

2011 Annual Report



Play time at
Nature Fun Zone,
Rocky Ridge Park

York County Department of Parks and Recreation



Rocky Ridge County Park

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Apollo County Park

Spring Valley County Park

John C. Rudy County Park

William H. Kain County Park

Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

Heritage Rail Trail County Park

P. Joseph Raab County Park

Highpoint Scenic Vista & Recreation Area

Native Lands County Park

During its 43rd year of operations:

Mission Statement

York County Department of Parks and Recreation enhances the quality of community life acting as a steward for the environment. In this capacity, it acquires, conserves and manages park lands and offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities.

Value Statement

As steward of the County's park lands, York County Department of Parks and Recreation:

- Creates customer-friendly environments
- Provides a diversity of natural areas to promote passive recreation
- Conserves and interprets the natural and historical aspects of park resources
- Emphasizes preservation and creation of wildlife and plant habitat
- Listens and responds to park users
- Encourages safe and responsible use of park resources
- Maintains the highest level of professionalism
- Enters into partnerships and pursues networking
- Promotes and honors volunteer participation
- Fosters innovation and creativity in fulfilling mission responsibilities
- Cultivates new sources of support and funding

Vision Statement

York County Department of Parks and Recreation strives to be the county leader in environmental conservation, preservation and education. Programs and projects in these areas reflect sound management and stewardship principles and a strong organizational commitment to innovation and public service.

The York County Parks has continued to strive to improve community life. This has been done by keeping the best of the past and welding that to the needs of today and tomorrow. The York County Parks are first and foremost land. This year, much effort has been invested by staff, partner agencies, community businesses and volunteers to improve, restore and ensure quality habitat on park land. With an eye on the budget and your pocket book, careful fiscal management has allowed the Parks to continue to offer quality, affordable programs and superior facilities year-round.

Natural Resources: In 2011, the Parks Natural Resource Unit continued the multi-year effort of invasive plant control and reforestation. To ensure the long-term health of newly planted tracts, maintenance and additional work and plantings were conducted. Working with citizen scientists, the Bluebird Box program continues to operate in six parks. These are a few of the efforts that go on behind the scenes to assure you quality water, forests and wildlife on your next trip to a county park.

Community Life: It would be difficult to imagine living in York County and not having the 4,300-plus acres of free open lands. The staff, aided by an exceptional group of volunteers, spent 2011 striving to continue to provide the best in facilities and service while maximizing the budget.

Buildings and Grounds: The maintenance of the parks requires a skilled staff with an array of construction trade skills plus turf management, arborist, and many additional talents. Two flooding episodes and an early October snow caused the maintenance crew to spend much of the fall in recovery mode. Staying on top of things and the yearly investment in preventative and long-term maintenance paid off as the parks remained useable while the maintenance crew was pulled to respond to these three incidents.

Rangers: Rangers have the responsibility to protect visitors and the property of the parks, as well as the natural features and facilities situated within the York County Park System. This is accomplished by mutual cooperation between the various Police Departments, and the PA Game and Fish and Boat Commissions throughout the 4,300 acres within the 11 York County Parks.



Christmas Magic, Rocky Ridge Park

Our Leadership

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Christopher B. Reilly, Vice President
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York County Parks Advisory Board

Thomas Englerth, Chairman
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Deirdre Folkers • J.T. Hand
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This volunteer board serves as a liaison between the Parks and the public. The public is encouraged to attend board meetings, held the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Acres.

York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust

Luther B. Sowers, Chairman
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This volunteer board is dedicated to raising and managing funds to expand our park lands and facilities.

York County Parks Emeritus Board

An honorary board of past Advisory or Trust Board members
George "Skip" Lehmann, Honorary Chair

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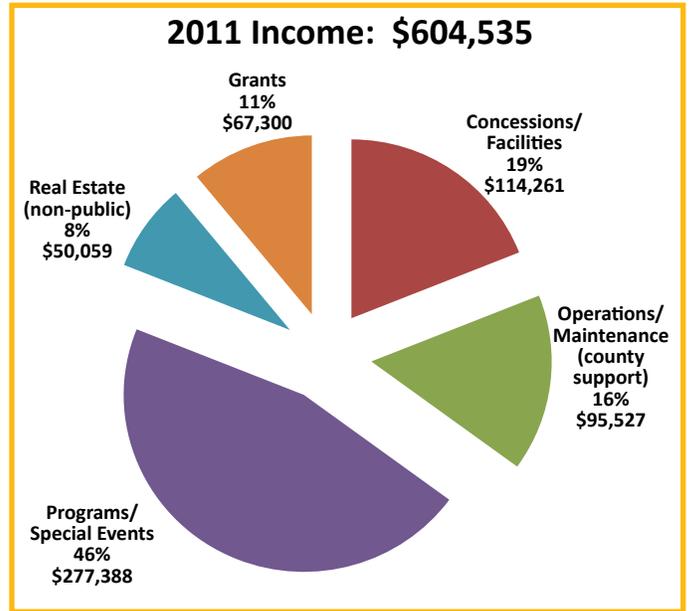
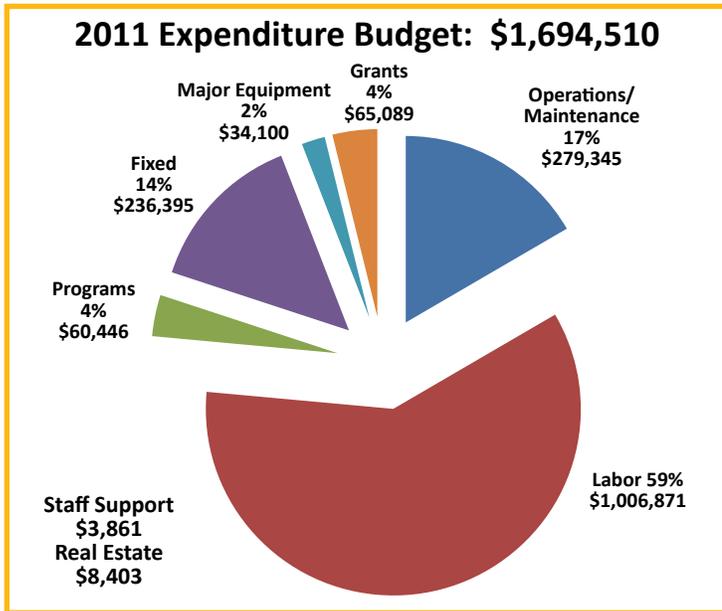
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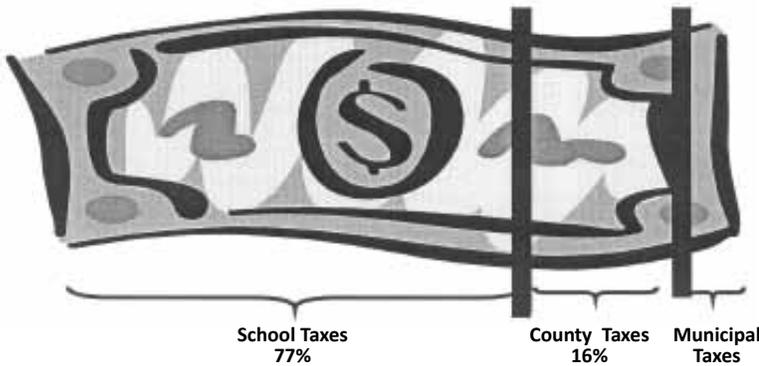
2011 Accomplishments

- Survived 2011 weather conditions including the flood of 2011, an October snow storm and record rainfall.
- A Twitter account (@YorkCountyParks) was created for the Parks, and is mainly used for trails & field open/closure and to promote programs.
- Natural playscape playground (Nature Fun Zone) opened at Rocky Ridge.
- Received a donation of land from Shipley Energy that will serve as future Rail Trail parking lot.
- Completed 3,700 linear feet of stream restoration at Nixon Park funded by a Growing Greener Grant.
- Hosted three community walks organized by the grassroots movement, Let's Move, York.
- Rocky Ridge served as a bio control project site that targets mile-a-minute.
- Gift shop at Nixon Park Nature Center re-established.
- Naturalist Amber Carothers received York County Conservation District's Educator of the Year award.
- Rudy Park hosted the BMX Quaker State National Competition.
- Newsletter and program guide provided electronically to interested park members.
- Record number of visitors attended the 2011 Christmas Magic holiday program.
- Completed amphibian display at Nature Center.
- Participated in the County Libraries' "Go and Explore Your World" program.
- Sprayed 45 acres to control invasive plants.
- Received a mini Growing Green Grant used to purchase and plant 10 maple trees (2" caliper) on the Rudy Park Entrance Road.

Financial Charts



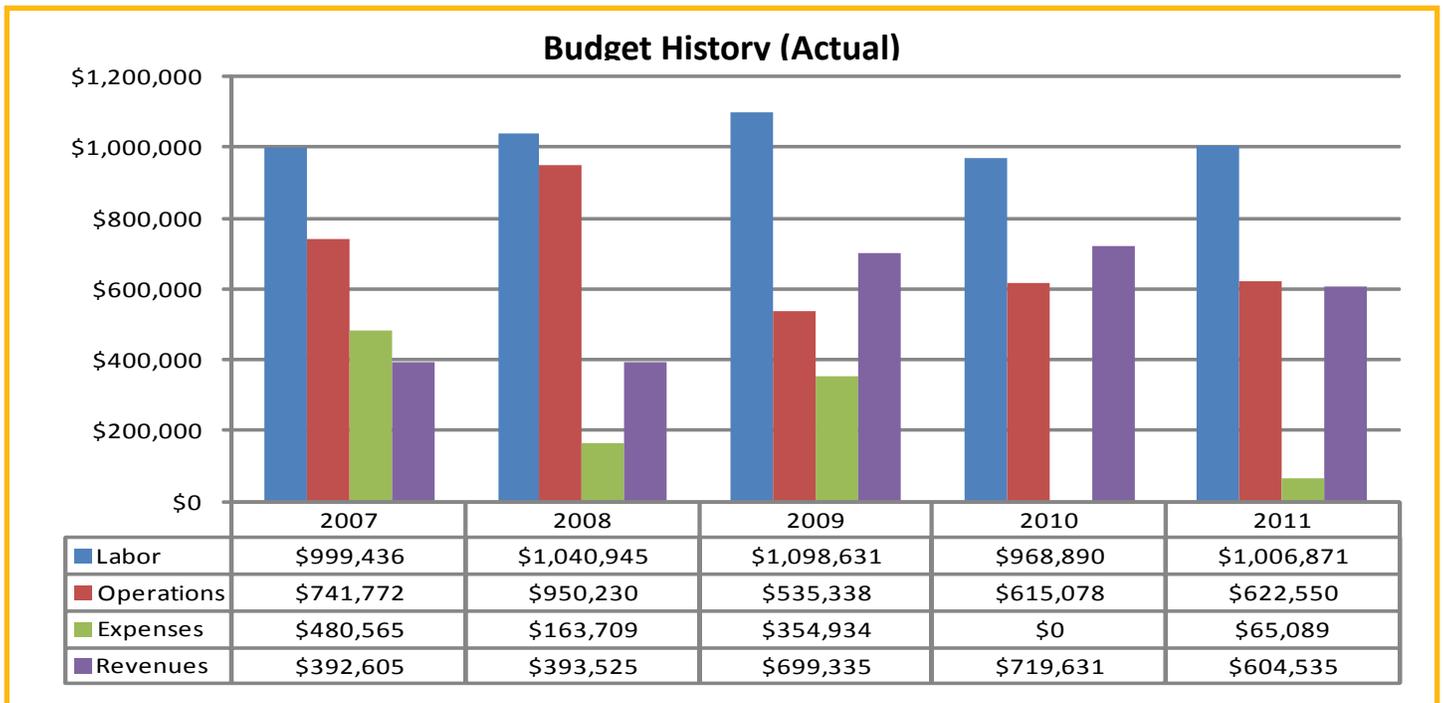
For every real estate tax dollar paid in York County



The annual cost to York County residents to operate and maintain the county parks department in 2011 totals \$3.32/ resident

Expenditures:\$1,694,510
 + benefits\$352,405
 - revenue\$604,535
 Expenses less income\$1,442,380

York County Planning Commission's 2010 census estimate—434,972 residents





Galen Weibley, a former youth volunteer at Nixon Park and now a college student, steps up to the role of volunteer educator during Maple Syrup Fest.



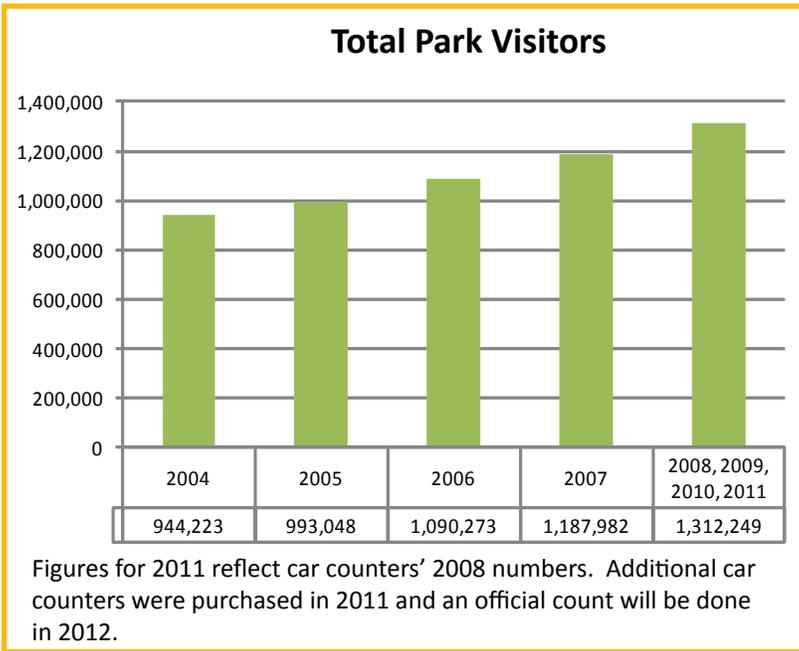
Runners from York College and Frostburg State battle each other and the elements on Rudy Park's 10K cross country course during an invitational meet.



Backyard Bird Weekend, held Presidents Day weekend, invited visitors to Nixon Park Nature Center during the Birding with Bagels program (below). The Baltimore Zoo brought a special visitor so everyone could learn more about birds (left).



Park Visitation

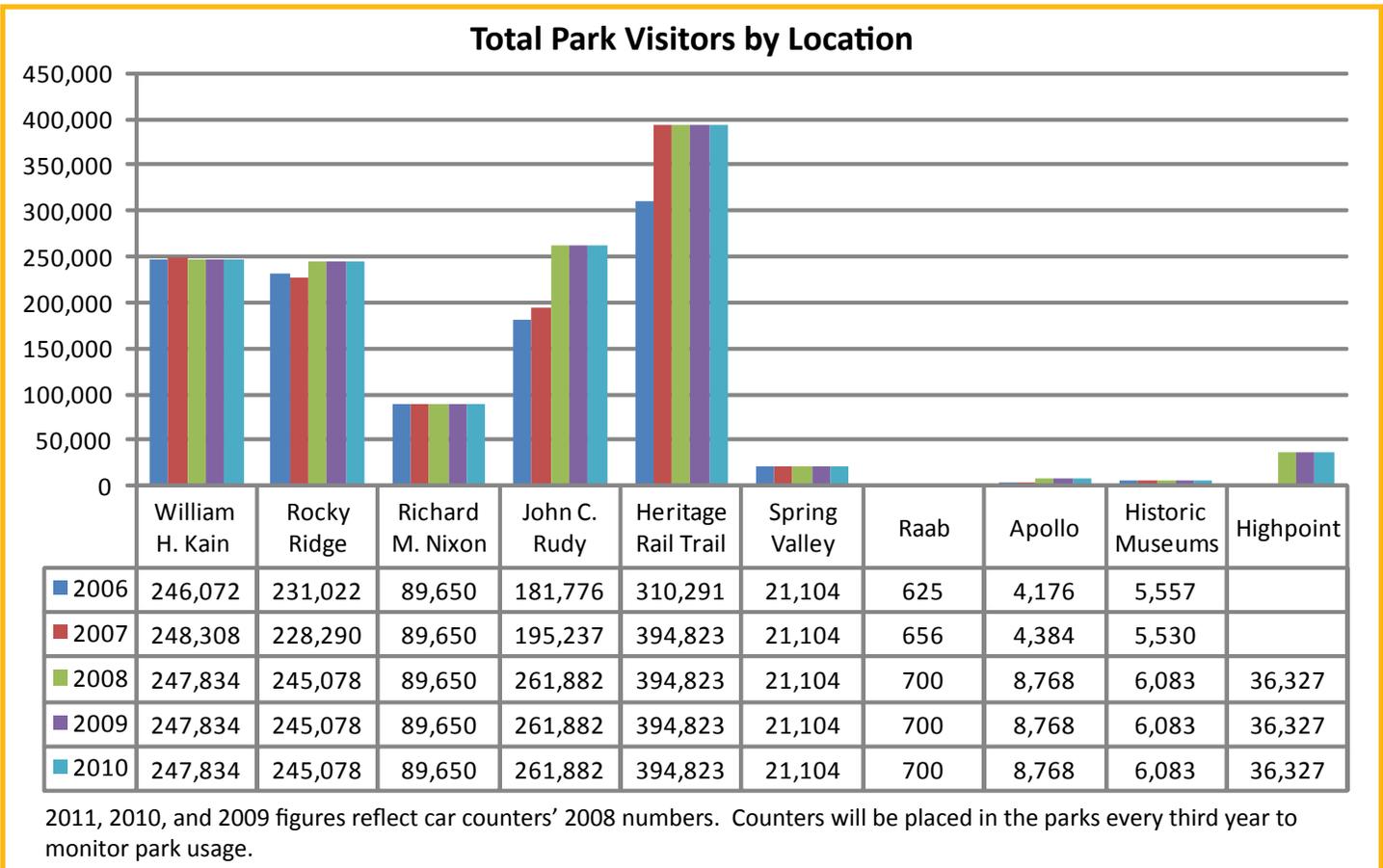


Aerating soccer fields at Rudy Park is just one task to make the park ready for its visitors.

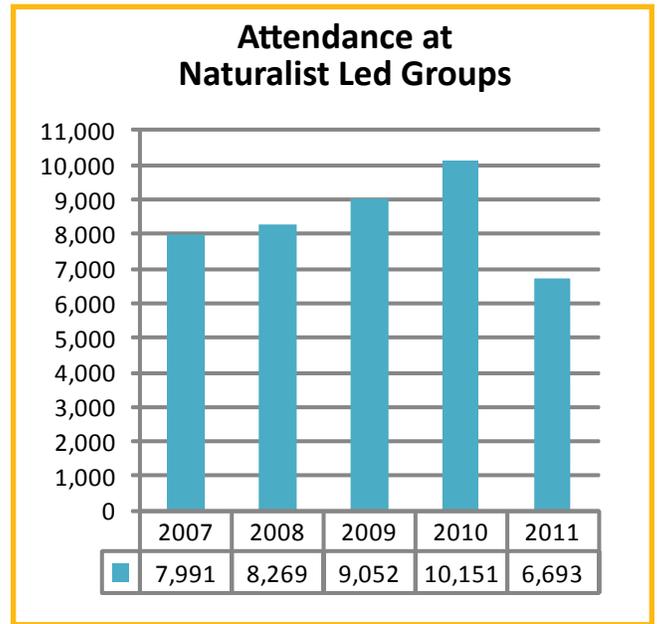
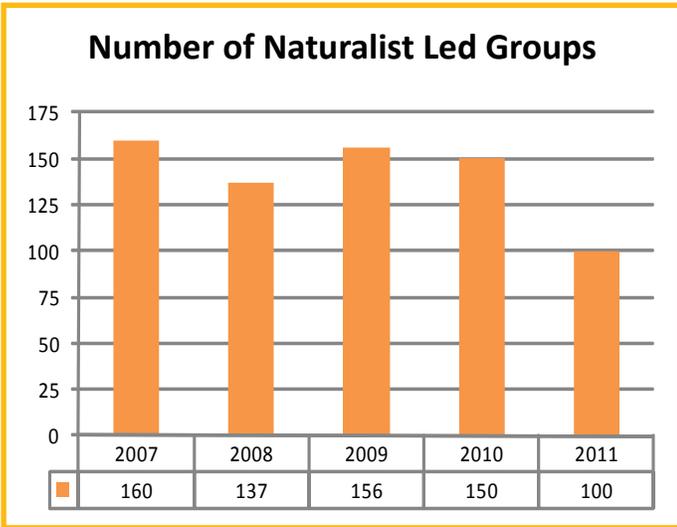


First family campout at Nixon Park introduced new campers to the outdoors.

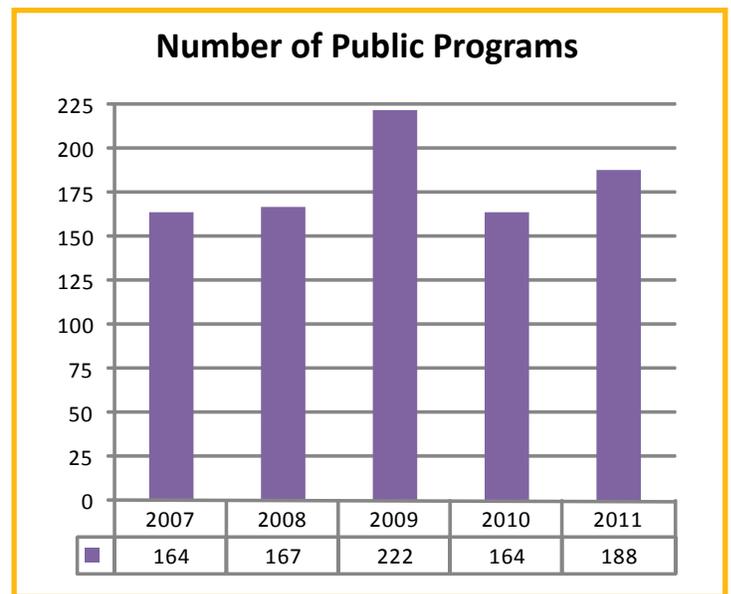
2011 provided opportunity to ground school students, K-12 + college, in a greater awareness and understanding of the natural world we all share. The education program, year-round, offers a wide selection for nature lovers, families, schools, hobbyists, and those just starting their adventures in the natural world, mixing traditional topics (reptiles) with new ideas (Small Wonders ages 3 & 4).



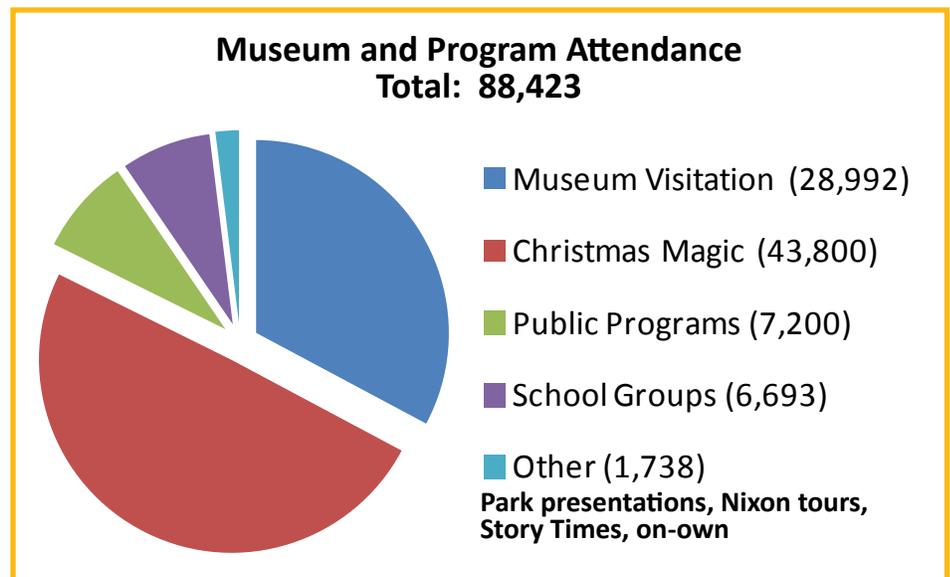
Public Programs



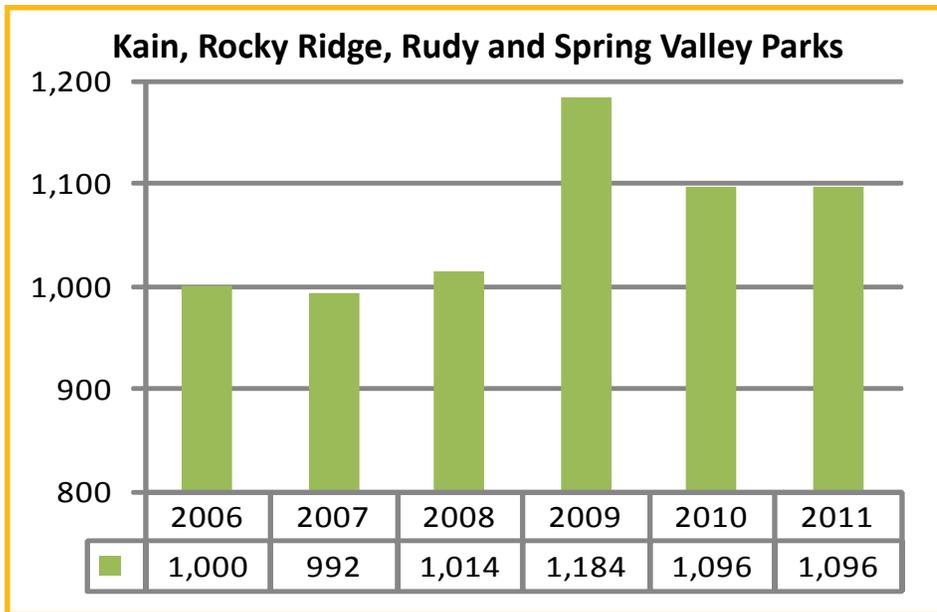
Two Nixon Park summer program students have the perfect afternoon learning about life below the surface.



October's "Tree Celebration" at Nixon Park has these ladies learning their tree identification with leaf rubbings.



Pavilion Rentals

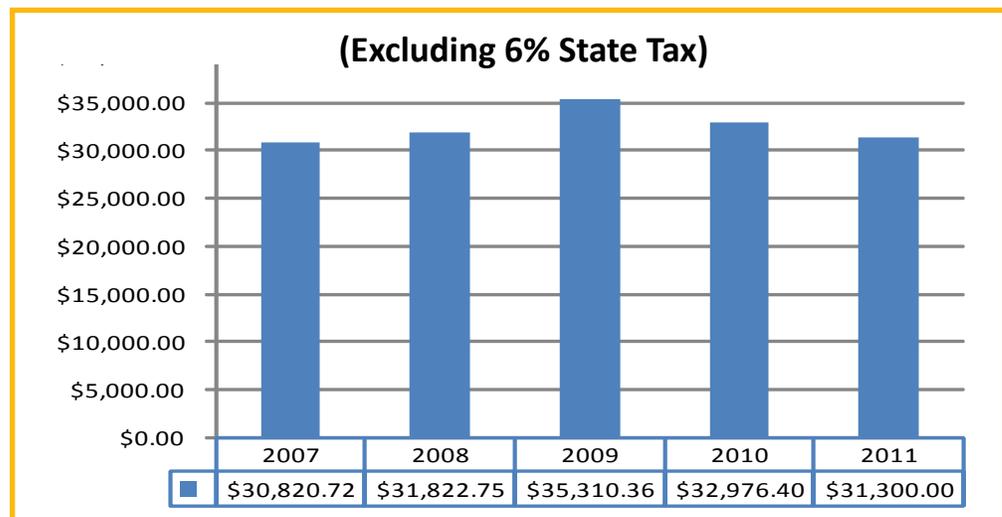


Canopy picnic tables, like this one near the playground at Rudy Park, are scattered throughout the park system to offer park users a quick stop for shade, snacks or weary feet or a special spot to enjoy an activity.



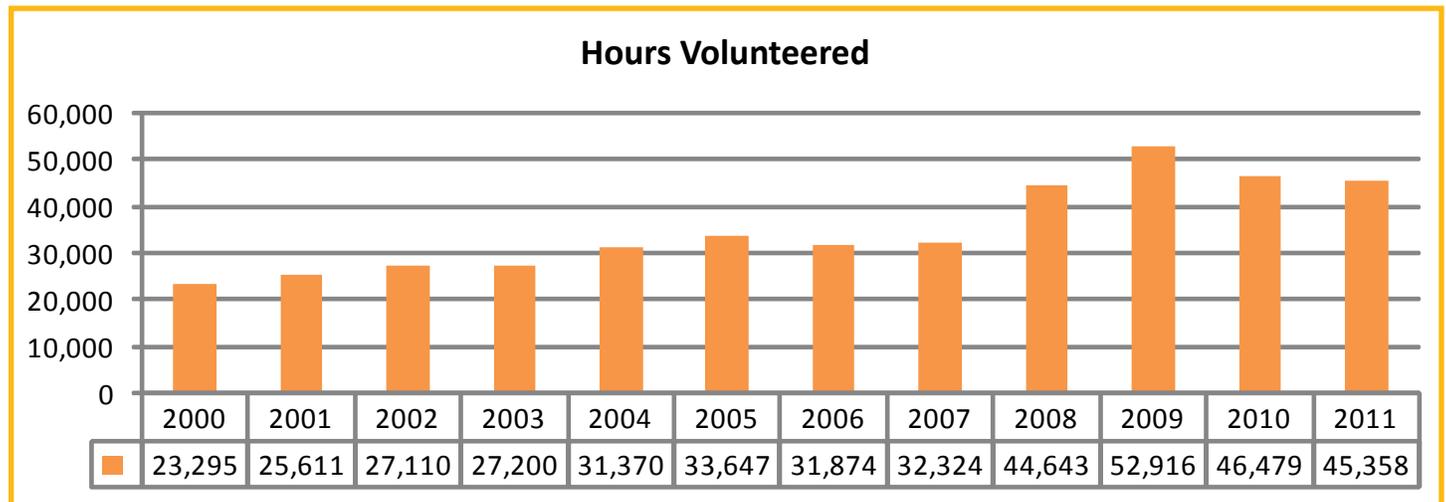
Pavilions in Kain, Rocky Ridge, Rudy and Spring Valley provided a place for park users to gather for over 1,000 events in 2011.

Lake Redman Boat Rental



Volunteers

During 2010, volunteers within the parks served a total of 45,358 hours (equivalent of 21.8 full-time employees)



**Thank you to
all who served
in 2011!**

Larry Eisenberger and John Ridinger share their love of micro fossils with young and old at Nixon Park.



This is just one of 80+ Dallastown Middle School students who labored in Spring Valley Park to pull invasive plants to improve wildflower habitat.

Park Achievement Award

Presented to recognize an individual, group or organization for extraordinary service and dedication to the York County Department of Parks and Recreation.

- 2002 Founding Board Members
- 2003 Jack "Reed" Dunn, Jr
- 2004 York-Adams Area Council—Boy Scouts of America
- 2005 Luther B. Sowers
- 2006 The York Water Company
- 2007 York Area Mountain Biking Association
- 2008 York County Rail Trail Authority
- 2009 The Conservation Fund
- 2010 Kinsley School of Technology
- 2011 Eleanor Boggs Shoemaker

Friends Groups Accomplishments

Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill 2011 Accomplishments

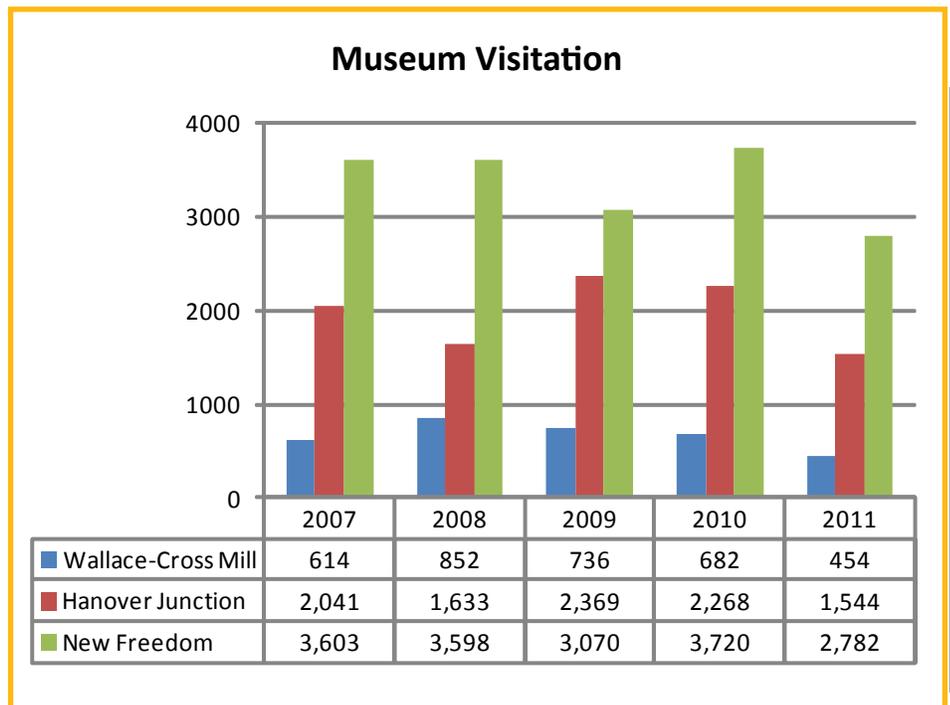
- Conducted tours for schools and civic organizations
- Hosted open houses June through October with special events, including Miller’s Day, Corn Roast, Art at the Mill and Cider Day
- Completed new display on the Wallace-Cross family
- Conducted wheel inspection with mill expert to develop a maintenance plan
- Repaired severe flood damage to Rambo Run from September storms
- Hosted SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Spring Chapter Meeting and mill tour
- Volunteers assisted with the re-organization of the Park Archives
- Provided assistance at the Christmas Magic food stand



Volunteer Judy Grove explains the inner workings of Wallace Cross Mill during a tour.

Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail 2011 Accomplishments

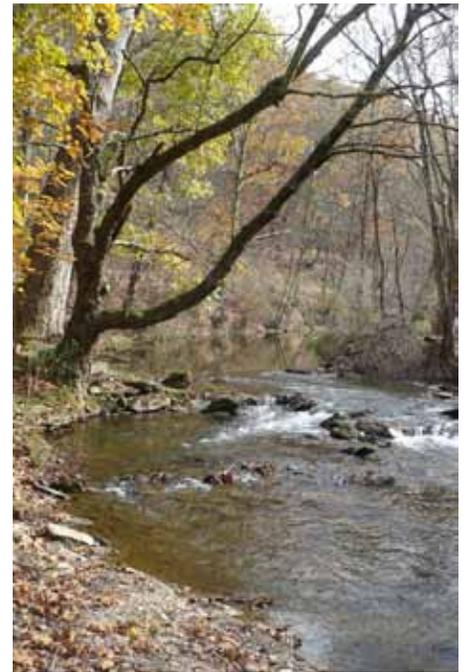
- Greeters hosted open houses at both stations May through October, including major holidays
- Conducted special tours for civic organizations and special interest groups
- Installed a flag pole on the south side of the building
- Volunteers assisted with the re-organization of the Park Archives
- Conducted public programs including “Porch Talk” programs in June and July and “Hanging of the Greens” at Hanover Junction
- Provided assistance at the Christmas Magic food stand



Natural Resource Unit

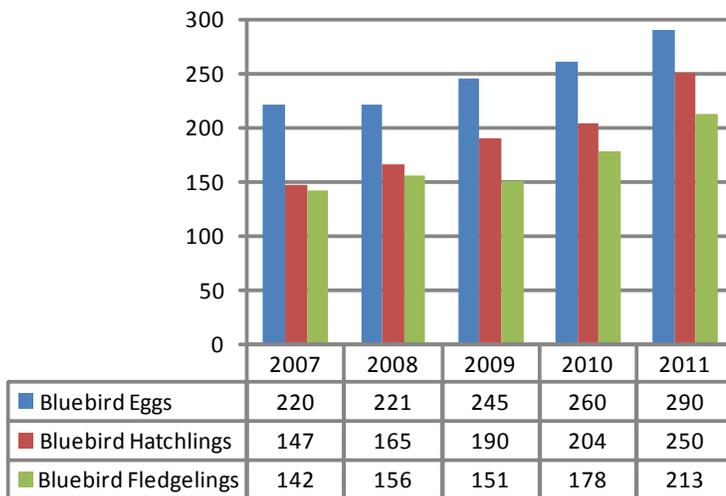


Parks maintenance workers unload shade trees for Rudy Park entrance.



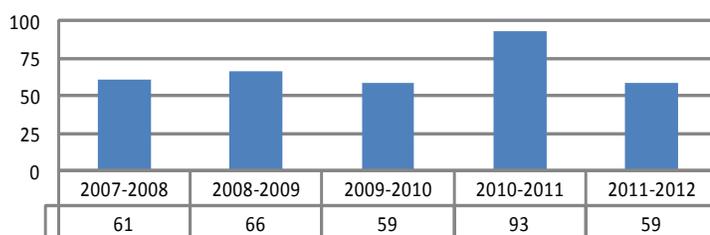
The East Branch Codorus Creek, managed for Trout fishing in spring, supplies drinking water to York and looks great in its fall colors in Spring Valley Park.

Bluebird Eggs, Hatchlings and Fledgelings

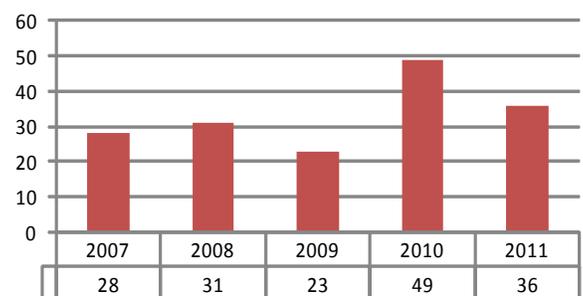


The fish for fun pond awaits customers on a summer's day in Spring Valley Park.

Parkwide Deer Harvest Rocky Ridge, Kain, Raab, Apollo & Spring Valley Parks (archery, shotgun, muzzleloader)



Early Season Goose Harvest in Kain Park



Maintenance Unit

The York County Parks Maintenance Unit consists of ten group leaders, two assistant superintendents and one superintendent. Their responsibility is to maintain over 4,300 acres of public parkland with a physical inventory consisting of:

- 57 Picnic Pavilions/Structures
- 30 Restrooms
- 10 Historic Sites
- 140+ Acres of Field/Grass
- 400+ Picnic Tables
- 34 Parking Lots
- 1,600+ Parking Spaces
- 22 Sports Fields/Playgrounds



Trail erosion from back to back major rains in October, left its mark on trails like this one in Rocky Ridge Park.



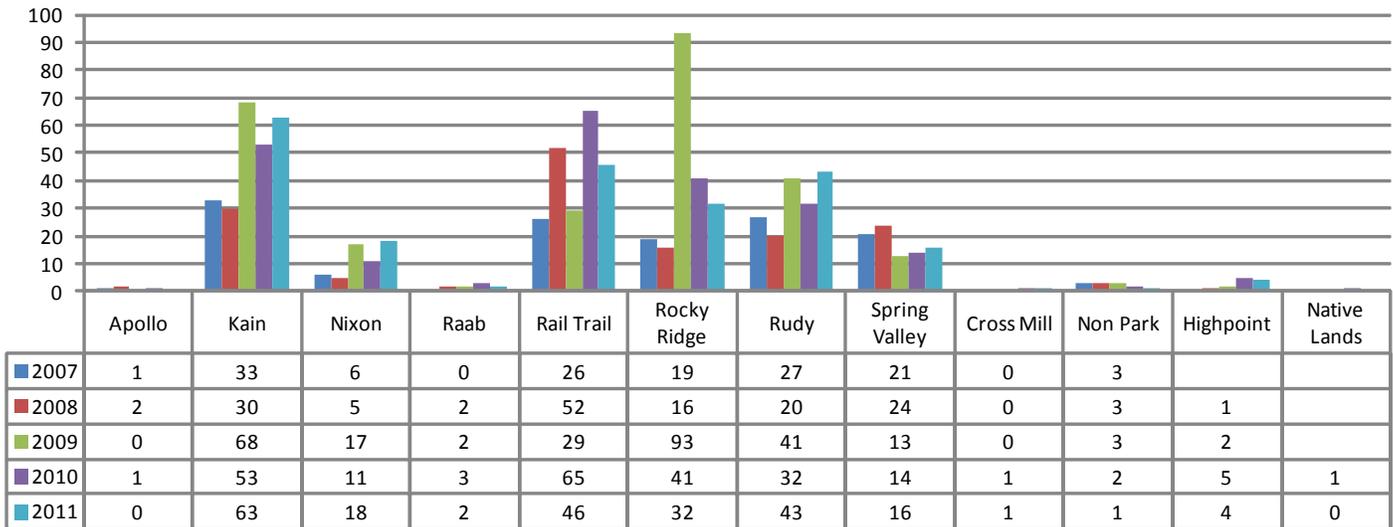
One of several major washouts on the Heritage Rail Trail resulting from Tropical Storm Lee.



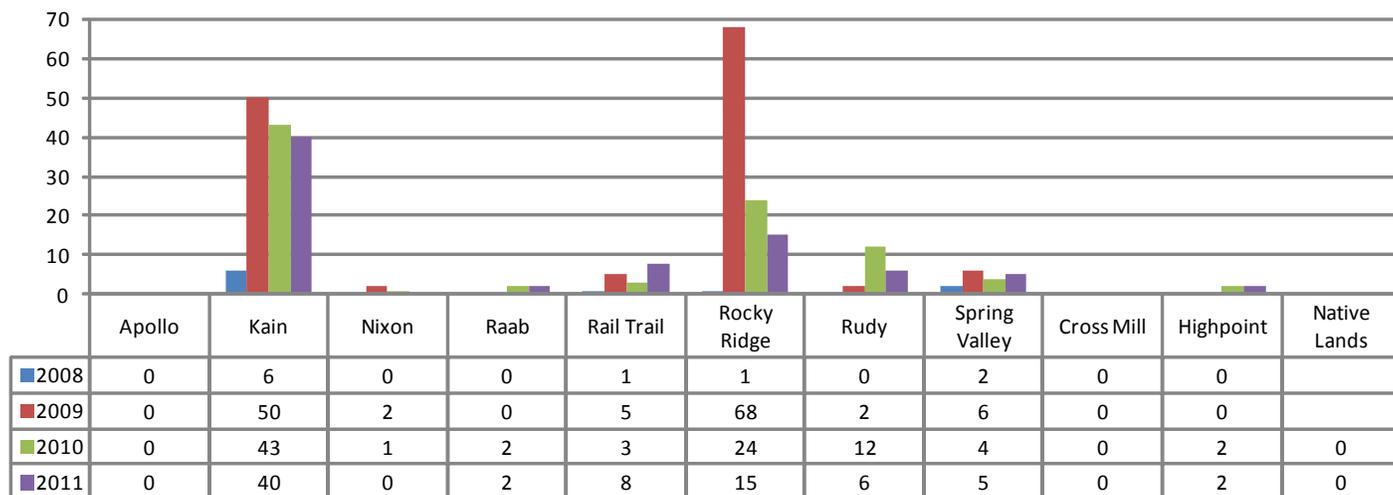
Maintenance workers begin planning how to clear snow storm damage at Rocky Ridge Park with only six weeks to the opening of Christmas Magic.

Ranger Report

Incidents by Park including visitor injuries



Number of Citations by Park



In 2011, the Rangers issued 78 citations and 389 written warnings, and investigated 226 reported incidents. Rangers investigated and closed out 20 general complaints and submitted 144 work orders to the maintenance department.

Ranger's Vision Statement:

The York County ranger division is dedicated to the principle of providing education and enforcement to ensure protection for the parks and provide the visitors a meaningful and enjoyable, safe and secure park and recreation experience.

Rangers provided traffic control, pedestrian safety, and parking at the Rudy Park 5K Race and Christmas Magic—A Festival of Lights at Rocky Ridge Park, where 43,800 people attended this year. In addition, 2,409 pounds of food and \$62.00 was donated to the York County Food Bank from the Christmas Magic Food Drive.

Annual Mileage Driven

Ranger Unit

2007:	99,385
2008:	93,319
2009:	74,949
2010:	72,828
2011:	87,326



A young learner and parent learn about owl pellets at Nixon Park during a Small Wonders class.

A summer Family Ramble program at Rocky Ridge Park restores summer strolling and mixes in learning, discovery, and family togetherness.

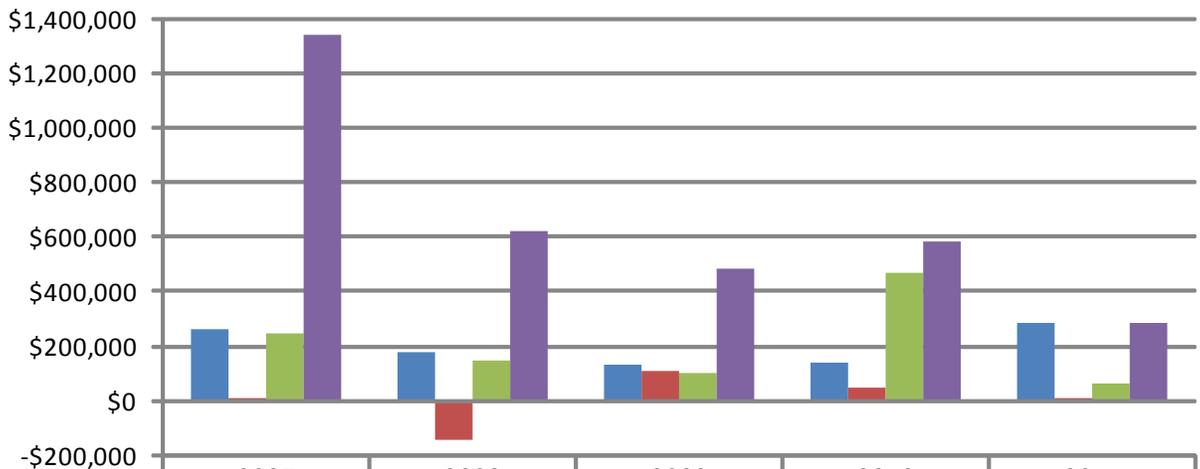


The Jacobus Volunteer Fire Department, first responders to Kain Park, stay prepared with ice rescue practice on and in Lake Redman, Kain County Park.

York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust

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The 501(c)(3) development board for the York County Department of Parks and Recreation



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Income	\$259,389	\$177,859	\$131,245	\$139,941	\$282,082
Investments	\$1,316	-\$142,879	\$111,061	\$47,212	\$575
Expenses	\$248,226	\$148,880	\$99,735	\$464,741	\$63,408
In-Kind Products/Services	\$1,338,340	\$623,566	\$485,063	\$585,248	\$284,175

The Charitable Trust Board manages donations to the York County Parks. Park improvements, support of special events and the expansion of public park lands are the primary objectives of the Trust Fund and its board.

Gathering Leaves	\$17,019
Legacy Fund.....	\$202,826
Kain Memorial.....	\$5,741
Ralph Brooks	
Endowment	\$64,952
Rail Trail Friends	\$16,954
Cross Mill Friends	\$63,330
Canine Meadows Friends.....	\$5,386
YCAG	\$15,022
General Parks	\$139,657
Grants and Estates.....	\$50,759
TOTAL.....	\$581,646



In 2011, the York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust helped reestablish the Nixon Park Nature Center Gift Shop.

Gathering Leaves Society

The York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust announced the creation of the "Gathering Leaves Society" in October 2002. The Society honors those who have provided for the stewardship of the York County Parks over the long term either through a planned gift or cash donation to the endowment fund. Grateful acknowledgement to the following Gathering Leaves Society Members:

John F. Barbor
Mary Boyd
Tom & RuthAnn Brant
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In remembrance of members:

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Geneva Bowman Kaltreider
Sydney Levitan
Ruth M. Sponsler
Eleanor M. Thatcher



If you have provided for the York County Parks through your estate or a planned gift, and are not listed, or if you want information on how to become a member, please contact us.

York County Parks Foundation
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This Pie-bald White Tailed Deer, born in spring 2011, was seen throughout the year in Nixon Park.

Investing in our County Park System

Many of our offerings would not be possible if not for the kindnesses of others.

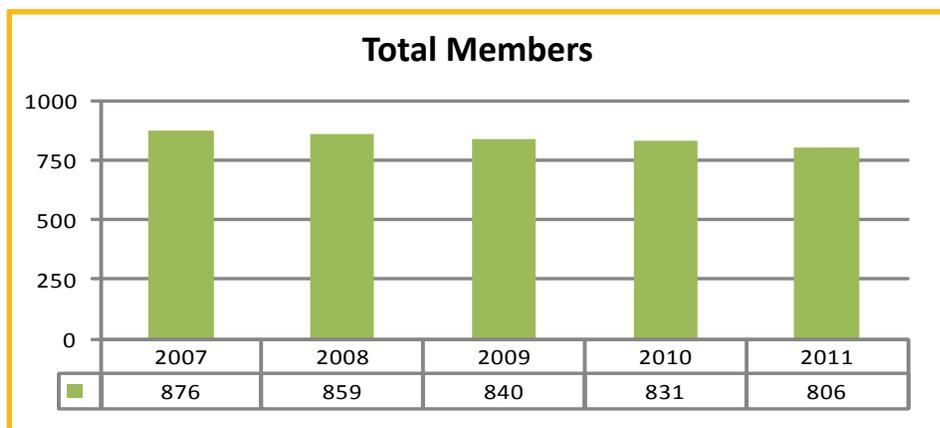
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 Yohe Paving
 Sybil Yohe
 York County Lumber
 Richard & Barbara Zeigler

Park Membership



York County Parks Mileposts

1968—Commissioners (President Commissioner P. Joseph Raab) established York County Board of Parks & Recreation

1968—Rocky Ridge Park purchased

1968—Nixon Park established through a land donation from Bob Hoffman in honor of newly elected U.S. president

1969—Apollo Park established through a land donation from P.H. Glatfelter in honor of the Apollo moon landing

1972—Spring Valley Park acquired partially through eminent domain

1973—John Rudy Park established through a land donation in memory of John and Mary Rudy

1976—William H. Kain Park established through an agreement with The York Water Company (landowner)

1978—Nixon Park Nature Center opens

1979—Wallace-Cross Mill established through land and mill donation by Harry Cross

1984—First Christmas Magic program

1986—York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust established

1988—U.S. President Nixon visited Nixon Park

1990—Heritage Rail Trail Park purchased from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for \$1.00

1992—Treasury of Wildlife Wing dedicated (Nixon Park Nature Center)

1993—P. Joseph Raab Park established through a land donation from Waste Management, Inc.

1996—First Park-wide Strategic Plan (2nd plan completed 2001, 3rd plan in 2008)

1998—Park-wide membership/newsletter Fox Tracks created

1998—Park Endowment Heritage Fund formed with the York County Community Foundation

1998—John Rudy Park Master Site Plan completed

1999—Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill established

1999—Heritage Rail Trail Park trail construction completed (into York City)

2000—Trail system designated as a Millennium Trail by the White House Millennium Council

2000—Emeritus Board established

2001—Friends of Heritage Rail Trail Corridor established

2001—Hanover Junction Train Station Restoration completed and dedicated

2002—Gathering Leaves Society established

2003—Rocky Ridge Park Master Site Plan completed

2003—Park Watch Ambassador program established

2003—New Freedom Train Station Restoration completed and dedicated

2003—Howard Tunnel restored and dedicated

2004—Maintenance Complex built at Rudy Park

2004—Inaugural Hot Air Balloon Festival

2006—Park visitation reaches 1,000,000 annual visitors

2007—Northern Extension Rail Trail—Phase I completed

2007—Apollo Park expands by 191 acres from land donation through Conservation Fund of PA

2008—Commissioners designate Highpoint as tenth park

2008—Heritage Rail Trail designated as National Recreational Trail and Rail Trail network member

2009—Native Lands established as eleventh county park

2010—York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust purchased 17 acres of land that adjoins Nixon Park