

Our Mission

The mission of the Freeport Park District is to promote the use of recreation in generating an exciting, dynamic quality of life by providing the highest quality facilities and programs to meet the ever-changing needs and interests of all ages and abilities. The Park District will preserve and protect land and resources from the enrichment of the community and future generations.

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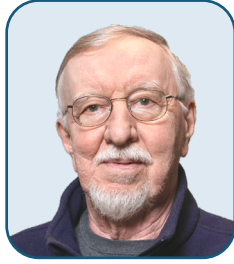
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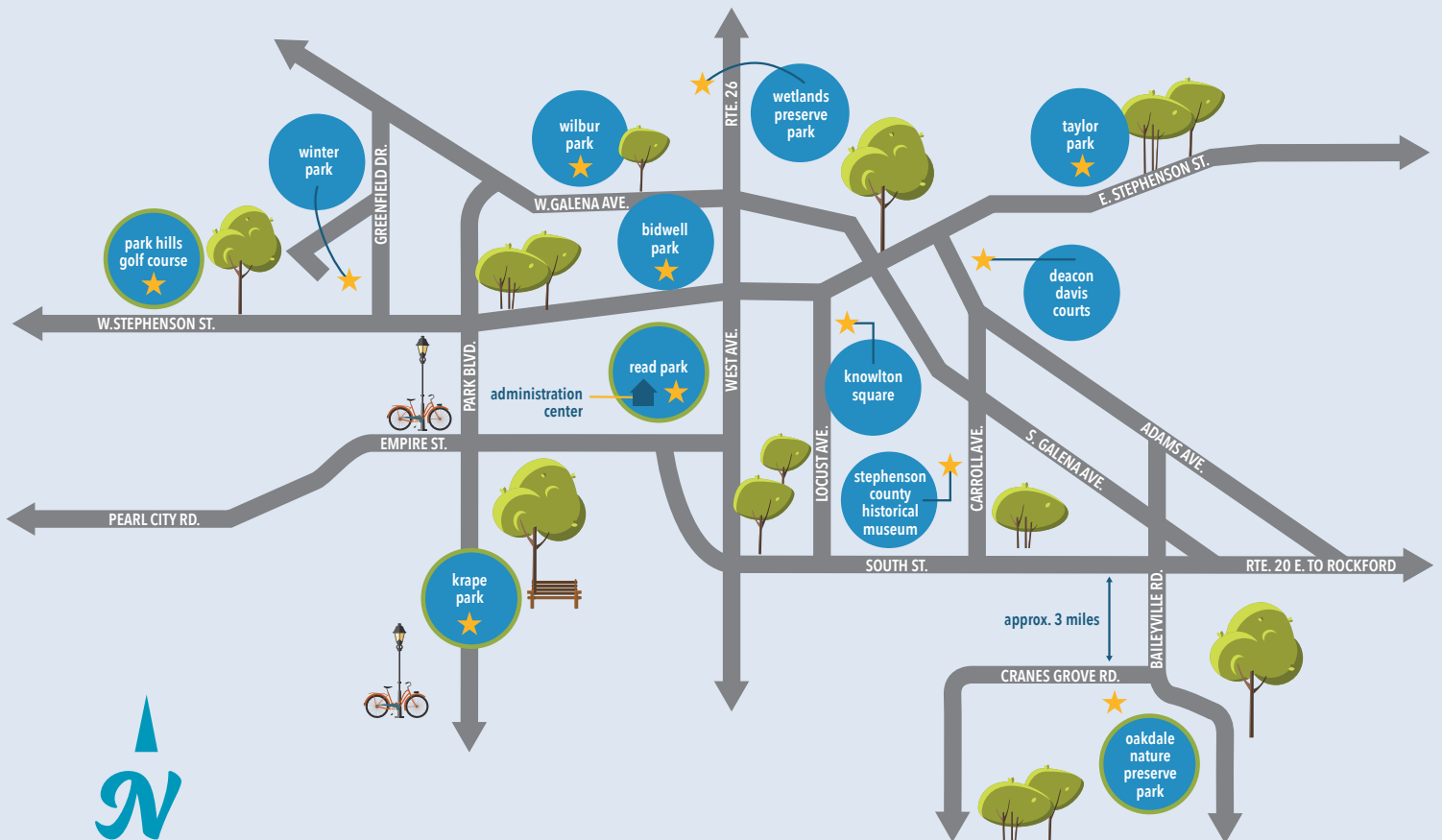
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2022-23 Financial Summary

Overview & Introduction

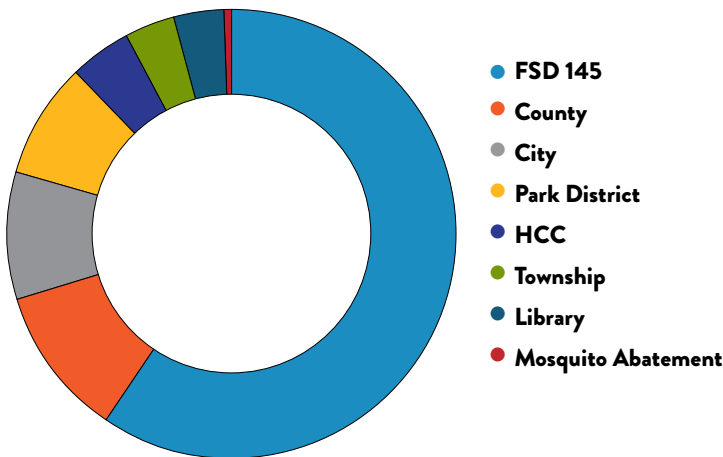
Established in 1911, the Freeport Park District has a rich history of providing outstanding parks and recreation services. With over 700 acres of dedicated parkland under its management, the Park District is charged with maintaining an expansive system of natural resources and facility infrastructure. This includes, but not limited to, an aquatic center, 36-hole championship golf course, antique carousel, boat rental operation, historical museum, skate park, miniature golf course, several picnic shelters, nature preserve, and athletic field complexes. This robust park system is a key factor in establishing Freeport as a great place to live, work and play!

Board of Commissioners

The Freeport Park District is governed by an elected board of five officials who each serve a 6-year term. Commissioners set policies and represent the community. They oversee the Park District's Executive Director, currently Ron Schneider, who manages and oversees the operations of the Park District.

The charts included in this report are a snapshot of the Park District's finances. If you would like the full annual report, it is available on the Park District's website at [Freeport-Park-District-FY2022-23-Audit-Financial-Report.pdf](#).

2021 Tax Levy Allocation

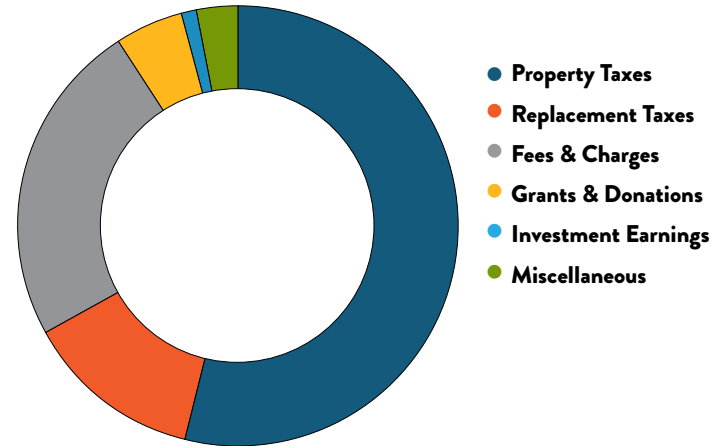


Freeport Park District Tax Rate History	
2015	1.08306%
2016	1.08089%
2017	1.08094%
2018	1.07778%
2019	1.08597%
2020	1.04524%
2021	1.04991%

Percentages can vary depending on the taxing district where the property is located.

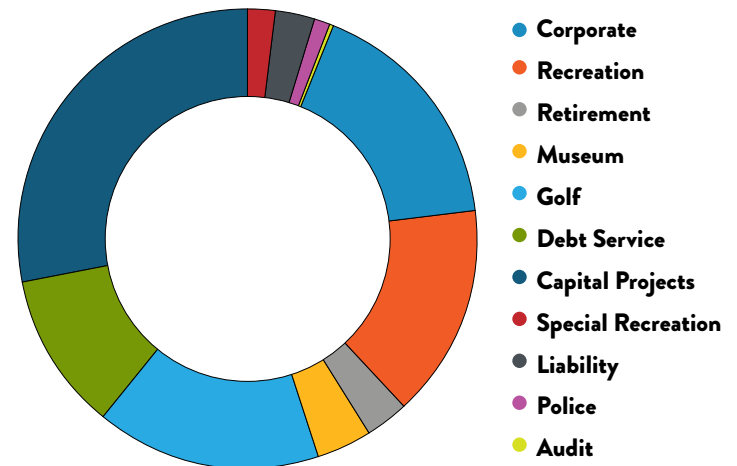
2022-23 Revenue

The Freeport Park District's revenues are derived from several sources including property taxes, replacement taxes, fees, grants, investment earnings and others.



2022-23 Expense

The Freeport Park District has 11 funds that are for a specific purpose, including corporate, recreation, retirement, museum operations, golf, debt service, capital projects, special recreation, liability, police and audit.



Administrative Achievements

- The Freeport Park District was recognized by the Illinois Association of Park Districts for earning Distinguished Agency Accreditation.
- Conducted a Recreation Needs Assessment that included a survey to residents that yielded priority investment ratings for parks, facilities and programs. Results from the community survey will be used to formulate strategy for park improvements and program development.
- Technology upgrades included computer replacement, migration to the newest RecTrac platform, and the installation of security cameras.
- Approved a new agreement for the Freeport Concert Band.
- Approved a comprehensive policies and procedures manual.
- Collaborated with the City of Freeport and Highland Community College on an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant application to fund a community bike path.

Parks & Development Highlights

- Completed the construction of a new pickleball and tennis court facility in Krape Park.
- Renovated the Read Park Pavilion including the construction of an ADA entrance ramp, masonry repairs, and interior remodeling improvements.
- Installed a new playground and landscaping at Winter Park.
- Added a full-time utility worker position.
- Partnered with the City of Freeport to complete road, parking, sidewalk and gutter improvements to Read Park along Burchard Ave.
- Awarded an urban and community forestry grant that funded tree replacement at Winter Park.
- Planted 750 annuals, 575 perennials, 1,130 spring bulbs, and 90 trees.

Recreation Program & Facility Accomplishments

- Restored program offerings and facility hours to pre-pandemic levels.
- Held several successful events including Art in the Park, Candyland Ball, Trick-or-Treat Trail, Bunny Trail and the Pretzel City 5K.
- There were 12,734 visitors to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center during the 2022 season despite closing early due to stormwater flooding.
- There were 20,123 carousel rides taken; 1,680 boat rentals; and 5,550 rounds of mini golf played.
- Renovated the Burchard/American ballfield in Read Park.

Park Hills Golf Course Highlights

- Hosted a Greater Freeport Partnership Rise N Shine Breakfast.
- Repaved the main entrance drive and parking lot.
- There were 26,465 rounds of golf played.
- A total of 185 season passes were sold.

Additional Information

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