

Astoria Parks & Recreation

Enriching Generations of Community

ASTORIANS LOVE PARKS

The proximity of our parks to our residents, city businesses, and area schools makes Astoria a great place to live. Our parks provide recreation access to everyone of all ages and abilities. Our residents enjoy anything from ball fields, to neighborhood spaces, to historic sites.

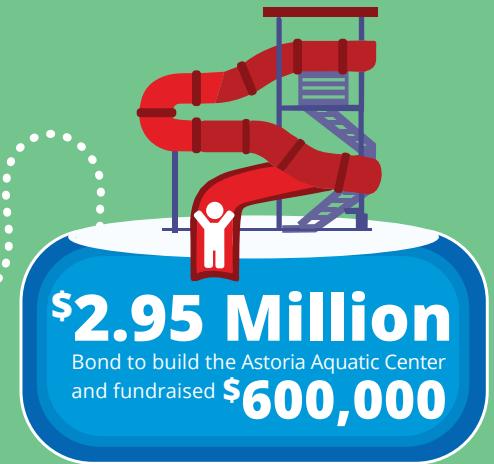


Astoria Parks is made up of

310

acres of parks,
trails & natural areas

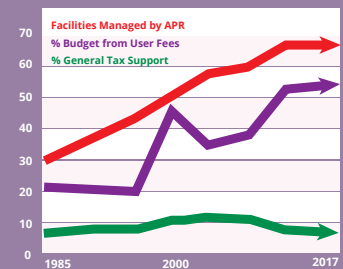
Building
42 additional parks
since 1975.



WHY PARKS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

- Park land has increased by **60%** and recreation services quadrupled over the past 40 years
- Full-time staff has decreased by **50%** – making it more difficult to maintain parks and services, creating a growing list of unmet operational and maintenance needs for parks and recreational services

THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

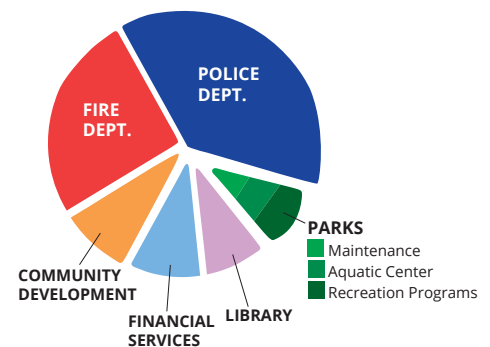


WHY ARE CUTS BEING MADE?

Parks funds come from general tax dollars - which also funds Police, Fire, Community Development, the Library and the City's Finance Department. Since these are essential city services, they cannot be reduced to fund Park services.

- This has resulted in a decrease from 12% to 7% of the city's tax dollars allocated to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- The budget is continuing to face increasing costs to maintenance and staffing.
- Despite cuts to the Parks budget, the Department has managed to decrease costs, increase efficiencies and generate an additional \$450,000 in revenue annually. This has narrowed the budget gap, saving you tax dollars.

GENERAL BUDGET



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT ASTORIA PARKS?

Move! Get outside and play in our wonderful parks and facilities, take a fitness class, swim at the pool, or register for an activity.

Support! Talk to your friends, family and community about the importance of health and wellness, parks, recreation, and open spaces; and how Astoria Parks and Recreation creates a healthier, happier, stronger Astoria.

Engage! We are currently evaluating a variety of funding sources to help keep our vital facilities and services available. Stay engaged as we continue this process by visiting www.AstoriaParks.com or by following Astoria Parks & Recreation on Facebook.



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