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Parks focused on county's resources and recreation offerings

OAKLAND COUNTY – In 2021, Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) invested resources in the management of its public lands.

The 14-park system created grant programs for expanding trails, enhancing parks and assistance with invasive species removal countywide. Parks staff also teamed with Oakland University for a pollinator study; made a \$2.2 million investment in Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights; and developed accessible programming for Holly Oaks ORV Park near Holly. These projects and programs are highlighted in OCPR's Annual Report: *Conversations & Conservation*, which can be viewed at OaklandCountyParks.com.

Residents ventured outdoors in large numbers and discovered trails for hiking, camping, golfing and other ways to seek respite from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The parks provided places to immerse oneself in nature and seek adventure.

"From the individual recreation experience to the caretaking of park lands, the parks commission looks forward to continued opportunities to create a better quality of life for residents," OCPR Chairman Gary R. McGillivray said.

OCPR operates two waterparks, two campgrounds, five golf courses, three dog parks, two nature centers, a farmers market, an off-road vehicle park and day-use parks that are visited by 2 million guests annually. The system also provides outreach recreation services, mobile unit rentals and more.

For information on other events, visit OaklandCountyParks.com. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).