



Superintendent Report

October 2025

Staff

A Staff in-service day was held to tour the construction progress at Carpenter Nature Preserve.

Maintenance

Staff created 408 work orders in the month of October, completing 455, with 288 preventative and 120 reactive.

Skill Tech Harmon-Sayre and Hutt received their Certified Playground Safety Inspection certification.

Natural Resource Management

Natural Resources completed the planting of 34 trees in our park system in October.

Natural Resources mechanically removed emerging populations of Japanese hops in Starkey.

Nature Center

The Nature Center remains a staple of the community with 299 attendees of nature programming and 979 visitors in October.

Events

October was a busy month for our programs team with Trick or Trees at Elm Street Green and Fright Nights at Mapelawn Farmstead each welcoming over 700 attendees.

Mulberry Fields

Structure Midwest continues progress towards the **Mulberry Fields Concession Stand** project. The contractor has completed exterior insulation, masonry, door and hardware install, and pouring of the building plaza. The contractor will next remove the fencing to regrade and seed the project area. Substantial completion is anticipated before Thanksgiving.

Carpenter Nature Preserve

Mattcon has made significant progress on the rustic and paved trails, prairie pavilion block and roof, and outdoor amphitheater. The Superintendent was notified of a potential delay in top paving of the entrance drive and parking lot.

The Superintendent provided a tour to Councilors Melton and McElderry to preview the construction progress at the preserve.

The Maintenance and Natural Resources teams and BCIC led 40 FFA students in a weed wrangle at the Carpenter Nature Preserve maintenance barns, removing woody invasives in the nearby woods.

Big-4 Rail Trail

The Town Hall Trail Counter recorded 15,346 encounters: 5,698 cyclists and 9,648 pedestrians in the month of October.

Blice Edwards returned to the Zionsville Rd Trailhead to repair the horizontal stream mural.

Turkeyfoot Park

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

The Turkeyfoot Pedestrian Bridge project was closed out in October coming in 2.6% under budget.

Lincoln Park

Park Board Vice President and the Superintendent met with Envoy, Inc for a kickoff meeting for the Lincoln Park Refresh, identifying opportunities to explore cost savings measure for the project.

Zionsville Parks Foundation

The Foundation hosted a booth at Trick or Trees in Elm Street Green.

Outreach + Updates

The Superintendent attended the Zionsville Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee meetings.

The Superintendent attended the Carmel-Fishers Bur Oak Bridge Ribbon Cutting ceremony, linking two parks and creating a continuous multiuse path along 106th street to Zionsville.

The Halloween Pumpkin Trail returned to Elm Street Green during October



FFA students from around the country joined the maintenance team to combat invasives around the CNP barns

Progress continues at CNP with the Prairie Pavilion going vertical

