



Centre Region Council of Governments
CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CENTRE REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY

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Policy for Accepting Recreation and Park Facilities into the Regional System

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1. Any proposal to incorporate new facilities into the Regional System must be made in writing to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board on or before June 30 to permit the cost of maintaining the site to be incorporated into the proposed budget for the following calendar year. Once a request is received a site visit will be made.
2. An acceptance by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board is contingent upon funding approval by the Council of Governments in the Parks and Recreation Department's annual budget.
3. Requests that are a minimum of four acres and have the facility completely developed would be preferred; however, consideration would be given to requests that have part of the site developed as long as that part is safe and usable.
4. The municipality shall provide the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board with a site plan with at least 2' contour intervals or a graphic plan of the site including a boundary survey of the site they wish to be placed in the Regional System.
5. The municipality should remove all hazards or potentially dangerous items before the Parks and Recreation Board would accept the site. Examples would be sinkholes, which must be fenced, trash and rock piles, etc.
6. It would be helpful if the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board could be consulted prior to the development of sites proposed for acceptance into the regional system so they can advise municipalities of potential problems and to assure future acceptance into the regional system.
7. Multi-purpose sites may have components which require different levels of maintenance than a natural area or hillside. As part of the acceptance negotiations, the Department will identify on the site plan, the level of maintenance which different areas of the site will receive.
8. The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board is not in a position to accept open space, but will consider accepting natural areas in the system especially those that have some recreation function, such as a trail system.
9. The municipality in which the site is located shall have the responsibility for covering the cost of major repairs and replacements beyond routine maintenance items. The following is a list of examples of the type of major items the Department is not equipped to handle: major tree work, resurfacing or repaving a game court, correcting major drainage problems, earthmoving (dredging, excavating, fill, grade, haul), sitework (clear and grub, demolition, removal of dirt, backfill, compaction, excavation, leveling of fields), snow removal, repairing parking lots.