

#### 2020 Public Works Park Operations Presentation

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## Our Parks

The City of Pontiac has 34 parks totaling 530 acres of land.

- 8 Community Parks
- 10 Neighborhood Parks
- 14 Mini Parks
- 2 Linear Parks



# How We Compare with our Neighboring Communities

Understanding park services requires an initial comparison with our neighboring communities. In order to provide what others have, it simply takes a comparable dollar investment. Lets compare ourselves with respect to budget and staff:

Staff and Budget					
City	Parks	Acreage	Budget	Full Time Staff	Part Time Staff
Pontiac	32	530	\$372,940	0	6
Neighbor 1	17	1,000	\$3,188,080	10	42
Neighbor 2	10	173	\$2,179,337	10	26

#### Parks Budget

The General Fund is the source of funding for the maintenance of the parks.

FY	Salaries	<b>Total Budget</b>	
2008-2009	\$39,041	\$650,176	
2017-2018	\$14,160	\$321,757*	
2018-2019	\$9 <i>,</i> 763	\$368,016*	
2019-2020	\$20,035	\$372,940*	
*Subtracted NEP and Grants Matching			

## **STAFF FOR PARKS**

The Department of Public Works is the group responsible for the maintenance of the parks. The Division within the Department is the Parks Grounds Maintenance Division. These staff members are responsible for road maintenance (patching, plowing) as well.

Parks Staff				
FY Staff Status				
2005	5	Full Time		
2010	1	Part Time		
2017	3	Part Time		
Present	6	Part Time		

## VOLUNTEERS

The City of Pontiac has some amazing volunteer groups. Many of these groups started assisting the City in the early 2010's, some others have been helping for many years:

Volunteer Organizations			
1	Better Pontiac Community Development		
2	Clinton River Watershed Council		
3	Councilman Randy Carter		
4	Councilwoman Gloria Miller		
5	Councilwoman Mary Pietila		
6	Friends of the Parks		
7	General Motors		
8	GM Modern Housing		
9	Habitat for Humanity		
10	Mike McGuiness		
11	Nissan Motors		
12	Oakland University		
13	PAL		
14	Pokemon		
15	Sean Preston		
16	St. Joseph Mercy Hospital		
17	Trinity Baptist Church		
18	William Carrington and Perry Earl		
19	Woodside Bible		

#### Neighborhood Empowerment Projects

The Mayor has created a program called the Neighborhood Empowerment Program (NEP), where non-profit groups can apply for funding from the City for projects that improve their neighborhoods. Since 2018, this program has put over \$320,000 into the City's parks.

NEP 2018 AWARDS Richardson Park - NP1801	PROJECT	Award Amount	
Argyle Park - NP1802	New Swings	\$5,687.00	
Beaudette Park - NP1803	Playscape	\$16,072.00	
Hawthorne Park - NP1804	Playscape	\$32,111.00	
Mattie Hatcher Park - NP1807	Removal of invasive plants at fishing dock	\$5,977.00	
	New Playscape	\$28,055.00	
Oak Hill Cemetery - NP1811 Oakland Park - NP1812	Mausoleum Repairs	\$9,985.00	
Charlie Harrison Park - We Care -William Carrington	2 basketball courts resurfaced	\$23,000.00	
Hidden River Park - NP1827 - Tim Travis	Basketball court resurface	\$13,990.00	
Hidden River Park - Main Street Pontiac - Daniela	Redesign Plan and make area safe	\$6,900.00	
Walter -NP1805 Pontiac Sister City Garden Lantern Installation -NP1825	Convert Fountain into flower bed paint mural	\$1,500.00	
GM Modern Housing Blight Removal - NP1810	Install lanterns	\$5,944.00	
Galloway Park - NP1828	Tree planting and stump removal	\$8,200.00	
Pine Grove Carriage House Painting - NP1814	Park design plan	\$7,000.00	
Carriage Circle - NP1820	Paint and restore building	\$6,000.00	
	Tables and chairs	\$1,660.99	
	Total Awards	\$172,081.99	

Project	Project	Budg	eted
#NP1706 Richardson Park	Pavillion	\$	20,200.00
#NP1709 Montana Park #NP1711 N. Kiwanis Park #NP1712 N. Kiwanis Park	Painted equipment, landscaping and installation of monkey bars Picnic Tables, Soccer Goals New playscape	\$ \$ \$	3,485.00 16,000.00 22,000.00
#NP1716 Charlie Harrison Park #NP1717 Rotary Park	Picnic tables, painting and landscaping New Pavillion	\$ \$	6,010.00 27,000.00
#NP1718 Mattie Hatchett Park #NP1719 Optimist Park	Basket ball court repaving and painting playscape and resurfacing of basketball courts Two playscapes	\$ \$	15,000.00 36,000.00
#NP1722 Argyle Park	Painting and landscaping of existing play equipment. Remove old equipment. New play equipment and landscaping	\$	3,000.00
		\$ 148,6	95.00



Oakland Park Basketball Courts 2018 NEP



#### Beaudette Park Playscape 2018 NEP





Argyle Park Playscape - 2018 NEP

#### Charlie Harrison Park Basketball Court 2018 NEP



#### Conclusion

As stated earlier, we all want parks we can be proud of and places where our children can go and play safely. In order to improve what we have, it simply takes dollars.

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