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2014 Annual Program Report



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Donna Ricketts retired in May from her school position and as the SCASD representative after serving on the Board for 16 years. ● The Board welcomed Shannon Messick as the SCASD representative. ● Sadly, in June, longtime Board Member and friend Roy F. Harpster passed away. Roy volunteered as the Harris Township appointee for 13 years (2001-2014), serving most recently as Vice-Chair. Roy will always be remembered for his kind heart and his dedication to community recreation and CRPR. On October 4, a ceremony was held at the John Hess Softball Field Complex to dedicate a new flagpole in Roy's memory. The flagpole and cast bronze plaque were presented through the cooperation of the Authority Board and the Harris Twp. Board of Supervisors. ● The Board welcomed Diane Ishler as the Harris Township representative. 	
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2014 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- The agency maintained, operated and programmed 915 acres across 54 sites in the Centre Region - including 44 municipal parks, 2 swimming pools, 3 regional park areas, sportfields at 3 elem. schools, the Centre Region Senior Center and Millbrook Marsh Nature Center - within the established budget. Three popular “*CRPR Active Guides*” were published in 2014.
- CRPR hosted a total of 852 picnic pavilion reservations, maintained and scheduled 29 baseball/softball fields and maintained 44 playground areas.
- CRPR was awarded the *Field of Distinction Award* from the Keystone Athletic Field Manager Organization (KAFMO) as well as the Pioneer Athletics *Field of Excellence Award* for the quality work on sportfields, specifically the John Hess Softball Complex and the Fogleman Field Complex.



- During 2014 the **John Hess Softball Field Complex** hosted 867 softball games through leagues and tournaments. Hess concessions sales increased with a new food vendor in 2014 and helped exceed expenses with a Net Balance of \$1,724. The growing popularity of the complex, combined with staff efforts, has enabled such progress.
- **CRPR Park Operations** staff completed their first year based at the (interim) Parks Maintenance site in College Township until the new facility can be constructed at Whitehall Road Regional Park.

- **Welch and Park Forest Pools** hosted 95,018 visits, despite a relatively cold and rainy summer, with revenue again covering all operational expenses. 519 youth participated in the learn-to-swim programs; 385 youth participated in the pool swim teams. The new UV pool sanitation system at Park Forest Pool was operational for the entire 2014 summer season.
- During 2014 the **Centre Region Senior Center** served 3,385 noontime meals and hosted 17,812 program visits.
- **Millbrook Marsh Nature Center** hosted 13,388 program visitors during 2014 (a 13 % increase from 2013) plus countless other park visitors each day.
- **Grants & Donations:** CRPR was awarded the following in 2014:
 - \$87,500 from PA DCNR to assist with 50% of the cost of the new parking area at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. The grant will be matched with outside donations that have been pledged to this 2015 construction project.
 - \$25,000 from PA DCNR enabled the planting of 98 additional shade trees at Oak Hall Regional Park.
 - 2014 was the first year with focused staff efforts on fundraising for operations at the Nature Center which successfully exceeded the 2014 goal of \$41,000.
 - Donated funds will enable the planting of the 400th "CRPR Remembrance Tree" in local parks - based upon the program that began in 1994.
 - The new "My Veteran/My Hero ©" Tribute Tree program is off to a good start with funds for 11 trees donated for Oak Hall Regional Park.



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This report represents the team effort of CRPR's dedicated professional staff and the volunteer Authority Board members. The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority provides quality programs and events while maintaining 54 sites encompassing 915 acres in the Centre Region. This includes municipal and regional parks, two thriving aquatic facilities, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center and the Centre Region Senior Center. Please note that this report does not include park visitors not participating in a CRPR program or event.

AQUATICS - 84 Programs & Events	2013	2014
Youth Swim Lesson Registrations (Indoor & Outdoor) 71 Total Programs	651	519
Adult & Special Program Registrations (Swim Teams, One-on-One Lessons, Diving, Welch Water Walkers, CPR, Lifeguarding, Triathlon, Aqua-Dog Day) 13 Total Programs	692	706
Season Passes – Welch & Park Forest Pools	5,002	4,583
Outdoor Pool Visits (for recreation, instruction & competition at both pools)	102,130	95,018
<i>Total Aquatics</i>	108,475	100,826

ADULTS SPORTS & FITNESS - 41 Programs & Leagues	2013	2014
League & Program Participants 21 Programs & Leagues (Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Softball, Outdoor Volleyball, Indoor Soccer)	1,876	1,909
Hess Field Complex - Softball Games Includes CRPR Leagues plus rentals	703	867
Sport Clubs (Badminton)	758	665
Adult Fitness Class Participants 15 Programs	139	253
Adult Tennis Participants 5 Programs	48	59
<i>Total Adult Sports & Fitness</i>	3,525	3,753

YOUTH SPORTS & PROGRAMS - 27 Programs & Events	2013	2014
Seasonal Sport Program Participants (Track, Field Hockey, Soccer) 9 Programs	304	283
Rhythmic Gymnastics 2 Programs	21	20
Tennis Classes 9 Programs	92	125
Cross Country Runs 3 Events	248	181
Knit Kids 2 Programs	20	9
Muck-n-Mess 2 Programs	16	14
Hershey's Track and Field Event	40	64
Pitch, Hit and Run Contest	5	13
Punt, Pass and Kick Contest	45	20
<i>Total Youth Sports</i>	791	729

SUMMER DAY CAMPS - 13 weeks of camps	2013	2014
Summer Day Camps (includes KidVenture, Wee Kidventure, Martial Arts & Culture Camp, "Camp Bill" Shakespeare Theater Camp)	718	887
<i>Total Camps & Day Trips</i>	718	887

CENTRE REGION SENIOR CENTER	2013	2014
Noontime Meals Served	4,014	3,385
Program Visits	18,986	17,812
Centre County Senior Games (coordinated by CRPR staff) – Participants	175	167
<i>Total Centre Region Senior Center</i>	23,175	21,364

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS - 34 Events	2013	2014
Discount Tickets for Amusement Parks	1,502	1,275
Sport Pack Rentals	18	9
Dance Lesson Participants (# of visits) - Ballroom & Square 6 Programs	1,249	857
State College Area Municipal Band (Audience at 4 concerts)	Approx. 1,800	Approx. 1,900
Easter Egg Hunt - Children & Parents	700+	700+
"Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for Teens" at Millbrook Marsh	75	65
July 3 "Kids on Wheels" Bike Decorating - Children & parents	75+	75+
July 4 "Kids on Wheels Parade" - Children & parents	Approx. 400	450+
Touch-a-Truck Expo - Children & Parents	Approx. 500	500+
Art-in-the-Parklet Craft Tent (Arts Festival) - Visitors	Approx. 300	Approx. 450
Halloween Costume Parade - Children & Parents	Approx. 1,500	Approx. 1,300
"Dark in the Park" (Dim in the Gym) Storytelling Participants	85	125
CRPR Bike-In Movies - 2 summer programs	75	85
Nittany Valley Shakespeare Festival in the Parks - 7 shows over 2 weekends	393	246
Tea for Three – 1 event	0	9
Kids' Yard Sales – 2 events	31	27
"CRPR Park Partner/Comcast Cares Day" Volunteers	111	105
United Way "Day Of Caring" Volunteers	70	89
<i>Total Special Events & Programs</i>	8,884	8,267

MILLBROOK MARSH NATURE CENTER - 391 Programs & Events		2013	2014
Program Registrations	76 programs & events offered in 2013; 104 offered in 2014	548	802
Other Program Visits	129 programs & events offered in 2013; 185 offered in 2014 (school, daycare and group programs, camps, events and birthday parties)	8,533	8,550
Facility Rentals & Visits	113 facility uses 2013; 102 in 2014	2,732	3,896
<i>Total MMNC</i>		11,813	13,248

GRAND TOTAL	2013	2014
Registrations & participants	157,380	149,074
<i>This report does not include park visitors not participating in a CRPR program or event.</i>		

FACILITY RESERVATIONS	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pavilion Reservations (Number of groups)	827	815	827	852
Community Garden Plots at Tom Tudek Memorial Park; CRPR assumed the operation in 2007 (108 to 110 plots)	All plots rented	All plots rented	All plots rented	All plots rented
Sportfield Reservations: In 2014, 125 reservation permits were issued for the 34 municipal sportfields, involving a range of durations from single-games (including pavilion groups) to weekend tournaments to season-long reservations. <i>See Page 8 for details.</i>				

ACTIVE.NET STATS (on-line database)	2012	2013	2014
Total Revenue * (<i>all funds, including donations and grant funds</i>)	\$1,100,041	\$1,019,354	\$1,083,774
Program Registrations by customers via the Internet (<i>net revenue</i>)	\$119,552	\$145,226	\$153,234
* For applicable revenue sources, defined percentages for credit card and Active.Net service fees are deducted per the Authority's contract with the Active.Net database service. No service fees apply to donations or grant funds.			

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center 2014 Annual Report

# of Program Visits *	2013	2014
Group Programs (Guided)	3,845	4,042
Camps & Special Event Visits	4,134	3,301
Facility Rental Visitors	2,488	3,580
Birthday Parties	451	278
Marsh Mondays /Wetland Wednesdays	257	217
Knee High Naturalists	129	87
Visitors to Hosted Meeting	244	316
Family Programs	122	367
Scout Groups	38	140
Puddle Jumpers (new)	40	131
Off-site Presentations	65	789
TOTAL**	11,813	13,248

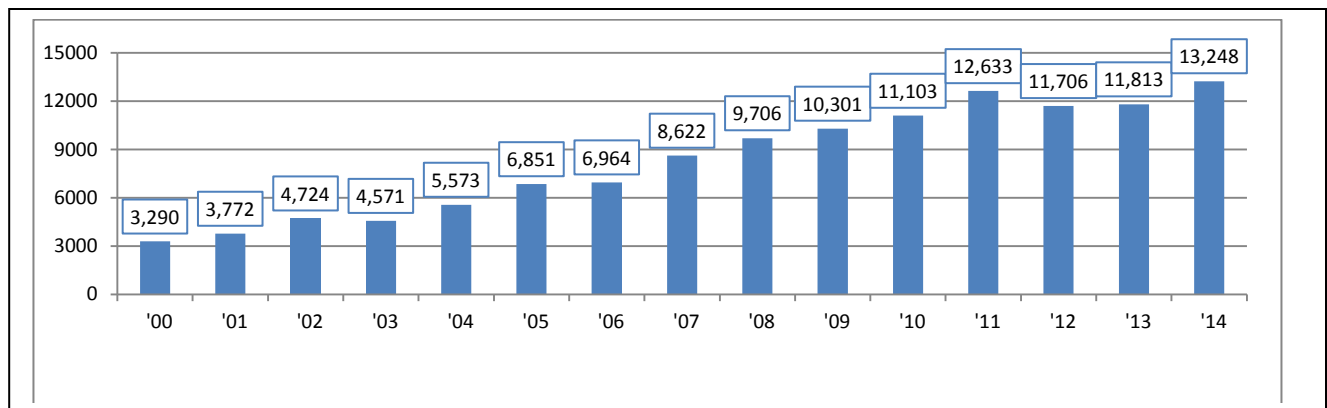
- During CY 2014, the nature center hosted **13,248 program visits, a 13.2 % increase from 2013**. This shows our public offerings continue to be popular and reflects the addition of regular off-site programming.
- **This count includes 4,182 visitors from six different school districts** plus community groups, private schools, charter schools, etc.
- The Connections Grant Program funded visits from **1,152 children** in 2014, plus provided 50% funding for 1,364 SCASD students for a total value of \$12,838. (54% of group program visits)

* This represents total number of visitors to organized programs including program participants and those who attend with them, such as parents, chaperones, siblings, etc.

** Not including MMNC Community Event Displays, which reached an additional 600 people during off-site events in 2014.

During 2014, 287 volunteers contributed a total of 2,205 hours at a value of \$30,870 (@ \$14/hr), which helps to keep staff costs low. The number of volunteers has increased from 213 in 2013.

Actual Revenue by Program/Rental Type		
Camps	\$ 28,140	Actual Program Revenue Total: \$63,050
Family Programs	\$ 8,832	
Birthday Parties	\$ 2,315	Budget Program Revenue: \$59,080
Group Programs	\$ 23,763	
Operational Donations	\$ 53,274	Budget: \$41,166
Facility Rentals	\$ 11,638	Budget: \$7,850
Active.Net Service Fees	\$ (1,821)	Service & credit card fees
TOTAL	\$126,141	



2014 CRPR PICNIC PAVILION RESERVATIONS

		<u>PAVILION</u> <i>(not including pool pavs)</i>	PERMITS ISSUED		2014 REVENUE
			2013	2014	
HARRIS TWP.		Blue Spring Park Pavilion (YR)	19	10	\$450.00
		Nittany View Park Pavilion	2	2	\$95.00
		Eugene Fasick Park Pavilion	0	0	\$ -
STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH		Holmes-Foster Park Pavilion #1 (Upper)	24	33	\$1,405.00
		Holmes-Foster Park Pavilion #2 (Lower)	32	46	\$1,822.50
		Lederer Park (includes 2 pavilions) (YR)	12	10	\$ 520.00
		Orchard Park Pavilion	38	55	\$2,325.00
		Sunset Park Pavilion #1 (Right)	87	87	\$5,140.00
		Sunset Park Pavilion #2 (Left)	73	56	\$3,490.00
		Friedman Parklet - Performance Canopy	2	7	\$ 405.00
COLLEGE TWP.		Fogleman Field Pavilions (includes 2 pavilions)	3	1	\$ 70.00
		Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Pavilion (YR)	13	5	\$1,344.00
		Slab Cabin Pavilion #1 (Lower) <i>Added for 2015 (YR)</i>	-	-	\$ -
		Slab Cabin Pavilion #2 (Upper) <i>Added for 2015 (YR)</i>	-	-	\$ -
		Spring Creek Park Pavilion #1 (Upstream) (YR)	104	103	\$5,705.00
		Spring Creek Park Pavilion #2 (Downstream) (YR)	90	97	\$4,895.00
		Spring Creek Park Pav. #3 (off Balmoral Way)	7	10	\$ 490.00
FERGUSON TWP.		Autumnwood Park Pavilion	1	2	\$ 150.00
		Fairbrook Park Pavilion	4	6	\$ 300.00
		Homestead Park Pavilion	4	3	\$ 50.00
		Tom Tudek Memorial Park Pavilion #1 (YR)	90	84	\$4,415.00
		Tom Tudek Memorial Park Pavilion #2 (YR)	11	22	\$1,065.00
		Tom Tudek Memorial Park Pavilion #3 (YR)	10	12	\$ 605.00
		Haymarket Park Pavilion #1	6	7	\$ 370.00
		Haymarket Park Pavilion #2	5	3	\$ 160.00
PATTON TWP.		Circleville Park Pavilion #1	47	42	\$2,480.00
		Circleville Park Pavilion #2	26	23	\$1,520.00
		Circleville Park Pavilion #3	9	12	\$ 650.00
		Circleville Park Pavilion #4	42	58	\$2,175.00
		Graysdale Park Pavilion	3	5	\$ 260.00
		Bernel Road Park Pavilion (YR)	40	51	\$2,450.00
Totals			804	852	\$44,806.50

2014 CRPR SPORTFIELD RESERVATIONS

125 reservation permits were issued for the 34 municipal sportfields, involving a range of durations from single-games (including pavilion groups) to weekend tournaments to season-long reservations.

	SPORTFIELDS	2014
HARRIS TWP.	Blue Spring Softball Field	5
	Eugene Fasick Softball Field	1
	Hess Softball Field #1	15
	Hess Softball Field #2	11
	Hess Softball Field #3	8
	Hess Softball Field #4	8
	Nittany View Sportfield	1
S.C. BORO	Orchard Park Sportfield	3
	Orchard Park Softball Field	3
	Sunset Park Softball Field	8
COLLEGE TWP.	Dalevue Sportfield	1
	Fogleman Field #1	2
	Fogleman Field #2	2
	Fogleman Field #3	2
	Spring Creek Softball Field #1	9
	Spring Creek Softball Field #1	2
	Spring Creek Softball Field #1	8
FERGUSON TWP.	Fairbrook Park Sportfield #1	3
	Fairbrook Park Sportfield #2	3
	Haymarket Softball Field	2
	Haymarket Sportfield	1
	Suburban Ballfield	1
	Tom Tudek Sportfield #1	6
	Tom Tudek Softball Field #1	1
	Tom Tudek Softball Field #2	1
PATTON TWP.	Circleville Sportfield	4
	Circleville Bocce Court	2
	Circleville Youth Softball Field	2
	Circleville Adult Softball Field	3
	Graysdale Softball Field	1
	Graysdale Sportfield	2
	Oakwood Softball Field	2
	Woodycrest Softball Field	1
OTHER	Houserville Elem. Ballfield	1
Totals		125

CRPR PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION – 2014 TASK SUMMARY

JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monitoring Slab Cabin sledding and Blue Spring Park Ice Skating Rink ✓ Seasonal equipment repairs ✓ Snow removal as needed ✓ Quote for park supplies ✓ Park checks as needed ✓ Prune trees & shrubs as needed ✓ Park sign painting and repair ✓ Bench and trash receptacle repairs ✓ Set up new shop for park operations ✓ Haul compost to parks with municipal support for spring topdressing operations ✓ Maintenance support for the XC ski trail at Circleville Park as needed
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Brush-hog the no-mow areas as needed ✓ Continue equipment repair ✓ Snow removal as needed ✓ Remove staples, tape, tacks, etc. from tables at pavilions ✓ Start quotes for major/minor equipment per 2014 budget ✓ Continue pruning trees ✓ Continue quote for supplies (Parks) ✓ Repair and evaluate Community Garden equipment ✓ Build self-standing sign jack for Millbrook Marsh to use for events ✓ Repair blinds at SCEB - reattach ends on blinds
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue seasonal equipment repairs ✓ Apply lime to athletic fields as needed per soil tests ✓ Snow removal as needed ✓ Bid and order trees for Remembrance & MyVeteran/MyHero Programs ✓ Soil test on athletic fields ✓ Finalize Hess Field lights and timer repairs ✓ Transition to new portable radio system ✓ Rec. and camp equipment storage improvements ✓ Move equipment to township parks for 2014 season ✓ Cut and trim the ornamental grasses at PF Pool; prep the landscape beds at Welch Pool ✓ Maintenance support at the pools ✓ Leaf and brush clean up as needed from winter storms ✓ Repair/ replace bird mesh from eaves on Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Barn ✓ Lube gears for window at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Barn
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete seasonal equipment repairs ✓ Dismantle Blue Spring Park Ice Skating Rink ✓ Install fittings and valves in bathrooms, turn water on ✓ Open park restrooms & start-up drinking fountains ✓ Install bases on ballfields; start raking infields ✓ Install outfield nets at Hess Complex ✓ Start overseeding goal mouth areas on sportfields, weather permitting ✓ Start mowing sportfields & parks as needed ✓ Maintenance support for special events ✓ Deliver soccer goals for spring season ✓ Community garden support ✓ Start safety inspections on all playgrounds. ✓ Monitor and support Oak Hall Regional Park ✓ Support Comcast Cares day ✓ Start Spring tree plantings ✓ Prep planting beds at municipal parks ✓ Turf operations for pools and Harpster Park

APRIL CONTINUED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintenance support at nature center as needed ✓ Install canopy Central Parklet Pavilion ✓ Install volleyball and outfield nets. ✓ Prep all outdoor courts for spring season ✓ Line soccer fields for Centre Soccer Assn., Penn United and Centre Lacrosse ✓ Begin field and site preps for Hess Softball Complex
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finish drinking fountain setups ✓ Charge irrigation lines Fogleman fields ✓ Fertilize park turf and sportfields as needed ✓ Assist with Welch & PF Pool maintenance ✓ Start weed and pre-emergence control to sportfields and turf as needed ✓ Monitor insect controls needed for trees, turf ✓ Upgrade park checks to two caretakers ✓ Finish overseeding and topdressing operations ✓ Continue checks of safety surfacing at all playgrounds. ✓ Oak Hall Rental House roof replacement bid info and secure quotes/bids ✓ Invasive species control at Millbrook and Spring Creek (for poison hemlock) ✓ Hess Field operations - begin field care and event support
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Start irrigation at sportfield, new plantings, trees, etc. ✓ Monitor insect control ✓ Continue mowing areas as needed ✓ Topdress and overseed turf areas as needed ✓ Continue checking safety surfacing work at all playgrounds ✓ Continue Hess Field Tournament support ✓ Maintain all sports fields for CRPR leagues
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Arts Festival and Camp Carnival support ✓ Fertilize sportfields if weather permits ✓ Irrigate as needed: trees, turf; apply grub control to sportfields as needed ✓ Trim back walking paths Walnut Springs, Thompson Woods, brush hog Stan Yoder ✓ Continue Hess Field support and maintenance for leagues & tournaments
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monitor weeds on ballfields, paths & playground areas ✓ Irrigate as needed trees and turf ✓ Work with municipalities on hauling compost to Parks for fall topdressing ✓ Sportfield maintenance continues at all sites ✓ Assist with winterizing Welch, PF-Pool ✓ Start fall aeration, overseeding, topdressing operations ✓ Deliver soccer goals for fall season; prepare invoices ✓ Remove mower decks, install leaf blowers on units ✓ Start leaf removal in all areas as needed ✓ Repair crushed stone walkways with ADA-approved “trail mix” at nature center ✓ Hess Field tournament and league maintenance and support.
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Started sports turf enhancements, aeration and fertilization. ✓ Provided support for fall soccer, softball and bocce programs. ✓ Assisted with improvements to Autumnwood Park pavilion, drinking fountain and walkways. ✓ Repaired the waterline break at Circleville. ✓ Provided support for Oak Hall Regional Park construction.
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Line football fields for CRPR fall season ✓ Remove ballfield bases, Hess and Oak Hall safety netting, etc. ✓ Continue leaf and brush clean up ✓ Start removing fountains ✓ Start fall fertilization parks and sport fields

NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finish leaf and brush clean up ✓ Winterize restrooms and drinking fountains ✓ Blow out irrigation lines at Fogleman Fields ✓ Bring in soccer goals ✓ Start seasonal repair work on equipment ✓ Remove volleyball nets & cover horseshoe pins
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue seasonal equipment repairs ✓ Set up Blue Spring Ice Skating Rink ✓ Prepare Slab Cabin sledding slope ✓ Snow removal as needed



CRPR is looking forward to an exciting 2015 with the Grand Opening of the 68-acre Oak Hall Regional Park scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Details to follow in the 2015 Summer Active Guide!

