



# *Annual Report*

April 2024 - March 2025





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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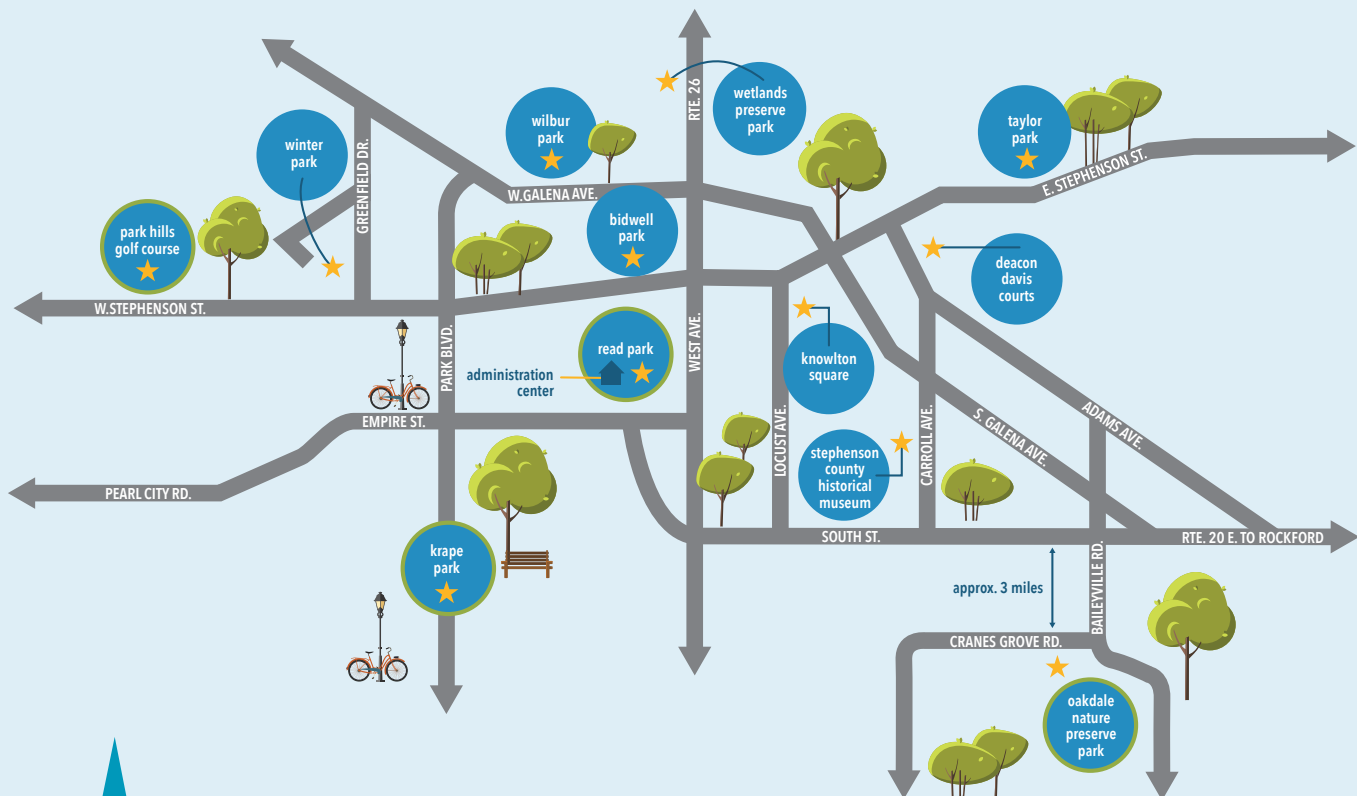
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## Scenic Spaces. Fun Places



# 2024-25 Financial Summary

## Overview & Introduction

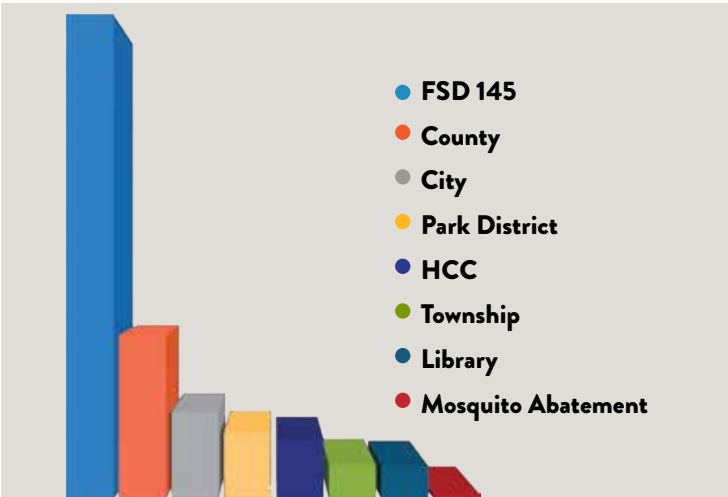
Established in 1911, the Freeport Park District has a rich history of providing outstanding parks and recreation services. With over 700 acres of dedicated parkland under its management, the Park District is charged with maintaining an expansive system of natural resources and facility infrastructure. 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: <https://freeportparkdistrict.org/financial-information/>

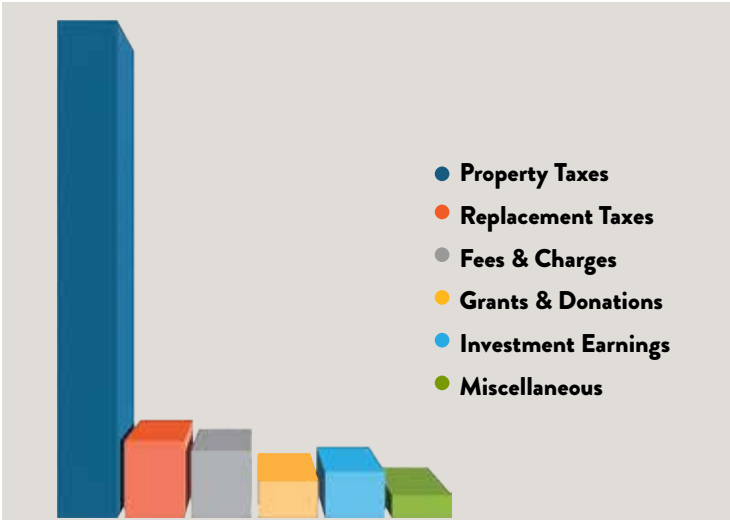
## 2023 Tax Levy Allocation



Freeport Park District Tax Rate History	
2018	1.07778%
2019	1.08597%
2020	1.04524%
2021	1.04991%
2022	1.04826%
2023	0.96144%
2024	0.93470%

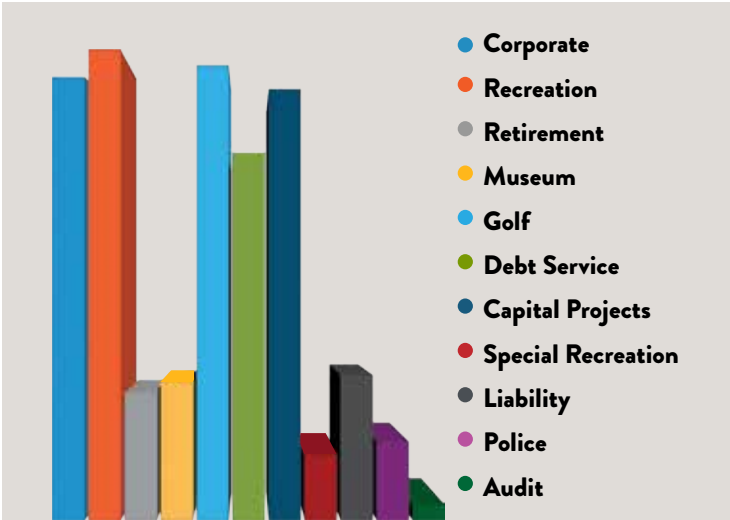
## 2024-25 Revenue

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



## 2024-25 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

- Don Blomberg retired from Park Maintenance Supervisor
- Johnnie McCoy was hired as Facility Maintenance Supervisor
- Brad Dixon was hired as Park Maintenance Supervisor
- Berin Jackson transitioned to the Superintendent of Parks and Natural Resources
- Bruce Cubberley promoted to Executive Director

### Parks & Development Highlights

- Read Park ballfield dugout benches were altered to be ADA compliant
- Read Park multi-purpose field soccer goal anchors were installed
- Wing It! Mini Golf Grand Opening
- Adam Holder Memorial placed in Read Park in thanks to the Freeport Parks Foundation
- Read Park Pavilion retaining wall installed
- Krape Park Balustrade renovation project completed
- Pergola at Krape Park Community Building was constructed
- Krape Park Entrance Sign was built and installed
- New asphalt overlay for the Park Boulevard walking path completed
- South bridge painting over Yellow Creek in Krape Park completed
- Oakdale Park Entrance Sign was built and installed
- Winter Park Entrance Sign was built and installed
- Gates were installed to allow easier control of car traffic into Flagstaff
- Krape Park Community Building construction and renovation completed
- Staff attended IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference
- Park District was awarded Outstanding Facility Award from the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association for Wing It! Mini Golf
- Oakdale Nature Preserve Park controlled burn was completed
- Awarded \$43,500 from the Urban and Community Forestry Grant

### Recreation Program Accomplishments

- Krape Park Art Walk, Candyland Ball, Trick-or-Treat Trail, Bunny Trail, Pretzel City 5K and Oakdale Fall Festival were among the special events
- 12,836 visitors to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center
- 16,591 carousel rides and 1,486 boat rentals in Krape Park
- 316 Little League games

### Park Hills Golf Course Highlights

- Newly redesigned website was completed
- 30,175 rounds of golf were played
- 200 season passes were sold
- Greater Freeport Partnership Business After Hours hosted at Legacy Pub

### Additional Information

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