

MISSION STATEMENT

Connecting people, parks and programs in support of a strong, healthy community and natural environment.

VISION

We are committed to enhancing the quality of life, promoting a sense of community, facilitating lifelong learning for all ages and abilities and encouraging an appreciation of the natural environment and local history.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Department goals are general statements of initiatives for achieving desired outcomes.

Department objectives are measurable and attainable milestones to be achieved in accomplishing the goal.

CORE VALUES

Excellence

We are responsive to our community's needs and expectations and continually strive to exceed them.

Creativity

We develop innovative, dynamic solutions, programs and projects.

Equity

We design policies and provide services in locations and through methods to be fair and accessible to all.

Integrity

We earn the community's trust through uncompromising ethics and honest communication.

Stewardship

We serve as responsible stewards of the community's resources, creating a legacy for this and future generations.

Innovation

We promote a culture that fosters creative thinking and strives for continuous improvement.

Community Involvement

We promote, develop and support volunteer participation.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Fiscal year 2020 proved to be a uniquely productive and challenging year. In July, the Department celebrated Recreation and Parks month with 5 Walk With Your County Commissioner events with each Commissioner participating in their district. The ten-year anniversary of the South Carroll Senior & Community Center was celebrated and the county's second dog park was opened at that location the following Spring.

Partnerships remain important to the department and a new initiative involving the Friends of Liberty Reservoir and Baltimore City resulted in facilitating volunteer maintenance of trails used by residents. Wantz Distributors provided 80 volunteers and \$4,500, working side by side with staff to support trail improvements and planting of nearly 50 trees and shrubs in a corporate work day at Piney Run Park.

The past year was an especially busy one for park improvements. Completed projects included a new roof for Bear Branch Nature Center and the new South Carroll Dog Park. A significant acquisition of 145 acres north of Taneytown was completed and will serve as a future recreational facility in an area that previously had no county parks. Many new development projects were initiated including an expansion of Deer Park, Westminster Veterans Memorial Park and the Double Pipe Creek kayak launch. Planned improvements for the Pipe Creek water trail with new launch sites continued to move forward. Design efforts were initiated for the Gillis Falls trail and a new Charles Carroll Community Center that will provide new recreational opportunities for residents.

The department and its Advisory Board continued their forward-looking philosophy by updating the department's strategic plan. Staff vacancies were filled by welcoming Administrative Assistant Laura Tawes, Chief Range Officer Chuck Hamlet, Office Associate Callie Williams, Piney Run Park Technician Emily White, and Park Development Manager William Brozy. In addition, an increased emphasis was placed on promotion and outreach with a new Marketing Specialist position filled by Trish Cross. Along with these staff came new ideas and initiatives.

The Spring brought never-before seen challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Carroll County experienced its first spring without youth sports and usage restrictions were placed on playgrounds, boating and pavilions to comply with State orders designed to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. Virtual meetings became a way of life and record numbers of people visited parks and trails to get exercise and fresh air. Piney Run Park alone saw roughly a 30% increase in attendance over the 2019 season and regularly sold out of rental boats in 2020. New programs such as drive through zoos and "camp in a bag" replaced traditional offerings. Throughout it all, dedicated staff and volunteers faced new challenges daily and responded with creativity and commitment – all to serve and connect with their community.

We remain committed to offering quality recreation and park opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in a fiscally responsible manner. For more information, please visit ccrecpark.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with new activities.

Jeff R. Degitz, Director

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stephen A.Wantz, President

Ed Rothstein, Vice President

C. Richard Weaver, 2nd Vice President

C. Eric Bouchat

Dennis E. Frazier

CARROLL COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas E. Long, Chair

Kristen E. Darby, Chair-Elect

Caitlin A. Christ

Carolyn A. Garber

Donald V. Gerkin, Jr.

Derek C. Ludlow

John D. Marks

Donald Bradley Rockwood

Michael Rodgers

Anthony E. Rosas

Michael Duffy, Board of Education Representative

Jeff R. Degitz, Ex Officio

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Virtual Advisory Board Meetings 1

In-Person Advisory Board Meetings 1

Meeting Missed Due to COVID-19

RECREATION & PARKS STAFF

Admin

Jeff R. Degitz, CPRP, *Director*Lisa Carroll, CPRP, *Bureau Chief of Recreation*Brad Rogers, *Bureau Chief of Parks*Will Brozy, *Park Development Manager*Laura Tawes, *Administrative Assistant*

Recreation

Tina Shupp, *Program Coordinator*Rebecca Kishter, *Recreation Coordinator*Jamie Noel, *Program Associate*Callie Williams, *Office Associate*

Sports Complex

Matt Decker, Sports Complex Manager
Doug Gregory, Maintenance Specialist

Hap Baker Firearms Facility

Chuck Hamlet, Chief Range Officer

Piney Run Park & Nature Center

Deborah Rottman, Park Superintendent

Emily White, Park Technician

Trish Cross, Marketing Specialist

Max Bukowitz, Nature Center Naturalist

Wayde Blank, Maintenance Supervisor

Brian Dayhoff, Maintenance Specialist

Tony Bassani, Maintenance Specialist

Hashawha & Bear Branch Nature Center

Dawn Harry, Park Operation Coordinator

Jay Weller, Maintenance Supervisor

Steve Aberts, Maintenance Specialist

W. George Stolkovich, Maintenance Specialist

Nicole Bowman, Bear Branch Nature Center Naturalist

Nikki Wolf, Kitchen Manager

Michelle Duvall, Cook

Mora Bates, Cook

YEAR AT A GLANCE

JULY 2019



Park Pursuit Kick-off Party

July 1

Outdoor Movie at Sandymount Park

July 18

AUGUST 2019

SFPTFMBFR 2019

Walk with Your Commissioner

Various Days in July

Commissioner Bouchat at Krimgold Park; Commissioner Wantz at Cape Horn Park; Commissioner Frazier at Westminster Community Pond; Commissioner Weaver at Sandymount Park; Commissioner Rothstein at Freedom Park



Out of the Darkness Walk at Krimgold Park

September 7, over 850 people attended the walk and more than \$95,000 was raised for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



Monarch Madness at Bear Branch Nature Center

September 8



Wantz Distributors Volunteer Work Day at Piney Run Park

On September 23, Wantz Distributors of Hagerstown, MD participated in a team building work day at Piney Run Park, planting 46 trees and shrubs, building an 111' stone wall, and constructing a 21' bridge. Commissioner Eric Bouchat donated his skills as a welder to support the project.



Piney Run Park Wagon Rides & Camp Fires

Apple Festival at Piney Run Park

September 28





South Carroll Dog Park Ground Breaking

October 12

Run for the Raptors at Hashawha

October 19

Welcomed New Staff

Trish Cross, Marketing Specialist & Laura Tawes, Administrative Assistant



NOVEMBER 2019 Volunteer of the Year

November 5 at Carroll Arts Center



Zumba Party

November 15 at the Robert Moton Center



Big Fish Contest Winner

Travis Hankins with a 43" Striped Bass, weighing 32.44lbs.

DECEMBER 2019

Santa Calling

On December 3, over 150 children received calls from the North Pole Operators and Santa Claus thanks to our wonderful volunteers and Recreation & Parks staff.



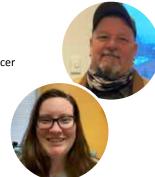
Jingle Bell Hop

December 6 at Carroll Springs School



Welcomed New Staff

Chuck Hamlet, Hap Baker Chief Range Officer



Welcomed New Staff

Emily White, Piney Run Park Technician



Archery Tournament

January 11 at the former North Carroll High School



FEBRUARY 2020

Welcomed New Staff Callie Williams, Office Associate





Piney Run Cabin Fever Arts & Craft Show

February 15



MARCH 2020 +









APRIL 2020 MAY 2020



JUNE 2020



Welcomed New Staff

Will Brozy, Parks Planner



Bus Trip: Philly Flower Show

March 3

Celebrating America

March 7 at Westminster High School



March 7 & March 8 at Hashawha & Bear Branch Nature Center

South Carroll Dog Park Opens

March 16

Deer Park Expansion Project Starts

March 20

Introduced Coloring Pages

March 24







Drive-Thru Zoo of Stuffed Toys

May 5 at the Robert Moton Center

Westminster Veterans Memorial Park

Construction began, June 2020

Girl Scouts Silver Award Project

June 24 at South Carroll Dog Park

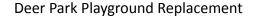
5,000 Followers on Facebook!

Increased by 937 new followers since June 2019.



TAKING CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE...





Bathroom Renovations at the Carroll County Sports Complex

Kate Wagner Storage Building Roof Replacement

Freedom Park Walking Trail Overlay (Phase 1)

New Basketball Backboards at Double Pipe Creek & Hashawha Environmental Center

Bear Branch Nature Center Roof Replacement



WHAT'S NEW

Westminster Veteran's Memorial Park construction starts

Winfield Park completed

Deer Park expansion construction starts: 2 new fields, additional paved trail, and parking

Double Pipe Creek launch construction starts

Planning initiated for additional launch sites on little Pipe and Big Pipe Creek

145- acre property purchased for future recreation facility

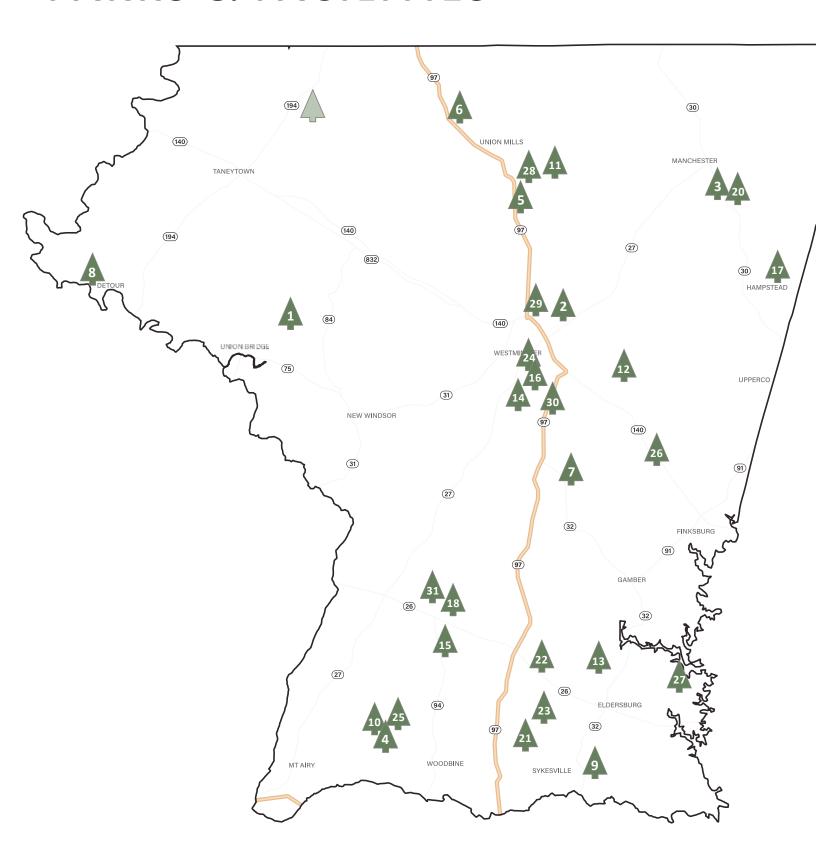
Planning and design continued for Charles Carroll Community Center







PARKS & FACILITIES



- Bark Hill Park Peace N Plenty Drive (off Bark Hill Road), Union Bridge 21797
- 2 Bennett Cerf Park & Dog Park 544 Manchester Road, Westminster 21157
- 3 Cape Horn Park 2500 Cape Horn Road, Hampstead 21074
- 4 Carroll County Equestrian Center 2512 Grimville Road, Mount Airy 21771
- 5 Carroll County Sports Complex 2225 Littlestown Pike, Westminster 21158
- 6 Cherrytown Road Park Cherrytown Road, Westminster 21157
- 7 Deer Park 637 Deer Park Road, Westminster 21157
- 8 Double Pipe Creek Park 7577 Middleburg Road, Detour 21757
- 9 Freedom Park 1111 Raincliffe Road, Sykesville 21784
- 10 Gillis Falls Recreation Area Woodbine 21797
- **11** Hashawha & Bear Branch Nature Center 300 John Owings Road, Westminster 21158
- 12 Hap Baker Firearms Facility 1400 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster 21157
- Hodges Park
 5630 Hodges Road, Sykesville 21784
- **14** Kate Wagner Fields 1100 Gist Road, Westminster 21157
- 15 Krimgold Park 5355 Woodbine Road, Woodbine 21797
- **16** Landon C. Burns Park 700 Gist Road, Westminster 21157

- 17 Leister Park 4134 Black Rock Road, Hampstead 21074
- 18 Mayeski Park 1300 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville 21784
- 19 New Windsor Community Room 1100 Green Valley Road, New Windsor 21776
- 20 North Carroll Community Pond Basler Road & Route 30, Hampstead 21074
- 21 Obrecht Road Park 100 E. Obrecht Road, Sykesville 21784
- 22 Old Liberty Road 100 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville 21784
- Piney Run Park & Nature Center 30 Martz Road, Sykesville 21784
- Robert Moton Center 300 S. Center Street, Westminster 21157
- 25 Salt Box Park Gillis Falls Road, Woodbine 21797
- 26 Sandymount Park 2250 Old Westminster Pike, Westminster 21157
- 27 South Carroll Dog Park South Carroll Senior & Community Center 5928 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg, 21784
- 28 Union Mills Recreation Area 220 John Owings Road, Westminster 21158
- Westminster Community Pond 30 College View Boulevard, Westminster 21157
- 30 Westminster Veterans Memorial Park (under development) Crest Lane, Westminster 21157
- Winfield Park
 Salem Bottom Road (opposite Winfield Elementary), Westminster 21157



Future Recreation Facility (undevelopment) Taneytown

WE ARE...

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County Parks

Fishing Locations

Number of Pavilions

Athletic Fields

51

16

Playgrounds

337

40

Miles of Trails

Pavilion Rentals

Public Schools Used By Recreation & Parks

2 Nature Centers • 2 Dog Parks • 1 Aero Modlers Park • 1 Planetarium • 1 Observatory • 7 Basketball Courts • 14 Tennis Courts

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MARCH 15

South Carroll Dog Park will be open to members beginning tomorrow, March 16, 2020 from sunrise to sunset. County parks remain open (including dog parks) but all organized programs and activities have been cancelled.

MARCH 24 MARCH 30

Consistent with direction from both state and federal governments, please maintain effective social distancing of at least 6 feet (6') or more at all times and no groups of more than 10.

While we have advised against the use of playgrounds and at this time, we are now also marking them as "closed". The parks can be a great place for people to get fresh air and exercise. However, if these simple rules are not followed, these positive experiences can turn negative quickly.

Please help your neighbors, your family and yourself by keeping your distance. We are all in this together and we will get through this together.

MARCH 31

Carroll County Dog Parks Closed Until Further Notice.

In-person socialization is the very thing we are trying to limit now due to the current state of emergency regarding COVID-19. As a result of this crisis and our increasing efforts to promote social distancing for the wellbeing of our community, we have made the decision to close both the Bennett Cerf Dog Park and South Carroll Dog Parks effective immediately until further notice.

MARCH 17

- 1. Piney Run Park will be open from 7am to sunset Monday-Friday only. The gate house and boat house will be closed and no boating will be allowed on the lake.
- 2. Piney Run and Bear Branch Nature Centers are closed until further notice.
- 3. Hap Baker Firearms Facility is closed until further notice.

To help keep your creativity flowing during this time of social distancing, we are going to be posting some coloring pages and we challenge you to show us your best work!

MARCH 25

The COVID-19 state of emergency in Maryland has resulted in all Carroll County Recreation & Parks sponsored programs and events including all recreation council activities being cancelled through at least April 26, 2020 regardless of their location.

Additional Recreation & Parks closures and cancellations include:

- · Bear Branch Nature Center, Piney Run Nature Center, Piney Run Gate House, Piney Run Boat House, boating at Piney Run Park, and Hap Baker Firearms Facility.
- · All pavilion and other group reservations at Carroll County parks are cancelled through April 26, 2020. Recreation & Parks will provide full refunds or reschedule previously reserved dates.
- · All county parks will remain open during regular hours, sunrise to sunset except for Piney Run Park which will be open from 7am to sunset, Monday through Friday only.
- · Because there is no way that we can guarantee a germ-free playground, we strongly recommend not using park playground equipment.
- · Carroll County Recreation & Parks' Administrative Office in the Robert Moton Center is closed to the public effective at 5pm on March 25, 2020.



APRIL 7

To help continue our efforts of social distancing and to avoid face-to-face interactions, we are requesting all guests of our parks to walk on our loop trails in a clockwise direction.

Recreational fishing within our parks, including from the shoreline, is a prohibited activity under the stay-at-home order. Catch-and-release fishing is strictly prohibited anywhere in Maryland.

MAY 6

All regular, in-person programs and events including recreation council activities are cancelled through June 30, 2020. In addition, pavilion reservations at all county parks, and cabin rentals at Hashawha are also cancelled through June 30, 2020. As Summer approaches, we are sad to announce that the 2020 Piney Run Summer Nature Camp, the 2020 Bear Branch Summer Nature Camp, and 2020 Teens on the Go are also cancelled. Full refunds will be processed for all programs and reservations cancelled due to COVID-19.



MAY 8

We are excited to announce our first virtual event, 2020 Run for the Roll Marathon! This is a FREE virtual event for all ages, set your own pace, choose your goal of either a 5K, 10K, half, or full marathon; download your Marathon Log and record your progress between May 20 and June 20, 2020.

JUNE 13

Inside our 2020 Summer Programs & Activities guide, find the 93 Days of Summer, complete the 93 activities on your own schedule through the summer and turn in your completed list for a chance to win some great prizes like Recreation & Parks gift certificates, gift cards, and more!

Offering programs safely vs the desire the get out and play.

Should players wear masks?

APRIL 21

Help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 with these tips:

- · Practice good social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- · No group gatherings larger than 10 people.
- · Walk clockwise on the paved looped trails.
- · Regularly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds Wear a mask or bandana/scarf to cover your nose and
- mouth when out in public.

MAY 6

We are excited to announce that effective at 7am on May 7, 2020, we are welcoming back recreational fishing and boating at Piney Run Park!

We can hear the swosh of tails wagging now! We are happy to announce the reopening of Bennett Cerf and South Carroll Dog Parks on Monday, May 11, 2020.

Usage will be modified to require less than 10 members at all times in the dog park, consistent with Governor Hogan's direction.

· All members inside the dog park should practice social distancing, staying at least 6' away from other users.

MAY 13

Hap Baker Firearms Facility will reopen to the public on Wednesday, May 13 at 10am with regular hours. All users will be required to bring and wear masks in addition to the normal ear and eye protection and must practice social distancing during their usage.

MAY 14

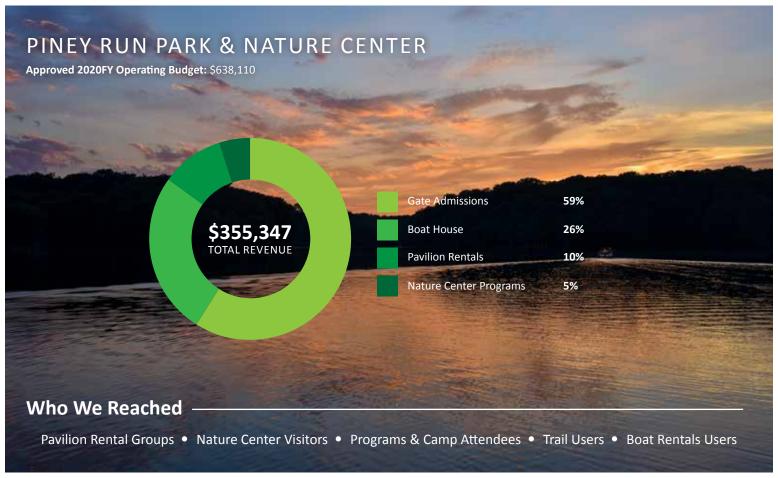
Caution tape has been removed, closed signs are being replaced with new signage, and playgrounds in Carroll County parks are now open!



CARROLL COUNTY DOG PARKS











COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS

As a means to fulfill our vision of promoting life long learning opportunities. Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks offers a wide variety of activities through its Community Recreation Programs. These activities are designed to supplement the many programs that are available through the recreation councils and include a wide variety of activities designed to stimulate both the mind and body. Program guides are published four times per year with activities available for adults, youth, families and therapeutic recreation at sites throughout the County.



RECREATION COUNCILS

Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks supports the operation of ten (10) volunteer recreation councils throughout the county that provide services to their respective geographic community or county-wide interest groups. The Department provides staff support, administers facility usage, and assists with program publicity and liability insurance issues. Councils hold regular meetings that are open to the public and have executive boards that are elected by the community.









Central Carroll Recreation Council

Robert Freter, Council President

Steve Krouse, Community Coordinator

Phone: 717-465-8083 Website: not available

Charles Carroll Recreation Council

Kathy Lowe, Council President

Matt Decker, Community Coordinator

Phone: 410-386-2103 Website: charlescarrollreccouncil.com

Freedom Area Recreation Council

Ken Whalen, Council President

Lisa Carroll, Community Coordinator

Phone: 410-386-2103 Website: freedomarearec.org

North Carroll Recreation Council

Andy Kiler, Council President

Maria Artista, Community Coordinator

Phone: 443-632-6045 Website: northcarrollrec.org

West Carroll Recreation Council

Gene Bertrand, Council President

Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator Phone: 410-775-1506 Website: gowcrc.com

Westminster Area Recreation Council

John Neubert, Council President

Laine Janoski, Community Coordinator

Phone: 443-398-5321 Website: westminsterarearec.com

Winfield Recreation Council

Buddy Brown, Council President

Sue Podobnik, Community Coordinator

Phone: 410-795-7098 Website: winfieldrec.org

Woodbine Recreation Council

Ken Stockdale, Council President

Tina Shupp, Community Coordinator

Phone: 410-386-2103 Website: woodbinerec.org

Carroll County Equestrian Council

Darlene Welsh. Council President

Tina Shupp, Community Coordinator

Phone: 410-386-2103 Website: carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org

Carroll County Arts Council

Thomas Sterner, Council President

Judy Marley, Community Coordinator

Phone: 410-848-7272 Website: carrollcountyartscouncil.org

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

On November 5, 2019, Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks held its annual volunteer recognition ceremony at the Carroll Arts Center. Volunteers of the year were recognized from recreation councils and the inducted five (5) new members into the Volunteer Hall of Fame.

To be considered for the Hall of Fame, volunteers must have served at least twenty (20) years and made significant contributions resulting in a lasting impact over time.









VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2019

Kate Grimsley Adaptive Recreation Councils

Dale & Linda Brown Carroll County Arts Councils

Mark O. Schmidt Carroll County Equestrian Council

Sheldon Topolsky Central Carroll Recreation Council

Steve Berry Freedom Area Recreation Council

Daryl Divizio Friends of Bennett Cerf Dog Park

Emmalea Allard Friends of Hashawha & Bear Branch Nature Center

Teri Leatherwood North Carroll Recreation Council

Linda Coyne Piney Run Recreation & Conservation Council

2019 Board Members Lorraine Riley, Annette Lange, Darlene Rohrbaugh, Cori Brown Seniors in Action

Brad Rockwood West Carroll Recreation Council

Doug & Pam Goodson Westminster Area Recreation Council

Kris Thompson Westminster Area Recreation Council

Crystal Wolfrey Winfield Recreation Council

Scott Nelson Woodbine Recreation Council

2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Cathy Bowman Buckingham

Joesph Zentgraf

Bo Yingling

Henry Lysy

Gary Davis

PARK LEGACY FUND

The Park Legacy Fund was established to accept contributions to improve and enhance county parks for future generations. Contributions to the fund can be earmarked for specific sites or purposes and are tax deductible.



BENEFACTOR (\$5,000+)

Friends of South Carroll Dog Park

SPONSOR (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Carroll Hospital Foundation

Mark Hayas

Valerie & Michael Piechocki

Peggy Carley

C Benjamin & Jane Coffman

J Walking Pet Services LLC

PATRON (\$500-\$999)

David & Margaret Parker

Jeffrey Partridge

The Schaeffer Family

Seniors in Action Recreation Council

Ryan Collins

Lori Witmer-Kluge

Sandra Urban

Lauren & Marc Seidler

Nicole Myers

Piney Run Recreation & Conservation Council

Loyola University Maryland

PARTNER (\$250-\$499)

Patricia Dahlberg

Nicole Myers

Maryland Recreation & Parks Association

Edward & Karen Nevin

FRIEND (\$100-\$249)

Ruth Lampert

Marsha & Michael Davis

Susan Podbonik

Brian & Kimberly Gardiner

Steve & Dot Dutterer

Raymond & Pamela Levesque

Lynn Karr

Joan Henley

Richard Flack

Joyce B. Wolpert

Judith Chatfield

Audrey Sutherland

ridarcy Satircharia

Steven & Cindy Conrad

Paul & Mary Bendel-Simso

Anonymous

Karen & Richard Soisson

Charles Jaecksch

SUPPORTER (UP TO \$100)

Anonymous

Anonymous

Stephanie Berry

Margaret Wilhelm

Roslyn Garden Club

Renee Schoff

Clarice Runkles

CHS Drama Boosters

Jane Lears

Anonymous

Anonymous

Maxine Bukowitz

Fred & Darla Sypher

John Hubbs - Pro Wealth Management, LLC

Harry & Sharon Parks

Sherri & Matt Leimkuhler

Michele Denton

Laura & James Corns

Daniel & Jill Schiller

Anonymous

Robert & Joyce Seeley

Robert & Cynthia Martin

Joseph & Ina Clusta

Gregory & Catherine Gilleland

Katherine & Richard Luzier

Nettie Funk

Janice & Donald Hobart

Brian & Kimberly Gardiner

Daniel & Jill Schiller

Robert & Carol Nicoll

Vincent & Barbara Sly

Conssa Anderson

Jon Valentine

Deidre Kasnasky

Harold & Linda Felker

Mary Ann & Brenday Kelly

SUMMARY



	Operating Budget
Administration	\$355,710
Bureau of Recreation	\$493,020
Hap Baker Firearms Facility	\$159,200
Hashawha Environmental & Bear Branch Nature Center	\$822,970
Piney Run Park & Nature Center	\$638,110
Carroll County Sports Complex	\$203,300
TOTAL	\$2,672,310



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