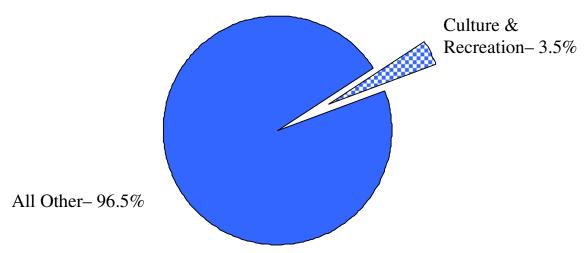
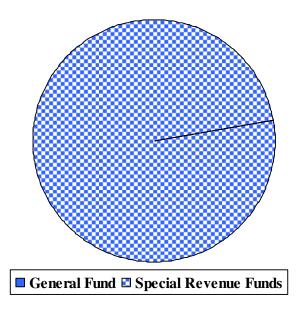
## Culture & Recreation Functions

**Total County Budget Perspective \*** 



\* Graph does not reflect operating transfers out since these expenditures are already reflected in the other expenditure categories

**Culture & Recreation Expenditures by Fund Type** 



## **Function Statement**

The mission of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide residents and visitors to Ottawa County with the highest quality leisure opportunities and promote high standards for environmental quality and land use planning through a resource-based system of parks, open space lands, programs, and other services.

The Parks and Recreation Commission operates ten parks with a wide variety of recreational activities and manages open space lands and undeveloped park land totaling over 4,000 acres. The Commission acquires lands and develops new facilities in response to identified parks, recreation, and open space needs.

Additional services provided by the Parks and Recreation Commission include facility reservations for group outings, the sponsorship of recreation/nature interpretation programs, and special events.

## **Mission Statement**

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The image below shows all County parks and County recreational opportunities available to the citizens of Ottawa County. The light blue areas represent rivers and the orange lines represent trails.



Fund: (2081) Parks and Recreation

**Goal:** Provide a high level of maintenance, operation, and management of all park properties and facilities to ensure the enjoyment and safety of visitors and the protection of natural features and resources.

Objective: Provide a high level of park maintenance and operations for maximum visitor enjoyment and safety.

**Objective:** Develop and implement a Land Management Plan for all park properties and make recommendations on natural resource-based management, problems, concerns, and projects.

**Objective:** Promote the visibility, image, identity and potential of the County Park system and Commission through the development of an ongoing public relations program designed to create greater awareness of Commission-operated facilities, programs and services.

**Objective:** Offer facilities, programs, and services that are accessible to all.

*Measure:* To continually assess all facilities, programs, and services and modify as needed to ensure compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

**Measure:** To consider the needs of all potential users when planning new facilities, programs and services.

| Measures  | 2004      | 2005      | 2006 Estimated | 2007 Projected |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Output:   |           |           |                |                |
| Analysis of "comment cards" received plus         |           |           |                |                |
| other formal compliments and complaints           | Completed | Completed | Completed      | Completed      |
| Park User survey results (undertaken every 5      |           |           |                |                |
| years)  | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            | N/A*           |
| % of County Residents satisfied with Park         |           |           |                |                |
| facilities and opportunities                      | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            | N/A*           |
| Reservation group survey (annually –              |           |           |                |                |
| ongoing)  | N/A       | N/A       | Completed      | Completed      |
| Program participants survey (annually –           |           |           |                |                |
| ongoing)  | N/A       | N/A       | Completed      | Completed      |
| Selected user group surveys (annually –           |           |           |                |                |
| ongoing)  | N/A       | N/A       | Completed      | Completed      |
| Annual assessment of invasive species in          |           |           |                |                |
| park system.                                      | N/A       | N/A       | Completed      | Completed      |
| Number of brochures and other promotional         |           |           |                |                |
| literature distributed.                           | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            | 8,000          |
| % compliance with ADA                             | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            | 100%           |
|   |           |           |                |                |
| * Next citizen survey is scheduled for 2008       |           |           |                |                |
| * Next Parks citizen survey is scheduled for 2009 |           |           |                |                |

**Goal:** Expand resource-based county parklands, facilities, and services to meet identified needs and improve the overall delivery of park and recreation services through better coordination among recreation providers

**Objective:** Identify areas within Ottawa County not adequately served by county parklands and facilities and expand recreation opportunities in these areas when natural resource features suitable for park development are available

**Objective:** Identify high quality natural resource features in Ottawa County and seek to preserve key lands through establishment of new parks and protected open spaces

Measure: Dollar investment in new facilities and major renovations

Measure: Acres of park and open space land acquired

**Objective:** Aggressively pursue protection of open space in Ottawa County with particular emphasis upon the Lake Michigan shoreline and other public waterways.

Measure: Acres of park and open space land acquired

**Objective:** Identify resource-based recreation activities and facilities that are currently deficient within Ottawa County and develop additional facilities to meet the expressed needs

Fund: (2081) Parks and Recreation

**Objective:** Provide leadership and coordination among all public and private sector recreation providers within

Ottawa County and to explore opportunities for enhancing the recreational and economic level of the County including public/private joint ventures, expansion of the local tourist trade, and related economic development potential

**Objective:** Participate in the development of plans for a system of non-motorized paths in Ottawa County and define Ottawa County Park's role in the provision of these services

**Objective:** Maintain a current countywide parks, recreation and open space plan outlining action plans for existing parks and open space, new land acquisition and future development priorities, including

specific site plans for development of facilities

**Goal:** Undertake specific actions aimed at high priority considerations and opportunities **Objective:** Advocate for improved water quality levels for all regional waterways

| Measures                                      | 2004    | 2005      | 2006 Estimated | 2007 Projected |  |
|---|---------|-----------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Output:                                       |         |           |                |                |  |
| Number of summer visitors to Lakeshore        |         |           |                |                |  |
| parks   | 133,104 | 149,41    | 200,000        | 200,000        |  |
| Number of people served through park          |         |           |                |                |  |
| reservations                                  | 48,242  | 41,368    | 50,000         | 48,000         |  |
| Number of park reservations                   | 704     | 688       | 750            | 725            |  |
| Number of people participating in programs    | 1,468   | 1,445     | 1,500          | 1,500          |  |
| Number of programs offered                    | 105     | 90        | 100            | 100            |  |
| Acres of park and open space land acquired    | 162     | 761       | 300            | 200            |  |
| Dollar investment in new facilities and major |         |           |                |                |  |
| renovations                                   | N/A     | \$393,740 | 2,134,500      | 843,000        |  |

**Goal:** Develop and maintain solid financial base and parks policy to assure efficiency and long-term stability of Commission facilities and services.

**Objective:** Develop and promote a stable financial program for both short and long-term development, expansion, operation, and maintenance of the park system

| Measures  | 2004      | 2005        | 2006 Estimated | 2007 Projected |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Output:   |           |             |                |                |
| Entrance fees collected (dollars)                 | 133,318   | 202,304     | 200,000        | 200,000        |
| Reservation fees collected (dollars)              | 48,963    | 50,035      | 51,000         | 52,000         |
| Number of grant applications submitted            | 3         | 1           | 3              | 2              |
| Grant funds received                              | \$731,794 | \$5,952,143 | \$600,000      | \$544,300      |
| Use of special low cost labor sources (i.e. hours |           |             |                |                |
| used)   | 13,263    | 12,633      | 16,200         | 16,500         |

Fund: (2081) Parks and Recreation

| Resources                                  |                                |                    |                                 |                        |                   |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|  |                                |                    |                                 |                        |                   |
| Personnel                                  |                                | 2005               | 2006                            | 2007                   | 2007              |
|  |                                | # of               | # of                            | # of                   | Budgeted          |
| Position Name                              |                                | Positions          | Positions                       | Positions              | Salary            |
| Director of Parks & Recreation             |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$78,432          |
| Coordinator of Park Planning & Development |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$55,125          |
| Parks Planner                              |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$48,195          |
| Parks Manager                              |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$41,200          |
| Naturalist                                 |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$48,195          |
| Park Operations Superintendent             |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$59,539          |
| Park Supervisor                            |                                | 5.000              | 5.000                           | 5.000                  | \$218,044         |
| Administrative Clerk                       |                                | 0.000              | 0.000                           | 1.000                  | \$37,465          |
| Senior Secretary                           |                                | 1.000              | 1.000                           | 1.000                  | \$34,876          |
|  |                                | 10.000             | 12.000                          | 13.000                 | \$621,071         |
|  |                                |                    |                                 |                        |                   |
| Funding                                    |                                |                    |                                 |                        |                   |
|  |                                |                    |                                 | 2006                   | 2007              |
|  | 2003                           | 2004               | 2005                            | Current Year           | Adopted           |
| -  | Actual                         | Actual             | Actual                          | Estimated              | by Board          |
| Revenues                                   | <b>*** *** *** ** ** * * *</b> | <b>\$2.162.166</b> | <b>*** *** *** *** ** ** **</b> | <b>*** *** *** ***</b> | <b>42.002.674</b> |
| Taxes                                      | \$2,342,755                    | \$2,463,466        | \$2,610,437                     | \$2,729,373            | \$2,882,651       |
| Intergovernmental Revenue                  | \$962,099                      | \$464,436          | \$5,952,143                     | \$534,370              | \$598,370         |
| Charges for Services                       | \$216,500                      | \$190,330          | \$252,634                       | \$250,700              | \$252,400         |
| Interest                                   | \$172,965                      | \$143,424          | \$165,891                       | \$180,000              | \$180,000         |
| Rents                                      | \$35,291                       | \$42,796           | \$45,908                        | \$24,100               | \$38,500          |
| Other Revenue                              | \$103,356                      | \$177,966          | \$756,552                       | \$101,130              | \$201,000         |
| Other Financing Sources                    | \$1,495,000                    | \$530,000          | \$530,000                       | \$530,000              | \$530,000         |
| Total Revenues                             | \$5,327,966                    | \$4,012,418        | \$10,313,565                    | \$4,349,673            | \$4,682,921       |
| E 124                                      |                                |                    |                                 |                        |                   |
| Expenditures                               | ¢726.525                       | ¢002.11.4          | φ02 <i>C</i> C11                | ¢1 067 464             | ¢1 201 007        |
| Personnel Services                         | \$726,525                      | \$803,114          | \$936,611                       | \$1,067,464            | \$1,201,887       |
| Supplies                                   | \$102,576                      | \$128,539          | \$129,045                       | \$149,140              | \$156,906         |
| Other Services & Charges                   | \$255,969                      | \$297,483          | \$360,569                       | \$399,914              | \$432,529         |
| Capital Outlay                             | \$6,076,916                    | \$1,928,372        | \$10,200,741                    | \$3,209,500            | \$2,843,000       |
| Debt Service                               | \$81,508                       | \$81,508           | \$81,508                        | \$81,510               | \$81,510          |
| Total Expenditures                         | \$7,243,494                    | \$3,239,016        | \$11,708,474                    | \$4,907,528            | \$4,715,832       |

## Budget Highlights:

Intergovernmental Revenue includes anticipated State of Michigan grants for land acquisition and development and varies from year to year. 2005 intergovernmental revenue includes \$3.9 million for the North Ottawa Dunes project. Other revenue in 2005 represents donations anticipated for the North Ottawa Dunes Project. Capital Outlay varies depending on land acquisitions. 2005 capital outlay includes \$7.7 million for the North Ottawa Dunes acquisition. Due to the expanding Parks system, additional administrative help was needed, and the 2007 budget includes a new administrative clerk.