



Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) District Profile

The DeKalb Park District was established in 1935 as a special purpose unit of government as provided by the Illinois Park District Code.

An elected Board of Park Commissioners consisting of five members constitutes the governing board of the District. Commissioners are elected to serve six-year terms and serve without receiving compensation. Commissioners elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve one-year terms.

Commissioners appoint an Executive Director and an Attorney. The Executive Director serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Park District and carries out the policies of the Board.

The DeKalb Park District is approximately coterminous with the City of DeKalb boundaries. The population of the District is approximately 44,030 (2017). The total Equalized Assessed Value of real estate within the District for 2016 is \$505,995,004. The tax rate for levy year 2016 is \$0.7559 per \$100 of assessed value. Taxes levied for 2016 will be collected in 2017.

The adopted operating and capital budget for FY2018 is \$9,108,560. The fiscal year begins March 1 and concludes on the last day of February.

The District consists of 44 park and facility locations on more than 600 acres of land, which include an 18-hole golf course, a 9-hole golf course, an aquatic center, two recreation centers, a community center, 22 playgrounds, 10 picnic shelters, 15 ball diamonds, 14 soccer fields, four outdoor tennis courts, a municipal bandshell, a historical museum, a tourism center and art gallery, two disc golf courses, a skate park, three fishing areas, a dog park, and more than five miles of paved bike/walking pathways.

The District provides a wide range of recreation and athletic programs year-round. A complete listing of current programs, events and activities can be found in the District's brochure and on the website. There are 24 full-time staff and over 200 seasonal and part-time employees of the District.

The DeKalb Park District is affiliated with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA).