



Jackson  
COUNTY PARKS

LOVE YOUR  
Parks

PARK MILLAGE: VOTE AUGUST 7

## Why Do Parks Matter?

It is about our children's future



KIDS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO PARKS,  
PLAYGROUNDS, TRAILS & LAKES:

- Experience improved physical & mental health
- Have greater respect for themselves & others
- Share more positive social interactions with others
- Perform better in school



## Current County Park Conditions



Lack of operational and capital investment for two decades - \$20 million estimate to repair and properly maintain park system

Elements no longer useable or in disrepair

Risk to community/ County liability exposure & taxpayer cost

Negative public perception -When public areas look bad or are in disrepair, people believe the community is unsafe.

Negative economic impact on community



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## Establish a stable, long-term funding source for county parks



### County Parks Millage Proposal

- ⇒ Rate = .5 mills
- ⇒ Term = 10 years
- ⇒ \$2,180,000 annually to support county parks operating and capital improvements investment
- ⇒ The annual cost of a property valued at \$100,000 would be \$25 per year or .07 per day

### The Millage Funds Will Be Invested

Improvements to playgrounds/ playground safety  
\$2,200,000

Construct kayak/ canoe launches, and fishing piers, creating improved access to lakes and rivers  
\$1,700,000

Improved existing county trail maintenance and develop new connections to a state-wide trail  
3,000,000

Repair/ reconstruction of boat launch areas within  
\$550,000

Beachfront/ public swimming areas improvements  
\$450,000

Restoration of the Cascades \$1,500,000

Construct permanent county park restrooms  
\$2,000,000

Development of a community dog park and installation of dog friendly watering stations and dump stations for waste disposal  
\$900,000

### If The Millage is Unsuccessful

Without an adequate funding source to address the growing deferred maintenance issues it would be necessary to **re-examine the size or scale of the existing park system.**

The closing, elimination, or transfer of responsibility of many of the parks and playgrounds would be necessary to scale back the overall size of the park system to fit the available resources

The capital repair of special facilities like the Cascades and the Fairgrounds Grandstand and other structures would not be possible making the likelihood of closing these facilities in the foreseeable future very real

The sustainability of the county trail network would be diminished

Many of the county park lake access points would be closed.

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