



Superintendent Report

July 2025

Staff

Interviews concluded for the Skilled Park Technician position and the Department welcomed Skilled Technician Hutt to the maintenance team.

Maintenance

Staff created 381 work orders in the month of July, completing 364, with 255 preventative and 126 reactive.

Four bike repair stations have been installed along the Big-4 (2024 CIBA Grant Award).

Natural Resource Management

The Natural Resource team continues to combat teasel, Japanese Knotweed and Japanese Stiltgrass in our parks.

BCIC will treat an observed population of Tree of Heaven in Elm Street Green, Overley-Worman Park, and along the southern portion of the Big-4 Rail Trail.

Nature Center

Junior IMN completed a storm drain painting project around HMMPL highlighting the importance of

Events

ZPRD hosted its first program at CoHatch, welcoming Zionsville Moms to Mom Prom.

Mulberry Fields

Structure Midwest continues progress towards the **Mulberry Fields Concession Stand** project. The contractor has completed block installation and framing the roofing.

Carpenter Nature Preserve

Mattcon continues grading on the parking lot and has poured the foundation for the restroom pavilion and amphitheater.

The Department continues to coordinate with the DNR INSWMP project that will reconstruct and restore Eagle Creek and its tributaries within the preserve.

Big-4 Rail Trail

The Town Hall Trail Counter was repaired after being out of commission for several months. Trail usage will now be collected and reported monthly.

The Superintendent met with Blice Edwards to discuss repairs to the Zionsville Rd Trailhead Mural.

Heritage Trail Park

The Hoop House passed all inspections and will soon be ready for public programming and native seed and plug cultivation.

Turkeyfoot Park

Morphey Construction has nearly completed all project components of the **Turkeyfoot Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation** project and anticipate a walkthrough mid-August.

BCIC Strike Teams continue to remove honeysuckle from the northern half of the park.

Eagle Creek Trail - Holliday Corridor

The Holliday Bridge pedestrian railing installation was completed by Mofab Fabricators. Punchlist items were resolved on August 6th.

Lincoln Park

Seven competitive bids were collected in the **Lincoln Park Refresh** bidding process.

The **Love for Lincoln** Fundraiser Campaign launched and has received decent exposure across local media channels. Stakeholders will have opportunities to purchase engraved bricks, commemorative pieces of the decommissioned gazebo, and join a service day to pull existing bricks.

Zionsville Parks Foundation

The Superintendent and members of the Parks Foundation met with Meridian Foundation, a philanthropic group that seeks out innovative initiatives to support, to discuss the Carpenter Nature Preserve.

Outreach + Updates

The Superintendent attended the Main Street Zionsville July Board meeting.

The Superintendent met with members of Quails Forever/Pheasants Forever to discuss a partnership to support the Carpenter Nature Preserve.

The Superintendent met with representatives of Hoosier Mountain Bike Association- Indy Trails Collective to initiate conversations on a partnership for the Overley-Worman bike trails.

Progress continues at the Mulberry Fields Concession stand as the roof was framed and completed. We are nearing the punchlist phase for the Turkeyfoot Pedestrian Bridge and



Cycling without Age is a nonprofit group that provides rides to residents of area nursing homes. Every other Tuesday the group picks up residents of Hoosier Village for a ride on our Big-4 Rail Trail.

