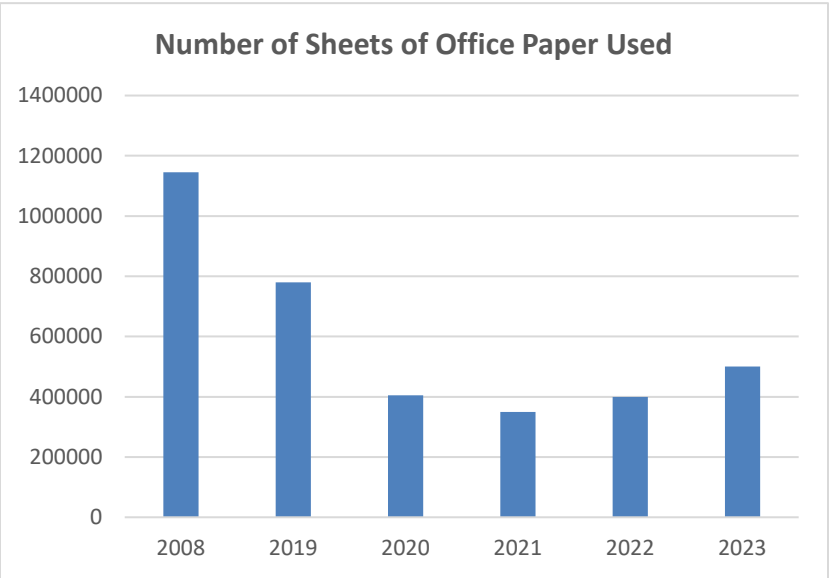


2023 Sustainability Report

Principle 1: Purchase and use of environmentally safe and sensitive products

Theme: Paper Purchasing and Reduction in Use

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2021, we have produced a digital-only Program Guide. • We replace paper with electronic communication whenever practical; including bidding documents, registration confirmations, P-cards, accreditation documents, staff manuals, board packets, etc. • We print double-sided pages when possible. • We use 30% recycled content office paper. • Since 2019, IT has provided Smart Field Forms for staff documents, including employment forms, surveys, etc. that can be completed electronically, saving approximately 1,000 sheets of paper in a typical year. • BoardDocs creates electronic agendas, minutes and supporting documents for board and committee meetings, and also includes copies of District policies, saving an estimated 81,780 sheets of paper annually, resulting in a cost savings of over \$500. • The majority of employee paperwork is completed electronically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though facilities and programming returned to full operations in 2022, the paper use in 2023 compared to 2019 shows the District saving 7.0 short tons of wood. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Number of Sheets of Office Paper Used</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Number of Sheets</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>~1,150,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>~780,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>~400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>~350,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022</td> <td>~400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023</td> <td>~500,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Year	Number of Sheets	2008	~1,150,000	2019	~780,000	2020	~400,000	2021	~350,000	2022	~400,000	2023	~500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discontinuing the printing and mailing of the Program Guide saves approximately 13.2 million sheets of paper and \$230,000 annually and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,480 million BTUs of energy • 981,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide • 1,370,000 gallons of water <p>Comparing 2023 paper use to 2019 paper use, we saved approximately: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.0 short tons of wood • 56.2 million BTUs of energy • 37,200 lbs. carbon dioxide • 52,000 gallons of water <p>*Calculations made by the Environmental Paper Network Paper Calculator</p>
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Principle 1: Purchase and use of environmentally safe and sensitive products (cont'd)

Theme: Use of Green Cleaning Supplies and Services throughout the District

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks staff use a bulk cleaner dispensing system by Metro with lidded, 5-gallon buckets. Cleaners are pre-measured and diluted with water. • Staff use green cleaners in all facilities and parks, including but not limited to golf courses, Centennial Beach, Knoch Knolls Nature Center, Fort Hill Activity Center and Knoch Park Central Maintenance Facility. • Custodial is using a 5-filter system for vacuums, resulting in cleaner air. • Custodial's eco-flex carpet extractor uses less water and chemical when cleaning carpets. • Custodial's eco-flex auto-scrubber strips floors with water and small amounts of low VOC cleaners. • All cleaning machines use cold water only, and peroxide-based cleaners. • All floor finishes have a 0.95% or less VOC. • Restroom paper products are made of 100% recycled content. • Custodial uses recycled plastic trash can liners. • Fleet uses a solvent-free cleaner to clean vehicle parts. • All paper products and hand soaps ordered are green certified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green products are safer for employees using them. • Green products are safe for volunteers to use. • Containers are refillable, reducing waste. • Green products reduce pollution to soil, air, or water.

Principle 2: Effective Use and Protection of Air, Water, Soil, and Wildlife

Theme: Use Pervious Materials for Construction of Hardscape When Practical

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District maintains approximately 118,033 SF of pervious pavement. • The District considers installing pervious pavement in areas where maintenance is practical. • The District seeks grants to assist with initial cost and/or maintenance of pervious pavers. Pervious pavement projects completed between 2009 and 2016 were funded, in part, by grants. • The Trades Department manages sweeping of pervious pavement at Winding Creek Park, Seager Park, Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park, Knoch Park, Knoch Knolls Park and Fort Hill Activity Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-year lifecycle cost of pervious pavement is projected to be 25% less than asphalt. • Improves water quality of the DuPage River and other streams by reducing runoff and filtering water on site. • Pollutants removed include nitrogen, phosphorus, lead, zinc and total suspended solids.

Principle 2: Effective Use and Protection of Air, Water, Soil, and Wildlife (cont'd)

Theme: Conserve Water in Operations

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use water from retention ponds and quarries for irrigation. • Synthetic turf fields at Nike Sports Complex, Knoch Park and Commissioners Park reduce the need for irrigation. • Golf continues to reduce water usage by adjusting the spray patterns of sprinklers. • Golf uses soil moisture sensors to determine when irrigation is needed. • Rain sensors at Frontier Sports Complex, Commissioners Park and Knoch Park prevent the irrigation system from watering when the soil already is moist enough. • Automated irrigation systems replaced water reels at some parks for added efficiency and water savings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 900-gallon cistern at Knoch Knolls Nature Center harvested 144,538 gallons of rainwater, providing 77% of the water needed for the restrooms and irrigation of the living wall, saving approximately \$1,445 in water costs. • Central Parks successfully employed an irrigation system at Knoch South and utilized rainwater for irrigation. • Working within requirements from DuPage County for stormwater management, a compensatory storage area for floodwaters on Springbrook Creek was created this spring. Staff will be required to maintain the area with native wetland plants and continue to remove invasives as part of the stormwater management agreements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuse of rainwater saves money, local potable water supply, and slows runoff from the site, leading to improved water quality of local streams.

Theme: Protect Wildlife

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers maintain two hives of honeybees at the back of the organic area of the Ron Ory Community Garden Plots. • The District discontinued use of the chemical, Merit, for grub control and uses Acelepyrn instead, which is safer for pollinators. • The District maintains 5 monarch way stations at Knoch Knolls Nature Center, Nike Sports Complex, Country Lakes Park, Seager Park and the Ron Ory Community Garden Plots. All are certified through Monarch Watch. A monarch way station includes 10 or more milkweed plants and 4 or more nectar plants in an area that is at least 100 SF. • A pollinator garden has been added to the Riverwalk on the east side of Rotary Hill. Milkweed plants are being allowed to grow naturally in other natural areas and throughout the District along the Riverwalk as well. • Both golf courses have incorporated native areas with milkweed and other pollinator plants (approx. 2.5 acres at Springbrook and 6.5 acres at Naperbrook). The native areas receive minimal herbicide treatments and no insecticide treatments. No pesticides are applied during egg laying periods. Annual mowing and other practices help minimize invasive weeds; milkweed seeds are sown to increase the number of plants. • Golf is using bacteria based aquatic products to reduce organic matter in ponds, which will help limit algae growth and thereby improve oxygen levels and the overall water quality in the ponds. • Decals were placed on the windows at Knoch Knolls Nature Center to help prevent bird collisions. • At Frontier Sports Complex two BioHaven Floating Islands were installed in the retention pond to assist in water filtration and to add more pollinator habitat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Park District created brochures and a web page to remind residents to refrain from feeding river wildlife and to be aware of spring nesting and breeding among wildlife such as geese and coyotes. • Native pollinator plants were installed at various parks, which include: 1,000 at Knoch Knolls Nature Center, 1,056 at Wolfs Crossing Community Park, and 300 at Frontier Sports Complex. • Seed mixes were sown at Meadow Glens, Baileywood and Veterans Park while plugs were planted at Hunters Wood, Weigand Riverfront and Veterans Park. • Project Wingspan native seed collection events took place during the fall at Frontier Sports Complex. • One hive survived the winter and several more were added. The volunteer beekeeper tends to the beehives carefully and they are doing well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honeybees are essential to many of the fruits and vegetables that we enjoy. Providing a safe place for several hives will benefit the garden plots and will help bring back the honeybee population. • Allowing ducks to feed naturally leads to better health for the ducks, prevents crowding and aggression among the ducks, and helps keep the river clean. • Milkweed plants provide a habitat for monarch butterflies to lay eggs and to feed the caterpillars. Other native, flowering plants provide nectar for adult monarchs.

Principle 2: Effective Use and Protection of Air, Water, Soil, and Wildlife (cont'd)

Theme: Improve and Maintain the District's Natural Areas

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS																
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parks Department actively maintains existing natural areas and works with the Planning Department to restore additional natural areas. Community volunteers assist with park maintenance projects when possible. The District manages approximately 452 acres of natural area, including prairie, woodland, shoreline, wetland and “low mow” areas. Each area has a multi-year schedule of maintenance including practices such as prescribed burning, hand/machine removal of invasives, targeted application of herbicides when needed, mowing and planting of seed or plugs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 319 trees were planted Districtwide. The Planning Department completed the 5th year of Park Meadow projects to convert turf grass to meadow in strategic areas in selected parks. In 2023, 21,780 square feet of turf at Fairway Commons and 1 acre of turf at Baileywood Park were converted to meadow. A project at Stanford Meadows restored 24,015 square feet of shoreline and 22,450 sf of shoreline at Brook Crossings. Park maintenance staff planted prairie seed mix at Dorothea Weigand Park, May Watts Park, University Heights and Wildflower Park. 650 plugs were planted to create a pollinator garden at Veterans Park. 1,000 plugs were planted at Knoch Knolls Nature Center, 1,056 at Wolfs Crossing Community Park, 300 at Frontier Sports Complex and 55 shrubs at Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park. Invasive species were removed in 27 acres within Brook Prairie, Commissioners Park, Frontier Sports Complex, Knoch Knolls Park, Monarch Park, Springbrook Parkway, Summerfield Lakes, Kingsley Prairie and Wolfs Crossing Community Park. Staff plans to install native seed in these areas in the winter of 2023-24. Woody invasive plants and trees were removed in 3 acres within Sindt Woods, Olsen Estates, Country Lakes, Wil-O-Way Commons, Seager Park, and the shoreline of the DuPage River. Park maintenance staff removed dead trees and planted 700 native plugs at Hunters Woods in an established natural area. 20 native trees were planted at Pioneer Park from a grant received from the Morton Arboretum. Park maintenance staff planted prairie seed at the following parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.0 acre at Meadow Glens 1.0 acre at Baileywood Park 0.5 acre at Veterans Park 0.3 acre at Clow Creek Greenway 1.0 acre at Knoch Knolls Park 0.7 acre at Wolfs Crossing Community Park Park maintenance staff removed invasive woody plants and trees in the following parks: <table border="1" data-bbox="617 1039 1499 1323"> <tbody> <tr> <td>o 1.1 acres Baileywood Park</td> <td>o 2.5 acres Veterans Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 1.9 acres Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park</td> <td>o 0.9 acre Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 3.1 acres Hobson West Ponds</td> <td>o 0.8 acre May Watts Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 3.1 acres Hunters Woods</td> <td>o 3.3 acres Brighton Ridge Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 7 acres May Watts Park</td> <td>o 0.9 acre Stanford Meadows</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 1.7 acres Meadow Glens</td> <td>o 0.5 acre DuPage River Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 1.5 acres Old Farm Greenway</td> <td>o 0.3 acre Clow Creek Greenway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o 0.7 acre University Heights</td> <td>o 0.7 acre Frank Rus Preserve</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Volunteers removed invasive honeysuckle at the Rus Preserve at Knoch Knolls Park. Cub Scouts assembled native seed bombs and distributed them within Frontier Sports Complex and Commissioners Park. In 2023, 471 volunteers contributed 1,755.50 hours to help Naperville Park District with park maintenance and environmental projects. 	o 1.1 acres Baileywood Park	o 2.5 acres Veterans Park	o 1.9 acres Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park	o 0.9 acre Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park	o 3.1 acres Hobson West Ponds	o 0.8 acre May Watts Park	o 3.1 acres Hunters Woods	o 3.3 acres Brighton Ridge Park	o 7 acres May Watts Park	o 0.9 acre Stanford Meadows	o 1.7 acres Meadow Glens	o 0.5 acre DuPage River Park	o 1.5 acres Old Farm Greenway	o 0.3 acre Clow Creek Greenway	o 0.7 acre University Heights	o 0.7 acre Frank Rus Preserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits of restoring shorelines include less maintenance for staff, improvement in the water quality of rivers and streams, smaller Canadian geese population and improvement in native riparian animal & insect habitat. Benefits of increased low-mow areas include improving habitat for pollinators, enhancing stormwater absorption and filtering by native plants, reducing air pollution caused by mowing, reducing the amount of fuel used for mowing and reduction in labor and related costs. Pond aerators eliminate the need for chemical applications, reducing pollution. Prescribed burns reduce invasive plants and benefit native pollinator plants.
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Principle 2: Effective Use and Protection of Air, Water, Soil, and Wildlife (cont'd)

Theme: Improve and Evaluate Use of Chemical Applications for Landscape Maintenance and Hard Surfaces

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 Update	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf and Parks are using best management practices in applying fertilizers and herbicides, including soil testing to limit elements only to what are needed for the soil. • Parks and Golf staff continue to reduce the amount of salt applied in deicing; use of magnesium chloride and sand in all sensitive areas and for walkways. • Parks continues the Sustainable Parks initiative, in which 8 parks and more than 70 playground areas are maintained only with natural products. Conventional broadleaf weed control and Roundup are replaced with natural products when needed and organic fertilizer is used. • Central Parks uses microbes to improve turf quality while decreasing the use of synthetic fertilizer and plant protectant chemicals. • Golf continued the use of naturally occurring microbes to reduce thatch in turf, helping to naturally reduce pests and disease problems. • Golf has increased its use of organic fertilizers (chicken manure/Milorganite), reducing the use of synthetic fertilizers by 50% in the rough and by 33% in fairways. • Fort Hill Activity Center has heated walkways to the entrance to reduce need for salt in winter. • South Parks is using “Power Melt Green” to melt ice. It is calcium magnesium acetate based and labeled one of the most environmentally friendly ice melt formulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertilizers for fairways and rough include organic fertilizer, limiting the use of synthetic fertilizers. • Staff will be investigating/comparing results using bacteria and enzymes to break down organic matter to limit algae growth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of best management practices in landscape maintenance include improved water quality in streams and ponds, healthier turf, improved soil, protection of pollinators, and reduced cost. • Benefits for reducing use of salt include reduced replacement costs for salt damaged landscaping trees and shrubs; protection of water quality, plant, and animal life in sensitive wetland areas; and reduced costs from more efficient application of deicers, minimizing waste. (From IPRA’s <i>Environmental Toolkit</i>)

Principle 3: Effective Use of Energy Resources

Theme: Energy Conservation - Vehicles and Equipment

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using bio-based fuel and fluids, including B20 Dieselelex Gold fuel during the warm season, EcoTerra hydraulic fluid, fully synthetic engine oil, and canola-based lubricant. Continue to test efficiency and economy of new fuels, fluids and types of vehicles. The fleet now has 2 propane fueling stations and 8 road vehicles that run on propane and gasoline fuel, 3 propane forklifts and 9 propane zero-turn mowers. Naperville Park District has been designated as an Illinois Green Fleet since 2011. In addition to conserving energy and reducing the use of fossil fuels, Fleet also looks to reduce carbon emissions by transitioning to hybrid and electric vehicles and equipment when possible. Fleet has four fully electric utility vehicles and two zero-turn mowers. An EV charging station at Knoch Park will be placed in the maintenance yard for serving the District's electric vehicles and equipment. Park Police utilizes e-bikes for patrols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf purchased 3 Toro eTriflex hybrid mowers, which use no hydraulic oil and should provide a 20% fuel savings. North Parks purchased 2 battery powered string trimmers, 3 battery powered blowers, 1 battery powered chainsaw and 1 multi tool which included cultivator, edger, and a pole saw. Central Parks purchased an electric pole saw and an electric blower. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electric vehicles produce no emissions. Hybrids are expected to provide twice the gas mileage of the vehicles they replaced. Synthetic oil improves fuel economy and uses less oil. Propane is cleaner and costs less than gasoline.

Theme: Renewable Energy Use

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rooftop solar panels provide renewable energy at Knoch Knolls Nature Center, Nike Sports Complex Park Support Building, and Fort Hill Activity Center. Parks operates 2 solar-powered pond aerators at Hobson West Ponds. Fleet installed a solar panel to power a diesel pump and used solar power for a trailer lift. Solar panels are considered for buildings when grants or rebates are available. Park Police use a solar powered mobile security camera with trailer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar panels produce clean, renewable energy. Annual cost savings throughout lifecycle. Educational value for the community. <p>On average the District's solar panels at sports complex, Knoch Knolls Nature Center and Fort Hill Activity Center produce 74,537 kWh. The benefits of this solar energy production include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 52.7 tons of CO2 avoided \$8,199 estimated cost savings

Principle 3: Effective Use of Energy Resources (cont'd)

Theme: Energy Conservation – Indoor and Outdoor Facilities

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District conducts an ongoing energy audit, tracking electric and gas bills. • Trades is upgrading to LED lights within facilities whenever budget allows. • Energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems are installed in new buildings. • Athletic fields use energy-efficient lighting that can be controlled remotely to accommodate schedule changes. • All sports lighting is now integrated into the Control Link system. • Drop-in tennis, sand volleyball, basketball court and Frontier Sports Complex skate facility lighting are now on push button controls, for more energy savings and fostering environmentally sustainable lighting practices. • Trades retrofitted the pathway lighting at Arbor Way and Spring-Field Park with LED inserts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing energy use realizes cost savings and reduction in pollution, water consumption and use of fossil fuels. <p>The District’s sports lighting system includes the ability to control lights remotely and through onsite push buttons, which saves an annual total of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 798,951 kWh from early offs and push buttons • 566 tons of CO2 • \$87,885 cost of savings

Principle 4: Reduction and Handling of Waste

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct periodic waste audits. • The District specifies mixed-source recycling for its waste hauler contract recycling approximately 35% of its total waste annually, with 25% comprised of recycled materials and 10% comprised of yard waste. • NPD asks contractors to recycle construction waste. • Staff continues to recycle and reuse materials whenever possible. • Parks staff chips trees and use mulch for trails, etc. • Parks Staff collects unsold Christmas trees from local vendors for chipping to use in the Garden Plots. • Manure is collected from local equestrian facilities and offered as an option at Garden Plots. • The District hosts community recycling opportunities when practical. • Tennis balls are recycled at Knoch Park Tennis Courts in a bin provided by high school students. • Fleet uses Pig Mats to absorb oil and then recycle it. • Fleet recycles all oil filters. • The District is investigating ways to cost effectively reduce single-use plastic products such as drinking straws, plastic cups and utensils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet began purchasing engine oil and hydraulic oil in bulk, reducing use of plastic containers and saving money. • Fleet recycles tires at a local plant—Liberty Tire Recycling in Aurora—that shreds the rubber on site and separates the steel material. Both the rubber and the steel are sold to industry for re-use. • At the Ron Ory Community Garden Plots, 21,514 lbs. of pumpkins were dropped off and composted into the soil in the 7th annual Pumpkin Smash. • The District collected used, nonworking holiday lights from the community at Fort Hill Activity Center, Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center and the golf shops. Staff dropped off the lights at the City of Naperville’s recycling center, which accepts holiday lights. Approximately 1,300 lbs. of lights were recycled. • Golf recycled 600 gallons of waste oil and recycled 60 lbs. of oil filters. <p style="text-align: center;">Other Materials Recycled/Reused in 2023</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="621 761 1631 911"> <thead> <tr> <th>Engine Oil (gal.)</th> <th>Engine Coolant</th> <th>Pallets</th> <th>Tires</th> <th>Metal</th> <th>Electronic Equipment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>500 gallons of used engine oil and 120 lbs. of oil filters</td> <td>50 lbs.</td> <td>160</td> <td>102</td> <td>19,780 lbs.</td> <td>387 lbs. recycled 20 lbs. re-used</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Engine Oil (gal.)	Engine Coolant	Pallets	Tires	Metal	Electronic Equipment	500 gallons of used engine oil and 120 lbs. of oil filters	50 lbs.	160	102	19,780 lbs.	387 lbs. recycled 20 lbs. re-used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials are kept out of the landfill. • Reusing and recycling generate cost savings and rebates. • Composting pumpkins returns water and nutrients to the soil. • Using recycled paint from EarthPaint helps divert paint containers from the landfill.
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Principle 5: Environmental Education and Interpretation

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES	2023 UPDATE	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District maintains a page on its website with information about our environmental initiatives. • Interpretive signs are installed where appropriate to educate park visitors about our natural areas. • The District developed educational content that is located on the Park District’s website regarding common maintenance practices and strategies. • “Conservation at Home” signs showcase restoration and demonstration projects at the Ron Ory Community Garden Plots, Winding Creek Park, Frontier Sports Complex and Knoch Knolls Nature Center. • We promote a rain barrel sale with The Conservation Foundation as a part of Earth Week Naperville. • A volunteer training video is now available at www.napervilleparks.org. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023, drop-in visits at Knoch Knolls Nature Center totaled 13,822, an increase of over 50% when compared to the previous years. • In-person nature programs in 2023 included Creepy Critters Month (264 attended), Nature Birthday Parties (68 participants), Nature summer camps (152 participants), Hikes with a Naturalist (212 participants), Scout programs (120 scouts), Nature Playtime (25 participants) and 2 Winter Craft Workshops (60 participants). • Nature Center staff offered 5 school programs with 213 children participating and collaborated with Naperville Public Library, Naper Settlement and DuPage Children’s Museum to host the Naperville Plays program with 215 participants. • Nature Discovery Kits were purchased by 26 families. • The Earth Day Fair was held at Fort Hill Activity Center with an attendance of approximately 350. • Naperville Park District collaborated with other organizations to promote Earth Week Naperville in 2023. There were volunteer projects in the parks and forest preserves and other opportunities to participate in green initiatives, such as purchasing and planting trees, a compost bin or a rain barrel. • In 2023, 471 volunteers contributed 1,755.50 hours to help Naperville Park District with park maintenance and environmental projects. • The Ron Ory Community Garden Plots were filled nearly to capacity, with 99% of the plots rented. Two free gardening workshops were held with a total of 34 participants. A series of 3 educational programs about landscaping attracted 52 participants. • Naperville Park District was the first Illinois park district to be recognized as a member of the B20 Club for its Green Fleet. • Naperville Park District was featured in Illinois Parks & Recreation Magazine with an article written by Sue Omanson highlighting several of the District’s environmental and green initiatives. • The Park District hosted a virtual Capital Projects Open House in July/August 2023 to inform residents of upcoming 2024 projects which include shoreline restoration at Brighton Ridge Park and Stanford Meadows. • Eagle Scout project recognition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ava Morales: Ava built planter boxes to replace the original boxes at Knoch Knolls Park ➤ Brady Jones: Brady built and installed a bench on the driving range at Springbrook Golf Course ➤ Fionn (“FIN”) Pianetto: “Fin” built two wood benches for the first and tenth tees at Springbrook Golf Course ➤ Jack Benton: Jack built 8 fishing line collectors at various park locations ➤ Jett Morales: Jeff built an information kiosk at DuPage River Sports Complex ➤ Matthew Tam: Matthew redefined a pathway at Hunter Woods to provide better access ➤ Sanjal Shrestha: Sanjal built an information kiosk at Knoch Knolls Park ➤ Max Smith: Max redesigned and rebuilt compost bins at the Ron Ory Community Garden Plots ➤ Kevin Pankow: Kevin removed highly invasive teasel plants at May Watts Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPD is known as a leader in promoting green practices. • Education and communication lead to growth in sustainable practices within NPD and in the community.