

# Des Moines Park and Recreation Department FACT SHEET

## Mission Statement:

*Providing clean, safe, fun, and beautiful parks, open spaces, recreational facilities, and professionally managed leisure activities.*

## By the Numbers:

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| • Number of Parks                  | 72  |
| • Acres of Parkland                | 3,225   |
| • Miles of Trails                  | 40  |
| • Number of Employees              | 97 Full-Time<br>Approximately 213 Seasonal          |
| • Operating Budget FY 11           | \$ 15.8 Million Expenses<br>\$ 4.9 Million Revenues |
| • Capital Development Budget FY 11 | \$ 18.8 Million Expenses                            |

## Parks and Recreation & Municipal Facilities:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The John Pat Dorrian Multi-Use Trail System includes the following individual trails: Bill Riley, Inter-Urban, Neal Smith, John Pat Dorrian, Gay Lea Wilson, David and Elizabeth Kruidenier, Meredith, Walnut Creek, Waveland, Trestle-to-Trestle</li> <li>• 5 Aquatic Centers, Municipal Pools (Ashworth, Birdland, Nahas, Teachout Northwest)</li> <li>• 3 Municipal Golf Courses (Grand View, Waveland, Blank)</li> <li>• Birdland Marina</li> <li>• 6 Municipal Cemeteries: (Glendale, Woodland/St. Ambrose, Sims, Oak Grove, Laurel Hill, Elm Grove)</li> <li>• James W. Cownie Soccer and Baseball Parks</li> <li>• 2 Softball Complexes (Greater DM Softball Park, Savage)</li> <li>• City Hall, Argonne Armory, Des Moines Police Station</li> <li>• Principal Ball Park (leased)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Community Centers (Chesterfield, Four Mile, Pioneer Columbus)</li> <li>• Simon Estes Riverfront Amphitheater</li> <li>• Sylvan Theater</li> <li>• Des Moines Botanical Center (managed by contract)</li> <li>• Blank Park Zoo (managed by contract)</li> <li>• 2 Tennis Complexes (McCollum, Birdland)</li> <li>• Ewing Lilac Arboretum</li> <li>• Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden</li> <li>• 3 Disc Golf Courses (Grandview, Ewing, Pete Crivaro)</li> <li>• Nollen Plaza</li> <li>• Streetscapes (East Locust, ML King, Kingman, Polk, Urbandale, Ingersoll)</li> <li>• Gray's Lake with Swimming Beach</li> <li>• Western Gateway Park</li> <li>• John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park</li> <li>• Brenton Skating Plaza (managed by contract)</li> <li>• Principal Riverwalk</li> <li>• Long Look Civic Garden</li> <li>• Four-Mile Skateboard Park</li> </ul> |
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## **Programs:**

- Youth Sports
- Adult Sports
- Hosting Regional/National Sporting Events (Sports Tourism)
- Neighborhood Playgrounds and Wading Pools
- Swimming Instruction
- Fishing Instruction and League
- Sailing and Canoeing Instruction
- Tennis Instruction
- Golf Instruction
- Archery Instruction
- National Junior Tennis League
- Community Gardening and Urban Conservation
- Neighborhood Beautification Partnership
- Graffiti Removal
- Volunteerism and Park Stewardship
- Environmental Education
- Yoga In The Parks

## **Special Events:**

- Nitefall on the River Concerts (by contract)
- Free Flicks
- Floatin Free Flicks
- Mayor's Annual Ride for Trails
- Father/Daughter Dances
- Hoopin' at the Dome
- Des Moines Winter Games
- Run for the Egg
- Hershey Track Meet



## **Amenities Within 72 Parks:**

- Playgrounds
- Wading Pools
- Open and Enclosed Picnic Shelters
- Basketball Courts
- Softball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Picnic Areas with Tables and Grills
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Sledding Hills
- Ponds with Fishing
- Horseshoe Courts
- Equipment Rental and Concessions
- Boat and Bicycle Rentals
- Ice Skating
- BMX Track
- Soap Box Derby Track
- Disc Golf
- Nature Trails