

Parks and Recreation Notes

Encroachment

- The problem is largest on greenway parks with fences, landscaping, playground equipment, etc but they also have seen deer stands, etc.
- In most cases the encroacher must comply and remove structures but in rare cases the individual has been forced/allowed to purchase the park land.
- Embarking on an education campaign of park neighbors can be helpful, some simply don't know the property boundaries or that they are encroaching on park land.
- Marking the park boundary can also be helpful. Having the aerals and property lines are helpful.
- Items that might be worth investigating:
 - Integrate with permitting process (but often permits are not taken out)
 - Make contractors in contractor licensing aware of the problem (but often the individuals doing the work are not licensed since they are just fencing or pouring concrete.
 - See if parks could gain dig-safe permits in their vicinity?
 - Discuss the problem with Homeowners associations and get their assistance in enforcing.
 - Ownership change notification

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

- Walkability
 - Check out national website
 - Interest in QR tags on trail signs for smartphones
 - Other potential apps mentioned:
 - Bike routing
 - Special event notification
 - Distance traveled
 - park inventory (# of playgrounds, shelters, etc.) and list events around the park
 - Might need to ensure trails and/or sidewalks are network built
 - Check status of existing data
 - Some cities have looked at determining safe routes to schools
 - Could improve on MARC walkability score index
 - By adding sidewalks into analysis (some cities have line, some poly)
 - ADA ramps – most cities completed inventory
 - Cul-de-sacs
 - Distance to features/shopping
- Class Registration Software
 - Most are using Class or Vermont Systems or RecTrack
 - They probably wouldn't allow integration with our address web service since they are a canned product.

- There are some local user groups that meet
- I think Merriam said they didn't have online registration but most did.
- It would be interesting to see if we could map these customers to see where the customers are.
- Can the lists be combined to allow "cross promotion" across municipal boundaries? (nearest features)
- Could they use Address web service to verify address/residency? Some 3rd party software packages can't be modified.
- Shelter Reservations
 - Most aren't doing these online because they need to check for the following types of items:
 - Alcohol permits
 - Residency check to determine cost
 - Size/Age of group to ensure it doesn't get out of hand
 - Were there any doing this online? OP?
- Recycling
 - Many parks are recycling now
 - Primary problem is manpower
 - Some locations are also recycling at special events

Location Services web application was demonstrated

- Could we include a list of more "nearby" parks rather than simply listed the closest?

Invasive Species Management

- JCPRD is working on a plan to prioritize actions by park.
- Cliff and Matt have generated a database based on the national standard.
- AIMS demonstrated online editing tool to see if there might be interest for invasive species tracking or for park editing.
- Some cities GPS'ed areas in the past but it was a headache and more often than not they just sprayed and had the knowledge of where in their head.
- OP has a parks master plan. They use the square footage in their contracts (mowing and spraying).
- JCPW uses Lucity and avl to monitor locations they have sprayed.
- JCPW keeps complaints in a separate database (paper files).
- JCPW maintains a legal description of where the chemicals are sold
- Someone suggested spectral imaging might be useful
- Matt (JCPRD) would like to get an invasive species group together at the end of the summer to discuss tactics that worked/did not work, etc.

The ESRI Park and Recreation finder template application was mentioned

<http://localgovtemplates2.esri.com/ParkFinder/default.htm>

<http://maps.kansasgis.org/recfinder/public/index.cfm>

Compare Local Gov Data model vs National Parks model.