



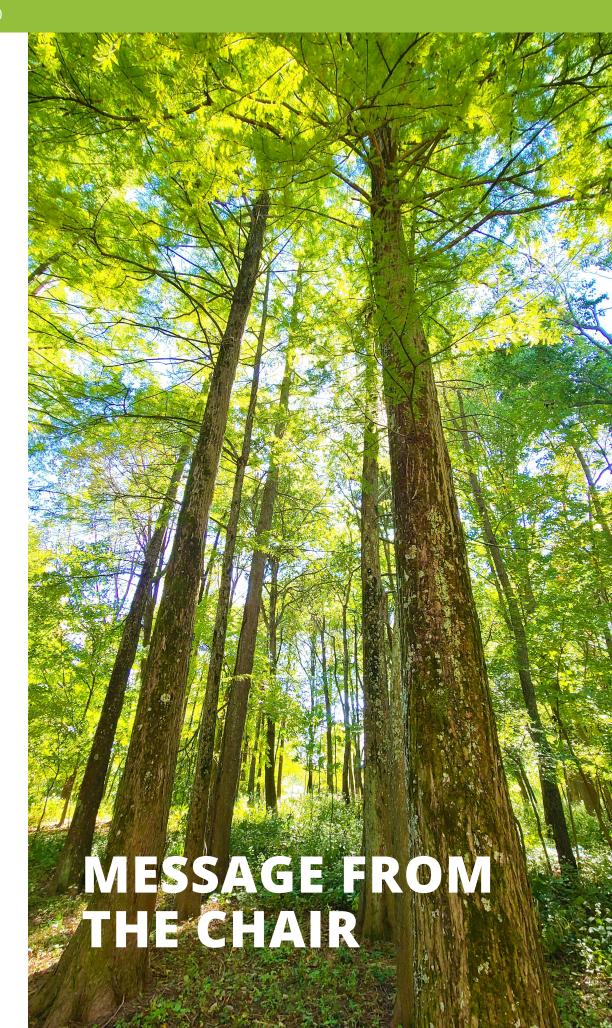






ANNUAL REPORT 2020





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2020 - A Year We Will Never Forget

Greetings IPARKS members! As always, we, the IPARKS Board of Directors, want to thank you for your membership. But as we close out 2020, and hopefully start closing the door on the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to especially thank you for all that you did to best serve your communities during the most trying year any of us can remember. We are so proud of our members!

The COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges unlike any we have faced before, and the members of IPARKS rose to the occasion! When the pandemic forced the closure of playgrounds and exercise equipment, IPARKS members responded by posting virtual fitness workout videos and other fun activities on their Facebook pages (Urbana Park District). When outside recreation could resume but indoor gyms remained closed, IPARKS members moved their fitness classes outdoors (Quincy Park District). To ensure those who were high risk could maintain exercise regimens and human interaction, IPARKS members offered virtual programming (Veterans Park District and New Lenox Community Park District). To keep everyone safe while using park facilities, IPARKS members posted new or updated park signage to reflect COVID-19 protocols. And the citizens of Illinois certainly appreciated all of this effort, creativity and hard work. Illinois saw unprecedented use of parks during the pandemic!

While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted how IPARKS members serve their residents, it also impacted the many ways IPARKS serves its members. I would like to take this opportunity to share some 2020 highlights.

EXPANDED SERVICES

IPARKS understood that the pandemic was going to cause financial hardship to its members. Thus, at the onset of the pandemic, IPARKS returned 10% of each member's net 2019 contribution to assist members with their risk management efforts related to COVID-19 and any related loss of income.

In addition, the IPARKS Grant, which entitles every member to receive up to \$500 in grant funds, was expanded to include personal protective equipment, disinfectants, protective gear and other items to assist with risk management efforts related to COVID-19.

NEW RESOURCES

IPARKS provided its members with relevant and timely risk control resources to assist members as they navigated the pandemic.

Best practices, waivers, articles, assistance with Illinois FEMA grants, guidelines for reopening aquatic centers and for returning equipment to use after the shutdown were just some of the documents added to the eLibrary. Online training modules covering topics such as contact tracing, pandemic response, and

return to work, were offered. On the human resources front, a number of federal laws were implicated under pandemic guidelines such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act; webinars, seminars, articles and best practices addressing these and other laws were made available to help guide members through these unprecedented times.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

As you will see in the following pages of this report, IPARKS had another strong year financially and closed out 2020 with a net position of \$19,138,130 up from \$18,176,400 in 2019. We have you, our members, to thank for IPARKS' continued success.

In these challenging times and in the years to come, IPARKS will continue to deliver on its promise to provide customized coverage, relevant and topical training and educational resources as well as valuable member services. We look forward to serving you as, together, we continue to make IPARKS the premier risk sharing pool in Illinois. Be well.

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IPARKS Board Chair Urbana Park District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



TIMOTHY BARTLETT CHAIRMAN

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Timothy Bartlett began his service at the Urbana Park District in 1992 and became Executive Director in May 2014. Mr. Bartlett is a Registered Landscape Architect with the State of Illinois. Other memberships include American Society of Landscape Architects; International Society of Arboriculture; American Planning Association; National Recreation and Park Association: and Illinois Park and Recreation Association. Mr. Bartlett also serves on multiple local foundations including Urbana Parks Foundation; Champaign County Design & Conservation Foundation; The Center for Health, Aging and Design; and Champaign **County Community** Coalition. Mr. Bartlett serves as a Visiting Lecturer for Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



GARY GILLIS
VICE CHAIRMAN

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A Pekin Park District Commissioner since 1993, Gary Gillis has been board president twice, Park 4H representative, Special Recreation President of the Illinois River Valley SRA and Park Recreation Committee Chair. He helped pioneer the establishment of the Pekin Park District Foundation and chaired the Park's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Gillis served as president of the Pekin Rotary Club from 1987-88 and 2015-16 and is currently president of its charitable foundation, Pekin Rotary Charities. Mr. Gillis is also Past-President of Pekin Main Street and was a member of Pekin's Marigold Festival Committee from 1981 through 2017. Mr. Gillis has served on the Illinois Association of Park Districts Board of Trustees since 2018 and is currently the board Vice President. Professionally, Mr. Gillis was a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones for over 40 years, until he retired at the end of March 2019. During his tenure, Mr Gillis served in several leadership positions that included representing clients' interests in Washington DC as part of the Grassroots Task Force.



PETER MURPHY
SECRETARY

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Peter Murphy is President and CEO of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD). He is responsible for the formation of IPARKS as a response to the insurance crisis facing IAPD's membership and has been a member of the IPARKS Board since its inception in 1991. He has more than 40 years' experience with state and local government. As President and CEO of the IAPD, he manages the Association's day-to-day operations and personnel and works with the IAPD Board of Trustees on the development and implementation of strategic plans and membercentric goals. He actively establishes corporate and nonprofit partnerships and directs all Association programmatic activity and services including advocacy, research, board member training, publications, education, public awareness and marketing. Mr. Murphy received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Michigan and his Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts.



KEVIN YATES BOARD MEMBER

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Kevin Yates has been the Executive Director of Chillicothe Park District since 2000. Under his leadership. the park district evolved from 40 acres, one pool, a pavilion and an aging clubhouse to 250 acres and 10 facilities. Mr. Yates has a passion for parks, recreation and his community and has served as a volunteer for the Chillicothe Optimist Club, a member of the Marketing and Tourism Committee, a trustee and current president of the Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association, the Board President for the Chillicothe Illinois Chamber of Commerce, a Board Member for the Pearce Community Center and the Central Illinois Recreation & Leisure Entities, and founding member of the Tri2Beat MS Kids Triathlon. As one of the National Recreation and Park Association-certified directors in the country, Mr. Yates has earned the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Junior High Coach of the Year Award and was named by Peoria Magazine as one of its 40 Leaders Under 40.



JAY MORGAN BOARD MEMBER South Barrington Park District imorgan@sbpd.net

Jay Morgan joined the IPARKS Board of Directors in 2012. Mr. Morgan is the Executive Director of South Barrington Park District. His history with the park district began with summer employment as a teen, learning all aspects of park operations including lawn care, front desk clerk, lifeguard, tennis pro and in 1992, he became the South Barrington Club Manager. Later, Mr. Morgan was the Facility Manager and was promoted to his current role in 2006. Under his guidance, the park district has grown from two parks totaling 15 acres to four parks with over 85 acres. He served as chairman of IPARKS and of the Northwest Special Recreation Association Board of Directors. Mr. Morgan has been a member of the United States Professional Tennis Association for 42 years and earned the classification of Elite Professional. Mr. Morgan earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Administration in 1976 from Bradley University, where he played four years of collegiate tennis.



TED SCHULZ BOARD MEMBER New Lenox Comm. Park District ted@thefinalcutinc.com

Ted Schulz joined the IPARKS Board of Directors in 2020. He has been a commissioner of the New Lenox Community Park District since 2013 and is currently serving as President. During his tenure, several Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant programs have been completed, such as the Lincoln Way Special Recreation Building and the Walker Country Estates Splash Pad. Mr. Schulz is currently the Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds for Orland School District 135. Many of the issues and challenges faced by school districts are applicable to those encountered by park districts. He is also a local business owner and has worked with budgets and personnel. Mr. Schulz's passion is that recreation programs and park facilities serve people of all ages and needs in the community. This past year, Mr. Schulz was the recipient of the Rising Star Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts.



JASON ANSELMENT EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER IAPD Legal/Legislative Counsel janselment@ilparks.org

Jason Anselment is the General Counsel for the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD). Mr. Anselment joined the IAPD in 2010. He serves as the contact for legal questions on park district, forest preserve, conservation and local government issues from members and their local counsel, in addition to serving as Association liaison to the General Assembly. He also serves as liaison to the IAPD/IPRA Joint Legislative Committee, which establishes the Association's legislative platform and coordinates initiatives to promote positive legislation for parks, recreation and conservation. Mr. Anselment has delivered numerous legal presentations and authored dozens of articles on legal and legislative issues affecting local government agencies.



KEN COLLIN BOARD MEMBER Freeport Park District jkcollin@aol.com

Ken Collin was elected to the **IPARKS Board of Directors** in January 2010 and served as board chairman for two vears. He also served on the IAPD Board and served as its chairman in 2016. Mr. Collin contributes expertise garnered by a 40-year career in computer systems and programming, and more than a decade of experience working with a property and casualty insurance company. Freeport Park District has experienced success under Mr. Collin's leadership, where he has served as a Commissioner, Vice President and President. In that time, the Board has implemented a Park Master Plan to completely renovate two of its parks, Krape Park and Read Park. Krape Park is the recipient of the Outstanding Multi-Use Facility Award given by IPRA. After more than 10 years of devoted service to IPARKS, Mr. Collin has retired from the IPARKS Board, effective December 31, 2020. On behalf of the Board and members. IPARKS thanks Mr. Collin for his exceptional commitment and service!

IPARKS' MEMBER SERVICES TEAM



HILLARY WADDLE | MEMBER SERVICES PARTNER

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In 2019, IPARKS welcomed Hillary Waddle as the newest member of the IPARKS' Member Services Team. In her role as IPARKS' Member Services Partner, Hillary visits with members and serves as an IPARKS resource on a wide range of member needs. Whether she is coordinating risk management services and resources, providing overviews of new and expanded coverages, answering member questions or providing information on the many valuable IPARKS programs, Hillary looks forward to working with IPARKS members. It is important to her to ensure that members are getting the most out of their IPARKS membership. She has ten years of client service experience in insurance.



JASON JOHNSTON | RISK CONTROL SPECIALIST

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Jason Johnston is IPARKS' Risk Control Specialist. In that role, Jason provides claim review and analysis, and conducts on-site inspections of member facilities, playgrounds and operations. He also reviews new playground equipment and layout design and addresses any risk control issues that may arise. Jason's career in risk management began in 2005 working in commercial insurance with Federated Insurance; he joined IPARKS in 2017. He has a passion for establishing relationships with IPARKS members and enjoys helping them reduce and prevent claims and losses. Jason has obtained his ARM, AIS, and AINS designations and is a Certified Playground Inspector and Certified Pool Operator.



JOHN LABANOW | MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

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John LaBanow joined the IPARKS' Member Services Team in 2016. As an IPARKS representative, John works directly with members and local agents on coverage guidance and completing annual renewals. Like Ryan, John also ensures that members' insurance and risk management needs are met and educates members on enhancements to the IPARKS program. John has worked in the insurance industry for over 30 years.



RYAN PNAKOVICH | MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

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Ryan Pnakovich joined the IPARKS' Member Services Team in January 2014. As an IPARKS representative, Ryan works directly with members to ensure their insurance and risk management needs are fulfilled. He provides expertise on all insurance and coverage related inquiries, and educates on updated programs and enhancements to the IPARKS program. Prior to joining IPARKS, Ryan was a Personal Lines Representative with State Farm Insurance and the Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO). Ryan is a licensed property and casualty and life and health agent.



WENDY FRENCH | MEMBER SERVICES (269) 341-4829 | wfrench@bfgroup.com

Wendy joined the IPARKS' Member Services Team in 1997 as a Member Services Representative and is a licensed property and casualty agent. Wendy is primarily responsible for assisting IPARKS members with regard to questions about renewals, new business, providing proof of coverage and making policy changes.



Don Rhinde of Frankfort Community Park District receives a plaque from IPARKS service representative, John LaBanow, to commemorate 20 years of IPARKS participation.

Photo courtesy of Frankfort Community Park District

THE TEAM PARTNERS WITH MEMBERS

IPARKS' Member Services Team works directly with IPARKS members to ensure they are receiving the best service possible. As IPARKS is tailored to the unique exposures of Illinois parks and recreation districts, the IPARKS' Member Services Team ensures that coverage, risk management and member services are tailored to each individual IPARKS member. The Team partners with every member to provide customized coverage, risk management ideas and solutions, and member services, programs and resources so that IPARKS members can best protect their district, assets and those they serve. Whether it is through a customization meeting, an annual renewal meeting, a risk control visit, or anytime in between, IPARKS members know they can rely on the Member Services Team to provide the service they need.



MEMBER SERVICES

ELIBRARY



IPARKS prides itself on rapidly responding to members' needs. The COVID-19 pandemic presented IPARKS members with a number of unique challenges including navigating through a remote world, how to keep employees and citizens safe, employment liability implications, and carefully returning back to the workplace. IPARKS responded to these unique challenges by providing a number of pandemic-related resources such as: online training courses, documents, webinars, recorded seminars, best practices and checklists, to name a few.



The IPARKS Risk Control Team authored dozens of documents that were placed in the eLibrary including information on the Illinois FEMA Public Assistance Grants, COVID-19 Waivers and Releases for Illinois, Returning Idle Equipment to Service, Best Practices and Safely Reopening Aquatic Centers.

COURSES ADDED TO PUBLIC ENTITY UNIVERSITY:

- Leading Successful Remote Teams
- 6 Tips for Parents Working from Home
- Preparing Your Workplace for COVID-19
- Employment Liability and Human Resources
- Managing Stress in Uncertain Times
- Wage and Hour Concerns During an Emergency
- Personal Protective Equipment

COURSES ADDED TO THE ONLINE TRAINING SECTION:



- Emerging Viruses: The COVID-19 Pandemic
- Fear and Anxiety: Living with Uncertainty
- Universal Precautions Against Infection
- Working Remotely: Stay Productive and Connected
- Pause for Performance: Handwashing
- Personal Protective Equipment

HUMAN RESOURCES PORTAL



The Human Resources portal of the eLibrary added an entire section devoted to COVID-19 that contains hundreds of documents, articles, webinars and best practices, including a Resuming Business Toolkit, information on Family and Medical Leave Act implications, cybersecurity issues for remote workers, and articles on employers mandating vaccines.

By offering new and helpful resources spanning a multitude of COVID-19-related topics, the IPARKS' Member Services Team was happy to assist members as they navigated through the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.



OSHA AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE IN THE IPARKS RESOURCE ELIBARY

The State of Illinois requires park district employees to complete Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training and sexual harassment training.

Public Entity University, located within the IPARKS eLibrary, offers employee trainings for a number of the OSHA standards applicable to park districts, including Bloodborne Pathogens, The Control of Hazardous Energy, Emergency Action Plans, Hazard Communication, Fire Protection and Personal Protective Equipment.

Moreover, in 2020, Public Entity University added two sexual harassment training courses, Harassment Prevention for Illinois Employees and Harassment Prevention for Illinois Supervisors, which comply with the statemandated training requirements of 775 ILCS 5/2-109.

MEMBER BENEFITS



S GRANT PROGRAM

IPARKS members may apply for reimbursement of up to \$500 in grant money to fund, or partially fund, safety items that will aid in property and liability loss control or risk management efforts. The Grant was expanded in 2020 to include personal protective equipment, disinfectants, protective gear and other items to assist with risk management efforts related to COVID-19.



SWING MODIFICATION

The Swing Modification Program provides members with assistance in upgrading swing sets to conform to national playground safety standards. Members are eligible to receive up to \$350 in reimbursement annually for approved swing set replacement parts from a playground equipment manufacturer.



AQUATICS GRANT

The Aquatics Reimbursement Program promotes pool operation education and training. Under this program, IPARKS reimburses members up to \$500 annually for training and auditing services provided by the following approved aquatic training vendors: Jeff Ellis and Associates, Starfish Aquatics Institute and American Red Cross.



IAPD AFFINITY PARTNER

IPARKS is the risk management affinity partner of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), a nonprofit service, research and education organization that serves park districts and other related public agencies.



CORE VALUES

EASY

IPARKS is risk management made easy. We make insurance simple, so you can reach informed risk management decisions that are right for your agency.

EMPOWERED

IPARKS partnerships empower you to protect your district, assets and those you serve. We provide services, solutions, ideas and advice to protect your district, so you can feel confident in providing a safe place for your community.

CUSTOMIZED

IPARKS is tailored to the unique exposures of Illinois parks and recreation. Our coverage can be customized to fit your agency needs, as we provide unique risk management resources that address specific park and recreation exposures.



IPARKS STRONG



29 YEARSOF SUCCESS



172 MEMBERS



100% RETENTION **RATE**

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

BALANCE SHEET	2020	2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,852,736	\$2,783,175
Investment securities	16,719,957	15,501,243
Member contributions - to be billed in future	2,381,418	2,793,442
Other assets	953,948	891,425
Total assets	22,908,059	21,969,285
Liabilities		
Claims and claim adjustment expense reserves	2,855,371	3,091,948
Unearned premium reserves	91,445	101,767
Other liabilities	823,113	599,170
Total liabilities	3,769,929	3,792,885
Net position - unrestricted	19,138,130	18,176,400
INCOME STATEMENT	2020	2019
Operating Revenue		
Member contributions	\$5,653,270	\$5,487,224
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(1,631,550)	(1,218,034)
Change in contributions - billed in future for unpaid claims	(412,024)	313,434
Total operating revenue	3,609,696	4,582,624
Operating Expenses		
Provision for claims	771,358	2,320,537
General and administrative expenses	1,960,791	1,971,416
Total operating expenses	2,732,149	4,291,953
Net operating income	877,547	290,671
Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)		
Interest and dividend income	310,338	425,927
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	328,668	400,436
Cumulative reserve fund distributions	(8,056)	(11,850)
Budgetary distributions	(546,767)	-
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	84,183	814,513
Change in net position	961,730	1,105,184
Net position, beginning of year	18,176,400	17,071,216
Net position, end of year	\$19,138,130	\$18,176,400

INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS

IPARKS engages various firms to provide independent review and evaluation of its financial operations.

DEMOTECH, INC.

Demotech, Inc., an Ohio based independent financial analysis services firm, provided a Financial Stability Rating based on four specific areas of analysis: financial stability, loss reserves, administration and overall performance. In 2020, IPARKS once again earned the highest rating of AAA, Unsurpassed.

CROWE LLP

Crowe LLP audited IPARKS' financial statements and issued an unmodified opinion, the highest level of opinion available. An independent auditor conducts an audit of IPARKS' financial statements on an annual basis.



Only 15% of the risk pools and insurers reviewed by Demotech receive a AAA, Unsurpassed, Financial Stability Rating. IPARKS is proud to have earned the highest AAA rating for 27 consecutive years.



MEMBER LIST

53 Trails Estate Park District Albion Park District Allin Township Park District **Armington Community Park District Arthur Community Park District** Aviston Park District **Bailey Park District** Barrington Hills Park District Beardstown Community Park District Bensenville Park District Benton Community Park District Berkeley Park District Big Rock Park District Black Hawk Park District Rlue Island Park District Blue Mound Park District **Boone County Conservation District Braidwood Park District** Bridgeview Park District Broadview Park District Brookeridge Park District **Burlington Township Park District** Canton Park District CAPS Park District Carbondale Park District

Carlinville Park District

Carrier Mills Park District

Central Stickney Park District

Chestnut-Beason Park District

Chicago Heights Park District Chillicothe Park District Clyde Park District Collinsville Area Recreation District Coloma Township Park District Cordova Township Park District Creston-Dement Park District Delavan Township Park District Dieterich Park District Dolton Park District **Dunleith Park District** East Oakland Township Park District Effingham Park District Elba-Salem Park District Eldorado Raleigh Pleasure Driveway & Park District Fairfield Park District Farmington Township Park District Flanagan Community Park District Fon Du Lac Park District Forest View Park District Forman Park District Foss Park District Frankfort Community Park District Franklin Township Park District Freeburg Park District Freeport Park District **Gateway Special Recreation Association** Germantown Park District Glen Ellyn Countryside Park District

Godley Park District Golfview Hills Park District **Grand Tower Park District Grandwood Park Park District Granite City Park District** Grant Memorial Park District Greater Brownstown Park District Griggsville Community Park District Hamilton Park District Hanna City Park District Hanover Township Park District Harrisburg Township Park District Harvey Park District Havana Park District Hennepin Park District Herrin Park District Hollis Park District Horner Park District Hutsonville Park District Inverness Park District Joliet Park District Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District Kingsbury Park District Kingston Township Park District La Harpe Park District Lafayette Park District LaMotte Township Park District Lena Community Park District LeRoy Community Park District

Lewistown Park District Lighthouse Park District Limestone Park District Lincoln Park District Litchfield Park District Long Grove Park District Macomb Park District **Macon County Conservation District** Marion Park District Markham Park District Mason City Park District Mason Township Park District Mattoon Township Park District Maywood Park District Memorial Park District Metamora Park District Metro East Park & Recreation District Milford Township Park District Momence Park District Morton Park District Mount Hope Funks Grove Park District Mount Pulaski Township Park District Mount Sterling Park District Murphysboro Park District Neoga Township Park District New Athens Park District **New Lenox Community Park District** Niantic Park District Niles Park District



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Rosemont Park District Roxana Community Park District Saint Elmo Community Park District Saint Jacob Park District Saint Jacob Park District Salt Creek Rural Park District Sandwich Park District

Rock Island County Forest Preserve District

Rend Lake Conservancy District

Ridgeville Park District

Riverdale Park District

Roanoke Park District Robbins Park District Savanna Park District Seward Park District South Barrington Park District Special Recreation of Joliet & Channahon Parks Springfield Park District Stonington Park District Taylorville Community Pleasure Driveway & Park District **Teutopolis Park District** Tolono Park District Toluca Park District Tremont Area Park District Tri-State Park District Tri-Township Park District Urbana Park District Venice Park District Vermilion County Conservation District Veterans Park District Wards Creek Park District Warsaw Park District Washington Park District Waterloo Park District Watseka Park District Westchester Park District Westmont Park District

Winnebago Park District

Winnebago County Forest Preserve

Winslow Township Park District

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