



Howard County

RECREATION & PARKS



ANNUAL REPORT FY 2012

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GOALS

COMPLETED IN FY12 | FOR FY13

- Increase the number of Howard County residents participating in Department of Recreation and Parks programs, events, and offerings.
- Open and provide program development for the Robinson Nature Center so as to create a center for environmental education in the County.
- In partnership with MORE (Maryland Off Road Enthusiasts), continue the construction of a bicycle skills park at Rockburn Park that began in the Fall of 2011.
- Improve staff competency level with therapeutic programs by providing in-house continuing education units (CEUs) for the areas of behavior management and inclusion supports.
- Complete an inventory of Park Operations and Facilities' equipment zone by zone. This inventory will help the Department plan more successfully for future changes in operational needs and provide accountability.
- Complete construction of Blandair Regional Park, Phase I.
- Complete a plan for final submittal of the CAPRA self-assessment document.



COMPLETED IN FY12 | FOR FY13

- To complete the Timbers Clubhouse Deck Renovation – including the measuring and ordering of new docksider cedar color decking and fasteners.
- To increase the use of marketing tools through research, evaluations and implementation through Activenet, social media tools and marketing tasks within the divisional units.
- To renovate the landscaping at the North Laurel Community Center building area.
- Continue to provide high-quality programs and excellent customer service to all participants.
- To design and implement a socially based, age-appropriate program for adults 55 years and older with developmental/ cognitive disabilities.
- To develop nature, science and historic interpretative programs for the Robinson Nature Center.
- To continue to cultivate and solidify partnerships at the Robinson Nature Center with various environmental groups.
- To find a new headquarters for the Natural Resources Division.
- To connect print and online versions of a guide that is a standalone, annual and static promotion of all youth sport sections of the department. Highlights include the intensity and commitment differences between instructional sports, youth leagues and community sports to help families understand the differences upon registering or when considering a sport program for their child.
- To design and begin construction on Troy Park.
- To begin a master plan for South Fulton Park.
- To continue construction of Blandair Park.
- To develop year-round programs for the new Roger Carter Community Center.
- To maximize the use of the Systemic Improvement Capital Budget Fund to improve aging infrastructure throughout the department.
- To have Belmont fully operational.
- To install cricket fields at Schooley Mill Park.



MISSION

To responsibly manage natural resources; provide excellent parks, facilities, and recreation opportunities for the community; and ensure the highest quality of life for current and future generations.

VISION

The Department of Recreation and Parks strives to deliver recreation and leisure opportunities that will improve the health and well-being of the community and to serve as model stewards of the environment by managing, protecting, and conserving our resources for a sustainable future.

CORE VALUES

- Exceptional Customer Service
 - Professionalism
 - Accountability
- Knowledgeable, Well-trained Staff
 - Teamwork
 - Integrity
 - Trend Setting



County Executive Ken Ulman batting at the Schooley Mill Park cricket field groundbreaking.

ACCREDITATION

Howard County Recreation and Parks is accredited through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). To achieve accreditation, the Department was required to meet 144 standards encompassing all operations contained in leisure services. These professional standards serve as an aid for improving performance and maintaining quality.

They provide park and recreation agencies with an ability to evaluate their operation, while achieving and maintaining a level of efficiency and effectiveness. Howard County Recreation and Parks achieved accreditation in 2001 and re-accreditation in 2006 and 2012. Howard County Recreation and Parks is one of only 102 accredited agencies in the United States.

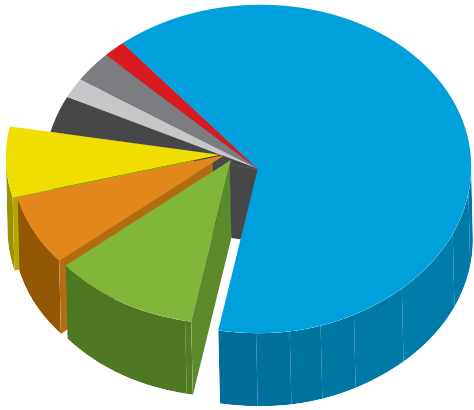
ABOUT CAPRA

The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) recognizes park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. Charged with providing high quality services and experiences, park and recreation agencies across the United States turn to CAPRA Accreditation as a credible and efficient means of achieving these goals, while providing assurance to the public that the agency meets national standards of best practice. CAPRA accredits departments and agencies that provide park and recreation programs and services.



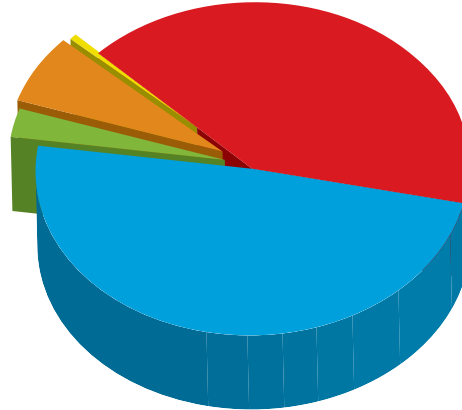
From left to right: Raul Delorme, Chief, Capital Projects, Park Planning & Construction; John R. Byrd, Director; Laura Wetherald, Chief, Bureau of Recreation & Administrative Services; John S. Marshall, Chief, Parks & Program Services; and Jim Garges, CAPRA Chair.

BUDGET



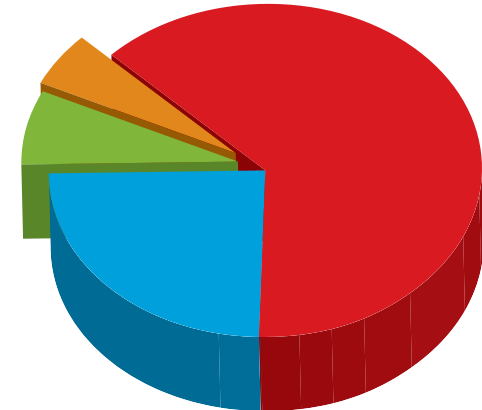
Total General Fund Budget: \$807,248,054

■ Education	64%
■ Public Safety	11%
■ Public Facilities	7%
■ Debt	7%
■ Community Services	4.2%
■ Legislative and Judicial	3%
■ General Government	2%
■ Recreation and Parks	1.8%



Total Operating Budget: \$35,027,050

■ Self-Sustaining Fund	48.9%
■ General Fund	41.2%
■ Golf	6.7%
■ MPEA*/Forest Mitigation	2.7%
■ *Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	0.5%



Total Expenses: \$31,400,381

■ Salaries and Benefits	62%
■ Contracts	24%
■ Supplies	7%
■ Other	5%

FEATURED FACILITIES

TIMBERS AT TROY | GARY J. ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER | NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER
RCRC/KIWANIS-WALLAS HALL | MEADOWBROOK ATHLETIC COMPLEX | HERITAGE SITES



Rounds of Golf Played

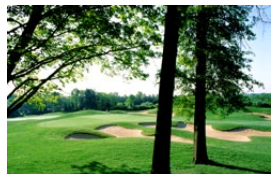
34,241

HIGHLIGHTS

A 6,652-yard par 72 championship layout with a slope rating of 134. The Timbers offers 4 sets of tees that accommodate every skill level.

The Timbers is the only public course in the greater Baltimore area with wall-to-wall bentgrass – tees, greens and fairways.

The Timbers features a full-service Clubhouse & Grille Room, practice facility featuring driving range, large putting green and a practice chipping green.



6100 MARSHALEE DRIVE, ELKRIDGE 21075

“Top 100 Must Play Courses of the Middle Atlantic”
-Golf Styles Magazine

FEATURED FACILITIES

TIMBERS AT TROY | GARY J. ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER | NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER
RCRC/KIWANIS-WALLAS HALL | MEADOWBROOK ATHLETIC COMPLEX | HERITAGE SITES



2400 ROUTE 97, COOKSVILLE 21723



Rentals

482

Program Reservations/Bookings

3,905

HIGHLIGHTS

- The facility swiped 24,118 fitness member passes and 19,804 center member passes.
- Offered 23 community events including movie nights, outdoor flea markets, a holiday vendor fair, a spring egg hunt and a snowflake ball for dads and daughters.
- More than 500 people attended Women's Fest.
- More than 800 people attended the Bead Trade Show.
- More than 200 people attended the Baltimore Child Camp Fair.
- More than 800 people attended the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure bike event, the fourth year for the event at the Center.
- More than 400 people attended Glenelg High School Booster Club's Spring Gala.
- Center was selected by Howard County Arts Council to be a site for ARTSites 2012 program which displays a sculpture onsite for one year.
- Partnered with the Board of Education to bring a Work Enclave group to help with administrative and custodial studies.

 =10,000 visitors

FEATURED FACILITIES

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9411 WHISKEY BOTTOM ROAD, LAUREL 20723



Rentals

458

Program Reservations/Bookings

3,383

HIGHLIGHTS

The North Laurel Community Center was built to serve the southeastern portion of the county. The facility is shared by the Departments of Recreation & Parks, Health, Police and the Office on Aging. It includes a fitness room, commercial kitchen, double gymnasium, pre-school classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, senior activity room and more.

- More than 150 basketball teams with more than 1,200 participants played in March Basketball Tournaments at North Laurel Community Center and other facilities.
- Hosted the Southeast Health Fair sponsored by the Horizon Club. More than 800 in attendance and staff were complimented for their efforts and excellent support and customer service.
- Hosted Asian American Celebration and Health Fair, attracting an estimated 600 people.
- The North Laurel Community Center celebrated its first year anniversary on June 6 with the community.

 =2,000 visitors (paid)

FEATURED FACILITIES

TIMBERS AT TROY | GARY J. ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER | NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER
RCRC/KIWANIS-WALLAS HALL | MEADOWBROOK ATHLETIC COMPLEX | HERITAGE SITES



3676 FEL'S LANE, ELLICOTT CITY 21043

Visitors

Rentals

29,567

85

The Roger Carter Recreation Center (RCRC) is best known for its aquatic facilities, featuring a zero-entry, 25-meter outdoor pool, diving well, wading pool, sunbathing deck, concession stand, indoor and outdoor shower facilities and a pool party deck rental area. It is perfect for summer pool side celebrations. RCRC also features an exercise and weight room a preschool classroom, multipurpose room, meeting room and outdoor basketball court.

- 19 children registered for The World's Largest Swimming Lesson on June 14. This was the second consecutive year that RCRC participated in the event.
- Hosted their annual Pooches' Pool Party on September 10 for dogs and their owners.



3300 NORBERTS WAY, ELLICOTT CITY 21042

Visitors

Rentals

14,700

281

The Kiwanis-Wallas Hall is conveniently accessible from all parts of Howard County. It is well-suited for larger events and has a banquet capacity of 200 people. Room dividers can partition the facility into three areas. Many 55 years + programs and events are held here.

- 14,700 individuals attended an event/class at the hall.
- Of the 281 permits issued, 237 were for HCRP classes/events and 44 were outside/public rentals.

FEATURED FACILITIES

TIMBERS AT TROY | GARY J. ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER | NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER
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5001 MEADOWBROOK LANE, ELLICOTT CITY 21043

Program Reservations

105

HIGHLIGHTS

The Meadowbrook Athletic Complex (the MAC) is a destination for indoor basketball, volleyball, field hockey, badminton, jump rope and more. The facility houses 35,000 square feet of unobstructed gymnasium space designed to serve all ages and levels of play.

- Hosted the Spring Jump Rope Festival conducted by the Kangaroo Kids. More than 250 participants attended the one-day festival. It was dedicated to Jean Hodges, Hall of Fame Member inducted at the 2011 Celebration of Sports, who had a severe stroke shortly after the event. Jean and her family drove up from Delaware to attend the event.
- Hosted three cultural dances that attracted more than 3,000 attendees.

FEATURED FACILITIES

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Patapsco Female Institute



Waverly Mansion



Pfeiffer's Corner School House

Total Heritage Sites

21

HIGHLIGHTS

The mission of Howard County Recreation and Parks Heritage Initiative is to capture and convey the authentic and rich history of Howard County through educational programs and historic preservation. Howard County Recreation and Parks Heritage staff offers a variety of educational programs, special events, tours of its museums and parks and many opportunities for people of all ages throughout the county.

Heritage projects completed include:

- Renovated James Marlow House step and deck
- Rebuilt Patapsco Female Institute fireplace
- Painted the exterior of the Ellicott City Colored School House
- Installed benches and pads at Baldwin Commons
- Re-pointed exterior stone at the Firehouse Museum
- Renovated the Waverly Cottage interior and exterior
- Supervised the Waverly Mansion plaster renovation from the earthquake

NEW FACILITIES

ROBINSON NATURE CENTER | BELMONT MANOR AND HISTORIC PARK
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER



6692 CEDAR LANE, COLUMBIA 21044



Annual Passes

659

Program Reservations/Bookings

3,905

HIGHLIGHTS

The Robinson Nature Center is a unique nature education facility situated on 18 acres of land adjacent to the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, which provides over 1,000 acres of forest, meadows and river valley to explore. Geothermal heating/air-conditioning, porous paving, solar panels which generate 15% of electric needs, innovative water conservation methods and a host of other features make this building environmentally friendly and one of only three LEED Certified Platinum buildings in the State. This project was made possible through the foresight and generosity of James and Anne Robinson and the James and Anne Robinson Foundation. The nature center includes the following:

- Interactive and multisensory exhibits for all ages;
- NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style theater, with programs and movies;
- Children's Discovery Room with hands-on activities;
- Nature trail with views of the Middle Patuxent River;
- Balcony and green rooftop for outdoor nature viewing; and
- Classrooms and auditorium with seating for 150 people.

 =2,000 visitors

NEW FACILITIES

ROBINSON NATURE CENTER | BELMONT MANOR AND HISTORIC PARK
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER



The county exercised its right of first refusal and purchased Belmont, a National Historic Register property, from Howard Community College.

Built in 1738, Belmont's 80 acres are surrounded by Patapsco State Park and consist of a manor home, a carriage house, a cottage, a large barn, tennis courts and a pool.

Howard Community College purchased Belmont in 2004 for \$5.2 million, including \$2.6 million in County funds. Because of the purchase agreement signed at the time, the County was able to acquire the property for \$89,000.

Belmont has a long, rich history, and the County's acquisition allows residents to experience first-hand the natural beauty and history of this estate, which looks much the same as it did when it was first built almost 300 years ago.

While no final decisions have been made, the County envisions the manor house as a location to be rented out for special events and parts of the property, and to be opened up for community meetings and gatherings that serve a public purpose. Additionally, educational programs, partnerships and other uses of Belmont will complement the County's present system, the Robinson Nature Center and future environmental programs at Blandair Park. An advisory board is currently being created to help run the facility and work with historic preservation boards.

Belmont Manor and Historic Park is expected to be open for weddings, conferences and other events beginning in the fall of 2013.

NEW FACILITIES

ROBINSON NATURE CENTER | BELMONT MANOR AND HISTORIC PARK
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER



The Roger Carter Community Center, set to open in spring 2013, is a state-of-the-art, 46,000 square foot community center that will include swimming and diving pools, basketball and volleyball courts, classrooms, fitness and exercise rooms with cardio and Precor strength training equipment, a climbing wall and much more. It will be a silver LEED-certified building.

It will host Howard County Recreation and Parks events and programs, fitness classes, pool parties and a number of other activities. It is within walking distance of downtown Ellicott City.



PARKS

OVERVIEW | WHAT'S NEW | PARK RANGERS



Centennial Park

Total Parks* **Total Acres**
48 **9,097**

IMPROVEMENTS

- Resurfaced Cedar Lane Park West parking lots
- Completed two Centennial Park pathway drainage projects
- Finished three Rockburn park hillside drainage projects
- Repaired and installed new curbing on headquarters' storm drains
- Repaired Centennial Park East playground drainage
- Assisted Natural Resources in the construction of two stream fords Western Regional Park
- Prepared grade work for Western Regional playground
- Replaced Centennial Park North sewer line wood truss bridge and Robinson Nature Center trail wood truss bridge
- Replaced two Rockburn trail wood truss bridges
- Completed re-decking Timbers cart path bridge
- Completed re-decking Font Hill Wetlands park boardwalk
- Finished Cypressmede Park new ADA walk, stairs and gate
- Constructed headquarters wash bay
- Installed sculpture bases at Gary J. Arthur and North Laurel Community Centers
- Renovated Centennial Park pavilions and power washed and stained all structures
- Demolished Doyle House, Nickoles House, Thompson House and Zirn building and barn
- Removed Cedar Lane Park handball court
- Completed Zirn house and garage lead abatement

*Developed regional, community and neighborhood parks.

PARKS

OVERVIEW | WHAT'S NEW | PARK RANGERS



BLANDAIR PARK

Phase I of Blandair Park opened to the public with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 17.

Phase I of the park, located off Oakland Mills Road in Columbia, encompasses 25 acres and features three lighted synthetic turf multipurpose fields, press boxes and bleachers, a playground and parking lot.

Once all phases of the park are complete, it will cover 300 acres in one of Howard County's growing communities.



NORTH LAUREL PARK

The construction of North Laurel Park was completed in June 2012. The 46-acre park includes a state-of-the-art Community Center, skate park, ball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, a playground and pedestrian and bicycle pathways.



ROCKBURN BRANCH SKILLS PARK

This trail system targeted to mountain bikers and trail runners is the first of its kind on the East Coast. HCRP donated the space at Rockburn Branch park; the International Mountain Bicycling Association flew in world-class trail builders and designers; and Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts raised funds and provided volunteer support to help clear the land and build the Skills Park, which includes three courses for riders of varying skill levels.

PARKS

OVERVIEW | WHAT'S NEW | PARK RANGERS



HIGHLIGHTS

The Park Ranger Program had an extremely successful and challenging year meeting all goals and objectives. The Department expanded the Seasonal Ranger program countywide, added year round Contingent Rangers and created a Park Ranger Training Academy in partnership with the Howard County Police Department.

- The Seasonal Park Ranger Program was expanded to include the entire park system. Over the years the Ranger Program has steadily grown to include: security details, additional regional parks, community centers, athletic complexes, a nature center and hundreds of acres added to the park system.
- Four vehicles were added to the Ranger Fleet through an agreement with Central Fleet. Sheriff vehicles were re-purposed and retrofitted as Park Ranger Patrol vehicles.
- Four additional mobile data computer (MDC) units were purchased to outfit the new Ranger vehicles. The Ranger Section now has six MDC units. This technology allows Rangers to log in and out of service through Central Communications and gives them the ability to interact with other Emergency Personnel that are in service throughout the County.
- Through a partnership with the Training Division of the Howard County Police Department and the Park Ranger Unit, a Park Ranger Training Academy was created and includes the following instruction: Radio Protocol, Courtroom Procedures, Hate Bias, HAZMAT, Parking and Civil Citation, Verbal and Non-Verbal Communications, Traffic Direction, Gang Awareness, OC and a multitude of other enforcement and public relation training.
- The Park Rangers expanded their participation in Deer Management by acting as Incident Command, sharpshooters, security and site preparation and resource management.

PROGRAMS / SERVICES / EVENTS

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HIGHLIGHT CULTURAL ARTS ADULT PROGRAMS

We offered many cultural arts programs for adults this year, from cooking and dance to art and language. Here are just a few:

Irish Set Dancing

Participants learned the most popular form of social dancing in Ireland. Set dancing is lively folk dancing done in a square formation of four couples. Basic steps and frequently danced sets are featured.

Zentangle Art

It's yoga for the mind! This class showed an easy, relaxing method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Through step-by-step instruction from a Certified Zentangle teacher, participants made extraordinary art! This meditative-type drawing helps reduce stress, increases your focus and creativity and provides artistic satisfaction while increasing a sense of personal well-being.

Native American Cuisine Cooking Class

Native American Cuisine features Cherokee pepper pot soup, Pueblo barbecued roasted pork loin, a sauce of juniper berries, chocolate, tomatoes, fresh green chilies and fresh herbs. Sided with Desert Succotash with posole, fresh Indian salsa corn cake with black and white beans. Cherokee Peach Cobbler for dessert.

Everyday Spanish I

Participants learned to initiate and respond to greetings and farewells and built confidence learning vocabulary on familiar topics. They put it all together with basic grammar for easy conversation starters. Native-speaking instructor shared strategies and cultural insights.

WHAT WE OFFER...

The Community Services Division is comprised of recreation programs and services that relate to arts, crafts, dance, therapeutic services, special events and children and adult leisure classes and programs. It also runs recreational summer camps for all ages of children.

The Adventure Services Division promotes active lifestyles through instructional programs and community partnerships. It offers programs such as hikes, astronomy, camping and campfires, fishing, kayaking and canoeing, skiing and tubing, boating classes, nature programs, rock climbing and more.

PROGRAMS / SERVICES / EVENTS

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WINE IN THE WOODS

The 20th Annual Wine In the Woods Festival was held May 19-20. Event-goers enjoyed great weather and 24,800 attended.

Wineries from around the state joined local restaurants and artisans to provide great wine, food and crafts.

Sixty-nine percent (13.2 tons) of the trash generated at the event was recycled.



JULY 4TH

An estimated crowd of between 40,000-45,000 attended July 4th festivities and fireworks in downtown Columbia.



SUMMER CONCERTS

As part of July is Recreation and Parks Month, our parks and facilities hosted a number of concerts. Sunset Serenades were held at Centennial Park while Traveling Bands concerts were held at different locations throughout the county.



CELEBRATION OF SPORTS

Celebration of Sports celebrated its 9th annual banquet with more than 500 people in attendance. Five new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame and 52 GoodSports recipients were honored - the most of any year.

Celebration of Sports brings together organizations and businesses that have a vested interest in community sports in Howard County.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 1,400 players participated in department basketball leagues in winter 2011-12.
- HCRP offered and ran a new Cricket League for the spring/summer season. It filled with 18 teams plus two teams on the waiting list.
- Summer basketball league matched 40 teams again for 2012.
- Over 200 youth basketball and softball teams with 2,150 families were involved in weekend tournaments in Howard County during May.
- HCRP exceeded the 50 team lacrosse goal, attracting 56 teams including 12 in the 35+-year-olds category.
- 207 playing youth rugby. The teams were founded in 1998 and offer summer rugby leagues for players, ages 6-16.
- The new Futsal league at North Laurel Community Center had 33 teams.
- The new indoor running program at the MAC on Saturday evenings with the Striders maxed out at 100 participants.
- 36 teams with over 360 players participated in volleyball tournaments in January.
- Spring Meadowbrook Basketball League has 240 participants – 100 more than 2011.
- Lacrosse registration topped the 2,500 mark.
- Nearly every youth league maxed out its registration numbers in the spring.

PROGRAMS / SERVICES / EVENTS

RECREATION SERVICES | SPECIAL EVENTS | SPORTS |
 CHILDCARE | THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AND INCLUSION

Individuals Served	Days of Programs	Hours of Service
2,281	408	1,245

Recreational Licensed Child Care is dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, quality program for the youth of Howard County. Our programs take children as young as 2 ½ years up through middle school. We offer a full array of child care programs and all of these programs and all of the staff are licensed through the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care. The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, is a recognized leader in opportunities for individuals with disabilities and is pleased to comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) regulations.

Early Learning Centers for preschool-aged children focus on developing a child's social, cognitive, emotional, and motor skills through age-appropriate activities following recommendations by the Maryland Model for School Readiness. There are five Early Learning Centers during the school year.

Before and after care during the school year is available at 27 locations: 21 serve elementary schools, four serve middle schools and two serve as therapeutic recreation extended care centers.

The Summer Sunsations Camp ensures a summer packed with hands-on activities, sports, games, creative dramatics, cooking, science, nature and special events.

The Homework Club is a grant-funded program for the children of Ellicott City through a partnership with Howard County Housing, the Board of Education, Recreation and Parks and the Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP). The program helps children with their homework and provides additional academic assistance to improve school performance. It is a well-rounded program that includes sports, arts and crafts, social activities, and special events.



PROGRAMS / SERVICES / EVENTS

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CHILD CARE | THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AND INCLUSION



Individuals Served

1,163

310

Hours of Service

1,073

32,674

(Therapeutic Recreation)

(Inclusion/Accommodation)

HIGHLIGHT - CAMP T.R.I.O.

Camp T.R.I.O. (Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusive Opportunities) is a six week camp experience designed for children/teens with moderate to severe and multiple developmental/cognitive disabilities. Its purpose is to provide the participants with opportunities for maintenance or improvement of functional abilities within a summer recreational program.

Camp T.R.I.O. is not your typical therapeutic recreation summer camp. Rather, it combines the community aspect of therapeutic recreation with the clinical, outcome-oriented aspect of therapeutic recreation. By definition, therapeutic recreation is a purposeful intervention. Camp TRIO has taken this definition and applied it to a community-based program, in response to needs expressed by both caregivers and HC schools.

A complete Comprehensive Program Plan was designed for Camp T.R.I.O. which outlines specific goals and objectives for the participants. These goals are evaluated weekly for each participant utilizing a specially designed Weekly Evaluation that is used to document accomplishments/difficulties of the pre-established goals or desired outcomes in order to facilitate appropriate actions to correct/improve/maintain functional, physical and social abilities.

Camp T.R.I.O. also offers opportunities for participants to receive “adjunct therapies” such as physical, occupational, and speech, while at camp. This aspect, along with the outcomes-based goals, is what makes Camp T.R.I.O. innovative in the realm of therapeutic recreation in a community setting.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers

5,698



Hours

96,791



Compensation*

\$22,032,479



HIGHLIGHTS

- Family Volunteer Day: At six parks, 272 volunteers donated 816 hours to improve our parks. They laid sod at Western Regional, painted fences at Centennial, mulched trail and horse rings, cleaned up flower beds, planted trees and much more.
- Earth Day: Approximately 222 native trees and shrubs were planted in the forested and meadow areas surrounding the Robinson Nature Center.
- Robinson Nature Center: 46 volunteers helped with the grand opening; 646 volunteered during the year.
- Blitz Day (clean-up day): Attracted 39 participants to our parks.
- International Coastal Clean-up Day: 40 volunteers collected 812 pounds of trash and recycling.
- Project Clean Stream: 20 volunteers collect 175 pounds of trash and 715 pounds of recyclable materials along the Patuxent Branch Trail Pathway. Twenty-one Girl Scout volunteers collected 251 pounds of trash and 44 pounds of recyclable materials along the Plum Tree Pathway.
- Wine in the Woods: 358 volunteers helped run the two-day event.
- Junior Counselor Corps: Program filled with 10 on waiting list.

*Value determined by Independent Sector (\$22.77 per hour).



ADMINISTRATION

INTERNAL | AWARDS | PARTNERSHIPS | GREEN INITIATIVES



REGISTRATION

Programs Run

4,479

Registration Revenue

\$11,500,991

Calls Taken

45,000+

Mail Processed

5,145

MARKETING

The marketing team expanded its scope within the department. It edited and designed all four activity and camp guides (totaling 344 pages), fliers, supplemental brochures, park pamphlets, park and facility signs, advertising material, registration forms and internal documents. It redesigned the activity and camp guides and overhauled delivery methods to ensure every resident in the county received the guides in a timely manner. It resulted in a surge in registration. It also greatly expanded the department's photo library with up-to-date and high-quality pictures of county parks and facilities.

The marketing team gave the department a presence on the web, introducing many new features on the county's website to enhance its functionality and creating social media accounts on Facebook, twitter, Flickr and FourSquare. It the coming year it plans to launch a YouTube channel.

ADMINISTRATION

INTERNAL | AWARDS | PARTNERSHIPS | GREEN INITIATIVES



- Recreation and Parks received several awards and recognitions from the Maryland Recreation & Parks Association (MRPA) at its annual conference.
 - MRPA Landscape Site/ASLA Award.
 - The Wine in the Woods 2011 Poster was the award-winning poster.
 - Centennial Park Manager received the “Tree Hugger of the Year” Award
- Employees won several awards at the Celebrating Successes in Childcare event.
 - Director of the Early Learning Center at Veterans Elementary School, won the award for the preschool category
 - 5 individuals honorees in Preschool (ages 3-5) Category
 - 4 individuals honorees in Mixed-Ages (children of different ages) Category Honorees
 - Outstanding Youth Award Winner - The graduating seniors from Voices for Change received this award, given to an individual or individuals younger than 18 years old who made a difference for children
- Baltimore Touchdown Club honored an employee with its Service to Football award
- Extreme Recess – a combined Sport and Adventure Camp – won the prestigious LERN Programming Award

- Robinson Nature Center has received the following awards in FY 2012:
 - AIA Design Award Maryland Chapter
 - Washington Building Congress Craftmanship Award in Rough Carpentry
 - Wintergreen Award for LEED for New Construction from Maryland Chapter of the US Building Council
 - Associated General Contractors (AGC) of DC Washington “Best Sustainability Project of the Year for New Construction” award
 - Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) 2011 “Excellence in Construction” award
 - ENR Regional Best Project of 2011 Award – Award of Merit in the Green Category
 - US Green Building Council Award for LEED for New Construction Platinum
 - MRPA Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Landscape Site/ASLA Award
 - Wintergreen Award 2011 People’s Choice Award from the Maryland Chapter of the US Building Council
 - Associated General Contractors (AGC) “Best Sustainability Project of the Year for New Construction” award
 - Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) 2011 “Excellence in Construction” award

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- Partnered with the local community for the support and development of a cricket field at Schooley Mill Park (groundbreaking in November 2012 pictured).
- Agreement with L.L. Bean resulted in two new canoes.
- Sports Authority is a new Sports and Adventure Services sponsor. It is providing giveaways for tournaments/events and coupons for classes/leagues/tournaments/events.
- Partnered with International Mountain Bicycling Association and Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts to develop and build the Rockburn Skills Park.
- Department received a Homeland Security Grant for equipping the DOC (\$10,050). It includes two televisions, a ceiling mounted projector, four computers and and NOAA radio.

- Partnered with Horizon's Council to host Mix it Up Middle School after-school program for 7th and 8th graders from Glenwood and Folly Quarter Middle Schools. Also hosted dodgeball after-school program for 9th-12th grade students from Glenelg, Marriotts Ridge and River Hill High Schools. Both programs were a success and had over 20 participants registered in each program.
- Partnered with the Board of Education to bring a Work Enclave group to headquarters help with administrative and custodial studies. A group of 7-8 students comes every Tuesday from 11:30 AM-1 PM.
- Non-profit organizations can rent selected facilities for a 25% discount.

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HIGHLIGHTS

A record crowd of over 2,700 attended the 5th annual Howard County GreenFest on April 14 at Howard Community College to learn about maintaining a green household. This helps the county's initiatives to become one of the most environmentally friendly in the region.

The recycling events at GreenFest took in 2.15 tons of electronics in addition to many tons of other materials. Among the recyclables gathered included:

- 78 bicycles for Bikes for the World;
- 200 sneakers for Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe;
- 15,000 pounds of shredded paper documents; and
- Two full trucks of clothing and household goods to donate to Goodwill.

Other initiatives:

- Oversaw two Private Forest Conservation plantings this past month totaling over eight acres and over 2,500 trees.
- Wine in the Woods went from a 60% recycling rate in 2011 to 69% in 2012. The word got out to the vendors and attendees that HCRP means business when it comes to the business of recycling. Special recognition was given to the Green Team in their efforts.
- Our two newest facilities, the North Laurel Community Center and Robinson Nature Center, are LEED certified. The Roger Carter Community Center, set to open in spring 2013, will be LEED certified.