



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

**Wright County Parks and Recreation**

3500 Braddock Avenue NE  
Buffalo, MN 55313

## WRIGHT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Our Vision:

“Wright County envisions providing opportunities for a growing population to connect to and experience nature through a well-managed system of parks, trails, open spaces and programs”.

### Wright County Board of Commissioners

Christine Husom	District 1
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Mark Daleiden	Wright County Board of Commissioners - Liaison
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### Wright County Parks and Recreation Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Employment Date</u>	
Marc Mattice	Director	July	1998
Josh Wilson	Maintenance Supervisor	February	2003
Bradley Harrington	Operations Manager	May	2015
Austin Brandjord	Mechanic	May	2017
Tom Fedor	Technician	September	1984
Kurt Eich	Technician	November	1994
Jeff Putnam	Technician	December	1998
Josh Thompson	Technician	April	2018
Chad Hadley	Technician	May	2019
Cody Lehn	Park Aide	October	2019
Don Mingo	Manager - Collinwood Park	April	2012
Debbie Helmbrecht	Manager - Schroeder Park	June	2014

# FINANCIAL AND USAGE SUMMARIES

## Credit Card Transactions 3 Year Comparison

<u>Month</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$3,445.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,855.00
February	\$1,580.00	\$3,785.00	\$745.00
March	\$112,857.50	\$102,381.50	\$97,178.00
April	\$10,125.50	\$10,011.00	\$17,717.00
May	\$17,961.50	\$21,170.00	\$16,711.68
June	\$23,909.50	\$25,169.50	\$20,905.00
July	\$22,834.00	\$22,108.50	\$22,397.50
August	\$21,915.00	\$24,288.00	\$18,883.34
September	\$11,136.25	\$10,655.00	\$10,201.50
October	\$847.50	\$832.50	\$941.00
November	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$175.00
December	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$226,786.75</b>	<b>\$222,851.00</b>	<b>\$208,710.02</b>
Total Number of Transactions	2,456	2,349	2,224



## Camping Occasions 3 Year Comparison

**\*\* One Camping Occasion = One Camping Unit for One Night**

Weeks	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	<u>Collinwood</u>	<u>Collinwood</u>	<u>Collinwood</u>	<u>Schroeder</u>	<u>Schroeder</u>	<u>Schroeder</u>
1 - 5	638	692	664	737	776	800
6 - 10	871	938	888	1,256	1,150	1,249
11- 14	730	698	697	1,127	1,067	988
15 - 18	766	718	672	1,033	849	878
19 - 23	583	614	643	656	765	677
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,588</u></b>	<b><u>3,660</u></b>	<b><u>3,564</u></b>	<b><u>4,809</u></b>	<b><u>4,607</u></b>	<b><u>4,591</u></b>

**Schroeder Park = 90.47% Weekend Occupancy Rate in 2019 - Memorial Day - Labor Day**

Schroeder Park = 88.96% Weekend Occupancy Rate in 2018 - Memorial Day - Labor Day

Schroeder Park = 83.70% Weekend Occupancy Rate in 2017 - Memorial Day - Labor Day

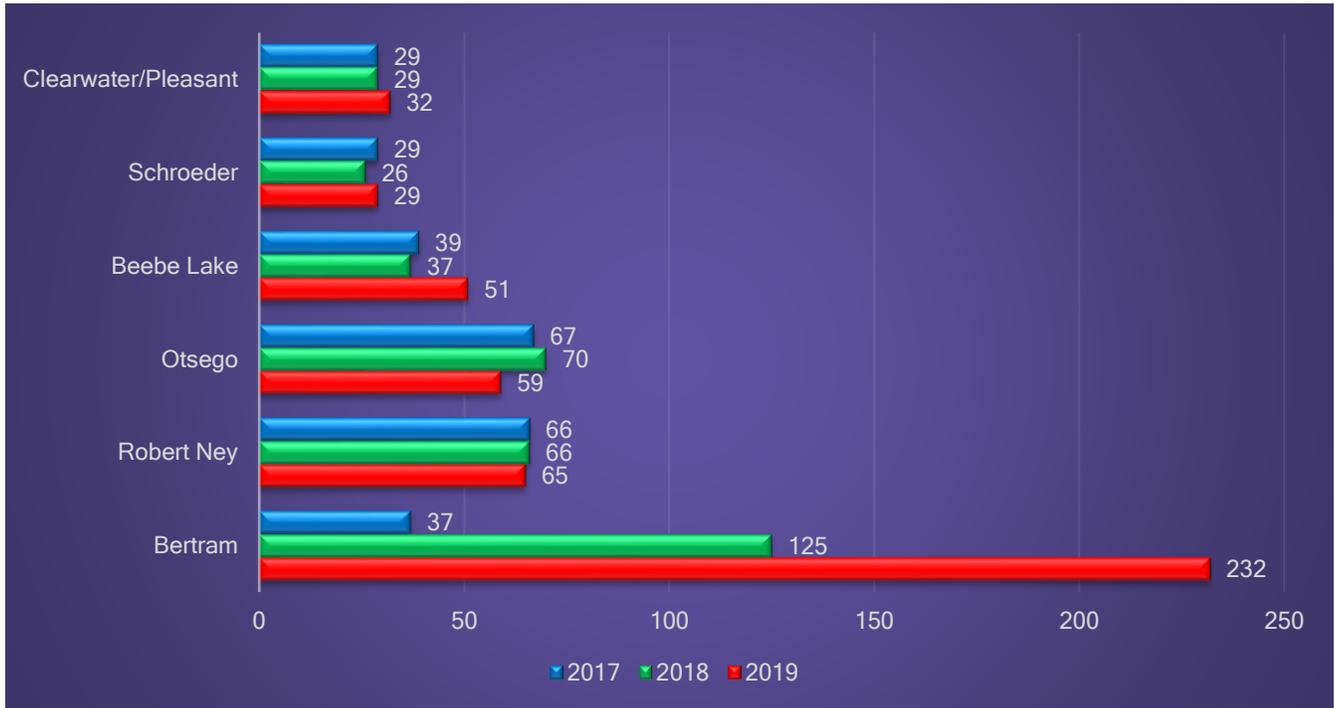
**Collinwood Park = 81.19% Weekend Occupancy Rate in 2019 - Memorial Day - Labor Day**

Collinwood Park = 81.98% Weekend Occupancy Rate in 2018 - Memorial Day - Labor Day

Collinwood Park = 75.84% Weekend Occupancy Rate in 2017 - Memorial Day - Labor Day



## Facility Reservations - Day Use Parks 3 Year Comparison



	Bertram	Ney	Otsego	Beebe	Schroeder	C/P	Collinwood
January	0	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
February	1	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
March	30	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
April	21	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
May	6	6	7	8	1	0	3
June	22	4	21	15	6	9	15
July	20	4	12	12	9	7	15
August	20	8	11	13	6	11	15
September	36	9	8	3	7	5	10
October	29	4	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	2
November	21	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
December	26	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# PROGRAMS – SPECIAL EVENTS - VOLUNTEERISM

## Purpose

Wright County Parks and Recreation provides various recreational and environmental education programs throughout the year to encourage people to get outside, explore the natural world, and be physically active.

### Lantern Cross Country Ski

- Date: January 19, 2019
- Attendance: 0
- Comments: We had to cancel this event in January due to the lack of snow.

### Dog Sledding

- Date: January 11 & 12, 2019
- Attendance: 143 participants
- Comments: The Dog Sledding program provided by Silent Run Adventures has proven itself to be one of our most popular programs. This program fills up every year ahead of the program dates and we continue to receive positive feedback from all participants. This year we had snow coverage on the main trail but too much ice to run the backside of the pond loop, so we ran on the pond again.

### Family Snowshoe,

- Date: February 3, 2019
- Attendance: 11 participants
- Comments: Master Naturalist David Grack provides the instruction for this program. He leads participants on a guided snowshoe tour of Ney Park and teaches them the basics of snowshoeing. David always receives positive reviews from the participants. We had a full roster in advance of the program and then due to colder than average conditions, and an impending snowstorm, we had only 11 of 20 registered show up.

### Woodworking for Wildlife

- Date: February 17, 2019
- Attendance: 50 participants
- Comments: This year we built bluebird houses. Our in-house Park Naturalist, Kurt Eich, led this program. 20 kits were old which was an increase from 2018.

### Sweetheart Snowshoe/Boot Hike

- Date: February 16, 2019
- Attendance: 75 participants
- Comments: There was plenty of snow this year for this event. Marc and Kurt worked this event this year. They said that there was a good crowd and the program was once again well received.

### Moonlit Snowshoe Adventure

- Date: January 20, 2019
- Attendance: 7 participants
- Comments: Originally, we had 17 people signed up for this event. At the time of the event there was not much snow on the ground, it was mainly ice so we had 10 people cancel on us.

### Buckthorn Hiking Sticks

- Date: March 9, 2019
- Attendance: 0
- Comments: This program was cancelled due to inclement weather and the amount of snow on the ground.

### Lantern Cross Country Ski

- Date: February 23, 2019
- Attendance: 250 participants
- Comments: We had great conditions for our last lantern ski of the season. The snow was in good shape and we rented out 25 pairs of skis on top of the people who brought their own.

### Maple Lake Summer Academy

- Date: June 20, 2019
- Attendance: 36 students
- Comments: Kurt Eich and Brad Harrington developed our Habitat curriculum and we were able to let the kids go fishing at Lake Mary. As a craft project, we built toy fishing rods out of wooden dowels.

### Connecting People to the Outdoors Grant - Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center

- Below is a list of programs operated under the grant with dates, locations and attendance.
  1. Paddling at Bertram
    - June 22, 2019
    - 8 participants

2. Paddling at Bertram
  - June 29, 2019
  - 20 participants
3. Paddling at Schroeder
  - August 3, 2019
  - 50 participants
  - There are only 20 kayaks, so we had a line to use them this day.
4. Paddling at Collinwood
  - August 31, 2019
  - 14 participants

## **Special Events**

Wright County Parks and Recreation plays hosts to several special events throughout the year. Below is a recap of the events from 2019:

### **Bertram Blast**

- Date: July 20, 2019
- Attendance: 100 participants
- Comments: The Bertram Blast is an all off-road triathlon that was put on by Wright County, City of Monticello and the Bertram Blast (owned and operated by Dr. Brett Oden). There were 100 participants in the event coming from all over Minnesota and Canada and approximately 200 people onsite for the day. The weather conditions were not favorable this year as it rained during the event.

### **Blazin' Thru Bertram Lavalle Run**

- Date: September 14, 2019
- Attendance: 158 finishers
- Comments: The Blazin' Thru Bertram LaValle Run continues to grow each year. This past year the event saw a slight increase in participants. In 2018 there were 146 finishers.

### **Monticello Cross Country Meet**

- Date: September 7, 2019
- Attendance: 487 finishers
- Comments: This is the third year that Monticello Cross Country Coach Dave Wik has used Bertram Chain of Lakes as their home course. The meet had 487 finishers and brought approximately 1,500 people to the park that day. It provided great exposure to the park and Monticello Cross Country plans on continuing to use Bertram as its home course.

### **Troop 273 Camp out**

- Date: July 18-20
- Attendance: 50 plus

### **Maple Lake Cross Country Meet**

- Date: August 30, 2019
- Attendance: 488 finishers
- Comments: Each year Ney Park host the Maple Leaf Invitational produced by the Maple Lake Cross Country Team.

### **Dassel-Cokato Cross Country Jamboree**

- Date: August 19, 2019
- Attendance: 200 runners
- Comments: This event was new this year. The Dassel-Cokato coach decided to host a second event at the park for runners to preview the course for the Invitational and to get into the cross-country season.

### **Dassel-Cokato Cross Country Invitational**

- Date: September 24, 2019
- Attendance: 329 runners
- Comments: Each year Collinwood Park hosts the Dassel-Cokato Invitational Cross-Country Meet. It is a great exposure for the park as something other than a campground by highlighting the trails through this meet.

### **Color Me Fall**

- Date: October 12, 2019
- Attendance: 0
- Comments: Event was cancelled due to low temps and high winds.

### **Central Minnesota Conference Cross Country Meet**

- Date: October 16, 2019
- Attendance: 236 finishers
- Comments: This year the Central Minnesota Conference selected Collinwood for their conference meet. With the construction going on at the park we did have to modify the course a bit so we met with the HLWW cross country coach to figure things out. They were pleased with the solutions we offered.

## Wild Turkey Wattle

- Date: November 27, 2019
- Attendance: 300 +
- Comments: Elk River Nordics Ski Team continued their Wild Turkey Wattle 5k at Otsego County Park. We always receive positive feedback from the organizers, and they have good participation.

## Environmental Education Days - Spring

- Date: May 7-9, 2019
- Attendance: 815 students
- Comments: Hosted by Wright County Soil and Water, this event is always fun with many of 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Wright County coming to Ney Park for environmental education.

## Environmental Education Days - Fall

- Date: September 17-19, 2019
- Attendance: 732 students
- Comments: Hosted by Wright County Soil and Water, this event is always fun with many of 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Wright County coming to Ney Park for environmental education. Fall numbers were lower in 2018 due to cancelling the last day because of rain. Some of those schools have rescheduled to attend the Spring 2019 event which pushed the numbers higher this year for the spring.



## VOLUNTEERISM

### Volunteer Projects

1. This past year we had one significant volunteer project at Robert Ney Regional Park Reserve. The department worked with the Jane Goodall School, US Fish and Wildlife and the Aldo Leopold Foundation to create a .5-acre pollinator demonstration site.
2. Minnesota Off Road Cyclists (MORC) continued their volunteer efforts at Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. MORC performs maintenance activities on the Single-Track Mountain Bike trails, over this past year over 2000 volunteer hours were performed.

### Eagle Scout Projects

Below is a list of completed Eagle Scout Projects within the Wright County Park System for 2019.

1. Construction and installation of port-a-toilet screens at Montissippi and Bertram North Parking log.
2. Construction and installation of port-a-toilet screen at Bertram South Parking lot and installation of bench in the changing room at the South Parking lot.
3. Installation of Interpretive signs on the Esker trail at Bertram and the construction of an outdoor classroom at Bertram for the Nature Preschool.
4. Installation of two fire rings and picnic tables at Montissippi Park to expand the canoe camping opportunities.



## PERSONNEL

- ✓ In 2019 the Parks and Recreation Department said good-bye to three long time employees. They left with over 104 years of combined experience.
  - Ralph Borrell - Park Maintenance Supervisor
  - August Riebel - Parks Mechanic
  - Richard Miller - Park and Natural Resource Technician
- ✓ Green View Contract: All positions were filled in 2019 with 8 out of 13 employees returning from 2018. This contract provides caretakers at five park locations (Beebe Lake, Clearwater/Pleasant, Otsego, Fairhaven Mill, and Bertram Chain of Lakes).
- ✓ Six of the twelve seasonal staff positions were filled with returning employees.
- ✓ During the summer months, the Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Cedar Lake Conservation Club to contract additional AIS watercraft inspections at the public water access in Schroeder Park. This partnership is in its sixth year and is was partially funded by The Cedar Lake Conservation Club. This will continue in 2020.
- ✓ The Sheriff's Departments Park Patrol Division includes one FTE Park Ranger that is employed year-round to assist with ordinance enforcement. The full-time Park Ranger was supplemented with five part-time Park Rangers to help round out the schedule. During 2019, the first full year of this new division; benefits were seen related to response times for disruptions, investigations on vandalism, and having a point person to contact.
- ✓ "Sentence-To-Serve" assisted with park and facility maintenance duties and contributed 67 crew days totaling 1,488 hours with an average crew size of 2.68 people. (This compares to 77 crew days, 2,144 hours, and an average crew size of 3.21 people in 2018.) These activities included repairing fishing piers and docks (208 hours), splitting and stocking of firewood (208 hours), preparing and assisting with setting up environmental education programs and county events (160 hours), spring park clean-up and refuse pickup (200 hours), building and maintenance of park benches and picnic tables (176 hours), and routine park maintenance activities including tree planting, painting, turf seeding, facility maintenance, buckthorn removal, and trail work (536 hours).
- ✓ The Thibodeau family from Clearwater continued their Adopt-a-Park agreement for Marcus Zumbrennen Park, Limestone Lake Access, and Stirewalt Memorial Park, all near Hasty. The family assists in keeping the park areas clean and reports any major problems to the Department.
- ✓ Crossroads Animal Shelter near Buffalo continued its Adopt-a-Park Agreement for "H" Eagle Roost Park on the east edge of Buffalo. The shelter assists with mowing the new short trail, keeping the park area clean, and reporting any major problems to the Department
- ✓ 2019 brought the sunset of our Connecting People to The Outdoors grant. This initiative was funded through the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission. Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center continued to provide various outdoor recreation and environmental education programs throughout the system, including Schools in Parks, Campground Programs, and Special Events. The initiative was a success, is now included as part of the overall operations budget of the Department.

## OPERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Outside of our regular park and facility maintenance and administration, the following are a few highlights:

### ➤ Montissippi County Park

1. Construction began on an 18-hole Disc Golf Course - this will be one of two championship level courses in Wright County. Park and Recreation staff completed the fairways, T-pads, and landscaping. In 2020, we will complete the course with the installation of baskets, turf grass establishment, and signage.
2. The Department was awarded a Federal Recreational Trail Grant to assist in funding the total reconstruction of the paved trails within the park. The paving portion of the project was completed in October. In 2020 we will need to complete the installation of truncated domes and concrete approaches.
3. During the winter of 2019, the fishing pier at the park was refurbished. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources provided the materials and county staff provided the labor to install new decking, railings, floats and hardware. The frame was inspected and repaired as necessary.
4. Each year our playground safety surfacing throughout the system is inspected. In 2019, an additional 90 cubic yards of engineered wood fiber was brought into this playground to help bring the surfacing to playground standards.



### ➤ Stanley Eddy Regional Park Reserve

1. Stanley Eddy Park Reserve was awarded Regional status by the Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trail Commission becoming the first Regional Park Reserve in the Greater Minnesota system.
2. In 2007, 181 acres were added to this impressive park reserve. Up until 2019, these 181 acres sat basically untouched by the public as no trails or amenities had been created. This year under two sperate contracts with Red's Construction out of Oregon and Trail Source out of Minnesota, sustainable trails were created within these 181 acres. Trail enhancements and necessary realignments of trail in the South Unit were completed as well.

3. A habitat and natural resource restoration plan related to the 181 acres was developed. After the plan was developed, bid documents were prepared. This plan included site preparation, tree removal, and vegetative restoration from prairie to forests to wet meadows. Bids were sent out in early January 2020.
4. As one of the best natural areas remaining in the county, staff continued their efforts related to Buckthorn management in areas throughout the park. These efforts began in 2008. From all observations these treatments have and continue to be successful. Therefore, letting our guard down could result in a loss of effort.



➤ Robert Ney Regional Park

1. In partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and The Jane Goodall Environmental Sciences Academy, a .5-acre pollinator habitat demonstration site was created. The success of this project allowed us to continue to develop a plan to restore a 16.5-acre site of cool season grasses into a Native Prairie for the year 2020.
2. Preparations for the 16.5 -acre restoration began in December with the removal of undesirable tree species and removing a tree located adjacent to the restored wetland to provide for more of a connected ecosystem that blends the wetland and prairie.
3. A prescribed burn on 23 acres of restored Native Prairie was conducted in the spring on the east side of the park. Prescribed burning is used for a variety of reasons. One of the most notable benefits is to maintain the health of the area containing native plants. The fire helps manage weeds and other growth, and it also helps restore nutrients which leads to more desirable plant growth.

➤ Riverside County Park

1. Over the last year discussions occurred with the City of Hanover on park needs and how Wright County could utilize Riverside Park for recreational needs. It was realized that improvements to the park could potential consist of and archery range, off leash pet area, and improvements to the river access, picnic area and canoe camp sites.
2. The first of these improvements occurred in 2019 with the additional of an 8-target practice archery range located in the lower portion of the park. Installation of an accessible trail and proper signage for the range was also constructed.



➤ Collinwood Regional Park

1. In 2019, Collinwood Park provided a great deal of frustration as the campground expansion should have wrapped up early in the fall. Weather and untimely rain events created a less than desirable working condition for the contractors. Project halted in the fall at 85% completion. The contractors have been retained through May 2020 to complete the work with the goal of opening the expansion in July 2020.
2. Staff completed installation of new wayfinding along trails. In addition, a new kiosk sign and park map were installed.



➤ Schroeder County Park

1. In 2019, Schroeder Park was a year of taking care of what we have.

2. Staff worked diligently on inventorying Ash trees throughout the park in preparation of Emerald Ash Borer management which includes hazard tree maintenance and planting of replacement shade trees.
3. Staff removed the dilapidated horseshoe pits near the picnic shelter and replaced those with concrete corn hole games. This addition was a hit for users.
4. Staff worked to improve several fire rings and grills throughout the park.



➤ Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park

1. Each year our playground safety surfacing throughout the system is inspected. In 2019, an additional 90 cubic yards of engineered wood fiber was brought into this playground to bring the surfacing to playground standards.
2. A prescribed burn on 24 acres of restored Native Prairie was conducted in the spring on the east side of the park. Prescribed burning is used for a variety of reasons. One of the most notable benefits is to maintain the health of the area containing native plants. The fire helps manage weeds and other growth, and it also helps restore nutrients which leads to more desirable plant growth.
3. The Long Lake overlook was completed in 2019. The overlook is a special spot in the park where users can view the entire length of Long Lake and into the channel which connects Long Lake to Mud Lake. The observation deck, interpretive signage, viewing binoculars and trail connections provide people a sense of place.



➤ Otsego County Park

1. Otsego County Park is one of our most popular areas for citizens to donate memorial benches. In 2019, three donations were received and installed by park staff.
2. In 2016, staff identified a stand of Garlic Mustard at Otsego Park which is an invasive species that destroys native woodland vegetation. This stand was found in a large Trout Lilly patch. Efforts to hand pull occurred in 2016, and a full management plan was created in 2017. A very active approach has since occurred and in 2019 the department also began actively managing the reduction of Buckthorn in this popular park. Management will continue for the next several years as positive results for both invasive species have been documented.

➤ Clearwater/ Pleasant County Park

1. Each year our playground safety surfacing throughout the system is inspected. In 2019, an additional 75 cubic yards of engineered wood fiber was brought into this playground to help bring the surfacing to playground standards.
2. A prescribed burn on 10 acres of restored Native Prairie was conducted in the spring on the east side of the park. Prescribed burning is used for a variety of reasons. One of the most notable benefits is to maintain the health of the area containing native plants. The fire helps manage weeds and other growth, and it also helps restore nutrients which leads to more desirable plant growth. In the future seeding native forbs will help the prairie diversity.
3. A continuous effort throughout the systems is to redetermine and establish the boundaries of the properties. In 2019 efforts were made to survey and re-establish the west property line of Clearwater/Pleasant County Park.

➤ Beebe Lake County Park

1. A prescribed burn on 19 acres of restored Native Prairie was conducted in the spring on the east side. Prescribed burning is used for a variety of reasons. One of the most notable benefits is to maintain the health of the area containing native plants. The fire helps manage weeds and other growth, and it also helps restore nutrients which leads to more desirable plant growth.
2. The aging infrastructure of Beebe Lake Park showed signs after a hard winter as the restroom facility needed attention. Bonk Concrete was contracted to tuck point the entire building, and all the wall expansion joints were sealed and caulked.

## 2019 Parks and Recreation - Year End Budget

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u>	<u>Budget</u>
5252	IGR - Reimbursements	\$ (18,863.27)	\$ (0.00)
5327	State Pass Through Grants	\$ (86,368.68)	\$(64,000.00)
5329	State Grants - park Projects	\$ (48,000.00)	\$ 0.01
5830	Revenue	\$ (215,826.68)	\$ (205,000.00)
5801	Refunds and Reimbursements	\$ (117.97)	\$ 0.10
6101	Full Time Salaries	\$ 737,493.09	\$ 712,958.00
6104	Temp Staff	\$ 78,582.54	\$ 87,140.00
6106	Overtime	\$ 16,297.33	\$ 16,016.00
6114	Per Diems	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,440.00
6117	Contract Caretaker	\$ 136,975.70	\$ 141,377.00
6153	County Share Ins	\$ 158,181.36	\$ 185,318.00
6162	Medicare	\$ 10,903.89	\$ 10,343.00
6163	PERA	\$ 52,461.07	\$ 53,479.00
6175	Social Security	\$ 46,623.35	\$ 44,203.00
6203	Telephone	\$ 8,581.91	\$ 9,000.00
6205	Postage	\$ 304.48	\$ 500.00
6235	Publications	\$ 5,694.84	\$ 5,650.00
6245	Memberships	\$ 8,268.69	\$ 9,239.00
6251	Utilities	\$ 31,482.34	\$ 41,000.00
6260	Software and System Support	\$ 11,619.47	\$ 7,900.00
6261	Professional Services	\$ 131,358.10	\$ 157,861.00
6301	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 77,560.32	\$ 81,400.00
6305	MGX Radio	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
6333	Travel	\$ 106.74	\$ 150.00
6334	Meals	\$ 400.15	\$ 400.00
6335	Training	\$ 2,945.33	\$ 2,015.00
6338	Conferences	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 1,815.00
6342	Rent PWB	\$ 48,741.00	\$ 48,741.00
6343	Machinery/Equipment Leases	\$ 3,348.00	\$ 6,280.00
6359	Credit Card Surcharges	\$ 10,445.32	\$ 11,580.00
6360	Property Taxes and Assessments	\$ 7,613.88	\$ 7,130.00
6411	Operating Sup.	\$ 30,879.01	\$ 32,500.00
6450	Rec. Programs	\$ 20,963.90	\$ 18,900.00
6451	Fuel and Lube	\$ 42,930.76	\$ 40,880.00
6452	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 33,812.02	\$ 35,100.00
6480	Small Equipment	\$ 6,794.28	\$ 7,000.00
6485	Small Computer and Software Purchases	\$ 6,800.67	\$ 5,900.00
6490	Small Furniture	\$ 5,722.87	\$ 7,000.00
6550	Vegetation Management	\$ 11,404.24	\$ 12,000.00
6551	Aggregate	\$ 7,542.33	\$ 14,090.00
6605	Site Improvement	\$ 92,545.98	\$ 128,000.00
6621	Furniture/Equipment	\$ 58,753.29	\$ 61,500.00
6633	Vehicles Purchased	\$ 86,862.25	\$ 87,500.00
6698	Park Equipment - Minor	\$ 6,492.26	\$ 6,500.00
6806	Uniform Allowance	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
6807	Resale material	\$ 14,608.78	\$ 13,000.00
6859	State Pass Though - Snowmobile Grant	\$ 86,368.68	\$ 64,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,732,313.62</b>	<b>\$ 1,909,305.11</b>

2019 Cost Summary  
(Labor and Expenses)

	Description	Labor	Expenses	Total
000	Administration: Per Diems, Training, Holidays, PTO, Leases, Conferences, Meetings, Memberships, Telephone, Travel...	\$181,874.53	\$1,872.64	\$183,747.17
195	Tandem Truck	\$781.07	\$4,041.36	\$4,822.43
631	Miscellaneous, Lawnmowers, Weed Whips, Chainsaws, Wood Splitters, Utility Trailers	\$30,366.93	\$48,094.54	\$78,461.47
632	2013 Chevrolet - ¾ Ton - 4X4	\$1,089.61	\$2,609.2	\$3,698.81
633	2000 GMC - 1 Ton - 4X4	\$716.96	\$2,259.35	\$2,976.31
634	2009 Chevrolet - 1 Ton - With Dump Box	\$883.65	\$187.77	\$1,071.42
636	2002 Chevrolet - ¾ Ton - With Utility Box	\$1,994.54	\$1,815.20	\$3,809.74
637	2004 Chevrolet - ¾ Ton - 4X4	\$814.00	\$1,180.61	\$1,994.61
638	2012 Chevrolet - 1 Ton - With Dump Box	\$2,81.91	\$6,745.96	\$6,829.87
639	2008 Chevrolet - 1 Ton - With Dump Box	\$740.77	\$1,781.59	\$2,522.36
640	2017 Kubota Mower - 72" Side Discharge - Shop	\$1,531.71	\$385.01	\$1,916.72
641	2011 Hustler - 60" Recycle - Beebe Lake	\$2,018.34	\$209.31	\$2,227.65
643	2011 New Holland Tractor	\$822.80	\$424.08	\$1,246.88
644	1996 Crestliner Boat and 35 Horse Mercury	\$609.75	\$191.93	\$801.68
646	DR Trail Mower	\$426.19	\$68.97	\$495.16
647	2009 Tow Master Trailer 5th Wheel 24Ft	\$664.85	\$276.81	\$941.66
648	2013 Hustler - 72" Side Discharge - Shop	\$2,421.92	\$140.66	\$2,562.58
649	2016 Ford F550 - With Dump Box	\$1,628.10	\$3,433.30	\$5,061.40
651	2015 Hustler - 72" Side Discharge - Collinwood	\$933.15	\$448.98	\$1,382.13
652	1999 Toro Grounds Master 325D With Seeder	\$113.76	\$0.00	\$113.76
654	2003 Toro Grounds Master 328D - Shop	\$717.75	\$741.37	\$1,459.12
655	2018 Kubota Mower - 72" Side Discharge - Shop	\$2,373.57	\$2,053.49	\$4,427.06
657	2010 Hustler - 6" Recycle Deck - Schroeder	\$1,775.84	\$384.76	\$2,160.60
658	2016 Dodge Ram 1500 - Operations Manager	\$188.71	\$1,613.49	\$1,802.20
659	2017 Kubota 72" Deck - Otsego	\$2,428.85	\$233.75	\$2,662.60
660	2017 Polaris Ranger - 900 - Clearwater/Pleasant	\$689.84	\$113.24	\$803.08
661	2018 Dodge Ram 3500 - With Utility Box	\$3,991.24	\$1,537.44	\$5,528.68
662	2017 Polaris Ranger - 900 - Shop	\$488.63	\$168.74	\$657.37
664	2010 Hustler - 72" Side Discharge - Collinwood	\$1,204.51	34.91	\$1,239.42
665	Buffalo Wind Turbine - Blower	\$150.61	\$22.81	\$173.42

667	2019 Kubota -72" Deck	\$3,015.41	\$1,298.98	<b>\$4,354.98</b>
668	2007 John Deer Tractor Model 5525 W/Tracks	\$4,526.42	\$1,180.07	<b>\$5,706.49</b>
669	2010 Tow Master 5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trailer - Mowers	\$598.39	\$7.99	<b>\$606.38</b>
670	2010 Woodsman Brush Chipper	\$344.07	\$191.55	<b>\$535.62</b>
671	2017 Alumax Snowmobile Trailer	\$518.12	\$92.99	<b>\$611.11</b>
672	2014 Tow Master 5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trailer	\$2,295.38	\$432.19	<b>\$2,727.57</b>
673	2014 Hustler - 60" Recycle Deck - Otsego	\$1,998.31	\$423.19	<b>\$2,421.50</b>
674	2014 Polaris Ranger - 900 - Bertram Park	\$1,459.02	\$324.30	<b>\$1,783.32</b>
676	2011 Polaris Ranger - 900 - Schroeder	\$1,402.45	\$703.13	<b>\$2,105.58</b>
677	2012 Polaris Ranger - 800 - Sprayer Unit	\$699.40	\$118.26	<b>\$817.66</b>
678	2012 Hustler - 72" Side Discharge - Bertram	\$1,721.99	\$204.78	<b>\$1,926.77</b>
679	2013 Ski-Doo Snowmobile - Ski Trail Groomer	\$2,070.11	\$571.70	<b>\$2,641.81</b>
680	2014 Dodge Ram 1500 - Administration	\$723.53	\$1,035.17	<b>\$1,758.70</b>
681	2014 Tow Master Trailer - T 18D	\$1,618.20	\$532.58	<b>\$2,150.78</b>
682	2015 Polaris Ranger - 900 - Shop	\$659.47	\$178.00	<b>\$837.47</b>
683	2017 Dodge Ram 3500 - With Lift Gate	\$1,331.72	\$3,299.94	<b>\$4,631.66</b>
684	2017 Dodge Roam 3500 - With Dump Box	\$1,863.10	\$4,010.87	<b>\$5,873.97</b>
685	2017 Mitsubishi Fork Lift - Shop	\$40.50	\$194.71	<b>\$235.21</b>
686	2018 Bobcat Skid Steer - T770	\$2,806.20	\$5,132.68	<b>\$7,938.88</b>
687	Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices	\$284,960.85	\$90,085.57	<b>\$375,046.42</b>
688	2018 Polaris Ranger - 900 - Shop	\$348.86	\$11,729.64	<b>\$12,078.50</b>
689	2016 Haulmark Trailer - Mountain Bike Fleet	\$154.00	\$4,927.25	<b>\$5,081.25</b>
698	Outlaying Parks	\$5,983.96	\$11,358.81	<b>\$17,342.77</b>
690	2019 Bobcat T770 Skid Steer	\$844.23	\$28,322.27	<b>\$525,704.28</b>
691	2019 Ram 1Ton 4X4	\$1,052.48	\$40,382.22	<b>\$41,434.70</b>
692	2019 Ram 1 Ton 4X4 With Lift Gate	\$1,722.65	\$45,803.71	<b>\$47,526.36</b>
693	2017 Polaris Ranger - 900 - C/P	\$408.00	\$45.19	<b>\$453.19</b>
699	Parks and Recreation Shop	\$17,622.99	\$20,589.55	<b>\$38,212.54</b>
699	Public Works Building Expenses and Labor	\$7,094.28	\$6,970.92	<b>\$14,065.20</b>
756	Betty - T. Mason Canoe/River Access	\$352.28	\$0.00	<b>\$352.28</b>
760	Archery Range at Silver Creek - Hasty	\$297.14	\$4,963.01	<b>\$4,963.01</b>
761	Albert Yager / Omar Glessing - Park Reserve	\$1,201.77	\$0.00	<b>\$1,201.77</b>
762	Albright's Mill River System Park	\$3,964.52	\$562.73	<b>\$562.73</b>
763	Beebe Lake County Park	\$16,930.20	\$37,784.66	<b>\$54,714.86</b>
765	Carl Johnson - Park Reserve	\$2,652.87	\$0.00	<b>\$2,652.87</b>
766	Clearwater / Pleasant County Park	\$19,056.05	\$43,803.45	<b>\$62,859.50</b>
767	Clearwater Wayside and Archery Range	\$1,092.14	\$679.29	<b>\$1,771.43</b>

768	Collinwood Park - Operations	\$52,726.30	\$29,781.58	<b>\$82,507.88</b>
768	Collinwood Park Full Time Labor &Capital	\$37,516.21	\$14,021.87	<b>\$51,538.08</b>
769	Crawford Lake County Park	\$2,064.21	\$459.17	<b>\$2,523.38</b>
770	Crow Springs - River System Park	\$2,010.15	\$430.49	<b>\$2,440.64</b>
771	Dustin Monument - Historical Wayside	\$422.00	\$1,329.10	<b>\$1,751.10</b>
772	East Maple Lake - County Access	\$1,903.05	\$417.05	<b>\$2,320.10</b>
773	Fairhaven Mill - Historic Park	\$1,768.80	\$13,822.53	<b>\$15,591.33</b>
774	Harry Larson - Park Reserve	\$6,526.40	\$140.37	<b>\$6,666.77</b>
775	Humphrey Arends - River System Park	\$1,512.08	\$391.80	<b>\$1,903.88</b>
776	Lake Ida School House	\$76.15	\$162.00	<b>\$238.15</b>
777	Limestone Lake County Access	\$2,140.72	\$265.27	<b>\$2,405.99</b>
779	Marcus Zumbrunnen County Park	\$3,882.15	\$1,123.34	<b>\$5,005.49</b>
780	Montissippi County Park (2019 - Trail Paving)	\$75,706.31	\$36,502.46	<b>\$112,208.77</b>
781	Mud Lake County Park	\$8,166.82	\$1,013.09	<b>\$9,179.91</b>
782	Oscar and Anna Johnson County Park	\$2,679.50	\$375.87	<b>\$3,055.37</b>
783	Otsego County Park	\$17,529.30	\$39,712.82	<b>\$57,242.12</b>
784	Stanley Eddy Park Reserve	\$21,985.63	\$11,138.70	<b>\$33,124.33</b>
786	Robert Ney Memorial Regional Park	\$50,372.02	\$40,440.76	<b>\$90,812.78</b>
787	Riverside River System Park	\$14,921.65	\$1,476.14	<b>\$16,397.79</b>
788	Schroeder - On Site Labor	\$48,326.15	\$32,185.33	<b>\$80,511.48</b>
788	Schroeder Full Time Staff Labor/Capital Projects	\$23,871.14	\$10,551.50	<b>\$34,422.64</b>
789	Stirewalt County Park	\$2,288.63	\$1,505.77	<b>\$3,794.40</b>
791	Little Waverly Lake County Access	\$1,190.24	\$176.88	<b>\$1,367.12</b>
792	Wildlife River System Park	\$1,309.25	\$0.00	<b>\$1,309.25</b>
793	William Anderson County Park	\$4,980.01	\$159.64	<b>\$5,139.65</b>
794	Work for Others	\$20,906.11	\$108.86	<b>\$21,014.97</b>
796	"H" Eagle Roost County Park	\$351.21	\$169.33	<b>\$520.54</b>
797	Buffalo to Montrose Trail (CSAH 12)	\$2,979.02	\$120.00	<b>\$3,099.02</b>
798	Crow River Regional Trail	\$1,311.06	\$804.03	<b>\$2,115.09</b>
799	Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park	\$56,524.17	\$118,964.13	<b>\$175,488.30</b>
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,100,542.63</u></b>	<b><u>\$808,762.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,909,305.13</u></b>

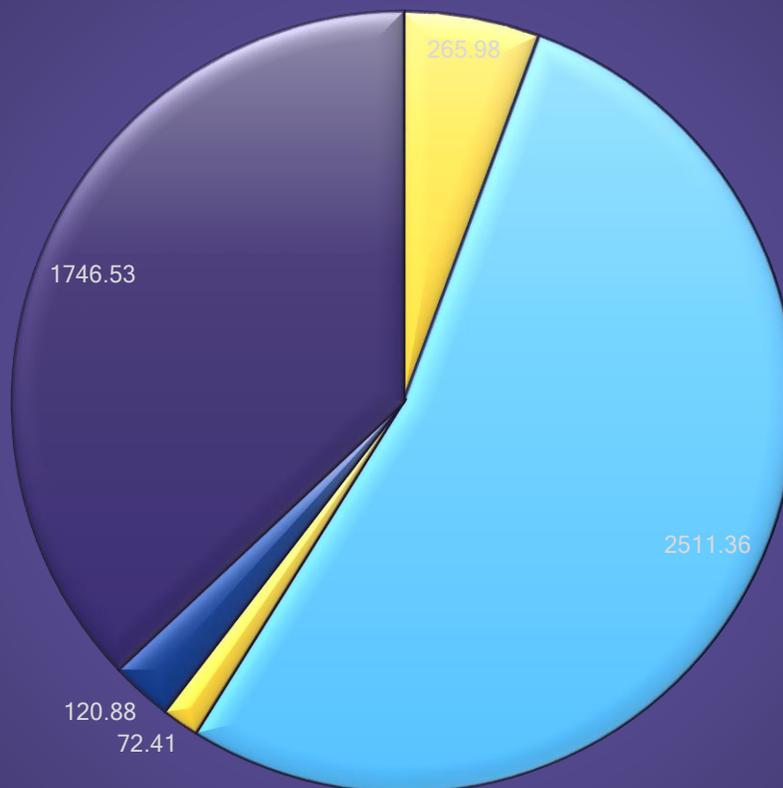
### Wright County Park Acreage Distribution and Projections

There are 33 public facilities managed by the Wright County Parks and Recreation Department. The areas include campgrounds, swimming beaches, trails, public water accesses, river system parks, and historic sites. Combined, these areas total 4,717 acres (about 1% of Wright County's total area of 714 square miles). Of these areas, the largest include:

- Stanley Eddy Regional Park located in the hills of French Lake: 959 acres.
- Robert Ney Regional Park, home to an Environmental Learning Center: 863 acres.
- Bertram Chain of Lake Regional Park, near the City of Monticello, 1,253 acres (including the lakes).

Evaluation of open space needs, based on population projections for Wright County through the year 2040, an additional 125 acres will need to be added to the system to meet open space guidelines (4,842 acres).

### Land Base Per Commissioner District



■ District #1  
 ■ District #2  
 ■ District #3  
 ■ District #4  
 ■ District #5

Park	Acreage	District
Clearwater/Pleasant Regional Park	196.14	1
Fairhaven Mill	12.5	1
Lake Louisa (Undeveloped)	27.4	1
Schroeder	29.94	1
<u>TOTAL COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>265.98</u>	
Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park (Includes Lakes)	1253	2
Clearwater Wayside	10.5	2
East Maple Lake Public Access	6.43	2
Harry Larson Regional Park	176.92	2
Marcus Zumbrunnen	63.09	2
Montissippi Regional Park	132.78	2
Robert Ney Regional Park	863.81	2
Stirewalt/Limestone Lake	4.83	2
<u>TOTAL COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2</u>	<u>2511.36</u>	
Otsego Regional Park	72.41	3
<u>TOTAL COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3</u>	<u>72.41</u>	
"H" Eagle Roost	36.1	4
Beebe Lake Regional Park	64.46	4
Crawford Lake	3.1	4
Pleasant View North and South Canoe Resting Area	2.36	4
Riverside	14.86	4
<u>TOTAL COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4</u>	<u>120.88</u>	
Albert Yager / Omar Glessing	59.57	5
Albrights Mill	39.92	5
Betty T. Mason River Access	0.96	5
William Anderson County Park	109.1	5
Carl Johnson	40.0	5
Collinwood Regional Park	252.87	5
Crow Springs	17.0	5
Dustin Wayside	1.29	5
Humphrey Arends	84.96	5
Little Waverly Public Access	3.73	5
Mud Lake	40.0	5
Oscar and Anna Johnson	45.29	5
Stanley Eddy Regional Park (three separate units)	959.64	5
Wildlife	74.10	5
Corridor Trails	18.00	5
<u>TOTAL COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5</u>	<u>1,746.53</u>	
<b>TOTAL OF ALL COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS</b>	<b>4,717.06</b>	

**Parkland Dedication Fund:** Parkland dedication funds are kept in a separate account to be used by the County Board of Commissioners as the use relates to park and trail projects, acquisitions, and development within the township from which they are collected.

Township	Balance Available
Albion Township	\$ 11,596.50
Buffalo Township	34,359.15
Chatham Township	22,792.50
Clearwater Township	9,352.50
Cokato Township	1,275.75
Corinna Township	103,072.73
Franklin Township	151,257.25
Marysville Township	11,805.00
Rockford Township	119,371.50
Silver Creek Township	36,607.50
Southside Township	19,062.00
Stockholm Township	768.00
Victor Township	17,415.00
County Wide	49,577.01
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$588,312.39</u></b>

### **Campground Improvement Fund**

In 2001, the County Board of Commissioners created a special fund to help offset the cost of improvements within the two campgrounds operated by the Wright County Parks Department. Revenue is generated through a \$5 fee which is collected for each camping occasion.

Since the establishment of this fund, a variety of projects have been completed:

1. Collinwood - Paving of the entrance road and camping loops, day-use area renovations, construction of a pit toilet, pavement management, upgrades to water and electrical lines, windows in the caretaker's house, water hookups at RV sites, new pit toilet at the Little Lake Group Camp, and others.
2. Schroeder Park - Paving of the campground loops and entrance road, installation of campground water spigots, pavement management, replaced the playground, paving of day use and access parking area, water quality assessments to the Clearwater River Watershed District, and upgrading 19 sites to 50Amp electrical service.

**The current balance of this account is: Collinwood \$39,840.32, and Schroeder \$114,433.74**

### **Ney Park Fund**

The Ney Park fund was established by Albert Ney, who left in his will a trust fund to be used for improvements and future land acquisitions at Robert Ney Regional Park.

**The current balance of this account is: \$58,817.73**

### **Bertram Chain of Lakes Fund**

The Bertram Chain of Lakes Fund was created in 2009 to accept donations, and since the establishment of this account over \$62,000 in donations have been received.

**The current balance of this account is: \$19,522.94**

### **Fairhaven Mill Foundation Fund**

On December 26, 2018, the Fairhaven Mill Foundation Inc. provided a letter to the Wright County Board of Commissioners providing notice that the Foundation has dissolved. Donated funds are to be used to maintain the mill structure, add historic equipment, and to educate users and groups.

**The current balance of this account is: \$19,522.94**