The Whats and Whys of Recreation & Parks

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Recreation & Parks

Greenville Recreation & Parks Vision Statement

To be a viable and recognized force in positively impacting the <u>health</u>, <u>economy</u>, <u>natural environment</u>, <u>image</u> and <u>well being</u> of the Greenville community and its people. Greenville Recreation & Parks Mission Statement To advance parks, recreation, and environmental conservation efforts that promote mental and physical health, foster cultural harmony, serve as a deterrent to illegal or inappropriate behaviors, and enhance Greenville's image and quality of life.





"Improving health and wellness, building self esteem, providing alternatives to self destructive behavior, reducing stress and providing opportunities for learning, and living a more balanced, productive life."



<u>Environmental Benefits</u>

"Enhancing air and water quality, reducing traffic congestion, providing and protecting wildlife habitat and improving overall community livability."





"Creating a healthy & more productive work force, with less reliance on sick leave, attracting visitors, tourists and retirees, enhancing real estate values, and attracting new businesses.





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Community Benefits

"Building stronger families, reducing loneliness and alienation, enhancing community spirit, promoting ethnic and cultural harmony, and reducing crime."











In 1997, Bob Jennings, at the time a naturalist at Tulsa Park and Recreation Department's Oxley Nature Center, said....



Ten Outdoor Pools

Columbus, Ohio



All were within the City's 1950 boundaries.

Operational Details

Cost to operate: \$4 per visitor
Admission: 50 cents

• Subsidy: \$3.50 per visit

• Total summer visitations : 250,000

• Total subsidy: \$875,000

Was that a good investment for Columbus?



It depends on what we got for the money.

 We got over 3000 kids/day off the street and into some cool water.

Other than that we didn't know what we got.

• My theory????

What % of those 3000 kids/day might have gotten into trouble, & what % of those might have eventually been jailed?



- In 2007, Americans spent \$5.7 billion to imprison 64,558 youth.
- NC 804 youth were incarcerated at a cost of \$262/day \$95,630/yr.
 \$210,648 total/day \$76,650,000/yr.



"Children on the Playgrounds ~ Children out of Mischief" Advocacy in Bloomington, Illinois, 1925

What we currently do...

A Quick Look at...

Greenvile Recreation & Parks grpd.info

Our Parks, Programs, Events and Facilities



Andrew A. Best Freedom Park



Beatrice Maye Garden Park

Bradford Creek Golf Course

Bradford Creek Soccer Complex











Elm Street Park Stadium Project



ELM STREET PARK STADIUM EXPANSION PROJECT





Welcome to

"CommonGround" An Accessible Playground for All (Adult supervision is recommended.) Enjoy your visit, but please... No cleats, food, drinks, pets or smoking. Thank you for your cooperation! Greenville Recreation and Parks Department

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The Elm Street Gym... is now called



The Drew Steele Center









Tennis Center at Evans Park















Made possible by the City of Greenville. The Public Works Department. The Recreation and Parks Department, and The Friends of Greenville Greenways



Greenville Aquatics & Fitness Center









Greenville Community Pool


H. Boyd Lee Park







Hillsdale Park



Jaycee Park







The Center for Arts and Crafts Jaycee Park

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Nick's Place

Matthew Lewis Park at West Meadowbrook



The Biggest Challenge . . .









Perkins Complex

River Park North



The Greenville Recreation and Parks Department cordially invites you to attend the **GRAND OPENING** of the **RIVER PARK NORTH SCIENCE AND NATURE CENTER** Greenville, North Carolina Friday, September 30, 1988 11:00 AM



Grand Opening 1988





Walter A. Stasavich Science & Nature Center









The Fishing is good. . . .





But not this good...







South Greenville Park & Recreation Center





The Sports Connection



Thomas Foreman Park



Eppes Recreation Center in Thomas Foreman Park







Town Common

Fallen Soldier Monument at Veterans' Memorial



Sunday in the Park

TOYOTA AMPHITHEATER

Town Common Master Plan

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Woodlawn Park











Senior Services





For those with Special Needs

Special Olympics



Comprehensive Recreation and Parks Master Plan



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Comments? Questions?