

SAINT PAUL PARKS AND RECREATION



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AND THE BEST!



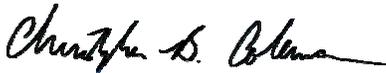
MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR

It is a great honor and pleasure to serve as Mayor of the City of Saint Paul. I am dedicated to making the City the best possible place for residents to live, work and play.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation has been and will continue to be a key component of our City. It provides healthy, wholesome activities for the people of Saint Paul. In 2005, the department was proclaimed as the very best in the United States by the National Recreation and Park Association and the Academy for Parks and Recreation. The department received the "Gold Medal" for professional parks and recreation management. This department always strives to provide the very best in programs, services and facilities for all of Saint Paul.

I proudly present this 2005 Annual Report to you as a comprehensive summary of the many worthwhile activities provided by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation which help make our City a better place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,



Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

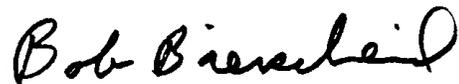
You have many reasons to be very proud of the professional staff that serve you in providing parks and recreation services. In 2005, they were proclaimed the very best in the United States by the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Academy for Parks and Recreation. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation received the "Gold Medal" for professional parks and recreation management.

This report highlights many of the achievements in 2005. There are also many challenges left to accomplish and we are dedicated to doing the very best in the years ahead. All of us are excited to be working with Mayor Chris Coleman and his administration. Together, we share a common bond in realizing that quality leisure services and facilities and the stewardship of our precious natural resources are essential to all Saint Paul citizens and the many visitors we host every year. As in the past, "Our Promise to You" continues:

The staff of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation promises to cheerfully and respectfully serve you. We will provide access to clean and safe facilities and programs with timely and effective service. We will listen and respond to your suggestions and concerns to the best of our abilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. United, citizens and staff, we can continue to bring the very best in quality of life to Saint Paul.

Sincerely,



Bob Bierscheid, CPRP
Director

AWARD WINNERS

James Banks was given the Breaking Barriers award at the National Women and Sports Day, a program which honors individuals and organizations which have broken barriers to provide athletic opportunities for girls and women of all races, ages and levels of ability.

Chuck Keapproth, Forestry Leader for the Xcel Training crew, received the Synergen Avenue Award for his work in improving the system used to trim trees beneath Xcel Energy power lines.

The Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary Restoration project implemented by the **Operations Section** won the Take Pride in America National Award sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The **Operations Section** was a key partner in the Phalen Shoreline Restoration Project which received the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts – Watershed Project of the Year award.

Phalen Golf Course was chosen to receive the Readers' Choice Award from Lillie News for being the Best Golf Course on the East Side of Ramsey County.

Matt Reinartz co-hosted the public access "Capitol City Show", for which the City's Office of Cable Communication received the First Place Award from the National Association of Telecommunication Advisors as the best magazine style show produced by a municipality.

Connie Rudolph from the Special Services Section was named the Honorary Groundskeeper for the Major League All Star Game in Detroit.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation received the national Gold Medal award. *See details on page 7.*

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation received the America in Bloom, Gardens Alive! Environmental Awareness Champion award for Public/Private Partnerships. The award is given to organizations that enhance their communities through beautification.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation's Wells Fargo WinterSkate initiative was chosen as the Great Lakes Region winner of the Partnership Award in the Class 1 category.

The **Senior Advisory Council**-sponsored public access television show "Active Generations" won the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Excellence in Communication award.

CITY OF SAINT PAUL ADMINISTRATION

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN

CHIEF OF STAFF ANN MULHOLLAND

CITY OF SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL

Ward 1 Councilmember Debbie Montgomery

Ward 3 Councilmember Pat Harris

Ward 5 Councilmember Lee Helgen

Ward 2 Councilmember Dave Thune

Ward 4 Councilmember Jay Benanav

Ward 6 Councilmember Dan Bostrom

Ward 7 Council President Kathy Lantry

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise City officials on matters of city-wide and long-range importance to the parks and recreation system.

Members

Carrie Wasley, Chair
John O'Halloran, Co-Chair
Thomas Byrne
Thomas Kayser
Therese Kelly
Paul Middleton
Altin Paulson
Peter Phia Pha

Goals

The Commission adopted four equally-prioritized goals for 2005:

- To address financing of key programs, including fund raising, fees, and other sources of funding.
- To support environmental stewardship initiatives in the parks and recreation system.
- To improve communication and relationships with groups with compatible missions.
- To improve access to park and recreation services for all cultures and ages, soliciting input in public hearings and surveys.

Resolutions

In pursuit of its goals, the Commission passed 16 resolutions which it forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. Included among the 16 were:

- #05-06, which endorsed the 2005-2009 Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.
- #05-13, which endorsed the proposal to name the tot lot at Margaret Recreation Center the Sergeant Jerry Vick Tot Lot.
- #05-15, which endorsed the proposal to collaboratively explore with Audubon Minnesota the development and operation of an interpretive center at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary.

Membership

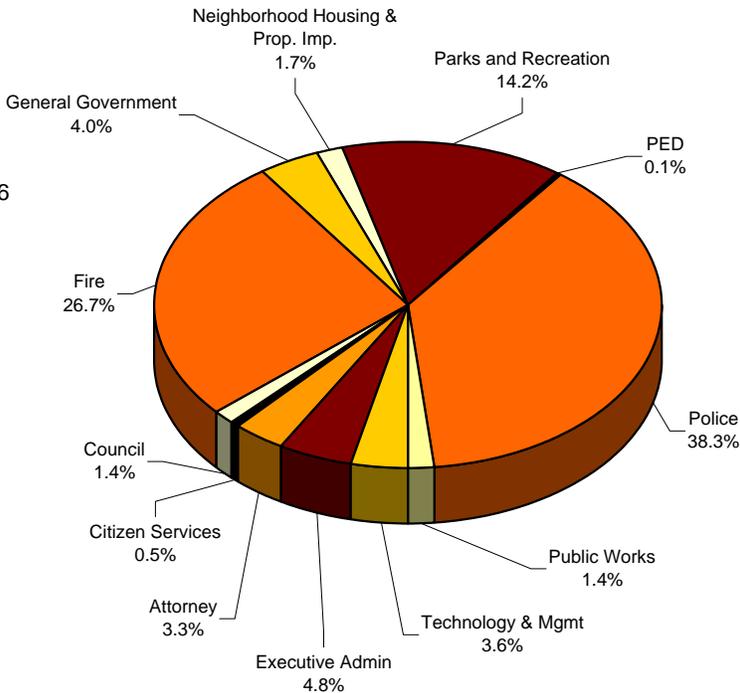
The Commission consists of nine at-large Saint Paul residents appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Members serve staggered three-year terms.

Meetings

The Commission holds meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at Saint Paul Parks and Recreation facilities.

**City of Saint Paul 2005 Adopted General Fund Budget
\$158,348,049**

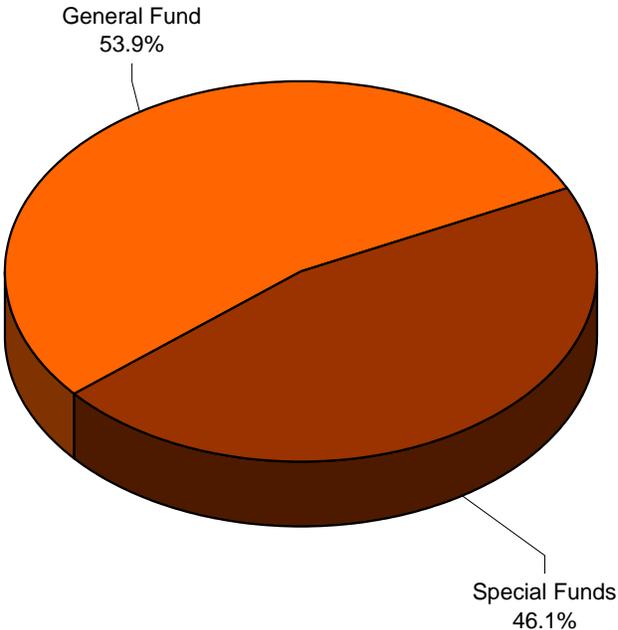
Attorney: \$5,258,531
Citizen Services: \$834,862
Council: \$2,262,044
Fire and Safety Services: \$42,222,986
General Government Accounts: \$6,273,396
Neighborhood Housing and Property Improvement: \$2,709,743
Parks and Recreation: \$22,435,374
Planning and Economic Development (PED): \$109,083
Police: \$60,589,972
Public Works: \$2,257,436
Technology and Management Service: \$5,776,348
Executive Administration: \$7,618,274
Human Resources: \$3,123,503
Human Rights: \$520,361
Mayor: \$1,361,039
License, Inspection, and Environmental Protection: \$732,857
Financial Services: \$1,880,514



Parks and Recreation 2005 Adopted Budget - \$41,607,652

General Fund Adopted: \$22,435,374

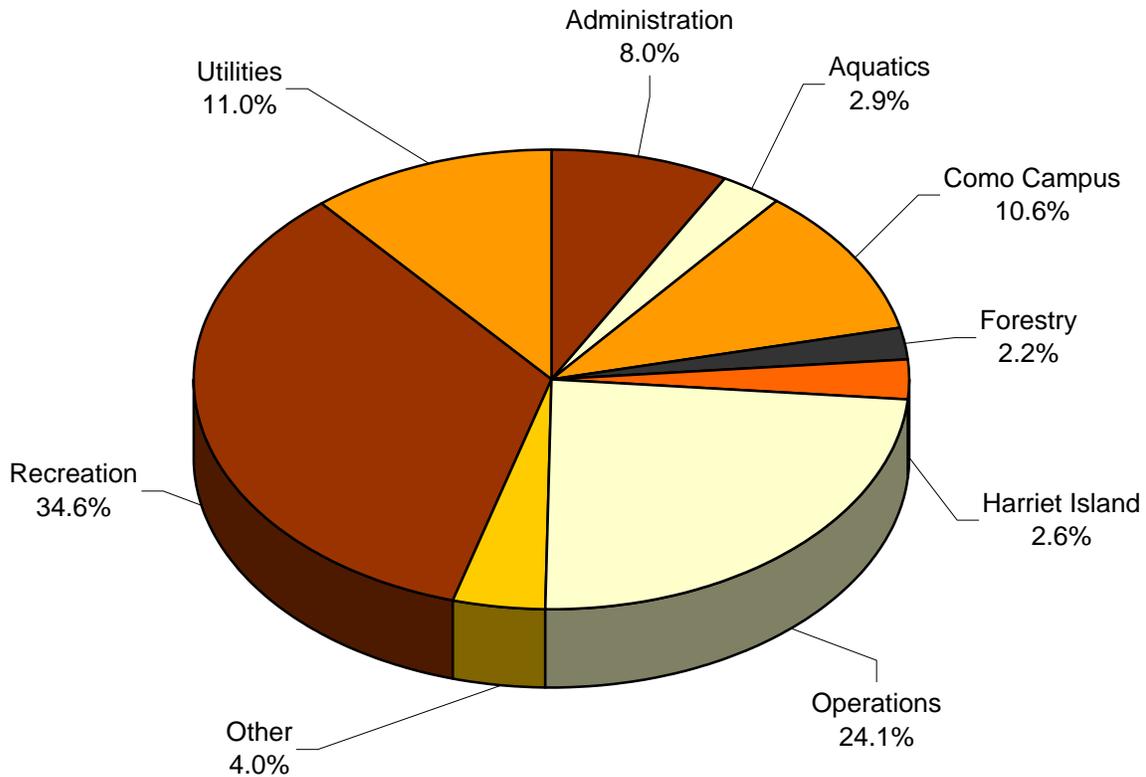
Special Fund Adopted: \$19,172,278



- Parks Design and Construction
- Parks and Recreation Supply and Maintenance
- Special Services
 - Golf Courses - Municipal Stadium*
 - Ski Program - Como Lakeside Pavilion*
 - Concessions - Watergate Marina*
 - Contract Administration*
- Recreation Center Support
 - Municipal Athletics*
 - Community Education*
 - Special Recreation Fund*
 - Rice and Arlington Sports Dome*
- Forestry Support
- Street Tree Maintenance
- Grants and Private Donation
- Como Campus
 - Como Campus Support*
 - Como Conservatory Support*
 - Como Zoo Support*
 - Como Zoo Animal Support*
 - Zoo/Conservatory Education Program*
 - Como Campus Minnesota Lottery*

2005 BUDGET – General Fund Breakdown

2005 General Fund Adopted Spending Budget - \$22,435,374



Operations: \$5,401,729 (24.1%)
Parks and Recreation Trades: 6.6%
Parks Maintenance: 8.3%
Equipment Maintenance: 4.0%
Support Maintenance: 4.0%
Park Permits: 1.2%

Como Campus: \$2,370,672 (10.6%)
Como Zoo: 4.5%
Como Conservatory: 2.0%
Zoo and Conservatory Heating: 2.2%
Campus Support Services: 1.9%

Administrative Support: \$1,784,586 (8.0%)
Accounting and Payroll: 2.0%
Administration: 5.1%
Parks Commission: <.1%
Parks Security: .8%

Recreation Centers: \$7,764,721 (34.6%)
Programming: 26.4%
Maintenance: 7.6%
Municipal Athletics: .6%

Forestry: \$498,199 (2.2%)

Aquatics: \$654,778 (2.9%)

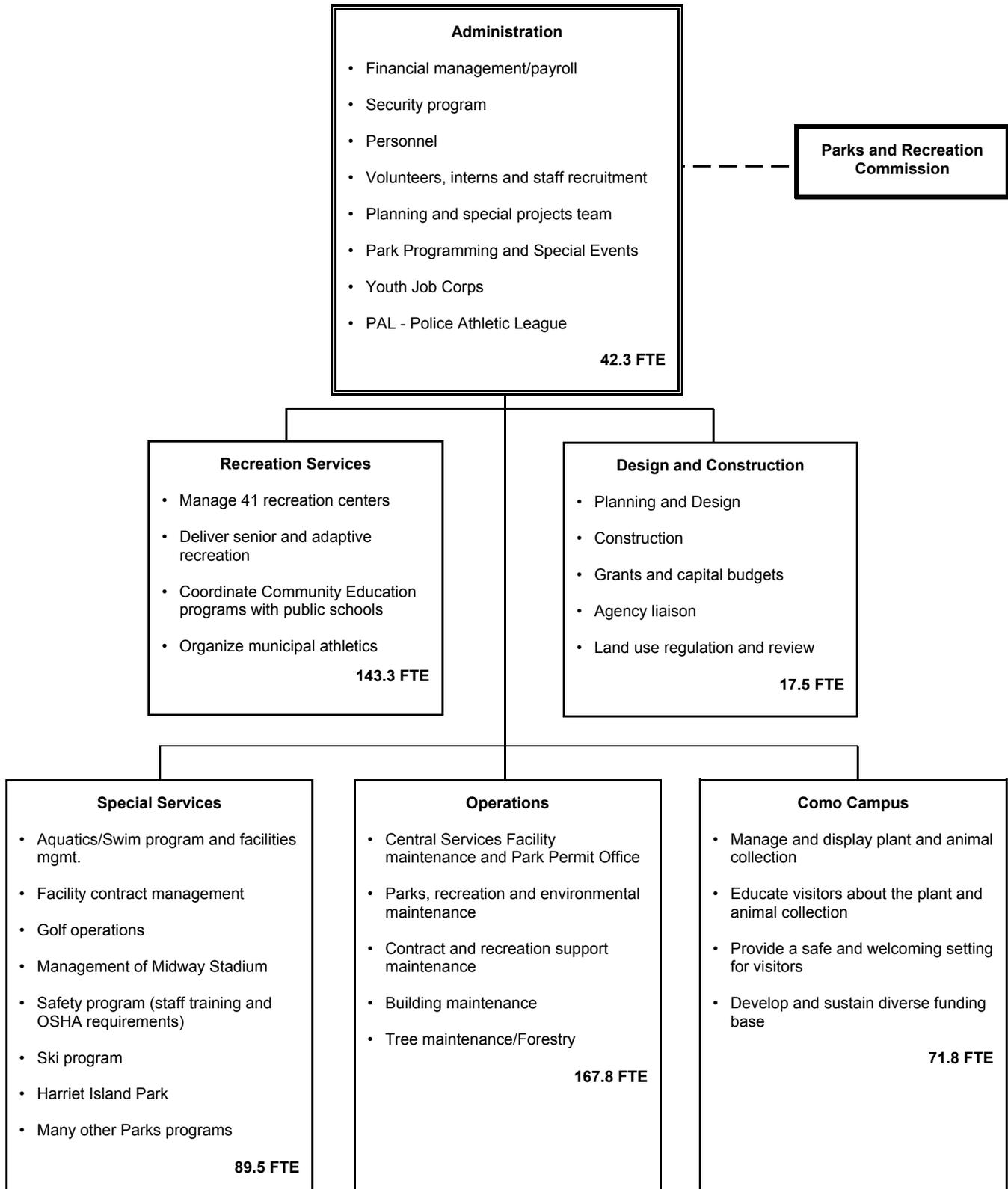
Harriet Island: \$594,161 (2.6%)

Utilities: \$2,474,835 (11.0%)

Other: \$891,693 (4.0%)
Design Center: .8%
Park Safety: .7%
Rice and Arlington Dome Debt: 1.5%
Municipal Stadium: .4%
Free Concerts in the Parks: .1%
GIS Support: .5%

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation 2005 Organization Chart (Total 532.2 FTEs)



ADMINISTRATION

2005 Adopted Budget

Administration Financing Budget: \$5,845,417

General Fund Contribution: \$4,395,319

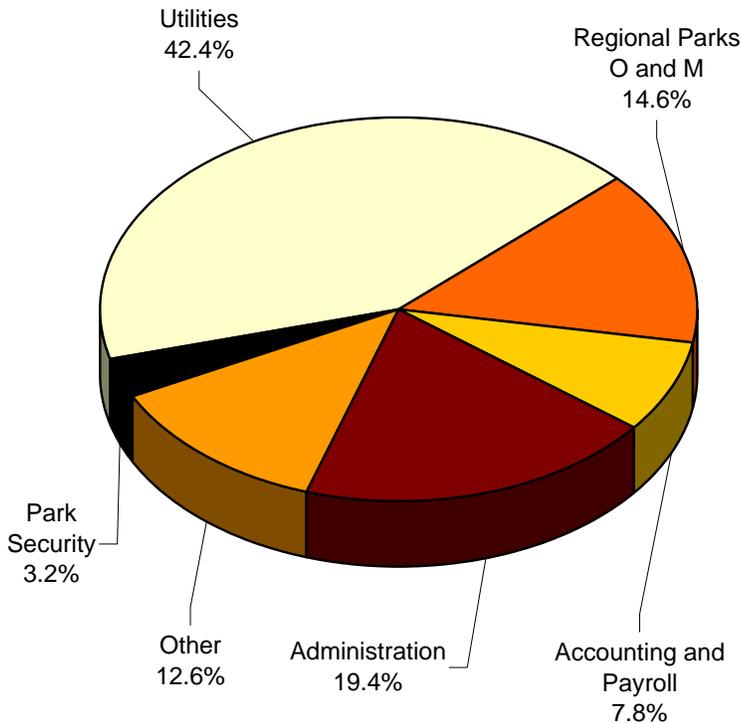
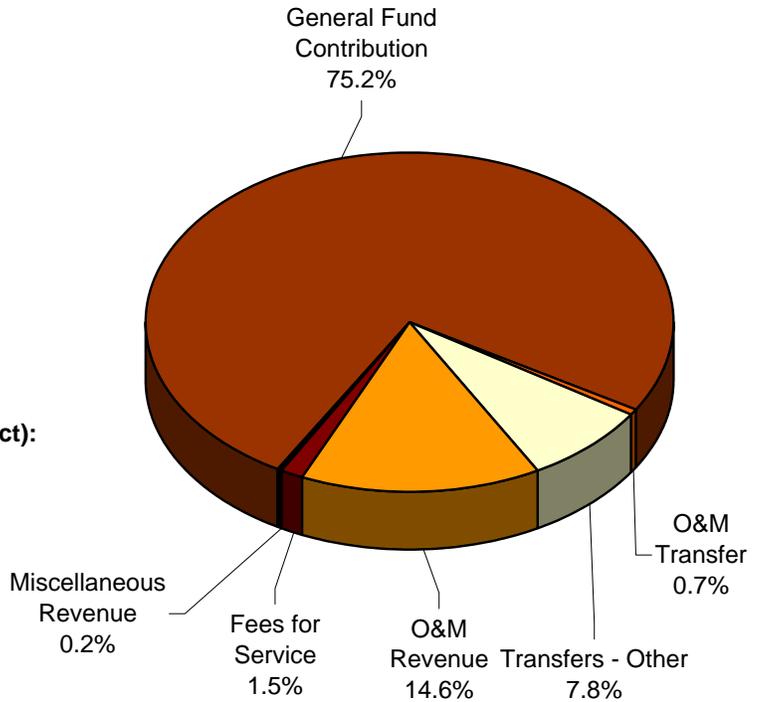
Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Transfer from Metropolitan Council Funding): \$41,270

Inter-Fund Transfers: \$456,072

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Metropolitan Council Funding - Direct): \$855,756

Fees for Service: \$87,000

Miscellaneous Revenue: \$10,000
Donations: \$10,000



Administration Spending Budget: \$5,844,157

Administration: \$1,136,206

Accounting and Payroll: \$454,970

Park Security: \$188,367

Utilities: \$2,474,835

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M): \$855,756

Other: \$734,023

- Free Concerts in City Parks: \$21,662*
- Citywide Special Events: \$95,740*
- Charitable Gambling: \$15,000*
- Private Donations: \$10,000*
- Youth Job Corp: \$400,000*
- Design Center: \$186,578*
- Parks Commission: \$5,043*

In 2005, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation was awarded the **2005 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management**. The most prestigious award of its kind, the Gold Medal represents and honors communities throughout the United States for excellence in the field of recreation management. The award recognizes achievement in long range planning, fiscal resource management, citizen support systems, environmental stewardship, preservation, technological integration, program planning and assessment, professional development, agency recognition, and services for special populations.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation received the Gold Medal in Class I, cities with a population of more than 250,000. The other finalists in 2005 included Long Beach, California, the County of San Diego, California, and Indianapolis, Indiana. The award was based on a written response to a formal application, the agency's strategic plan, and a 12-minute video highlighting the agency's activities and facilities. This video may be viewed at: www.stpaul.gov/depts/parks/administration/NewsReleases.

"This award is a credit to the amazing work and dedication of the entire Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department," said Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Director Bob Bierscheid. "So many great things have happened in my nearly three years as director of this department, but this is validation for our entire staff and this administration that our city is second to none and moving in the right direction."

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation has 315 full time certified employees, 203 part time certified employees and 996 seasonal employees who staff and program 41 recreation centers, maintain and program 95 regional and 36 neighborhood parks, and operate three golf courses, three city pools, and the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory.

In the last four years, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation has received accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), opened five new parks, constructed or designed four new recreation centers, redesigned the Highland National Golf Course, and opened the new Como Park Visitor Center and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park.

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration is a non-profit organization founded to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; to promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and, to conduct research, publish scholarly papers, and sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation, and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 23,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and the conservation of natural and cultural resources. Headquartered in Ashburn, Virginia, NRPA works closely with local, state and regional parks and recreation agencies, citizen groups and corporations in pursuit of shared objectives.



2005 Adopted Budget

Como Campus Financing Budget: \$4,494,073

General Fund Contribution: \$1,853,451

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Transfer from Metropolitan Council Funding): \$407,489

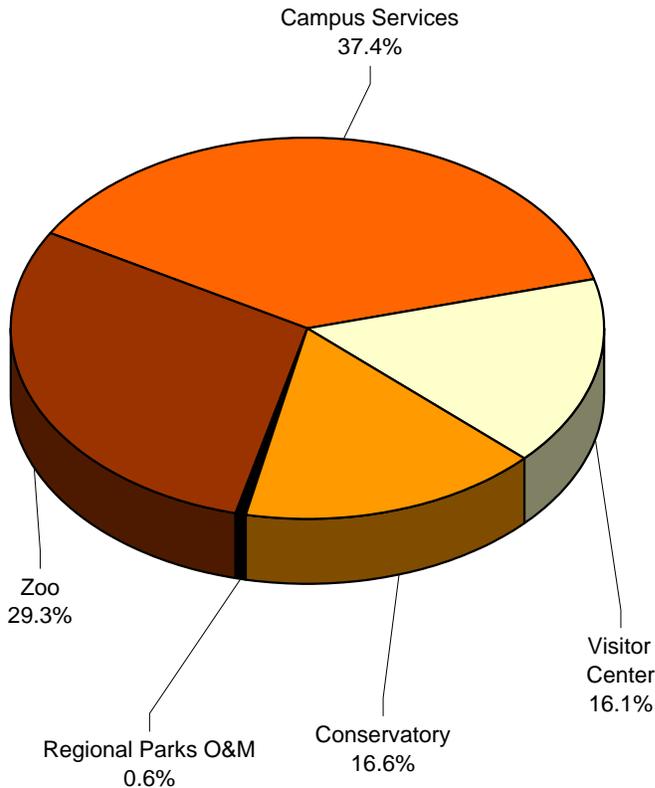
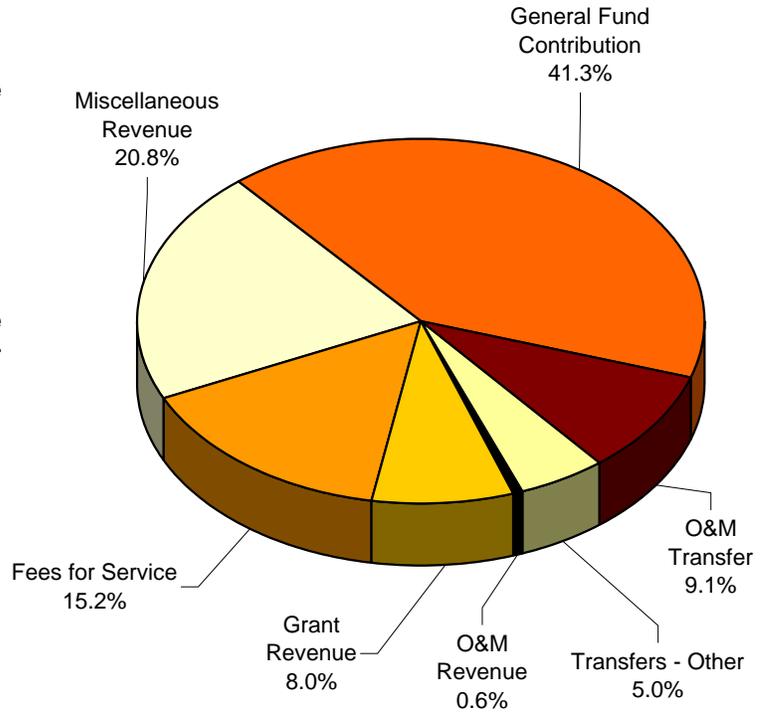
Transfers: \$225,504
Intra-Fund: \$191,504
Inter-Fund: \$34,000

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Metropolitan Council Funding - Direct): \$28,329

Grants: \$361,500
State: \$61,500
Local Agency: \$300,000

Fees for Service: \$683,300

Miscellaneous Revenue: \$934,500
Donations: \$637,500
Other Miscellaneous Revenue: \$175,000
Other Agency Share of Cost: \$120,000
Interest on Investments: \$2,000



Como Campus Spending Budget: \$4,474,683

Campus Support Services: \$1,675,018
Education, Customer Services, Volunteer Services, Maintenance, Outdoor Gardens

Conservatory: \$740,957

Zoo: \$1,311,379

Visitor Center: \$719,000

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M): \$28,329
Campus Security

Como Park Zoo

- Como Zoo is home to more than 850 species of animals, and is moving into the forefront in animal care and breeding. Initiating an environmental and conservation message was a major focus in 2005. Orangutan Awareness Week was hosted at the Primate Facility. Como Zoo continued to participate in the Species Survival Plans and Population Plans to aid in sustaining viable captive populations of rare primates and carnivores. Even the popular Sparky show for 2005 was based on a recycling message.

- In order to properly care for our animals, “operant conditioning and training” have been instituted with notable success. Some examples include:

- Obtaining voluntary weights from pelicans.
- Voluntary blood draw from sea lion Sparky.
- Polar bear training so zookeepers can examine mouth, paws, etc.
- Scale training for gorillas and orangutans as well as small primates.

- Breeding is an integral part of successful zoo management. Some good examples of breeding at Como Zoo are red-breasted geese, a female Grant’s zebra, the second documented North American zoo birth of White-faced saki monkey twins, and two baby giraffes (one successfully hand-raised by our zookeepers.) Zoo staff have also bred and raised many new animals including over 180 individual frogs from four species: Dendrobates azureus, Dendrobates leucomelas, Dendrobates auratus and Mantella aurantiaca.

- Looking forward to the forthcoming opening of our exciting new Tropical Encounters exhibit, we have processed over 150 individual animals through quarantine. Como Zoo history was made when the first Tammar wallabies were added to our collection and placed on exhibit.

- Closed-circuit TV cameras and monitors are being installed to monitor Siberian tiger and

snow leopard births and to allow zoo visitors to watch the attentive behavior of the mothers and cubs of newborn tigers and leopards. Among other upgrades made by the Zoo were new floor mats in the night quarters for the Sable and Greater kudu and supplemental steam heat installation in the giraffe holding area.

- Our zookeeping staff believes in staying abreast of cutting edge research on rare and exotic animals, and have been traveling around the world in search of knowledge that will improve their handling of Como Zoo’s animal collection. Among locations visited by staff were Africa, Panama, and Florida.



Marjorie McNeely Conservatory (MMC)

- Headlining the year for the MMC was the opening of new and renovated spaces in the conservatory, including a state-of-the-art fern room and orchid house. The Victorian Water Platters returned to the conservatory after an absence of more than 100 years. Gently planted and reared by the gardening staff, these “queen bees of water plants” made their first appearance in the summer of 2005 to much publicity and fanfare. The best viewing time for these night blooming plants was from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

COMO CAMPUS

- Our ever changing sunken garden was the scene of five beautiful flower shows attracting thousands of appreciative visitors. In addition, the Winter Carnival Orchid Show was again held to sell-out crowds hoping to escape January's winter cold. Meanwhile, our butterfly garden in front of the conservatory continues to thrive and a new butterfly garden was installed on Zoo grounds. A goat prairie garden, which will catch run-off and offer beauty in future years, was planted on the roof of the new Visitor Center.



- “Rebecca’s Garden” featured the conservatory in a program entitled “Behind the Scenes at a Botanical Garden.” The conservatory was also featured on “Grow with KARE” on Channel 11 and “Grow It” on Channel 9. The October issue of Horticulture, a national magazine devoted to horticulture issues, featured MMC in their “Events Around the Country” section.

Volunteer Services

- Hours donated by volunteers in 2005 increased over the 2004 contribution level by 14% to a grand total of 52,159 hours, which is equal to 25 full-time equivalents.
- More than 600 new volunteers joined 840 returning volunteers. Volunteer Vicki Scheunemann was named Park Citizen of the Year by St. Paul and Ramsey County Friends of the Parks and Trails.

- More than 15,000 people participated in Como Zoo and Conservatory Education programs. Overnights and scouting programs were added, and many activities were moved into the Visitor Center. Special events sponsored by the Education Department included the public grand opening of the Visitor Center plus Peony, Lily and Hosta shows.

All Around Campus

- Three Phillips HEADSTART ONSITE portable lightweight semi-automatic external defibrillators, popularly known as AEDs, were purchased and placed in strategic locations. Staff training sessions in their use continued throughout the year.
- Courtesy phones were purchased and installed in the Visitor’s Center and the Large Cat House for use by our visitors.
- A media partnership with EYEWITNESS NEWS 5 provided pro bono television ads.
- The Como Zoo and Conservatory Society (CZCS) was the recipient of the 2005 Non-Profit Small Business of the Year Award from the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. CZCS reported a total contribution of \$1,262,976 to the campus in 2005.
- CLR Designs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was hired to design new polar bear and gorilla exhibits.
- Architecture Minnesota magazine featured the Como Visitor Center as their cover story in November, 2005.
- Voluntary donations were instituted, resulting in a collection of \$909,125.72 to be used to improve Campus facilities.
- Under the direction of our Campus Wedding and Rental Department, more than 300 rentals were facilitated, generating over \$200,000.

2005 Adopted Budget

Design Section Financing Budget (Operating): \$1,730,872

Fees for Service: \$1,563,195

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Metropolitan Council Funding - Direct): \$50,039

General Fund Contribution: \$106,638

Inter-Fund Transfers: \$11,000

Design Section Financing Budget (Construction): \$4,890,000

Local Funding: \$4,790,000

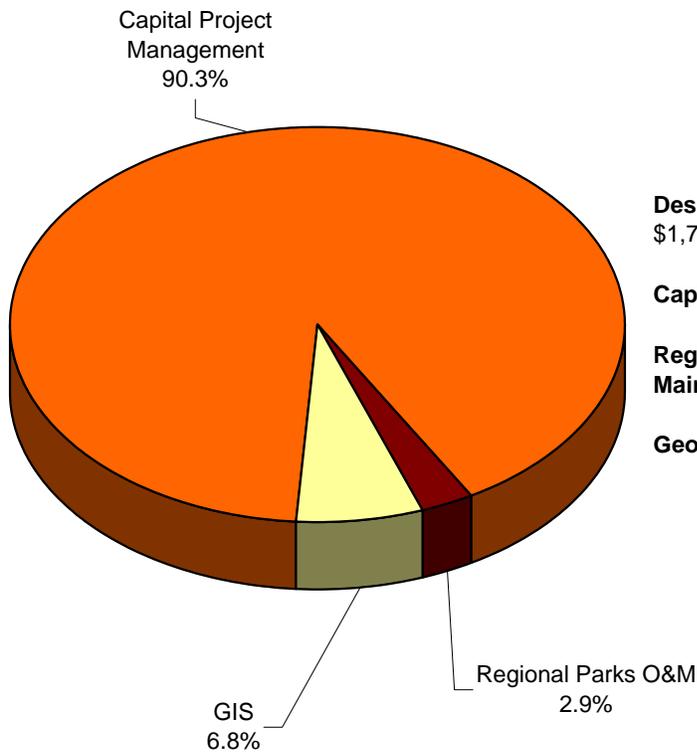
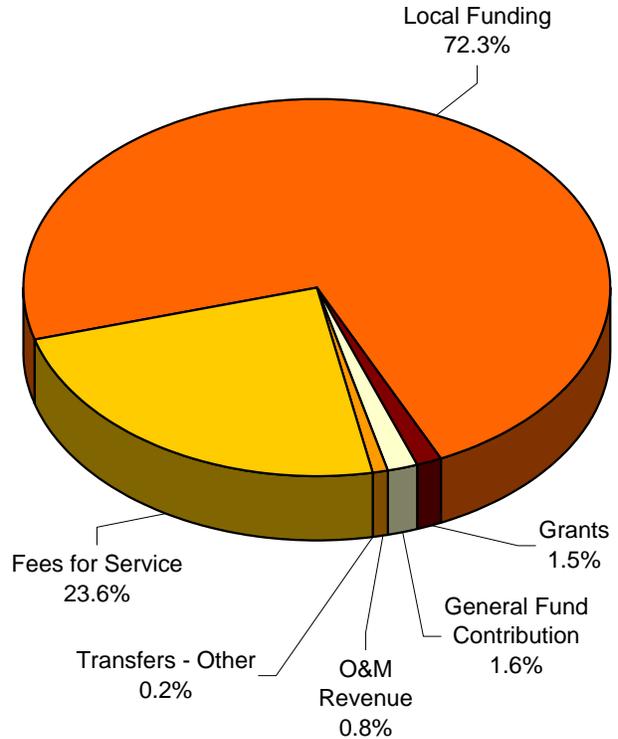
Capital Improvement Bonds: \$3,503,000

Community Development Block Grant: \$1,257,000

Public Improvement Aid: \$30,000

Grants: \$100,000

Federal: \$100,000



Design Section Spending Budget (Operating): \$1,730,872

Capital Project Management: \$1,563,195

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M): \$50,039

Geographic Information Systems (GIS): \$117,638

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The Design and Construction Section provides planning, design, and construction services for the development and preservation of the City of Saint Paul's Public Open Space System, including recreational/sports facilities, parks, trails, parkways, gardens, squares, plazas, wetlands, and environmental preserves. In 2005, the Design Section managed 50 separate acquisition, design, and construction projects at various stages of completion. The services provided are organized under the following four categories:

Administration/Grant Management

This category involves preparation of local, state, federal, and private grant applications, including written project descriptions, cost estimates, and testimony before grant review committees and boards. It includes management of grant agreements, funds disbursement, and report preparation. It prepares and manages the yearly operating budgets for both the Design Section and the City of Saint Paul Design Center. It provides site plan reviews, zoning change requests, ROW vacation petitions and assistance in park property acquisition, and the preparation of joint-use agreements, leases, construction easements, and parkland diversion oversight.

Upper Landing Water Feature



It also provides clerical support for the Design Section and annual staff performance reviews. In 2005, the Design Section managed 20 private, state, and federal grant agreements.

Planning

This category provides liaison services to the Metropolitan Council's Parks and Open Space Commission, City Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and the Capital Improvement Bonding Committee, including participation in funding and policy decisions and testifying on Parks and Recreation projects. It prepares new and updates existing Regional Park Master Plans, precinct plans, and City and Neighborhood Park Master Plans. It performs land use studies for redevelopment of open space into new park and recreational areas and facilities, and manages the acquisition process for new park lands. Under this category, professional design and master planning services are also provided to the Saint Paul Design Center.

Examples of 2005 planning activities include:

- National Great River Park
- Como Zoo Polar Bear and Gorilla Exhibits
- Blooming Saint Paul
- Fitzgerald Park Precinct Plan

Pergola at Wacouta Commons



DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- Meeker Island/Old Wagon Road
- Raspberry Island Improvements
- GIS Park System Asset Inventory

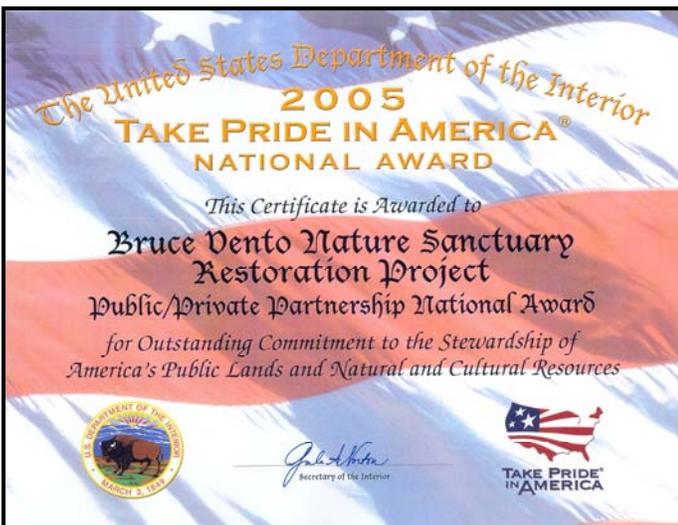
Design

This function provides design of capital improvement projects for a variety of recreational facilities, including recreation centers, marinas, trails, golf courses, gardens, parks and play area. It provides in-house design services as well as selection and management of additional engineering, architecture, landscape architectural, environmental, and archaeological consultants. It organizes and staffs citizen design advisory committees to direct the design of new or the replacement of old recreational facilities. It includes preparation of site inventories and analysis, preparation of master plans, detail design development, and preparation of construction documents suitable for bidding.

Examples of 2005 design projects include:

- Como Regional Park Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails
- Highland Pool Bathhouse

Department of the Interior – Take Pride in America National Award – Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary



- Margaret Recreation Center Play Area
- Chestnut Plaza
- Lilydale Trail
- Phalen/Arcade Park Master Plan
- Jimmy Lee Recreation Center

Construction

This activity is responsible for the actual construction of Parks and Recreation facilities. It includes bidding and award of construction contracts and all activities directly related to ensuring that construction projects are built according to plans and specifications within the specified time period. It includes construction inspection, processing of change orders, approval of shop drawings, authorization of pay requests and contract closeout procedures.

Examples include:

- Hamm's Falls Renovation
- Griggs Recreation Center
- Highland Park Picnic Area Renovation
- Wellstone Community Center/El Rio Vista Recreation Center
- Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary
- Wacouta Commons
- Upper Landing Park
- Como Visitor Center

Highland Park



OPERATIONS

2005 Adopted Budget

Operations Financing Budget: \$13,244,389

General Fund Contribution: \$8,023,271

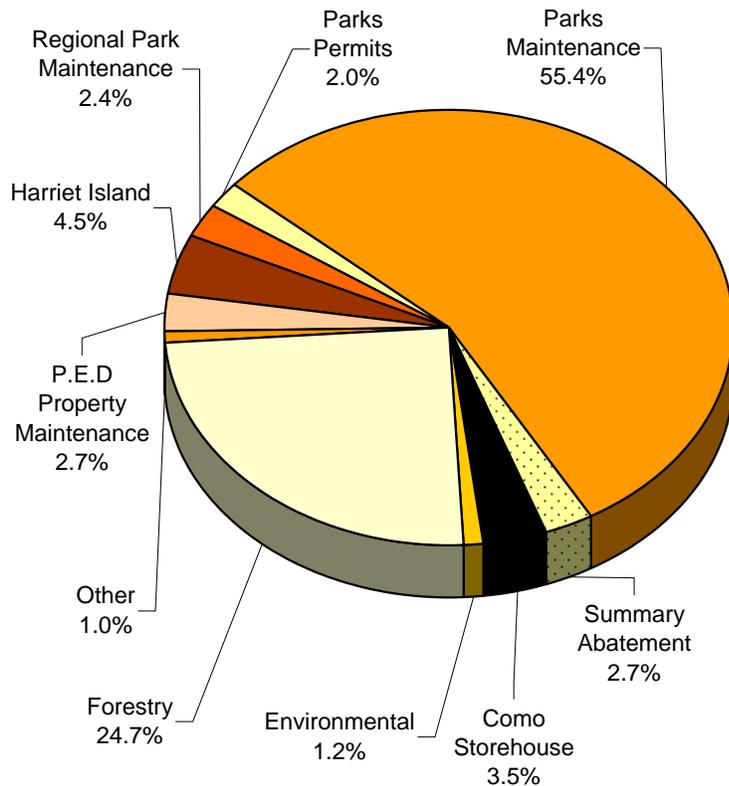
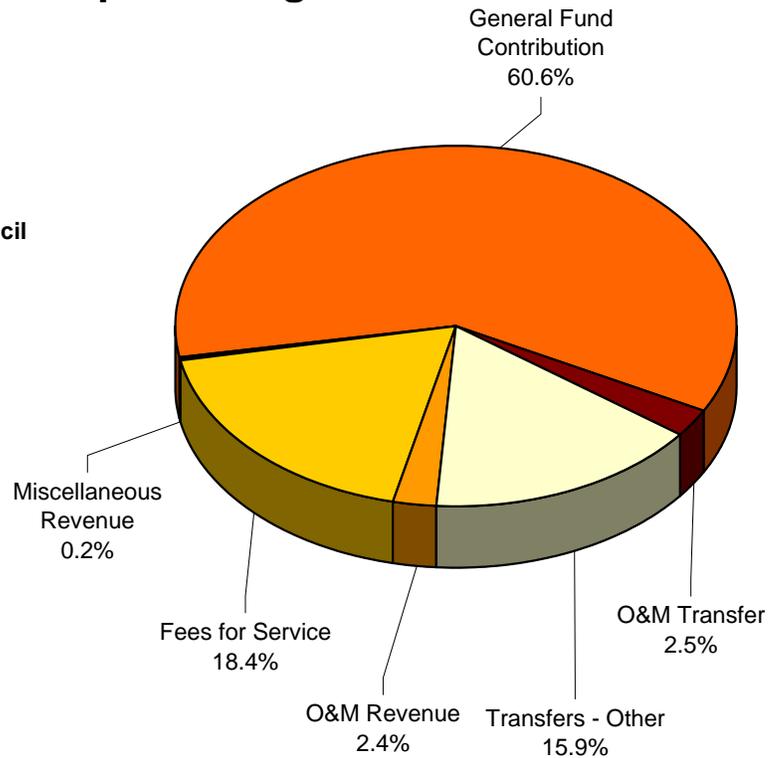
Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Transfer from Metropolitan Council Funding): \$326,189

Inter-Fund Transfers: \$2,107,560

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Metropolitan Council Funding - Direct): \$321,981

Fees for Service: \$2,438,388

Miscellaneous Revenue: \$27,000
Donations: \$27,000



Operations Spending Budget: \$13,264,372

Maintenance: \$7,342,577
Equipment Maintenance: \$899,342
Building Maintenance: \$1,480,272
Support Maintenance: \$900,824
Parks Grounds Maintenance: \$1,869,198
Rec Center Maintenance: \$1,709,720
Zoo and Conservatory HVAC: \$483,221

Forestry: \$3,274,290

Harriet Island: \$594,161

Como Shop Storehouse: \$467,628

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M): \$321,981

Planning and Economic Development (P.E.D.) Property Maintenance: \$351,858

Summary Abatement: \$359,557

Environmental: \$154,181

Parks Permits: \$260,093

Other: \$138,046

Building Trades services the plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting and heating/cooling needs for the Division's 134 facilities, 4,277 acres of parkland and numerous city-wide events.

- Built vestibules outside the Groveland Recreation Center warming room, creating a safe area to drop off children at day care.
- Installed reverse osmosis water systems at the Como Campus to improve water quality for the plant collections.
- Worked with Police and Neighborhood Housing Property Improvement departments to identify and remove over 600 incidents of graffiti on Parks and private property.

Contract Services crews provide maintenance support for the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Saint Paul Port Authority, Sewer Utility and Neighborhood Housing Property Improvement.

- Provided maintenance for 110 Planning and Economic Development properties.
- Responded to 3,097 complaints and provided approximately 2,067 property abatements for Neighborhood Housing Property Improvement.
- Provided snow removal at 140 Sewer Utility sites plus grass and brush cutting and removal of unwanted vegetation at 10 others.

Como Central Service Facility Storeroom provides custodial and automotive supplies and equipment for the Division.

- Utilized the M4 Fleet Management Inventory program to evaluate value, turnover and under-utilized stock to assess efficiencies.

Forestry and Tree Management maintains Saint Paul's 127,000 public trees.

- Trimmed 6,000 trees and marked 1,800 trees for removal.
- Recycled nearly 40,000 yards of material at the Wood Recycling Center.
- Trimmed over 1,300 trees and removed 70 trees for line clearance, billing Xcel Energy.
- Lit up 14 parks throughout the city with 760,000 holiday lights.



Park Maintenance performs year-round maintenance of regional parks, neighborhood parks, parkways, open space, and facilities therein. Assists with various programs and events held within.

- Maintained over 4,000 acres of parkland and 75 miles of hard-surface trails.
- Continued the addition of new trash receptacles in parks in conjunction with transformation to mechanical Load & Pack collection system.
- Provided service to accommodate 1,600 park rental permits.
- Provided service to regional attractions such as Winter Carnival, Flint Hills Children's Festival, Memorial Day Festival, Taste of Minnesota, Hmong Sports Tournament, Rib Fest, Dragon Fest, and Irish Fest.

OPERATIONS

Arts and Gardening manages public gardens and art collections through a variety of programs, partnerships, and projects.

- Maintained 130,000 square feet of garden beds, 150 planters and 395 hanging baskets.
- Saved the City of Saint Paul \$8,000 through the bidding process for hanging plants.
- Developed Golden Bloom Awards program for recognizing beautiful gardens in Saint Paul.

Support Maintenance provides support, including heavy equipment and operators, for recreation centers, parks, and municipal athletics.

- Upgraded 28 baseball/softball fields, increasing playability and safety.
- Moved/delivered approximately 64,408 inventory items (tables, chairs, stage, lifts).
- Delivered 5 large cargo trucks full of donated items for Hurricane Katrina relief.
- Removed 1,388.71 tons of trash utilizing the Load and Packs and front load trash truck.

Environmental Services manages the Division's sensitive natural resources through a variety of programs, partnerships, and projects.

- Restored 4,000 feet of shoreline on both Como and Phalen Lakes.
- Restored, managed, and maintained over 32 acres of native prairie and woodland.
- Harvested 39 acres of invasive aquatic weeds from Lakes Como and Phalen.
- Completed 10.5 acres of prescribed burns.

Before Mounds Park Bluff Restoration...



Recreation Maintenance provides recreation centers with the daily custodial/grounds maintenance they need to keep operating in a clean and safe environment.

- Maintained more than 368,000 square feet of interior building space, 248 acres of grounds, 140 ball fields, 65 soccer/football fields and 37 ice rinks.
- Implemented a turf renovation program aimed at improving athletic facilities.
- Provided maintenance and tot lot inspections at 41 sites.

Equipment Services acquires, manages and maintains small and specialized equipment/apparatus, and manages the Como Central Service Facility.

- Maintained 373 units of specialized equipment and 942 units of small equipment.
- Administered and coordinated 161 pieces of rolling stock vehicles.

Parks Permit Office issues permits for picnic shelters, pavilions, open spaces, the Showmobile, and video and photo shoots.

- Arranged approximately 80 Showmobile reservations.
- Posted excerpts from a marketing video featuring picnic facilities produced by Park Security for customers to view on the web.
- Implemented a web-based facility reservation system, MaxSolutions, which improves the reservation process.

After successful completion of the project.



2005 Adopted Budget

Recreation Services Financing Budget: \$8,951,485

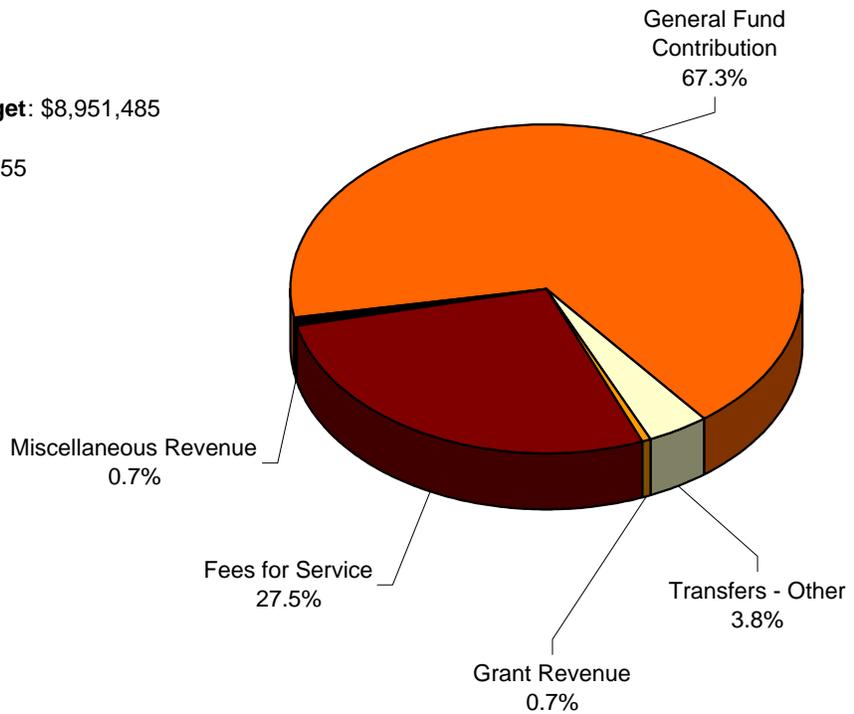
General Fund Contribution: \$6,022,855

Inter-Fund Transfers: \$336,905

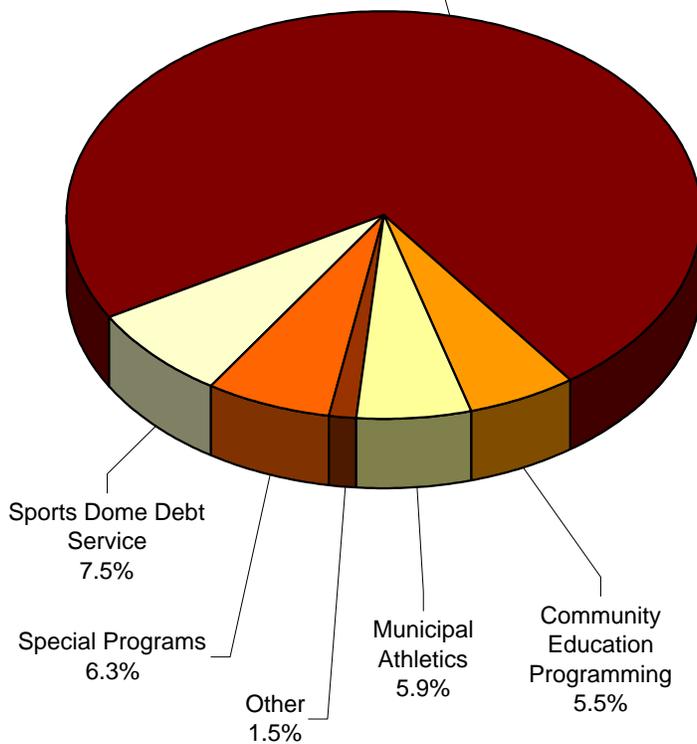
Grant Revenue: \$65,000

Fees for Service: \$2,460,725

Miscellaneous Revenue: \$66,000
Donations: \$66,000



Citywide Recreation Services 73.3%



Recreation Services Spending Budget: \$8,925,565

Recreation Centers: \$6,539,462

- Citywide Recreational Offerings & General Rec. Administration: \$1,095,576*
- Service Area I: \$971,013*
- Service Area II: \$918,944*
- Service Area III: \$1,045,245*
- Service Area IV: \$747,409*
- Service Area V: \$879,910*
- Service Area VI: \$881,365*

Sports Dome Debt Service: \$673,810

Special Programs: \$563,411

Community Education: \$492,164

Municipal Athletics: \$526,718

Other: \$130,000

- Night Moves: \$65,000*
- MN Twins Grant: \$65,000*

RECREATION SERVICES

Recreation Centers

Forty-one recreation centers provide the public with a place to participate in sports, recreation and leisure activities. Six Recreation Service Areas coordinate recreation opportunities throughout the city. Highlights from 2005:

- More than 6,000,000 participant contacts were made at recreation centers.
- Recreation center staff underwent training to implement on-line registration. By fall of 2006, the public will be able to register for activities on-line by credit card.
- Homecroft Recreation partnered with Highland Mac-Groveland Family Center for the seventh year to host the "Summer In The City" program. The program registered 50 K-4 children and continues to grow every year.
- Service Areas 1 and 5 held their 2nd annual Rockin' Eastside 5K Run. Participation increased by 250% in this second-year event.
- Hayden Heights hosted their 4th annual Dodge Ball League, which had 560 participants in the seven-week league.

Saint Paul youth 6th grade and under pursue their own interests, develop friendships, gain self-confidence and build independence in safe, trusting and fun environments through two structured programs:

Rec Check: During the 2004-05 school year, over 1,000 children participated in this free, structured program offered at 13 recreation centers from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Some centers also offer the program during the summer.

School-Age Child Care: "S'More Fun" is a before-and-after school and summer fee-based program. During the school year, 148 children participated at three recreation centers, while over 250 children participated during the summer at seven centers.

Construction Projects

- Griggs Recreation Center underwent a major makeover. The indoor space now boasts a large multi-purpose room that can be divided into a warming room, kitchen, office, and storage. In addition, there is now a large outdoor patio covered by a cantilevered roof.
- Groveland Recreation Center remodeled and built an addition so KidsPark now has an office and new entrance, enlarged its warming room to include a concession area, re-worked its tot lot for safety, and added a new garage to house the Zamboni and other equipment.

City-Wide Program Partnerships

- A new grant-funded, three year partnership was formed with the Saint Paul School District targeted elementary students. It will focus on reducing obesity and increasing physical activity through fitness and nutrition education.
- Urban Tennis began to offer programs for adults as well as youth. In 2005, over 2,800 individuals were involved. This was also the first year of Hmong Youth Initiative, with nearly 400 Asian-American youth participating.
- The Rookie and RBI League softball and baseball programs co-sponsored by the Minnesota Twins had 2,085 youth participants.
- Night Moves provided summer athletic, arts and enrichment activities for 1,794 youth.



Municipal Athletics

Municipal Athletics provides league sports opportunities for adults and youth. In addition, it trains and certifies officials for league sports.

- League sports drew 776 adult teams and 358 youth teams, while 774 youth and adult teams participated in tournaments.
- More than 9,000 people visited the Rice/Arlington Batting Cages.
- A new Coaches' ID program began in the fall. In just two sports seasons (football/soccer and basketball), over 450 picture IDs were made and issued for volunteer coaches.

Community Education

- Community Education attracted 48,826 program participants and 77,943 facility use participants, which combined to produce 1,535,712 participant contact hours with staff.
- Three new 21st Century Community Learning Center sites were added: Maxfield, Monroe and Bruce Vento.
- Collaborations and partnerships were established or maintained with 120 agencies.
- A total of 3,510 activities were held for people of all ages.
- The Driver's Education Program gave instructions to 1,447 potential drivers.



Adaptive Recreation

The Adaptive Recreation Program provides a wide variety of activities for people with mental and/or physical disabilities. Activities include league sports, crafts, fitness, swimming, music, and more. It also coordinates Inclusion efforts, providing assessments and support when a person with special needs wants to participate in a program offered to the public.

- The Program provided over 38,500 hours of programming for people with disabilities or other special needs. Volunteers contributed 888 hours of assistance.
- A community meeting was held to gather feedback on current programming, participants' needs and wants as well as ideas for future programming. Parents, participants and professionals all had the opportunity to give input to the Adaptive Recreation Program.



Senior Citizen Programs

People 50 and better were provided numerous classes, tours, and special events to attend, plus a variety of service, volunteer and advisory opportunities in which to participate.

- The City Passport activity center attracted 10,123 visitors during its first year of operation.
- Hiking Club members walked a combined total of 736 miles during 29 hikes, while the Golden Melody Makers senior chorus performed 22 times before 1,475 people.

SPECIAL SERVICES

2005 Adopted Budget

Special Services Financing Budget: 7,549,824

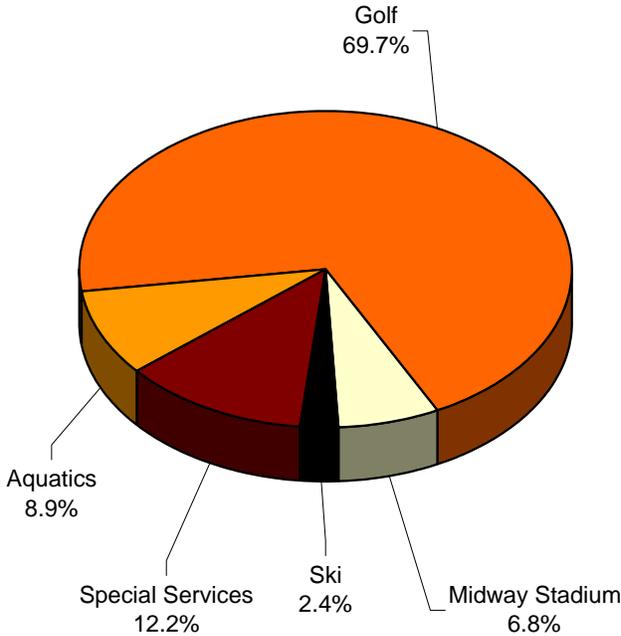
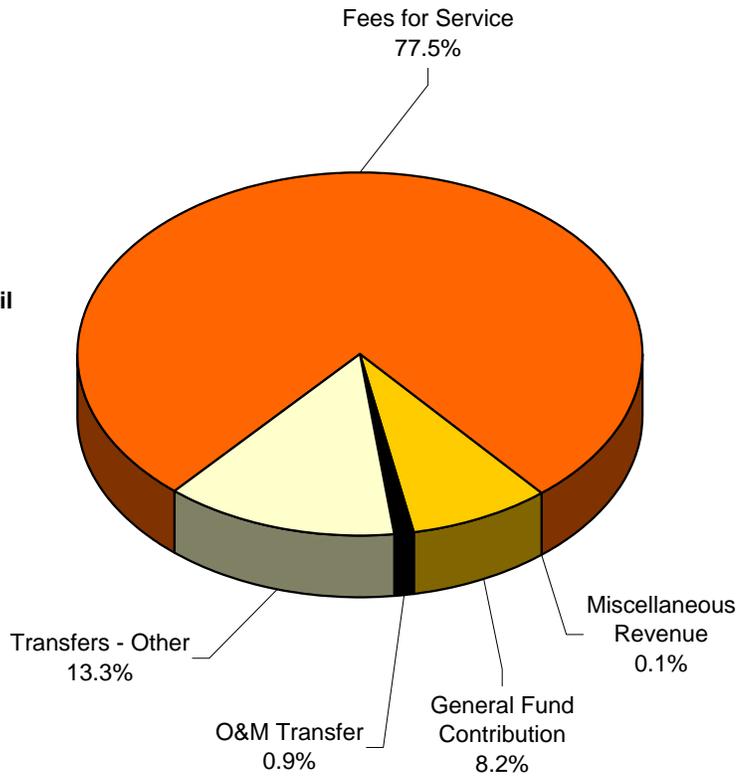
General Fund Contribution: \$617,983

Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance (O and M) - (Transfer from Metropolitan Council Funding): \$71,000

Transfers: \$1,000,266
Intra-Fund: \$927,005
Inter-Fund: \$73,261

Fees for Service: \$5,854,170

Miscellaneous Revenue: \$6,405
Donations: \$6,405



Special Services Spending Budget: \$7,368,003

Aquatics: \$654,778

Golf: \$5,135,699

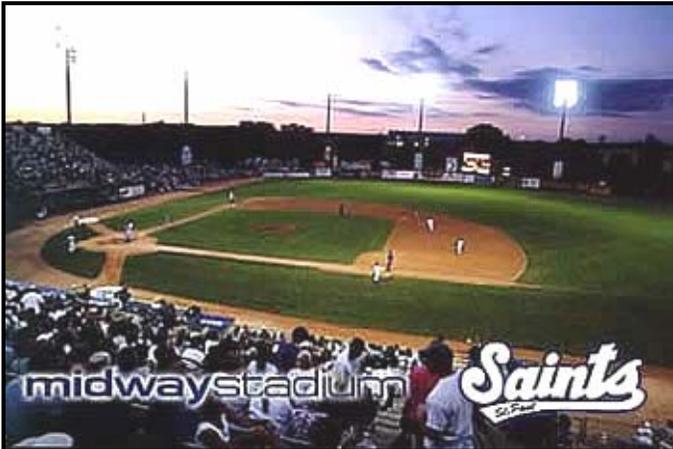
Midway Stadium: \$502,485

Ski: \$177,350

Special Services: \$897,691
Park Safety: \$148,835
Watergate Marina: \$7,550
Special Services Admin: \$365,892
Concessions: \$375,414

Midway Stadium

Midway Stadium's mission is to operate a public athletic facility in a coordinated, professional manner which is a credit to the City and fulfills a range of needs for tenants, athletes, coaches, managers, and guests.



- The Stadium's main tenant is the highly successful Saint Paul Saints Baseball Club, which hosted 56 Northern League games in 2005 and attracted nearly 300,000 spectators.
- There were 153 events at the Stadium, and the facility was in use 69 percent of available dates from April 3 until November 4.
- In addition to the 138 baseball games played, other events included 30 football games, four autocross parking lot events, the two-day Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, and Mods and Rods, a one-day classic car spectacular. The Stadium's premier non-Saints event was the State Class AAA High School Baseball Tournament, played in June.

Golf

Municipal golf courses owned and operated by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation include the newly renovated and reopened Highland National, Como and Phalen 18 hole courses, and the Highland 9 hole course.

- Almost 143,000 rounds of golf were played at Saint Paul's public golf courses.

- Highland National's grand opening celebration the first week of May was a huge success. Even with a late start and challenges due to undesirable weather, Highland National had almost 44,000 players.
- The First Tee youth golf/life skills program raised over \$100,000 and served over 500 youth.
- A golf outreach program was implemented, focusing on the City's Asian community. Staff reported a clear increase in golf play by people of Asian descent.
- "Virtual Tours" of each golf course were developed and added to the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation web page.

Ski Program

Parks and Recreation offers cross country and downhill skiing and snowboarding opportunities to the public. Ski trails are located in Como, Highland and Phalen parks.

- The Como Park Ski Center provided cross country ski lessons to 71 students, downhill ski lessons to 484 students, and snowboard lessons to 89 students.
- The Ski Program received 63% of lesson registrations and equipment rentals via an on-line web-based service.



SPECIAL SERVICES

Aquatics

- Hosted the first St. Paul Tri-America Triathlon August 27 and 28 at Lake Phalen.
- For the first time, contracted for Minnesota Boat Club group rowing lessons at Lake Phalen.
- Hosted the Dragon Festival at Lake Phalen and the "Saint Paul Swim Classic" at Highland Pool.
- Sponsored St. Paul Red Cross sailing lessons at Lake Phalen.
- The summer swim lesson total for all pools was 1,346.
- There were 48 scholarships awarded for swim lessons at Oxford Pool and 169 at Lake Phalen for Adventure Campers.

Safety Office

The Safety office is housed within Special Services, but works with all sections within Saint Paul Parks and Recreation to provide a range of vital services.

- Safety inspections were completed for all 80 Parks and Recreation facilities.
- OSHA mandated audiometric testing was administered to 137 affected employees.
- A new software system to track accident and injury report training and OSHA recordable injuries was implemented.
- A total of 732 participants were trained in CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and Basic Emergency Response classes.
- Currently, AEDs are in place at Midway Stadium, Highland 9 Hole Golf Clubhouse, and Phalen Golf Clubhouse; Oxford, Highland and Como Pools; and Phalen Beach, Como Campus and Como Ski Hill.



Harriet Island

This picturesque area has quickly become the festival and event grounds of the metro area.

- The facility had over 850,000 visitors in 2005. It hosted 14 large festivals and events with over 5,000 people, plus over 100 weddings and corporate events.
- RibFest (renamed RibAmerica in 2006) attracted the biggest musical crowd on Harriet Island since its renovation in 2001 with over 40,000 attending a Ted Nugent Concert.
- Taste of Minnesota returned for its third year on the island.
- Irish Fair saw tremendous growth in 2005 and is looking forward to hosting many new activities in 2006.

Wells Fargo WinterSkate

In collaboration with the Capital City Partnership, Parks and Recreation staff provided ice skate rentals and food service at the Wells Fargo WinterSkate ice skating rink in Landmark Plaza.

- The facility hosted over 12,000 visitors, hockey and figure skating clinics, open skate and Date Skate opportunities, boot hockey, broomball, 3-on-3 hockey, and free ice time for hockey players.

Holiday Happenings at Como Zoo and Conservatory

Holidays are celebrated at Como Zoo and Conservatory with great style and originality. Two of our most popular are the Valentine Soiree and Zoo Boo held close to Halloween.

Valentine Soiree

Romance is in the air during the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory’s annual Valentine Soiree. Candle-lit gardens provide the background for couples and families as they take advantage of a mysteriously beautiful night time setting. Of course, making scented lotion and learning about chocolate are on the menu for this fabulous party.

Zoo Boo

The largest ongoing festival held at Como Park is Zoo Boo, which was given a facelift to reach an ever-growing audience. Live entertainment in the Sparky arena, puppet shows, crafts, and a great scarecrow search were added to the traditional trick-or-treat tradition. This event drew 37% more visitors for a total of 25,816 in attendance. Sponsors included CUB Foods, TCF, ABC Radio, 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS and the Star Tribune.



Como Visitor Center Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Como Visitor Center on February 12 attracted more than 7,500 people. In addition, two private events were held in February to celebrate the opening of the Visitor Center at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory:

- The gala opening on February 8 was hosted by Como Zoo and Conservatory Society (CZCS). It featured speakers Mayor Randy Kelly, CZCS Board Chair Leonard Wilkening, State Senator Ellen Anderson, State Representative Alice Hausman and Private Campaign Chair Bob Bullard.
- On February 19, more than 1,000 people attended an event for “Friends of Como” which included volunteers, CZCS members and other supporters. These visitors were able to tour the new Visitors Center and learn about our many programs and activities offered at the Como Campus.



Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival

Mayor Randy Kelly welcomed more than 60 Japanese dignitaries to the annual Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the sister-city relationship between St. Paul and Nagasaki, Japan. Taiko drumming, authentic Japanese food and lighting lanterns in the Japanese Garden and Frog Pond at dusk completed the traditional celebration.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

“Saint Paul Parks and Recreation: The benefits are endless.”

Other special events sponsored by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation during 2005 included:

Capitol City Cruisers
St. Paul Saints Concert
4th of July Celebrations
Rice Street Festival
Star of the North Games
Moccasin Walk
WLTE Lite Lunch
Mayor’s Fishing Opener
Mears Park Rib Fest
Cinco de Mayo
Capitol City Youth Day
Pond Hockey
Saint Paul After Hours
Capitol City Pride Day
Star of the North Conference
HealthEast Heart Walk
Employee Appreciation Day
Soccer Fest
Hillcrest Summerfest
Jam on the River
Valentine’s Tea
Japanese Garden Tea
Ceremony
Junior Royalty Dance and
Coronation
Railroad Island Peace
Festival
Desnoyer Park Barbeque
Rondo Days
Trail Ride
Ordway Children’s Festival
Water Fest in Phalen
City Passport Opening Day
Ceremony
Minnesota Twins Rally
Dragon Boat Festival
Mound Stock
Saint Paul Jazz Festival
Blues Festival
Bicycle Time Trials
Vic Tedesco at City Passport
Ribfest at Harriet Island



Senior Royalty Coronation
Hidden Falls Halloween
Sokol Days
Dead of Winter Tailgate
Party
Senior Picnic and Cruise
Women of Nations
Peace Jam at Concordia
Como’s Walk on the Wild
Side Sale
District Del Sol Music and
Music in the Parks
Capitol City Lights
Frogtown Festival
McDonough Family Picnic
Senior Music Extravaganza
National Night Out
Senior New Year’s Eve Party
Melaleuca
Senior Card Tournament
Holiday Train
Minnesota Orchestra
Concert
CHAT Festival at Western
Park
Co-Existence Project
Dayton’s Bluff Sommerfest
Hmong Sports Festival
Midway Festival
Hidden Falls Wilderness
Inquiry
St. Paul Classic Bike Tour
Shakespeare in the Park
Victorian Teas
Como Golf Classic
Milestone Car Society’s Car
Show
Gathering on the River:
American Indian
Festival
Irish Fair
Taste of Minnesota
Senior Skyway Art Excursion

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The City of Saint Paul will not discriminate against or harass any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, religion, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, color, national origin, ancestry, familial status, age, disability or marital status with regard to public assistance.

“We’re all swimming in the same water.”



The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Aquatics Program operates Phalen Beach, Como Pool, and Highland Pool. We offer lessons, lap swimming, open swim, water aerobics, and pool rentals. Phalen Beach, Como Pool, and Highland Pool are open during the summer. Lessons and/or camps are offered at all three swimming facilities during the summer. Instructors Lynn Huyhn and Marques Mathias are pictured above with students during their summer, 2005 swim lessons at the Highland Outdoor Pool.

WinterSkate at Night



The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Photograph of the Year was taken by Capital City Partnership photographer Aaron Smith from the windy rooftop of Lawson Commons in downtown St Paul. It shows the grand opening of the Wells Fargo WinterSkate outdoor ice rink across the street from the Landmark Center and kitty corner from Mears Park.

Aaron commended the efforts of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation staff in this collaborative WinterSkate project “They did a great job of coordinating the set-up for the rink,” he said. “That was a real logistical challenge!” About his winning photograph, Aaron commented, “We were lucky it snowed on the day of the grand opening. The white blanket of snow really transforms downtown St. Paul into a winter wonderland!”

SAINT PAUL PARKS AND RECREATION

