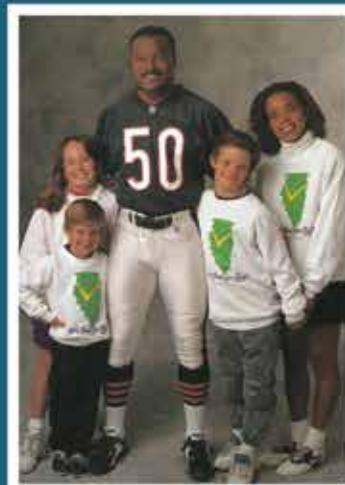


ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Reflections of the Past Move Us to the Future



Reflecting on 90 Years of Innovation & Excellence

In the 1946 classic film *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey finds himself faced with insurmountable challenges. When George hits rock bottom and feels like giving up, he is greeted by Clarence, a guardian angel who gives him the incredible opportunity to see how things would be different for his family, friends and community had they not been touched by his kindness and positive encouragement. He quickly learns that his life's good deeds have made a profound and lasting impact on everyone and everything around him, and without his influence, the world would be a much darker place.

How would Illinois parks, recreation and conservation be different today if A.D. McLarty had never started a letter-writing campaign to rally the cause for creating a state association for park officials? A park commissioner recently said, "I can't even envision what the Illinois park district system would look like without the leadership and support of the Illinois Association of Park Districts ... but I can tell you one thing, it is better because of IAPD."

As we reflect on the association's 90 years, we celebrate the many outstanding achievements and ideas that IAPD has helped bring to fruition to make Illinois the nation's model for parks, recreation and conservation. Without a dedicated statewide association working closely with commissioners and professionals, things would be vastly different.

For instance, IAPD generated the idea and fought to establish a funding source for the OSLAD/NAAF program, which has provided more than \$414 million in grants to Illinois park districts, forest preserves, conservation and recreation agencies. Matched locally, this totals more than \$1.1 billion dollars invested in the recreational infrastructure of communities across Illinois. IAPD also re-established the bonding ability of park districts subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law and passed legislation that took the tax levy for programs that support services for the disabled outside the limitation of the state's tax cap, overcoming a gubernatorial veto to do so on both initiatives.

The association's educational training for commissioners and professionals, such as the Commissioner Boot Camp, Leadership Institute, Legislative Conference, Legal Symposium and the highly-acclaimed *Soaring to New Heights* conference have helped to develop the most knowledgeable and skilled leaders in the nation. And, IAPD's public awareness programs like the *Park District Youth License Plate*, *Take Time for Fun!*, *Parks Day at the Capitol* and *Park District Conservation Day* at the Illinois State Fair have enlightened legislators, media and the public about the essential services and programs provided by our member agencies.

IAPD is indebted to our founders who had the foresight to create something special nine decades ago. We are inspired by the same drive and vision shown by you the commissioners and professionals of today. And, we are motivated by the knowledge that the work we are doing now will make a positive, lasting difference for the future.

As 2019 beckons, IAPD lives the Walt Disney motto: *Around here, we don't look backwards for very long. We **keep moving forward**, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious ... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.*

Please enjoy this commemorative 2018 90th Anniversary Annual Report. It is a great tribute to the people – past and present – who have moved us forward by opening new doors and doing new things. The work that they have done, and that we continue to do, keeps life in Illinois nothing short of *Wonderful*.



Peter M. Murphy
President/CEO



John Hoscheit
Chairman

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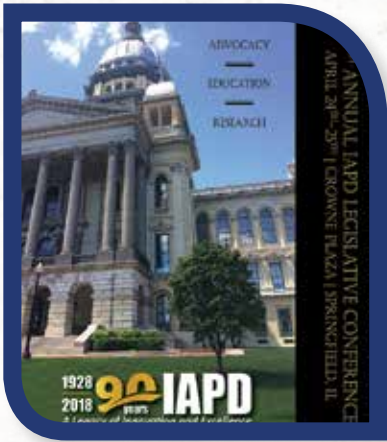
Our Mission

The Illinois Association of Park Districts is a non-profit service, research and educational organization that serves park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies. The association advances these agencies, their citizen board members and professional staff in their ability to provide outstanding park and recreation opportunities, preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

Our Vision

As a national leader, the Illinois Association of Park Districts will provide superb association services to its members.

Advocacy



IAPD has harnessed the power of citizen advocacy for nine decades, building a strong reputation as a reliable source of legislative information for our membership, the Illinois General Assembly, the Governor, members of Congress and the media.

In 2018, IAPD:

- Created a multi-faceted communications strategy to educate Appropriations Committee chairpersons, legislative leaders and key legislative staff about the significance of OSLAD's local match, overall investment return and positive economic impact. **As a direct result of these advocacy efforts, this year's state budget included a \$29 million appropriation for new OSLAD grants – nearly double the amount that was in the proposed budget.**

IAPD's persistence also resulted in the necessary reappropriations to complete all existing OSLAD projects as well as pending PARC projects.

- Successfully advocated for the passage of House Bill 4573/Public Act 100-0752, which expands the authority under the Public Funds Investment Act to allow IAPD member agencies and other local governments to earn additional interest on their investments by increasing the maturity length in highly rated corporate obligations from a maximum of 270 days to 3 years from the date of purchase. This was a significant legislative achievement because the same measure was introduced in past legislative sessions by other organizations but did not receive sufficient support. As a result of IAPD's advocacy, it passed both chambers with strong, bi-partisan support and was signed into law.



- IAPD continued to meet with legislators and key staff to discuss the specific impact that a statewide property tax freeze would have on park districts, conservation and recreation agencies and testified before a House Committee when legislation was abruptly called for a vote during the veto session.
- Responded to the General Assembly's new sexual harassment policy requirements for all local governments by delivering a timely webinar and providing member agencies with a sample policy to help them satisfy these new legal requirements.
- Attended 11 legislative breakfasts in member districts throughout the state, interacting with 41 legislators and more than 500 members.
- Developed an enhanced and user-friendly Legal/Legislative Update page as part of IAPD's newly-redesigned website and boosted the Legal Assistance

section with 104 members-only resources on 30 different legal topics and 382 total resources on approximately 85 legal topics.

- Responded to 425 legal inquiries from 150 different agencies – a 25% increase above our average.
- Distributed 30 weekly legislative updates, legal news briefs and legislative advocacy videos to keep members informed of recent court decisions, new federal rules, important election information and training opportunities.

- As a reflection of our tremendous support, 43 legislators – nearly 1 out of 4 – attended this year's *Soaring to New Heights Awards Luncheon* and 58 legislators – 1 out of 3 – attended the *Legislative Reception* or connected with IAPD member agencies in April.

"A park district exists because the state legislature has decided it can exist, and that's a great thing, but it requires care and attention, and IAPD is the front line and the focus of the care and attention that is paid to our way of doing business. I could not put any higher a value on the job that the IAPD staff does in stewarding our relationship with those who write the rule book."

— Mike Benard,
Executive Director
Wheaton Park District

9,636 the number of bills tracked or monitored for their impact on the IAPD membership and the citizens they serve. Another 3,856 amendments to these bills were reviewed daily during the legislative session.

Service

IAPD's member services are second-to-none. We are readily available to the membership, and our website and social media accounts provide easy access to our staff and your colleagues in the field.

- IAPD's *Board Development and Self-Evaluation Program* continued to be a popular service in 2018 with 76 board self-evaluations completed to date. This valuable service provides boards with specialized assistance in defining roles and responsibilities, describing duties for oversight and governance and determining leadership within their agencies.
- Enrollment in IAPD's *Board Member Development Program* increased among board members throughout the state who want to track their accomplishments during terms on their local board through the accumulation of Board Development Units.

38 the number of commissioners who have reached Master Board Member status in IAPD's Board Member Development Program.

- Our *Director Search Program* remains highly acclaimed as the best option for boards to utilize when hiring an executive. IAPD has placed 127 executive directors/CEOs to date.
- IAPD published the *2018 Buyers' Guide*, the yellow pages for Illinois park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies.
- A website redesign was unveiled this year, giving our members a professional, mobile-friendly source with complete access to comprehensive information regarding advocacy, education, research and public awareness. Video tutorials were created to assist members in navigating the site's various tools and information centers.
- *SocialLink* was launched as an online community for members to interact via a secure online platform linked to their IAPD profile.
- IAPD's extensive database continued to provide a comprehensive source of reliable data for member agencies to use in conjunction with benchmarking and other best practices.
- IAPD staff provided prompt responses to thousands of member phone calls, e-mails, text messages, social media posts and letters regarding grant applications, board matters, employment issues, legal questions, organizing a park district and more.



"For an elected commissioner to have a resource like the IAPD helps prepare us for what's to come. IAPD keeps us informed. You are never in the dark, you know you can call them with a question any time you want to – the whole staff does a great job for us every step of the way, and no matter what we need, they come through for us."

— Larry Reiner, Commissioner,
Buffalo Grove Park District and
Executive Director,
Butterfield Park District

Public Awareness



"It's just incredible what they've done to create and improve the statewide identity of park districts and forest preserve districts."

— John Hoscheit, Commissioner,
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

IAPD's statewide public awareness programs provide our members with an array of opportunities to educate citizens, legislators and the media about the great value of park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies.

- IAPD concluded a major research study with aQity Research & Insights, Inc. to gauge program participation and facility use at IAPD member agencies. The study built on previous research that quantifies the excellent value that park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies statewide deliver to Illinois residents. Key findings included:

- nearly 29 million visits were made to agencies' fitness, aquatics, golf and other recreational facilities last year;
- hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans are members of these facilities, demonstrating their commitment to these agencies and reflecting their strong sense of value; and
- nearly 400 square miles of open space and more than 3,000 miles of multi-use trails are provided by these agencies throughout the state.

- IAPD secured seven billboards throughout Illinois to promote the *Park District Youth License Plate* in support of fitness, health and nutrition for children.
- *Parks Day at the Capitol* featured nearly 50 IAPD member agencies showcasing their programs, services and natural areas with the theme: *Discover the Power of Park Districts and Forest Preserves*.
- Colorful banners were featured on the light poles around the Illinois State Capitol in conjunction with *Parks Day*, the *Legislative Conference* and IAPD's 90th anniversary. These banners served as highly visible messaging to members of the Illinois State Legislature and the public.



- IAPD participated in the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the state's 200th birthday by registering our spring legislative activities as *Illinois Bicentennial Endorsed Events*. Member agencies were encouraged to create local endorsed events to celebrate the growth of Illinois park, recreation and conservation agencies statewide.
- The *Flying 4 KIDS Statewide Kite Fly* promoted the *Park District Youth License Plate* program, which provides funding for beyond school programs at IAPD member agencies, and attracted more than 4,000 citizens to IAPD member agencies statewide.
- The 25th annual *Park District Conservation Day* featured media interviews by IAPD staff and brought more than 200 representatives of Illinois park, recreation, and conservation agencies to the Illinois State Fair to showcase their programs to more than 39,000 fairgoers at various high-traffic areas throughout the fairgrounds.
- More than 250 guests joined IAPD for the 12th annual *Best of the Best Awards Gala and IAPD 90th Anniversary Celebration*. This prestigious event garnered positive news stories and honored park commissioners, businesses, media and citizen volunteers who contribute their time, talents and resources to the park, recreation and conservation mission.
- IAPD's *Park District Youth License Plate Marketing Kit*, containing print and website ads, flyers, posters and audio/visual public service announcements, was sent as a complimentary member benefit to numerous agencies to enhance their promotional endeavors.
- IAPD secured an all-time high of 3,368 combined followers on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

95% the percentage of IAPD member agencies that made contact with their legislators while exhibiting at *Parks Day at the Capitol*.

The Illinois Association of Park Districts

1928 – 2018

90 Years – A Legacy of Innovation & Excellence

It has been said that *a small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history*. For the stewards of Illinois park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies, this quote has never been more meaningful than it was in March of 1928. That was when A.D. McLarty, secretary of the Illinois Municipal League, used a letter-writing campaign to rally the cause for creating a statewide association for park officials.

The rest, as they say, is history; and what an amazing history it has been!

The Illinois Association of Park Districts' 90th anniversary has provided a remarkable walk down memory lane through the programs, services and events that have brought us to where we are today. It has been a great tribute to the board members, professionals and staff whose contagious spirit and deep-rooted love for what they do have made a lasting impression on Illinois park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies.

Please enjoy this special anniversary section of our 2018 Annual Report. It is a wonderful synopsis of our past, a proud look at the present and an inspiring glimpse into our future.



MILESTONES OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS' 90 YEARS



1927

Secretary of the Illinois Municipal League, Alfred Dewey McLarty, meets representatives from the Small Parks Association of Cook County and park officials from other counties of the state in the halls of the Illinois State Capitol while seeking legislation for similar interests. The idea for a statewide organization is first formed.

1928

A.D. McLarty uses a letter-writing campaign to rally the cause for a statewide association. The idea is met with great enthusiasm, and the Illinois Association of Park Districts is established. McLarty becomes the association's first secretary, serving until he enters the U.S. Navy during World War II.

1930

Dr. Joseph Cullen Blair, head of the University of Illinois Department of Horticulture and president of the Urbana Park District, serves as the association's first president.

The first annual conference is held in Joliet and attended by 38 representatives from 16 park districts.

1937

The Illinois Association of Park Districts gets its name with the 1930 constitution adopted at the annual conference in Springfield on October 17, 1930.

IAPD holds its first regional meeting in Oak Park.

1941

The *Illinois Park Board Bulletin* is first published as the statewide newsletter for IAPD.

The association lobbies for Senate Bill 184, which authorizes park districts to levy the .05% recreation tax. It is approved by Governor Dwight Herbert Green.

1951

Governor Adlai Stevenson signs the historic Park Law Codification Bill, combining all the laws relating to park districts in one section of state law, and the Park District Code is born. The members of the IAPD Codification Committee initiated the legislation six years earlier.

1953

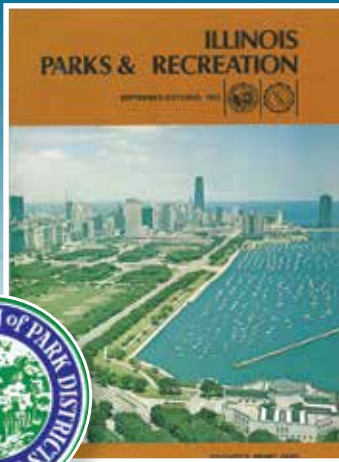
The association becomes a full-time organization with a full-time executive director, Marjorie M. Dickinson. She serves in this capacity until 1965.

1957

IAPD begins to sell exhibit space at its annual conference. Nineteen exhibit spaces are purchased.

1959

IAPD introduces Senate Bills 1005 and 1006, which are passed by both houses and approved by Governor William G. Stratton. They add Article 12.1 to the Park District Code, which preserves the immunity of Illinois park districts from liability for torts.



1960

IAPD and the Illinois Recreation Association hold their annual conferences jointly in Joliet.

1961

The General Assembly approves Senate Bill 229, which creates the Torts Law Commission, the purpose of which is to codify and make uniform the various statutes relating to immunity of liability of the various municipalities and quasi-municipalities. IAPD's legal/legislative consultant, Robert A. Stuart, serves as a member of the commission, which functioned until the passage of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

1964

IAPD's first *Legislative Seminar* is held at the Chicago Park District.

1967

Arthur L. Schultz becomes IAPD's executive vice president.

IAPD holds the first *Park Commissioners Seminar*, a training opportunity for newly-elected park officials.

1970

IAPD and IPRA agree by resolution to jointly produce the statewide bimonthly magazine, renamed *Illinois Parks & Recreation*.

1972

IAPD's Constitution is amended to provide regular membership to conservation and forest preserve districts.

1973

Park districts receive authorization to levy a tax for joint recreational programs for the disabled and authorization to levy a tax for the organization and maintenance of a park police system.

1975

IAPD sponsors its first *Legislative Reception*.

1976

Legislation passes adding article 11.2 to the Park District Code, authorizing creation of a working cash fund and the levy of .025%.

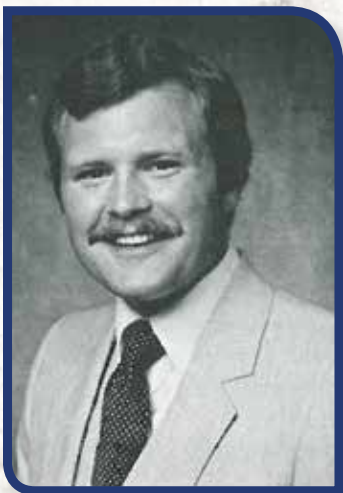
1978

IAPD celebrates its 50th anniversary with a dinner program in Springfield. A telegram from President Jimmy Carter is read as well as a letter from Governor James R. Thompson in "appreciation for the great contribution of IAPD to the success of parks and recreation in Illinois."

The first IAPD/IPRA *Legislative Golf Outing* is held at Wheeling Park District's Chevy Chase Golf Course.

A nationwide search is conducted to fill the newly-created position of IAPD executive director. Robert M. Artz, general manager of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District in California is selected to lead IAPD.

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1979

IAPD executive director, Robert M. Artz, tragically dies in a DC-10 plane crash in Chicago. The IAPD Board of Directors appoints Deerfield Park District commissioner Peter T. Trenchard as acting executive director of IAPD.

The first annual IAPD *Legislative Conference and Reception* is held in Springfield.

1980

Theodore B. Flickinger, Ph.D., becomes executive director of the association.

Peter M. Murphy, an attorney with the Legislative Reference Bureau of the Illinois General Assembly, joins IAPD as the association's director of governmental services. A Certified Association Executive, he begins the first annual IAPD Legal Symposium this year.



Legislation passes increasing the non-referendum bonding ability of park districts from .5% to .575%.

1981

IAPD effectively advocates for Senate Bill 565, which amends the Park District Code to provide that districts may levy an annual tax for the purpose of establishing a working cash fund for any four years. This legislation passes in 1982.

1982

The first *Allan A. Weissburg Commissioner of the Year Award* is presented to Robert Nichols of the Bensenville Park District. The award recognizes commissioner involvement on the local, state and national levels.

IAPD assumes management of *Illinois Parks & Recreation* magazine.

1983

The *Life. Be In It.* public awareness campaign debuts in Illinois, emphasizing the importance of being active every day.

1984

IAPD's newsletter, *Leisure Review* makes its debut as the new version of the IAPD/IPRA combined newsletter.

1985

IAPD's *entire* legislative platform becomes law, and it is the first time in the history of this state that *Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development* (OSLAD) is set up to be funded throughout a five-year period.



1986

IAPD spearheads efforts to seek funding from the *Build Illinois* program to support grants to units of local government under the *Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Act*. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986, \$4 million is designated for the OSLAD program.

IAPD passes legislation to create the *Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund Plus*, (IPDLAF+), which provides comprehensive financial services exclusively for Illinois park districts.

IAPD partners with Governor Jim Thompson's office to implement the *Governor's Conference on the Economic Significance of Recreation in Illinois*.

1987

IAPD occupies its new headquarters at 211 East Monroe Street in Springfield, located 100 yards from the State Capitol. *Partners in Progress* make contributions to the building, and the mortgage is paid off in three years.

Peter Murphy and Ted Flickinger testify before the Revenue Review Committee to contribute ideas about future funding sources for park land acquisition and development. The IAPD leaders suggest that a real estate transfer tax may be the new source of funding to meet the needs of a trust fund in Illinois to generate revenue on an annual basis.

Legislation is passed doubling the Special Recreation Association (SRA) tax and removing the referendum requirement. Other legislation increases the bid limit for park districts from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

IAPD becomes a member of the governor's *Partners in Conservation* coalition, which eventually becomes the *Conservation Congress*.

The *Fitness Is Leading the Way* campaign begins, featuring park commissioners and professionals serving as runners, bicyclists, walkers and wheelchair athletes traveling 450 miles to bring the scissors and banner to the Illinois State Fair's opening ceremony.

1988

The first *Governor's Conference on Tourism* is co-sponsored by IAPD and the Illinois Travel and Tourism Council to raise awareness for the tourism impact of park districts and forest preserves.

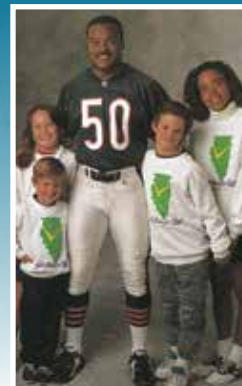
One thousand people attend the first *Partners in Conservation* rally at the State Capitol in support of dedicated funding for conservation programs.

IAPD produces its *Grassroots Legislative Advocacy* video.

IAPD sponsors the first national *Rails-to-Trails* conference.

From 1980 to 1988, the IAPD passes more legislation than was passed in the previous 52 years of its existence.

MILESTONES OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS' 90 YEARS



1989

IAPD lobbies successfully to pass legislation for the *Bicycle Path Grants* program, creating a dedicated source of funding for bike paths.

History is made as for the first time, OSLAD and the Natural Areas Acquisition Funds get a dedicated funding source – a portion of the real estate transfer tax – through Public Act 86-925.

The statewide marketing campaign *Take Time for Fun!* debuts.

1991

IAPD publishes *The Economic Benefits of Illinois Park District Leisure Services*.

1992

The Illinois Parks Association Risk Services (IPARKS) program is created to provide park districts with an alternative to traditional property and casualty insurance coverage.

Chicago Bear Mike Singletary becomes spokesman for the *Take Time for Fun!* campaign.

IAPD creates the *Director Search Program* to provide cost-effective, professional and confidential assistance to park boards in their search for qualified directors.

IAPD publishes the first manual for park board leadership, *Are You on Board: A Leadership Guide for Agency Executives and Board Members*.

1993

The first *Distinguished Park and Recreation Agency* awards are presented to the Arlington Heights Park District, Western Springs Recreation Department and the Woodridge Park District.

IAPD publishes the first *Handbook on Illinois Park District Law*.

House Bill 1924 protects Illinois park districts from frivolous dissolution attempts.

Public Act 88-91 authorizes park districts to establish fees for resident and nonresident participation.

1994

Governor Jim Edgar designates the second Saturday of the Illinois State Fair *Park District Conservation Day*. The event showcases park district entertainment and wildlife displays.

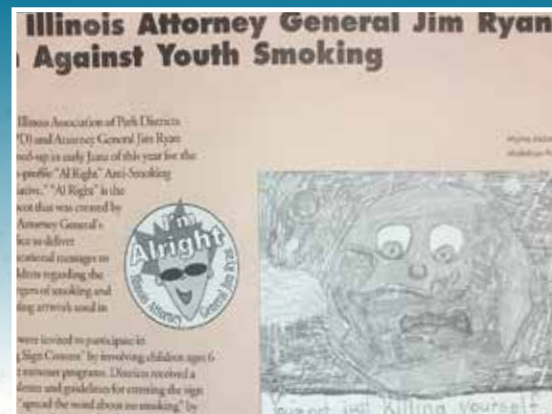
IAPD cosponsors Mike Singletary's *Take Time for Fun! Day* in Chicago's Lincoln Park with more than 2,500 children.

IAPD coordinates a 50th birthday party for Smokey Bear at *Kids Funfest* in Springfield.

IAPD publishes the *Park Commissioners Handbook*.

1995

Senate Bill 368 passes, restoring bonding authority to districts subject to the crippling tax cap legislation of 1991.



Governor Jim Edgar signs Public Act 89-49 creating the Conservation 2000 Fund to be used to establish a program to protect Illinois' natural resources through cooperative partnerships among state government, public and private land owners.

IAPD presents the first *Leisure and Aging Summit* in cooperation with the Illinois Department on Aging.

The association's partnership with Attorney General Jim Ryan's office results in youth-at-risk grants totaling \$358,000 to park districts throughout the state.

1996

1997

1998

IAPD forms the *Research Advisory Committee* to fund trend-focused and benefits-based research for parks and recreation.

IAPD's first website goes live.

James Heberer of the Kewanee Park District receives IAPD's first *Rising Star Award*. The award recognizes up-and-coming commissioners serving their first term.

IAPD partners with the Illinois Arts Council to offer special funds for park district art programs. The association promotes a statewide art contest with 3,000 Illinois school children.

1999

2000

The fundraising arm of IAPD, *Friends of Illinois Parks*, is established.

IAPD lobbies for the Open Land Trust to fund local open space preservation projects. During Governor George Ryan's administration, this program provides just under \$64 million for 63 local projects to preserve more than 8,700 acres of land.

The millennium campaign *2000 Trees by the Year 2000* results in 6,000 new trees planted by park districts.

IAPD aggressively takes part in a nationwide campaign for the *Conservation Area Reinvestment Act (CARA)*, an effort that ultimately restores funding to the *Land and Water Conservation Fund*.

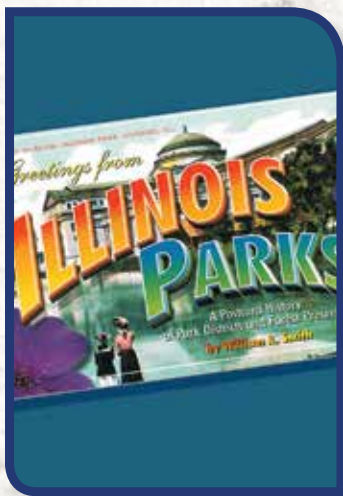
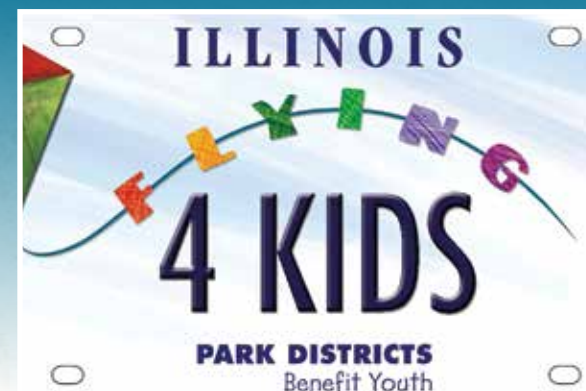
2001

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan serves as honorary chair of IAPD's new *Eagle Eye Neighborhood Park Watch Program*.

The first scholarships are awarded for the *Donald F. Bresnan Commissioner Scholarship Fund*, named for Bresnan, a longtime commissioner for the Champaign Park District.

The first *Mike Cassidy Commissioner Community Service Award*, named for Mike Cassidy of the Freeport Park District, is awarded to Harris H. Agnew of the Rockford Park District.

MILESTONES OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS' 90 YEARS



2002

Governor Ryan signs Public Act 92-697, creating the *Park District Youth License Plate*, which generates funding for beyond-school programming at IAPD member park, recreation and conservation agencies.

IAPD produces two key reports: the *Statewide Attitude and Awareness Survey* by Richard Day Research and *Illinois Land at Risk*, published jointly with The Trust for Public Land.

Parks Day at the Capitol debuts in conjunction with IAPD's *Legislative Reception and Conference*.

2003

IAPD funds development of the *Recreation Access Illinois* website with a grant from the Vitamin Anti-Trust Settlement. A second grant from this settlement creates *PowerPlay!*, a grant program for park district fitness and nutrition-based programming.

Beyond the Boardroom newsletter debuts, replacing *Leisure Review*.

The first annual IAPD *Summer Golf Tour* is held.

IAPD successfully overrides two gubernatorial vetoes on Senate Bill 83 and Senate Bill 1881, restoring bonding authority for 16 park districts and eliminating the tax cap restrictions on services for the disabled.

IAPD's 75th Anniversary *Gala Dinner and Dance*, a fundraiser for *Friends of Illinois Parks*, is held in Schaumburg.

The first *IAPD Honored Professional Award* is presented to Kevin Kendrigan with the Northwest Special Recreation Association. The award recognizes park, recreation or conservation professionals who work closely with citizens and IAPD to improve Illinois' quality of life.

2004

IAPD forms *Partners for Parks and Wildlife*, a coalition of park, conservation and sportsmen's organizations, to rally against Governor Blagojevich's proposed funding "holiday" for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development fund and the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund.

Winning in the Face of Organized Opposition is designed to help agencies address challenges from critical groups during a referendum campaign.

The Grassroots Legislative Commitment: The Power of Citizen Advocacy DVD is sent to each IAPD member agency to provide guidance on becoming involved in the legislative process to effectively deliver a message.



Benefits of Membership



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY

Saturday
Sept. 29
Join the

A Worldwide Day of Play is an annual celebration that promotes active play. For more information, or to host a Worldwide Day of Play event at your park, visit www.ILparks.org. Registration is free, and is open through August.

receive guidelines and materials that build upon the "Healthy Playbook" distributed by IAPD and the American Heart Association at the January conference.

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LET'S JUST PLAY

AAHP
American Heart Association

Two Great Associations,
One Great Conference and, Now,

One Great Web Site, Too

Soaring to New Heights Conference
Gets Its Own Spot in Cyberspace

ILparksconference.com

2005

IAPD publishes *Get on Board – Essential Wisdom for Board Members and Executives*.

IAPD completes *The Economic Impact of Local Parks and Recreation in Illinois*.

The first statewide *Flying 4 KIDS* kite fly takes place with more than 60 park and recreation agencies participating.

IAPD's *A Guide to Marketing*, detailing trends in marketing, research methods, goals and establishing a budget, is sent to all member agencies.

Quarterly News, IAPD's printed newsletter, becomes the *IAPD e-News*, the association's first electronic newsletter.

2006

The first *Park District Youth License Plate – Best Promotional Practices Award* is presented to the Mundelein Park & Recreation District for excellence in promoting the *Park District Youth License Plate* program.

The first *Benefits of Membership* publication is sent to every IAPD member agency.

IAPD billboards appear along Illinois' roadways, serving as visual reminders that park districts pump \$3.1 billion into Illinois' economy each year.

An IAPD partnership with several member agencies results in *Park District Youth License Plate* billboards, encouraging the public to "Join the Drive to Fight Childhood Obesity."

IAPD partners with the University of Illinois in a research project to determine citizen attitudes, perceptions and experiences with local park districts. Results are published as *Illinois Park Districts: Citizen Perspectives*.

IAPD joins with the American Heart Association to encourage park and recreation agencies to host *Worldwide Day of Play* events to fight childhood obesity.

Tell Your Story in 2006 educates citizens, policymakers and lawmakers about the benefits of parks, recreation and conservation.

2007

IAPD partners with the Illinois Federation of Outdoor Resources and the Illinois Environmental Council to host a *Conservation Forum* with leadership from more than 80 conservation, recreation and environmental organizations.

The first Illinois Association of Park Districts' *Best of the Best Awards Gala* is held at Wheaton Park District's Arrowhead Banquet Facility. More than 300 people attend the event to honor businesses, media and citizen volunteers.

IAPD holds a news conference in the Blue Room of the Illinois State Capitol as part of *Partners for Parks and Wildlife* to announce the release of the study, *Illinois State Land Conservation Funding*.

MILESTONES OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS' 90 YEARS



IAPD coordinates park and recreation agency visits with Miss Illinois 2006, Heidi Ekstrom, who encourages children to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Position Papers from the Illinois Association of Park Districts is published as a proactive approach to dealing with the challenges faced by Illinois communities, families, park districts, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies.

IAPD and the American Heart Association develop and distribute a free *Healthy Playbook 4 KIDS* CD, complete with tips, tools and ideas to address childhood obesity.

IAPD's *Financial Procedures for Park Districts* is published.

The *Eagle Eye Neighborhood Park Watch Program* is represented at the National Crime Prevention Council's National Watch Groups Summit.

IAPD publishes *Serving on a Park District Board – What Does That Mean?* The brochure is distributed to agencies as a resource for citizens thinking about running for a park board.

IAPD partners with Good Sports, Inc., a nonprofit that provides sports equipment for disadvantaged youth.

IAPD begins the *Legislative Key Contact Program*, urging each member agency to appoint one board member to serve as the agency's primary legislative contact.

IAPD's successful lobbying efforts help pass legislation to expand the Department of Public Health's power to make matching grants from the Heartsaver AED Fund to include forest preserves and conservation districts in addition to park districts.

Governor Pat Quinn addresses attendees at the *Soaring to New Heights Conference Awards Luncheon* on his first day in office.

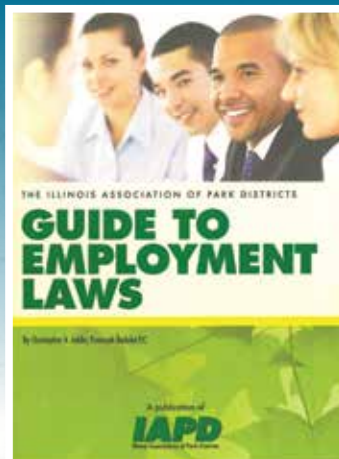
IAPD introduces the nation's first standardized online training curriculum specifically for park board members and executives.

IAPD lobbies for the passage of House Bill 242 (P.A. 96-0501) which adds the Consumer Price Index to the debt service extension base of all park districts, forest preserves and conservation districts that are subject to tax caps.

Arts Alliance Illinois presents the first *Arts in the Park Award* at the *Best of the Best Awards Gala*. The partnership recognizes park agencies that promote and support the arts.

2008

2009



2010

Peter M. Murphy, Esq., CAE, IOM takes over as President and CEO of the IAPD upon the retirement of Ted Flickinger.



IAPD's successful lobbying efforts result in passage of the *Park and Recreational Facility Construction Act*, which provides new funding for park and recreation construction projects.

IAPD works to obtain the release of \$25 million for the Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program and an additional \$15 million for the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grant Program under the *Illinois Jobs Now!* program.

2011

IAPD's Facebook page is created as a promotional tool and a new form of communication with the membership.

IAPD expands its social media outreach to include Twitter, YouTube and flickr as quick, convenient ways for commissioners and professionals to stay connected.

The IAPD App is developed as a free tool to provide direct connection to our website.

IAPD advocates for the passage of Senate Bill 1686, saving member agencies thousands of dollars each year by eliminating their most costly newspaper publication requirement, the annual treasurer's report.

The association assists 77 member agencies in obtaining nearly \$2.5 million to employ more than 800 youth under the *Illinois Youth Recreation Corps* summer grant program.

New, personalized membership cards are distributed to more than 1,700 board members statewide.

The first *Park Pentathlon and Recreation Relay* are held during *Park District Conservation Day* at the Illinois State Fair. Seven teams including the Illinois Secretary of State's Office and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources compete in recreational activities.

The *Forest Preserve Law Handbook* and *Conservation Law Handbook* are published and distributed to all IAPD member forest preserves and conservation districts.

IAPD's first webinar, *Alternative Sources of Revenue*, is offered free to members.

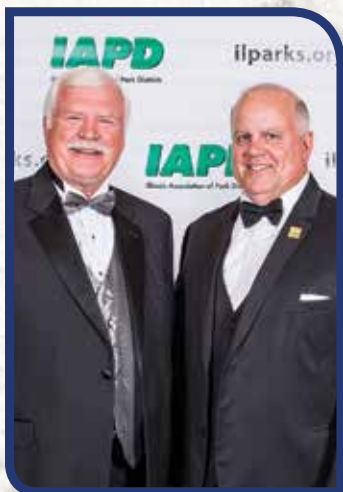
IAPD offers its first live stream of the *Legal Symposium*.

The *IAPD Career Center* is added to the website for posting or searching park, recreation and conservation-related jobs.

IAPD publishes the first edition of the *Guide to Illinois Sunshine Laws* and an updated version of the *Illinois Park District Financial Procedures*.

2012

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2013

IAPD's first *Legislative Awareness Picnic* takes place in Joliet, bringing nearly 200 IAPD members, their legislators and families together.

IAPD lobbies for the passage of Senate Bill 1637, which provides a major benefit to member agencies by allowing them to access 50% of OSLAD grant funds at the time the grant is awarded with the remainder distributed quarterly on a reimbursement basis.

IAPD's *Guide to Employment Laws* is published.

IAPD's partnership with Living Lands & Waters results in the planting of 19,372 trees through the *Million Trees Project*.

2014

The first *IAPD Leadership Institute* is unveiled to foster boardmanship and professional development.

IAPD successfully lobbies for the passage of House Bill 4483, allowing newly-elected and appointed officials of park districts, forest preserves and conservation districts to satisfy their one-time Open Meetings Act training requirement by attending a special IAPD course.

Parks & Forest Preserves Bring Value to Our Communities is created to highlight positive research from IAPD's statewide citizen satisfaction survey, which revealed a clear message that the citizens of Illinois recognize that park districts and forest preserves have a significant impact on the well-being of a community and on the state of Illinois.

2015

IAPD's efforts at the State Capitol increase the amount of OSLAD grant funding by 70% for FY 2015, for a total appropriation amount of \$24 million.

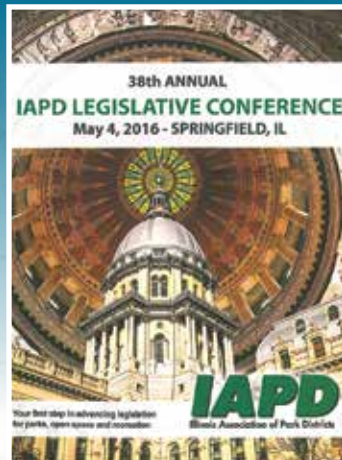
Funding for Youth Recreation Corps grants is expanded through IAPD's efforts, providing 83 IAPD member agencies with more than \$4.5 million to employ 1,500 youth.

IAPD launches an aggressive campaign to protect the OSLAD grant fund when a special fund sweep occurs, taking nearly \$1.4 million from approximately 100 special funds to cover the State's general operations.

A statewide permanent property tax freeze is analyzed and IAPD leads the charge to raise awareness of the specific impact it would have on park and recreation agencies.

Impact of Unfunded Mandates on Illinois Park Districts, a 57-page report providing a survey and analysis of the costs and recommendations for improvements to 17 different state and federal laws, is published as a valuable advocacy tool.

IAPD leadership attends all 17 meetings of the Lieutenant Governor's *Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force* to articulate the ways the park district model results in an efficient and effective delivery of park and recreation services.



2016

The Power of Park Districts and Forest Preserves is promoted on banners adorning the light poles around the Illinois State Capitol as highly-visible messaging to members of the Illinois State Legislature and the public.

IAPD meets with members of the Governor's administration, the IDNR director and key legislative leaders to convey the importance of appropriating funds for OSLAD and PARC in the June stop-gap budget. The successful communication results in a \$50 million appropriation for OSLAD and a \$50 million appropriation for PARC.

IAPD introduces *The Power of Parks: Beyond the Playgrounds* advocacy campaign featuring colorful graphics and messaging to emphasize that park districts and forest preserves provide essential services to Illinois communities.

The first IAPD *Leadership Classic* golf outing is held in Bensenville.

IAPD works with aQity Research & Insights to conduct a statewide survey of W-2 and revenue data for park, recreation and conservation agencies to investigate the role these agencies represent as employers and job generators.

2017

Nearly 150 new commissioners are welcomed into the IAPD family with a new commissioner toolkit titled, *Make the Most of Your Illinois Association of Park Districts' Membership*.

IAPD successfully advocates for the passage of House Bill 3120/Public Act 100-0154, which helps member agencies and their taxpayers save hundreds of dollars every year by providing the option to publish their annual prevailing wage notice on their website rather than in the newspaper.

IAPD's *Golf Guide* is made available as a resource for IAPD members and the public as an informative resource for golfers around the state.

"When you think that back in 1928, somebody said, we've got to put together an organization that's going to protect our open spaces, help promote recreation and the youth of Illinois, they were really ahead of their time in thinking about that. I don't have any idea what we're going to need ninety years from now, but I think that the things we are currently doing will help our successors, the way the folks in 1928 helped us out."

— Kevin Dolan, President, Mundelein Park & Recreation District

Money-Saving Programs and Grants



IAPD places a high priority on developing cost-saving programs, researching grants and discovering incentive plans to help our member agencies stretch their budgets to effectively reach their goals.

\$661,450 total amount of PowerPlay! grants IAPD has awarded to its member agencies since the Park District Youth License Plate Program, which funds the grant, began.

- IAPD's concerted diligence in communicating the importance of the OSLAD grants to members of the Illinois General Assembly resulted in a \$29 million appropriation for new OSLAD grants.
- IAPD member agencies received **\$31,000** in PowerPlay! grants this year. 
- IAPD's *Eagle Eye Neighborhood Park Watch Program* continues to save 48 agencies in 14 states thousands of dollars in expenses associated with crime and vandalism.
- *Friends of Illinois Parks* contributed to the protection and enhancement of parks, open space and the quality of life in Illinois. The *Friends of Illinois Parks' 17th Annual Summer Golf Tour* brought together nearly 250 golfers, corporate sponsors and guests, raising money for *Friends* programs and research.
- IAPD continued to negotiate relationships with several organizations to offer our member agencies discounted prices on products and services. Our 2018 affinity programs include:

- *Bank of America Merchant Services* – offers a specially-negotiated program of card processing services.
- *Call One* – a single-source telecommunications provider and the nation's largest reseller of AT&T products and services.
- *Colonial Life* – offers cost-management solutions to help manage the rising cost of employee benefits and still provide employees with quality benefits including flexible spending accounts and more.
- *IPARKS* – a local government risk-sharing pool, providing park districts throughout the state with an alternative to traditional insurance. IPARKS is tailored to meet the specific property and liability coverage needs of Illinois park districts and recreation agencies.
- *IPDLAF+ Class* – offers a professionally-managed portfolio with a competitive money market rate and unlimited checkwriting privileges. The Fund stresses “safety of principal” as the number one objective and has earned a AAAm rating by Standard & Poor's.
- *Purchasing Card* – a specialized credit card that enables agencies to streamline the buying process.
- *Seven Utility Management Consultants, Ltd.* – provides professional consulting services for the purchase of electricity and natural gas.
- *SSCI* – provides professional, confidential background checks for member agencies with IAPD preferred pricing.
- *TIPS* – provides park districts the opportunity for greater efficiency and economy in acquiring goods and services and to assist in obtaining substantial savings through volume purchasing.



“If it wasn't for the IAPD, the Illinois park system would be quite a bit different as we know it today, just for the events that took place in the past few years with the threats to the OSLAD grants and IAPD's lobbying efforts to have them restored. Other than tax revenues, that's our biggest source of funding for improving parks and for obtaining park space.”

— Buzz Puccio, Commissioner,
Bloomington Park District

Education and Networking

The Illinois Association of Park Districts offers quality, innovative educational programs that continue to keep Illinois park board members and professionals among the best in the nation.

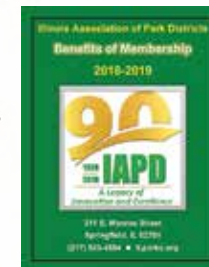
- Nearly 200 commissioners and professionals participated in IAPD's *Leadership Institute*, a unique educational series designed to transform leadership skills by enhancing personal growth and professional development.

"The IAPD Leadership Institute is an outstanding educational series that provided new information and tools that I am able to immediately implement within my agency."

— Dave Dillon, President, Glenview Park District

- The 2018 *Soaring to New Heights* Conference at the Hilton-Chicago brought together more than 4,000 park, recreation and conservation agency board members, professionals, staff, students, legislators and businesses to learn about the latest trends, products and services.
- IAPD provided more than 40 educational programs in 2018 including *Negotiating Cell Tower Agreements: An Alternative Source of Revenue for Your Agency*, *Strategic Planning*, *Public Accessibility with Transgender Populations*, *The Impact of Rising Interest Rates and A Road Map to Effective Intergovernmental Collaboration*.
- The 40th *Annual Legislative Conference and Reception* featured nearly 350 attendees who connected with legislators and learned about effectively communicating benefits to policymakers, using the latest research on facility usage and program participation to make the case for parks and recreation, and maximizing efficiency through cost-saving programs. Marilyn Kushak, president of Mid-West Family Broadcasting and commissioner of the Illinois Bicentennial, presented *Celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial at Local Park Districts*, *Forest Preserves*, *Conservation*, *Recreation and Special Recreation Agencies*.

- More than 300 people participated in IAPD's complimentary webinars *Sexual Harassment Policy Requirements*, *Maximize Your Investment Income with IPDLAF+ and Energy Efficiency Programs for Illinois Park Districts/Saving Money and Talking Energy Efficiency with Rebates*.
- The 3rd annual *IAPD Leadership Classic* provided more than 100 IAPD member park, recreation and conservation agency commissioners, directors and staff the opportunity to connect with their local leaders for a day of golf and networking.
- IAPD's 2018 *Legal Symposium* provided the sold-out audience with a powerful agenda packed with the hottest topics in park district law including employment and labor law updates, key provisions to incorporate in construction bid documents and contracts, investigating employee misconduct and protecting youth: volunteer oversight and mandated reporting of abuse.
- The 2018-2019 *IAPD Benefits of Membership* was created in hard copy and digital format. This reference guide contains more than 700 hyperlinks to an array of valuable internal and external resources for commissioners and professionals to make the most of their membership.
- IAPD produced six issues of *Illinois Parks & Recreation* magazine, featuring informative articles on effective leadership and continuous board development, green technology and innovation, aquatic recreation, legislative advocacy and pursuing fitness goals.
- A history piece highlighting IAPD's 90 years appeared as a supplement to the September/October issue of *Illinois Parks & Recreation*. The 22-page publication reviewed the association's significant milestones and the great achievements of its leaders.



"You can never have enough knowledge about being a great leader. I love honing my leadership skills and IAPD has been very instrumental in that process."

— Adriane Johnson,
Commissioner –
Buffalo Grove Park District



Partnerships



IAPD's strategic partnerships align Illinois park, recreation and conservation agencies with allied organizations that share our mission, vision and goals.

Our 2018 partners include:

- Arts Alliance Illinois
- Chicago Wilderness
- Earth Share of Illinois
- Illinois Bicentennial Commission
- Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Professional Lawn Care Association
- Illinois State Fair
- National Recreation and Park Association
- Office of Recreation & Park Resources, University of Illinois
- Openlands
- Partners for Parks and Wildlife
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land



IAPD President/CEO Peter Murphy with the 2018 Illinois State Fair Manager Luke Sailer on *Park District Conservation Day* at the Illinois State Fair.

"As an organization changing systems and policies statewide to promote the arts, culture, and creativity, Arts Alliance Illinois is grateful for its longstanding partnership with the Illinois Association of Park Districts, which allows us to encourage, recognize, and help support the effective and innovative cultural offerings of IAPD members. Our state's parks are natural centers for activity and relationship-building, and we believe in putting the arts at the center of Illinois communities, and so our annual collaboration on the Helen Doria Arts in the Park Award is the perfect expression of the values we share."

— Zachary Whittenburg, Communications and Engagement Director, Arts Alliance Illinois

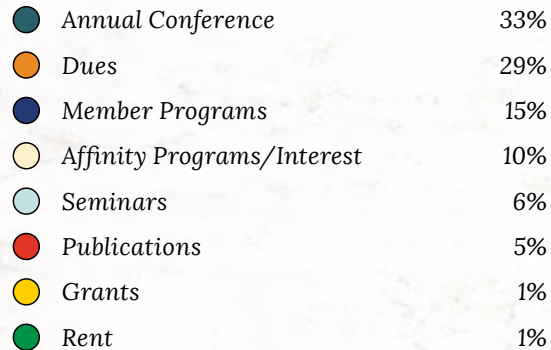
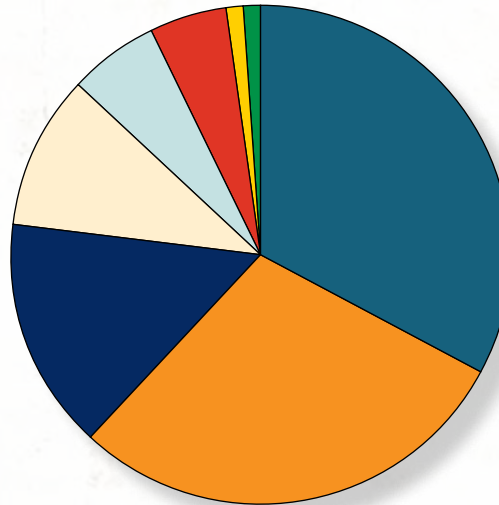


Chicago
Wilderness

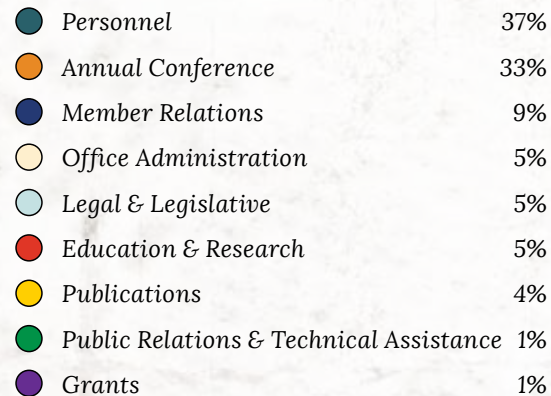
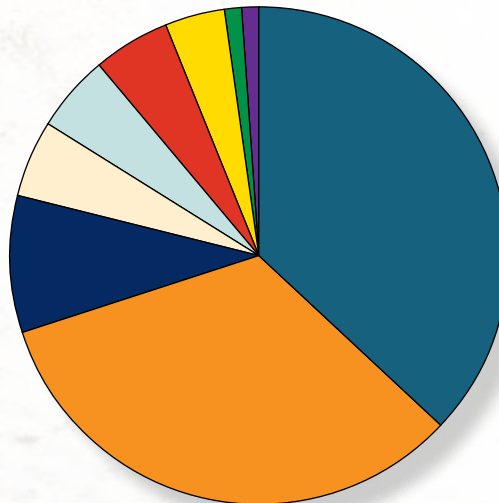


Financials

REVENUE \$3,590,190



EXPENSES \$3,590,190



Membership Summary

The Illinois Association of Park Districts' membership is comprised of 285 park districts, 9 forest preserve districts, 5 conservation districts, 2 water conservancy districts, 26 city park and recreation agencies, 25 special recreation associations and 86 corporate members.

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2018 Illinois Association of Park Districts Members

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Barrington
Barrington Hills
Bartlett
Batavia
Beardstown
Community
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Berwyn
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Bloomington
Blue Island
Blue Mound
Bolingbrook
Bourbonnais
Township
Braidwood
Bridgeview
Broadview
Brookridge
Buffalo Grove
Burbank
Burlington Township
Burr Ridge
Butterfield
Byron
Calumet Memorial
Canton
Caps
Carbondale
Carlinville
Carol Stream
Cary
Central Stickney
Champaign
Channahon
Chestnut Beason
Chicago
Chicago Heights
Chicago Ridge
Chillicothe
Clarendon Hills
Clyde
Collinsville
Coloma Township
Community,
LaGrange Park

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Creston-Dement
Crystal Lake
Decatur
Deerfield
DeKalb
Delavan Township
Des Plaines
Dieterich
Dixon
Dolton
Downers Grove
Dundee Township
Dunleith
East Oakland
East St. Louis
Edinburg
Effingham
Elba-Salem
Eldorado-Raleigh
Elk Grove
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Fairfield
Flagg-Rochelle
Flanagan
Fon du Lac
Ford Heights
Forest Park
Forest View
Forman
Foss
Fox Valley
Frankfort
Frankfort
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Frankfort Square
Franklin Park
Franklin Township
Freeburg
Freeport
Geneseo Community
Geneva
Genoa Township
Germantown
Glen Ellyn
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Countryside
Glencoe
Glenview
Godley
Golf Maine
Golfview Hills
Grand Tower
Grandwood
Granite City
Grant Memorial
Grayslake
Community
Greater Brownstown

Griggsville
Gurnee
Hamilton
Hampshire
Hanna City
Hanover Park
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Hennepin
Herrin
Hickory Hills
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
Hollis
Homewood
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Huntley
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Lena Community
Lewistown
Lighthouse
Limestone
Lincoln
Lindenhurst
Lisle
Litchfield
Lockport Township
Lombard
Long Grove
Macomb
Manhattan
Marion
Markham
Mason City
Mason Township
Mattoon Township
Maywood
McCook
Medinah
Memorial
Metamora
Metro East

Midlothian
Milford Township
Mokena Community
Momence
Monmouth
Morton
Morton Grove
Mt. Hope-Funks
Grove
Mt. Prospect
Mt. Pulaski Township
Mt. Sterling
Mundelein
Murphysboro
Naperville
Neoga Township
New Athens
New Lenox
Niles
Nokomis Community
North Berwyn
Northbrook
Northfield
Oak Brook
Oak Lawn
Oak Park
Oakbrook Terrace
Octavia
Odell
Olympia Fields
Oregon
Oswegoland
Palatine
Park Ridge
Paxton
Pearl City
Pekin
Peoria
Peotone
Phoenix
Pitman Township
Plainfield Township
Pleasant Dale
Posen
Princeton
Prophetstown
Prospect Heights
Quincy
Rantoul
Ridgeville
River Trails
Riverdale
Roanoke
Robbins
Rockford
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Rosemont
Round Lake Area
Roxana Community

Salt Creek Rural
Sandwich
Savanna
Schaumburg
Skokie
South Barrington
Springfield
St. Charles
St. Elmo Community
St. Jacob
Sterling
Stites Township
Stonington
Streamwood
Sugar Grove
Summit
Sycamore
Taylorville
Teutopolis
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Tri-State
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Urbana
Vandalia
Vernon Hills
Veterans
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Westmont
Wheaton
Wheeling
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Wilmette
Wilmington
Winfield
Winnebago
Winnetka
Winslow Township
Wood Dale
Woodridge
Worth
Zion
**Forest Preserve
Districts**
Byron
Champaign County

Cook County
Kane County
Kankakee River
Valley
Lake County
Rock Island County
Will County
Winnebago County

Conservation Districts

Boone County
Macon County
McHenry County
Putnam County
Vermilion County

Water Conservancy Districts

North Fork
Rend Lake

City Park & Recreation Agencies

Berwyn
Brookfield
Carlyle
Charleston
Edwardsville
Elwood
Evergreen Park
Galesburg
Hawthorn Woods
Hinsdale
Lake in the Hills
Monee
Normal
Orland Park
Palos Heights
Pontiac
Rock Island
Romeoville
Round Lake Beach
Shorewood
South Elgin
South Holland
Vernon Township
Warren Township
Western Springs
Yorkville

Special Recreation Associations

Central Lake County
Champaign-Urbana
Fox Valley
Gateway
Heart of Illinois
Joliet-Bolingbrook
Joliet-Channahon
Kishwaukee
Lincolnway

Maine-Niles
Association
Northeast DuPage
Northern Illinois
Northern Lake
County
Northern Suburban
Northern Will
Northlands
(Rockford)
Northwest
Oak Lawn
River Valley
South Suburban
South East
Association for
Special Parks And
Recreation
South West
Warren
West Suburban
Western DuPage

Corporate Members

Access One
Ancl Glink
aQity Research &
Insights, Inc.
Aqua Pure
Enterprises, Inc.

Barton Marketing Group

Best Bus Sales
Bronze Memorial
Company
Brooks, Tarulis &
Tibble, LLC
**Buona Catering/
Beyond Events**

Call One
Chapman and Cutler
LLP

Charles Vincent
George Architects

ComEd Energy Efficiency Program

Coordinated Benefits
Company, LLC

Corporate
Construction
Services

Coyote LSP
Cunningham
Recreation

Dewberry Architects
Inc.

Divine Signs &
Graphics

DLA Architects, Ltd.

Ehlers & Associates
Inc.

Eriksson Engineering
Associates
ESI Consultants, Ltd.
Farnsworth Group,
Inc.
FGM Architects, Inc.
ForeverLawn
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Franczek Radelet P.C.
Frederick Quinn
Corporation
Gewalt Hamilton
Assoc., Inc.
Gold Medal
Products, Co.
GreenbergFarrow
Halogen Supply
Company, Inc.
Henry Bros. Co.
Hervas, Condon &
Bersani, P.C.
Hilton Chicago
Hitchcock Design
Group

Illinois Public Risk Fund

Inspec, Inc.
IPARKS

Jaffe Films, Inc.
Kafka Granite

KemperSports
Management, Inc.

Knutte & Associates,
P.C.

Lamp Incorporated
Lauterbach & Amen,
LLP

Leopardo
Companies, Inc.

MB Financial Bank
McGinty Bros., Inc.
Lawn & Tree Care

Medieval Times
Dinner &
Tournament

Monroe Truck
Equipment

Musco Sports
Lighting

Nels Johnson Tree
Experts

Norwalk Concrete
Industries

NuToys Leisure
Products
Openlands
Park District Risk
Management
Agency
PFM Group
PMA Financial
Network, Inc.
Porous Pave Inc.
Rainbow Farm
Enterprises Inc
RATIO
Robbins Schwartz
Seven Utility
Management
Consultants
Sheehan Nagle
Hartray Architects
Spear Corporation
Speer Financial, Inc.
Sport Court Midwest
SSCI - Background
Checks

Stantec Consulting
Services Inc.

Studio 222 Architects
Team REIL Inc.

TIPS
Trane

Tressler LLP
V3 Companies

Vermont Systems
Water Technology,
Inc.

WhiteWater West
Wight & Company

Williams Architects
WT Group

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