



Superintendent Report

January 2025

Staff

Special Events Coordinator Megan attended the National Recreation and Parks Association Events Management School in West Virginia January 13th -17th.

Senior Maintenance Team Lead Will attended the National Recreation and Parks Association Maintenance Management School in West Virginia January 27th-31st.

Maintenance

The Maintenance team responded to multiple winter weather events throughout the month of January, maintaining the park system's trails, pathways, and parking areas.

The team installed a bike repair station at the Zionsville Rd Trailhead as a component of the 2024 Central Indiana Bicycling Association grant award.

Staff completed 148 work orders in the month of January.

Natural Resource Management

The Natural Resource team completed chipping honeysuckle from fall Weed Wrangle sites at Creekside Nature Park and the Zionsville Rd Trailhead.

Events

Staff continued the Winterfest season with our first Java Trail on January on January 9th. Attendees and shop owners were happy with the event and look forward to its growth in future years.

Puzzle Swap remains ever popular with 216 attendees swapping 1,536 puzzles.

Nature Center

The Naturalist team kicked off the second half of the school year's Nature Connections program at Pleasant View, Trailside, and Eagle Elementary.

Heritage Trail Park

The Superintendent filed a Develop Plan Amendment with the Plan Commission for the **Hoop House** installation.

Mulberry Fields

A pre-construction meeting was held with Structure Midwest for the **Mulberry Fields Concession Stand**.

Carpenter Nature Preserve

C&J Well continued coordination and permitting on the new well to be installed near the Prairie Pavilion as a component of **Phase 1 Construction**.

Turkeyfoot Park

A pre-construction meeting was held with Morphe Construction for the **Turkeyfoot Bridge Rehabilitation** project. Initial project clearing will occur this winter with major construction planned mid-summer through fall. Closure plans will be communicated to the public as they are finalized.

Lincoln Park

Schematic design documents were further refined concerning the **Lincoln Park Refresh**.

Lincoln Lights continued at the park illuminating the walks and gazebo thanks to a generous sponsorship from Home Town Lawns.

Outreach + Updates

The Superintendent and Director of Public Works met with representatives of Carmel and Fishers to discuss a branding campaign for the 106th Street roadside pathways, “The 106” that connect our three communities. Signage and mile markers would signify the east-west route for pedestrians and cyclists with 0.0 beginning at 106th and Zionsville Rd.

The Superintendent and Director of Recreation Services finalized a native plant list in coordination with Boone County Soil and Water District for our first native plant sale set to take place later this year.



Staff installed a bike repair station at the Zionsville Rd Trailhead as a part of the CIBA grant from 2024. Bicycle safety and trail etiquette signage will join the installation.



Puzzle Swap remains a popular hit in Zionsville with over 1,500 puzzles changing hands in 2025's event.