



# Parks Snapshot

August 5, 2025  
Greene County Huddle Group  
Presentation



# Presentation Outline

- Mission Statement
- Governance & Leadership
- Finances
- Service Delivery
- Current Projects
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# Mission Statement

*The mission of the Park Board is to provide the very best in parks and recreation facilities, programs, events, and services to our community. In doing so, we will make a positive impact on the overall quality of life, health, environmental, social, and economic aspects for our resident families and visitors alike.*



# Springfield-Greene County Park Board

- Established 1913 “Springfield Park Board”
- Established 1996 “Springfield-Greene County”
- Governed by volunteer board
  - Greene County Commission: appoints 4
  - Springfield City Council: appoints 5
- Nationally accredited since 2016





# Springfield-Greene County Park Board Board Members

Susie Turner, Chair

Cody Danastasio, Vice Chair

Leslie Carrier

Don Chenevert, Jr.

Curtis Jared

Mark McNay

Dianna Parker

Royce Reding

Dale Moore



# Springfield-Greene County Park Board Leadership

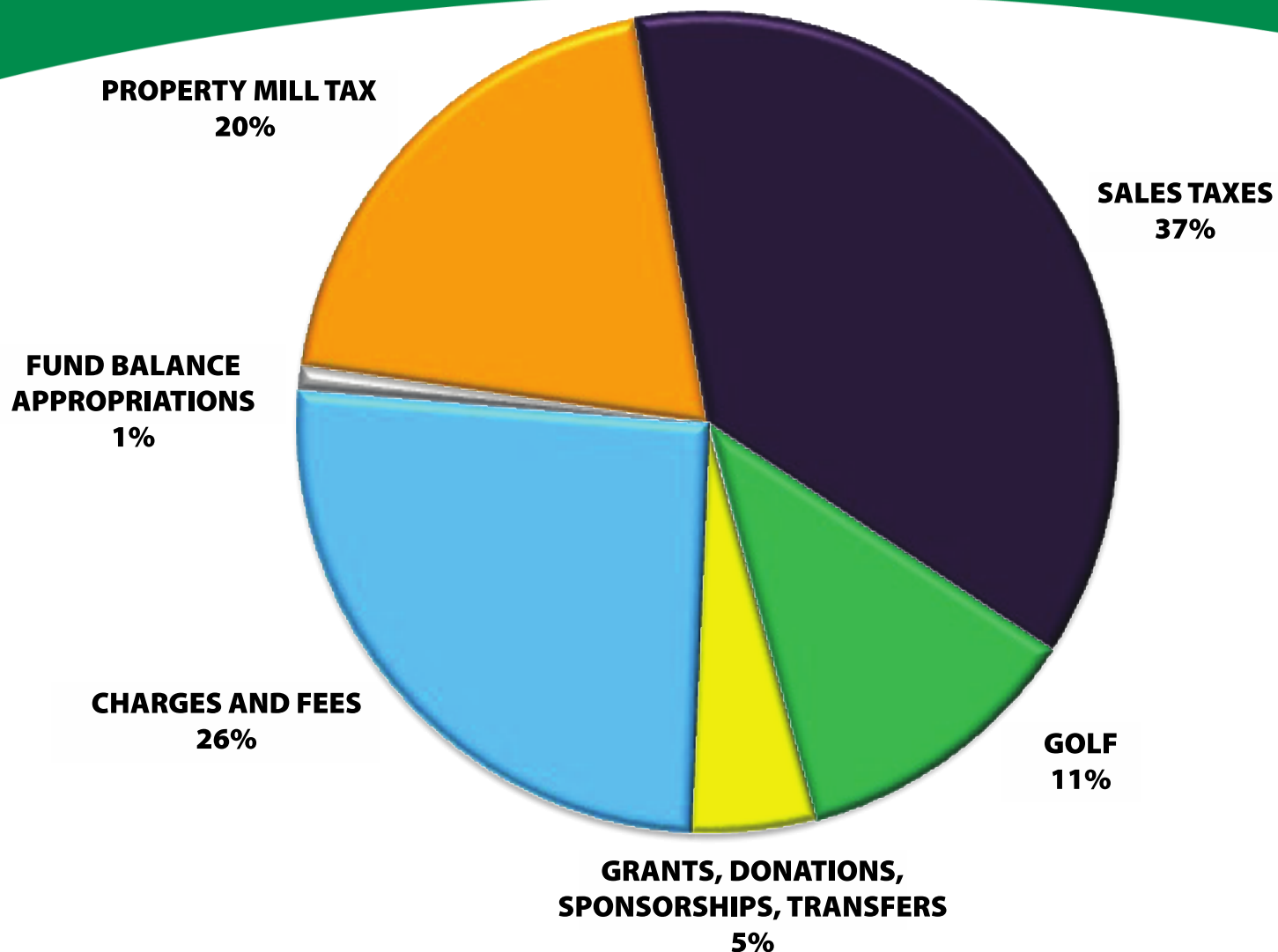
Ron Schneider, Director  
James Fisher, Assistant Director  
Miles Park, Assistant Director  
Jill Simmons, Assistant Director  
Jackson Thompson, Assistant Director





# Springfield-Greene County Park Board Revenue

**FY2024-2025**  
**\$40,204,277**



# Springfield-Greene County Park Board Revenue

Voter-approved Countywide Parks Sales Taxes:

**2001 ¼-cent:**

**1/8-cent for Capital Projects, sunset in 2006**

1/8-cent for Operation of Capital Projects, continuous  
Generates approximately \$7.5 million/year

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**1/4-CENT**

**Parks has had no dedicated capital funding source since 2011**



# By the Numbers...

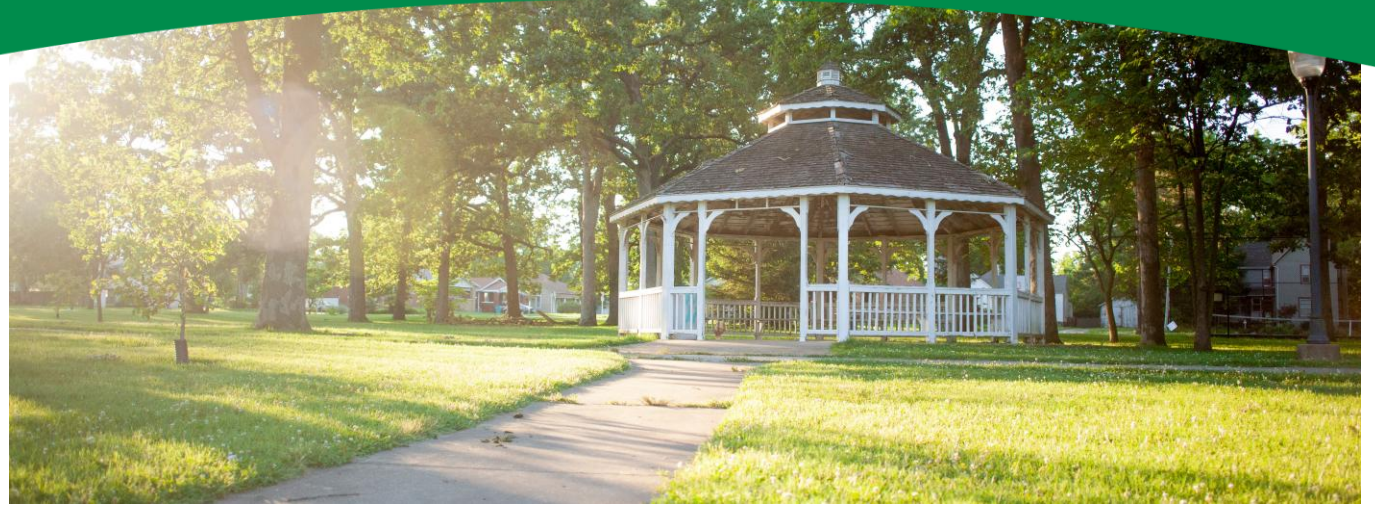
105 Parks, Trails and Facilities

3,200 Acres in City/County

70+ Miles of Greenways

10 Historic Parks

Appx. 250 Full-time, 500+ Part Time/seasonal employees





# Diverse Facilities: Aquatics to Zoo

- 3 Family Centers
- 8 Swimming Pools
- 4 Golf Courses
- 2 Indoor ice rinks
- Dickerson Park Zoo
- Farm Park
- Equestrian Center
- Botanical Center



- Archery Complex
- Skate Park
- Tennis Complex





# Trails and Greenways

- 30+ year Partnership with Ozark Greenways
- OG builds and advocates for trails, Parks maintains
- 70+ Greenway miles





# Current Projects





# Cooper Park/Lake Country Soccer Reinvestment

**\$28 million improvements underway**

## **Phase 1**

- Turf 8 soccer fields COMPLETE
- Approximate cost: \$11M

## **Phase 2**

- Turf 6 baseball, 5 softball fields
- In progress, estimated completion in late 2025
- Approximate cost: \$17.5M





# Cooper Park/Lake Country Soccer Reinvestment





# Silver Springs Park Pavilion Renovation

- \$1.5 million improvements
- Pavilion renovation with amphitheater seating, A/V equipment
- Completed July 2025
- Collaboration with Neighborhood Coalition and Greene County



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COALITION  
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# McDaniel Park Pump Track

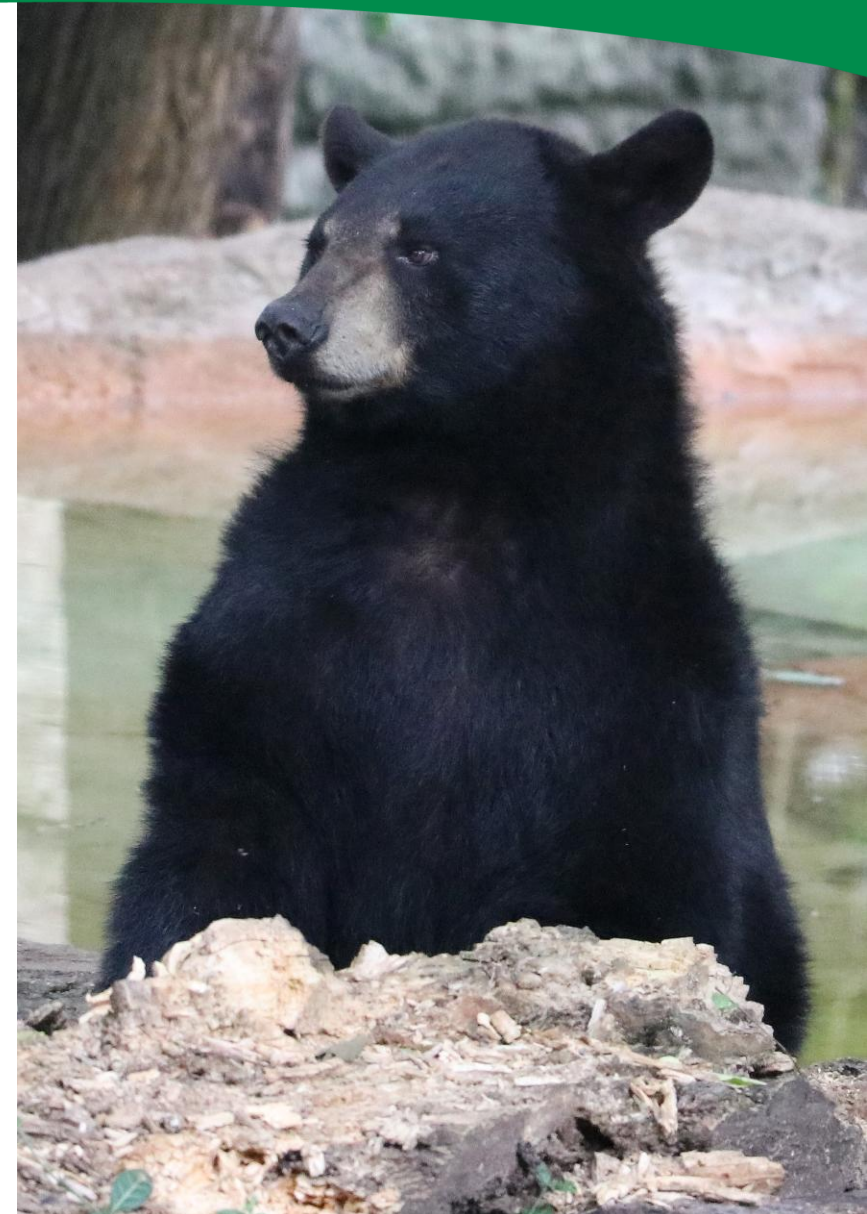
- **Phase 1** Design and construction of Pump Track, parking lot and driveway.
- **Phase 2** Design and construction of pavilion with restrooms, and pump track lighting.
- **Phase 3** Replace and update playground, addl. park lighting.





# Dickerson Park Zoo Bear Boardwalk replacement

- Replacing boardwalk built in 1989, adding gazebo over bear viewing area.
- Estimated cost: \$589,000.
- \$580,000 is covered by City of Springfield carryover funding.
- Began June 2025, estimated completion December 2025.





# On the Horizon





# Priority Capital Projects

- Meador Park: Pickleball court expansion
- Neighborhood park playground improvements
- Fieldhouse Sportscenter court expansion
- Trail connectivity – Ungap the map
- Landscape, signage and beautification





# Pickleball at Meador Park

- **Phase 1** Large shade structure with restrooms and storage.
- **Phase 2** Replace 12 pickleball courts, adding shade structures with picnic tables and bleachers.
- **Phase 3** Replace basketball court with 4 to 6 new pickleball courts.





# *Questions?*