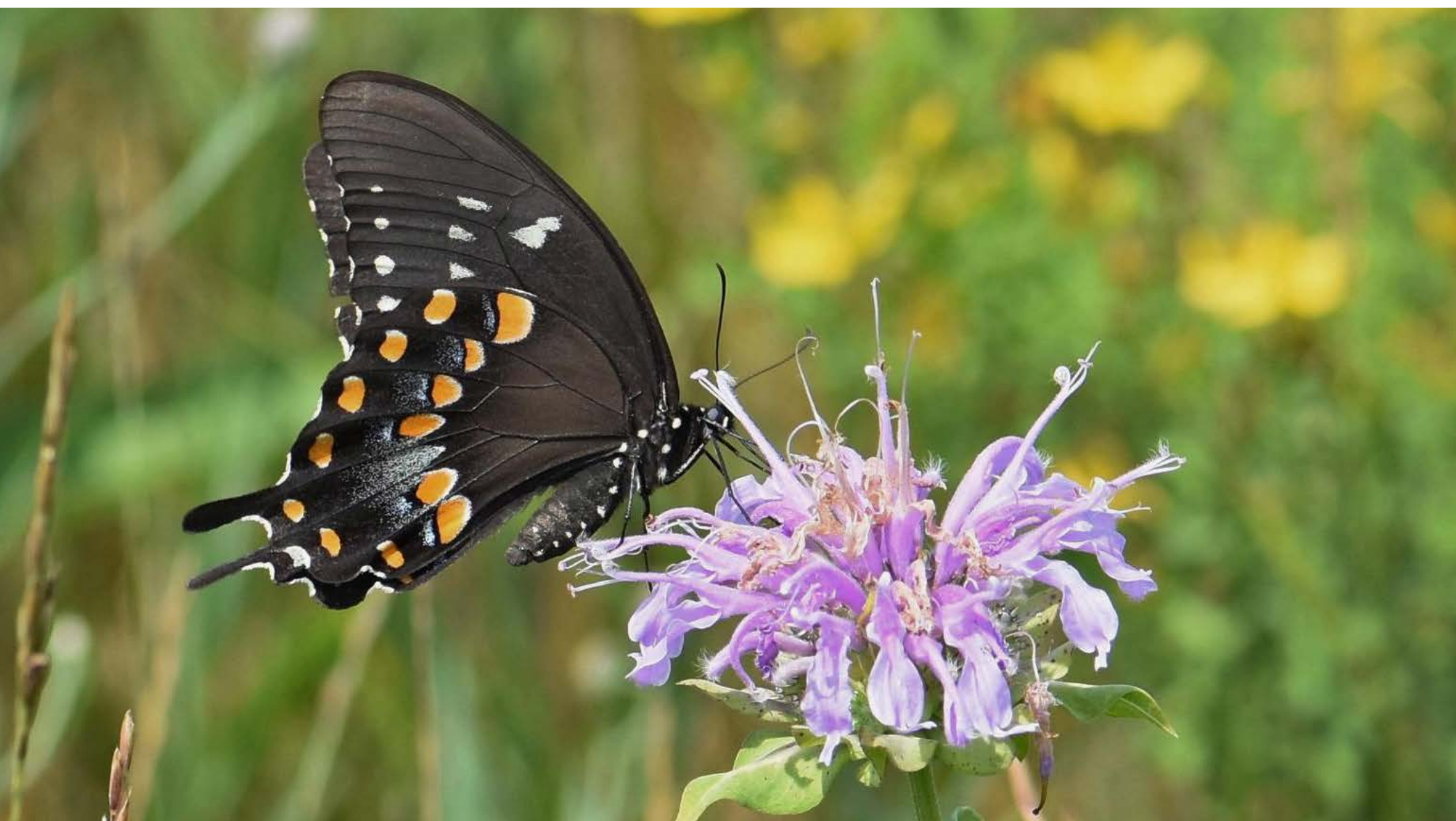
Additionally, 40 butterfly species were observed across study sites. Data from these butterfly surveys will contribute to the Michigan Butterfly Network, a statewide monitoring project. The most common species encountered were Cabbage White (*Pieris rapae*), Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*), Pearl Crescent (*Phyciodes tharos*) and Baltimore Checkerspot (*Euphydryas phaeton*) butterflies. In late July, nearly 250 Monarch butterflies were counted during a two-hour survey period at Orion Oaks. This park has an abundant population of Common Milkweed, which supports the Monarch butterfly, a species of concern due to population declines in its breeding range in the United States and Canada and overwintering sites in Mexico.

To document pollinators, OU researchers also used iNaturalist, a citizen science monitoring program managed by the California Academy of Sciences and National Geographic Society. Photo observations were uploaded to a project created for Oakland County Parks: www.inaturalist.org/projects/oakland-county-parks-insects.

To date, this project has 60+ contributors with more than 800 observations for 350+ insect species, of which approximately 100 are pollinators. Researchers encourage all citizens to take photos of plants and animals, especially pollinators, while visiting Oakland County Parks and upload them to iNaturalist. This photo-based data is valuable for documenting patterns of biodiversity and how to best support our flora and fauna.

The plant and pollinator surveys are part of an ongoing research effort to study pollinators in Southeast Michigan. These data will allow the Jamieson Biodiversity Lab to investigate how pollinators respond to environmental change and habitat management in the region. Local parks and natural areas are critical for supporting pollinators and the vital ecosystem services they provide.

Story by Mary Jamieson, Danielle Dorsen and Joseph Young.





ORV park creating opportunities for businesses

After years in the making, Holly Oaks ORV Park opened in September 2020. The first year was an active one with riders visiting the park from across the state and new programs being introduced as well as new connections made with local businesses and automotive industry leaders through sponsorship agreements, onsite company testing and special events. The next year promises to be just as busy.

“The upcoming year is going to be full of new opportunities for all users,” Holly Oaks ORV Park Supervisor DJ Coffey said. “Detroit 4Fest will be returning in 2022 for another off-road wheeling and vendor experience and the park will be offering a variety of unique programs in 2022.”

Plans include hosting special ride nights on Thursdays for side-by-sides, motorcycles, youth and women. In addition, LaFontaine Automotive Group has committed to the continued support of four Disability Dirt Days in 2022 after the inaugural event in October 2021 was a huge success.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the team on site, support staff and volunteers, Holly Oaks continues to expand its offerings and develop new infrastructure. This includes adding new features and trails, increasing operating efficiencies and providing timely updates to users.

The Oakland Mine Riders volunteer organization continues to play a vital role at the park. The Mine Riders is a dedicated 501(c)3 group that supports Holly Oaks ORV Park with maintenance support, the development of park features and hosting regular park workdays to assist with a variety of projects, said Coffey.

“The park would not be in the current state it is in without the skills and generosity of all the volunteers,” he added.

The Mine Riders also help solicit sponsorships from the automotive and off-road community. In 2021, the following sponsorships were announced:

- Design and installation of the Upper and Lower 2 near Mt. Magna made possible thanks to Magna International

- General Motors sponsored a two-year lease of a Silverado 2500HD that has allowed park staff to improve operations and facilitate staffing efficiencies
- Bestop’s three-year sponsorship allowed the park to develop the Open Air-Up Station, one of the most requested items by park users
- 386 Fab and LaFontaine Automotive Groups sponsored Disability Dirt Day, which offered ORV rides and lunch to people with disabilities and their families

Other community partners also play essential roles at the park:

- 386 Fab/AMO operates a storefront that serves park users each weekend by providing needed safety equipment, flags and brackets. Staff has also donated time, equipment and materials to help create many new features
- Gresham’s Snowplowing helped with multiple trail projects by moving materials, building trail features and offering advice
- Adventure Off-road Driving School has supported park feature design, staff driving/recovery training and program support

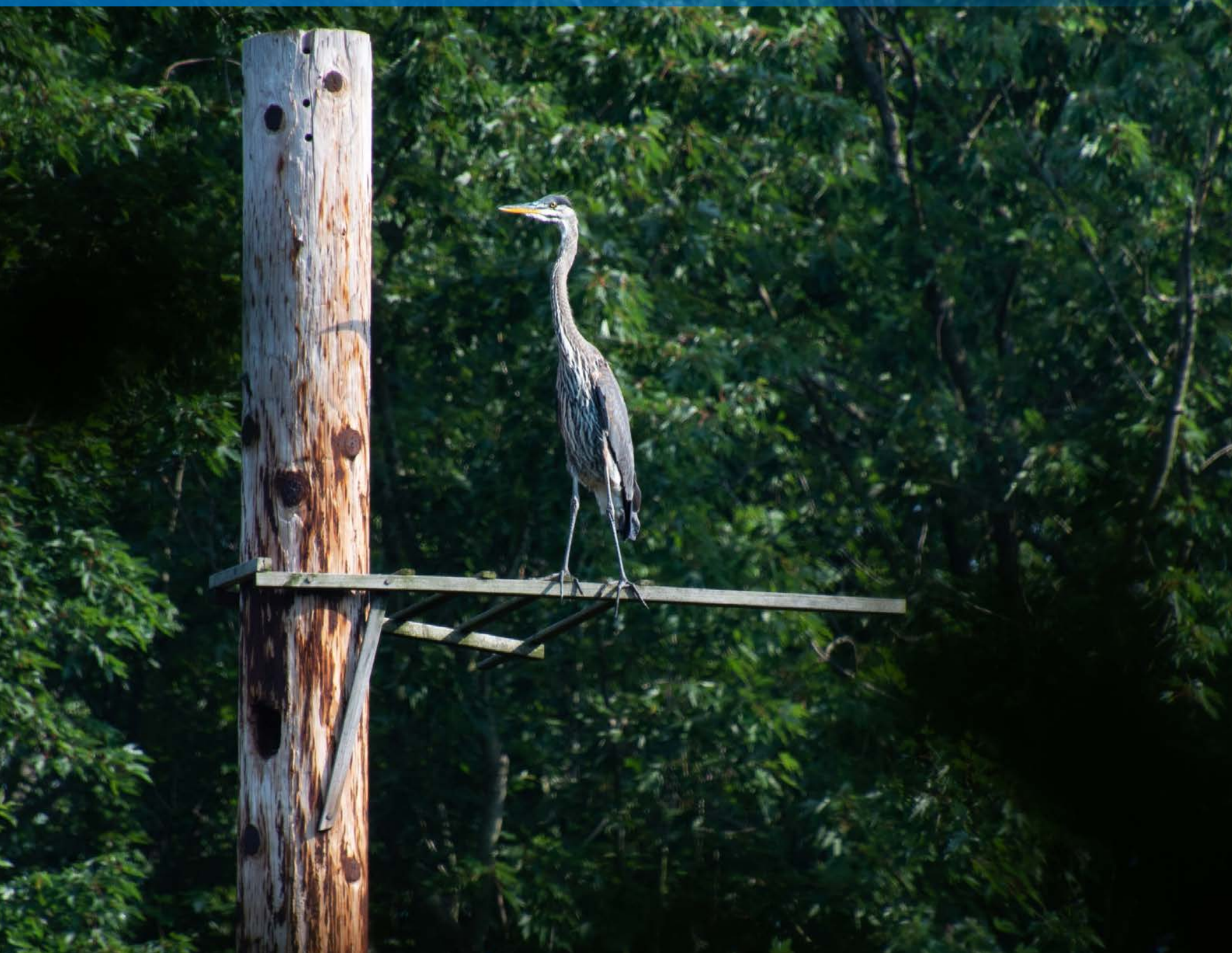
The unique terrain at Holly Oaks ORV Park has opened numerous other possibilities within the automotive industry as well. Many automotive manufacturers use the park as a testing site for passenger cars, prototypes and large trucks.

In addition, photoshoots for new, embargoed and rereleased vehicles and other corporate events build exposure for Holly Oaks and secure financial resources that are used to maintain and improve the park.

“It’s been great to see how many metro Detroit companies are utilizing Holly Oaks for everything from research and development to making commercials. We had hoped that we’d see some corporate use at the park, but it’s been more than we anticipated, providing benefits to the park and local communities,” Manager - Planning & Community Resources/ADA Coordinator Melissa Prowse said. “Not only does this type of use connect us with the automotive community and help promote the park, but it also plays an important role in offsetting our operating budget.”



Hérons return to Lyon Oaks County Park



After a long hiatus, Great Blue Herons returned to nest at Lyon Oaks County Park in Wixom.

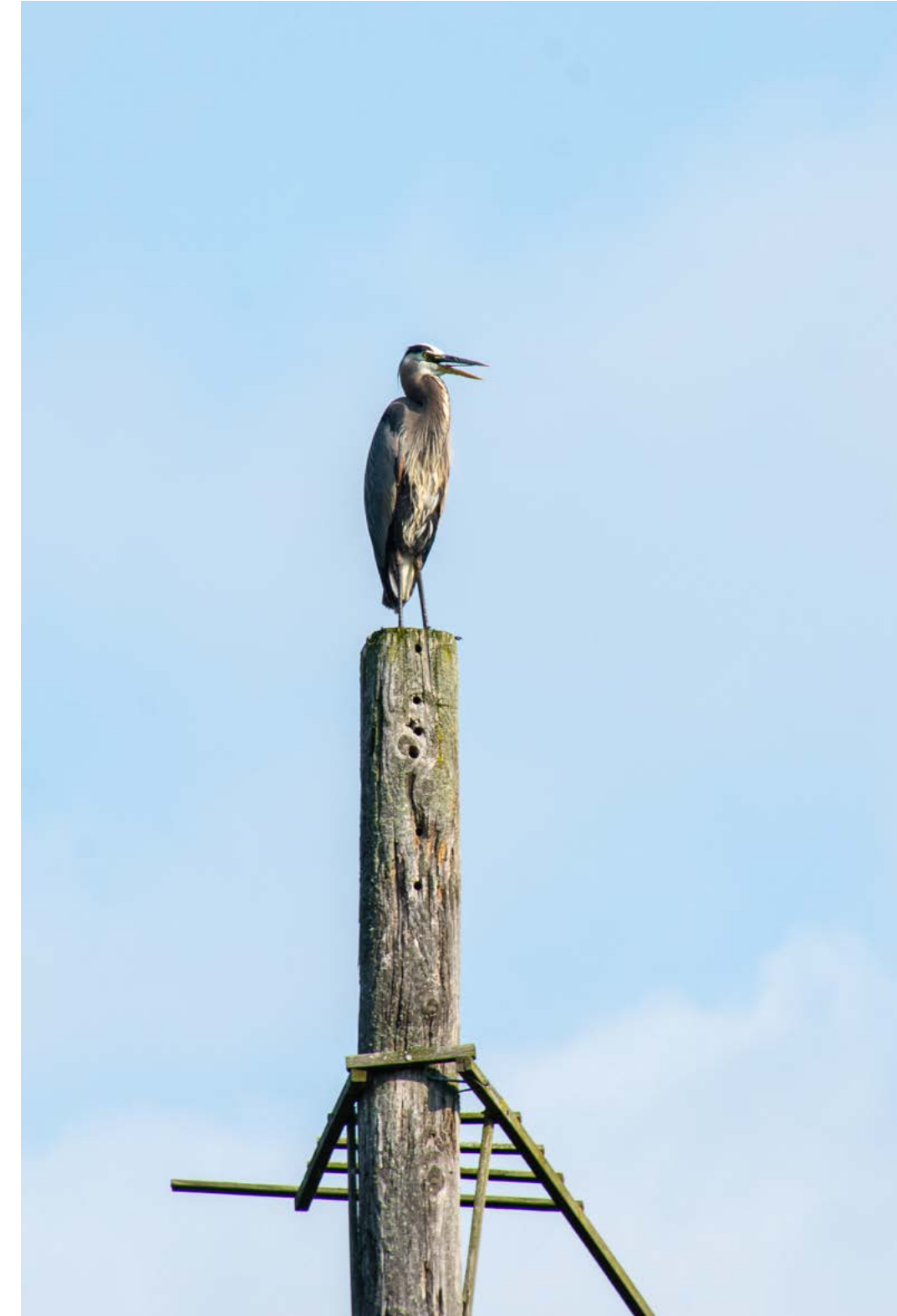
In the late 80's more than 200 nests were located on the property. When Oakland County Parks and Recreation acquired the land in the early 1990s, the rookery had already been abandoned, which is a natural pattern for heron rookeries. Herons continued to feed at Lyon Oaks while nesting at two other sites within a six-mile radius of the park.

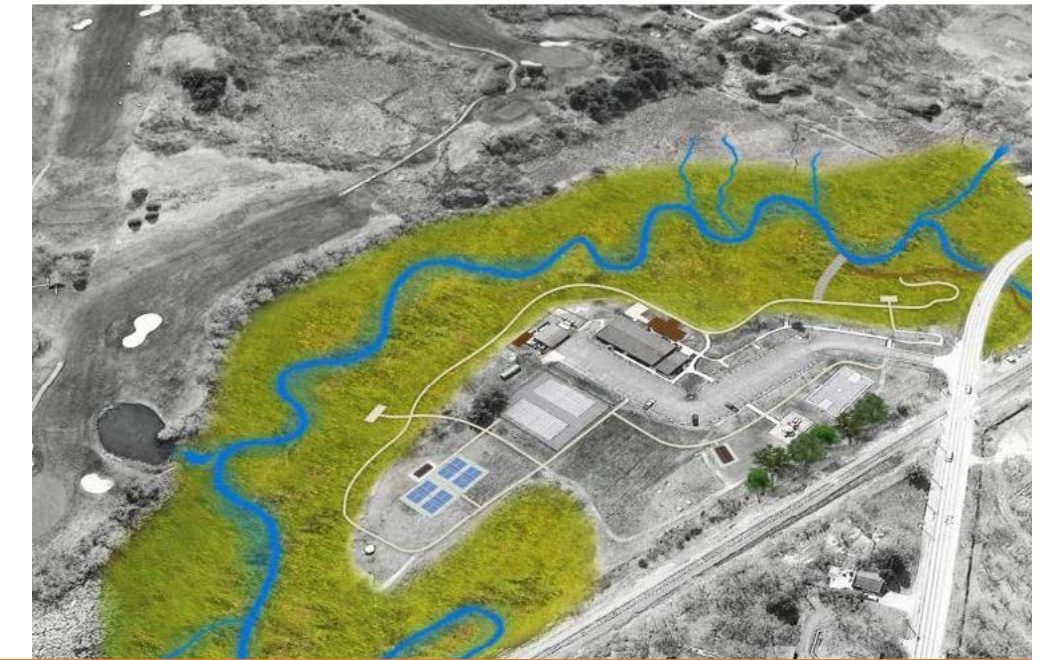
In 2006 DTE Energy provided and installed 75-foot cedar utility poles as nesting structures, to encourage Great Blue Herons to once again nest in the park.

In 2020 and again in 2021, two nests were active, demonstrating the structures and location are acceptable to the birds.

“Benefits of artificial nesting sites include the ability to repair platforms if needed and install predator guards to protect young birds,” Sarah Cook-Maylen, Natural Resources Coordinator, said.

“Our goal is to restore as many high-quality natural habitats as possible to support our native species, which includes encouraging herons to continue nesting at Lyon Oaks. We are excited herons fledged at Lyon Oaks this year and will continue to monitor their population,” she said.





OCPR leads the charge to restore aquatic life at Mill Pond Park

When it comes to infrastructure repairs, most of us think of pothole-laden highways and crumbling bridges.

But the stability of our natural environment is just as vital to our communities. With that in mind, Oakland County Parks and Recreation teamed up with Springfield Township this past year to replace the outdated dam in Mill Pond Park.

The work, slated to be completed in fall 2022, really began 10 years ago when an engineering study suggested the Mill Pond Dam was failing and could cause significant safety and liability issues for the township.

“The outfall pipe has been crushed over time, and flow has been reduced by about 30%. This causes problems during storm events as the amount of flow it can handle is greatly reduced, leading to a higher chance the dam could fail and water could over-top Davisburg Road,” Melissa Prowse, Planning and Community Services/ADA Coordinator, said.

“There is nothing that can be done to fix it due to the way the dam is constructed.”

Since the dam sits between two properties, Springfield Oaks Golf Course the township’s Mill Pond Park, maintenance is shared by the two agencies. After several more years of careful inspection and consultations, the Springfield Township Board and Parks Commission decided along with the OCPR Commission in 2019 that the damage to the dam couldn’t be repaired and would need to be replaced with an open-bottom culvert that would restore the natural flow of the Shiawassee River channel.

According to Prowse, the plan for the dam replacement is complex, but it boils down to restoring the manmade landscape back to its original state.

“This brings natural communities, wildlife, plants and aquatic species back to the area and restores the ecosystem to what it once was,” she said.

The benefits of restoring the river flow extend to humans too, improving safety on nearby roads but also allowing for wildlife viewing, fishing and boating.

“The restoration will create stream fishing opportunities, connectivity via future recreational pathways and educational opportunities related to stream restoration. Prior to 2018, Springfield Township had maintained a beach at Mill Pond Park for residents to use. But a decrease in lake swimming combined with significant challenges managing the Mill Pond for aquatic invasive species made it very difficult to continue to provide the beach,” Prowse explained.

The project has received nearly \$1 million in state and federal grant funding, which accounts for about 45% of the total tab. The balance will be split between the township and OCPR, taking on 45% and 55%, respectively.

But numerous organizations have their eyes on the river and have recognized OCPR and the

township for conservation work, like the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Oakland County Planning’s Green Infrastructure Vision.

The 2000 Shiawassee and Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project identified several ecologically- and recreationally- important areas within the headwaters,” Prowse continued. “Dam removal and river channel restoration will offer a unique opportunity to connect these areas into a continuous segment for preservation and recreation. It’s also listed as a priority habitat conservation project by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.”

Project Funders:

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund
- Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network
- US Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program



New technology helps identify sick trees

In 2021, the parks system's Natural Resources Management Unit started using drones with high-quality cameras to help identify oak wilt infestations in park woodlands. Looking at the landscape from the sky offers a great advantage when searching for a single, sick tree in a forest.

To monitor for this contagious fungal disease, lethal to oak trees, staff flew the drone over multiple parks several times taking photographs. The photos will be analyzed to look for the signature top-down tree die-off that occurs once an oak is infected.

“Over the past eight years, the parks system has lost hundreds of trees to oak wilt and drone monitoring helps catch small, isolated trees before they spread, saving tens of thousands of dollars per site,” Natural Resources Coordinator Sarah Cook-Maylen said.

If a potential spot is located, the NR unit will prioritize staff and resources to pinpoint and remove infected trees before they can contaminate surrounding oaks during the next growing season. Using the drone has been a versatile technological tool that aids staff in protecting and preserving the system's valuable resources.



Waterpark revived with \$2.2 million investment



Waterpark visits are a highly anticipated part of summer for many families. This year, visitors were introduced to a new water splash pad at Red Oaks Waterpark.

Designed for guests of all ages and abilities, the new splash pad includes 52 interactive water features for guests to explore, including water fountains, pipes, rainheads, a water play climber with slides and a dumping bucket. The zero-depth attraction offers 160' x 105' of play area with a new adjacent shade structure, so parents and caregivers can stay cool while little ones explore the new water feature. It replaced an existing attraction, constructed in 2003, that had reached the end of its operational life cycle.

“The new splash pad was well received by visitors to the waterpark,” Red Oaks County Park Supervisor Matt Parady said. “It was great to see how much fun kids of all ages had with it. Because it offered so many play elements, guests had lots of different items to explore and it sparked a lot of imaginative play.”

Constructed by C.E. Gleeson Constructors of Troy, the cost was \$1,945,594 for the splash pad. Another \$284,843 was dedicated to construction of an adjacent family restroom facility, which Parady said was also a hit with families.

“With the convenience of the family restroom nearby, guests were able to



stay in the splash pad area and play for longer periods of time much easier than they could before,” he said. “We are always looking to invest in items that will provide added benefits to guests and the family restroom was a nice complement to the play structure, enhancing the overall experience for everyone.”



Larvae and crayfish and clams – oh, my!

Macroinvertebrates spill secrets on local water quality



Forget the crystal ball, Oakland County Parks and Recreation's talented conservation experts have figured out how to see into the future with just a few vials of water.

But there's more to that testing than meets the eye. What the public doesn't often hear about is the biannual testing performed by OCPR wildlife specialists and technicians who measure the water's ability to sustain aquatic life at the smallest levels.

"They're testing for macroinvertebrates, which is a great and fairly easy way to determine water quality," Sarah Cook-Maylen, Natural Resources Coordinator, said. "Macroinvertebrates are sensitive to changes in water quality, so long-term data sets will help us assess our stream health over time and will give us snapshots each year."

Macroinvertebrates are biological organisms that are large enough to be seen by the naked eye but, like the name suggests, lack a backbone. Some common examples include various species of nymphs, larvae, freshwater clams and mussels and crayfish. They can be found in all kinds of running water, but they're stationary and don't head to another habitat when conditions get crummy because of contaminants from pollution.

"Monitoring water quality conditions such as low-dissolved oxygen, temperature, nutrients and pH helps identify which pollutants are responsible for impacts to a stream," states the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The information collected is integrated into the county's geographic information system (GIS) and referenced when it comes time to plan future restoration projects or adjust management plans for the water systems. The testing is helpful at the local level, but even at the state and national levels with collaborative reporting coming from agencies across the country.

Just recently, similar reporting was used to identify the presence of didymo, or "rock snot," in a Kankakee County river. The invasive species can choke out nutritional resources for indigenous fish. The state's DNR, along with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, are closely monitoring the situation.



GIS/CAD technician Megan Schildberg and Natural Resources Coordinator Sarah Cook-Maylen process water samples at Lyon Oaks County Park



Beaver baffles keep the peace between wildlife and park crews

Beavers play such an important role in their natural habitats, creating wetlands as they swim and damming bodies of fresh water to make sure that water stays put, slowing down drought-causing evaporation.

But sometimes, those cute critters get carried away, and their dams can cause big headaches for planning engineers and maintenance crews when they plug culverts and cause water to overflow banks and spill into nearby spaces meant to be kept dry – including roadways.

“Beavers naturally dam waterways when they hear trickling water, and can cause infrastructure issues within the parks, like flooding trails and rising docks,” Sarah Cook-Maylen, Natural Resources Coordinator, said. “In past years, beaver trapping was implemented to control beaver populations, but trapping doesn’t provide a long-term fix for damming since new beaver populations will often replace the trapped beavers.”

Removing those dams is no picnic either, since beavers usually build them to last and removal requires heavy machinery, time and money.

While some regions might be baffled by the problem, Oakland County Parks and Recreation knows how to keep culverts clear and beavers happy at the same time: beaver baffles.

These specially engineered pipes are installed beneath the surface of a dam, acting as a kind of underground tunnel for excess water. The drain allows for water to escape as needed to prevent overflow, without disturbing the dam that beavers worked so hard to build. It’s a win-win.

OCPR staff has installed beaver baffles at Independence Oaks and Rose Oaks county parks. The baffles require regular maintenance to prevent sediment and leaves from clogging the pipe, but the effort is worth it to keep the county’s wildlife habitats thriving.

“(They) promote harmonious relationships with our beaver populations,” Cook-Maylen said.



Wildlife Specialist Sean Zera stops at a beaver baffle locations at Independence Oaks County Park and Rose Oaks County Park



Dirt Day adds adventures for all



Mason Warner, age 9, partnered with Billy Vicker for his first-ever ride at Holly Oaks ORV Park.

To create greater access for all residents, Holly Oaks ORV Park hosted Disability Dirt Day for participants with cognitive, visual and physical disabilities.

Drivers donated their vehicle and time for participants to explore the 106-acre park and its attractions like the Sandbox, the Big Easy and Holly Glen Track.

“The response was overwhelming and positive for a first-time event,” Recreation Program Supervisor Sandy Dorey said. “Our staff and key volunteers work hard to make events like these possible. A disability doesn’t mean inability – there are just different ways to get people outdoors to recreate. Some of our volunteer drivers use hand controls to operate their rigs, so this also inspired our youth attendees to see what’s possible.”

The event was sponsored by Lafontaine Automotive Group, which provided a Jeep Gladiator for rides, and 386FAB, which created blue flags for vehicles for individuals with disabilities which indicate the rider or driver may need assistance if the vehicle gets stuck.

“This event provided a great sense of awareness for helping others who might not be able to come out and experience Holly Oaks,” Doug Calka, Leonard resident, said.

Awards & Accolades



Project Experience Award
#OaklandTogether COVID-19 Tribute



2021 Achievement Award:
“Holly Oaks ORV Park”
in the category of Parks and Recreation



Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce
Adversity to Triumph Award
Best of Waterford
Government Support Organization



Red Oaks Waterpark Splash Pad Project
Michigan Concrete Association’s
Award of Excellence.
Flatwork-Municipal Flatwork Category



Marketing Award
Millage Awareness Initiative



Local Elected Officials
Bob DePalma and George Kullis

2021 Park Resource Leadership Award
Mike Boyd

2021 Innovative Programming Award Winner
Quest for Adventure

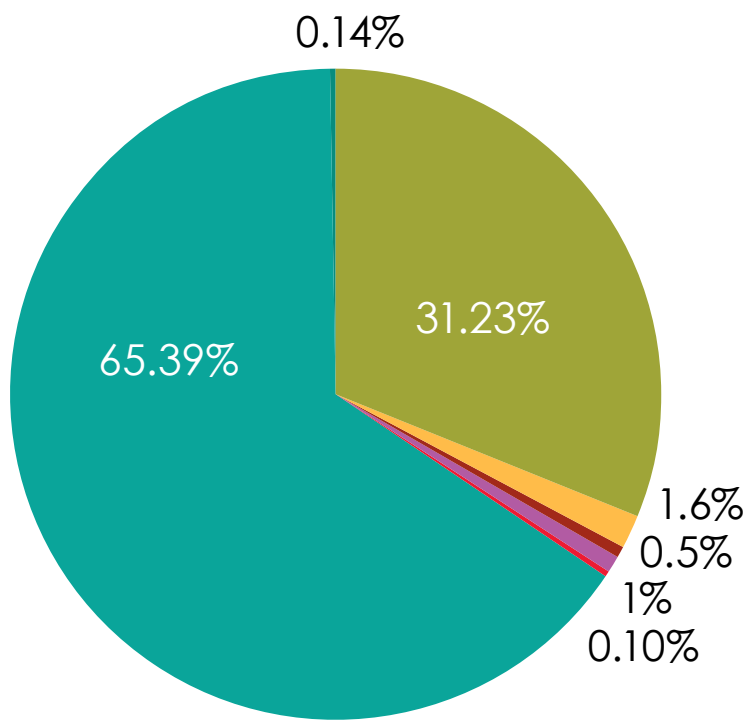
COVID-19 Engagement Award
“I Spy Program”

Community Service Award
Volunteers Greg and Michelle Petrosky

Community Service Award
Citizens for Oakland County Parks & Recreation

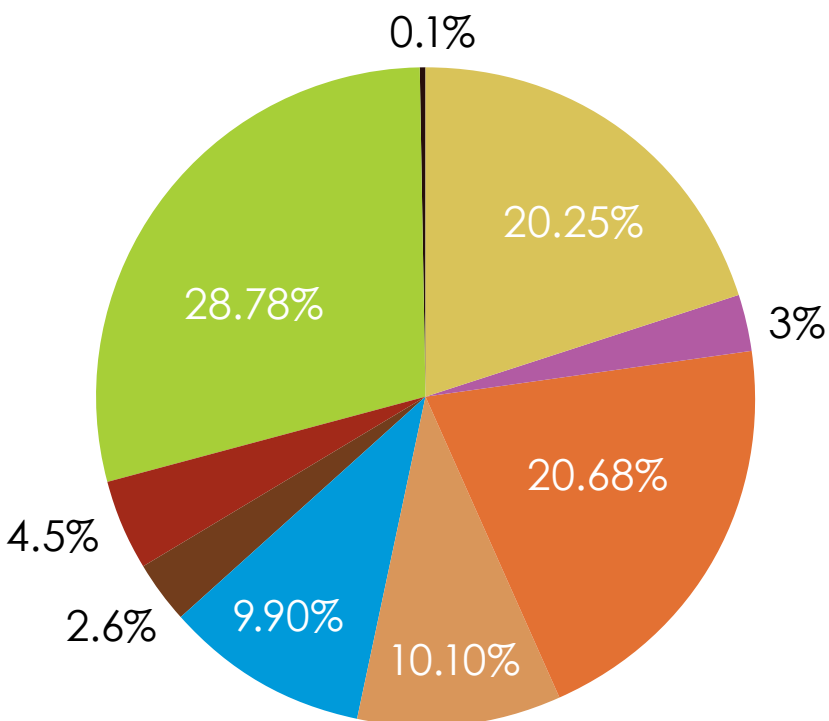
Community Service Award
Nathaniel Smith,
Clarkston Boy Scout Troop 185

FY2021 Financial Data



2021 Revenues

Taxes	\$21,580,907.53	Investment Income	\$180,203.66
Charges for Services	\$10,307,911.32	Transfers In	\$45,892.91
Contributions	\$528,558.49	Other Revenue	\$31,466.53
Other Intergovernmental Revenues	\$327,988.66		



2021 Expenses

Salaries	\$9,497,522.49	Internal Services	\$1,485,777.43
Contractual Services	\$6,826,060.30	Intergovernmental	\$1,010,650
Budgeted Equity Adjustments	\$6,681,921.64	Commodities	\$865,166.91
Fringe Benefits	\$3,332,938.30	Transfers Out	\$36,437.46
Depreciation	\$3,266,454.57		

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