

Our Mission

The mission of the
Freeport Park District
is to promote the use of
recreation in generating an
exciting, dynamic quality
of life by providing the
highest quality facilities
and programs to meet
the ever-changing needs
and interests of all ages
and abilities. The Park
District will preserve and
protect land and resources
for the enrichment of the
community and future
generations.

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Annual Report





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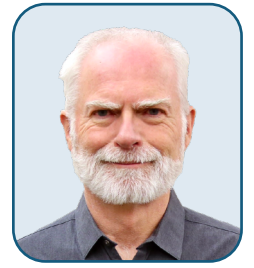
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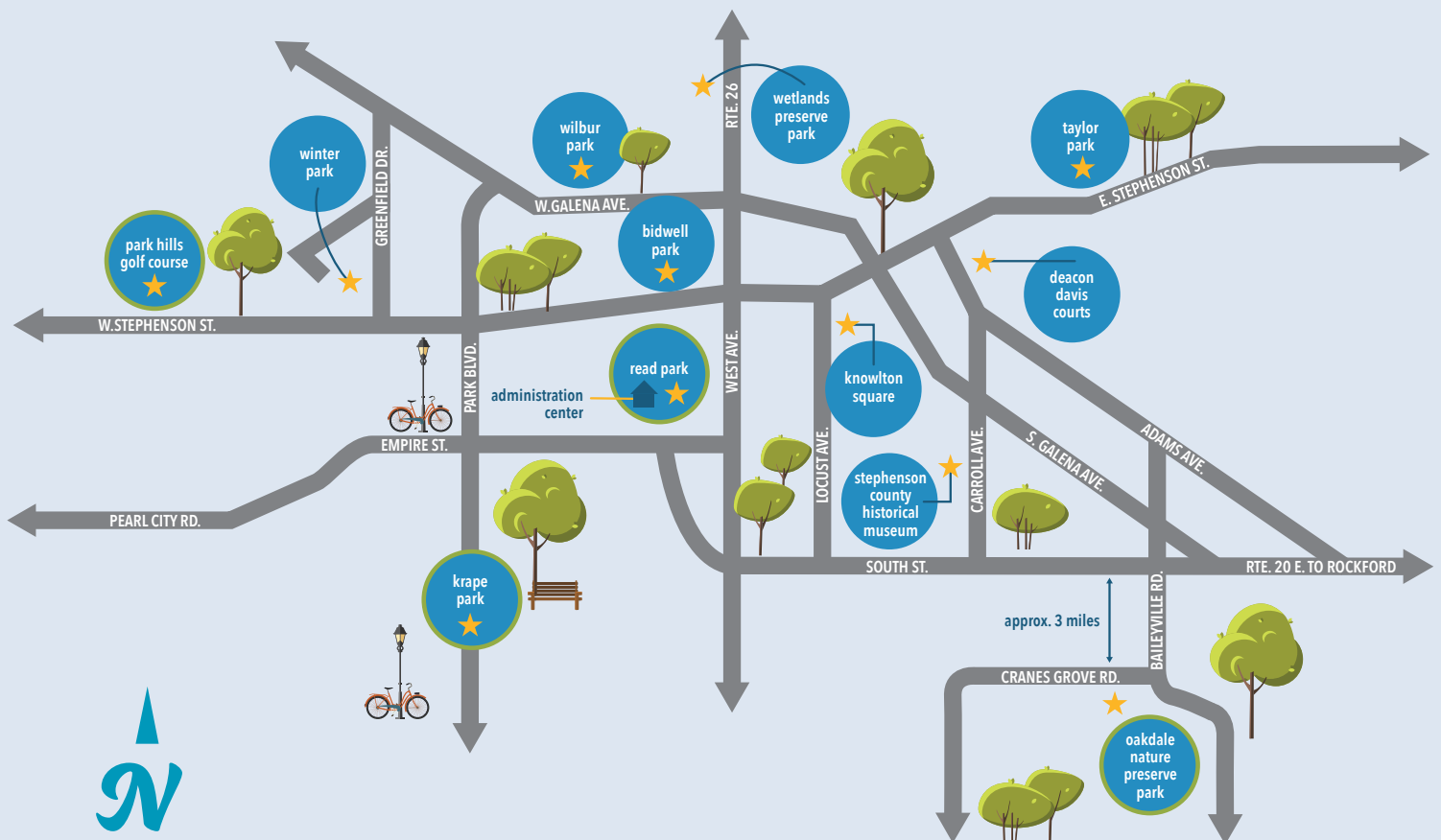


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Scenic Spaces. Fun Places



2023-24 Financial Summary

Overview & Introduction

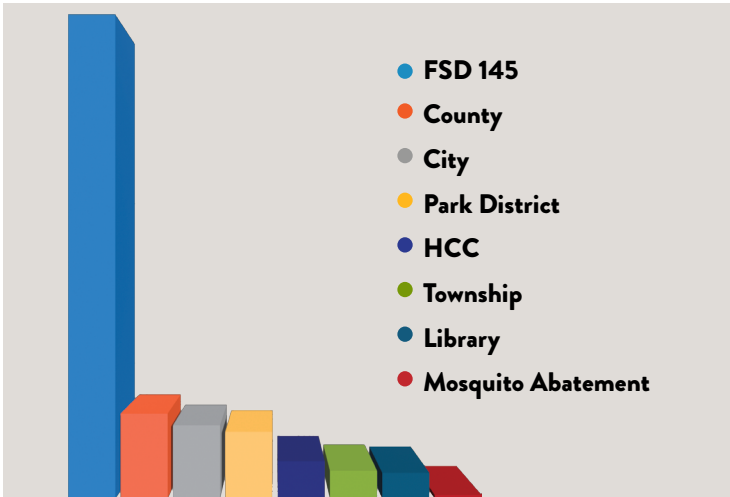
Established in 1911, the Freeport Park District has a rich history of providing outstanding parks and recreation services. With over 700 acres of dedicated parkland under its management, the Park District is charged with maintaining an expansive system of natural resources and facility infrastructure. This includes, but not limited to, an aquatic center, 36-hole championship golf course, antique carousel, boat rental operation, historical museum, skate park, miniature golf course, picnic shelters, nature preserve, and athletic field complexes. This robust park system is a key factor in establishing Freeport as a great place to live, work and play!

Board of Commissioners

The Freeport Park District is governed by an elected board of five officials who each serve a 6-year term. Commissioners set policies and represent the community. They oversee the Park District's Executive Director, currently Bruce Cubberley, who manages and oversees the operations of the Park District.

The charts included in this report are a snapshot of the Park District's finances. If you would like the full annual report, it is available on the Park District's website at: www.freeportparkdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Freeport-Park-District-FY2023-24-Audit-Financial-Report.pdf

2022 Tax Levy Allocation

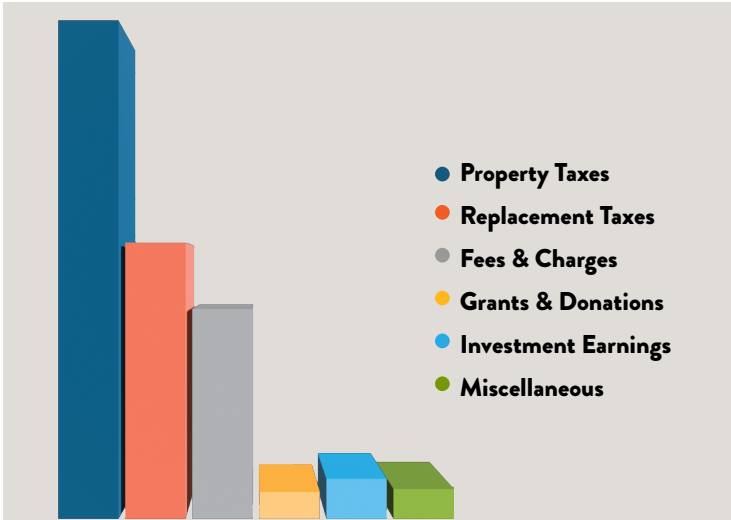


Freeport Park District Tax Rate History

2017	1.08094%
2018	1.07778%
2019	1.08597%
2020	1.04524%
2021	1.04991%
2022	1.04826%
2023	0.96144%

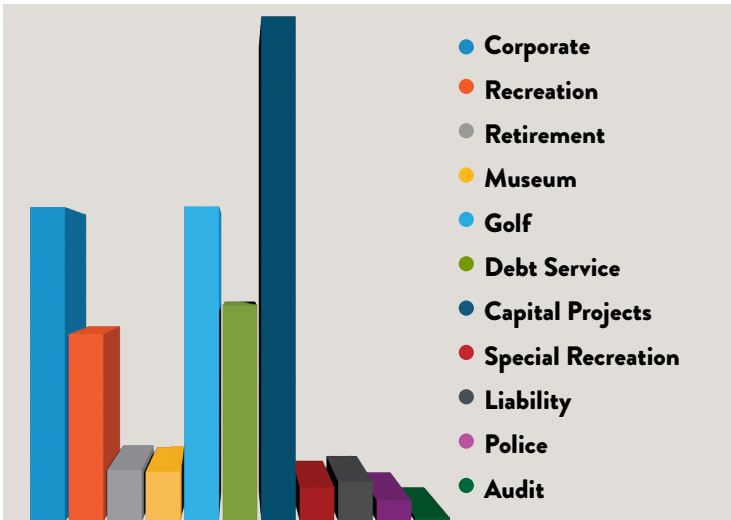
2023-24 Revenue

The Freeport Park District's revenues are derived from several sources including property taxes, replacement taxes, fees, grants, investment earnings and others.



2023-24 Expense

The Freeport Park District has 11 funds that are designated for a specific purpose, including corporate, recreation, retirement, museum operations, golf, debt service, capital projects, special recreation, liability, police and audit.



Percentages may vary depending on the taxing district where the property is located.

Personnel Highlights

- Ken Collin retired from his Park Commissioner position after 20 years of service
- Sally Peterson began her first term as a Park Commissioner
- Karen Valkema retired as Marketing and Communications Manager
- Hired Kaye Nichols and Aryn Mathieu to be Recreation Supervisors
- Hired Darian Martz to be a Custodian
- Hired Makenzie Blair for Marketing and Communications Manager position

Parks & Development Highlights

- Deacon Davis Courts were renovated with a new surface
- Planting within Parks included:
 - 58 New Trees
 - 312 New Shrubs
 - 1,385 Herbaceous Ornamentals (Perennials, Grasses, and Ground Covers)
 - 1,326 Annual Flowers
- Collaborated with the Kiwanis K-Kids to plant 30 trees in Krape and Read Parks
- The Old Loop Restroom was demolished and removed from Krape Park
- Wing It! mini golf was constructed
- A new monument sign was constructed for the Administration Center
- First time controlled forest burn in Oakdale Nature Preserve Park to enhance the ecosystem
- Created a new bike and hike trail at Oakdale Nature Preserve Park

Recreation Program Accomplishments

- The Park District was awarded Outstanding Special Event – Division 1 from the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association for the Oakdale Fall Festival
- More than 388 games were played by Little League on ballfields
- There were 12,119 visitors to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center
- There were 17,722 carousel rides and 1,920 boat rentals in Krape Park
- Held several special events including Art in the Park, Candyland Ball, Trick-or-Treat Trail, Bunny Trail, Pretzel 5K, and Oakdale Fall Festival

Park Hills Golf Course Highlights

- Hosted Greater Freeport Partnership Rise n' Shine
- Remodeled the clubhouse to become Legacy Pub
- There were 26,511 rounds of golf played
- A total of 175 season passes were sold

Additional Information

Freeport Park District, Administration Center

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