



York County Department of Parks and Recreation 2014 Annual Report



**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**

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.

2014 Awards and Recognition

- ◆ Heritage Rail Trail County Park recognized by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) as the #5 top trail in Pennsylvania. The results are from a user survey of residents and visitors to PA conducted by the RTC.



rails-to-trails
conservancy



- ◆ Gardens at John Rudy County Park awarded 1st Place in the Demonstration Garden category at the 2014 Pennsylvania Master Gardener Convention.

- ◆ York County Rail Trail Authority presented the Government Leadership Award to Tammy Klunk



- ◆ Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights was designated as a York County Heritage Program by the York County Planning Commission



Our Leadership

York County Board of Commissioners

Steve Chronister, President
Doug Hoke, Vice President
Christopher B. Reilly, Commissioner, Liaison to Parks

York County Parks

Advisory Board

Amanda Dubbs, Chair
Stephen Lentz, Vice-Chair
Carolyn J. Pugh, Secretary
J. T. Hand • Jason McSherry
Theresa Major • Laura L. Smith
Sherri Ierley • Robert Weikert
This volunteer board serves as a liaison between the Parks and the public. The public is encouraged to attend board meetings. The board meets in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

York County Parks Emeritus Board

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

John F. Barbor	Skip Durgin	John Rinehart
Duane R. Close	Voni Grimes	Ellie Shoemaker
Thomas F. Clough	Donald G. Heisler	John Strine
Sandy Cooley	J. Robert Katherman	Anne K. Wagner
J. Richard Cooper	Carroll C. Luckenbaugh	John Wurzbacher
Reed "Jack" Dunn, Jr.	Donald Patton	Anne Walko

York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust

Luther B. Sowers, Chairman
George "Skip" Lehmann, Vice Chairman
Linda B. Davidson, Secretary
William T. Morris, Treasurer
Richard Cooper • Betsy B. Lehner
Milton J. Menchey • Steven Ricklefs
Dale L. Schaeberle • Timothy E. Senft
This volunteer board is dedicated to raising and managing funds to expand our park lands and facilities.

Professional Staff

Tammy F. Klunk
Director

Barry L. Myers
Superintendent of Bldg. & Grounds

Gerald K. Ford, Jr.
Chief Ranger

Francis A. Velazquez
Manager of Education and Outreach

Michael E. Fobes
Manager of Natural Resources

George H. Howett
Asst. Superintendent of Bldg. & Grounds

Todd A. Hampson
Asst. Superintendent of Bldg. & Grounds

Jeri L. Jones
Program Coordinator

Amber L. Carothers
Naturalist

Kelsey A. Frey
Naturalist

Deborah A. Carbaugh
Administrative Assistant

Stephanie L. Wilt
Administrative Secretary

Maintenance Staff

**Jerry Broome • Joseph Carbaugh
Richard Detter • Joshua Dewees
Kerry Flinchbaugh • Terry Grothe
Randall Grove • Tom Hansberry
Randy Leiphart • Douglas Murphy
Eric Roehm • Duglas Stough**

Rangers

**Scott Neely • David Breedlove
George Erskine**



York County Department of Parks and Recreation

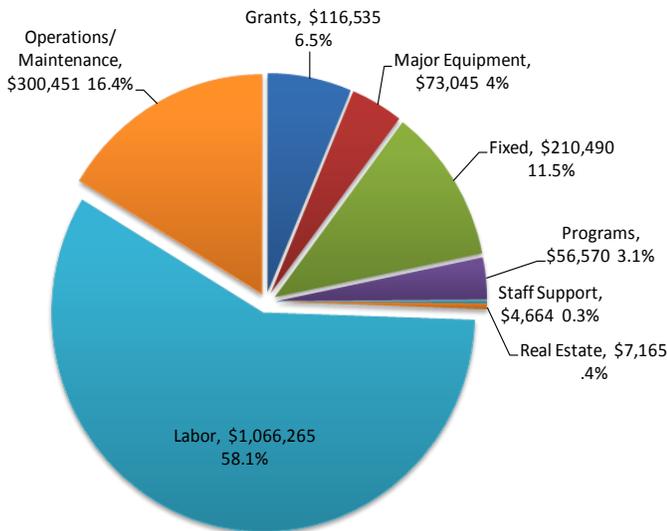
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Significant Accomplishments

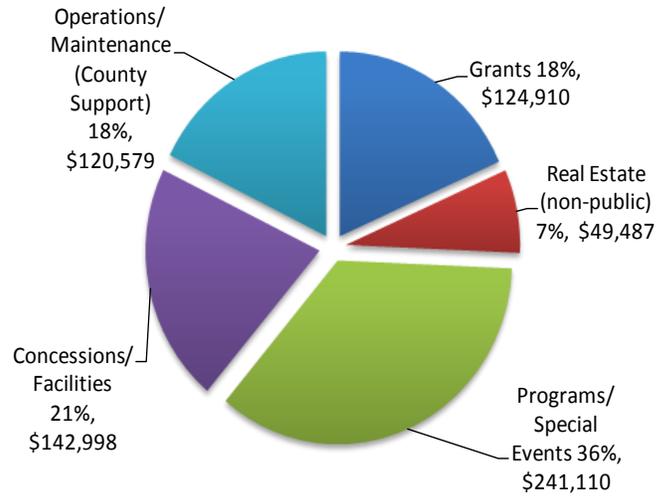
- Survived a winter of snow and ice that caused extreme tree damage in the Parks. Park crews and volunteers worked for months to clean up the debris.
- Completed master site plans for Native Lands County Park and Highpoint Scenic Vista as part of an overall plan for the Susquehanna Heritage Park.
- Updated Park rules and regulations
- Completed 1,400 linear feet of restoration work on the stream that travels through Nixon County Park
- Re-designed and constructed entrance/exit roadway at Lake Williams to improve traffic flow and increase the number of parking spaces.
- Completed structural and mechanical building improvements at Wallace Cross Mill
- Replaced a playground at Rocky Ridge County Park
- Improved accessibility to the Kain Park pavilions
- Filed paperwork to incorporate the Trust and received 501c3 designation from the IRS. New name is York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust, Inc.

Financial Charts

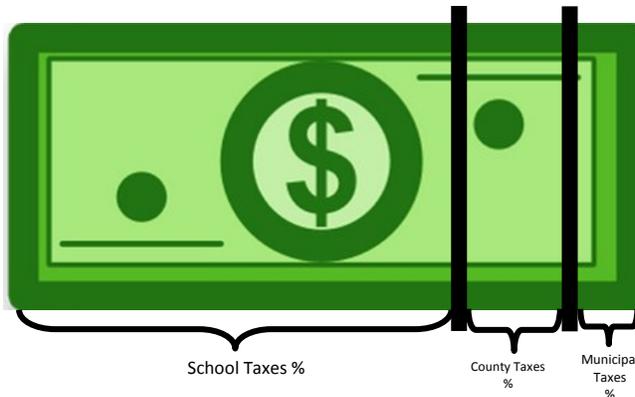
2014 Expenditure Budget: \$1,835,185



2014 Income: \$679,084



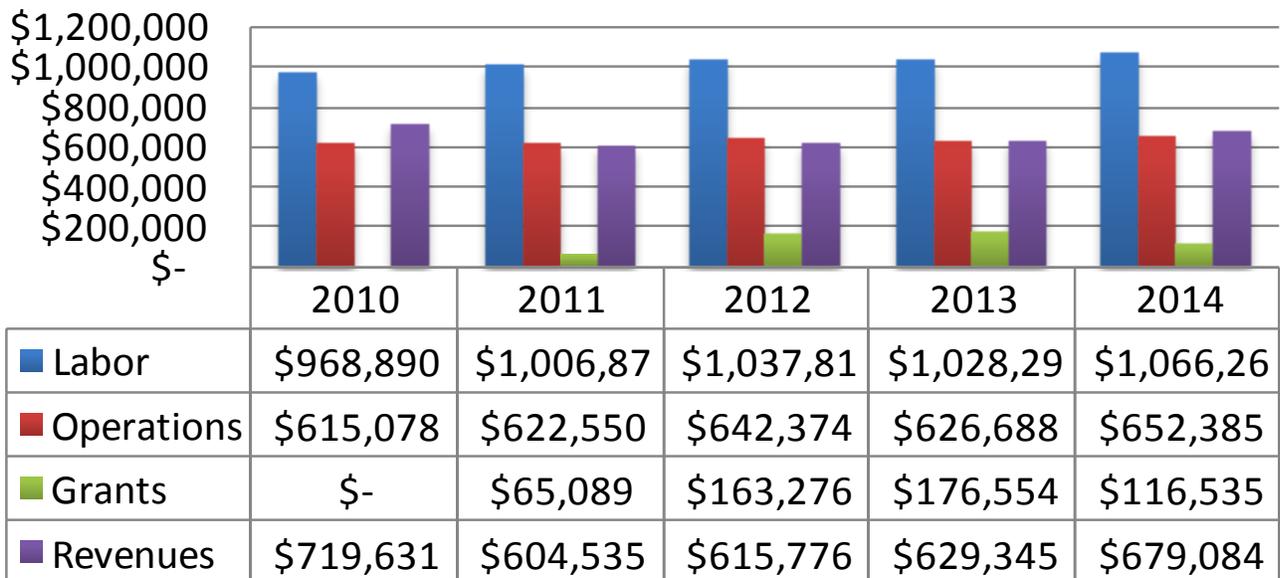
For every real estate tax dollar paid in York County.



The annual cost to York County residents to operate and maintain the county parks department in 2014 totals **\$3.48 per resident**
 Expenditures:\$1,835,185
 + benefits\$373,193
 - revenue\$679,084
 Expenses less income.....\$1,529,294

York County Planning Commission's 2013 census estimate—438,965 residents

Budget History (Actual)



Enjoying our Parks

Sunrise at Highpoint Scenic Vista



Envirothon at John Rudy Park

Canine Meadows at Rudy Park



Gold Panning at Spring Valley



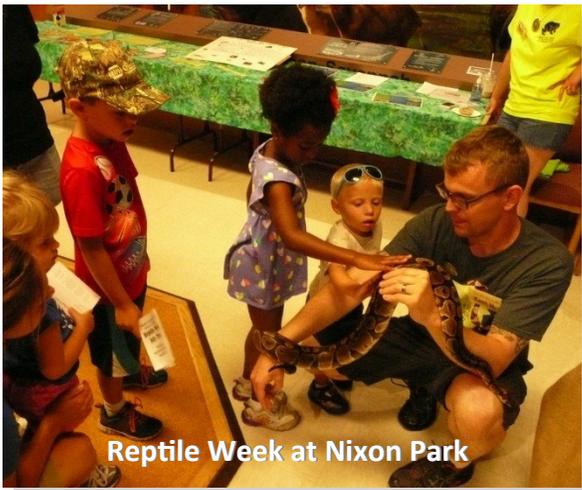
Exploring the Pond at Nixon Park



Butterfly Watch Hike at Nixon Park

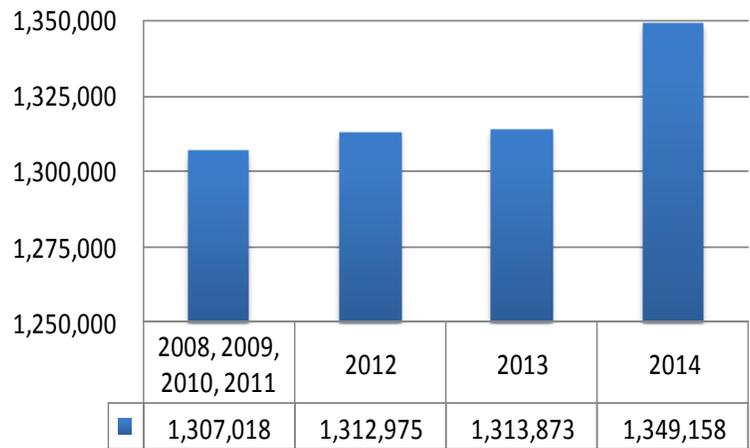


Park Visitation



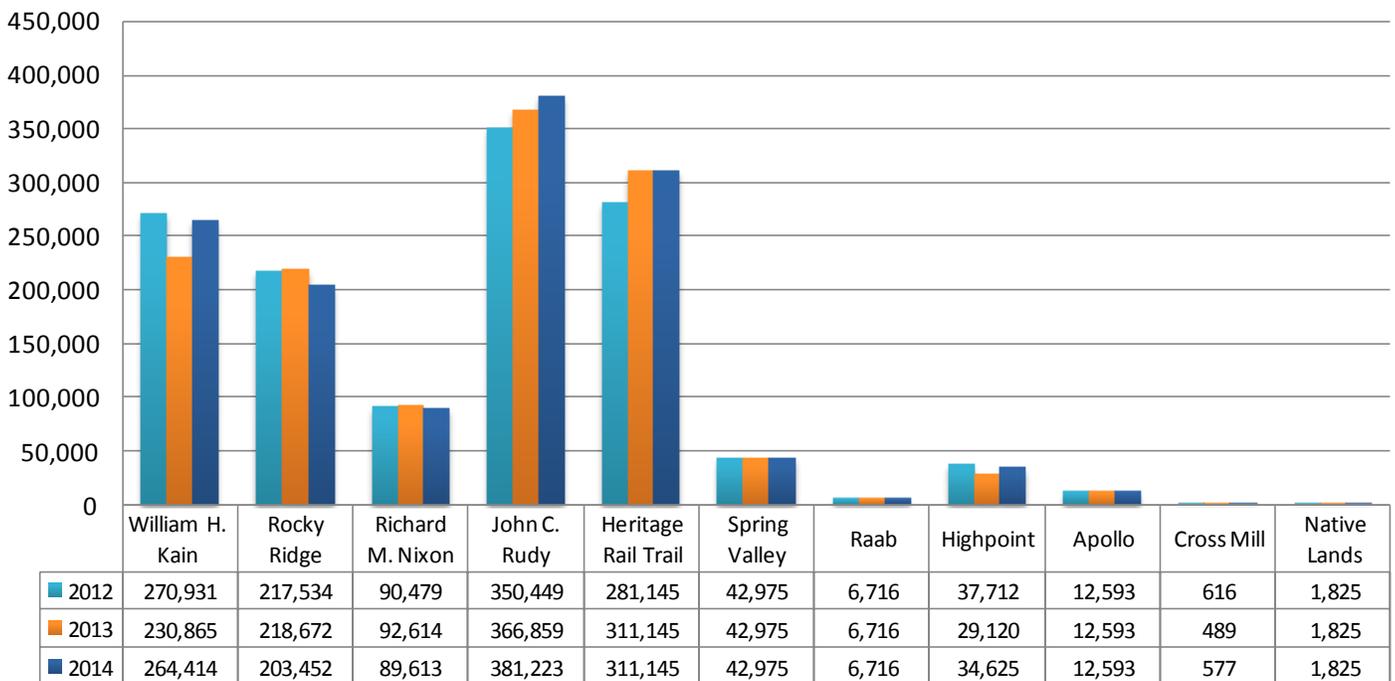
Reptile Week at Nixon Park

Total Park Visitors



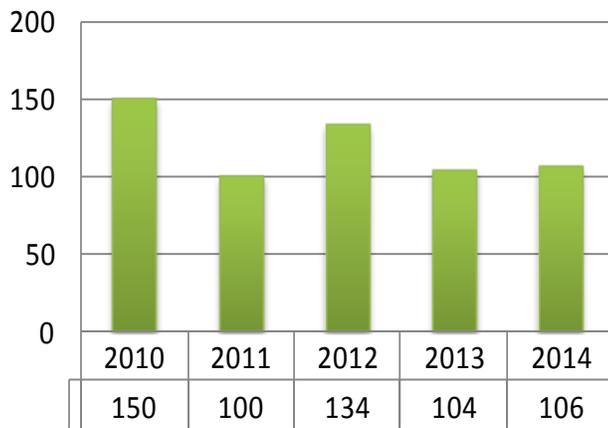
May Day at Canine Meadows at Rudy Park

Total Visitors Per County Park

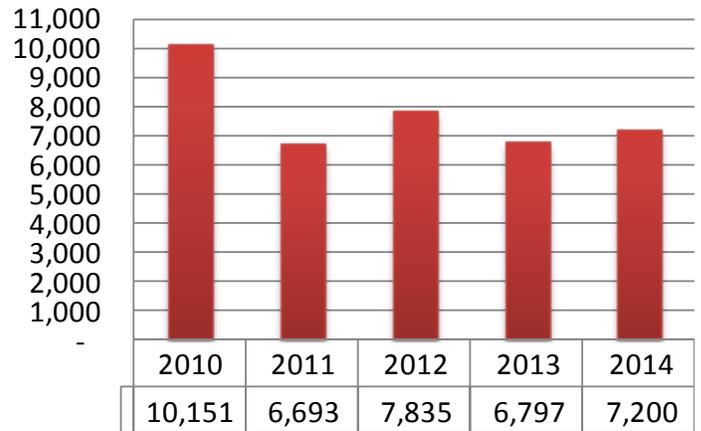


Public Programs

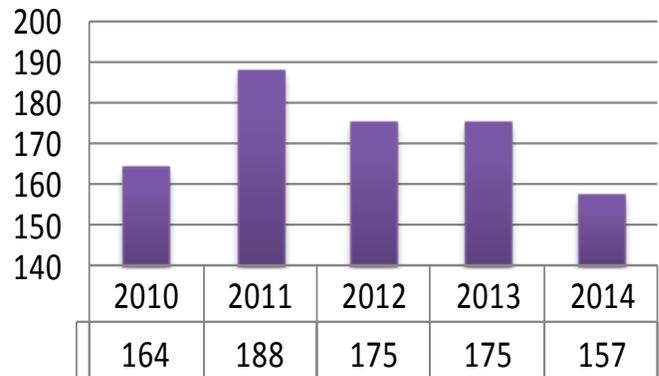
Number of Naturalist Led Groups



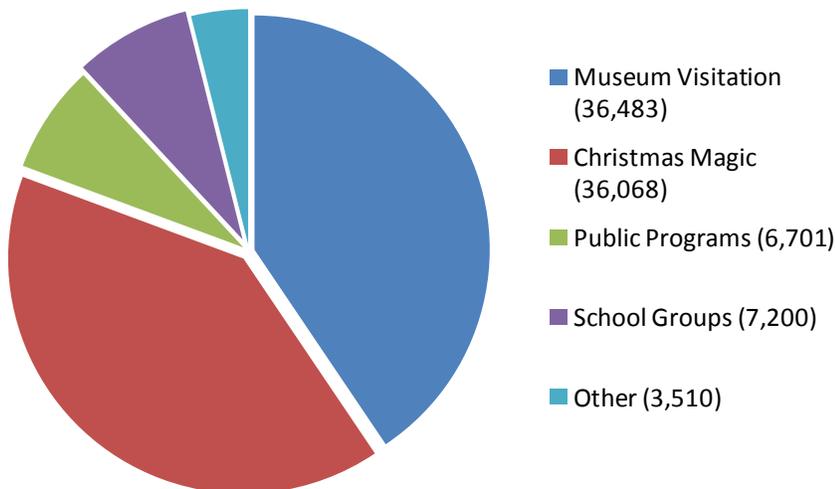
Attendance at Naturalist Led Groups



Number of Public Programs



Museum and Program Attendance

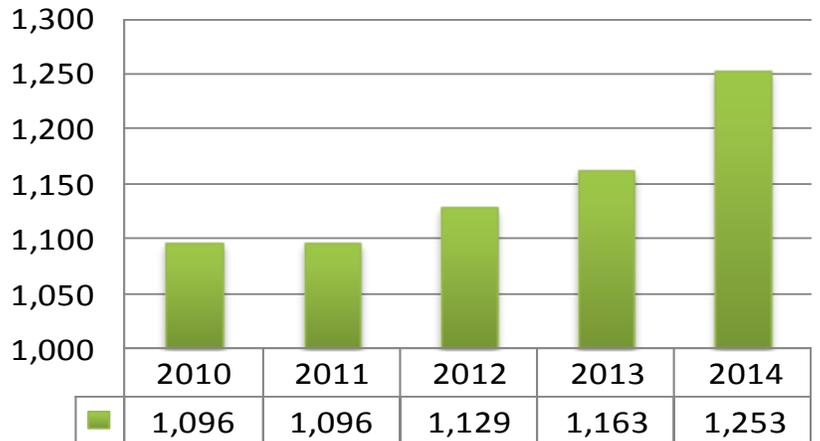


Pavilion & Sports Field Rentals



Autumn Colors at Rudy Park

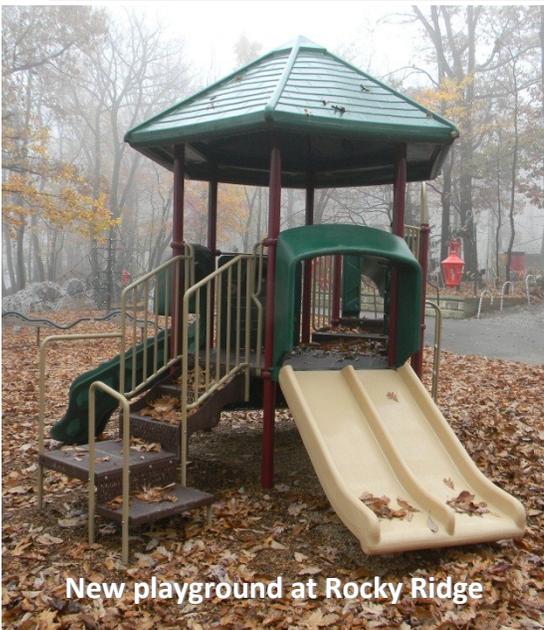
Kain, Rocky Ridge, Rudy and Spring Valley Parks



Cross Country Event at Rudy Park

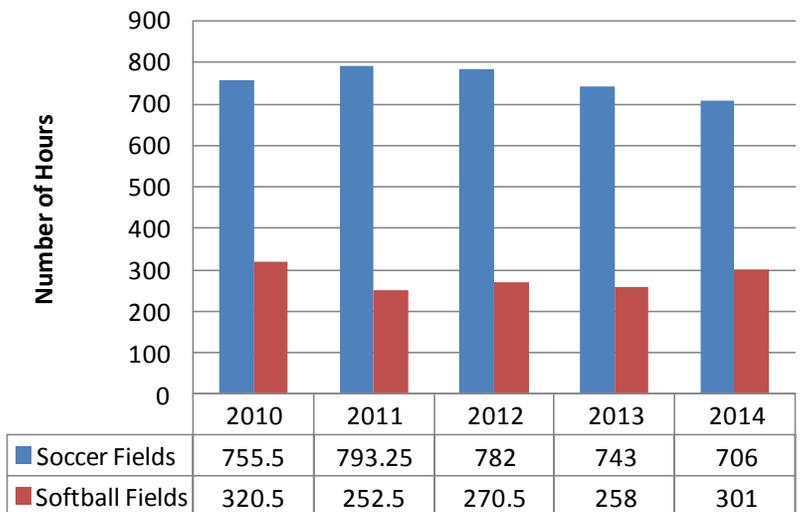


Soccer Field at Rudy Park



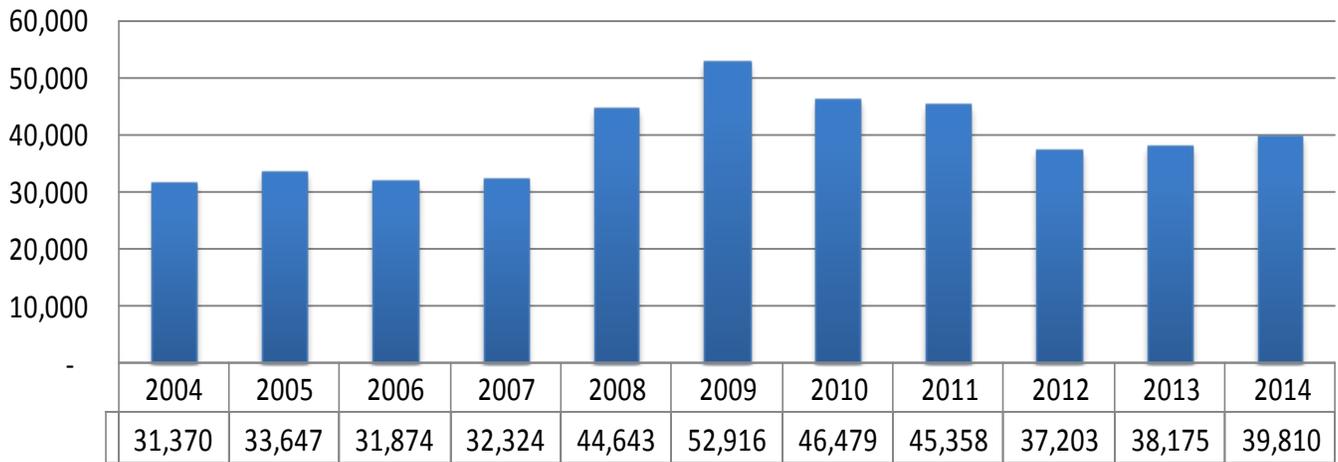
New playground at Rocky Ridge

Sports Field Rentals



Volunteers

Hours Volunteered



* The Pennsylvania Conservation Corps program discounted statewide in 2012.



Thank you to all
who served in

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
- 2012 Glenn Eyster
- 2013 WGAL Channel
- 2014 York County Planning Commission



Friends Groups Accomplishments

Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill 2014 Accomplishments

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- Partnered with two local mills to celebrate SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Milling Day.
- Hosted Sunday open houses June through September and special days through October with special events including Miller's Day, Ice Cream Social, Made in America Days, Bluegrass Day and Cider Day.
- Participated with York County Convention and Visitors Bureau's Made in America Days tour stops.
- Nationally acclaimed millwright Ben Hassett conducted major renovations on mill equipment.
- Hosted a number of private tours for civic groups and schools
- Provided assistance at the Christmas Magic food stand
- Obtained several pieces of milling equipment to be displayed at the mill.



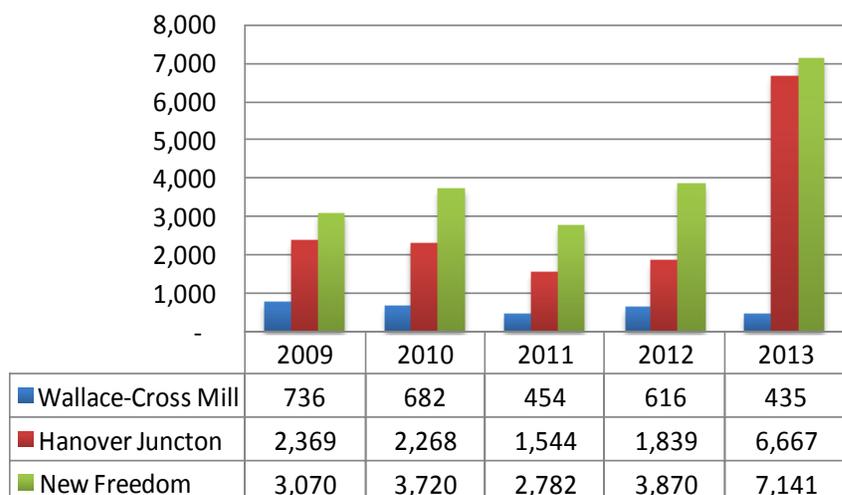
Bluegrass Festival at Wallace Cross Mill

Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail 2014 Accomplishments

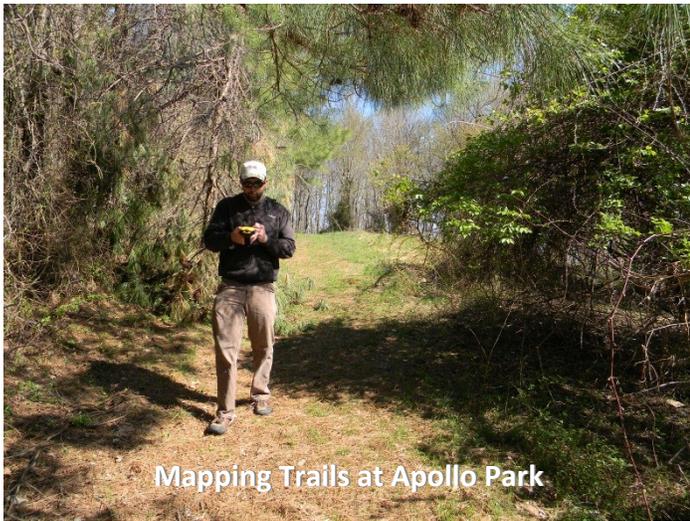
- Filled 152 time slots as greeters at both the Hanover Junction and New Freedom trains station May through October
- Conducted special tours for civic organizations, special interest groups and schools
- Installed an Internet-active telegraph system between the two stations with the help of Chip Morgan.
- Hosted annual summer picnic between the Friends group, Sunset Scramblers volunteers and public interested in history.
- Sunset Scramblers volunteer group became a part of the Friends group, attending meetings with the Friends group supplying support for the bike programs.
- Historian Scott Mengis presented a program on the Abraham Lincoln photograph debate in November with 45 people attending.
- Conducted public programs including Porch Talks in June and July, Moonlight Bike Rides programs in September, New Freedom Street Fair in September and Hanging of the Greens in December.
- Greeters assisted with Steam Into History visitation at both stations upon request.
- Provided assistance at the Christmas Magic food stand



Museum Visitation Totals

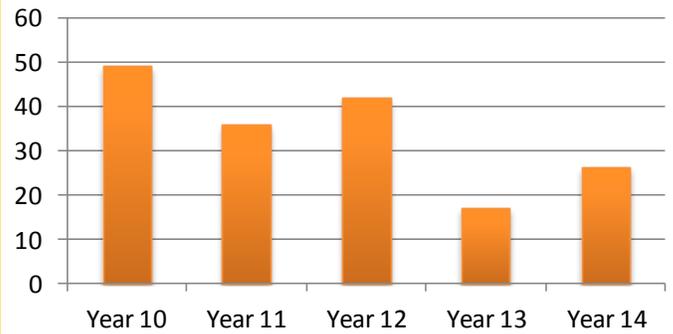


Natural Resource Management

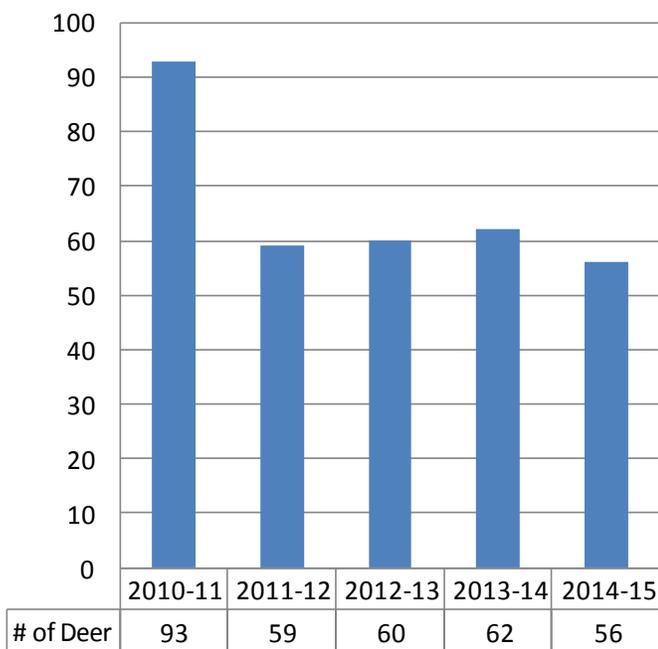


Mapping Trails at Apollo Park

Early Season Goose Harvest - Kain Park

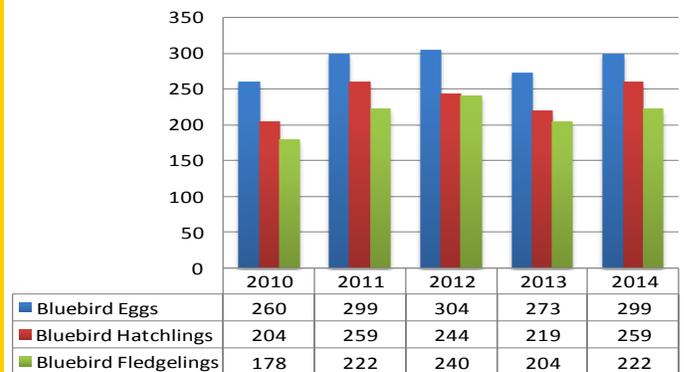


Parkwide Deer Harvest (Rocky Ridge, Kain, Apollo & Spring Valley)



New Bulletin Boards at Kain Park

Bluebird Eggs, Hatchlings and Fledglings



Stream Restoration at Nixon Park

Maintenance Department

The York County Parks Maintenance Department 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



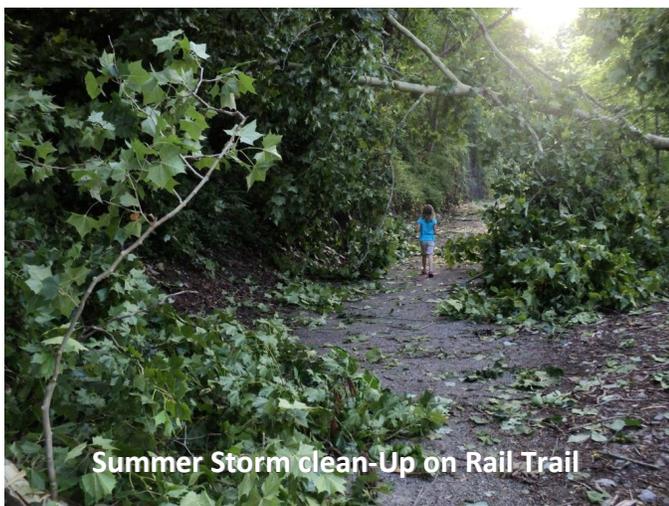
The department was recognized by the County Commissioners for their efforts.



Snow Clean-up at Rudy Park



New Border Posts at Kain Park



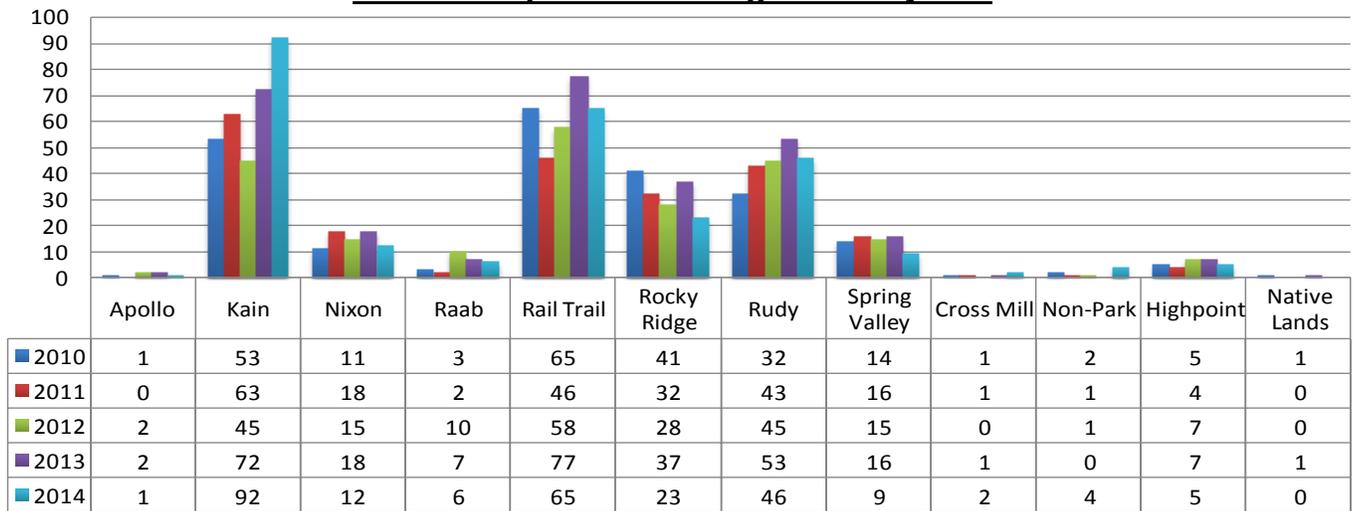
Summer Storm clean-Up on Rail Trail



Winter Storm clean-up on Rail Trail 2014

Ranger Report

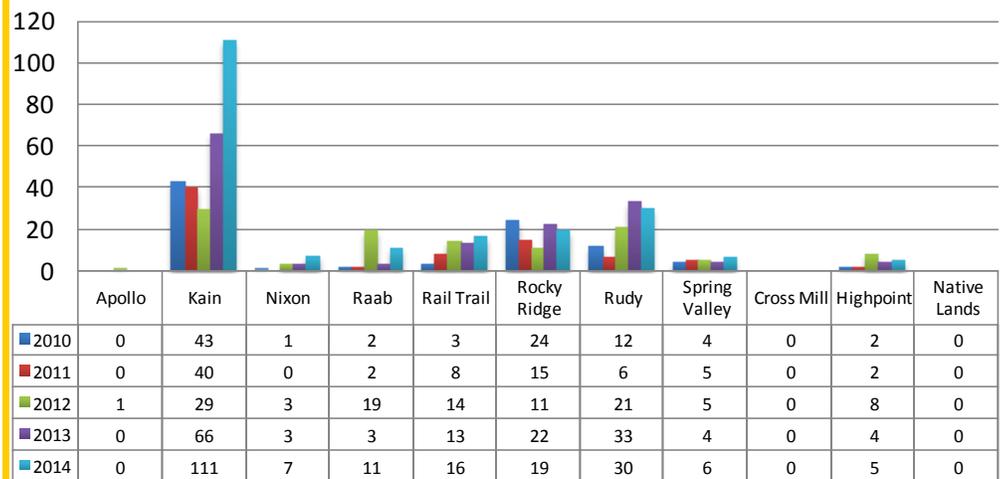
Incidents by Park including visitor injuries



Annual Mileage Driven Ranger Unit

2010: 72,828
 2011: 87,326
 2012: 85,808
 2013: 88,847
 2014: 90,279

Number of Citations by Park



Rangers provided traffic control, pedestrian safety, and parking at Christmas Magic—A Festival of Lights at Rocky Ridge Park, where 36,068 people attended in 2014. In addition, 1,025 pounds of food was donated to the York County Food Bank from the Christmas Magic Food Drive.

Rangers investigated and closed out 25 general complaints, submitted 101 work orders to the Maintenance Department, and collected 491 pavilion surveys from Rudy, Rocky Ridge and Kain rented pavilions.

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



Chief Ford adjusting field status

Volunteers in Action



Eagle Scout builds a bridge at Kain Park



York Water Company employees sprucing up Kain Park



Girls Scouts installing tree shelters at Nixon Park



Kohl's Employees on Earth Day project at Kain Park



Eagle Scout at Canine Meadows



Eagle Scout working on caboose at New Freedom Train Station

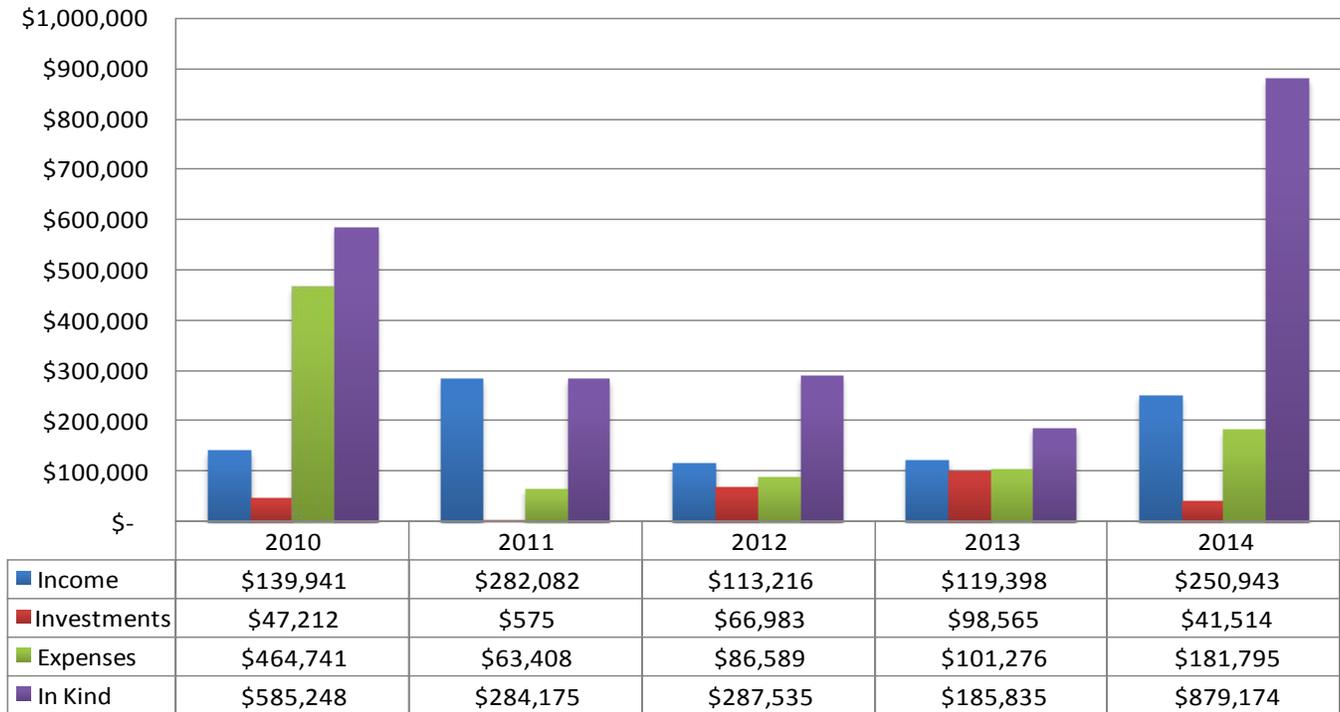


Front Counter at Nixon Park

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



Volunteers organized the First Annual Book at Nixon Park. Proceeds benefit the Trust.

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	\$27,600
Legacy Fund	\$325,104
Kain Memorial	\$4,416
Ralph Brooks Endow.....	\$92,781
Rail Trail Friends	\$25,577
Cross Mill Friends	\$72,613
Canine Meadows Friends .	\$8,041
YCAG	\$15,022
General Parks.....	\$284,961
<u>Grants and Estates.....</u>	<u>\$32,478</u>
TOTAL	\$888,593

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
 Winifred E. Bradley
 Tom & RuthAnn Brant
 Eileen & Duane Close
 Donald C. Dallmeyer
 Dave & Linda Davidson
 Ronald L. & Sharon A. Dorn
 Roberta A. Downs
 Shawn & Skip Durgin
 John L. Finlayson
 Ronald Foulis
 Michael P. Gavin
 Robert Glass
 Voni B. Grimes
 Judith Grove
 L. C. Heim
 Don Heisler
 Nancy F. Keiser
 Paul H. Keiser
 L. Jeani Kiser
 Sue Ann Kline
 Truman & Darlene Kling
 Maxine & William Klunk
 Tammy F. Klunk
 Ann & George “Skip” Lehmann
 Betsy Lehner
 Larry S. Lehner
 Donna Meanner
 Sandy & Bud Menchey
 Edmund Miller
 Nancy S. Morris
 William T. Morris
 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin S. Naylor
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 Fred D. & Mary E. Reiss
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 Jim & Nancy Rae Sieling
 Ruth & Luther Sowers
 John & Lisa Strine
 Paul & Kathryn Summers
 John & Joan Ulrich
 Anne & Jack Wagner

In remembrance of members:

J. Kerr Anderson
 Cooper Boyd
 Burnell Diehl
 James F. Donahue
 Shirley Glass
 Arthur J. Glatfelter
 Donallene Heisler
 Carroll & Irene Hunt
 Geneva Bowman Kaltreider
 Raymond E. Knowles, Jr.
 Sydney Levitan
 Paul E. Newcomer
 Roger E. Shaffer
 Ruth M. Sponsler

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.

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Park Membership



Investing in our County Park System

*Many of our offerings would not be possible if not for the kindnesses of others.
Thank you to those individuals and organizations who have contributed to York County Parks.*



Automotive of York	John & Mary Keffer	Edward Rogers
Arthur Bert	Kevin Rice Memorial Fund	Lanny Rohrbaugh
Ida & James Biel	Kinsley Materials	Marian & Scott Savoie
Karl & Kathleen Blankenship	Klean Kut Lawn Kare	Dale & Betty Schaeberle
Emelyn Blymire	Kohl's Cares Program	Kevin Schmidt
Bob Potts Marathon	Thomas & Ramona Krout	Erica Shallcross
Bon Ton Stores Foundation	Marc & Sarah Laucks	Shallow Brook Intermediate School PTO
Margaret Boyd	Lisa Laughman	Shank's Mare Outfitters
Winifred Bradley	Rodger & Karen Lease	Harold & Julia Shaw
Brooks-Huff Tire & Auto	Betsy Lehner	Smith Village
Brown's Orchard	John Lenhart	G. David & Sandra Smith
Barry Bruggeman	Clyde Lentz	Keith & Diane Smith
Ralph & Pauline Bucklen	Louie's Auto Service	Tom Smith/York Audubon Society
Olivia Caldwell	Lowes East	Standard Concrete
Jehra Cabarolo	Lowes West	Steam Into History
Maureen & Richard Collins	Macy's West Manchester #201	Stewart & Tate
Columbia Gas of PA	Mamma's Pizza – Loganville	Stewartstown Elementary PTA
Cumulus Radio	Markey Building Maintenance	Strathmyer Trees
Donald & Lois Crumbling	Patricia & Stanley Markis	Sylva Native Nursery
D.E. Gemmill	Maryann & Richard Marks	TOPS Chapter 88
Warren Tracy Davis	Fred Marsik	David Tarbert
James & Gloria DePury	Nelson & Joyce McLaren	Task Force 50
Robert Dickson	Memorial Hospital	The York Water Company
Michael & Debbie Eisenhart	Garret Mentzer	Thornton Chevrolet
F.W. Behler	Cheryl Migliarini	William & Judith Toms
Fastenal	Daniel Miller	Irene Trachtenberg
Finch Services	Edmund Miller	Trail Nurseries, LLC
John Finlayson	Elaine Miller	Trinity Lutheran Church
William & Olga Fleming	Thomas & Louise Minnich	Tritt Family
Framer's Workshop	Mignano Bros. Ristorante Italiano	Michael Tucker & Family
Dwight Fuhrman	Jeff & Melanie Miller	Alicia Tverberg
Gable Family	Carroll & Linda Missimer	Utz Potato Chips
Robert & Susan Gentzler	William & Nancy Morris	Jim Vesneski
Brian George	Rosemary Mountain	Dan Walko
Joseph & Suzanne Geubtner	Ned & Sherry Myers	WGAL
Anne & Michael Gray	Scott Neely	White Rose Women's Soccer League
Judy Grove	New Freedom Café	Wine Appreciation Society
Dale Halleran	Geraldine Oliver	YAMBA
Harry & Linda Hamilton	PPC Lubricants	Yohe Paving
Happy Times Pre-School	Paesano's – Jacobus	York Building Products
Herbert & Marie Harbold	Paesano's – New Freedom	York County Constable Association
Christine & Paul Heine	Don Patton	York County Lumber
David & Kerry Heppen	Jarrett Pflaum Family	York County Rail Trail Authority
Paul & Sandra Hershey	Quaker City Paper	Linda & David Yost
Barbara & James Hill	Frank & Nancy Reed	James Zimmerman
Michael & Caroline Hoffman	Fred & Mary Reiss	
Hondru Fleet	Republic Services	
Kathy Jones	Steven Ricklefs	

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
- 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
- 2012—York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust donates 16.5 acres to the County of York as an addition to Nixon Park
- 2013—Online reservation system instituted