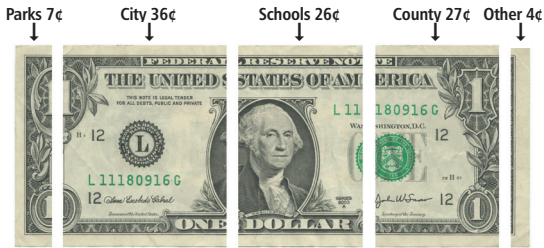




How Does the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Responsibly Spend Your Tax Dollars?

Estimated 2012 Property Taxes Paid By Minneapolis Residents As of 1/1/12



2012 Park Board Property Tax Levy

	2011 Levy	2012 Levy	% Increase
Park Board	47,217,000	47,217,000	0%

What Your Dollar Pays For

The Park Board provides services that enhance the quality of life of Minneapolis residents. Property taxes fund approximately 79 percent of the operating costs of most park services, including the following:

- 200,000 Boulevard trees
- 50 Recreation centers
- 27 Computer labs
- 6 Skate parks
- 215 Playgrounds
- 60 Wading pool
- 2 Water parks
- 12 Authorized beaches
- 12 Fishing piers
- 6 Boat launches
- 4 Canoe launches
- 7 Outdoor performance stages
- 59 Miles of parkways
- 51 Miles of Grand Rounds walking paths
- 51 Miles of Grand Rounds biking paths
- 6 Dog off-leash recreation areas
- 12 Gardens
- 47 Outdoor ice rinks
- 396 Multipurpose sports fields

Some services, including those below, are self-supporting with operating costs paid for by the revenue generated at these facilities:

- 7 Golf courses
- 3 Golf learning centers
- 3 Restaurants
- 2 Indoor ice arenas

The Park Board Is Living Within Its Means

- 2012 Budget holds the property tax levy at the same level as 2011, a zero percent increase
- 2012 operating budget is slightly below, -0.6 percent of, the 2011 Approved Budget
- 2012 Budget is focused on:
 - Reducing operating costs
 - Creating new revenue
 - Maximizing the use of technology and equipment
 - Identifying work process improvements
 - Increasing workforce flexibility
 - Identifying core staffing levels
 - Investing in neighborhood parks
- 136 full-time positions, 23 percent of the workforce, have been eliminated since 2003
- Park Board spending has been below the annual rate of inflation since 2003

The Park Board Is Investing In Your Parks and Parkways

- 2012 Budget includes \$4.9 million for neighborhood parks and parkway capital improvements, a 30 percent increase over the 2011 Approved Budget
- Park Board is committed to:
 - Investing in neighborhood parks
 - Maintaining existing infrastructure
 - Investing in energy efficiency/rehabilitation to improve existing facility operations

Park Board is Strategically Preparing for Future Financial Challenges

- 2012 Budget strategically positions the organization, from a service and financial perspective, to prepare for projected funding gaps in 2013 through 2016
- From a service perspective, goals and performance measures are identified in the 2012 Budget to meet the organization's strategic direction
- From a financial perspective, the 2012 Budget positions the organization to begin to address future funding gaps, including estimated Local Government Aid reduction from \$7.6 million in 2012 to \$5.6 million in 2013 through 2016

Minneapolis Taxpayers Recognize The Value of Parks

- 99 percent think the Park System plays an important role in serving the public by offering free or low-cost recreational facilities and activities
- 96 percent think the parks and lakes play a key role in the physical health and wellness of city residents
- 94 percent report existing parks and facilities meet the needs of households

For more information about park services or the Park Board's budget, visit www.minneapolisparke.org