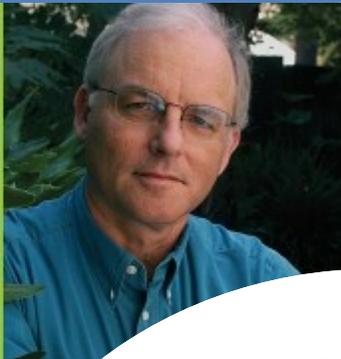
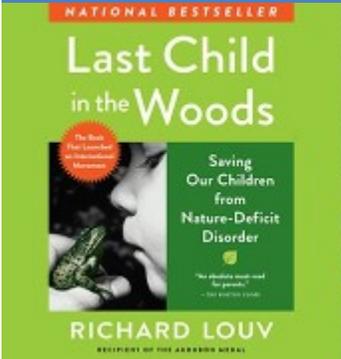


# York County Parks & Recreation 2018 Annual Report



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

## 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

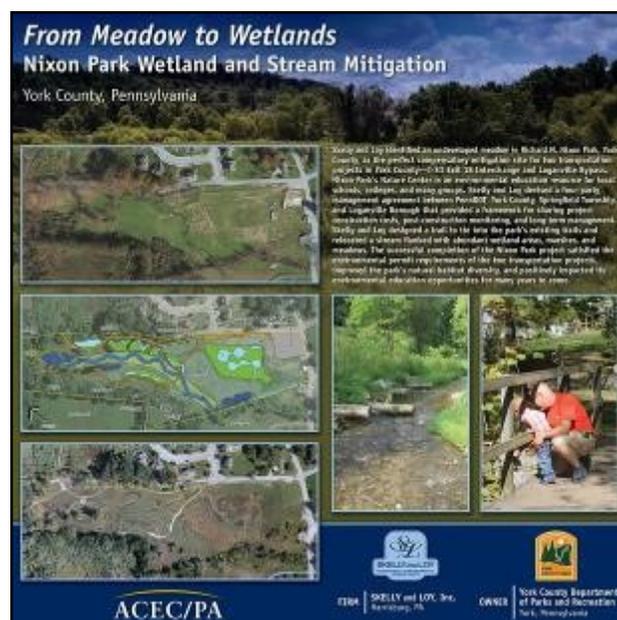
York County Department of Parks and Recreation strives to be the county leader in environmental conservation, preservation and education. Programs and projects in these areas reflect sound management and stewardship principles and a strong organizational commitment to innovation and public service.

# Significant Accomplishments

- Year-long celebration of 50th Anniversary with volunteer projects, programs, fundraising, and banquet with online ticket sales.
- Fundraising campaign for enhancement to Nixon Park Nature Center.
- Installed new playgrounds at Rocky Ridge.
- Created and implemented online ticket sales for Christmas Magic.
- Construction of the Centerville Parking Lot.
- Installed new rubber trail surface on Highpoint trail to control erosion.
- Spring Valley stream and pond repair.
- Participated in first annual Give Local York fundraising campaign.
- YCPFCT purchased 26-acres of land adjoining Nixon Park.
- Author and journalist, Richard Louv, served as keynote speaker for the York County Parks' 50th Anniversary Celebration banquet in October.
- Received marketing grant from YCCVB for 50th Anniversary marketing efforts.

# 2018 Awards and Recognition

- York County Conservation District recognized York County Parks as one of the District's most successful long-term partnerships.
- York County History Center Award
- Nixon Park Wetlands Project by Skelly and Loy was given the 2018 ACEC of PA Diamond Award for Engineering and Environmental Excellence.
- Emmy-winning journalist Peter Greenberg of "The Travel Detective," taped a segment for his show featuring Heritage Rail Trail County Park and Highpoint Scenic Vista.



# Our Leadership

## York County Board of Commissioners

Susan Brynes, President  
 Doug Hoke, Vice President  
 Christopher B. Reilly, Commissioner, Liaison to Parks

### York County Parks Advisory Board

Robert B. Weikert, Chair  
 Sherri A. Ierley, Vice-Chair  
 Jason McSherry, Secretary  
 Brian Addison • Joshua Bean  
 Matthew Dubbs • Robert Innerst  
 Lyndi Ilyes • David Morgan

*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 Foundation Charitable Trust, Inc.

William T. Morris, President  
 George "Skip" Lehmann, Vice President  
 Steven Ricklefs, Treasurer  
 Linda B. Davidson, Secretary  
 Richard Cooper • Amanda Snoke Dubbs  
 Milton J. Menchey • Michael Russo  
 Timothy E. Senft

*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

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



York County Parks 50th Anniversary Proclamation—April 18, 2018

*Special thanks to volunteer and Board member Tim Senft. Many of his photographs are found on the cover and mixed in throughout this report.*

# Professional Staff

**Tammy F. Klunk**  
 Director

**Barry L. Myers**  
 Superintendent of Bldg. & Grounds

**George Erskine**  
 Chief Ranger

**Francis A. Velazquez**  
 Manager of Education and Outreach

**Michael E. Fobes**  
 Manager of Natural Resources

**Joshua Dewees**  
 Asst. Superintendent of Bldg. & Grounds

**Patrick A. Noll**  
 Asst. Superintendent of Bldg. & Grounds

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 Program Coordinator

**Kelsey A. Frey**  
 Naturalist

**Andrew T. Wolfgang**  
 Naturalist

**Melanie S. Neff**  
 Administrative Assistant

**Bobbi A. Dickason**  
 Administrative Support

*Maintenance Staff*  
**Frank Berry • Jerry Broome**  
**Joseph Carbaugh • Michael Christian**  
**Richard Detter • Kerry Flinchbaugh**  
**Matt Gannon • Randall Grove**  
**Richard J. Himes • Michael Leiphart**  
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**Eric Paules • Eric Roehm**

*Rangers*  
**David Breedlove • Kevin Clouser**  
**Scott Neely**

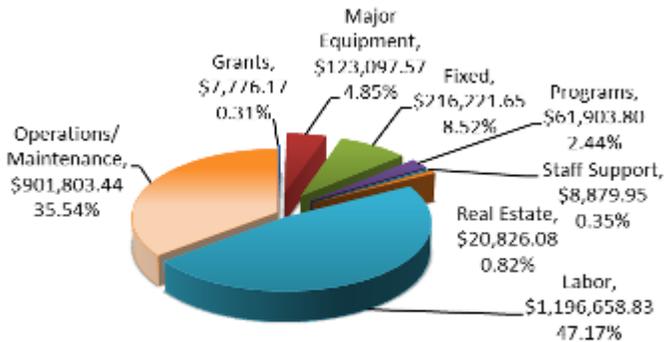


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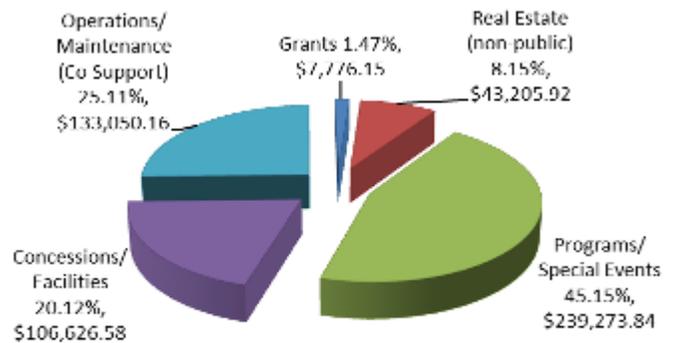
Administrative Headquarters  
 400 Mundis Race Road  
 York, PA 17406-9721  
 Phone: (717) 840-7440  
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 Parks@YorkCountyPA.gov

# Financial Charts

## 2018 Expenditure Budget: \$2,537,167



## 2018 Income: \$529,933



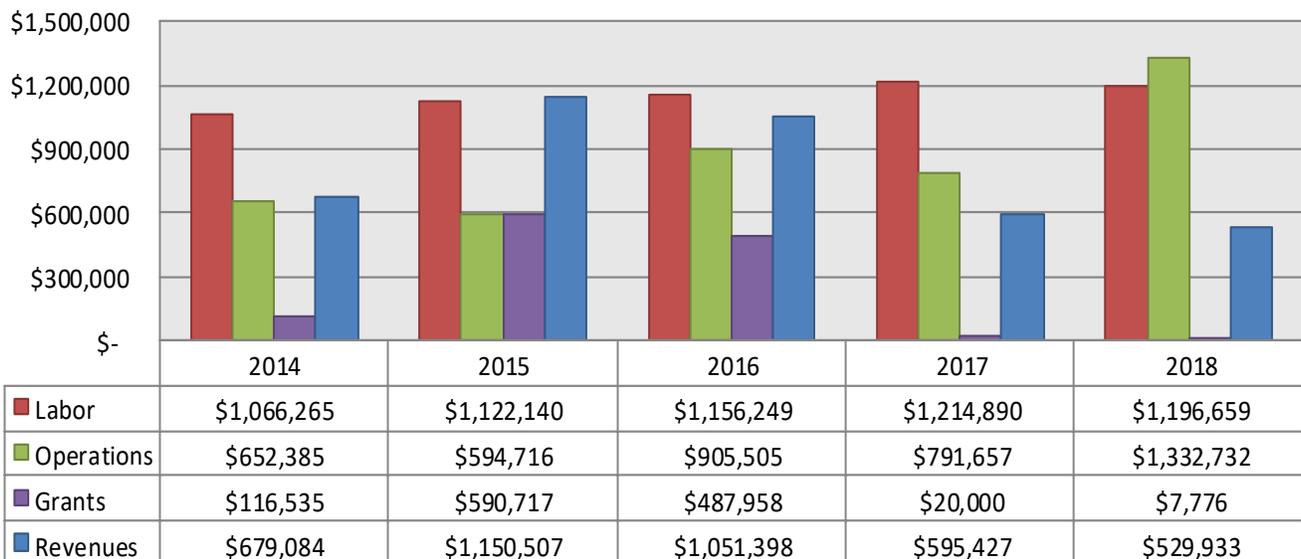
The annual cost to York County residents to operate and maintain the county parks department in 2018 totals **\$ 5.49 per resident**



Expenditures:.....\$2,537,167  
 + benefits.....\$442,763  
 - revenue.....\$529,933  
 Expenses less income.....\$2,449,997

York County Planning Commission's 2017 census estimate—446,078 residents

## Budget History (Actual)



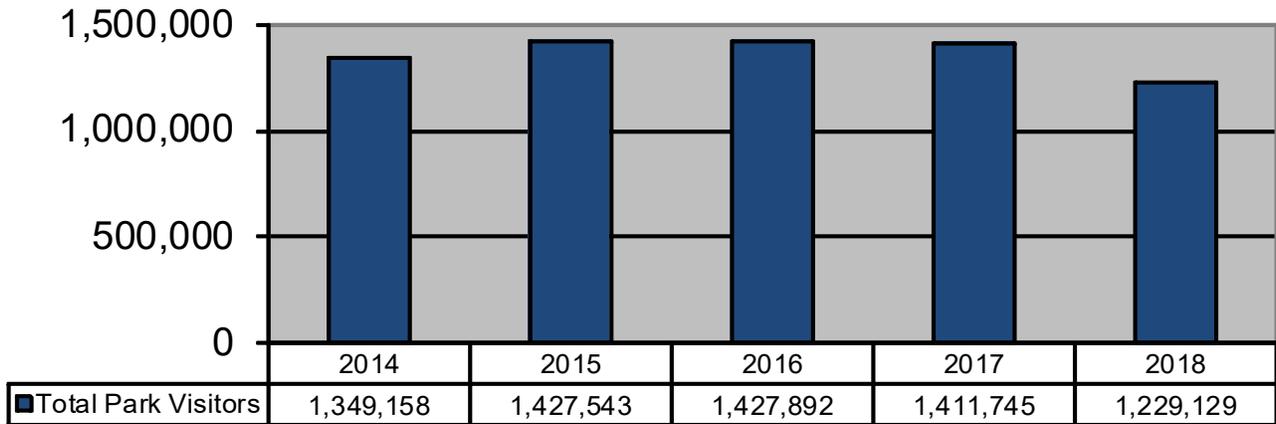
\*October 2015 - Spending freeze instituted by County due to PA state budget impasse.

# Enjoying our Parks



# Park Visitation

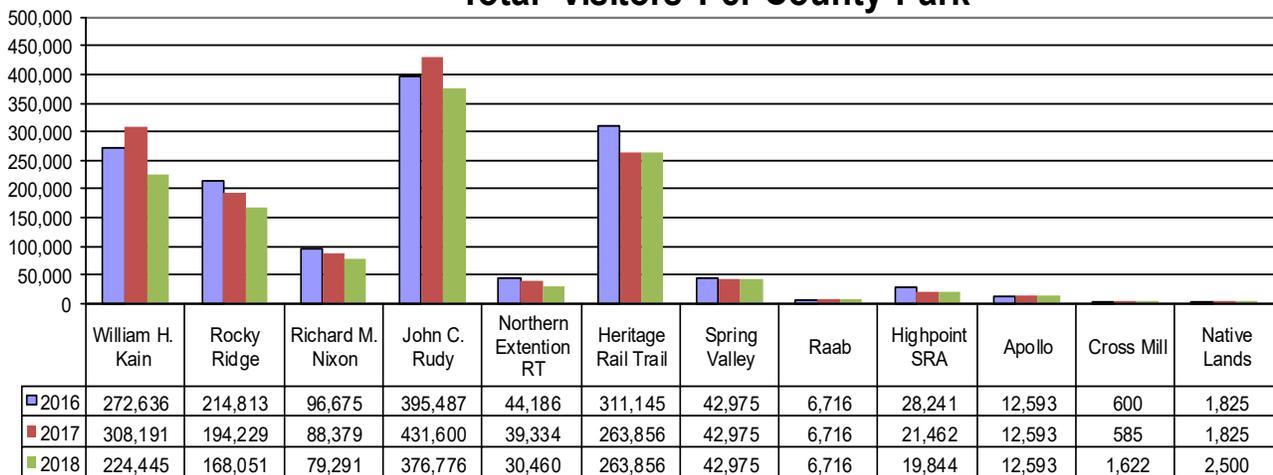
## Total York County Park Visitors



NOTE: High % of rain days throughout the 2018 season.



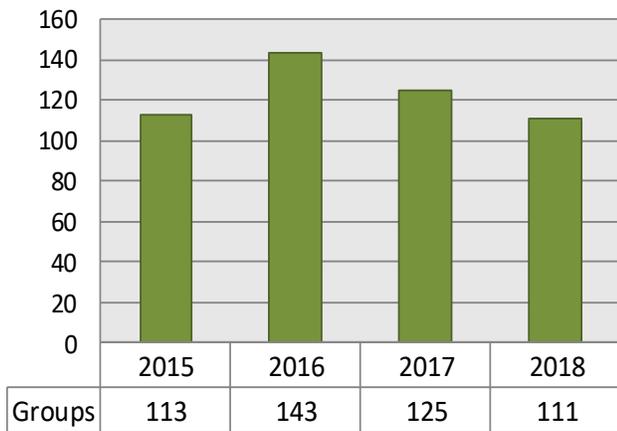
## Total Visitors Per County Park



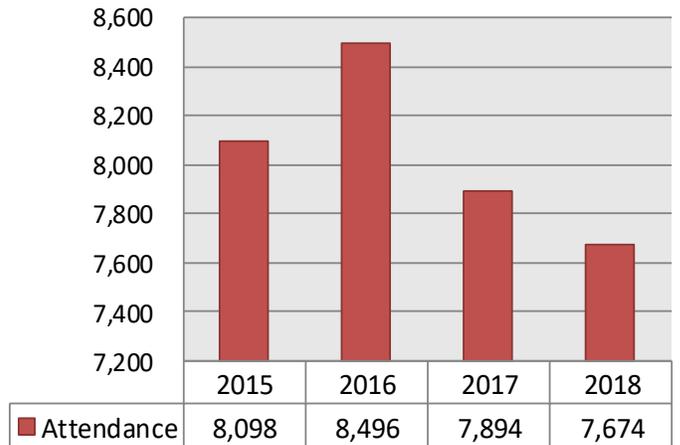
NOTE: Heritage Rail Trail, Spring Valley, Raab, Apollo and Native Lands are not counted on a yearly basis. Attendance is re-evaluated on a 5-7 year basis. 2017 Heritage Rail Trail attendance calculated as part of the 2017 User Survey.

# Public Programs

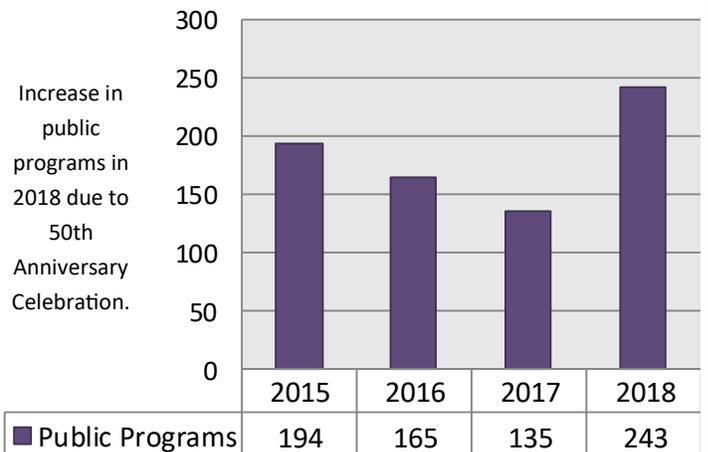
## Number of School Groups (K-12, college, civic)



## School Group Attendance

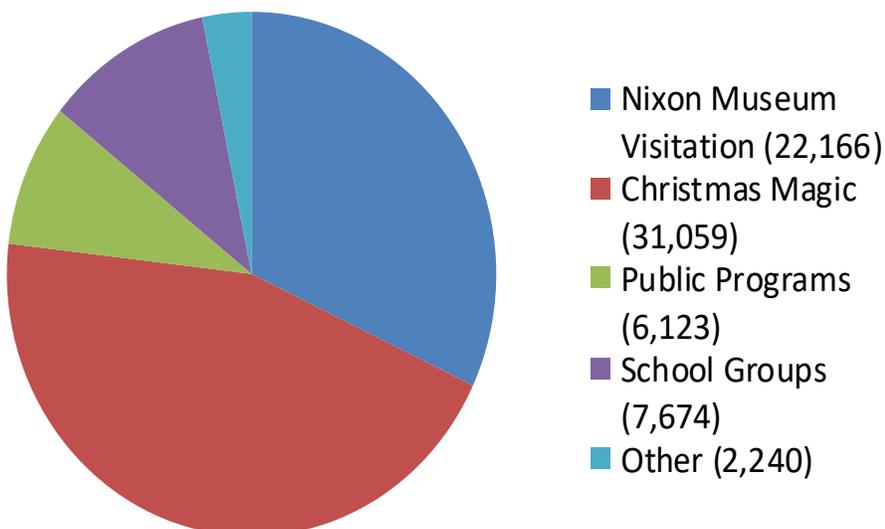


## Number of Public Programs

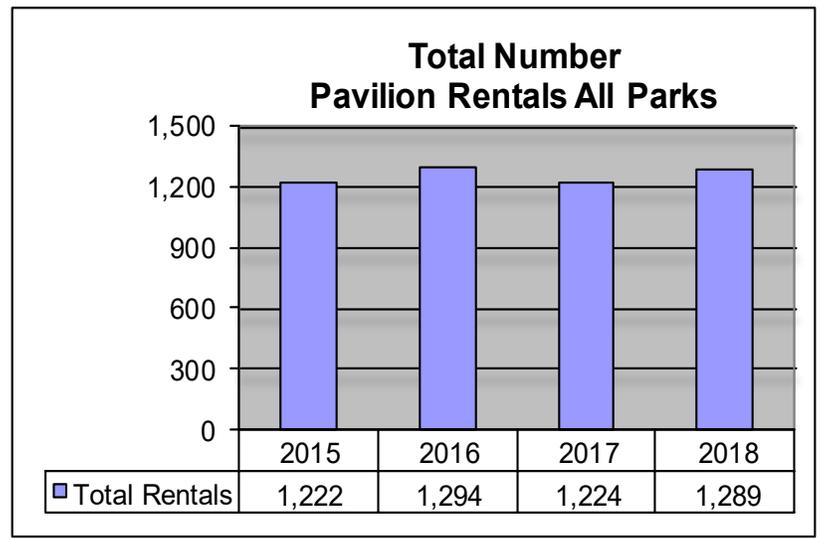


## Nixon Museum and Program Attendance

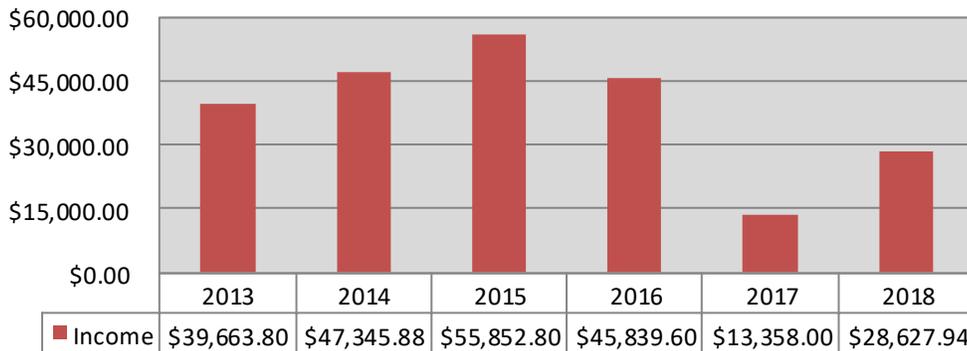
Total: 69,262 people



# Pavilion & Sports Field Rentals



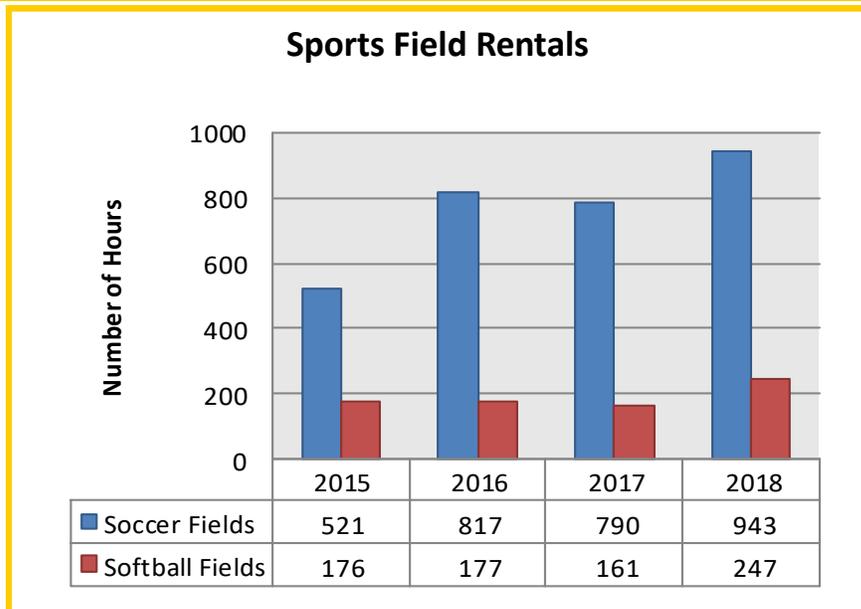
## Lake Redman Boat Rental Income Excluding 6% Sales Tax



Boat rental closed for most of 2017 and in September of 2018 for low lake levels due to construction on Lake Williams dam.

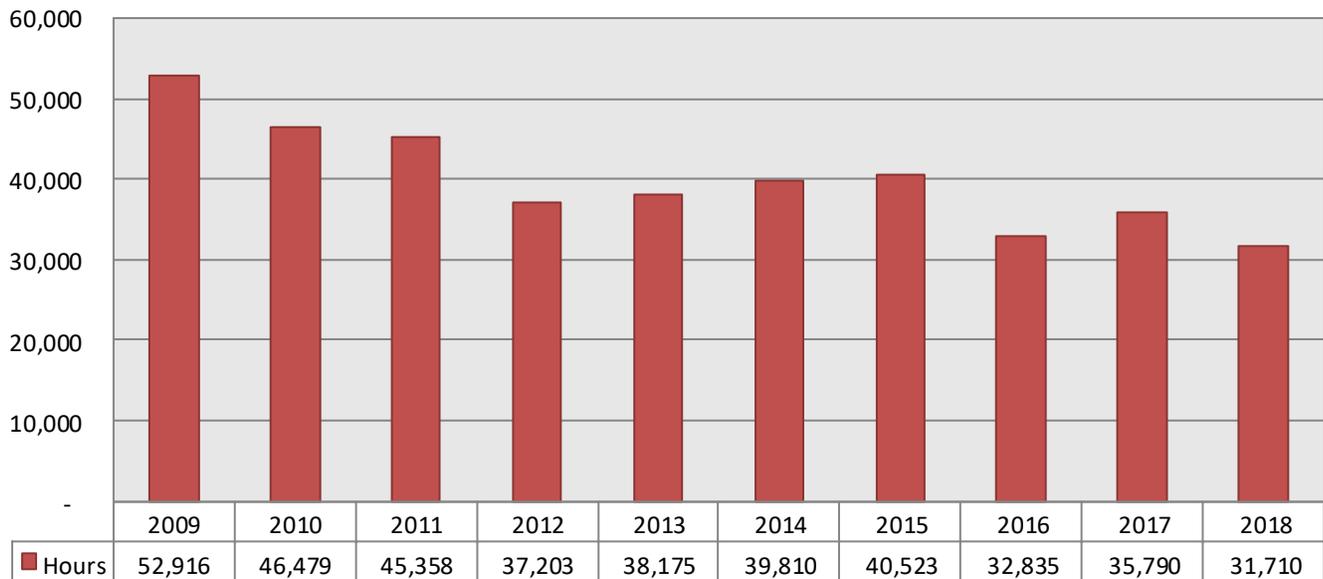


Preparation of softball fields at John Rudy County Park



# Volunteers

Hours Volunteered



\* The Pennsylvania Conservation Corps program discounted statewide in 2012.

## 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.

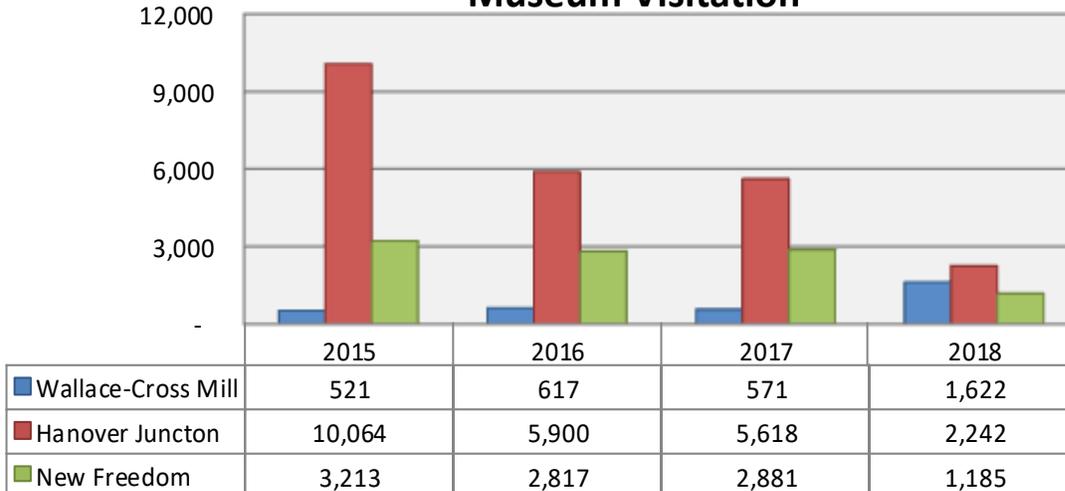
- 2002 Founding Board Members
- 2003 Jack "Reed" Dunn, Jr
- 2004 York-Adams Area Council—Boy Scouts of America
- 2005 Luther B. Sowers
- 2006 The York Water Company
- 2007 York Area Mountain Biking Association
- 2008 York County Rail Trail Authority
- 2009 The Conservation Fund
- 2010 Kinsley School of Technology
- 2011 Eleanor Boggs Shoemaker
- 2012 Glenn Eyster, Jr.
- 2013 WGAL Channel
- 2014 York County Planning Commission
- 2015 Stan Brown, Brown's Orchards
- 2016 Springfield Township Board of Supervisors
- 2017 Master Gardeners of York County



# Thank you to all who served

# Friends Groups Accomplishments

## Museum Visitation



Go York! Library Program had rubbing post at WCM in 2018.

### Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail 2018 Accomplishments

- Filled 125 greeter time slots at Hanover Junction and New Freedom Train Stations, May—October.
- Sunset Scrambler volunteers offered three, seven week ride series covering the entire Rail Trail and five Moonlight Bike Rides.
- Offered local history Porch Talk programs in June and July.
- Opened for New Freedom Street Fair.
- Provided support for Pumpkin Walk in Seven Valleys sponsored by the York County Rail Trail Authority.
- Provided assistance at the Christmas Magic food stand.

### Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill 2018 Accomplishments

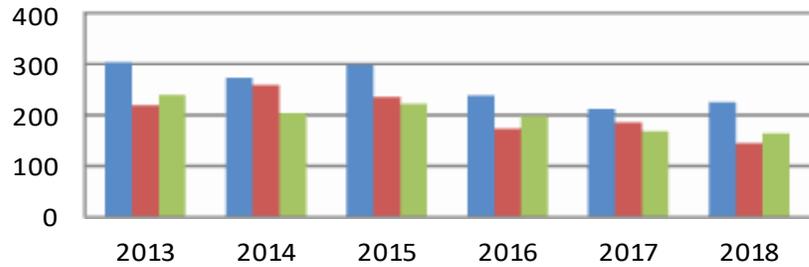
- Partnered with three local mills to celebrate SPOOM (The Society for the Preservation of Old Mills).
- Hosted mill open houses from June to September and special events including: Miller's Day, Ice Cream Social, Made in America Days, Bluegrass Day, and Cider Day. All positions filled with volunteer docents.
- Participated with York County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Made in America Days tour stops.
- Hosted private tours for civic groups and schools.
- Provided assistance at the Christmas Magic food stand.
- Hosted the annual covered dish social.
- Participated in the SummerQuest & GO York! Program by having a rubbing post inside museum.



# Natural Resource Management



**Bluebird Eggs, Hatchlings, and Fledglings**



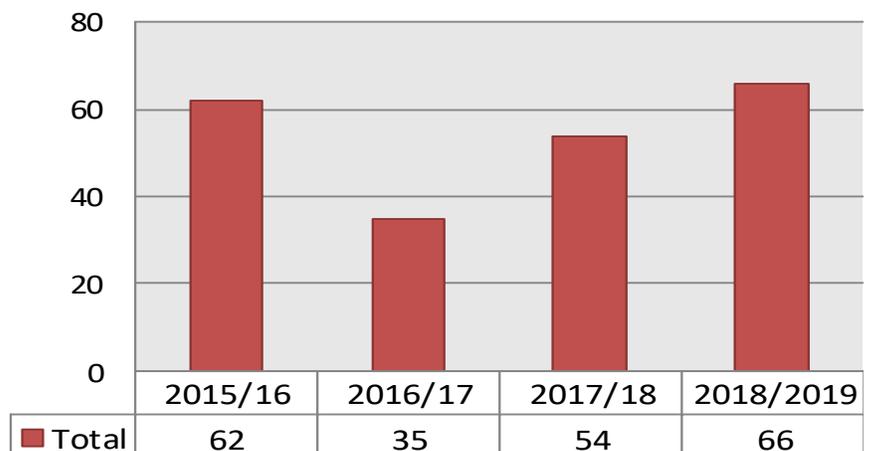
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Bluebird Eggs	304	273	299	239	212	225
Bluebird Hatchlings	219	259	236	173	186	145
Bluebird Fledglings	240	204	222	199	168	164

- ◆ 12,000 tree seedlings planted in John Rudy, P. Joseph Raab, Spring Valley, William H. Kain, and Richard Nixon County Parks.
- ◆ Invasive plants were removed from Richard Nixon and William H. Kain County Parks.
- ◆ The York County Parks and The York Water Company sponsored a “tagged” fishing tournament at Lake Williams. Nine fish were caught out of the 107 fish that were tagged.
- ◆ Trail #1 in William H. Kain County Park has been relocated by YAMBA volunteers. The section of trail relocated is approximately 1/2 mile long and allows trail users to continue using the trail as a loop.
- ◆ Work continues on establishing two wildflower plots at Highpoint Scenic Vista.



“Save A Fish Day” at Lake Williams prior to draw down in 2018.

**Park Wide Deer Harvest—Rocky Ridge, Kain, Apollo, Raab, & Spring Valley (Reported)**

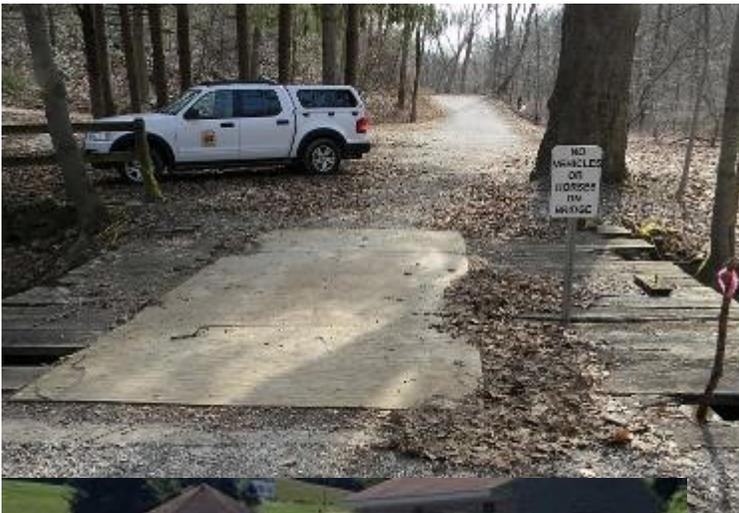


# Maintenance Department

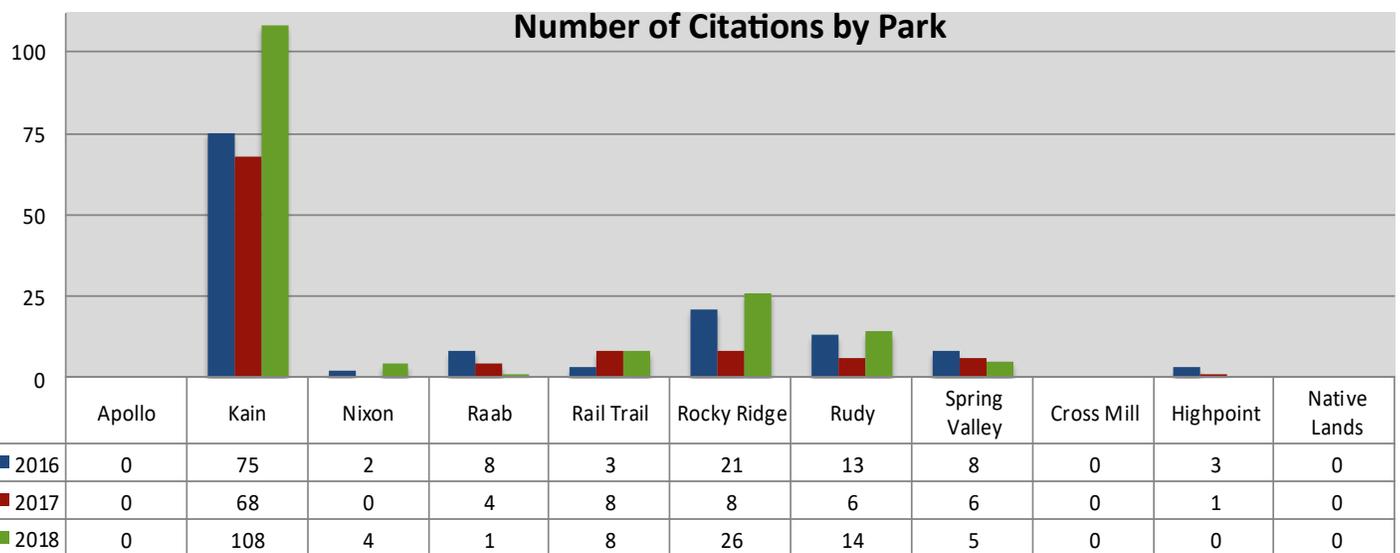
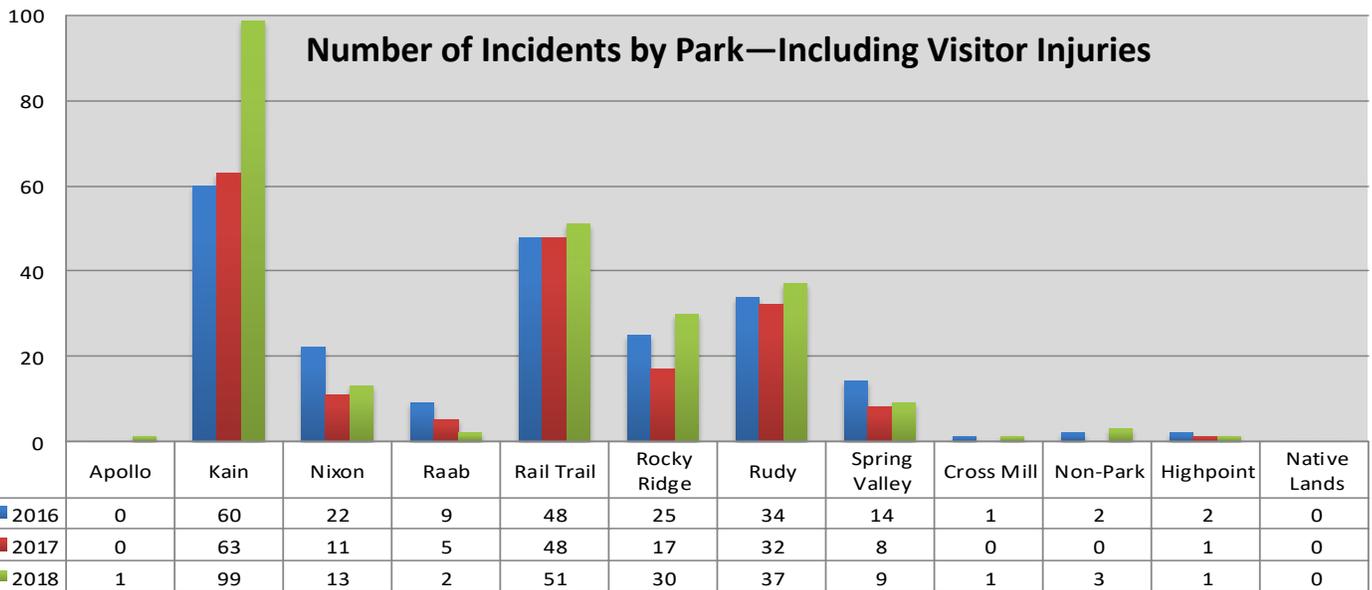


The York County Parks Maintenance Department consists of 14 group leaders, two assistant superintendents and one superintendent. Their responsibility is to maintain over 4,500 acres of public park land with a physical inventory consisting of:

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



# Ranger Report



Rangers provided traffic control, pedestrian safety, and parking at two Maple Sugar weekends at Nixon Park, Pumpkin Walk on Heritage Rail Trail in Seven Valleys, and for Christmas Magic - A Festival of Lights, at Rocky Ridge Park, where **31,051** people attended in 2018. Rangers participated in National Night Out in Springettsbury Township and North Hopewell Township on educating visitors on safety while visiting the parks and handed out materials on the benefits of York County Parks. Annual Mileage Driven: **93,032**.

Rangers investigated and closed out **4** general complaints, submitted **71** work orders to the Maintenance Department, and collected **361** pavilion surveys from Rudy, Rocky Ridge, and Kain rented pavilions. The surveys indicated that Rangers were **97.78%** helpful and friendly. The response from park visitors was **97.23%** that they felt safe while visiting the parks. **469** written warnings were given out. Park Ambassadors logged **726.25** volunteer hours.



L to R: Rangers Breedlove, Neely, Erskine and Clouser

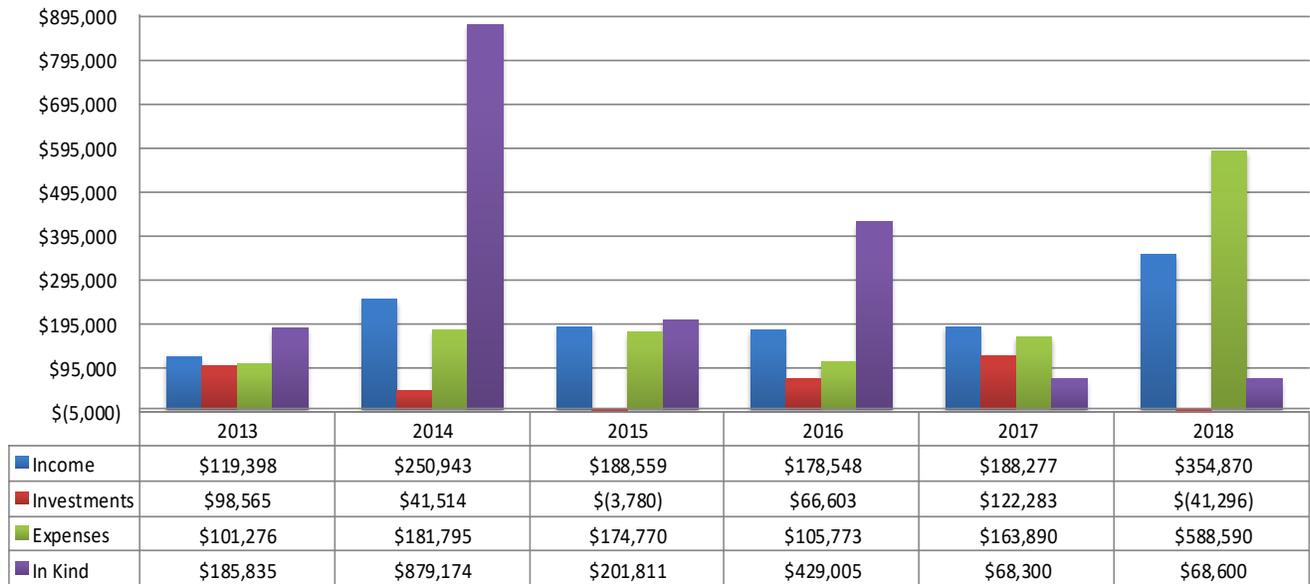
**Ranger's Vision Statement:** *The York County Ranger Division is dedicated to the principle of providing education and enforcement to ensure protection for the parks and provide the visitors a meaningful and enjoyable, safe and secure park and recreation experience.*

# Volunteers in Action



# York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust

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



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.



26 acres adjacent to Nixon Park was purchased by YCPFCT in 2018.

Gathering Leaves.....	\$10,797
Legacy Fund.....	\$160,679
Kain Memorial.....	\$8,585
Ralph Brooks Endowment..	\$101,585
Rail Trail Friends.....	\$41,228
Cross Mill Friends.....	\$73,093
Canine Meadows Friends.....	\$8,882
YCAC.....	\$12,726
General Parks.....	\$565,476
Grants and Estates.....	\$20,474

**TOTAL.....\$1,003,525**

# 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 & Ruth Ann Brant  
 Dr. Milton & Rita Buschman  
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**In remembrance of members:**

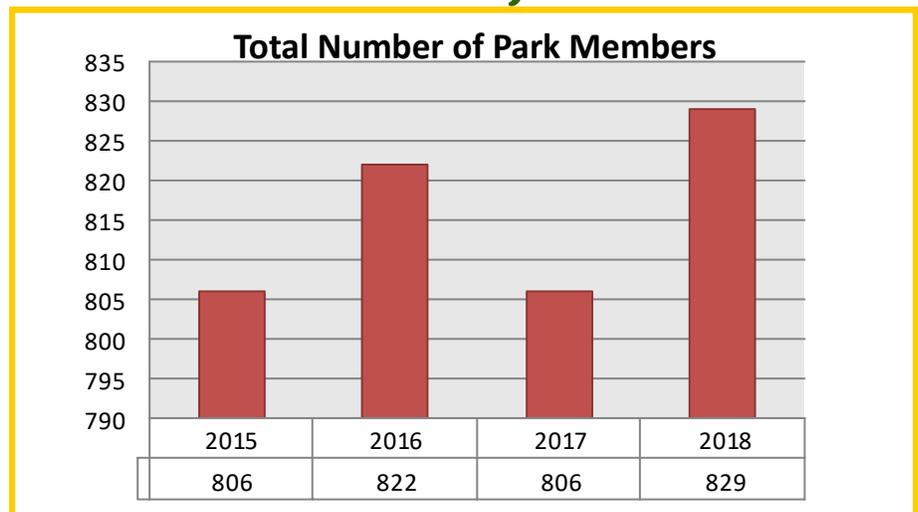
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 Luther Sowers  
 Ruth M. Sponsler  
 Eleanor M. Thatcher

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 Charitable Trust  
 400 Mundis Race Road  
 York, PA 17406  
 717-840-7227



## 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 in 2018. The list below does not include 50th Anniversary Corporate and Individual Sponsorships.

Marc Albright	John Wright Restaurant	Shallow Brook Intermediate School
Howard & Jo Ann Arnold	Joseph H. Knadig	PTO
Autism York	Carl Knoch	Harry & Polly Smith
Basement Waterproof Specialists	Barb Kling	Joseph & Sharon Snoke
Briarwood Golf Club	Janet L. Kuhl	Chris Snyder
Thomas Brooks	Lancaster County Conservancy	Eugene and Nancy Snyder
Burning Bridge Tavern	Scott Lease	Sons of American Legion Post 799
The Center for Dental Excellence	Skip Lehmann	Luther and Ruth Sowers
Thomas Clough	Leib Elementary PTO	Spring Grove Elementary PTO
The Comcast Foundation	John S. Lenhart	Stauffer's of Kissel Hill
Commonwealth Fire Protection	William & Brenda Lenhart	Steam Into History
Sandra & William Cooley	Robert & Marsha Limmer	Patti Stirk & Jeff Hines
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Margaret Gall	Old Republic Distillery	Foundation Kevin Rice Memorial Fund
Gamby's Disposal Services	OSS Health	York County Economic Alliance
The Garden Club of York/Pink Power	Judy A. Patterson	York Divers
Ellen J. Gibb	Ronald & Mary Pedrick	The York Water Company
Linda and Jack Graybill	PA Game Commission	YRRC
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Amy Hicks	Refreshing Mountains Ziplines	
Historic Ships in Baltimore	Don & Theresa Reichard	
Irvine Nature and Science Center	Rebecca Roberts	

# Investing in our County Park System

## 50th Anniversary Corporate Sponsors

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York College of Pennsylvania Recreation  
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Terry Vaught  
Deanna & Francis Velazquez  
Deborah Volk  
Jack & Anne Wagner  
Liz Wright



# 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—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 pavilion reservation system instituted
- 2015—Northern Extension Rail Trail—Phase II, Rudy Park to Route 30, completed
- 2016—Wetlands created and stream restoration work completed at Nixon County Park
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