

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022



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



For more than fifty years, people have had their lives positively affected by our parks & programs. Generations have played on the same ballfields, hiked trails, and enjoyed nature visiting 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.

Throughout 2021, staff and volunteers continued the transition back from virtual meetings and programs to gather in person once again. Throughout it all, our volunteers continued to proudly serve residents and add to the quality of life in their communities. Hashawha reopened their doors to Outdoor School and rental groups, and in-person programming and meetings once again returned. Like many other areas and businesses, Piney Run Park faced unprecedented staffing shortages which impacted operations. Thanks to support from the County Commissioners, compensation was increased and vacancies were filled with eager, new staff to support the park.

The department continued its successful partnerships with the Carroll County Public Library for Story Strolls and the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County with the Walks in the Park series. A new Photo Ambassador program was initiated, and volunteers were enlisted to leverage staff efforts by taking additional photos of parks and programs for publicity purposes. The Helping Hands program continued to grow with groups adopting parks and assisting with clean-up efforts. In addition, staff continued to support the efforts of thousands of volunteers in our recreation councils. Recreation and Parks worked cooperatively with the Department of Planning, Patapsco Valley State Park, the Town of Sykesville, and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to further develop plans for the Patapsco Regional Greenway plan that will ultimately lead to a Baltimore to Sykesville trail connection.

Thanks to additional funding through the Local Parks & Playground Infrastructure (LPPI) program, a concerted effort continued to address aging park infrastructure or what we like to call "Taking care of what we have". New energy efficient lights were installed at Deer Park, playgrounds were replaced at Hashawha, Charles Carroll Park and Landon C. Burns Park. The contractor broke ground for a new Charles Carroll Community Center and the ribbon was cut for the new Westminster Veterans Memorial Park, providing increased opportunities for residents.

Staff completed the lengthy process of updating Carroll County's 2022 Land Preservation Park and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) which was then approved by Maryland's Department of Natural Resources and Department of Planning. This approval allows for continued use of Maryland's Program Open Space funds, a primary funding source for the Recreation and Parks capital budget.

We continue to enjoy working with and for you and 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, Instagram 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

Donald V. Gerkin, Jr., *Chair*

David Ferguson, *Vice Chair*

Thomas E. Long

Megan Vaughn

Donald Bradley Rockwood

Michael Rodgers

Anthony E. Rosas

Anita Taylor

Michael Duffy, *Board of Education Representative*

Jeff R. Degitz, *Ex Officio*

RECREATION & PARKS STAFF

Administration

Jeff R. Degitz, CPRP, *Director*

Brad Rogers, *Bureau Chief of Parks*

Lisa Carroll CRPE, *Bureau Chief of Recreation*

Will Brozy, *Park Development Manager*

Laura Tawes, *Administrative Assistant*

Seth Carlson, *Marketing Specialist*

Recreation

Jamie Noel, *Recreation Coordinator*

Megan Erpenstein, *Program Coordinator*

Vacant, *Program Associate*

Rebecca Eckard, *Office Associate*

Ann Marie Foster, *Therapeutic Recreation Specialist*

Sports Complex

Rebecca Kishter CPRP, *Sports Complex Manager*

Doug Gregory, *Maintenance Specialist*

Hap Baker Firearms Facility

Chuck Hamlet, *Chief Range Officer*

Piney Run Park & Nature Center

Gianina Porter, *Park Superintendent*

Emily White, *Park Technician*

Wayde Blank, *Maintenance Supervisor*

Brian Dayhoff, *Maintenance Specialist*

Keiran Mayers, *Maintenance Specialist*

Max Bukowitz, *Park Naturalist*

Hashawha & Bear Branch Nature Center

Dawn Harry, *Park Operation Coordinator*

Jay Weller, *Maintenance Supervisor*

Steve Aberts, *Maintenance Specialist*

W. George Stolkovich, *Maintenance Specialist*

Nikki Wolf, *Kitchen Manager*

Michelle Duvall, *Cook*

Mora Bates, *Cook*

Jenna Mele, *Park Naturalist*

YEAR AT A GLANCE

JULY 2021

July
New Parks
Brochure

July
Tie Dye in the
Parks



AUGUST 2021

August
Carroll County Sports
Complex new field
lighting completed

August
Krimgold Park
Paving
completed



SEPTEMBER 2021

September
Land Preservation Park
& Recreation Plan
listening sessions

September
Piney Run Fall
Festival



September
Story Trails at: Hashawha:
A Gift for Pooh



OCTOBER 2021

October
Piney Run
Walk/Run for
Colors 5K

October
Friday Night Social



NOVEMBER 2021

November
Volunteer of the
Year/Hall of
Fame



November
Piney Run wagon
rides



DECEMBER 2022

December
Piney Run Nature
Center renovations
unveiled



December
Santa wagon
rides



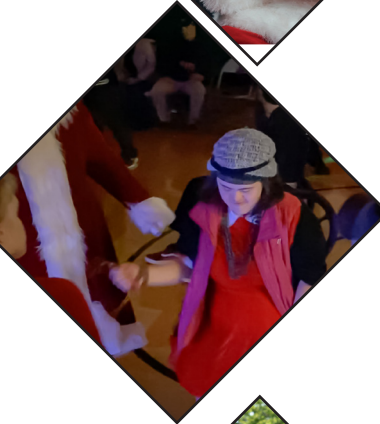
December
Santa Calling



December
Big Fish Winner



December
Jingle Bell Hop



FEBRUARY 2022

February
Charles Carroll
Community Center
groundbreaking



MARCH 2022

March
Photo
Ambassadors
program
launched



MARCH 2022



March
Photo Ambassador program launched

March
Maple Sugarin' Days



March
WBAL coverage of Deer Park Story Stroll



APRIL 2022



April
Commissioner Frazier first pitch

April
BBNC Adult Egg Hunt



April
Henry Lysy fishing tournament



April/May
Yoga in the Park



MAY 2022



May
Krimgold fishing tournament

MAY 2022

April/May
Adaptive Rec
Lacrosse



JUNE 2022

June
TR Day



June
Outdoor Archery
program at
CC Sports
Complex



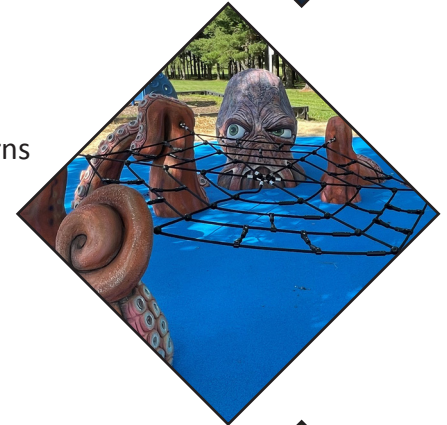
June
Piney Run youth
fishing
tournament



June
South Carroll Dog
Park water
fountain &
shade
structures
installed



June
Landon C Burns
new
octopus play
equipment
installed



June
Charles Carroll
Park playground
replaced



June
Hashawha & Bear
Branch
Nature Center
paving
completed



COMPLETED PROJECTS

Completed Projects

- Piney Run Nature Center new aviary
- Carroll County Sports Complex soccer field lights
- SC Dog Park shade structures
- Deer Park building roof replacements
- Piney Run Nature Center renovations
- Little Pipe Creek kayak launch on Union Bridge town property
- CC Sports Complex office/concession building roof replacement
- Piney Run lower comfort station roof replacement
- BBNC storage building roof replacement
- Westminster Veterans Memorial Park opened
- Installation of updated County Park Rules signs
- Replacement LED field lighting at Deer Park
- Deer Park rear pavilion rehabilitation
- Krimgold Park paving and new pavilion and tree planting
- New play equipment at Landon C Burns Park, Charles Carroll Park, and Hashawha Environmental Center
- Road and parking lot paving at Hashawha and Bear Branch Nature Center



COMING SOON

Coming Soon

- New walking trail at Bark Hill Park
- Cape Horn Park playground replacement
- Bear Branch Nature Center pavilion replacement
- Charles Carroll Community Center
- Leister Park trail extension
- Piney Run pavilion replacement



HELPING HANDS KEEP PARKS GREEN

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KEEP OUR PARKS
GREEN**



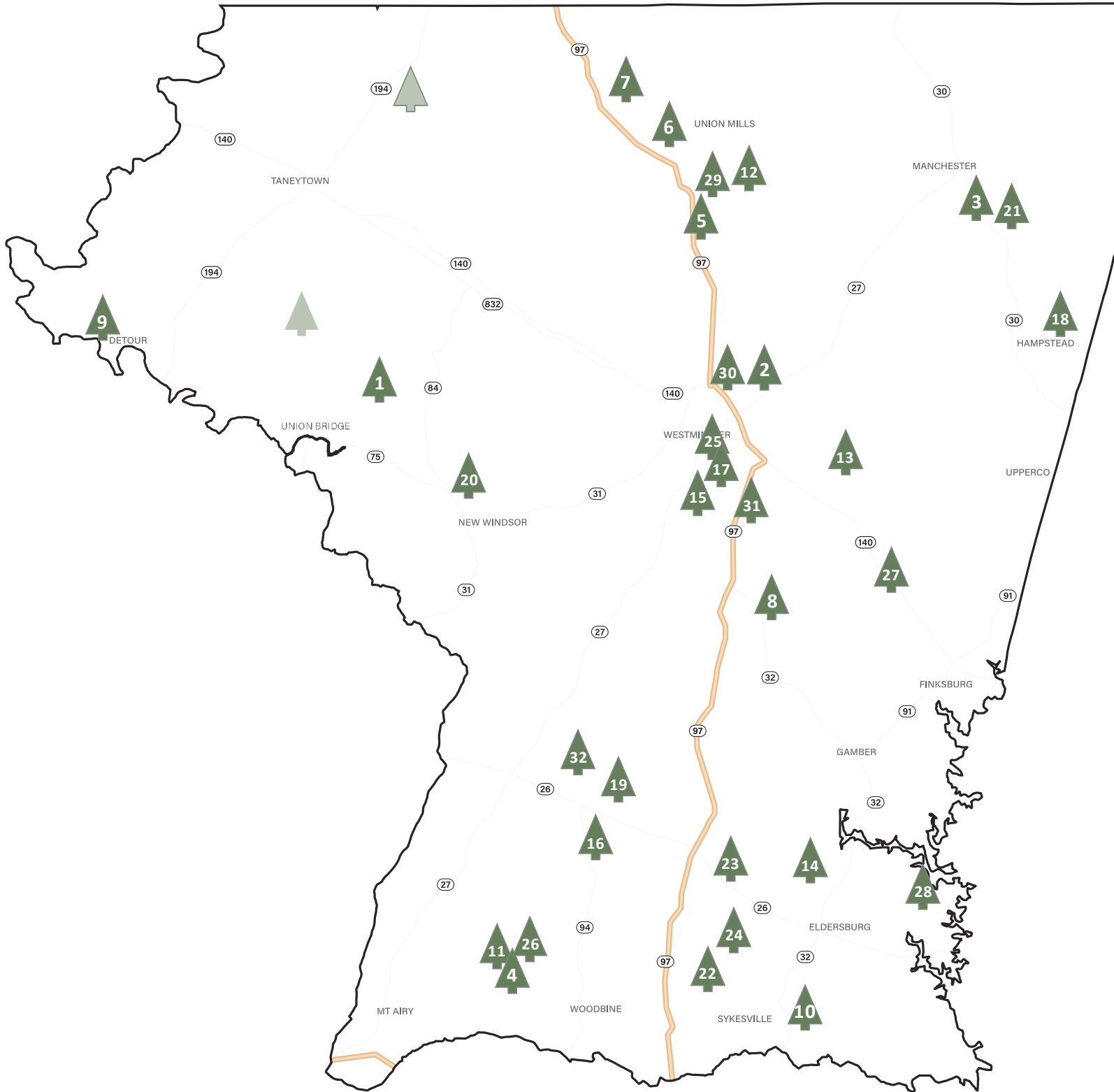
The Helping Hands campaign is an excellent opportunity for local groups and organizations to help keep their local parks beautiful with organized clean-ups, trash pickups, and trail maintenance. To learn more about Helping Hands, visit ccrecpark.org.



Story Strolls are free family-friendly activities that the whole family can enjoy together and bond through literacy while spending time outdoors exploring our community parks. Featured books along the trails will be rotated and each park has additional partners unique to the stroll. Story Strolls are currently located at Deer Park and Leister Park with more coming soon!



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** Charles Carroll Park
3719 Littlestown Pike, Westminster 21158
- 7** Cherrytown Road Park
Cherrytown Road, Westminster 21157
- 8** Deer Park
637 Deer Park Road, Westminster 21157
- 9** Double Pipe Creek Park
7577 Middleburg Road, Detour 21757
- 10** Freedom Park
1111 Raincliffe Road, Sykesville 21784
- 11** Gillis Falls Recreation Area
Woodbine 21797
- 12** Hashawha & Bear Branch Nature Center
300 John Owings Road, Westminster 21158
- 13** Hap Baker Firearms Facility
1400 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster 21157
- 14** Hodges Park
5630 Hodges Road, Sykesville 21784
- 15** Kate Wagner Fields
1100 Gist Road, Westminster 21157
- 16** Krimgold Park
5355 Woodbine Road, Woodbine 21797
- 17** Landon C. Burns Park
700 Gist Road, Westminster 21157
- 18** Leister Park
4134 Black Rock Road, Hampstead 21074
- 19** Mayeski Park
1300 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville 21784
- 20** New Windsor Community Room
1100 Green Valley Road, New Windsor 21776
- 21** North Carroll Community Pond
Basler Road & Route 30, Hampstead 21074
- 22** Obrecht Road Park
100 E. Obrecht Road, Sykesville 21784
- 23** Old Liberty Road
100 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville 21784
- 24** Piney Run Park & Nature Center
30 Martz Road, Sykesville 21784
- 25** Robert Moton Center
300 S. Center Street, Westminster 21157
- 26** Salt Box Park
Gillis Falls Road, Woodbine 21797
- 27** Sandymount Park
2250 Old Westminster Pike, Westminster 21157
- 28** South Carroll Dog Park/South Carroll Senior & Community Center
5928 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg, 21784
- 29** Union Mills Recreation Area
220 John Owings Road, Westminster 21158
- 30** Westminster Community Pond
30 College View Boulevard, Westminster 21157
- 31** Westminster Veterans Memorial Park
Crest Lane, Westminster 21157
- 32** Winfield Park
Salem Bottom Road (opposite Winfield Elementary), Westminster 21157

 Future Recreation Facility
(undevelopment)

WE ARE...

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County Parks

12

Fishing Locations

29

Number of Pavilions

57

Athletic Fields

51

Miles of Trails

22

Playgrounds

40

Public Schools Used By
Recreation & Parks

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

CARROLL COUNTY DOG PARKS

Bennett Cerf Dog Park

This 1-acre off leash area is located within Bennett Cerf Park in Westminster.

231

Members

\$4,580

Total Revenue



South Carroll Dog Park

This 2-acre off leash area is located behind the South Carroll Senior and Community Center in Eldersburg.

459

Members

\$9,760

Total Revenue



WHY ARE FEES CHARGED AT SOME PARKS BUT NOT OTHERS?

Several of our large park facilities provide a higher service level that results in additional operating expenses. Other areas such as our dog parks and community recreation programs were created with the understanding that revenues would largely support their operation. These fees generated revenue in the amount of \$1,354,481 recovering most of the approved operating budgets for these areas.



HASHAWHA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER & BEAR BRANCH NATURE CENTER

Approved 2022FY Operating Budget: \$833,530



Rentals	57%
Food Service	30%
Bear Branch Nature Programs	11%
Hashawha School Groups	2%



Who We Reached

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

PINEY RUN PARK & NATURE CENTER

Approved 2022FY Operating Budget: \$690,550



Gate Admissions	44%
Boat House	16%
Pavilion Rentals	18%
Summer Nature Camp	19%
Nature Center & Park Programs	3%



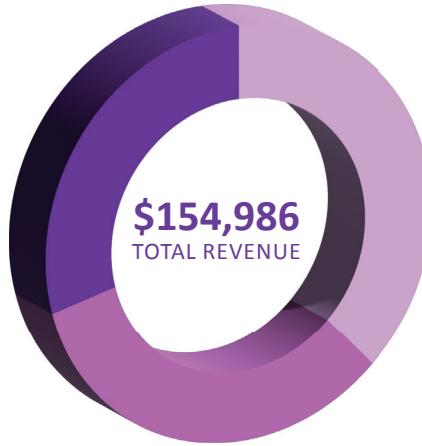
Who We Reached

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



CARROLL COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX

Approved 2022FY Operating Budget: \$211,300



Field Rentals	38%
Cell Tower Lease	33%
Recreation Council	29%

(Includes fees charged but not collected from Charles Carroll Rec. Council)

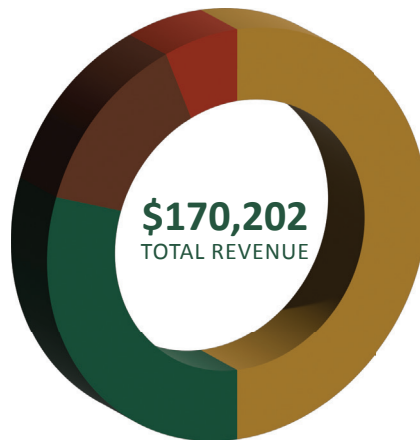
Who We Reached

NFL Flag Youth Football • Adult Softball Leagues • Youth Sport Leagues • Local & Regional Tournaments
Senior Softball



HAP BAKER FIREARMS FACILITY

Approved 2022FY Operating Budget: \$177,530



Daily Visits: In County Residents	50%
Daily Visits: Out of County Residents	30%
Daily Visits: In County Vet/Military	14%
Daily Visits: Out of County Vet/Military	6%

Who We Reached

479 Season Pass Members • 43 Lifetime Members Added • 5,625 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. Over 4,200 registrants participated in these programs in FY2022.

\$239,421

Total Expenses

\$266,832

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*
Becky Kishter, *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

Stephanie Clavell, *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*
VACANT, *Community Coordinator*
Phone: 410-386-2103 Website: woodbinerec.org

Carroll County Equestrian Council

Darlene Welsh, *Council President*
Jamie Noel, *Community Coordinator*
Phone: 410-386-2103 Website: carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org

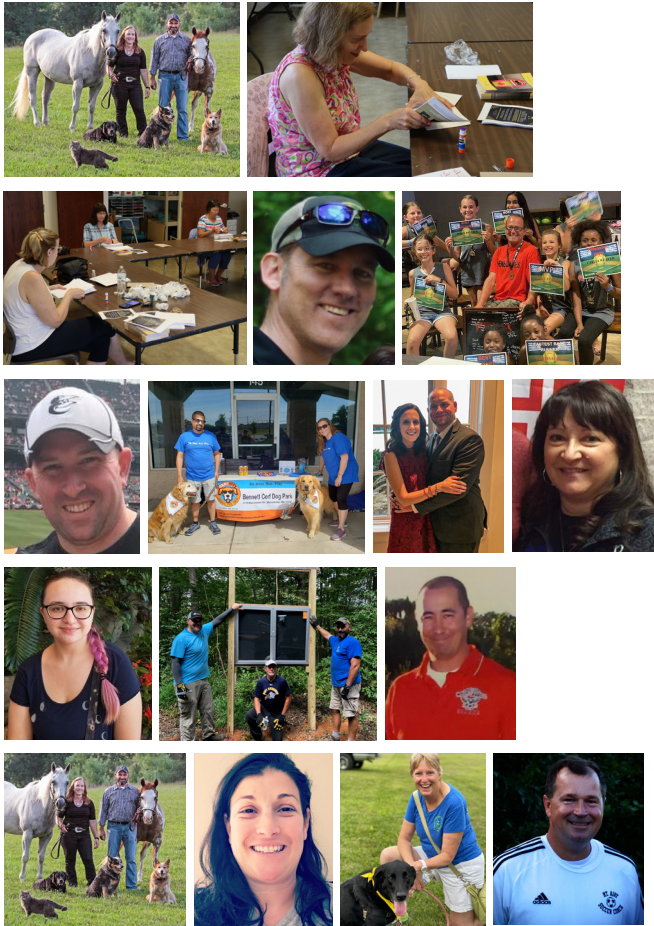
Carroll County Arts Council

Lynn Wheeler, *Council President*
Lynne Griffith, *Executive Director*
Phone: 410-848-7272 Website: carrollcountyartscouncil.org

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each of our volunteer recreation councils has nominated a "Volunteer of the Year" for 2021. Below, click on each volunteer to learn about each Volunteer of the Year and read about their many contributions. We, along with their recreation councils, thank them for their many contributions and accomplishments. To the award winners: what you have done is truly special and made an impact on your community. While you are one from your council, we know you are among many and we recognize and honor your accomplishments and by association, those who serve alongside you.

In addition, 2021 marks the fifth year of inductees in the Carroll County Recreation and Parks Volunteer Hall of Fame. To be considered for this honor, volunteers must have served at least twenty (20) years and made significant contributions resulting in a lasting impact over time.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2021

- | | |
|---|---|
| Carroll County Arts Mailing Crew | Carroll County Arty Council |
| Stephanie Brennan and Mike Macella | Carroll County Equestrian Council |
| Chris Sipe | Central Carroll Recreation Council |
| Christian Squalice | Charles Carroll Recreation Council |
| Steve Wallace | Freedom Area Recreation Council |
| Hope Otto | North Carroll Recreation Council |
| Brian & Kate Smith | Friends of Bennett Cerf Dog Park |
| Kathy Martin | Friends of South Carroll Dog Park |
| Josh Porter | West Carroll Recreation Council |
| Lynn Grassi | Westminster Area Recreation Council |
| Laura Scheiner | Winfield Recreation Council |
| Stephen Giguere | Woodbine Recreation Council |
| Tim Beavers | Department of Recreation and Parks |
| Sophie Sartain | Hashawha/Bear Branch Advisory Council |
| Eitr Technologies, The Lion's Club,
Girl Scout Troop 5353, Stephanie
Brennan & Mike Macella, and The
Carroll County Equestrian Council | Piney Run Recreation & Conservation Council |

2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Steve Delman | Kenneth Whalen, Jr. |
| Larry Baker | Jerry Nicholson |
| David Max | |

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+)

Mark Hayas

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

Eastern Sales & Engineering Co.
Cunningham Associates, Inc.
Patricia Ecker
Frances Miller
Pennonni
Beechfield Landscaping
Paul Malla
Mark Hayas
Amelia Schweiger
Craig and Lois Giles
Freedom District Lions Club, Inc.
Phil & Jo Ann Huber
Arthur & Cathy Pertuccelli
Richard & Karen Soisson
SCDP Committee
Westminster Area Lacrosse
Amerigroup
Mary Smith
Liz Camerlin

PATRON (\$500-\$999)

Tevis Englar LLC
Cynthia Scott
Maxine Bukowitz
Joan Martin
Kathy Martin
Max Realty
Ruth Lampert
Nicole Myers
Diana Hemphill

PARTNER (\$250-\$499)

Mount Airy Lions Club
Beverly Husman
Pipe the Side Brewery
Shannon-Baum
Susan Beck
Fifth Generation, Inc.
Michael Scott
Brian & Kimberly Gardiner

FRIEND (\$100-\$249)

Kenneth & Rhonda Kiler
Linda Silfee
Judith Baker
Niel Borrelli
Jennifer DeArme
Jeff & Lisa Degitz
Andrew & Laura Kiler
Greg & Kristen Penczek
Michael & Barbara Rodgers
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SUPPORTER (UP TO \$100)

Lori Bentley
Haven Shoemaker
Thomas Roland
Dennis Ahalt
Melinda Byrd
Michael Duffy
Bruce Hildebrand
John Hubbs
Thomas Ronaghan
Bettianne Sergott
Charles Bednar
Woodbine Rec Council
Silver Run-Union Mills Lions Club Inc.
Susan A Poole
Gino & Sonje Bianca
Susan Beck
Deidre Krasnansky
Danielle Lueking
Nicole Caple
Christopher Hanson
Paul Hastmann
Laura McKnight
Melissa Riese
Mike Stolte
Pat Larson
The Goddard School of Eldersburg
Laura & John Tawes
Harold Conrad
Gail Nowicki
Laura Zuiderveen

For more information regarding the Carroll County Park Legacy Fund.



SUMMARY



	Operating Budget
Administration	\$461,410
Bureau of Recreation	\$440,720
Hap Baker Firearms Facility	\$177,530
Hashawha Environmental & Bear Branch Nature Center	\$833,530
Piney Run Park & Nature Center	\$690,550
Carroll County Sports Complex	\$211,300
TOTAL	\$2,815,040

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

