

2025



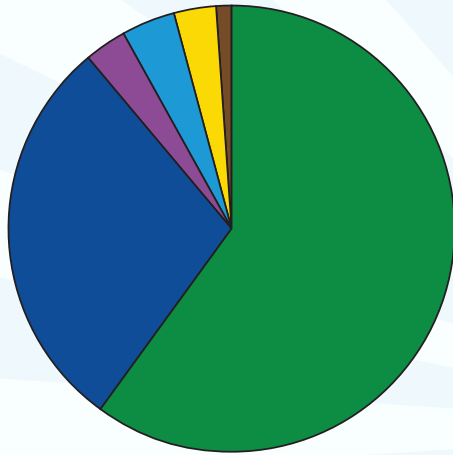
ANNUAL REVIEW

Data compiled from the 2025 Financial Audit and End-of-Year Facility Reports

The St. Charles Park District continued its mission of enriching your quality of life through numerous accomplishments in providing excellence in programs, parks, facilities and services.

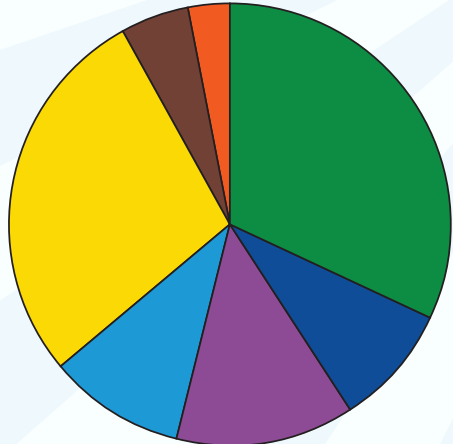
REVENUES

- Taxes - 60%
- Charges for Service - 29%
- Rentals - 3%
- Interest - 4%
- Sponsorships, Land Cash & Donations - 3%
- Grants - 1%



EXPENDITURES

- Salaries & Wages - 32%
- Debt Service - 9%
- Contractual Services - 13%
- Employee Benefits - 10%
- Capital - 28%
- Supplies & Equipment - 5%
- Utilities - 3%



PARTNERSHIPS

Cash Contributions	\$113,512
Inkind Donations Value	\$23,507

FINANCIAL AID

Total Awarded	\$67,821
Participants Served	248

MATCHING GRANTS

- Awarded matching grant of \$600,000 from the Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the redevelopment of **East Side Sports Complex** and **Harvest Hills Park**. Projects to be completed in 2027.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Boardwalk replacement projects at **Ferson Creek Fen Nature Preserve** and **Otter Creek Bend Wetland Park**
- East Side Sports Complex** - netting around ballfields and a new concession building with kitchen, covered patio and flushable restrooms



- Fox Chase Park** - additional trails, shade structure, basketball court, sand volleyball court and spinner/climber amenity added to existing playground
- Langum Park** - tennis court renovation, addition of concrete ping pong table



- Otter Cove Splash Park** - interactive water features, cascading waterfalls; sand/water play unit with pulleys & levers; play structure with slide; playground with swings; expanded shade/seating areas; resurfaced pods with upgraded landscaping
- Pottawatomie Community Center** - restroom renovation



- Pottawatomie Park** - Historic Pavilion addition, River Pavilion replacement; new landscaping
- Primrose Farm** - replaced the wooden and metal fencing along Crane Road and for all the animal pastures
- Primrose Farm Park** - pickleball courts with shaded spectator seating, game tables, outdoor fitness ninja course, baseball field improvements, enhanced path connections & parking expansion
- Wildrose Elementary School** - new playground unit in cooperation with Community Unit School District 303
- Land acquisition of **Five Islands Park** and **The Springs** to be developed in the near future

SUPPORTING TAX DOLLARS



- School District 303 - 65.4%
- City of St. Charles - 9.9%
- St. Charles Park District - 8%
- Elgin Community College - 5.2%
- Kane County - 3.8%
- St. Charles Public Library - 3.9%
- Kane County Forest Preserve - 1.9%
- St. Charles Township - 1.6%

SAFETY INITIATIVES

AEDs were placed in various parks for public use at **East Side Sports Complex**, **James O. Breen Community Park**, **Langum Park**, **Mt. St. Mary Park**, **Pottawatomie Park**, and **Primrose Farm**.

Ring buoys for emergency use only are located near the docks or along the Fox River shoreline at **Boy Scout Island**, **Ferson Creek Fen**, **Mt. St. Mary Park** & **Pottawatomie Park**.

RECREATION

Total Programs	2,398
Total Participants	30,373

Top 5 Programs by Participation

Events & Specialty Programs	6,966
Summer Camps	5,830
Sports	3,354
Skills & Hobbies	2,562
Dance	1,361



FACILITY USAGE

Aquatics

Otter Cove Aquatic Park & Swanson Pool

Daily Admissions	86,119
Season Pass Scans	69,437

Norris Recreation Center

Total User Scans	114,348
Total Members	3,809

Sportsplex/Athletics

Tournament Participants	9,910
Sports League Players	1,215
Reservations & Party Hours	1,923

Paddlewheel Riverboats

Total Passengers	8,334
Public Cruises	198
Private Charters	85

Pottawatomie Golf Course

Total Rounds Played	35,272
Season Passes	191
Simulator Hours	166

River View Miniature Golf

Total Rounds Played	20,763
Boat Rentals	1,123

Primrose Farm

Total Participants	3,922
Students & Scouts Served	1,015

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

Total Participants	3,823
Students & Scouts Served	2,789



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Estimated Attendance 70,000+

- Sculpture in the Park
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Concerts in the Park
- July 4th Fireworks
- Night Kite Fly
- Pickle Paradise
- Acoustic Jams
- Gallery of Ghoulish Homes Tour
- Big Truck Show

EMPLOYEES

Full Time	87
Part Time	286
Seasonal	533

VOLUNTEERS

Total People	193
Total Hours	2,745
Offset Expenses	\$98,079

- Len Redelsperger named Volunteer of the Year for his many years as the official AAC BINGO caller and 50+ hours assisting at the food bank



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Illinois Association of Park Districts recognized Commissioner Karrsten Goettel for 20 Years of Service
- StarGuard ELITE presented a prestigious 4-star rating for aquatic safety at **Otter Cove Aquatic Park and Swanson Pool**
- St. Charles Chamber of Commerce Community Image Award for the renovation of the **Hickory Knolls Discovery Center** and the addition of the Education Center at **Primrose Farm**
- Excellence in Financial Award Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Kane County Reader's Choice Awards - One of the Best Summer Fun Destinations: **Pottawatomie Park**; One of the Best Golf Courses: **Pottawatomie Golf Course**

NATURAL AREAS

- Added seven more parks with 20 acres of natural areas to restoration cycle for a total of 160 acres of active restoration
- 72 acres within 9 different parks were seeded with native grasses and forbs

PARKS

- 80 trees planted throughout the District
- New tree identification signs installed at Mt. St. Mary Park's arboretum
- 400 yards of mulch created for next two years
- 54 varieties of annuals grown with 16,100 seed and 5,276 plugs in the District's greenhouse
- 20 topiaries filled with 3,225 sedum plugs
- 1,020 mums used for Fall plantings
- 24,640 acres mowed
- 640 athletic fields painted for local sports groups

Enriching Your Life!

20+ miles of biking & walking trails

12 public facilities *golf, aquatics, minigolf, nature & farm education, health & wellness, indoor turf fields & more*

25+ unique amenities *dog parks, disc golf, skate parks, sculptures, paddlewheel riverboats & more*

30+ playgrounds

40+ sport courts *tennis, pickleball, basketball, sand volleyball & more*

64 athletic fields *baseball/softball, soccer, lacrosse & football*

66 park sites & natural areas

1,517 acres of park & open land space

1 Million+ park & facility visitors

∞ fun activities & events all year long

