



# CITY OF ANN ARBOR PARK MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

## **PARK MAINTENANCE:** **WHAT IS PARK MAINTENANCE?**

Park Operations cares for and maintains the City parks. Park Operations is responsible for play equipment, pathways, restrooms and shelter care, athletic field maintenance and recreation facility maintenance in the 159 parks throughout the park system.

## **RECREATION FACILITIES:**

Recreation facilities require ongoing maintenance to keep them operating smoothly. The parks facilities include 4 pools, 2 ice arenas, 2 golf courses, 2 canoe liveries, 2 community centers, a farmers market, senior center, historic house, and a farm site. Below are examples of maintenance responsibilities:

- Heating and cooling repairs and replacement
- Compressor and pump maintenance and repair at the pools and ice arenas
- Plumbing repairs and fixture replacement
- Lighting repair, replacement and upgrades for the interior and exterior of facilities
- Dock repairs and replacement
- Amenity repair and replacement such as pool deck equipment, pool slides and water play spray equipment
- Painting



*The maintenance barn being painted at Leslie Park Golf Course.*

## **FORESTRY:**

Park Forestry is responsible for the care of trees within the parks. Areas of focus include:

- Planting, pruning, and watering of new trees
- Clearing storm damage
- Emergency tree removal
- Root aeration
- Assist Natural Area Preservation (NAP) in maintaining natural areas
- Tree trimming
- Stump grinding and chipping
- Pruning brush adjacent to park pathways



*Staff planting new trees alongside the Huron River.*

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MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND  
IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE  
CITY OF ANN ARBOR PARKS SYSTEM

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## NEIGHBORHOOD AND REGIONAL PARKS:

Our neighborhood and regional parks include 79 playgrounds, more than 50 miles of pathways, 31 tennis courts, 34 ball diamonds, 10 soccer fields, 87 picnic areas, and numerous restrooms, picnic shelters, and basketball courts. Below are examples of maintenance responsibilities:

- Playground inspections, repair and maintenance including safety surfacing replacement
- Pathway and trail maintenance and repair
- Tennis court maintenance
- Athletic field maintenance, including fertilizing, aerating of turf areas, irrigation repair and replacement, lining and grooming, goal and bleacher repair and maintenance
- Graffiti removal and vandalism repair
- Drinking fountain installation and repair
- Bench repair
- Restroom cleaning and renovation
- Park sign creation and maintenance



*Kids and adults enjoy a pick up game of basketball at Leslie Park.*

## VOLUNTEERISM & OUTREACH:

Parks has developed a number of volunteer programs to both augment the maintenance and upkeep of park space and help foster a sense of community pride and involvement with the park system.



*The work our volunteers perform is invaluable.*

### GIVE 365

**GIVE 365 is the volunteer and outreach program dedicated to coordinating volunteer opportunities that improve and enhance the Ann Arbor Park system. GIVE 365 leads park beautification efforts, staffs community and recreation facility special events, and oversees coordination of the Adopt-A-Park program. The program fosters a sense of community and ownership amongst neighbors, businesses, student organizations and families.**

#### **Samplings of the current areas of focus are:**

- Park maintenance work days (overgrown brush, playground weeding, spreading woodchips, trash pick up)
- Facility landscaping and beautification (planting, weeding and mulching beds)
- Huron River and pond clean ups
- Raingarden maintenance
- Youth volunteer opportunities
  - \* Jr. Volunteer club
  - \* Counselor in Training
  - \* Lifeguard in training
- Special event staffing and assistance
- Promotion and community engagement through outreach activities

### ADOPT-A-PARK

**Adopt-A-Park engages citizens who want to advocate and care for a specific neighborhood park on a long term basis. The program provides support and coordination of resources for adopters who help maintain and care for their park space by coordinating work days with neighbors, and/or working individually. Neighbors, local businesses and student groups can be adopters. Samplings of the current areas of focus are:**

- Planting and caring for flower beds
- Mulching around trees to promote tree health
- Playground weeding and replenishing of wood chip surfaces
- Supporting raingarden maintenance
- Tree plantings
- Painting projects