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# AGENDA BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 7:00 P.M.

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 3. LONGEVITY RECOGNITION COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES
- 4. PRESENTATION OF GOLD MEDAL FINALIST VIDEO
- 5. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES
  - May 17, 2022
- 6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Inflation and Compensation / M22-061
  - B. ADA Transition Plan Update / M22-058
  - C. IPRA Environmental Report Card / M22-056
  - D. Poplar Park Playground Cost Adjustment / M22-054
  - E. NWSRA Vogelei House Project Cost Adjustment / M22-055
  - F. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report / M22-057
- 9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS
- 10. ADJOURNMENT





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### MINUTES BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING May 17, 2022

#### 1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman McGinn, Commissioner Evans (7:01), Comm Reps

Bettencourt, Poeschel, Evans, Sernett

Absent: Comm Rep Aguilar

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Recreation Kapusinski,

Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of

Golf & Facilities Bechtold

Audience: President Kinnane, Commissioners Chhatwani, Dressler, Kaplan

and Friedman; Comm Reps Macdonald, MacGregor, Beranek

(7:09) and Henderson (7:12); Dr. Robert Steinberg

#### 2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### 3. **Approval of the Minutes:**

Comm Rep Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### 4. <u>Comments from the Audience:</u>

Dr. Steinberg noted some slides (pictures) he sent to Executive Director Talsma, showing photos of wildflowers. He detailed the history of the progression of the naturalization of the area behind his home, which is currently mostly weeds. Director Hugen explained that due to wetland delineations in 2018, the district was not able to do anything until the silt fence was removed in 2021. Since then, shoreline grasses and wildflowers have been seeded, but it will be a two- to three-year process for these to root and fully grow.

#### 5. Old Business:

None

#### 6. New Business:

#### A. Bridges HVAC Upgrades / M22-047

Director Hugen stated that the make-up air units that provide HVAC to the upstairs kitchen at Bridges are in need of replacement. He noted that before going to bid, staff held two onsite pre-bid meetings which were required for bidding so the contractors were aware of what the project entailed. Four bids were submitted, with Core Mechanical being the lowest qualified bidder. Having not used this contractor in the past, we checked their references; Libertyville High School gave a very positive review and noted they will use them again.

Chairman McGinn asked what is included in the mobilization. Director Hugen stated that this entails the ability to obtain a crane and to get it on site at Bridges. Commissioner McGinn also asked what the useful life of these units is. Director Hugen replied that it is 15-20 years.

Commissioner Evans asked what a "make-up" unit is. Director Hugen said these are the two units that strictly provide heat – it is not a combined unit. The condensers provide the air conditioning. There are four total units.

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to recommend to the full board to award the bid to Core Mechanical for \$36,975 plus a contingency of \$5,000 for a grand total of \$41,975. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### B. Parks, Planning and Maintenance Board Report / M22-024

Director Hugen highlighted the following:

- We received permits from the Village of Hoffman Estates and have installed the
  water line to the new bathroom at TopTracer. We are waiting for the MWRD
  permit to start the sanitary line.
- Director Hugen shared a photo of a young girl and her dad planting a tree at the Arbor Day event at Birch Park.
- NWSRA received a \$4,000 grant from Home Depot for landscaping around the house. Plants have been picked up and will be installed the week of May 23. The elevator should go in next week, after internet is installed in the house on May 18.
- The Seascape renovations are going well. All painting is complete. Leak detection is planned for May 16 and 17. \$25,000 worth of sod was installed last week. All other work is wrapping up.

Dr. Steinberg asked what the concrete project was at South Ridge. Director Hugen responded that crews were installing a 20-foot bench in front of the island area, as many people were trying to sit in that particular area. The crew also extended the bike racks, and had to pour additional concrete to do so.

Comm Rep Poeschel asked what a "seed bomb" is. Director Hugen explained that seeds are collected every fall. They are dried at the maintenance building, and then in the spring get mixed with clay and soil. Staff and volunteers throw these into the shorelines for future growth.

Comm Rep Poeschel asked Director Hugen to explain "volunteer flowers". He responded that six parks are adopted by volunteers who take care of the landscaping around the park sign. The volunteers can request a certain type of flower. These were all purchased and dropped off with the residents so they can plan around the signs.

Chairman McGinn asked how the community gardens are doing. Director Hugen said that the sign-ups were last week and all plots are sold.

Comm Rep Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to send the Parks, Planning and Maintenance Board Report to the full board. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### 7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Sernett: Happy to see that staff is working on the plants. Great job Director Hugen.

Commissioner Evans: This is a busy season! Son lives in Hoffman Estates and likes to play disc golf. He saw the large sign advertising the upcoming tournament at Black Bear, so well done with the advertising!

Comm Rep Evans: Upcoming event: The SRT Golf Outing. We are in need of golfers, volunteers, donations, hole sponsors.

Community Rep Poeschel: She was at Kids to Parks Day – very well done!

Chairman McGinn: Missed the TopTracer fundraiser, which has been rescheduled to April 9.

#### 8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

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Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma Secretary

Cindy Flynn Executive Assistant

#### MEMORANDUM NO. M22-061

TO: All Committees

FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director

Nicole Hopkins, Director of Finance & IT

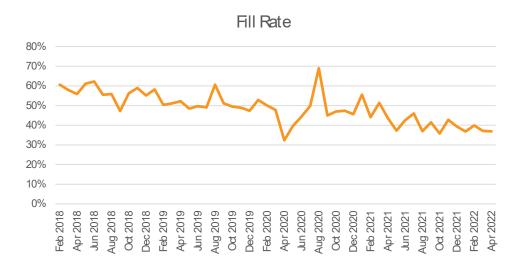
RE: Cost of Living Increase

DATE: June 21, 2022

#### **Background**

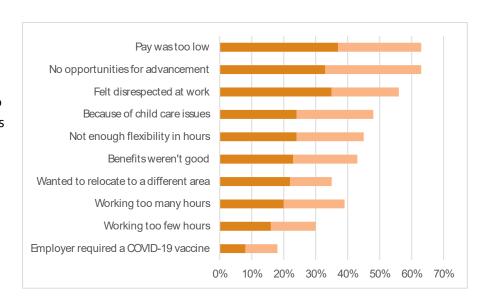


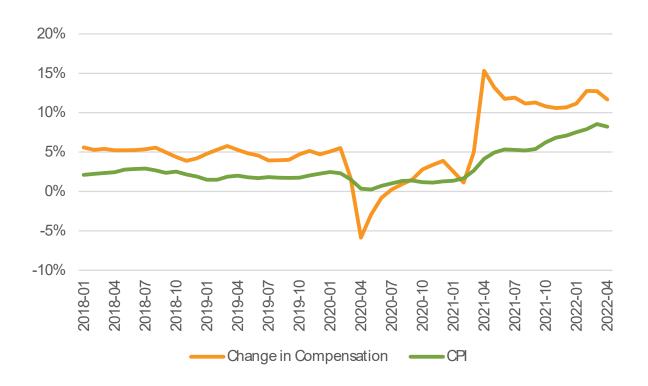
Prior to the impact of COVID-19, Job Openings averaged a little over seven million. As of the June 1<sup>st</sup> release by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey for April 2022, the job openings are 11.4 million, an increase of 73 percent. Employees that quit their jobs increased from an average of 3.06 million to 4.42 million.



According to the BLS government jobs data, prior to 2020 54% of government positions were filled by the following month. Currently, only 37% of those jobs are being filled.

In a study by the Pew
Research Center, 63% of
employees who left their
job in 2021 cite that it was
wholly or in part due to too
low pay or no opportunities
for advancement. Another
57% felt they were
disrespected. Those who
have quit are taking new
positions with better pay,
more opportunities for
advancement, and greater
work-life balance and
flexibility.





The BLS reported that Inflation (CPI) was 8.5% for May 2022 and 4.9% for May 2021. The cost of goods and services has increased 13.9% since May 2020. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis's Compensation of Employees, Received: Wage and Salary Disbursements report, compensation has historically increased by between 4% and 6% annually. Since April 2021, compensation has increased by between 10% and 15%

In an effort to slow down inflation, the Federal Reserve increased the benchmark interest rate by .75% on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will impact the cost to borrow money on top of the increase in the cost of the goods themselves. Should an employee or prospective employee need to change homes, replace an unreliable vehicle, or fix a broken furnace, the impact will be compounded as the loans to purchase these items will carry higher interest rates on top of the increase in the purchase price.

#### **Implications**

Lost purchasing power is inflation less wage increase, which equals the reduction in goods and services wages can purchase.

		Ra	nge	)	May 2020 to May 2022							
						Inflation						
						for Same	% of Lost	D	ecreases to			
						Time	<b>Purchasing</b>		<b>Effective</b>			
	M	inimum	N	laximum	% Increase	Frame	Power		Wages			
Grade 1	\$	36,250	\$	53,550	5.6%	13.9%	8.3%	\$	(11,779.63)			
Grade 2	\$	41,250	\$	59,850	6.6%	13.9%	7.3%	\$	(6,211.85)			
Grade 3	\$	44,000	\$	65,100	7.9%	13.9%	6.0%	\$	(3,631.55)			
Grade 4	\$	52,000	\$	72,975	6.1%	13.9%	7.8%	\$	(10,434.24)			
Grade 5	\$	62,500	\$	79,500	4.8%	13.9%	9.1%	\$	(7,003.99)			
Grade 6	\$	72,750	\$	99,250	4.8%	13.9%	9.1%	\$	(20,086.63)			
Grade 7	\$	93,750	\$	145,000	6.1%	13.9%	7.8%	\$	(17,348.38)			
							7.9%	\$(	(76,496.28)			

District employees lost an average of 7.9% in purchasing power since 2020 due to the elimination of annual increases in 2021 along with the high inflation. Many park districts have started to do COLA adjustments this year. Highland Park, Naperville, Waukegan, and Deerfield have approved cost of living adjustments (COLA) of between 3% and 10% that were given across the Board to all employees. As other businesses and Park Districts are adjusting their compensation packages and working environments due to the rising inflation and changing job market, the District is at a competitive disadvantage unless this is addressed. Although we have not given a direct COLA adjustment in the past, the current rate of inflation is the largest seen since December of 1981.

The district has already lost five full-time staff members this year, and has had difficulty retaining staff for new or vacant full-time positions. In May, we had another full-time staff member offered a higher wage that we were able to retain by increasing their rate of pay. This impacted two employees as an employee with greater longevity in the same position also needed to be adjusted. Applicants offered opportunities have received better offers resulting in us starting the process of filling the position from scratch. Just this month, a full-time employee quit after only two weeks.

The consultant used by most Park Districts, HR Source, does an annual salary survey for IPRA. The results are available to participants. Using the most recent information from September 1, 2021, and rolled forward to this year, the District reviewed our compensation with other participants. We are

currently paying most employees within the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of all Illinois Park Districts. The District's EAV and population are consistent with the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of agencies in Illinois, adjustments up to \$324,933 would be required to pay our employees consistent with this level. To attract and retain leading professionals in our location, \$845,181 in adjustments would be required.

We cannot overcome such large differentials immediately in one swoop; however starting to make adjustments in such times of need as now will show our employees we care. As a gold medal agency that is highly accredited, we should be seeking candidates worthy of the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile. To be paying at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile means we will be seeking average candidates at best, and our highly skilled staff will seek employment elsewhere. Of course not all staff is at this lower level, but on the average we appear to be paying our staff less than the market would currently dictate.

In order to address a small portion of this disparity and to demonstrate to our staff that we care, we should make some level of COLA adjustment to all staff. The District had a positive change in net position in 2021 of over \$1.3 million and is on track for a \$600 thousand increase in 2022. We should be able to utilize some of this surplus that staff was responsible for creating by reinvesting and rewarding that staff. The loss of raises for the entire year of 2021 contributed to creating that surplus and has dramatically impacted our staff, especially with the current economic crisis we are facing.

Staff is proposing a split adjustment for all employees. Providing a 6% cost of living adjustment to employees currently earning under \$75,000 and a 3% adjustment to those earning over \$75,000. Anyone hired in 2022 would receive a 1.5% adjustment. For our 2022 budget year this would have an impact of less than \$90,000 to the overall District wage expenses.

Park districts are limited in growth opportunities that staff will have. Many positions also have limited flexibility options. To retain employees, it is important that we address the issues that are within the district's control. An employee recognition program is being implemented to increase the number and frequency of employees that receive an acknowledgment. We have expanded our benefits to include childcare to the extent allowed by the IRS. The benefits advantage has always been the way to entice employees to the public sector from the private sector. However, with pay disparities increasing this is a critical area for the District to address. If it is not addressed with current staff, the District will eventually have to confront this issue when trying to replace staff that has left for better opportunities.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the committee recommend that the full board approve an additional one-time cost of living adjustment of 6% for all staff earning under \$75,000, and 3% for all staff earning over \$75,000 with a cap of 1.5% for any staff hired in 2022.

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#### **CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)**

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Item:	All items						
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Year	May
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2012	228.713
2013	231.893
2014	236.918
2015	237.001
2016	239.557
2017	244.004
2018	250.779
2019	255.325
2020	255.944
2021	268.599
2022	291.474

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Area:	U.S. city average

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Year	May
2012	1.7
2013	1.4
2014	2.2
2015	0.0
2016	1.1
2017	1.9
2018	2.8
2019	1.8
2020	0.2
2021	4.9
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Data Element:	Hires				
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201 2	261	219	218	220	332	412	330	543	361	247	207	176
201 3	258	217	200	231	313	338	304	540	376	262	222	167
201 4	262	217	229	236	327	412	320	428	439	290	227	202
201 5	287	240	252	281	358	420	391	603	395	340	270	222
201 6	324	259	282	272	386	432	447	610	483	300	249	199
201 7	319	259	252	265	382	436	386	503	451	340	279	214
201 8	294	265	255	281	392	461	396	679	449	332	280	217
201 9	351	267	258	295	377	429	384	678	488	356	305	215
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201 3	420	403	396	434	426	433	406	416	392	392	373	321
201 4	356	391	426	447	454	557	524	451	462	424	437	467

201 5	484	505	507	540	539	513	606	505	466	507	492	495
201 6	479	471	498	522	550	510	661	523	522	463	540	524
201 7	464	488	509	556	572	604	616	510	559	535	500	542
201 8	551	569	633	599	625	678	742	739	613	595	629	620
201 9	675	672	715	723	717	743	728	750	747	771	726	714
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201 5	123	106	120	115	176	252	190	255	155	144	104	124
201 6	143	113	128	126	195	307	189	276	181	152	113	120
201 7	155	123	146	124	194	253	196	272	177	138	129	128
201 8	149	113	134	145	221	301	227	264	180	156	143	132

201 9	173	125	138	146	235	302	233	269	186	153	137	146
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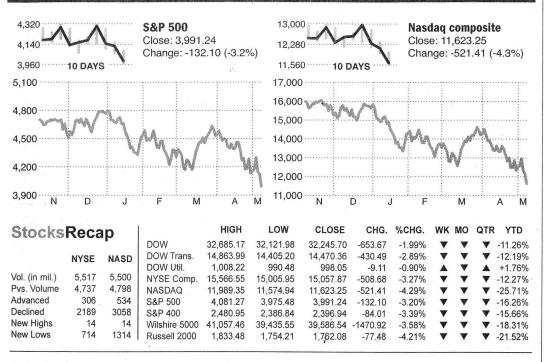
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201 4	263	183	204	199	363	412	351	458	341	249	200	272
201 5	268	196	227	221	382	527	393	497	372	297	225	302
201 6	299	208	226	237	409	595	353	547	392	300	242	261
201 7	300	222	233	235	379	505	406	568	396	281	249	304
201 8	295	211	235	245	381	553	464	537	384	303	254	288
201 9	326	231	233	250	396	554	462	533	388	320	253	299
202 0	302	224	428	414	498	636	478	551	476	507	329	295
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# Your Investments



Message from employers

This is what a tight job market looks like.

America's employers posted a record-high 11.5 million openings in March. The number of people quitting jobs set a record, too — 4.5 million, a sign of confidence that they could

find higher pay, better conditions or more fulfilling work elsewhere.

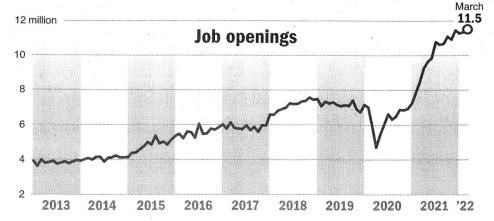
No wonder. Employers laid off or fired just 1.4 million people in March. Though that figure was up from a record-low 1.26 million in December, it was far below the 1.8 million a month that was typical before the pandemic erupted in early 2020, according to the Labor Department's data.

help wanted

There are now two jobs, on average, for every unemployed American. The worker shortage reflects the unexpectedly rapid recovery from 2020's brief pandemic recession. Caught

off-guard by resurgent consumer demand, employers rushed to recall employees they had laid off and to find new ones.

Will the job boom last? Probably not indefinitely. The Federal Reserve is aggressively raising interest rates to try to slow spending and curb high inflation. And the government is no longer supporting the economy with massive stimulus spending.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Paul Wiseman; Jenni Sohn · AP

# Face scann limits in cc

BY KATHLEEN FOODY AND MATT O'BRIEN

**Associated Press** 

CHICAGO — Facial recognition startup Clearview AI has agreed to restrict the use of its massive collection of face images to settle allegations that it collected people's photos without their consent.

The company in a legal filing Monday agreed to permanently stop selling access to its face database to private businesses or individuals around the United States, putting a limit on what it can do with its ever-growing trove of billions of images pulled from social media and elsewhere on the internet.

The settlement — which must be approved by a Cook County judge — will end a 2-year-old lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups over alleged violations of an Illinois digital privacy law. The company still faces a separate privacy case before a federal judge in Illinois.

Clearview is also agreeing to stop making its database available to Illinois state government and local police departments for five years. The New York-based company will continue offering its services to federal agencies, such as U.S. Immigration and Customs

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#### River:

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the dam in Algonquin — are the boaters.

The businesses along the river "bring our surrounding Fox River communities together, whether it be for some great food, amazing entertainment or, most importantly, that human connection we all need and missed so very

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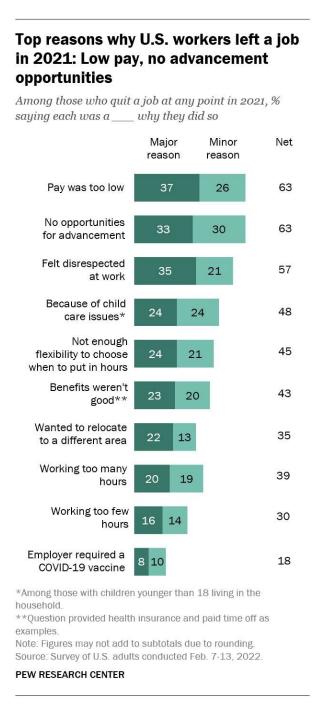
### Majority of workers who quit a job in 2021 cite low pay, no opportunities for advancement, feeling disrespected

BY KIM PARKER AND JULIANA MENASCE HOROWITZ



(Getty Images)

The <u>COVID-19 pandemic</u> set off nearly unprecedented churn in the U.S. labor market. Widespread <u>job losses</u> in the early months of the pandemic gave way to <u>tight labor markets</u> in 2021, driven in part by what's come to be known as the <u>Great Resignation</u>. The nation's "quit rate" reached a 20-year high last November.



A new Pew Research Center survey finds that low pay, a lack of opportunities for advancement and feeling disrespected at work are the top reasons why Americans quit their jobs last year. The survey also finds that those who quit and are now employed elsewhere are more likely than not to say their current job has better pay, more opportunities for advancement and more work-life balance and flexibility.

Majorities of workers who quit a job in 2021 say low pay (63%), no opportunities for advancement (63%) and feeling disrespected at work (57%) were reasons why they quit, according to the Feb. 7-13 survey. At least a third say each of these were *major* reasons why they left.

Roughly half say child care issues were a reason they quit a job (48% among those with a child younger than 18 in the household). A similar share point to a lack of flexibility to choose when they put in their hours (45%) or not having good benefits such as health insurance and paid time off (43%). Roughly a quarter say each of these was a *major* reason.

#### How we did this $\oplus$

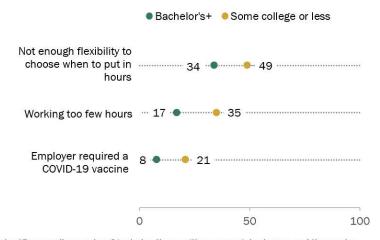
About four-in-ten adults who quit a job last year (39%) say a reason was that they were working too many hours, while three-in-ten cite working too *few* hours. About a third (35%) cite wanting to relocate to a different area, while relatively few (18%) cite their employer requiring a COVID-19 vaccine as a reason.

When asked separately whether their reasons for quitting a job were related to the coronavirus outbreak, 31% say they were. Those without a four-year college degree (34%) are more likely than those with a bachelor's degree or more education (21%) to say the pandemic played a role in their decision.

For the most part, men and women offer similar reasons for having quit a job in the past year. But there are significant differences by educational attainment.

#### Reasons for quitting a job in 2021 vary by education

Among those who quit a job in 2021, % saying each is a major or minor reason why they quit



Note: "Some college or less" includes those with an associate degree and those who attended college but did not obtain a degree. Only items with a difference of 10 percentage points or more shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 7-13, 2022.

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Among adults who quit a job in 2021, those without a four-year college degree are more likely than those with at least a bachelor's degree to point to several reasons. These include not having enough flexibility to decide when they put in their hours (49% of non-college graduates vs. 34% of college graduates), having to work too few hours (35% vs. 17%) and their employer requiring a COVID-19 vaccine (21% vs. 8%).

There are also notable differences by race and ethnicity. Non-White adults who quit a job last year are more likely than their White counterparts to say the reasons include not having enough flexibility (52% vs. 38%), wanting to relocate to a different area (41% vs. 30%), working too few hours (37% vs. 24%) or their employer requiring that they have a COVID-19 vaccine (27% vs. 10%). The non-White category includes those who identify as Black, Asian, Hispanic, some other race or multiple races. These groups could not be analyzed separately due to sample size limitations.

#### Many of those who switched jobs see improvements

A majority of those who guit a job in 2021 and are not retired say they are now employed, either full-time (55%) or part-time (23%). Of those, 61% say it was at least somewhat easy for them to find their current job, with 33% saying it was very easy. One-in-five say it was very or somewhat difficult, and 19% say it was neither easy nor difficult.

For the most part, workers who quit a job last year and are now employed somewhere else see their current work situation as an improvement over their most recent job. At least half of these workers say that compared with their last job, they are now earning more money

(56%), have more opportunities for advancement (53%), have an easier time balancing work and family responsibilities (53%) and have more flexibility to choose when they put in their work hours (50%).

Still, sizable shares say things are either worse or unchanged in these areas compared with their last job. Fewer than half of workers who quit a job last year (42%) say they now have better benefits, such as health insurance and paid time off, while a similar share (36%) says it's about the same. About one-in-five (22%) now say their current benefits are worse than at their last job.

College graduates are more likely than those with less education to say that compared with their last job, they are now earning more (66% vs. 51%) and have more opportunities for advancement (63% vs. 49%). In turn, those with less education are more likely than college graduates to say they are earning less in their current job (27% vs. 16%) and that they have fewer opportunities for advancement (18% vs. 9%).

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Employed men and women who quit a job in 2021 offer similar assessments of how their current job compares with their last one. One notable exception is when it comes to balancing work and family responsibilities: Six-in-ten men say their current job makes it easier for them to balance work and family - higher than the share of women who say the same (48%).

Some 53% of employed adults who quit a job in 2021 say they have changed their field of work or occupation at some point in the past year. Workers younger than age 30 and those without a postgraduate degree are especially likely to say they have made this type of change.

#### Younger adults and those with lower incomes were more likely to quit a job in 2021

Overall, about one-in-five non-retired U.S. adults (19%) - including similar shares of men (18%) and women (20%) - say they quit a job at some point in 2021, meaning they left by choice and not because they were fired, laid off or because a temporary job had ended.

Adults younger than 30 are far more likely than older adults to have voluntarily left their job last year: 37% of young adults say they did this, compared with 17% of those ages 30 to 49, 9% of those ages 50 to 64 and 5% of those ages 65 and older.

Experiences also vary by income, education, race and ethnicity. About a quarter of adults with lower incomes (24%) say they quit a job in 2021, compared with 18% of middle-income adults and 11% of those with upper incomes.

Across educational attainment, those with a postgraduate degree are the least likely to say they quit a job at some point in 2021: 13% say this, compared with 17% of those with a bachelor's degree, 20% of those with some college and 22% of those with a high school diploma or less education.

About a quarter of non-retired Hispanic and Asian adults (24% each) report quitting a job last year; 18% of Black adults and 17% of White adults say the same.

Note: Here are <u>the questions used</u> for this analysis, along with responses, and <u>its</u> <u>methodology</u>.

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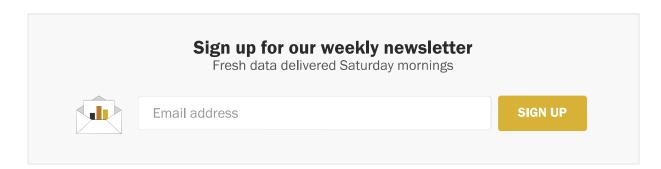


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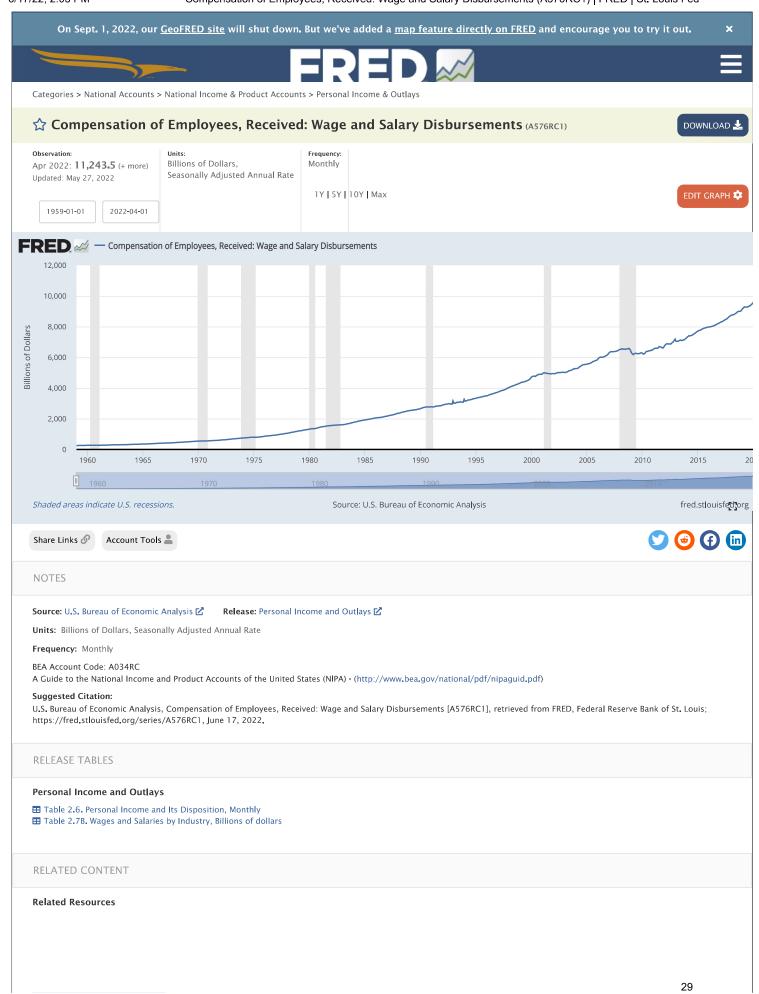
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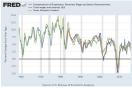
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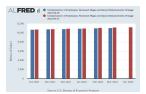
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#### Job Openings and Labor Turnover Summary

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JOB OPENINGS AND LABOR TURNOVER - MARCH 2022

The number of job openings was at a series high of 11.5 million on the last business day of March, although little changed over the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Hires, at 6.7 million, were also little changed while total separations edged up to 6.3 million. Within separations, quits edged up to a series high of 4.5 million, while layoffs and discharges were little changed at 1.4 million. This release includes estimates of the number and rate of job openings, hires, and separations for the total nonfarm sector, by industry, by four geographic regions, and by establishment size class.

Job Openings

On the last business day of March, the number of job openings was little changed at 11.5 million, the highest level in the history of the series which began in December 2000. Over the month, the job openings rate was little changed at 7.1 percent. Job openings increased in retail trade (+155,000) and in durable goods manufacturing (+50,000). Job openings decreased in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-69,000); state and local government education (-43,000); and federal government (-20,000). Job openings increased in the South region. (See table 1.)

Hires

In March, the number of hires was little changed at 6.7 million. The hires rate was unchanged at 4.5 percent. Hires were little changed in all industries and in all four regions. (See table 2.)

Separations

Total separations includes quits, layoffs and discharges, and other separations. Quits are generally voluntary separations initiated by the employee. Therefore, the quits rate can serve as a measure of workers' willingness or ability to leave jobs. Layoffs and discharges are involuntary separations initiated by the employer. Other separations includes separations due to retirement, death, disability, and transfers to other locations of the same firm.

In March, the number of total separations edged up to 6.3 million (+239,000). The rate was little changed at 4.2 percent. Total separations were little changed in all industries. The number of total separations increased in the South region. (See table 3.)

In March, the number of quits edged up to a series high of 4.5 million (+152,000). The rate was little changed at 3.0 percent. Quits increased in professional and business services (+88,000) and construction (+69,000). The number of quits increased in the South region. (See table 4.)

In March, the number of layoffs and discharges was little changed at 1.4 million. The rate was unchanged at 0.9 percent. Layoffs and discharges were little changed in all industries and in all four regions. (See table 5.)

The number of other separations was little changed in March at 380,000. Other separations increased in construction (+12,000); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+11,000); wholesale trade (+10,000); and educational services (+4,000). The other separations level decreased in information (-6,000). Other separations were little changed in all four regions. (See table 6.)

Net Change in Employment

Large numbers of hires and separations occur every month throughout the business cycle. Net employment change results from the relationship between hires and separations. When the number of hires exceeds the number of separations, employment rises, even if the hires level is steady or declining. Conversely, when the number of hires is less than the number of separations, employment declines, even if the hires level is steady or rising.

Over the 12 months ending in March, hires totaled 77.7 million and separations totaled 71.4 million, yielding a net employment gain of 6.3 million. These totals include workers who may have been hired and separated more than once during the year.

Establishment Size Class

In March, the job openings rate increased in establishments with 50 to 249 employees and establishments with 250 to 999 employees. The job openings rate decreased in establishments with 10 to 49 employees. The quits rate decreased in establishments with 1,000 to 4,999 employees. The total separations rate increased in establishments with 250 to 999 employees. For a more in-depth description of the JOLTS establishment size class estimates, please visit www.bls.gov/jlt/sizeclassmethodology.htm.

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey estimates for April 2022 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

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### Employers post record job openings

BY PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Employers posted a record 11.5 million job openings in March, meaning the United States now has an unprecedented two job openings for every person who is unemployed.

The latest data released Tuesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics further reveals an extraordinarily tight labor market that has emboldened millions of Americans to seek better paying jobs, while also contributing to the biggest inflation surge in four decades.

A record 4.5 million Americans quit their jobs in March — a sign that they are confident they can find better pay or improved working conditions elsewhere.

Layoffs, which has been running around 1.8 million a month before the pandemic hit the economy in early 2020, ticked up to 1.4 million in March from 1.35 million in February.

The U.S. job market is on a hot streak. Employers have added an average of more than 540,000 jobs a month for the past year. The Labor Department is expected to report Friday that the economy generated another 400,000 new jobs in April, according to a survey by the data firm FactSet. That would mark an unprecedented 12th straight month that hiring has come in at 400,000 or more.

The U.S. economy and job market roared back with unexpected strength from 2020's brief but devastating coronavirus recession, fueled by massive government spending and super-low interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve.

Caught off guard by the sudden rebound in consumer demand, companies scrambled to hire workers and stock their shelves. They were forced to raise wages, and factories, ports and freight yards were overwhelmed with traffic. The result has been shipping delays and higher prices.

In March, consumer prices rose 8.5% from a year earlier — the hottest inflation since 1981.

Where things go from here is uncertain. The Fed is raising short-term interest rates to combat inflation. The COVID-19 stimulus from the federal government is gone. And the war in Ukraine has clouded the economic outlook.

Despite strong hiring, the United States is still 1.6 million short of the jobs it had in February 2020, just before the coronavirus hit.

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#### Park District Salary Bump

The <u>Naperville Park District</u> is bumping up employee salaries by 3% as a way to combat staffing issues. At the <u>park district board meeting</u> last week, Executive Director Brad Wilson told the group that retaining employees and filling vacant positions are two of the district's biggest challenges. Areas like grounds maintenance of parks have suffered as a result, with the district considering contracting some of that work out to help compensate. Park district officials say finding staff for concession jobs has proven challenging as well. The salary increases would kick in mid-year, with a 4% merit increase then planned for 2023.

# The winners and losers of the Fed hiking interest rates: NPR

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# Who are the winners and losers of the Fed hiking interest rates?



With inflation still sky-high, the Federal Reserve announced Wednesday it would raise interest rates by 0.75%, the largest increase since the 1990s.

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The Federal Reserve has hiked its benchmark interest rate by 0.75%.

But what does that actually mean for hundreds of millions of Americans – Americans who have jobs, who buy things, who have bank accounts?

In short, interest rates are the Federal Reserve's main tool to combat inflation. Inflation is driven by strong consumer demand. By raising interest rates, which makes things more expensive, the Fed is hoping to dampen Americans' willingness to spend money.

"It is essential that we bring inflation down if we are to have a sustained period of strong labor market conditions that benefit all," said Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell at a press conference after Wednesday's meeting.

And the Fed will continue to raise rates as needed throughout the year if inflation doesn't abate, Powell said. Its next meeting will be in late July.

"The Federal Reserve got inflation wrong. And now they're trying to correct their mistake by pretty quickly hiking interest rates. And that will slow the economy," <u>said Aaron Klein, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution</u>, in an interview with NPR.

Generally speaking, as the Federal Reserve raises its benchmark interest rate, everything else in the economy that involves interest rates of some kind is affected – and that's most things: credit cards, student loans, home and car loans, banking, savings accounts, the everyday operations of businesses, you name it.

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That means the stakes are high when the Fed raises rates, as it did on Wednesday.

"With inflation being as high as it is and seeing some softness in the U.S. economy, the Fed really has a very delicate balancing act this month and for the next couple of months," <u>said Dave Sekera</u>, the chief U.S. market strategist at Morningstar.

# Losers: People trying to buy a home right now

The Fed's interest rate isn't directly tied to mortgage rates. But mortgage lenders move their rates up and down based in part on what they expect the Fed to do.

With inflation so bad right now, mortgage rates have been rising all spring.

Today, the average 30-year rate is well above 6%, according to Mortgage News Daily. Earlier this year, a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage could be had <u>for around 3.25%</u>.

Given a loan of \$400,000, the rise in interest rates has turned a monthly mortgage payment of about \$1,700 into one approaching \$2,500 in the span of just a few months.

"Housing is getting less affordable for everyone at every level," <u>said Daryl Fairweather</u>, chief economist at Redfin.

That rapid increase in cost has already priced some potential homebuyers out of the market. Mortgage applications for home purchases in June were down more than 15% compared to last year, <u>according to the Mortgage Bankers Association</u>.

(Mortgage rates have historically been higher, especially in the 1980s, when rates topped 15% amid the Fed's efforts to fight the inflation of the 1970s. But home prices now are higher than ever, having risen dramatically in many areas over the past two years.)

Economists have mixed outlooks on what all this means for the housing market. Some say that home prices will hold steady; others are forecasting a drop in prices.

At today's Fed meeting, Powell suggested that prospective homebuyers wait to see if prices stabilize.

"I would say, if you're a homebuyer, a young person looking to buy a home: You need a bit of a reset. We need to get back to a place where supply and demand are back

together and where inflation is down low again and mortgage rates are low again," he said.

# Winners: People who have money in savings accounts

This one is modest, but noteworthy. With interest rates so low for the past few years, banks had little reason or wiggle room to offer any meaningful interest rates on personal savings accounts, where you might keep money for your emergency fund or a down payment savings.

Ever since the pandemic began and the Fed dropped interest rates, the average interest rate for a typical savings account hovered around 0.06%, according to the FDIC.

Now, with the Fed's benchmark rate rising, interest rates are ticking up, too. Some banks, especially internet banks, are starting to offer interest rates on savings accounts of 1% or more.

It's important to know that the Fed rate isn't the only factor that banks take into account when setting interest rates. Banks also take into account how much cash customers have deposited and how much competitors are offering. So don't expect to see rates rise by .75%.

And, of course, those interest rates remain lower than current inflation rates, meaning that the real value of those savings will still decrease over time.

But for people who need savings to be accessible without the risk of a stock market drop – like emergency funds or a down payment for a new home or car – 1% is better than nothing.

Other savings vehicles that offer a mix of accessibility and growth rate, like CDs and <u>I</u> <u>Bonds</u>, are also offering higher returns than in past years.



Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell during his Wednesday press conference.

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# Losers, most likely: All of us, in the short-term

At the heart of Wednesday's interest rate hike is a tightrope walk: The Fed is trying to slow inflation without triggering a recession and the layoffs that would come with it.

But even with the Fed's thumb on the scale, some of what's driving inflation is outside of officials' control. The war in Ukraine, for instance, has helped drive up oil and commodity prices, along with the ongoing supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic.

As a result, inflation has stayed hot. And that's making the Fed's tightrope walk more difficult.

"I think that what's becoming more clear is that many factors that we don't control are going to play a very significant role in deciding whether that's possible or not," Powell said Wednesday. "It's not going to be easy."

Economists have grown increasingly pessimistic about the Fed's ability to pull off the so-called "soft landing."

In a note to clients today, Wells Fargo economists wrote: "Indications that inflation is becoming more entrenched in the U.S. economy has caused the Federal Reserve to become even more hawkish. We now judge that recession next year is more likely than not."

And a survey of economists published this week by the Financial Times and University of Chicago <u>found that most expect a recession to begin next year</u>.

That means the U.S. could see widespread layoffs – even as inflation is still high, and Americans are paying higher prices for things like food and gas.

# Winners, hopefully: All of us, in the long-term

The Fed's goal with the interest rate hikes, today and down the road, is bringing the inflation rate down to 2%, while keeping unemployment around 4%. (That would be higher than the current rate of 3.6%. "We're not looking to have a higher unemployment rate, but I would certainly look at that as a successful outcome," Powell said.)

If they're able to achieve that, that means they were successful at their goal of a soft landing — or a "soft-ish landing," as Powell put it in May.

"I do think it's possible," Powell said Wednesday, emphasizing how strong the economy and labor market currently are.

While economists are starting to feel pessimistic about the odds of avoiding a recession, it's still possible. Americans just have to be patient while things play out, they say.

"Monetary policy takes time to act. There's a long lag between when the Fed moves this week, when it moved before and when that trickles through the economy," said Klein of the Brookings Institution. "It can take up to a year before the full effect of a Federal Reserve interest rate hike is felt on the real economy."

But if the Fed sticks the landing, inflation could get back to normal – alongside a healthy labor market with wages and consumer demand in balance.

Additional reporting by NPR's Chris Arnold and NPR's David Gura.

#### **MEMORANDUM NO. M22-058**

TO: Buildings and Grounds Committee FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director

Peter Cahill, Director of Administrative Services Dustin Hugen, Director of Planning & Development

**RE:** ADA Transition Plan Update

**DATE:** June 21, 2022

#### **Background**

The District began a facilities renovation program in the mid 1990's and was completed with the renovation of the Triphahn Center in 2005. With these facilities in line with ADA guidelines, the district then turned its inclusion focus on the district's outdoor open spaces. In 2008 the district conducted an ADA Compliance Assessment of all its park facilities. This assessment was done by National Center on Accessibility. As part of that process, staff reviewed the identified deficiencies and developed a prioritization plan to bring those deficiencies into compliance. The prioritization was based on the critical nature of the deficiency and the potential for the deficiency to have an impact on individuals with special needs. In addition, the cost to remediate steered the prioritization such that the district could address as many items with the resources available. Routine maintenance and upkeep to maintain ADA standards has been designated to the maintenance department on an ongoing basis.

Over the last 14 years, the district has remediated or rectified 502 items out of 571 originally identified, leaving 69 items to be addressed at approximately 26 locations.

#### **Implications**

The plan was updated by Director of Parks, Planning and Development, Dustin Hugen, out to 2032. The revised ADA remediation schedule based upon any and all of the adjustments is attached. Then, each year staff reviews the remaining items and submits those items that are earmarked for completion within the Transition Plan in any given year. During the Capital review process, finances may have pushed some costly items without a high priority off to subsequent years. It should be noted that the schedule may once again be adjusted based upon the Capital Review Process to be conducted later this year. In addition, all ADA projects will require board approval as part of the annual budget process.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Building & Grounds Committee recommends to the full board the modified ADA Transition Plan Remediation schedule as presented.

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2022-2032 ADA Playground ADA

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	Chestnut	Playing Field	Accessibility 1000	\$6,093.75
		Bench	Accessibility 1001 (No Field/Bfalsetti)	\$2,340.00
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	Tall Oaks	Park	Cross Slopes 1170	\$8,716.50
		Bleachers	Accessibility 825	\$2,925.00
7:		Basketball Ct	Cross Slopes 824	\$500.00
2027		Sand Vball	Accessibility 826	\$1,511.00
2(	Cannon	Restroom	Cross Slopes 829	\$165,296.00
		Soccer Fields	Accessibility 834	\$24,824.93
		Bleachers	Wheel Chair Seating 886	\$379.20
		Path	Cross Slopes 889 / 890	\$8,232.00
	Sycamore	Ball Diamonds	Accessibility 853	\$11,271.00
		Bleachers	Wheel Chair Seating 854	\$4,192.00
		Park	Cross Slope 855	\$716.25
		Ramp	Running Slope 858	\$1,298.00
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		Football Field	Accessbility/team seating/bleacher 860	\$0.00
<b>~</b>		Urinal	Too High 1123	\$1,935.00
28		Path	Transitions 1127	\$9,277.00
2028		Toilet	Centerline too far from side wall 1125	\$3,904.00
( )		Path	Cross Slopes 943 / 963 / 964 / 971 / 1321	\$52,366.00
		Basket Ball Ct	Accessibility 967	\$1,425.00
		Parking	Only 1 Accessable Space 970	\$2,120.00
	Victoria	Ball Diamond	Accessibility 1138	\$9,177.00
		Curb Ramp	Cross Slope 1143	\$2,400.00
		<b>Drinking Fountain</b>	Accessibility 1144	\$15,380.00
		Soccer Field	Accessibility 1145	\$6,650.00
2029	Westbury	Bike Path	Cross Slopes 757	\$1,129,674.00

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	Bode/Salem	Playground		
0	Charlemagne	Path	Cross Slope 895/985/993/994/995	\$41,866.13
2030	Fairview	Ball Diamond/Seating	Accessibility 1035.	\$12,145.00
7	N. Twin	Benches	Wheel Chair Seating 807	\$0.00
	IN. I WIII	Picnic Table	Accessibility 1095	\$7,360.25
		Access Route	Cross Slope 1219.	\$2,940.00
7	Canterbury	Park	Drainage 1220	\$0.00
2031		Bleachers	Wheel Chair Seating 1221/1222	\$390.00
7		Parking	Accessible Space 1224	\$3,803.00
		Curb	Cross Slope 1226	\$14,026.00
	Seascape	Sled Hill	Accessibility 947	\$532,464.00
2032		Route to PG	Accessibility 800	\$7,311.00
03	Highland	PG Ramps	Cross Slope 801	\$487.50
7		Park	Cross Slope 868	\$5,013.00
	Cottonwood	Entrance /Bridge	Handrails/Triphazard 945	\$47,807.00

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#### Memorandum No. M22-056

TO: Building and Grounds Committee FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director

Dustin Hugen, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance

**RE:** IPRA Environmental Report Card

**DATE:** June 21, 2022

# **Background**:

Illinois Park and Recreation Association Environmental Committee developed an Environmental Report Card to help park district agencies assess their environmental impact and stewardship. There are seven different sections on the assessment with multiple questions that an agency can receive points for accomplishing.

## **Implications**:

Staff has completed our IPRA environmental scorecard. We scored 188 out of a possible 202 points for a score of 93%. This is the top level achievable for this scorecard:

90% -100% Your agency is an environmental leader in the field and has reason to be proud.

The entire scorecard is attached to the memo for review. This self-evaluation is also part of the IAPD/IPRA Distinguished Accreditation process.

#### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the B&G Committee approve to the full board approval of the IPRA Environmental Scorecard.



#### Introduction to IPRA's Environmental Report Card



Thank you for taking an interest in the Illinois Park and Recreation Association's (IPRA) Environmental Report Card. The Report Card was created by the Environmental Committee to help park agencies across Illinois assess their environmental impact and stewardship.

As park agencies, we often are the first responders of sustainability, managing green space and natural areas within our communities. Managing these resources and greening our operations is important to ensure we are good stewards of the environment. This Report Card can help!

Use the Report Card to work within your organization and assess the sustainability of your operations and policies—i.e., how 'green' are you? Find out what you are doing, what you are not doing, and most importantly what you can do in the future. There may be multiple departments within your organization that will need to give input. Ideally, one staff person should coordinate filling in the Report Card with other staff assisting. Separate the Report Card into its seven sections, and give each section to the appropriate staff that supervise the area(s) that relate to their section.

Get input from your organization's leadership team or board members, and explain the benefits of collecting this data using the Report Card. You can't manage what you can't measure, and this Report Card will help you assess your environmental impact. It will help you quantify environmental initiatives or green practices that may be important when applying for grant funding. And it can help identify areas for further assessment that impact your organization's budget such as energy efficiency improvements.

Completion of the Environmental Report Card is one of the requirements an agency needs to meet when applying for IPRA's Distinguished Park and Recreation Accreditation. The Environmental Committee's recommendation to agencies that have utilized the first Report Card (developed in 2006) is to continue using it when it comes time to reevaluate your management and operations. This way you are comparing apples to apples in assessing your improvement. If your agency wants to use Report Card II, utilize it as a secondary evaluative tool instead. Because it is more detailed and digs deeper into your sustainability practices, it is useful but does not compare well to the first Report Card. The second Report Card's purpose is similar to Report Card I in that it is meant for agencies to use who have not assessed themselves yet.

Once you have completed the Report Card, you have taken a great step to benchmark your agency for future progress. Know that you are not alone! The IPRA Environmental Committee meets monthly and is comprised of dedicated green-minded professionals from a variety of park agencies. Let us know how we can help or how you want to get involved.

The Environmental Committee can be reached through the IPRA website: http://www.ilipra.org

#### Good luck!

#### Report Card History

There are now three versions of the Report Card. The first Report Card was developed in 2006 in response to IPRA members asking whether there was a tool available so agencies could evaluate their management and operations in relation to environmental protection. Report Card I provides a general scoring and grading system out of a total of 100 possible points to help agencies better assess their strengths and weaknesses.

The second and third Report Cards, developed in 2011 and 2016, are updated versions as new tools and information developed in sustainability efforts. There are more possibilities to consider when answering the questions in each successive revision. As a result, versions II and III provide a more nuanced picture of an agency's sustainability efforts. Because the total possible points are more than 100, the scoring system changed to percentages rather than points. The grading system to assess your agency is still the same.

# **Environmental Report Card III**

For Park & Recreation Agencies Revised January 19, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS: This is a self-evaluative tool. Please look over each category and determine who within the agency would best be able to answer the questions related to that category. Some questions are repeated in different sections. All questions require a simple "YES" or "NO" response. All "YES" responses receive 1 point, unless indicated at the end of the question. A "NO" response receives no points on that question and does not affect your total points because the question does not pertain to your agency or its practices (i.e. Special Recreation Associations filling out the evaluative report card). Tally up total points earned against total points possible for each section with out the "N/A" questions.

	GENERAL	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency have an environmental policy/plan or guidelines that help it become more environmentally responsible? (2 points)	<b>V</b>			2
	<ul> <li>a. Is this policy/plan or set of guidelines/initiatives approved by the board?</li> <li>If you answer YES to item 1a, proceed to questions 2, 3 and 5. If you answer NO, proceed to questions 4 and 5.</li> </ul>	<b>V</b>			1
2.	Do full time and/or part time staff members receive an orientation and/or training in regard to your agency's environmental policy/plan?	<b>V</b>			1
3.	Has your agency established a staff-led Environmental Committee or 'Green Team' to encourage implementation of environmental efforts by all staff?	<b>V</b>			1
	a. Does your Environmental Committee or 'Green Team' review and update board-approved policies/initiatives?	<b>V</b>			1
4.	Does your agency have a staff led Environmental Committee or 'Green Team' to encourage implementation of environmental efforts by all staff?				1
5.	Does your agency make (or has your agency made) use of IPRA's Model Environmental Policy and/or Environmental Toolkit?	1			1

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_8

	ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency dedicate funds in its annual <b>operations</b> budget to support achievement of environmental goals? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) Check all that apply	<b>V</b>			
	Recycling			1	
	Energy Audits			1	
	Natural Areas Maintenance/Management			7	
	Natural Areas Restoration/Re-creation		The same of the sa	1	
	Native Landscaping			<b>/</b>	
	Storm Water Best Management Practices				
	Environmentally Friendly Purchasing			1	
	Alternative Fuel and/or Hybrid Vehicles			1	
	Energy Conservation			1	
	Other: Please List			7	
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			5	

	ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE CONTINUED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	In the last 5 years, has your agency dedicated <b>capital</b> funding towards	- Francisco			
	environmental initiatives? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of	1	Ì		
	5 points) Check all that apply				
	Natural Area Restoration/Re-creation			1	
	Natural Area Public Access			· ·	
	Nature Program Facilities				
	Energy Conservation (ex: lighting, heating/cooling efficiency upgrades)				
	Permeable Pavement	-			
	Rain Gardens				
	Bio-Swales				
	Alternative Energy Systems				
	Other: Please List				
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED		į.	5	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	In the past 5 years, has your agency applied for grants to fund environmental goals/initiatives (i.e. recycling, environmental education, natural areas restoration, natural areas acquisition, alternative fuel use, energy conservation, etc.)?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency use a set of guidelines (EPA's Environmentally Preferred Products {EPP} program, Green Seal.org or similar) to assist in purchasing decisions of environmentally preferred products and services?	<b>V</b>			1
	The state of the s	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency make conscious efforts within all departments or have written criteria to purchase products that include the following. (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) check all that apply	<b>V</b>			
	Minimal Packaging			· /	
	Recycled and Recyclable Content		SECRETARIA DE LA COMPANSION DE LA COMPAN		
	Renewable Resource Content			1	
	Minimum 30% Post Consumer Materials		AAAAA AAAA		
	Energy Star Rated Appliances			/	
	Low VOC Furnishings, Paints, etc			1	
-	Low Toxicity Cleaning products			<b>/</b>	
	Locally Produced Materials/Products				
	Other: Please List		<u></u>	THE STREET STREET, STR	
	O I TOTAL TO COST CLOSE			5	

	ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE CONTINUED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Does your agency seek to identify and purchase from vendors of environmentally friendly products through the US Communities or similar program? (2 points)	<b>V</b>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	When seeking proposals for professional services, does your agency request environmental references/qualifications as part of the RFP process (i.e. is the firm to be selected 'green,' or if an A/E or LA firm do they have LEED AP's on staff)?	<b>✓</b>			1
	a. Does your agency ask bidders to provide a Statement of Sustainability to ensure bidders are also incorporating sustainability into their firm's practices, policies and procedures related to waste minimization, energy efficiency, water efficiency, staff and education.	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	Are procedures in place to measure the impacts of environmental goals/initiatives? (e.g. cost savings, energy savings, waste reduction)	1			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Does your agency collaborate with other agencies/organizations on environmental efforts?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
10.	Does your agency promote public awareness of its sustainability efforts?	<b>V</b>			1

24 TOTAL POINTS

	FACILITY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency provide opportunities for <b>staff</b> to recycle waste products in office areas, lunchrooms, work areas, etc.?	1			1
	<ul> <li>a. Are staff encouraged to recycle via policies, training, memoranda and notices?</li> </ul>	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	Does your agency provide opportunities for <b>patrons</b> to recycle waste products in public areas including lobbies, classrooms, facilities, etc.?	<b>V</b>			1
	<ul> <li>a. Are patrons encouraged to recycle via education, policies, promotion and signage?</li> </ul>	1			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Are recycling containers paired with waste containers, visibly well marked and easy to locate?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Are outside concessionaires required to minimize the use of disposable products? (2 points) (e.g. use of bio-compostable utensils, serving items, containers or packaging, reusable utensils or beverage containers)	1			2
	a. Are outside concessionaires required to offer recycling for patrons?	1			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency encourage the use of electronic communication to conserve paper?	<b>√</b>	NO	N/A	1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Is staff encouraged to use duplexing or double-sided copying of documents?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	When contracting printing vendors or purchasing from vendors, does your agency specify:				3
	<ul> <li>a. Paper for printing needs that is free of chlorine-bleaching in its manufacturing?</li> </ul>	<b>V</b>			
	b. Paper that contains 30% or more post consumer recycled content?	<b>\</b>			
	c. Other: Please List Two sided printing	1			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	Do restrooms and locker rooms have water saving devices (low flow showers and toilets, and motion activated faucets)? Check only one.				3
	a. Are at least 50% of fixtures low flow or motion activated?				
	b. Are at least 75% of fixtures low flow or motion activated?  c. Are 100% of fixtures low flow or motion activated	<b>V</b>	<b></b>	<b>-</b>	
	c. Are 100% of lixibles low flow of molloff activated	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Do restrooms and locker rooms have hand dryers in lieu of paper towels?	<b>V</b>		11,71	1
	a. Do 100% of your restrooms/locker rooms have hand dryers?		1		0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency conduct energy audits?	<b>V</b>		,.	1
10.					
10.	a. Following audits, does your agency make changes?	1			1

	FACILITY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE CONTINUED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
11.	Is energy-efficient lighting used (compact fluorescents, T-8 fluorescents or LEDs)?	<b>V</b>			1
	a. Are 100% of new or replacement lighting needs energy-efficient?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
12.	Are lights, fans or other electric devices where appropriate, on motion activated occupancy sensors or timers?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
13.	Are staff instructed to turn off all electronics and unplug charging devices at the end of the day?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
14.	Is energy efficiency included as a specification when purchasing/replacing major appliances (i.e. EPA Energy Star rating)?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
15.	Are hot water heaters and hot water pipes insulated?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
16.	Are on-demand/tankless hot water heaters utilized where appropriate?		<b>I</b>		0
	<del></del>	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
17.	Do facility HVAC systems included energy-saving features such as min./max. settings to reduce use during down time, interior recycling, regular cleaning and efficiency inspections, etc.?	1			1
	a. Are particulate filters (with MERV8 rating or better) used in HVAC systems?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
18.	Does your agency promote the use of environmentally-friendly, low toxicity and/or fragrance free cleaning products that meet Green Seal, LEED or other standards? (2 points)	<b>V</b>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
19.	Does your agency seek to minimize the use of petroleum-based cleaners, solvents and inks?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
20.	To improve and protect indoor air quality does your agency seek to purchase low VOCs (volatile organic compounds) products?	<b>V</b>			1
	a. Does your agency seek to purchase carpets that meet Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label or other standards?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
21.	Does your agency consider the use of sustainable, reclaimed and/or local materials when remodeling/renovating facilities?	<b>V</b>			1
	a. Are building materials removed during remodeling/renovation reclaimed or recycled?	<b>V</b>			1

	FACILITY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE CONTINUED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
22.	Does your agency properly dispose of/recycle any of the following per Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) or manufacturer's labels? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) check all that apply	<b>V</b>			
	Energy Efficient Lighting			1	
	Batteries			1	
	Electronics			1	
	Ink and Toner Cartridges			1	
	Paints			1	
	Cleaning Products			/	
	Other: Please List				
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			5	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
23.	Does your agency have an integrated pest management program in place to reduce the use of toxic pesticides within facilities? (2 points)	<b>V</b>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
24.	Does your agency make use of alternative energy systems to provide energy and/or conserve energy, such as passive or active solar systems, wind energy, or geo-thermal energy at any of your facilities? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) check all that apply		<b>V</b>		
	Passive Solar				
	Active Solar				
	Wind Energy		7		
	Geo-Thermal				
	Green Roof				
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
25.	Does your agency actively train and/or support staff training in sustainable management practices (green cleaning, energy efficiency, etc)	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
26.	Does your agency purchase energy through a green energy provider?	<b>V</b>			1

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TOTAL POINTS	44	

	FLEET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency perform regular engine tune-ups and scheduled preventative maintenance of motorized vehicles and equipment?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	If you perform regular maintenance, does your agency recycle and/or properly dispose of all vehicle fluids and engine parts?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Does your agency properly use, store and dispose of hazardous materials according to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and/or manufacturers labels, as required by law?	<b>√</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency have a safety policy and training procedures in place regarding the handling of hazardous waste?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency provide the appropriate work environment with appropriate ventilation and safety gear for employees when handling hazardous materials, as required by law?	<b>V</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Does your agency have a program to conserve fuel and energy with respect to fleet operations (e.g. mileage/fuel efficiency tracking, no idling policy for staff)?	<b>✓</b>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	Does your agency actively fund or apply for grants that promote and provide the means for the use of clean energy (i.e. bio-diesel, liquid propane/LPG, compressed Natural gas/CN, use of electric utility or golf carts, etc.)? (2 points)	<b>V</b>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	As part of your Equipment Asset Program, what percentage of your total fleet has been replaced with alternative fuel and/or hybrid vehicles? Check only one.				2
	0% - 0 points				
	1-10% - 1 point				
	11-20% - 2 points			7	
	21-30% - 3 points				
	30-50% - 4 points				
	>50% - 5 points				
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Does your agency limit the use and refueling of, or not use at all, gas powered equipment and vehicles during ozone action days or when the Air Quality Index exceeds 100 (orange coded days) or higher?		~		0

	2	110	11/7	1 011413
as powered Quality Index		<b>V</b>		0
TOTAL POINTS			10	

	PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency have natural resource management plans in place for	1			1
	District natural areas?	IV			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency dedicate funds in its annual operations budget for natural				
2.	resource best management practices? (1 point for each checked below, with a	1	}		
	maximum of 5 points) Check all that apply				
	Restoration of Natural Areas			_	
	Re-creation of Natural Areas				
	Control Exotic Species			1	
	Increase Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat		T		
	Storm water Best Management Practices (bio-swales, rain gardens, permeable				
	paving)		P		
	Improve Water Quality				
	Bank Stabilization	ļ		· .	
	Sediment & Erosion Control				
	Integrated Pest Management Program (to reduce pesticide use w/in parks)			1	
	Alternative/Biological Pest Control Practices in lieu of traditional chemical solutions			7	
	Other: Please List				
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			5	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency actively apply for grants to fund natural resource best			· · ·	
3.	management practices? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of	1			
	5 points) Check all that apply				
	Restoration of Natural Areas		Γ	1	
	Re-creation of Natural Areas		T		
	Control Exotic Species			/	
	Increase Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat			<del></del>	
	Storm water Best Management Practices (bio-swales, rain gardens, permeable	<del> </del>			
	paving)		1		
	Improve Water Quality			7	
	Bank Stabilization			,	
	Sediment & Erosion Control			1	
	Integrated Pest Management Program (to reduce the use of pesticides w/in		-	1	
	parks)				
	Alternative/Biological Pest Control Practices in lieu of traditional chemical	1	-		
	solutions				
	Other: Please List			F	
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED	V=0	NO.	5	DOINTO
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency take precautions or protective measures during and after construction/development to protect soils in existing landscapes?	1			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency use low environmental impact snow melt products (i.e. beet				1
J.	juice, calcium magnesium acetate)?	1			1
	a. If you answered NO, does your agency modify application rates to				
	limit/reduce the impact on surrounding areas?			1	

	PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CONTINUED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
,	Has your agency phased out the use of coal tar based asphault sealants and				0
6.	started the use of less toxic eco-friendly alternatives?		<b>V</b>		0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency try to reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides in parks by:				
7.	(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points) Check all that	1			
	apply		ł		
	Utilization of drought and disease resistant native plant species			1	
	Elimination of mowing in some areas			1	
	Reduction of the number of applications or using a single-application product				
	Use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)		Cold amounts		
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			4	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency provide a no-mow buffer of native vegetation around water	120		N/A	
8.	bodies to: (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 3 points) Check	1			
0.	all that apply	V			
	<del></del>			<u> </u>	
	Reduce Erosion  Reduce Non Point Source Pollution		I		
	Reduce Non-Point Source Pollution  Deter Canada Geese				
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			3	
	TOTAL NUMBER CITEORED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Its landscaping ground facilities designed with energy consequation in mind?	TES	NO	N/A	FOIN13
0	Is landscaping around facilities designed with energy conservation in mind?  (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points) Check all that				
9.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	$\checkmark$			
	apply		L		
	Windbreaks/buffers		Permission		
	Shade Trees Along Southern Exposures of Buildings Shade Trees Around Paved Areas		-		
	Drought Tolerant Native Plants			-	
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			4	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency incorporate native plantings into the landscape at:			13/11	
10.	(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) Check all that	1	1	1	
	apply				
	Administrative Offices				
	Recreational Building Facilities				
	Aquatic Facilities			<b>—</b>	1
	Maintenance Facilities		Figure 1	1	
	Active Use Park Landscapes (i.e. sign beds, entry areas, parking lot islands, beds			1	1
	around playgrounds and shelters)				J
	Golf Courses				<u></u>
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			5	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
11.	Does your agency post no idling signage in designated areas for frequently		V		0
11.	used drop off & pick up areas for program participants?		I V		U
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Is your agency responsive to private landowner activities that impact your				
12.	agency's natural resource best management practices? (1 point for each	1	1		
	checked below, with a maximum of 3 points) Check all that apply.				
	Encroachment				
	Illegal Dumping			/	
	Other: Please List Unauthorized usage			/	
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED			3	

	PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CONTINUED	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
13.	Does your agency properly dispose of any of the following per Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), manufacturer's labels or other authority's regulations? (1 point for each checked, with a maximum of 5 points) Check all that apply.	<b>V</b>			
	Fertilizers	7			
	Pesticides				
	Excavated material		1		
	Construction material			1	
	Other hazardous materials: Please List Oil, Fuel, Lubricants			<b>-</b>	
	TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED	5			
i.		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
14.	Does your agency distribute/have available resources to explain natural resource best management practices?	<b>V</b>			1

TOTAL POINTS	38

	PLANNING & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION	YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
	Does your agency seek to acquire any of the following types of natural resource				
1.	areas? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) check all	1			
	that apply			i I	
	Remnant Prairies				
	Wetlands			1	
	Rivers, Streams, Tributaries			/	
	Ponds/Lakes			<b>/</b>	
	Floodplains				
	Greenways/Corridors			1	
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	Improve Water Quality				
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4.	management practices and projects? (1 point for each checked below, with a	1			
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5.	natural/preserved areas by means of (1 point for each checked below, with a				
	maximum of 5 points) Check all that apply				
	Boardwalks		-		
	Trails			1	
	Fishing Piers			1	
	Viewing Platforms			<b>✓</b>	
	Canoe/kayak launches			1	
	Other: Please List Shoreline foot traffic access			<b>✓</b>	
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7.	Does your agency create/maintain relationships with any of the following to ensure community-supported protection of open spaces: (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points) Check all that apply	<b>V</b>			
	Other Government Agencies			<b>/</b>	
	Not-for-Profit Organizations			1	
	Private Landowners			1	
	Other: Please List Volunteers			1	
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9.	Does your agency's planning and maintenance departments work together to incorporate natural resource best management practices into traditional park and building facility site plans?	<b>V</b>			1

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PROGRAMMING CONTINUED

#### **MEMORANDUM NO. M22-054**

**TO:** A&F Committee

FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director

Dustin Hugen, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance

**Nicole Hopkins, Director of Finance** 

**RE:** Poplar Park Playground Cost Adjustment

**DATE:** 6/21/2022

## **Background:**

School District 54 and Hoffman Estates Park District have agreed to partner to complete the new fully accessible playground at Poplar Park. In April, Hoffman Estates Board of Commissioners approved a \$425,000 budget to replace the playground that would be reimbursed by School District 54. The addendum to the SD54 IGA was approved outlining this reimbursement.

# **Implications:**

Subsequently, School District 54 has received grants of \$450,000 for this project. All contracted labor and hard goods purchased for this project would fall into this \$450,000 budget, and be reimbursed by School District 54.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the B&G committee approve to the full board the change in budget for Poplar Park from not to exceed \$425,000 to not to exceed \$450,000.

#### Memorandum No. M22-055

TO: Building and Grounds Committee FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director

Dustin Hugen, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance

RE: NWSRA Vogelei House Project Cost Adjustment

**DATE:** June 21, 2022

### **Background**:

The Park District has partnered with Northwest Special Recreation Association to on the renovation of the Vogelei House. Integrity Builders was the contractor that has completed the work at Vogelei House. The agreement with NWSRA is that they are reimbursing the District for all costs associated with the renovation, excluding landscaping and restoration. District staff has been working with NWSRA on all change orders during the process to get approval to keep moving forward.

# **Implications**:

With final billing being submitted and all change orders processed and approved by NWSRA, the budget for this project totaled \$812,576.20. Changes necessary for the elevator upgrades, foundation repair, new electrical services and minor HVAC upgrades were all part of the change orders. Integrity Builders was approved by our Board for \$735,822.35.

# **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommend to the full board the approval of Integrity Builders change orders to adjust the budget by \$76,753.85 bringing their total to \$812,576.20.

#### Memorandum M22-057

To: B&G Committee

From: Craig Talsma, Executive Director

Dustin Hugen, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance

RE: Parks, Planning & Maintenance June Board Report

Date: 6/21/2022

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Staff is planning to meet with WT Group on June 21, 2022 to go over the renovation plans and next phases for the Willow Recreation Center project.

We have received permits from the Village of Hoffman Estates for TopTracer Bathroom project and the water service line is slated to start on 5/13/2022. Once the permit is obtained from MWRD we will begin the sanitary lines.

Scheduling for outdoor court repairs is ongoing. We are anticipating to start in May/June as all products have been delivered to our maintenance building, but with all the rain the contactor is backed up and we are looking at the second week of July. Parking lot crack fill and sealcoating has also been moved to July/August; Seascape was completed prior to the pool opening.

Playground equipment for Poplar Park was ordered and we are expecting equipment to be here in mid-July. This project will be a four week install with contractors. HEParks staff will remove the existing playground prior to arrival of the new features. Hoffman Playground is set to be removed the week of July 11 by HEParks staff with installation of new equipment happening after that. Huntington Park playground equipment is schedule to be removed the first week of August with installation after that.

The Beacon Pointe OSLAD project is still in process and according to IDNR we are supposed to hear if we will be awarded the grant in September of 2022.

## **VOGELEI HOUSE (NWSRA)**

The finish line is very close at Vogelei House. NWSRA has moved the majority of their items into the house. The elevator inspections are set for June 9, and with no unforeseen issues we should be all set after that. Landscaping around the house was completed on June 1. HEParks staff are working on minor repairs in the house and aiding NWSRA with some needs as well.





#### **SEASCAPE RENOVATIONS**

The renovations at Seascape were all completed prior to opening weekend. Leak detection testing was completed and one leak was located on a return line for the plunge area. This area can be valved off and have no effect on operations. In the fall we can have it tested to pin point the leak location and determine if a fix is necessary. The grass area that used to be sand volleyball is not ready for use as we need its root system to fully develop to stabilize the ground. We are looking at late June to open this area. The sand area in the playground was removed and had blue synthetic turf installed, completed in-house by HEParks staff.

### **BRIDGES TOPTRACER BATHROOM**

The construction for the bathroom at TopTracer is under way. The water service line, sanitary line and 75% of the storm sructures have been installed. If you are at Bridges if definitely looks like a construction site as the water and sewer connections were extremely deep and required a good amount of earth work. HEParks staff was busy moving electrical and irrigation lines to accommodate the installation of sewer and water. The next steps are to have the concrete foundation and walls framed and poured, plumbing stubbed up through the concrete floors (HEParks), building of the entire structure (HEParks), plumbing run to location of toilets, sinks and stacks, electrical service and install of toilets, sinks and electrical components (HEParks).



#### PARKS DEPARTMENT

- Modern Energy installed the new compressors and performed a start-up on the unit. We did have to add more refrigerant to the system. The unit has been running and has cooled the space with a discharge temp of 55°. We will be preforming a leak inspection to ensure the rest of the system is tight.
- Seascape start-up completed.
- Community splash pad control module replaced.

- New acid pumps installed at Seascape
- Installed new check valve on Accutab chlorinator for the zero depth side.
- Installed and relocated new steam relief valve for the women's steam room to avoid premature failure at The Club.
- Replaced two funbrella canvas covers at Seascape.
- New air dryer for TC pneumatic systems air compressor installed.
- Pneumatic thermostats calibrated on the north side of TC.
- Pressure cut-in and cut-out switches on pneumatic air compressor TC installed.
- HVAC preventative maintenance and repairs.
- Rain water cistern at Parks Maintenance Facility in full operation.
- New concrete pads installed at South Ridge for more bike racks and benches.
- Crack filling (in house) was completed at Fabbrini pickle ball courts.
- Graffiti removal from Birch, Sycamore and Poplar. Canterbury Fields bathroom painted after vandals graffitied the inside of the bathroom.
- Playground preventive maintenance
- Mowing of all parks
- Landscape maintenance at marquee signs
- Ball field maintenance
- Aquatic maintenance
- Fleet maintenance and repairs

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the B&G Committee forward the Parks, Planning and Maintenance June Board Report to be included in the June Executive Director's Report for Board approval.