



ANNUAL REPORT

2021 FISCAL YEAR

July 2020 - June 2021

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



2021 marked the golden anniversary since the department's inception in 1971 and over the past 50 years, countless people have had their lives positively affected by our parks & programs. Generations have played on the same ballfields, hiked trails, and enjoyed our parks. Coaches served as mentors, teammates became friends and people learned a thing or two about themselves, their neighbors, and their community along the way.

Fiscal year 2021 proved challenging due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Staff continued efforts to engage the public safely through virtual meetings and programs and react to frequent state orders and their impact on recreational programs and facilities, often at a moment's notice. Throughout it all, our volunteers persevered and continued to serve under challenging conditions. Amid these challenges, staff continued to provide recreational opportunities while also supporting the health department with over 500 hours assisting at local vaccination clinics. While Hashawha remained closed to overnight groups, staff provided holiday themed baked treats with crafts as take-home programs which became extremely popular and parks continued to experience higher than usual attendance.

External partnerships remained important to leverage resources and better engage the public. Regular participation with groups including the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and Walk Carroll provided numerous benefits to residents. In addition, staff continued to support the efforts of thousands of volunteers in our recreation councils. The department worked closely with the County's Department of Land & Resource Management and Bureau of Facilities to mitigate beaver damage and protect the integrity of the ponds and dams at Krimgold Park through drain modifications.

Park improvements occurred at multiple locations including construction at Deer Park and the new Westminster Veterans Memorial Park, providing increased opportunities for residents. New kayak launches were completed at Little Pipe Creek thanks to a partnership with the Town of Union Bridge and our Double Pipe Creek Park along with a new map of the Pipe Creek Water Trail. Winfield Park was completed after being supported by volunteer efforts and nearly \$1 million in contractor donations of labor and material. Additional road and parking lot paving was added at Krimgold Park, new energy efficient LED lighting was installed at the Carroll County Sports Complex soccer field and extensive renovations were completed by in house staff at the Piney Run Nature Center.

Several staff initiatives were completed including the approval of an updated park fee schedule and revisions to park brochures and signage. A needs assessment survey was completed with the department receiving over 1,000 responses and as with previous surveys, the overwhelming winner was a request for more trails.

Thanks for being a part of our extended family for the past 50 years. 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

Ed Rothstein, *President*
C. Richard Weaver, *Vice President*
C. Eric Bouchat
Dennis E. Frazier
Stephen A. Wantz

CARROLL COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Kristen E. Darby, <i>Chair</i>	Thomas E. Long	Anthony E. Rosas
Donald V. Gerkin, Jr., <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Derek C. Ludlow	Anita Taylor
Caitlin A. Christ	Donald Bradley Rockwood	Michael Duffy, <i>Board of Education Representative</i>
David Ferguson	Michael Rodgers	Jeff R. Degitz, <i>Ex Officio</i>

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*
Trish Cross, *Marketing Specialist*

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*
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 2020

July 2

Drive-Thru Zoo #2 at
Mayeski Park

July 17

Rec'N It in the Park, Art in
the Park, Krimgold Park

July 19

Virtual "We Are Carroll
County Recreation &
Parks" Talent Show



AUGUST 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020

September 25-November 22

Wagon Rides & Camp Fires
at Piney Run Park



OCTOBER 2020

October 1

Full Moon Yoga in the Park
at Krimgold Park

October 31

Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat at
the Robert Moton Center



NOVEMBER 2020

November 2-20

Virtual Fun Run: Stayin' Alive
Turkey Trot

March 1-November 30

Big Fish Contest Winner,
John Brashear, 41¼", 27lbs
Stripped Bass at Piney Run



DECEMBER 2020

December 11

Santa's Photo Express
at the Robert Moton Center

December 28 & 29

Winter Nature Experience
at Hashawha Environmental
Center



JANUARY 2021

50 Years of Carroll County
Recreation & Parks

January 1-March 31

50 Years, 50 Miles Challenge



FEBRUARY 2021

MARCH 2021

March 1

2021 Needs Assessment
Survey Completed

March 6

Dashboard BINGO at the
Carroll County Sports Complex

March 6 & 7

Maple Sugarin' Days at
Bear Branch Nature Center

March 20

First Day of Spring Yoga in
the Park at Krimgold Park



APRIL 2021

April 3

Adult Egg Hunt at Bear
Branch Nature Center

April 25

Henry Lysy Annual Kid's
Fishing Rodeo at
Westminster Comm. Pond



MAY 2021

May 23

Annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo
at Krimgold Park



JUNE 2021

June 1

TR Day at Deer Park

June 12

Piney Run Youth Fishing
Derby at Piney Run Park

COMPLETED PROJECTS



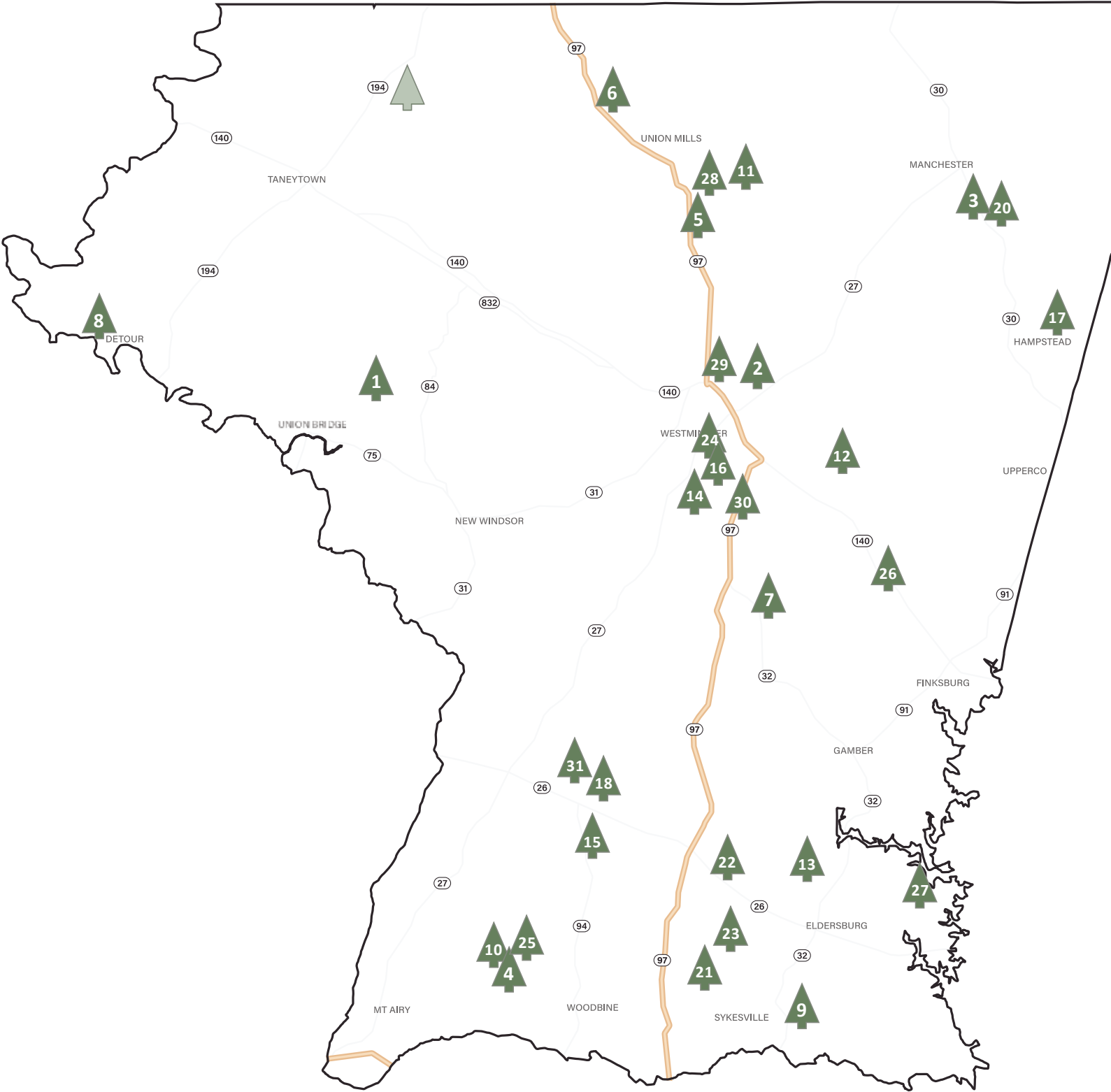
- Double Pipe Creek Park kayak launch
- Hap Baker Firearms Facility range officer building
- Krimgold Park paving
- Freedom Park trail resurfacing
- Piney Run Nature Center new aviary
- Carroll County Sports Complex soccer field lights
- South Carroll Dog Park improvements including shed, play equipment and landscape boulders
- Deer Park front and rear building roof replacements
- Piney Run Nature Center renovations
- Little Pipe Creek kayak launch on Union Bridge town property
- Bear Branch Nature Center roof replacement
- Hashawha pool house roof replacement
- Double Pipe Creek Park road/parking lot paving
- Carroll County Sports Complex rear building roof replacement
- Piney Run lower comfort station roof
- Bear Branch Nature Center storage building roof
- Winfield Park completion

COMING SOON



- Westminster Veterans Memorial Park construction
- Deer Park expansion construction
- Gillis Falls design underway
- MD Route 27 share use path design underway
- Updated County Park Rules signs to be installed soon
- Patapsco Valley Regional Greenway trail conceptual design underway
- New play equipment at Landon C Burns Park, Cape Horn Park, Charles Carroll Park and Hashawha Environmental Center
- New Walking trail at Bark Hill Park
- Road and parking lot paving at Hashawha and Bear Branch Nature Center
- Replacement LED field lighting at Deer Park
- Deer Park retaining wall
- Deer Park rear pavilion rehabilitation
- Krimgold Park tree planting

PARKS & FACILITIES



- 1** 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
 - 13** 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
 - 23** Piney Run Park & Nature Center
30 Martz Road, Sykesville 21784
 - 24** 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
 - 29** Westminster Community Pond
30 College View Boulevard, Westminster 21157
 - 30** Westminster Veterans Memorial Park
Crest Lane, Westminster 21157
 - 31** Winfield Park
Salem Bottom Road (opposite Winfield Elementary), Westminster 21157
-  Future Recreation Facility
(undevelopment) Taneytown

WE ARE...

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County Parks

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Fishing Locations

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Number of Pavilions

57

Athletic Fields

51

Miles of Trails

16

Playgrounds

395

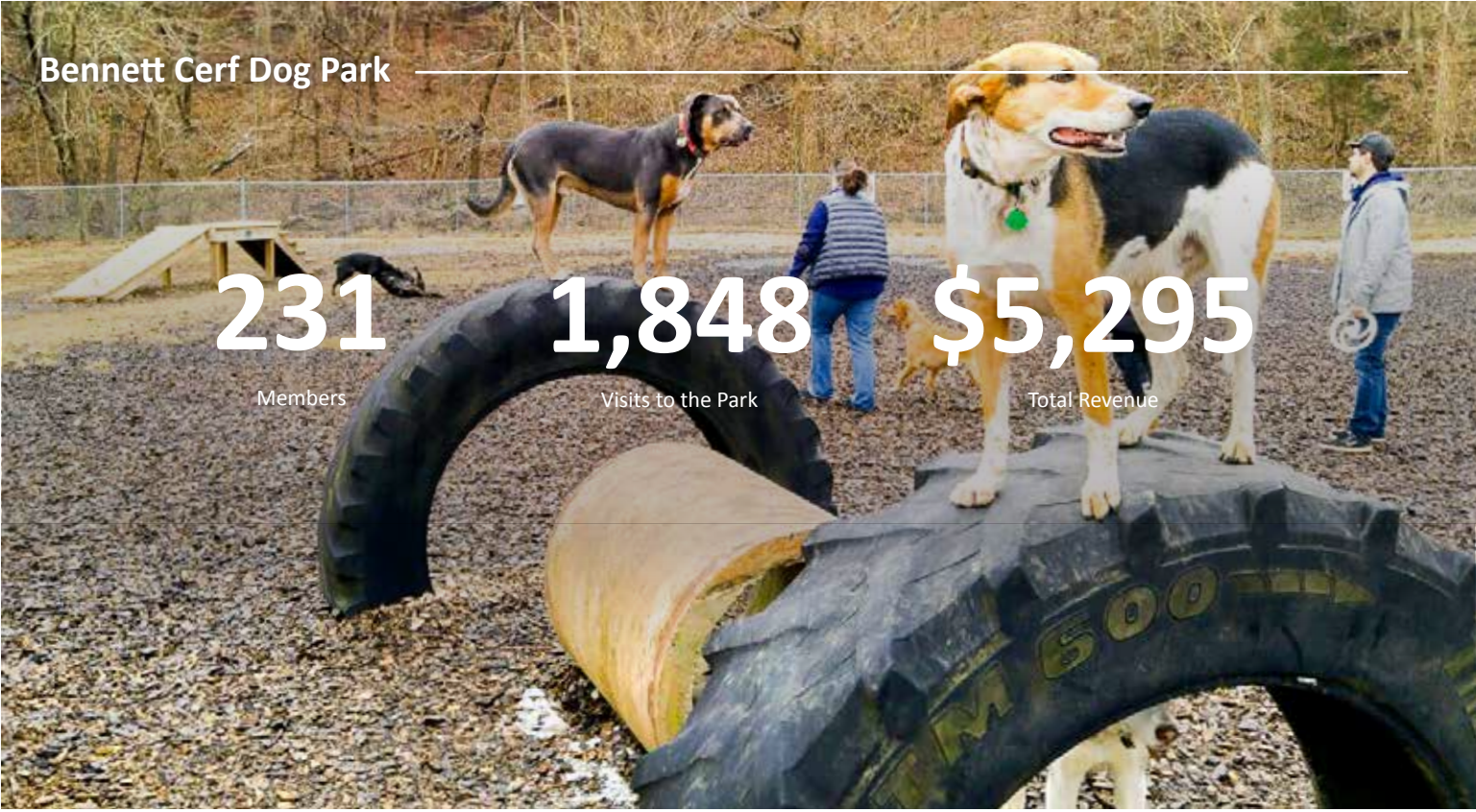
Pavilion Rentals

40

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

CARROLL COUNTY DOG PARKS



HASHAWHA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER & BEAR BRANCH NATURE CENTER

Approved 2021FY Operating Budget: \$826,150; Actual 2021FY Operating Budget: \$1,105,252



Bear Branch Nature Programs	37%
Food Service	37%
Rentals	24%
Hashawha School Groups	2%
Hashawha Concessions	<1%

Who We Reached

Outdoor School • Private Rental Groups • Nature Center Visitors • Programs & Camp Attendees • Trail Users

PINEY RUN PARK & NATURE CENTER

Approved 2021FY Operating Budget: \$663,310; Actual 2021FY Operating Budget: \$776,951



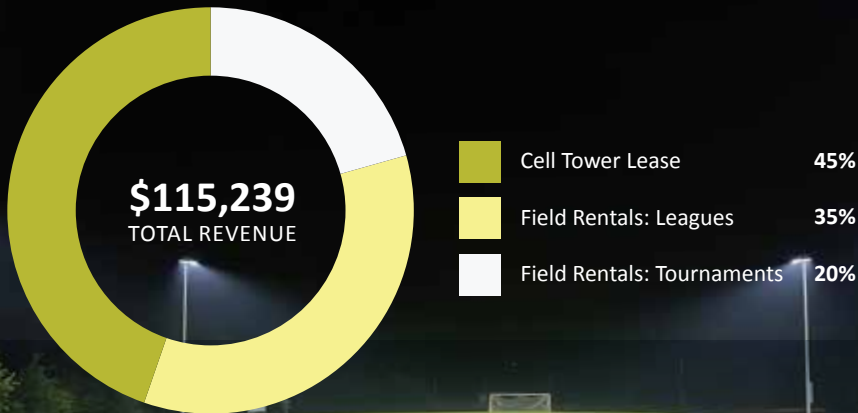
Gate Admissions	54%
Boat House	26%
Pavilion Rentals	12%
Summer Nature Camp	6%
Program Guide & Park Programs	2%
Nature Center Programs	<1%

Who We Reached

Pavilion Rental Groups • Nature Center Visitors • Programs & Camp Attendees • Trail Users • Boat Rentals Users

CARROLL COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX

Approved 2021FY Operating Budget: \$204,300; Actual 2021FY Operating Budget: \$202,926



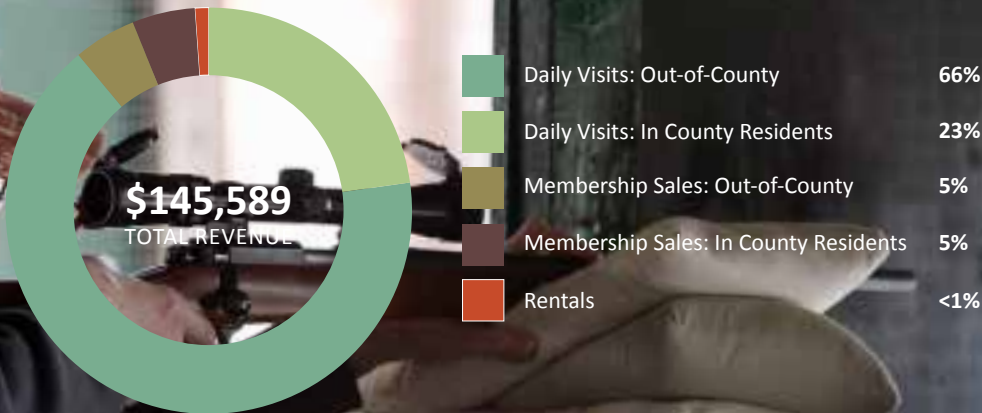
Who We Reached

Adult Softball Leagues • Youth Sport Leagues • Local & Regional Tournaments

HAP BAKER FIREARMS FACILITY

Actual 2021FY Operating Budget: \$195,626

Photo by Dylan Slagle, Carroll County Times




Who We Reached

380 Season Pass Members • 31 Lifetime Members Added • 9,985 Visitors (Includes In County & Out-of-County)

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.



2,317

Program Registrants

8,079

Program Attendance (Hours)

\$163,271

Total Revenue

Includes Recreation Programs and
Adaptive Recreation Programs.



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: not available

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: gowcra.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

2020 proved to be a unique and challenging year. For the first time ever, we are recognizing our volunteers of the year and new members of the Volunteer Hall of Fame virtually online rather than an in-person celebration. While we all missed personally recognizing these special individuals, this does not in any way diminish their many contributions to their community. In fact, during the past year, our volunteers have been faced with unimaginable challenges, faced them head-on, and continued to serve with unmatched dedication and commitment.

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 2020

Lynda Arnold	Carroll County Equestrian Council
Brian Mount	Central Carroll Recreation Council
Scott Fischer	Charles Carroll Recreation Council
John Hubbs	Freedom Area Recreation Council
Jennifer Lettau	North Carroll Recreation Council
Scott Baker	Westminster Area Recreation Council
Stephen Valerio	West Carroll Recreation Council
Lisa Humphries	Winfield Recreation Council
Tim Washabaugh, MAYAA	Woodbine Recreation Council
Michelle Scott	Hashawha/Bear Branch Advisory Council
Volunteer Group	Piney Run Recreation & Conservation Council



2020 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Judy Baker
Marsha Barger
Gilbert & Janet Breeding
Kenneth Kiler
Sandy Sullivan

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+)

The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County

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

C. Benjamin Coffman
Kathy Martin
Mark Hayas
Marc Canale
Michael Shao
Richard Bonito
Eldersburg Rogue Runners
John Kerr
County
Joan Martin
Katherine Fanning
Arlene Fleming
Richard Maloney
Joanna Crone

PATRON (\$500-\$999)

Phyllis Zumbrun
Kristen Roman
CJ Miller
MT Laney Company
Nicole Myers
Kristine Nowak
Patrick Martin
Edna Naill
Linda Clutter
Piney Run Rec Council
Mark Hayas
Nicole Bowman

PARTNER (\$250-\$499)

Vince's Crab House
Retro Environmental, Inc.
Bouchat Industries
Shipley's Fine Jewelry
Evapco, Inc.
CLSI
Pareschkum Patel
Lynn & Steven Kratz
William & Brandi Sanders
Patricia Dahlberg
Lynn & Steven Kratz
Beverly Husman
Norren Brown
Raptor 5K event
State of Maryland
CLSI

FRIEND (\$100-\$249)

Wendi Schuchman
Renee Schoff
Gary & Judy Griffith
Barbara & John Knapp
Karen Pelton
Farmers & Merchants Bank
Roof Right
Kari's Kool Treats, LLC
Gina Felter
Joe & Lauren Stevens
Norren Brown
Smoky's Barbeque Restaurant
Frankie's Used Auto Parts
Madeline Koenig
Ledo Pizza
Thomas, Bennett & Hunter, Inc.
Big Dipper Graphics
John & Jutta Hubbs

SUPPORTER (UP TO \$100)

Anonymous
Deidre Krasnansky
Vidhya Pagadala
Angela Sheeler
Meredith Green
Paige Delenick
Chantal Desper
James Clark
Terry E Heinard
Janice Gordon
Jennifer Moore
Keri Beazell
Kristin Steinhart
Matthew Otwell
Shannon Bowers
Mary Scott
Karen Hillman
Helen Langer
Joy Jarboe
Jen Adcock
Michelle Scott
Anonymous
Lois Bittering
Clarice Runkles
Shirley Poling
Sheralee Thomas
Anonymous
Gino Bianca
Wendi Schuchman
Renee Schoff
Gary & Judy Griffith
Barbara & John Knapp
Karen Pelton
Farmers & Merchants Bank
Roof Right
Kari's Kool Treats, LLC

SUMMARY



APPROVED OPERATING BUDGETS

	Operating Budget
Administration	\$419,180
Bureau of Recreation	\$438,530
Hap Baker Firearms Facility	\$195,626
Hashawha Environmental & Bear Branch Nature Center	\$826,150
Piney Run Park & Nature Center	\$663,310
Carroll County Sports Complex	\$204,300
TOTAL	\$2,744,096



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