

City of Portland Parks Commission Agenda



The mission of the Portland Parks Commission is to advocate for the enhancement and stewardship of our parks and open spaces. Review and propose projects that impact parks and open spaces and recommend action. Foster collaboration among park users and the City. Promotes public access and enjoyment. Advocate for public and private funding for parks and open spaces. Enjoy Portland for life.

Commission Members:

Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Ashley Burdick, Beth Rabbitt, Donna Gartland, Elizabeth Pagan, Griffin Bourassa, Helen Coyne, Jaime Parker, John Clark, Marie Gray, Robert Foster, Victoria Pelletier (City Councilor), William Elting.

September 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM

On the First Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm, the Portland Parks Commission will hold a meeting at City Hall in the Kippy Richardson Conference Room 24 located on the ground level.

The Parks Commission will conduct this meeting in-person. Public comments may only be submitted in person or in writing. To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email parkscommission@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the person's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the name of the agenda item (see below).

To watch this meeting remotely, please visit: <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6746/media>

- I. Call to Order
- II. General Citizen Comment Period
 - a. Public comment emails 5/1/2024-9/4/2024
- III. Agenda Items
 - a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2024
 - b. Commissioner Introductions
 - Parks Commission Mission Statement
 - Committee Goals
 - Objectives from 2023 annual report
 - 2025 Priorities and Committees
 - Commissioner terms, Chair and Vice Chair terms
 - c. New Business
 - i. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Community outreach responses
 - d. Old Business

- e. Communications and Updates
 - i. Parks Division Report
 - ii. Land Bank Commission Report
- f. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

IV. Adjournment



Fwd: Offleash Hours Mayor Baxter Woods

Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 12:06 PM

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From: Lori Uhland <Unknown>

Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 at 9:33:00 AM UTC-4

Subject: Offleash Hours Mayor Baxter Woods

To: parksco...@portlandmaine.gov <Unknown>

Hello Parks Commission,

I represent a thoughtful and responsible collection of neighbors and friends of Mayor Baxter Woods. We are requesting that the Commission revisits the ordinance that bans offleash activity from 4/1-8/1 annually.

For those of us who are physically challenged or wish to exercise our pets in a safe and shaded place, this urban park is crucial. In a time where public spaces are dwindling in Maine, we simply want to share this treasured space. We don't think you should have to be a wealthy landowner to have a happy dog in our city. Neither did Percival Baxter, who bequeathed the deed to *all* the people of Portland.

I hope to present the attached petition to the Parks Commission on Thursday.

We so appreciate your attention in this matter.



Let's Honor Governor Baxter's Legacy: Restore Off-Leash Hours at Mayor Baxter Woods. Sign the Petition!
chnng.it

Most sincerely,

Lori Uhland

[199 Edwards St](#)

[Portland](#)

Cell 781-999-1431



Fwd: 331 Veranda Street

Tue, May 21, 2024 at 9:57 AM

To: Alex Marshall <amarshall@portlandmaine.gov>, Parks <Parks@portlandmaine.gov>

Passing this along.

Thanks

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cheri** <cj@maine.rr.com>

Date: Sun, May 19, 2024 at 3:10 PM

Subject: Fwd: [331 Veranda Street](#)

To: <parkscommission@portlandmaine.gov>, <planningboard@portlandmaine.gov>

I mean no disrespect sending this to you all as opposed to adding it to public comment, But after being caught in the loop of the City of Portland website for over half an hour I just decided to send this on directly. Thank You

Martin's Point Healthcare Expansion

Concerning the application of Martin's Point Health expansion; PL-002766-2023 [331 Veranda Street](#)

Please support the public use trail going along the Public Park Land as opposed to cutting through the parking lot and being squeezed in between a row of cars and a wall.

The current plan brought forth in front of the planning board shows the path essentially cutting off easy access to a beautiful water front area and small picnic park given to the citizens of Portland to use.

The natural path, used now by trail users goes along the perimeter of the point taking advantage of the flat terrain and the beautiful views.

Jaime Parker sketched this out in his public comment.

I would also advocate that the trail width match the width of the widest part of the current trail, which is where it will connect.

You will notice the nice sign placed here stating the intended use. This is on the water side near the multi-use Path on the Martin's point Bridge.

It seems like a health care facility would be advocating for these types of easy to incorporate "quality of life/health benefits in their plans moving forward. Thank You for all you do!

Sincerely, Cheri Juniewicz. [38 Bismark St Portland, ME. cj@maine.rr.com](mailto:cj@maine.rr.com)



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September 4, 2024

Dear Portland Park Commission Members, Portland Park Conservancy, Portland Parks and Land Commission Members,

We warmly invite you, along with all residents of Portland, to join us for the Thomas Park 111th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 15th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Thomas Park, 64 Burnham Street in Portland, Maine. This event is hosted by Friends of Thomas Park, the Libbytown Neighborhood Association, and the University Neighborhood Organization. In case of rain, the event will be held at Rise Church, 1047 Congress Street, across from Thomas Park.

This historic event will feature prominent speakers and guests, including Portland City Councilor Regina Phillips, District 3; Elias Thomas III; Portland Historian Hon. Herb Adams; and members of the Thomas Family for the Thomas Park Sign Reveal and Dedication and Thomas Park Award Certificates. The celebration will also include music and light refreshments. Please see the attached poster for more details.

Founded in 1913 by the Elias Thomas Family, Thomas Park was a generous gift to the City of Portland for just \$1.00. The deed ensures that this green space will forever remain a public park. Nestled in the heart of the Libbytown Neighborhood, it is encircled by a ring of Linden trees, offering a serene oasis for the community.

Friends of Thomas Park is committed to protecting and enhancing this green space for the enjoyment of present and future generations. No longer a "ghost park," Thomas Park, once cherished by thousands, will once again become a beloved destination. My great-great-great-grandfather Elias Thomas's family gifted this land to the City of Portland one hundred and eleven years ago. It brings my family great joy to see this once sleepy park experiencing a renaissance, reimagined for equal access for all to use and appreciate.

We plan to accept City of Portland Proclamation 7-24/25, which honors the 111th anniversary of Thomas Park, at tonight's City Council meeting. This proclamation, sponsored by Mayor Mark Dion, is deeply appreciated, and we are excited to share it with you. Please see the attached document for more information.

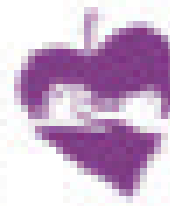
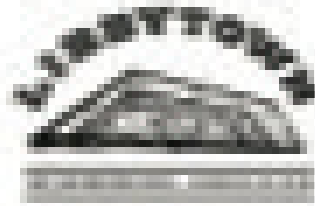
We look forward to seeing you on September 15th at Thomas Park. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us anytime. Visit us on Facebook: [Friends of Thomas Park](#).

Sincerely,

Heather Beaupre
President, Friends of Thomas Park
Phone: (207) 432-0212
Email: Friendsofthomaspark@gmail.com



FRIENDS OF
THOMAS PARK



UNIVERSITY
NEIGHBORHOOD
ORGANIZATION

PRESENT THE

THOMAS PARK

11TH

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

SUNDAY
SEPT 15

— 2 0 2 4 —

11AM - 1PM

64 BURNHAM ST.

— FEATURING —

MUSIC

PARK SIGN REVEAL

SPECIAL GUESTS

REGINA PHILLIPS

ELIAS THOMAS III

HERB ADAMS



P R O C L A M A T I O N

RECOGNIZING

THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THOMAS PARK

WHEREAS, Thomas Park, a public city park connecting the Libbytown neighborhood, businesses, religious entities will celebrate its 111th Anniversary on Sunday, September 15, 2024, having been established by the City of Portland in 1913; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Park strives to be an equal access green space for any member of the public to gather for celebrations, recreation, revitalization, play, and exploration, providing people from all walks of life access to nature; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Park amenities, including linden trees, electrical access, and architectural lighting in the tree canopy create an attractive gateway to the City of Portland, and expand opportunities for connections between people and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Thomas Park, in cooperation with the Libbytown Neighborhood Association, University Neighborhood Organization, and Portland Parks, Recreation, and Facilities, share the vision to care for and activate Thomas Park, helping to enhance the role of the park in the lives of Portland residents; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Thomas Park, the Libbytown Neighborhood Association and the University Neighborhood Organization, organized this historic event to help residents celebrate the 111th anniversary of the Park and learn about its history from Herb Adams, Portland Historian; Regina Phillips, City Councilor; and Elias Thomas III and Heather Beaupre, direct descendants of the Elias Thomas Family, who generously gave this triangle shaped land between Lowell, Burnham and Congress Street to the city of Portland for \$1.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Mark Dion, Mayor of the City of Portland, Maine, and members of the Portland City Council, do hereby recognize Thomas Park on the 111th Anniversary of its inception, and express my appreciation for the Friends of Thomas Park, Libbytown Neighborhood Association and the University Neighborhood Organization's outstanding community service work and dedicated stewardship of this treasured public resource.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of September, 2024



Mark Dion, Mayor
City of Portland

City of Portland | Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

Ethan Hipple, *Director*

Alex Marshall, *Director of Parks*



Parks Commission May 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was recorded and is available to watch on the Agendas and Meetings Portal

Here: <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6742/media>

Present Commission Members: Jaime Parker (Chair), Donna Gartland, Robert Foster, Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Helen Coyne, Stephen Bentsen, William Elting,

Not Present: Victoria Pelletier (City Councilor), Ashley Burdick, John Clark, Beth Rabbitt, Kristen Fulmer, Marie Gray, Katie Mears

Staff: Alex Marshall Parks Director, Jessica Teesdale Senior Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Jaime Parker called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

General Citizen Comment Period - None

Emailed comments to Park Commission 4.5.2024 through 5.1.2024 (attached to agenda)

Commission responds to the cruise ship for low income housing idea.

J. Parker responds to the Accessibility Audits.

Little league fields are maintained by Portland Little League not Portland Parks, Recreation, and Facilities

Agenda Items

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2023

Motion to accept meeting minutes first R. Foster, seconded by Stephen Bentsen motion passed unanimously pending correction of misspelling of George Rheault on the document.

New Business - none

Old Business

Greenspace Gathering 2024

Date: June 6th 5pm

Location Rowe School

Possible Guest Speaker Kristine Stratton – pending confirmation May 10th should have an answer about attendance.

Theme – Access, Equity, and Inclusion

Back up speaker idea would be a Panel Discussion with

Angelique Bitshilualua Portland Trails Inclusion Coordinator, Portland Wheelers, Friends Groups, Paul Dryon Mission Zero and Friends of Fort Gorges, Representative of the Homeless Services Center. Jaime Parker will reach out to potential panelists.

Would translation be possible? Angelique could translate if she was present.

Blurb: To increase access to and enjoyment in parks, trails, and public spaces for more people. The greenspace gathering is focused on how people get to parks, how they get around within and in between other public spaces.

5 Prompt questions:

1. How can we use the skills and resources within our community to best serve as many people as possible?
2. How can we welcome people into public spaces who may not be aware of them, or to access them?
3. How can we include underserved communities, and people of all ages and mobilities in the use and enjoyment of parks, trails, open spaces and the public streetscape.
4. How can we improve physical access for the entire journey between place of residence, jobs, schools, and neighborhood centers – to parks, trails and community spaces?
5. How can we ensure people arrive safely as they access our amazing park and trail system, and that they can do so whether in a car, bike, wheelchair, on foot, etc...

Send Email to neighborhood associations and friends group list ASAP 5/3/2024

The Friends group list has been updated and is on the share drive and will be used for sending the flier. PRF staff will send to the friends group and neighborhood association list that is created and Parks Commission members will forward and record who they are sending the invitations out to. This event will also be shared on PRF social media. A. DelVecchio will be the contact person to keep the contact list populated. PRF will make posters for commission members to pick up and post. D. Gartiner will create prompt questions and sign in sheets.

The Commission discusses the structure of the meeting. Hold an abbreviated meeting at the start of Green Space Gathering. Finalized Green Space Gathering agenda will be finalized by Commission chair and city staff and posted to the agenda and meeting portal.

4-5 Set up

5-5:15 Gather community

5:15 call to order/Business Meeting

5:30 Welcome/State of Parks Address E.Hipple A.Marshall parks report/CIP process

5:45-Break for food

6 Speaker/Panel/Discussion

6:30 Public forum

Communications and Updates

Parks Division Report A. Marshall provides an update on the Parks report. The parks report is attached to the agenda. Questions about tree planting, Storm debris pick up. Focus on tree planting May and June. Resources needed to fix the existing tree wells. Next big step is getting the urban forest master plan up. Funded CIP list review and timeline.

Land Bank Commission Report-R. Foster provides Land Bank Commission report

Commission Vacancies-May 15th is the deadline for commission applications to be submitted to the City Clerk's office.

Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

CIP presentation

Adjournment

2021- 2023

Parks Commission

Annual Report



Mayor Dion and Honorable Councilors;

I am pleased to present the Parks Commission Annual Report for 2021 through 2023 for your review.

Our city's parks are treasured public assets that provide essential safe spaces for physical activity and social connections. Other linked public spaces like trails and pedestrian-friendly streets create a stronger transportation system that connects neighborhoods to parks and schools, reduces traffic and parking congestion, and mitigates the effects of climate change.

While issues such as the pandemic, inflation, and a housing crisis have strained budgets and presented new challenges to the city over the last several years, they've also illuminated the necessity of robust parks, trails, and open spaces for our city's public and environmental health. The pandemic, in particular, shone a light on the fact that moving around outdoors is critical for individual and collective physical, mental, and social health and well-being.

The housing and encampment crisis is ongoing, and testing our ability to care for the most vulnerable in our community, many of whom are using parks and public spaces as a refuge. A significant side effect of this crisis is the toll this use is taking on parks and the staff that manage them. We must work to find better solutions for the housing crisis and also protect the integrity of these essential spaces.

Because parks and trails are so vital to our city's public and environmental health, it is important they receive the funding needed to serve the community well. The status quo is untenable given the new challenges confronting the Department. For example, there is an immediate need for personnel who are specifically trained for the social work and communication that has become a regular part of the job for Parks staff. When up to 50% of a Director's or Manager's time is spent directly on the issue of unhoused people in parks, we need a commensurate increase in funding for the Department to ensure all other essential work can also be completed.

The Parks Commission has thus established three objectives for advocacy and attention in 2024, and hopes to align these goals with 2024 Council priorities:

- 1. Obtain additional funding for the Parks Recreation and Facilities (PRF) Department, commensurate with increased work loads, new duties, and public valuation of parks trails and open spaces. Continue to invest in the PRF Department in order to meet public expectations for quality public resources and services.**
- 2. Focus park and trail investments— including staff time and resources— on equitably meeting the needs of underserved neighborhoods and populations and on areas of the city that have been historically under-resourced.**
- 3. Increase mobility and access to public spaces by envisioning streets and trails as linear parks, providing safety, a more balanced transportation system and a stronger economy.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Parker, Chair, Portland Parks Commission

More Detail on the Commission's Objectives

1. Obtain additional budget for the Parks Recreation and Facilities Department to increase staff headcount in order to address several growing, critical issues, and secure additional federal funding to help the City defray the cost of maintaining services:

- The Forestry Division is in a severely diminished position with most urgent staffing needs.
 - “Forest City” has over 20,000 trees lining our public roadways and many more on public properties, with additional ARPA-funded investments planned in areas like Bayside
 - There are currently insufficient human resources to sustain proper tree maintenance / other tree work, impacting stormwater interception, reduced air pollution, urban heat island mitigation, and wildlife habitat
 - Additional Forestry staff can also be deployed to assist with snow removal efforts in the winter months
- Mitigate impact of homelessness crisis on city parks resources and staff
 - Parks staff is bearing the largest brunt of this ongoing issue, and the problem is longstanding with negative effects on staff mental health
 - The Parks staff work with this population is beyond the scope of their existing training, skills, and resources
 - The department need staff who can collaborate with social service agencies to help the parks staff with cleaning and maintaining encampments areas in public parks
- Consider hiring a grant writer to secure federal funding to close budget gaps and defray city expenses.
 - PRF staffing does not currently support a dedicated grant-writing position, closing off significant avenues for additional revenue generation
 - Federal government awards hundreds of billions of dollars in grants to state and local governments each year to help finance city services such as health care, education, social services, infrastructure, and public safety.
 - The application process is complex; requiring a dedicated staff member. Grant awards will reduce dependency on the city budget.
 - For example, a small city of around 13,000, [Steamboat Springs](#) has a grant writer program and applies for about 40 grants per year with a dedicated team, securing much needed funding

2. Focus on underserved neighborhoods and populations in park and trail investments

- Using outreach and inclusionary practices, invite more people from the community to join conversations about parks and civic investments in our open spaces and trails, in alignment with goals of Parks and Recreation
 - Engage with neighborhoods and communities without existing “Friends” groups, to ensure fair representation for these communities
 - Focus Greenspace Gathering (Parks Commission Annual Meeting) on hearing from constituents in underserved neighborhoods
 - CIP inclusion of pavilions/picnic areas and other amenities that appeal to a broad

range of park users

- Make continued progress towards equitable park and open space access
 - While the City has made great strides towards objectives for walkability to parks and open spaces, access is not universal.
 - CIP decisions must continue to prioritize closing these gaps as well as ensure equitable development of amenities valued by communities furthest from opportunity.
 - The Parks Commission will continue to advocate for these focus areas.

3. Increase mobility and access to public spaces

- Connecting neighborhoods and the city: being within a 1/4 mile of a park is only useful if it is safe and pleasant to get there.
- Linear parks and green streets: parks need accessibility, and are greatly enhanced by being connected with safe, efficient routes and pathways.
 - Our City Code and Design Manual should support best practices in urban design that consider all users of streets and public ways
 - Shared Streets, Skinny Streets, and low-speed streets are examples of proven enhancements to the built environment.
 - Sidewalk and Trail plowing should be supported by equipment and staffing commensurate with winter operations on our streets.
 - Strengthen connections to transit, and pedestrian amenities at and on routes to transit stops, with a focus on previously underserved areas.
 - Trails can be highly cost effective ways to achieve greater mobility, and fall squarely within the purview of the PRF Department
 - Partner groups like Portland Trails and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine stand ready to work with the City to greatly increase and enhance non-auto transportation.

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OVERVIEW

The Portland Parks Commission (PC)¹ is required to submit an annual report to the city council regarding the state of the city's parks and public grounds and make specific recommendations therein about suggested goals and improvements for the parks and public grounds per City Code (Sec. 18-10(d)(4)). The primary audience for the report is Portland's City Council. It is the hope of the PC that anyone interested in, or is an advocate for, the enhancement and stewardship of our parks and open spaces also enjoy and make use of this report. Reports are completed annually and built on previous reports.

The Portland Park System includes over 67 parks and playgrounds, 7.5 miles of multi use trails, 10 community gardens, 2 stadiums, 16 cemeteries and dozens of athletic fields and courts, all spread across 1,000+ acres of land.

Explore the parks: <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/1898/Parks-Trails-and-Playgrounds>

The Parks Commission is composed of citizen volunteers approved by the City Council and supported by staff from the Parks Recreation and Facilities Department.

Current Parks Commissioners

Jaime Parker, Chair, Portland Trails 2022-2025
Beth Rabbitt, Vice Chair, Public-at-large 2022-2025
John Clark, Public-at-large 2023-2026
Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Public-at-large 2023-2026
Ashley Burdick, Public-at-large 2023-2026
William Elting, Public-at-large 2022-2025
Donna Gartland, Public-at-large 2022-2025
Kristen Fulmer, Public-at-large 2021-2024
Robert Foster, Land Bank Representative 2021-2024
Helen Coyne, Public-at-large 2021-2024
Marie Gray, Friends of Deering Oaks 2021-2024
Stephen Bentsen, Public-at-large 2021-2024

Previous Parks Commissioners

Zack Anchors, Friends of Eastern Promenade 2017-2020
Colette Bouchard, Public-at-Large 2017-2020
Jon Kachmar, Land Bank Representative 2020-2023
Cynthia Loebenstein, Friends of Evergreen Cemetery (Chair 2019-present) 2015-2021
Ana Lagunez, Public-at-large 2018-2021
Craig Lapine, Public-at-large 2015-2020
Meri Lowry, Land Bank Representative 2010-2019
Michael Mertaugh, Public-at-Large (V. Chair 2019-present) 2014-2020
Nathan Robbins, Public-at-Large (V. Chair 2018-2019) 2015-2021

¹ <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/345/Parks-Commission>

Amy Segal, Public-at-Large 2017-2020
Dory Waxman, Public-at-Large (Chair 2017-2019) 2015-2021
Caitie Whelan, Public-at-Large (stepped down Oct 2020) 2019-2022
Mayor Kate Snyder, City Council Representative, 2019-present
Brian Batson, City Council Representative 2018-2019

Current City Staff Department of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities (DPRF)

Ethan Hipple, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department
Alex Marshall, Parks Director
Jennifer DeRice, Assistant Parks Director
Jessica Teesdale, Executive Assistant
Madeline Groeger, Administrative Associate

Parks Commission Subcommittees:

- Annual Report & Inventory
- Finance
- Parks Initiatives
- Community Outreach

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Some of the more significant developments reported in Park Commission meetings over the time period:

- Futsal Court installation at Kennedy Park
- Dougherty Field Skatepark expansion
- Stroudwater Preserve Bridge and open space planning
- Preble Fields Stormwater and Field restoration project
- Western Prom Master Planning and implementation
- Dougherty Field playground and pathway planning
- Portland Parks Conservancy established
- Portland Youth Corps established
- Eastern Prom and Fish Point vegetation clearing and improvement projects
- Riverton Trolley Park Master Plan
- Baxter Pines Forest Management planning and implementation
- Playground planning and implementation at Lyseth, Dougherty, Talbot School
- Browntail Moth mitigation at Deering Oaks
- Baxter Woods Leash Law changes
- Public Toilet program expansion
- Riverton Preserve planning
- Deering Oaks ADA walkway planning and implementation
- Community Garden expansions and fencing
- Food Truck program at Eastern Prom
- Canopy Project and tree planting efforts in Bayside and city-wide
- Portland Harbor Commons planning

- Union Branch Trail planning
- Congress Square redesign
- North Deering Park acquisition and opening
- Encampment issues in City parks and trails
- VEranda Street Waterfront Park
- C3 Concert proposal at Payson Park
- Big Belly trash receptacles
- Payson Park Playground and pathway planning and implementation
- Maine Conservation Corps yearly partnership with Portland Trails in Presumpscot River Preserve

PARK FINANCE

The operational expenditures of the various departments in the city are met by a combination of General Fund budget allocations and retained revenues from fees, grants, and other sources.

In most budget years, over two-thirds of the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department's operating expenditures are met by retained revenues from fees and user charges, with the General Fund budget making up the difference.

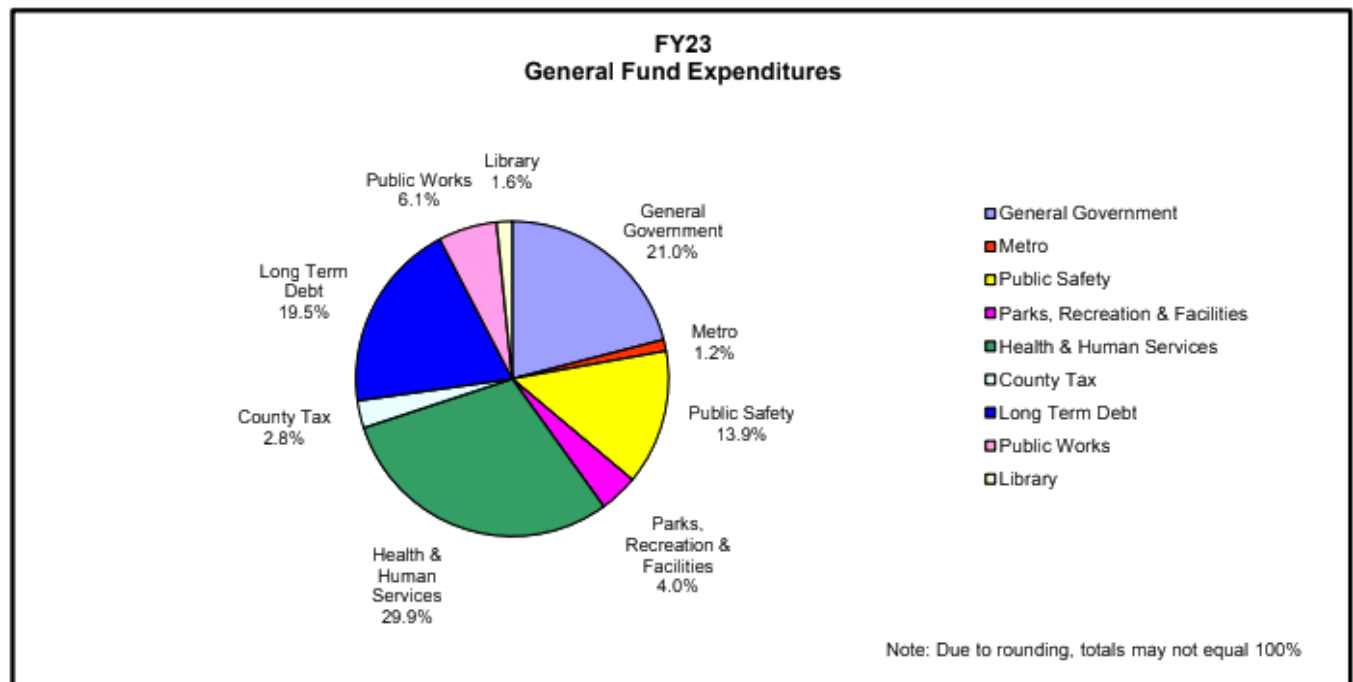
Several facilities managed by the Department—including the Riverside Golf Course, Merrill Auditorium, and Expo Center—cover most of their operating costs through retained revenues. Revenues have historically exceeded operational expenditures, for some of these facilities.

City Budget Comparisons

It is a useful context to understand how budgeting for Parks fits into the larger City of Portland budget. At a macro level the total city budget for FY2023 is \$477 million (including Schools). The Parks Recreation and Facilities budget is \$11.4 million, with Parks plus Forestry at \$2 million, and Recreation at \$1.86 million. Other departments are shown below.

Department	\$ in millions
City plus Schools	477
PRFD	11.4
Parks	1.2
Forestry	.88
Recreation	1.86
Facilities and other	7.46
DPW	17
HHS	55
Fire	20.34
Police	16.7

Based on these figures, Parks plus Forestry account for only .44% of the total City Budget. With the entire PRF Department accounting for 4%.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Each year the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department is awarded funds through the CIP process based on recommendations from department heads, with input from citizens, Friends groups and the Parks Commission. Below are the CIP allocations for FY 2021 through 2024.

FY 2021

Appropriation New Bond Authorization

Parks, Rec & Public Assembly

Lyseth Playground Replacement	275,000	275,000	
Portland Exposition Building Renovation Plan	165,000	165,000	
Deering Oaks ADA Walkway Paving	149,000	149,000	
Riverton Preserve ADA Trail	96,000	96,000	
Wilde Chapel Emergency Repairs	75,000		75,000
Riverton School Basketball Reconstruction	69,000	69,000	
Evergreen Cemetery Frontage Improvements	53,000	53,000	
Golf Course Improvements/ADA Updates	50,000	50,000	
Portland Public Aquatics - New Pool Engineering / Planning	50,000	50,000	
Dougherty Field Irrigation	46,000	46,000	
Box Boom Lighting Project	40,000	40,000	
Rubber Flooring Completion - Ice Arena	37,000	37,000	
Payson Park Tennis & Basketball Courts Sealing/Painting	29,000	29,000	
Longfellow Playground Climbing Net	27,000	27,000	

FY 2022

Facilities

Facilities & Waterfront	212 Canco Roof Replacement	325,000	325,000
Facilities & Waterfront	Offices & Customer Service Areas A/C Installation	150,000	150,000
Fire Department	Riverton Station - Boiler Room Upgrades	150,000	150,000
Parks & Rec	Golf Course Upgrades - HVAC and Drainage	115,000	115,000
Parks & Rec	Evergreen Cemetery Columbaria Phase II	108,000	108,000
Public Schools	Masonry Repair at Deering High School	150,000	150,000
Public Schools	Technology & Fire Alarm System Upgrades - PIES	100,000	100,000
Public Schools	Install fire sprinkler system - PIES	130,000	130,000
Public Schools	Door Access Controls - King and Lincoln	115,000	115,000
Public Works	Federal Street Cemetery Wall Repair	35,000	35,000

Parks, Fields, Trails

Parks & Rec	Skatepark Expansion	50,000	50,000
Parks & Rec	ADA Walkway Paving--Deering Oaks	118,000	118,000
	Court Resurfacing - Reiche and West End (Various), Lyman		
Parks & Rec	Moore, Fox St, Talbot School	97,000	97,000
Planning & Urban Development	Congress Square Redesign - Construction Drawing Completion	50,000	50,000

FY 2023

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks, Fields, Trails	Congress Square Redesign	900,000	900,000		
Parks, Fields, Trails	Dougherty Skate Park Expansion	235,000	235,000		
Parks, Fields, Trails	Riverton Trolley Park Rehabilitation	125,000	125,000		
Parks, Fields, Trails	Longfellow Playground Design	50,000	50,000		
Parks, Fields, Trails	Portland Harbor Common	75,000	75,000		
Facilities	Bridge Over Dole Brook (Emergency Replacement)	255,000	255,000		
Facilities	Riverton Pool Filter Replacement	130,000	130,000		
Parks, Fields, Trails	Back Cove Trail Reconstruction	95,000	95,000		

FACILITIES

Facilities	Replace Deck 2 Pavement and Membrane	550,000	550,000		
Facilities	Sealants and Concreate Repairs Levels 2 and 3 290K one year and levels 4	290,000	290,000		
Facilities	Portland Ocean Terminal Structural Repair	375,000	75,000	300,000	(3)
Facilities	212 Roof Replacement (4 Phases)	270,000	270,000		
Facilities	Police Dispatch Renovation/Expansion	115,000	0	115,000	(2)
Facilities	90 Anderson St - Exterior Upgrades	100,000	100,000		
Facilities	Observatory - Painting and Other Maintenance	70,000	70,000		
Facilities	Replace Concrete Steps/Railings & Other	200,000	0	200,000	(2)
Marine	On going pile/pier work at OG and P.O.T	125,000	125,000		
Facilities	Ocean Ave - Roof Replacement	65,000	65,000		
Facilities	Bramhall - Boiler Room Upgrades	155,000	155,000		
Facilities	Additional Appropriations for Previously Approved Capital Projects	3,250,000	0.00	3,250,000	(5)

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PARKS & RECREATION

Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Deering Oaks ADA Sidewalks and Curbing - Tennis Court Rd (State to D	335,000	335,000		
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Preble Field Fitness Course	30,000	20,000	10,000	(3)
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Great Diamond Island Basketball Court Reconstruction	35,000	35,000		
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Clark Street, Tyng-Tate Playground Replacement and Reiche Design	150,000	150,000		
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Evergreen Cemetery Expansion Plan - Phase III	100,000	100,000		
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Riverton Tennis Conversion to Pickleball Courts	150,000		150,000	(3)
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Court Resurfacing: Various Tennis/Pickleball & Basketball Courts	50,000		50,000	(3)
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Dougherty Athletic Field - Additional Funding for Completion	145,000		145,000	(3)
Parks, Rec & Public Assembly	Lyseth Playground - Additional Funding for Completion	80,000	80,000		
Planning & Urban Developme	Congress Square Redesign	700,000	500,000	200,000	(3)

MAJOR COMPLETED PARKS PROJECTS 2021 TO 2023

Year Completed	Project	City Funding	Partner Funding	Total Cost	Funding Source
2023	Payson Park Playground	\$350,000		\$350,000	CIP
2023	Talbot School Basketball Reconstruction	\$69,000	\$55,680	\$124,680	CIP/CDBG
2022	Deering Oaks ADA Walkway --State St to Ravine, Pond Edge	\$118,000		\$118,000	CIP
2023	Deering Oaks ADA Walkway-- Playground to Ravine Walkway	\$149,000		\$149,000	CIP
2023	Acquisition: North Deering Park	\$80,000	\$720,000	\$800,000	Land Bank, TPL, ORLP, LMF
2023	Skatepark Expansion	\$305,000	\$103,470	\$408,470	CIP, Foundations, Private Donations
2023	Dougherty Field Improvements: Basketball and Playground	\$345,000		\$345,000	CIP
2022	Western Prom Signage (Large)		\$20,000	\$20,000	Maine Med
2022	Acquisition: Redlon Woods	\$112,500	\$112,500	\$225,000	Land Bank, Private Fundraising
2022	Acquisition: Riverton Trolley Park Parcels	\$27,000	\$23,000	\$50,000	Land Bank, Private
2021	Dougherty Field Playground CDBG Equipment Purchase		\$137,000	\$137,000	CDBG
2022	Evergreen Cemetery Columbarium Phase II	\$108,000		\$108,000	CIP
2022	Lyseth Playground	\$325,000		\$325,000	275K CIP, 50K impact fees
2022	Western Prom Wall Repair--Valley St Auto Garage	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$37,500	WP license fee
2022	Public Restrooms, Vault Toilets: Payson Park Playground, Payson Park Tennis, Evergreen Cemetery, Dougherty Field	\$75,000		\$75,000	CIP
2022	Public Restrooms, Metal City Toilets: Deering Oaks/Park Ave, Eastern Prom Tennis, Fox Field		\$75,000	\$75,000	CDBG

2023	Public Restrooms, Metal City Toilets: Monument Way, Fish Pier, Spring Street		\$75,000	\$75,000	ARPA
2021	Evergreen Cemetery Frontage Improvements	\$53,000	\$24,000	\$77,000	Nauman Trust
2021	Fox Field Basketball Lighting	\$95,000		\$95,000	Sustainability office LED grant
2021	Futsal Court and lighting at Fox Field	\$174,000		\$174,000	CDBG, CIP, Impact Fees
2021	Longfellow Playground Netclimber	\$27,000		\$27,000	CIP
2021	Payson Tennis and Basketball Resurfacing	\$29,000		\$29,000	CIP
2021	Western Prom Master Plan		\$40,000	\$40,000	Grant and Friends Group
2021	Amethyst Lot Interim Park	\$340,000		\$340,000	CIP
2023	Community Garden Shed and Fence Replacements	\$137,000		\$137,000	CDBG
2021	Maine Med: Western Prom Switchback Trail Improvements		\$50,000	\$50,000	
2021	Riverton Softball Drainage and Erosion	\$65,000		\$65,000	CIP
2023	Deering Oaks Playground Replacments	\$55,000		\$55,000	CIP
			Total	\$4,511,650	

In the previous three years, the Department has completed the major projects shown above, along with numerous other smaller projects, ongoing maintenance and repairs, public engagement and, as noted elsewhere, a very large increase in dealings with people experiencing homelessness and the resulting encampments.

AGENDA ITEMS NOVEMBER 2020-OCTOBER 2023

Meetings of the Park Commission with links to agendas for quicker access to packets of meeting agendas, notes and supporting materials.

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PARKS INVENTORY FOR THE 2023 CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE PARKS COMMISSION REPORT

Park Inventory

The following sources were used in drafting the below inventory of Parks of Portland, Maine: 1. Section 2-44, City Code for City of Portland, Maine, revised 7/10/14 (the “Land Bank Ordinance”) 2. Section 18-11, City Code for City of Portland, Maine, revised 5/28/14 (the “Parks Ordinance”)

N.B. School playgrounds and athletic fields are not included in the park inventory even though the City of Portland does maintain and fund ongoing maintenance and replacement. PARKS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Dedicated Parks Listed in both the Parks Ordinance and the Land Bank Ordinance:

Back Cove Park and Trail
Barrows Park/Baxters Sundial
Baxter Pines
Baxter Woods
Bayside Park, also known as Stone Street Playground Bell Buoy Park
Belmeade Park
Capisic Pond Park
Clark Street Park
Congress Square Park
Deering Oaks Park
Dougherty Field
Eastern Promenade Park, East End Beach, Fort Allen Park
Fessenden Park
Fort Gorges
Fort Sumner Park
Fox Field/Kennedy Park
Harbor View Park and Tate-Tyng Park
Heseltine Park
Lincoln Park
Lobsterman Park
Longfellow Square
Monument Square
Munjoy South Playground
North Deering Park (added 12/23)
Payson Park
Peppermint Park
Pleasant Street Park
Post Office Park
Riverside Golf Course
Riverton Trolley Park (incorrectly listed as Riverton Park in the Ordinances)
Stroudwater Parks (there are 2 listed in the Ordinances)
Taylor Street Park
Tommy’s Park

Western Promenade Park

Dedicated Parks Listed in the Parks Ordinance and Not the Land Bank Ordinance:

Andrews Square – N.B. This Park consists of a flagpole only

Bayside Trail

Bedford Park

Boothby Square

Boyd Street Gardens

Bramhall Square

Caldwell Square

Clark Street Playground

Tate-Tyng Playground (not in alphabetical order because of association with Harborview Park)

Longfellow Park

Marada Adams Playground N.B. This Park is located at the corner of Beckett and O’Brion Streets and is not the Adams School Playground Martin’s Point Park

Nason’s Corner Park

Pedro Field

Pleasant Street Playground

Quaker Park

South Street Playground

Trinity Park

Winslow Park

The Parks Commission notes that University Park is listed in the Land Bank Ordinance and not in the Parks Ordinance. University Park is therefore included on the Land Bank Registry as a Land Bank property that is not a park.

Commissioner Name	Seat Name	Start Date	Calculated Term
Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio	Seat 8	7/1/2023	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026
Ashley Burdick	Seat 11	7/1/2023	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026
Beth Rabbitt	Seat 1	7/1/2022	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025
Donna Gartland	Seat 4	7/1/2022	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025
Elizabeth Pagan	Seat 6	7/1/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2027
Griffin Bourassa	Seat 10	7/1/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2027
Helen Coyne	Seat 7	7/17/2023	7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024
Jaime Parker	Seat 3	8/14/2023	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025
John Clark	Seat 2	7/1/2023	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026
Marie Gray	Seat 5	7/1/2021	7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024
Robert Foster	Seat 12	8/14/2023	7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024
Victoria Pelletier	Seat 13	12/6/2021	12/6/2021 - 12/5/2024
William Elting	Seat 9	7/1/2022	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025

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Athletic Facilities											
Deering High School Field Upgrades	5				\$200,000	\$275,000					
Deering Oaks Baseball Lights	2		\$250,000								
Deering Oaks Infield Upgrades and Irrigation	2		\$90,000								
Deering Oaks Volleyball Court Replacement	2							\$75,000			
Dougherty Multi-use Field Renovation w/ Irrigation	3	\$250,000									
Fencing: Softball field at Talbot School	1				\$50,000						
Fitzpatrick Paving and ADA Improvements	2			\$235,000							
Fitzpatrick Stadium Entrance Upgrade	2						\$75,000				
Fitzpatrick to Expo Team Entrance Landscape Upgrades	2							\$100,000			
Fitzpatrick Track Resurfacing	2		\$100,000					\$100,000			
Fitzpatrick Turf Replacement - USL having done in 2025	2										
Fox St Irrigation Replacement	1				\$75,000						
Ludlow Baseball Field Upgrades	5					\$500,000					
Memorial Stadium Concession Stand Replacement	5							\$500,000			
Memorial Stadium Turf Replacement	5								\$1,200,000		
Payson B Softball Drainage and Irrigation	4			\$110,000							
Riverton Softball Lighting Replacement	5			\$255,000							
Synthetic Turf Field: location TBD			\$1,500,000								
Cemeteries											
Evergreen Driveway Drainage and Paving--To be funded by Water Resources	5										
Evergreen Repaving Roads	5		\$125,000		\$125,000						
Forest City Coastal Erosion Mitigation	5									\$1,000,000	
Gravel Road Reconstruction (Evergreen and Forest City) - Could be paid for by trusts	5		\$100,000								
Green Burial Area Development (Evergreen)	5			\$30,000							
Pond Restoration Engineering	5				\$30,000						
Pond Restoration Construction	5						\$500,000				
Wilde Chapel Masonry	5			\$500,000		\$500,000					
Community Gardens											
Bayside Community Garden Relocation	1		\$50,000								
Community Garden Fence Repairs/Additions (3-4 Gardens (CDBG potential)	Various				\$50,000	\$50,000					
Various Shed Replacements (and Peaks Island City Acres Shed)***	Various			\$45,000							

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Courts--Tennis, Basketball, Futsal											
Bayside Basketball Court - New Construction	1		\$150,000								
Court Resurfacing: Various Tennis/Pickleball & Basketball	Various	\$50,000			\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000
Deering High School Tennis Court Resurfacing	5				\$75,000						
Deering Oaks Tennis Court Lights--Add (May be done in 2024/2025)	2				\$350,000						
Deering Oaks Tennis and Basketball Court Repaving	2		\$500,000								
Dougherty Field Basketball Pavilion	3					\$150,000					
Eastern Prom Tennis and Basketball Court Resurface	1							\$50,000			
Fox Field Basketball Court Repaving	1					\$300,000					
Longfellow Basketball Drainage and Reconstruction and Conversion to Basketball/Futsal	5		\$175,000								
Payson Additional Basketball Court	4				\$150,000						
Peaks Island Multi-use Pickleball/Basketball Courts (2)***	1							\$300,000			
Pickleball Court Construction (NEW) - Location TBD	TBD			\$300,000							
Riverton Tennis Court Fence Replacement	5							\$75,000			
Park Infrastructure											
Baxter Boulevard Safety Enhancements --Stairs and Railings	4		\$150,000								
Bell Buoy Park Design/Engineering & Construction--ADA	1		\$75,000		\$750,000						
Bramhall Square Reconstruction \$250K budget, \$100K from Maine Medical, \$150 from Public Works CIP, \$100K other sources	2					\$450,000					
Park Walkway ADA Paving, various locations (E Prom, Deering Oaks)	various		\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000		
Deering Oaks ADA Sidewalks and Curbing--Farmers Market Rd. (State to Deering)	2					\$300,000					
Deering Oaks Bandstand Replacement--ADA	2					\$500,000					
Deering Oaks Pond Plaza and Dock--ADA	2							\$100,000			
Deering Oaks Pond Wall Reconstruction	2	\$1,900,000		\$400,000							
Deering Oaks Ravine Wading Pool Rehab--ADA	2			\$475,000							
Deering Oaks Rose Circle Entrance--Convert to Brick--ADA	2					\$75,000					
East End Beach Bath House Replacement--ADA	1					\$1,000,000					
East End Recreational Boat Ramp Reconstruction	1		\$300,000								
Eastern Prom Cleeves Accident Fence Reconstruction	1		\$50,000								
Eastern Prom Cleeves Monument ADA Plaza	1		\$125,000								
Eastern Prom Cutter Street/Parking Reno--ADA (joint project with Public Works)	1			\$2,750,000							
Fencing: Eastern Prom Sewage Treatment Plant Replacement with guardrail	1	\$156,000									
Fort Gorges Composting Toilets	1						\$100,000				
Fort Gorges Parapet	1							\$250,000			
Fort Gorges Preservation Plan (Structural Stabilization)	1		\$120,000	\$200,000							
Fort Gorges Sea Level Rise Intervention	1								\$250,000		

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Fort Gorges Wharf Reconstruction (materials and engineering)	1		\$100,000								
Fort Sumner Reconstruction--ADA	1								\$450,000		
Fort Sumner Trail Lighting--to be paid for by Friends Group	1										
Harborview Concrete Stair and Plaza: Resurfacing with Granite	2		\$100,000								
Harborview Stairs from Circle Trail Intersection to Commercial St	2				\$50,000						
Lincoln Park Fence--Franklin St	1				\$300,000						
Lincoln Park Fence--Pearl St	1	\$200,000									
Lincoln Park Fence--Federal St	1			\$350,000							
Lincoln Park Walkway Lights	1				\$250,000						
Longfellow Park Bollard Lighting***	3			\$50,000							
Ludlow Pond Drainage	5				\$150,000						
Martins Point Access Improvements	4					\$150,000					
Noyes Park Pathways, Seating and Trees--ADA	2				\$150,000						
Payson Park Front Street Entrance Plaza Improvements and Cross-Park Trail to Baseball Parking Lot- Possible C3 or Portland Housing Authority funding--ADA	4		\$200,000								
Payson Park Skating Rink Improvements (Expansion)	4				\$75,000						
Payson Park Parking: Reconstructing Sledding Hill Parking Lot--ADA	4		\$250,000								
Picnic Pavillion: Deering Oaks and Payson Park--ADA	various			\$150,000		\$150,000					
Quarry Run Dog Park Expansion and Renovation (Invasives Removal, Trail resurfacing, fence replacement)--ADA	4			\$100,000							
Stroudwater Bridge: connecting Stroudwater Trails with Fore River Preserve	3	\$160,000									
Veranda Street Waterfront Open Space landscaping - MDOT property	4		\$150,000								
Western Prom "NEW" Sidewalk along Western Cemetery--ADA	2			\$250,000							
Western Prom Artistic Play Area	2						\$150,000				
Western Prom Bandstand, Toboggan Run Improvements	2					\$150,000					
Western Prom Roadway Tree Allee	2								\$300,000		
Western Prom Upper Park Walkway Reconstruction--ADA	2				\$250,000		\$250,000				
Western Prom Valley Street Trail and Stone Retaining Wall Repair/Rebuild Phase II	2	\$150,000									
Western Prom Vista Clearing and Plantings	2			\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000			
Western Prom Walkway Lighting	2				\$200,000						
Western Prom Walkway Reconstruction, Phase II--ADA	2					\$150,000					
Playgrounds, Skateparks, and Fitness Courses											
Adams School Playground	1										\$250,000
Deering Oaks Playground	2							\$650,000			
East End School Playground	1			\$450,000							
East End School Playground Design	1		\$50,000								

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Great Diamond Island Playground	1							\$150,000			
Harborview Aging in Place Fitness Course	2	\$50,000									
Hesletine Park Playground	4						\$250,000				
Munjoy South Playground	1					\$550,000					
Munjoy South Park & Playground Design	1				\$50,000						
Ocean Avenue School Playground	4										\$500,000
Ocean Avenue School Playground Design	4									\$50,000	
Peaks Island Playground	1							\$250,000			
Peaks Island Skate Park	1			\$150,000							
Peppermint Park--East Bayside Playground	1				\$350,000						
Peppermint Park--East Bayside Playground Design	1			\$50,000							
Portable Pumptrack: moveable neighborhood skatepark	various				\$75,000						
Presumpscot Playground	4				\$450,000						
Presumpscot Playground Design	4			\$50,000							
Rowe School Playground Design	5									\$50,000	
Rowe School Playground	5										\$600,000
Stone Street Playground--Upgrade and Splashpad Erosion Issues	1	\$450,000									
Stroudwater Playground	3					\$150,000					
Taylor Street Playground	2							\$100,000			
Tyng-Tate Street Playground: Fencing and Seating***	2									\$25,000	
University Park Playground (NEW)	4			\$200,000							
Playground Equipment Replacement: Various Locations	various				\$75,000			\$75,000			\$75,000
Will's Playground (Eastern Prom)	1				\$500,000						
Will's Playground Design (Eastern Prom)	1	\$75,000									
Trails											
Back Cove Guard Rail	4			\$100,000							
Back Cove Trail Reconstruction and Stone Dust Resurfacing	4,3,1				\$150,000						
Bayside Trail Resurfacing--by Public Works	1,2										
Dougherty Field Bike Path Improvements***	3					\$100,000					
Eastern Promenade Sidewalk Resurfacing--by Public Works	1										
Fore River Parkway Trail Resurfacing--by Public Works	2										
Payson Park Cross Park Trail (Arboretum Road)	4		\$150,000								
Recreation Facilities											

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Community Center Planning				\$200,000							
Community Center Construction							\$10,000,000				
Reiche Pool Filter	2				\$115,000						
212 Canco Rd Community Room improvements	4	\$150,000									
Ice Arena											
Redesign (Office to Locker Room)	2				\$345,000						
Sprinkler Upgrade	2	\$100,000									
Ice Arena Improvements	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Chiller Replacement (Refurb in 2024 will get us to est 2034)	2										\$350,000
Front of building wall repairs?											
Golf Course											
Course Improvements	5	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		
Bridge over Dole Brook	5										
Bunker Renovation--North Course	5									\$987,000	
Bunker Renovation--South Course	5				\$250,000						
Cart Building Building Replacement-North & South Estimate	5			\$900,000							
Irrigation system replacement	5	\$150,000									
Public Assemblies											
Expo Renovations	2					\$50,000					
Merrill Interior Doors	1			\$70,000							
Merrill Loading Dock: Extend and Reorient	1							\$100,000			
Merrill Marquee	1				\$200,000						
Merrill Orchestra Pit Lift - PSO/POV/Opera offering funding	1	\$300,000									
Merrill Seating Replacement	1			\$100,000							
Outdoor venues - Barricades		\$140,000									
Prior Community Requests NOT added to 10 Year CIP plan											
Clark Street Park Playground Equipment, Seating & Water Fountain	2	\$50,000	Clark Street playground equipment funded in FY24 CIP Budget. Seating and water fountain can be funded through future operating budget or other funding sources.								
Dougherty Field Master Plan *Update*	3	\$50,000	Given recent improvements to skatepark, playground, community garden and ongoing replacement of Community Pool, no update is needed at this time.								
Dougherty Field Park Amenities: Benches, Picnic Tables, Drinking Fountains, etc.	3	\$25,000	Does not qualify as CIP expense.								

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Fort Gorges Wharf Rebuild	1	\$250,000	This project will be accomplished through a partnership with Army National Guard Readiness program. City has already included funds for materials in future CIP. Friends of Ft Gorges will provide drawings and specs.								
Libbytown Food Forest Expansion	3	\$100,000	Not City property. This concept could be explored as a joint project between Libbytown Neighborhood Association and Portland Water District.								
Lowell Street Parcel Redesign	2	\$150,000	At this time, focusing on low cost improvements such as park seasonal lighting, picnic tables, benches, fencing. Improvements can be accomplished within operating budget and partnership efforts								
St. James & Douglass Intersection Improvements	3		Public Works Project, not Parks, Rec and Facilities								



CITY OF PORTLAND
Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department
Ethan Hipple, Director

CITY OF PORTLAND
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Alex Marshall, Parks Director

Memorandum

TO: Parks Commission and Land Bank Commission

FROM: Alex Marshall, Parks Director, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department

SUBJECT: Parks Division Update

DATE: July/August 2024

Parks Division Staffing

- Total Budgeted positions in Parks Division: 39
- Vacancies:
 - Parks Project Manager
 - Park Ranger
 - Forestry Supervisor

Citywide Unhoused Report

At this time there are 31 encampments citywide which is down from 43 at the beginning of August. Overall, in 2024, City Staff (primarily Rangers), have tagged and removed 518 tents citywide with the first record being the January resolution of Harbor View's 92 tent sites. Last year in August there was a high of 257 tents recorded around the city. Park Rangers continue to tag and remove between 10-30 tents from City land each week, and conduct a thorough clean up afterwards. There continues to be steady capacity available at the shelter which allows staff to continue to tag and remove tents on public property.

Kiwanis Pool

The Kiwanis Pool replacement project has taken a brief pause as staff work to locate the remaining funds to execute the project as planned.

Fitzpatrick Stadium Improvements (via Hearts of Pine)

The Hearts of Pine began improvements to Fitzpatrick Stadium before their inaugural season in the Spring of 2025. This initial phase of work consisted of running utilities down to the location where the locker rooms will be installed behind the visitor bleachers. With this utility work came stormwater drainage improvements to the site that staff have been working towards over the last few years, and were able to piggyback on the USL project to accomplish the stormwater goals. Additional work being done before next Spring consists of press box improvements, upgraded field lights to LED, new turf, home and away locker rooms and new removable field goal posts. The remainder of these improvements will be happening after the Fall sports season has concluded at the end of November 2024.

Forestry Tree Planting

The Forestry Team got a late jump on tree planting in 2024 due to the April ice storms that devastated

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many street trees citywide.

Year to date, the following trees have been planted:

- Annual City-wide Tree Planting, conducted by Forestry Team: 105 to date, out of 150 planned. To be completed in the fall
- Bayside Tree Planting Blitz: 110 out of 150 planned. To be completed in the fall. American Rescue Plan and Community Development Block Grant funds were used for this supplemental planting in a high need area.

Stroudwater and Clark Street Playgrounds Renovated

Over the course of Winter 2023 and Spring/Summer 2024, the city's playgrounds team spent some time redesigning and constructing two new playground elements at the Stroudwater and Clark Street playgrounds. They constructed most of the pieces inside their shop before moving them out to their respective playgrounds where they are currently getting a lot of love from the community.

Portland Youth Corps Recap

The Portland Youth Corps completed another successful season as two groups of 13 Portland Students (26 total) aged 14-18 completed an intensive 4 week program all over the greater Portland area. These students got to experience a wide variety of activities from a few days and nights at the Ecology School, to helping Dr. Klak with his American Chestnut Farm, to building .24mi of new wooded trail from scratch or restoration habitat at Ft. Gorges, Jewell Island and East End Beach. Many of these experiences were coupled with an exciting activity such as kayaking, boating or camping. The conclusion of the Summer included a white water rafting trip up in Caratunk.

Park Projects and Department Updates

Staff are working on the following Park Improvement projects:

- Deering Oaks Park ADA Walkway improvements: Phase 3, providing ADA access to the wading ravine was completed in the Summer of 2023. Phase 4, which is the sidewalk along Tennis Court Drive, is under design development currently in hopes of going out to bid this Fall for Spring 2025 construction.
- Fitzpatrick Drainage Improvements: This work was completed as part of the Hearts of Pine improvements being done at Fitzpatrick.
- Preble Street Field & Stormwater Project: Final design and landscaping plans have been finalized. There have been some construction delays that will push the installation of the field back to the Spring of 2025 with field play to begin in the Fall of 2025 or Spring of 2026.
- Riverton Preserve: Recreation improvement plans are in progress and will consist primarily of a trail network with other improvements. This project is intended to fulfill LWCF conversion requirements, and final approval of the improvement plan rests with the state and National Park Service, which has a public engagement process.



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- Lower Western Prom Park Improvements: This project has been bid out. Anticipated ground breaking to occur in the Spring of 2025.
- Longfellow Elementary School Playground: Parks Staff are working with a design consultant on the construction drawings and bid documents for a Winter 2024 bid and Summer 2025 construction.
- Portland Harbor Common: Bid documents are being prepared and the project should go out to bid in Fall of 2024, with construction potentially starting in the spring 2025.
- Stroudwater Bridge: Fundraising and permitting is still ongoing for this project to proceed. So far we have raised \$210,000 of the \$365,000 needed to continue to bidding.
- Public Restrooms: So far, the city has installed 15 new public restrooms citywide over the past 3 years. There are another 3 new vaulted toilets to be installed this coming Fall at Preble Field and Valley Street along with vault modifications being done at Eastern Prom, Fox Field and the Fish Pier.