

What can YOU do to help Flint Parks?



Residents

Volunteer at a park in your neighborhood. For more information on cleanups near you visit the community calendar at www.imagineflint.com. To be added to our volunteer database sign up at <http://bit.ly/1DttdsUb> or call 810-766-7426 x3002



Community Groups

Partner with [Keep Genesee County Beautiful](#) to adopt a park in your area. The Adopt-A-Park Program is a collaborative effort to improve and maintain our parks. There are over 35 parks that have been adopted. For a list of parks that need adopters and more information visit www.kgcb.net or call 810.767.9696



Institutions

The City of Flint formed partnerships in 59 of its 70 (87%) parks, many of those partnerships are with local block clubs and community groups. Several major institutions have sponsored a Flint park, including [Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission](#), [Friends of Berston](#) and the [Police Athletic League](#).

For questions or to report an issue regarding any City of Flint park please contact our parks division:

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1101 S. Saginaw St. Room B17
Flint, MI 48502



City of Flint Parks & Rec



Flint Parks

2016 Update

In late 2013 and following the adoption of the Imagine Flint master plan, Flint Parks & Recreation became a function of the Department of Planning & Development. With this new leadership and direction, and the help of our community partners and volunteers, the City of Flint stands committed to improving the quality and safety of our parks throughout the entire City.

Flint Parks System



The National Recreation and Park Association recommends a standard of 10 acres of open space for every 1,000 residents.

The City of Flint exceeds the minimum recommended amount of parkland by 90%!

Flint has 1.91 acres per 100 residents.

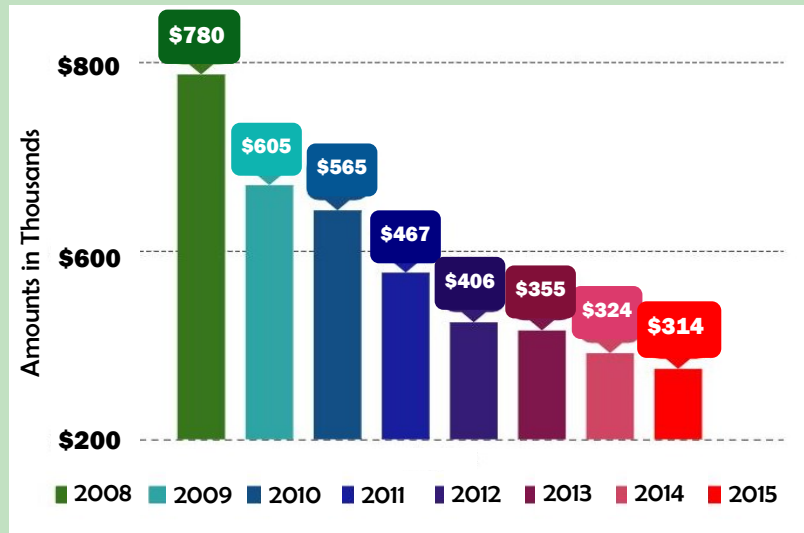


Flint has a large parks infrastructure and through partnerships, grants, and very small, yet dedicated staff, it's condition has been improving. A 2016 Park Assessment found that 41% of Flint's parks were rated above 'fair' condition.

Flint Parks Millage

Maintaining our parks is costly and the revenue brought in by our millage has been in a steady decline since 1996.

The parks millage ends in 2016 and will be up for renewal in November 2016.

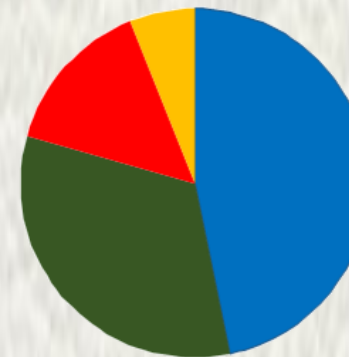


The millage decreased 60% in 7 years for a total of \$466,000!

2015 Millage Breakdown

- Mowing (\$136,000)
- Utilities (\$109,000)
- Other Services (\$49,000)
- County Parks Partnership (\$20,000)

Total: \$314,000



The Flint parks millage is our only dedicated source of funding with 78% going towards basic mowing and services.

Flint Parks Staff



The City has less than 1 full time employee dedicated to parks.

Major Capital Improvements

Despite budget constraints, the City continues to aggressively pursue grant funding to supplement the millage. Current major projects include:

Chevy Commons	(\$8 Million+)	Ongoing
Grand Traverse Greenway Trail	(\$2.1 Million)	Ongoing
Genesee Valley Trail	(\$750,000)	Complete
Riverbank Park	(\$493,000)	Complete
McKinley Park	(\$300,000)	Ongoing
Max Brandon Park	(\$87,500)	Complete
Brennan Park	(\$85,500)	Complete