

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains over 2,800 acres of public park land and provides numerous recreation facilities, programs and services for the Fort Wayne community. The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department was created in 1905 when the Indiana General Assembly adopted the Cities and Towns Law. The Parks and Recreation Department is administered by a four member bipartisan Board of Park Commissioners. Each commissioner is appointed by the Mayor and serves a four-year term. The Park Board reviews and approves the annual budget, approves expenditures, holds regular public meetings as required by law and approves the awarding of all contracts.

Finance and Support Services Division

The Finance and Support Services Division is responsible for the financial accounting, program registration, facility reservation, budgeting, purchasing, payroll and administrative functions of the department.

Marketing Division

The Marketing Division is responsible for the public relations, publications, promotions, grant writing, service quality, strategic planning, market research, corporate sponsorship and other marketing/planning functions.

Parks Division

The Parks Division is responsible for operation and maintenance of the park land and facilities, vehicle and machinery operation and upkeep, building repairs and maintenance, construction and engineering.

Parks Planning and Development Division

The Parks Planning and Development Division is responsible for short and long term planning, park and street trees, public gardens and flower beds, park landscaping, operation of the greenhouse, special projects, and riparian.

Recreation Services Division

The Recreation Services Division is responsible for most of the recreational programs and facilities operated by the department. Facilities include: three public golf courses, two driving ranges, disc golf courses, tennis centers, tennis courts, pickleball courts, multipurpose athletic fields, basketball courts, ball diamonds, soccer fields, three aquatic centers, splash pads, boat launches, day camps, campground, dog parks, Community Center, Riverfront Park, Skate Park, Lifetime Sports Academy, Salomon Farm, Lindenwood Nature Preserve, and the Hurshtown Reservoir. The Division hosts a number of citywide and cultural events, offers competitive and instructional programs in athletics and outdoor recreation, and art programs, runs a travel program for seniors, families and adventure travelers and offer classes covering a variety of special interests for pre-school through older adult.

Botanical Conservatory\Foellinger Theatre\Community Outreach Division

The Community Outreach Division is responsible for the operations and programming of the Foellinger Theatre and the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. The division also manages the McMillen Community Center, three youth centers, and the summer playground program. The Division hosts a number of cultural events.

Zoo Division

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Division is operated under an operating agreement between the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and the Fort Wayne Zoological Society.

PARKS
 Dept # 0121
 2022 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2021	2021 REVISED BUDGET THRU 30-Jun-2021	2022 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM REVISED TO 2022	% CHANGE FROM REV TO 2022
5111 WAGES	7,295,658		8,339,236	8,651,211	311,975	
5125 OVERTIME PREMIUM	97,971		69,193	98,000	28,807	
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	715,264		752,854	784,969	32,115	
5132 FICA	485,539		572,353	595,078	22,725	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	1,965,000		1,890,000	1,764,000	(126,000)	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	8,185		8,380	8,750	370	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	61,097		61,097	61,691	594	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	191,594		201,659	210,258	8,599	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	165,000		135,000	112,000	(23,000)	
5162 ACCRUED WAGES ADJ	53,443		—	—	—	
Total 5100	\$11,038,750	\$ 5,513,976	\$ 12,029,772	\$ 12,285,957	\$ 256,185	2.13%
5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	21,053		22,000	20,900	(1,100)	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	23,187		20,000	21,750	1,750	
5231 GASOLINE	87,310		112,000	112,000	—	
5232 DIESEL FUEL / FUEL OIL	73,071		122,000	138,800	16,800	
5233 OIL	15,398		9,000	10,500	1,500	
5234 TIRES & TUBES	26,759		21,000	22,000	1,000	
5239 OTHER GARAGE & MOTOR SUPPLIES	18,555		21,000	25,100	4,100	
5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES	19,816		27,800	27,800	—	
5243 RECREATION SUPPLIES	68,932		208,675	216,175	7,500	
5245 LANDSCAPE & GRNHOUSE SUPPLIES	91,419		220,000	226,000	6,000	
5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES	61,068		81,232	91,850	10,618	
5247 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	389		2,000	2,350	350	
5261 BLDG REPAIR & MAINT MATERIALS	420,579		127,000	148,250	21,250	
5262 VEHICLE REPAIR PARTS	68,045		63,000	72,000	9,000	
5263 OTHER EQUIPMENT REPAIR PARTS	233,473		185,000	206,000	21,000	
5271 GRAVEL	6,959		11,000	12,000	1,000	
5272 BITUMINOUS MATERIALS	130		500	500	—	
5273 SAND	—		500	500	—	
5274 SALT	11,648		28,000	31,000	3,000	
5291 SMALL TOOLS	21,687		24,000	24,000	—	
5293 PAINT	13,861		15,000	13,350	(1,650)	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	83,251		124,552	131,952	7,400	
Total 5200	\$ 1,366,590	\$ 756,254	\$ 1,445,259	\$ 1,554,777	\$ 109,518	7.58%
5312 MEDICAL SERVICES	807		4,500	4,500	—	
5314 CONSULTANT SERVICES	2,631		—	2,500	2,500	
5315 APPRAISALS SERVICES	350		850	850	—	
5316 RECREATIONAL SERVICES	60,120		214,050	219,050	5,000	
531H BANK SERVICE CHARGES	26,964		23,500	23,500	—	
531K SEMINAR FEES	9,783		17,800	17,800	—	
5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE	296		—	—	—	
5322 POSTAGE	45,667		49,475	49,475	—	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	2,699		26,600	26,600	—	
5326 MILEAGE	2,119		2,000	2,000	—	
532C CELL PHONE	2,670		2,400	2,400	—	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	38,632		64,000	64,000	—	
5332 PUBLIC OF LEGAL NOTICES/ADVTER	3,073		12,450	12,450	—	
5333 PHOTOGRAPHY & BLUEPRINTING	135		500	500	—	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	158,481		160,081	165,708	5,627	
5351 ELECTRICITY	577,703		593,428	623,100	29,672	
5352 NATURAL GAS	162,491		231,883	234,016	2,133	
5353 WATER	518,250		546,504	607,027	60,523	

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5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	38,403		46,000	46,000	—	
5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI	101,863		201,400	200,000	(1,400)	
5362 CONTRACTED VEHICLE REPAIR	14,991		22,000	25,000	3,000	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	114,847		132,059	118,850	(13,209)	
5365 JANITORIAL & LAUNDRY SERVICE	34,511		32,450	32,450	—	
5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE	608,750		613,384	632,183	18,799	
536H HEADWATERS PARK MAINTENANCE	90,000		90,000	90,000	—	
5371 BUILDING RENTAL	—		1,000	1,000	—	
5374 OTHER EQUIPMENT RENTAL	22,087		25,400	25,400	—	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	22,580		18,055	19,385	1,330	
5393 TAXES	3,490		2,500	2,500	—	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	116,706		110,028	95,100	(14,928)	
539A OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	2,488,528		2,382,855	2,268,849	(114,006)	
539B MASTER LEASE	503,068		617,145	731,151	114,006	
Total 5300	\$ 5,772,695	\$ 1,544,662	\$ 6,244,297	\$ 6,343,344	\$ 99,047	1.59%
Total 5400	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	—
Total	\$18,178,035	\$ 7,814,891	\$ 19,719,328	\$ 20,184,078	\$ 464,750	2.36%

**Parks and Recreation
2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program**

FUNDING SOURCE CODE:

PS - Private Source
PT - Property Tax
ST - State Source

ITEM #	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	Funding Source	Expenditure				
			2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1	Master Lease Program - Trucks, Light Duty Vehicles & Equipment	PT	731,151	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
2	ADA Improvements	PT	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
3	Computer Equipment	PT	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
4	Office Equipment	PT	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
5	Betterments & Additions	PT	300,000	360,000	350,000	350,000	440,000
6	Resurfacing Roads\Parking Lots\Tennis Courts\Basketball Courts	PT	318,849	390,000	380,000	360,000	440,000
7	Playground Site Equipment-Variou Parks	PT	80,000	80,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
		PS	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
8	Landscaping Parks & Boulevards	PT	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
9	Variou Parks - Park Signage	PT	—	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
10	Street Tree (EAB - Emerald Ash Borer Treatment)	PT	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
11	Street Tree Planting	PT	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
		ST	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
12	Street Tree Planting (Citizen Request Match)	PT	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
13	Park Tree Planting (Canopy Recovery & EAB)	PT	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
		PS	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
14	Botanical Conservatory - Glass Replacement	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
15	Variou Parks - Shelter/Pavilion Renovations	PT	120,000	40,000	40,000	60,000	60,000
16	Variou Parks - Site Furnishing Replacement	PT	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
17	Variou Parks - Energy Conservation	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
18	Community Center Roof Replacement	PT	290,000	—	—	—	—
19	Kreager Park - Safety Surfacing of Taylor's Dream	PT	260,000	—	—	—	—
20	Kreager Park - Soccer Fields	PT	—	—	—	200,000	200,000
21	Land Acquisition	PT	—	250,000	250,000	—	—
22	Memorial Park - Variou Improvements	PT	50,000	—	—	—	—
23	Monument Restoration	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
24	Neighborhood Facilities - Improvements and Renovations	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
25	Recreation Facilities - Improvements and Renovations	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
26	Salomon Farm - Master Plan Implementation	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
27	Salomon Farm - Variou Maintenance	PT	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
28	Foster Park Golf Course Improvements	PT	—	—	—	—	180,000
29	Swinney Park - Mechanic Street Bridge Improvements	PT	—	300,000	300,000	—	—
30	Botanical Conservatory HVAC Improvements	PT	—	—	—	350,000	—
31	Children's Zoo Improvements	PT	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Subtotals							
	PT (Property Tax)		3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
	ST (State Source)		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	PS (Private Source)		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
TOTAL			3,070,000	3,070,000	3,070,000	3,070,000	3,070,000

2022 – 2026
Parks & Recreation Department
Capital Improvement Program Narrative

1. Annual payment for the purchases of vehicles and equipment through the Master Lease Program.
2. ADA Improvements include buildings, restroom renovations, and site pathways.
3. Computers and point of sales hardware. This also includes software licenses for various users to be a more web based provider.
4. Office equipment in various locations and other miscellaneous equipment.
5. Betterments and Additions include: renovations to facilities including roofs, bridges, mechanical, HVAC and various other improvement projects.
6. Resurfacing roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, pathways, and athletic courts including parking lots in parks, greenways, and golf courses.
7. Removal and replacement of aging play equipment, structures and safety surfacing in parks.
8. Landscape plantings to include foundation, garden plant material replacements, and new plantings in parks and on boulevards.
9. Various Parks replacement of the existing signage in parks. Improvements include new updated directional signage and new park monument signage.
10. Treatment of over 1,000 mature ash trees that are street trees from the Emerald Ash Borer. This is an ongoing treatment system of the same trees each year while the EAB is still in the area.
11. This is an ongoing program to plant new street trees in the city replacing those trees that were removed by the EAB and natural mortality.
12. This is an ongoing program to plant new street trees. Funding to combine with homeowner contribution that was previously paid out of Council District Match.
13. This is an ongoing program to plant new trees in the city parks to build up the canopy of our system. This also includes replacement of Ash trees within our parks. This also includes our contribution to the Great Tree Canopy Comeback program.
14. Botanical Conservatory continual glass replacement for removal and replacement of roof glass over the showcase, tropical and arid houses.
15. Various Parks renovations to shelters and pavilions. 2022 Includes \$100,000 to be put toward the construction of a new shelter at Brewer Park.
16. Various Parks replacement of site furnishings including benches, bleachers, picnic tables, grills, bike racks, trash containers, etc.
17. Energy conservation program throughout the parks looking at replacement of equipment and fixtures that would provide more efficient and less energy usage.
18. Phase two of the replacement of the roofing system of the Community Center located downtown.
19. Replacement of the safety surfacing at the Taylor's Dream Playground. Life expectancy of this type of materials plus the amount of foot traffic will cause wear of the material.
20. The creation of new soccer fields at Kreager Park. Expanding more soccer opportunities to the community.
21. Land acquisition to property adjacent to existing park land. Whenever there is an opportunity to acquire contiguous land the department evaluates those potential opportunities.
22. Improvements to Memorial Park based on recommendations from Memorial Park Task Force.
23. Monument restoration to various monuments throughout the park system. Restoration is needed prior to the monuments failing.
24. Various neighborhood facilities improvements and renovations including but not limited to interiors and exterior spaces, furnishings, and improvements at Cooper, Jennings, McMillen, and Weisser Center.
25. Various recreation facilities improvements and renovations including but not limited to ball diamonds, soccer fields, golf courses, and tennis courts.
26. Salomon Farm implementation of phase I of the planned improvements based on the Master Plan for the park.

27. Salomon Farm funds intended for various maintenance needs on the barns and buildings.
28. Improvements to the Foster Park golf course and irrigation system.
29. Structural and aesthetic improvements to the Mechanics Street Pedestrian Bridge in Swinney Park.
30. Improvements to the HVAC system at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory.
31. Improvements to the Children's Zoo that is part of our agreement with the Zoological Society.
This includes infrastructure, structural, electrical for the site and buildings.