



Department of Parks Budget Presentation

Budget & Finance Committee

February 22, 2021

Parks Department Budget History

General Fund Operating Budget
FY 2017 – FY 2021

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personnel Compensation	4,416,710	4,696,360	4,593,380	4,403,010	3,741,550
Fringe Benefits	1,425,120	1,472,724	1,329,410	1,479,570	1,298,800
Non-Personnel Expenses	2,896,670	2,901,540	2,961,540	3,187,670	3,233,530
Properties	0	43,000	0	0	0
Total	\$ 8,738,500	\$ 9,113,624	\$ 8,884,330	\$ 9,070,250	\$ 8,273,880

Parks Department Budget History

Appropriated Restricted Funds Operating Budget FY 2017 – FY 2021

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
107 - Stormwater Management	883,920	883,920	2,994,230	1,939,390	1,934,860
301 - Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund	362,380	376,110	384,120	392,120	395,240
302 - Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund	1,700,810	1,829,053	1,864,360	1,827,460	1,602,580
318 - Sawyer Point Fund	1,420,980	1,642,900	1,668,480	1,510,300	1,490,820
329 - Cincinnati Riverfront Park	363,040	489,475	913,930	992,410	997,840
759 - Income Tax-Transit Fund	30,070	30,070	30,670	30,980	31,300
Total	\$ 4,761,200	\$ 5,251,528	\$ 7,855,790	\$ 6,692,660	\$ 6,452,640

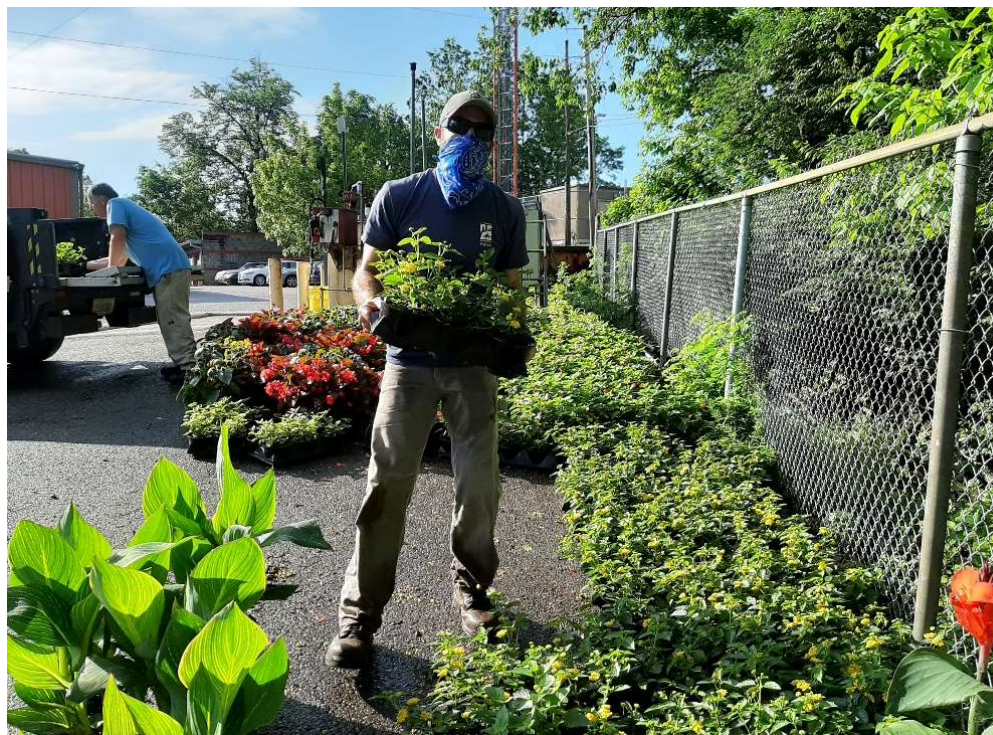
Parks Department - Service During COVID-19

- Cincinnati Parks - an essential service during the pandemic
- Historic investment and vision
 - Oases in the middle of an industrialized city
 - 1907 Kessler Parks Master Plan
 - 1925 Comprehensive City Plan
 - 1992 'Planting the Future' Parks Master Plan
 - 2007 Centennial Parks Master Plan
- Parks open and safe for Community when everything else was closed
 - 2020 5th best City - ParkScore Rankings
 - Trust for Public Lands



Parks Department - Organizational Impacts of COVID-19

- Organizational response
 - ERIP Impact
 - Organizational restructuring opportunity
 - Eliminated historic silos and barriers to professional advancement
 - Advancement of over 15 staff - internal promotions



Parks Department - Staffing Issues

- Gap in amenity improvements
 - Establish Carpentry team
 - Add 2 FT Facility Maintenance Specialists
 - Example: Enhanced trail improvements
- Concern - Impact of 8% budget reduction exercise
 - Decrease in PVA - Filled positions after ERIP
 - Will require us to look at loss of services

Parks Department - Significant Issues

Capital Needs

- FY 2021 - Completion of Facilities & Infrastructure Study
 - \$74m in capital needs
 - Poor and fair assets total \$14m/\$28m
 - FY 2022/23 Capital Budget request is \$3.5m annually
 - Requested exceptions of \$843k (FY 2022) and \$1.3m (FY 2023) for road and parking restoration

Parks Department - Significant Issues

Loss of Revenue

- Parks has suffered \$2.5m revenue loss in restricted funds
 - Revenue supports operational costs
 - Krohn Conservatory
 - Riverfront Parks
 - Sawyer Point
 - Smale Riverfront Park
 - Explore Nature! programming
 - Parking, permits, rentals, and events

Parks Department - Significant Issues

Loss of Revenue

- Krohn Conservatory
 - Loss of Revenue - \$980k
 - Pre-pandemic fund balance - \$1.2m
 - Projected May 2021 fund balance - \$400k
 - Restricted fund supports staff
 - Expended \$671k (3/2020-1/2021)
 - Essential staff retained to care for the historic collection and COVID safe plant sales
 - Use stimulus dollars to relieve loss?

QUESTIONS?