

Monthly Performance Report

October 2015

Outdoor Recreation & Nature-Based Tourism Progress and Plans

The Spartanburg County Council's 2014 Strategic plan established directives in outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism.

This month's Performance Report provides an update on achievements and plans directed towards accomplishing Council's objectives, which were:



Objective 2.1: Strengthen policies related to accessing natural resources and promoting tourism.

Objective 2.2 Develop a comprehensive tourism plan that is inclusive of the diverse interests in the County and integrates the opportunities provided via our natural resources.

With the support of County Council and the County's Administration, the Parks Department has recorded the following achievements since the Strategic Plan was adopted:

- Allocated County funds to leverage private and governmental grant investments for construction of river access points on the Tyger River.
- Allocated County funds to leverage private and government grant investments in trail improvements.
- Allocated County funds for construction of the Lake Cooley Outdoor Recreation Center, in cooperation with the SJWD Water District.
- Assisted in administration of grant-funded riverfront improvements in Pacolet.
- Assisted the Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) and Mary Black Foundation in developing a grant application for blueways planning technical assistance from the National Park Service. SPACE served as lead agency and involved multiple partners in project. The project includes a public survey to determine the public's priorities for blueway development. The Spartanburg Blueways Master Plan is nearing completion.

- Worked closely with Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote youth sports and nature-based tourism activities.
- Appointed **Elizabeth Hardee, Assistant Recreation Manager**, to provide staff leadership in accomplishing Council's objectives in outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism. This position will work with established partners such as Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, PCF/GOLS, Tyger River Foundation, SPACE, Partners for Active Living, Upstate Forever, SJWD, Spartanburg Water and others, while also managing Parks Department's outdoor recreation programs. Elizabeth, among other things, is currently developing a partnership with USC Upstate's Dr. James Kamala, to offer the university's Physical Education Majors an "outdoor lab" experience for 2 weeks as part of their outdoor leadership program.

For several years, the Parks Department has worked in partnership with SJWD, Spartanburg Water & Camp Croft to offer After Work paddles, Standup Paddleboard classes, and hiking/kayaking trips. Events are also featured, such as:

- **Discover Your Watershed:** This family event provides an opportunity to paddle, play and learn about the Tyger River Watershed, in order to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding Spartanburg water resources for future generations. The free event includes educational exhibits, fishing poles for kids, door prizes and an opportunity to experience the fun of a paddle-board, canoe or kayak.
- **Paddle Fest:** This event offers outdoor enthusiasts and paddlers, kayakers and boaters of all skill levels a day of tours, races, classes and safety seminars at Lake Blalock Park. Spartanburg Water invites local organizations and businesses to set up booths at the event to show how they are contributing to the world of paddling and to protecting our environment.

The Parks Department regularly receives positive comments on its outdoor recreation programs, such as this message from Ms. Donna Solesbee: "I wanted to thank you for these after work paddles. I have enjoyed them so much. I loved learning a new sport, meeting new people and getting to enjoy my beautiful community. I hope this program will continue and hopefully be expanded." Cindy Cantrell wrote to say: "I had no idea of the many things offered on the parks and recreation website until a friend asked me to try paddle boarding. I only wish I was retired so I could get in on some of the trips!!! I have always enjoyed lake life and I really appreciate the opportunity to try this sport. It has been so enjoyable and relaxing! It's been fun making some new friends. Just wanted you to know I appreciate all that you and your team are doing to make opportunities like this available to Spartanburg County!"

After Class Enrichment Impacts Student Performance

Most of us understand that the Parks Department's After Class Enrichment (ACE) provides needed recreation and care for children, after school. However, according to **Kelley Ezell, Director of the Upstate Family Resource Center**, the program apparently is also helping improve student achievement.

Schools in S.C. use MAP scores, or “Measures of Academic Progress,” a computerized assessment program that provides educators with information to improve teaching and learning. Educators use the data from MAP to develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvement.

According to Ms. Ezell, recent MAP test scores for students in the ACE program at Carlisle-Foster’s Grove Elementary School (CFG) demonstrate that regular tutoring is important tool in helping students improve performance. All of the students who participated were below grade level at the beginning of the year. All but two of the students, in grades K-5, improved their test performance; many of them to the point that they are now testing at their grade level. The biggest gains were seen in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Peach Shed or Picnic Shelter?

The recently completed picnic shelter/restroom facility at Holston Creek Park was designed to pay tribute to the area’s orchard heritage. Situated on the highest point within the Park, with a beautiful mountain view, the shelter is expected to be a popular venue for Spartanburg citizens to recreate and enjoy the county’s natural beauty. Holston Creek Park is scheduled for completion in December 2015.



| Location | FY 2016 Output Measures | 7/2015 | 8/2015 | 9/2015 | 10/2015 | FY 2016 TOTAL TO DATE |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Park Maintenance Team (Estimated Employee/Hours, By Activity) | | | | | | |
| CP Shop | Equipment Maintenance & Repair | 8 | 8 | 8 | | |
| CP Shop | General Park Maintenance & Repair | 512 | 512 | 512 | | |
| CP Shop | Park Improvements Construction/Installation | 288 | 288 | 288 | | |
| CP Shop | Safety Inspections | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| CP Shop | Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation | - | - | | | |
| CP Shop | Trail Maintenance | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Nside Shop | Equipment Maintenance & Repair | 8 | 8 | 8 | | |
| Nside Shop | General Park Maintenance & Repair | 800 | 800 | 800 | | |
| Nside Shop | Park Improvements Construction/Installation | - | - | | | |
| Nside Shop | Safety Inspections | 16 | 16 | 16 | | |
| Nside Shop | Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation | 736 | 736 | 736 | | |
| Nside Shop | Trail Maintenance | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Sside Shop | Equipment Maintenance & Repair | 8 | 8 | 8 | | |
| Sside Shop | General Park Maintenance & Repair | 800 | 800 | 800 | | |
| Sside Shop | Park Improvement Construction/Installation | - | - | | | |
| Sside Shop | Safety Inspections | 16 | 16 | 16 | | |
| Sside Shop | Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation | 736 | 736 | 736 | | |
| Sside Shop | Trail Maintenance | 10 | 10 | 10 | | |
| Wside Shop | Equipment Maintenance & Repair | 8 | 8 | 8 | | |
| Wside Shop | General Park Maintenance & Repair | 512 | 512 | 512 | | |
| Wside Shop | Park Improvement Construction/Installation | - | - | | | |
| Wside Shop | Safety Inspections | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Wside Shop | Sports Field Maintenance & Preparation | 1,024 | 1,024 | 1,024 | | |
| Wside Shop | Trail Maintenance | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Various | Volunteer Service for Park Maintenance | - | - | | | |
| | Total: Park Maintenance Team | 5,546 | 5,546 | 5,546 | | 16,638 |
| Recreation Team (Estimated Participant/Hours, By Program) | | | | | | |
| | 50+ Wellness | | | | | |
| Other | Daytrippers | 1,050 | 1,152 | 1,247 | | |
| Other | Education | 92 | 84 | 78 | | |
| Other | Exercise | 258 | 258 | 200 | | |
| Other | Games | 346 | 320 | 216 | | |
| Other | Group Dining (BBQs, Lunch Bunch, etc.) | 48 | 64 | 22 | | |
| Other | Socials | 100 | | 10 | | |
| Other | Volunteer Service for Other | 20 | 25 | 25 | | |
| Chesnee | Education | 292 | 306 | 187 | | |
| Chesnee | Exercise | 760 | 820 | 1,060 | | |
| Chesnee | Games | 480 | 514 | 580 | | |
| Chesnee | Group Dining | 140 | 138 | 62 | | |
| Chesnee | Socials | 80 | 26 | 60 | | |
| Chesnee | Volunteer Service for Chesnee | 60 | 54 | 55 | | |

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|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Cowpens | Education | 180 | 180 | 120 | | |
| Cowpens | Exercise | 590 | 628 | 580 | | |
| Cowpens | Games | 260 | 287 | 240 | | |
| Cowpens | Group Dining | 176 | 184 | 160 | | |
| Cowpens | Socials | 100 | 84 | 83 | | |
| Cowpens | Volunteer Service for Cowpens | 60 | 66 | 69 | | |
| Pacolet | Education | 80 | 65 | 60 | | |
| Pacolet | Exercise | 596 | 624 | 450 | | |
| Pacolet | Games | 304 | 280 | 210 | | |
| Pacolet | Group Dining | 505 | 550 | 680 | | |
| Pacolet | Socials | | | | | |
| Pacolet | Volunteer Service for Pacolet | | | 10 | | |
| Woodruff | Education | 110 | 100 | 30 | | |
| Woodruff | Exercise | 460 | 400 | 420 | | |
| Woodruff | Games | 75 | 80 | 40 | | |
| Woodruff | Group Dining | 160 | 160 | 160 | | |
| Woodruff | Socials | 180 | 204 | 160 | | |
| Woodruff | Volunteer Service for Woodruff | | | | | |
| | Total, 50+ Wellness | 7,562 | 7,653 | 7,274 | - | 22,489 |
| | "On Demand" Programs | | | | | |
| Chesnee | Classes/Programs | 132 | 140 | 180 | | |
| Cowpens | Classes/Programs | 286 | 300 | 240 | | |
| Inman | Classes/Programs | 500 | 550 | 540 | | |
| Other | Classes/Programs | | 80 | 80 | | |
| Pacolet | Classes/Programs | 120 | 120 | 180 | | |
| Woodruff | Classes/Programs | 480 | 475 | 460 | | |
| | Volunteer Service for "On Demand" Programs | | | | | |
| | Total, "On Demand" Programs | 1,518 | 1,665 | 1,680 | - | 4,863 |
| | Outdoor Recreation | | | | | |
| Various | Biking | | | | | |
| Various | Paddling | 20 | 20 | 28 | | |
| Various | Climbing | 100 | 112 | 120 | | |
| Various | Fishing | | | | | |
| Various | Snow Skiing | | | | | |
| Various | Hiking | | | | | |
| Various | Geocaching | | 40 | 80 | | |
| Various | Education | 945 | | | | |
| Various | Volunteer Service for Outdoor Recreation | | | 18 | | |
| | Total, Outdoor Recreation | 1,065 | 172 | 246 | - | 1,483 |
| | Facility Rentals | | | | | |
| Chesnee | Meetings; Community/Social Events | 400 | 300 | 200 | | |
| Cleveland | Meetings; Community/Social Events) | 23,018 | 22,228 | 22,080 | | |
| Cowpens | Meetings; Community/Social Events | 540 | 600 | 480 | | |

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| Inman | Meetings; Community/Social Events | 200 | | | | |
| Pacolet | Meetings; Community/Social Events | | | | | |
| Picnic Shelters | Meetings; Community/Social Events | 4,100 | 4,870 | 2,840 | | |
| Woodruff | Meetings; Community/Social Events | 800 | 700 | 555 | | |
| Other | Meetings; Community/Social Events | | | | | |
| | Total, Facility Rentals | 29,058 | 28,698 | 26,155 | - | 83,911 |
| | Youth Development | | | | | |
| Various | After Class Enrichment | | 24,170 | 29,904 | | |
| Various | Summer Day Camp | 47,500 | | | | |
| Various | Summer Playground | | | | | |
| Various | Volunteer Service for Youth Development | | | 10 | | |
| | Total, Youth Development | 47,500 | 24,170 | 29,914 | - | 101,584 |
| | Total, Recreation Team | 86,703 | 62,358 | 65,269 | - | 214,330 |
| Park Operations Team (Estimated Participant/Hours, By Program) | | | | | | |
| Various | Basketball Camp | - | - | - | - | |
| | Team Sports | | | | | |
| Various | Leagues, Adult Softball | 2,448 | - | 3,024 | | |
| N. Spartanburg Park | Leagues, Adult Kickball | - | - | | | |
| VDM McMillan Park | Leagues, Adult Flag Football | - | - | | | |
| Various | Leagues, Baseball | - | 5,676 | 6,600 | | |
| Various | Leagues, Football | - | 1,092 | 1,824 | | |
| Various | Leagues, Soccer | - | 4,224 | 3,840 | | |
| Various | Leagues, Softball | - | 2,244 | 2,376 | | |
| Various | Leagues, Tennis | - | - | | | |
| | Total, Team Sports | 2,448 | 13,236 | 17,664 | - | 33,348 |
| | Tournaments | | | | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Adult Softball | | 858 | 540 | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Baseball | 4,095 | 3,978 | 2,886 | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Football | | | | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Lacrosse | | | | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Rugby | | | | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Soccer | | | | | |
| Various | Tournaments, Softball | 14,160 | 11,508 | 13,104 | | |
| N/A | Volunteer Service for Tournaments | | | | | |
| | Total, Tournaments | 18,255 | 16,344 | 16,530 | - | 51,129 |
| | Total, Park Operations Team | 20,703 | 29,580 | 34,194 | - | 84,477 |
| | Estimated Tournament Economic Impact | \$11,796,356 | \$650,484 | \$ 632,466 | - | \$13,079,306 |
| Special Events (Estimated Participant/Hours, By Event) | | | | | | |
| School for Deaf & Blind | Christmas Kids | | | | | - |
| Cleveland Park | Daddy Daughter Dance | | | | | - |
| Lake Blalock | Discover Your Watershed | | | | | - |
| Tyger River Park | Easter Egg Scramble | | | | | - |
| Pacolet | Indian Summer Festival | | | | | - |

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| VDM McMillan Park | Disc Golf Tournaments | | | | | - |
| Climb Upstate | Upstate Climbing Team | | 120 | 120 | | 240 |
| Pacolet River | Paddle the Pacolet | | | | | - |
| Tyger & Pacolet Rivers | River Sweeps | | | | | - |
| Camp Croft Park | Spartanburg County Adventure Race | | | | | - |
| Camp Croft Park | Stump Jump | | | | | - |
| Cleveland Park | Take a Kid Fishing Day | | | | | - |
| Tyger River Park | Tame the Tyger River Race | | | | | - |
| N. Spartanburg Park | Trunk or Treat Assistance | | | | | - |
| Various | Therapeutic Recreation Assistance | 60 | | 20 | | 80 |
| Various | Weekly Family Activities | | | | | - |
| Various | Volunteer Service for Special Events | | 250 | | | 250 |
| | Total, Special Events | 60 | 370 | 140 | - | 570 |



Project Title

Project # (completed projects not shown after completion is reported)

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| Selection of Firm for Preliminary Design | Survey/Community Input | Preliminary Design | Selection of Firm for Design/Con. Admin. | Construction Documents | Permitting | Bidding for Construction | Construction | Status or Probable Completion Date (Calendar Year) |
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| PR0005 | Trail Development (Funding for PAL Grant; bank for trail development) | Ongoing. Reports provided by PAL quarterly. | | | | | | Multi-year, as funding permits. |
| PR0008 | VaDuMar McMillan Park picnic shelter | | | | | | | Completion 1st Qtr. 2016 |
| PR0008 | Va-Du-McMillan Park Fitness Trail | X | X | X | X | X | X | Bid received. Winning bidder in process of obtaining required license. Completion 4 th quarter 2015. |
| PR0010 | Clifton Park and Beach | X | X | X | X | | | Bid received 9/29. Bid exceeded available funds. Bid rejection recommended. |
| PR0010 | Lake Cooley Outdoor Recreation Center | X | X | X | | | | Completion 2nd Qtr. 2016 |
| PR0010 | Pacolet River Access (Local Match for Grant) | X | X | X | X | X | | 4th Qtr. 2016 |
| PR0010 | Tyger River Access (Construction of access points) | | | | | | | |
| PR0014 | Holston Creek Park | X | X | X | X | X | X | Completion 4th Qtr. 2015 |
| PR0016 | Find A Park (Park Signage) | X | X | X | X | X | X | First phase completion 4th Qtr. 2015 |
| PR0017 | Community Parks Improvements: Chesnee Community Park | X | X | X | X | | | Bid received 9/29. Bid acceptance recommended. |
| PR0017 | Community Parks Improvements: Cowpens Community Park | X | X | X | X | | | Limiting project to safety improvements recommended. |
| PR0017 | Community Parks Improvements: Enoree Community Park - | X | X | X | X | | | Bid received 9/29. Bid acceptance recommended. |
| PR0017 | Community Parks Improvements: Mabry Park (aka Inman Sports Complex) | X | X | X | X | | | Bid received 9/29. Bid acceptance recommended. |
| PR0017 | Community Parks Improvements: Pacolet Community Park | X | X | X | X | | | Bid received 9/29. Bid exceeded available funds. Bid rejection recommended. Limiting project to safety improvements recommended. |
| PR0019 | Cleveland Park, Phase 1 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Sitework underway. Community playground build scheduled for October. |
| PR0019 | Cleveland Park, Phase 2 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Scheduled for early 2016, after Phase 1 completion |



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| | | Selection of Firm for Preliminary Design | Survey/Community Input | Preliminary Design | Selection of Firm for Design/Con. Admin. | Construction Documents | Permitting | Bidding for Construction | Construction | Status or Probable Completion Date (Calendar Year) |
|---------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| PR0021 | Arkwright Park | X | X | X | | | | | | On hold; land donation requested from Housing Authority to expand park footprint. |
| PR0025 | Linville Hills Park | X | X | X | X | | | | | Phase 1 completion 1st Qtr. 2016 |
| PR0027 | McKinney Park | If Community Park Improvement bids are accepted, grant funds will be disbursed to City of Woodruff | | | | | | | | |