

Parks and Recreation FY15 Annual Report

Our mission is to promote opportunities for all residents to pursue safe and enjoyable leisure activities in balance with the protection and conservation of Fluvanna's natural resources.

By The Numbers

- **Cost Recovery Rate:** 21%
- **Volunteers/Hours:** 728/3,743
- **Official Partners:** 28
- **Programs Offered:** 74
- **Parks & Recreation attendance***
 - **Programs:** 10,870
 - **Parks/Facility Rentals:**
113 rentals @ 26,200
- **Parks:** 4
- **Miles of Trails:** 23+
- **# Acres/Parks & Facilities:** 831

*Does not include leisure drop in visitors.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The FY15 annual report highlights many of our department's accomplishments during the past fiscal year which spans from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. These programs, special events and projects are the result of strong support and partnerships with citizens, local businesses, non-profits and governmental agencies.

Our team of parks and recreation professionals has been extraordinary in carrying out our mission for the community while working through many changes and challenges and continues to provide Fluvanna County with outstanding activities and programs. Every day we focus on providing our community with a first rate parks system that provides a safe and enjoyable recreation opportunity for everyone.

In closing, I would like to thank our Board of Supervisors and Recreation Advisory Board for their continued support and guidance. We look forward to another successful year providing the ultimate recreation and leisure opportunities for our community.

See you in our Parks,
Jason Smith, Director
Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation

Another Successful Year

- **Hosted 7 special events:**
 - County Fair 5,000+
 - Earth Day 750+
 - Halloween Festival 350+
 - Holiday Celebration/Tree Lighting Event 250+
 - Kite Festival 300+
 - Valentine's Dance 240
 - Easter Egg-Stravaganza 400+
- Updated **Department Forms:**
 - Quarterly program guide, Program registration form, Summer Camp Parent Packet, Canoe rental application, and Instructor Packet.
- Opened a new Parks and Recreation facility; **Pleasant Grove House Museum.**
 - Hours of Operation:
 - Monday-Friday, 8am - 5pm
 - Saturday's & Sunday's from 12-4pm, excluding Holidays
- **Improvements** were made to update the Carysbrook softball field lighting.
- **Updated trail map** for Pleasant Grove Park while rerouting several trails due to erosion control.
- A **department logo** was created and implemented for all marketing and department documents.



FY 15 Successes

- **Partnered** with Public Works department, and Fluvanna Master Naturalists to host the county's **2nd Annual Earth Day** event at Pleasant Grove Park. We collected over 28,000 lbs. of household hazardous waste items along with three (4) 90' trailers full of tires to go along with the Sheriff's department's free drug drop off collecting approximately 85 lbs. of prescription drugs.
- **Partnered** with Fluvanna Public Schools, Fluvanna 4-H, and Fluvanna's Youth Advisory Committee to host **Terrific Tuesdays**; a FREE afterschool program at the middle school.
 - Average of 80 youth per day on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Participants got to choose from Parks and Rec gym activities, Geocaching, Teen Cuisine, Robotics, and 7 other options. Weekly themes included "Minute-to-Win-it" games, Team Building Games, Leadership Challenges, Weird Science, Ceramics and Painting, Nature Education and/or Large Group Games. Students also had free transportation to satellite stops to get home.
- **KidsCollege @ Fluvanna Partnership** with Piedmont Virginia Community College and Fluvanna Public Schools to bring 3D printing and other "academies" and camps to Fluvanna student's ages 9-14. We hosted over 130 campers over 2 weeks and created an additional \$1,400 in program revenue.
- **Earth Day Event at Pleasant Grove Park:** Collaboration with Rivanna Master Naturalists, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, Fluvanna Master Gardeners, the Virginia Native Plant Society, the Virginia Bluebird Society, Fluvanna County Schools and our Public works department.
 - Hosted 250 1st graders and parents for nature educational hikes and other adventures.
 - Youth planted trees and wildflowers along hedgerows along with planting wildflowers in the Butterfly garden.

Notable Numbers

- **Program Volunteers:** 244 @ 2,528 hours
Total: \$62,947.20*
- **Working Volunteers:** 484 @ 1,215 hours
Total: \$30,253.50*
Grand Total: \$93,200.70*

*The 2014 Virginia Average Hourly Value of Volunteer Time is \$24.90



Customer Testimonials

Fluvanna County Fair

- "A great fair for a family day" - Powhatan Resident
- "The Fair was great Loved the horse pull and the staff were awesome!" - Fluvanna Resident



PVCC Summer Camp

- "I am so glad this program worked out! ...the class options were broad and interesting."



Dedicated to our Vision

We are committed to working cooperatively in the development of our programs and amenities to identify and meet the needs of our citizens. We invite you to become an active partner with us as we strive to improve the quality of life for all Fluvanna County residents through the pursuit of quality leisure services. FCPR emphasizes on connecting with the community and strengthening of family and friends through the activities we offer.