

# Parks Department Overview

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- I. Mission: The Hudson Parks Department's mission is to acquire park land and to provide the citizens of Hudson with a park system for the conservation, preservation, and enjoyment of their natural environment and to facilitate the usage of pavilions, trails, playgrounds, fields, lake and other aspects of park land.
- II. Duties and responsibilities: Operate 20 parks on 970 acres of park land. Amenities include:
  - a. 475 acres of mowed grass
  - b. 14 baseball fields
  - c. 6 soccer fields
  - d. 12 miles of trail
  - e. 50-acre lake at Hudson Springs Park
  - f. 7 playgrounds
  - g. 10 pavilions
  - h. Skate park
  - i. Disc golf course
- III. Programs and services offered- Have partnered with Friends of Hudson Parks to introduce appropriate programming including:
  - a. Geocaching
  - b. Pack the Pond
  - c. Park Beautification Day
  - d. Green on the Green
- IV. Objectives- To maximize the amount of Hudson residents using the Hudson Parks by offering a mix of recreational activities
- V. Staffing-
  - a. Full Time: Park Superintendent, Maintenance Supervisor, 1 Equipment Operator, 2 Maintenance Technicians.
  - b. Part Time: Executive Assistant, Maintenance Technician
  - c. Seasonal: 16 Grounds Maintenance, 4 informational booth attendants
- VI. Equipment
  - a. 3 wide area mowers with 11-foot cutting capacity
  - b. 4 finish/trim mowers
  - c. 2 baseball infield machines
  - d. 3 large tractors
  - e. 1 skid steer
  - f. 9 vehicles
  - g. 5 trailers
- VII. Performance statistics
  - a. 336 Pavilion reservations per year
  - b. 2,600 Baseball games per year
  - c. 1,120 Soccer games per year