

Function

The Parks Division is administered by the Park and Recreation Department. Park maintenance is responsible for maintaining all public lands within the jurisdiction of the City of Great Falls. Of a total of more than 900 acres of park land, 840 acres are developed. Park maintenance is also responsible for various Montana Department of Highways’ landscape areas and the Public Works Complex.

During the peak season, the Park Maintenance Division operates seven days a week. The daily duties include maintenance of the following areas:

- Playgrounds
- Ball fields
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Boat docks
- Tennis courts
- Volleyball courts
- Horseshoe pits
- Play equipment
- Pathways (including River's Edge Trail)
- Basketball courts
- Turf, including mowing, irrigation and weed control

The daily duties also extend into the winter season with ice skating at Gibson Pond and snow removal on all City owned park sidewalks, and the River’s Edge Trail. .

The Parks organizational chart is in the Organization Section – Park and Recreation Department.

Budget Highlights

<i>Parks</i> Park & Recreation Department	FY 2005	FY 2006		FY 2007	
	Actual	Original	Amended	Projected	Adopted
Personal Services	767,222	846,312	846,312	842,263	892,043
Supplies & Materials	125,095	123,250	123,250	123,750	122,900
Purchased Services	195,054	197,975	197,975	209,933	236,775
Other Costs	750	750	750	750	500
Debt Service - Interest & Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Service, Interfund	241,605	233,342	233,342	214,908	154,611
Subtotal Operating Expenses	1,329,726	1,401,629	1,401,629	1,391,604	1,406,829
Debt Service - Principal	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Total Parks	1,329,726	1,401,629	1,401,629	1,391,604	1,406,829

Goals and Objectives

Major Accomplishments - In the Past Year

- Installed play structure and shelter at Heren Park.
- Improvements started at Bloomingdale Park.
- Installed play structure and tot lot in Lions Park.

Priority Goals and Objectives - For the Upcoming Year

- Resurface Lions Park tennis courts.
- Complete Bloomingdale Park project.
- Apply for CDBG funding for play structure purchases.
- Install play structure at Noah’s Ark Park with CDBG funding.
- Install play structure at North and West Kiwanis Park with 411 funding.