

Section 2: Mission, Values, Philosophy

2.1 Mission

The Addison Park District exists to provide the community recreation opportunities through quality recreation programs, facilities and open space.

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2.2 Vision

The Addison Park District vision statement is “Leisure for your Lifestyle.”

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2.3 Core Values

- 2.3.1. Excellence and Innovation
- 2.3.2. Teamwork and Partnership
- 2.3.3. Fiscally Responsible
- 2.3.4. Community Enrichment
- 2.3.5. Relevance to the Community
- 2.3.6. Embrace Diversity and Provide Accessibility
- 2.3.7. Visionary Leadership and Environmental Stewards
- 2.3.8. Providing fun and healthy lifestyles within a safe environment

2.5 Environmental Mission and Values and Philosophy

The District is committed to developing and using sound environmental policies, best practices, and opportunities. The following environmental policy statements will be used to guide our decisions as we continue to develop environmental action plans for the future.

- 2.5.1. **Purchase and Use of Environmentally Safe Products:** The District's support of the environment includes a commitment to the purchase, use, and disposal of products and materials in a manner that will best utilize natural resources and minimize any negative impact on the environment, taking into consideration the effects of product production, use, storage, and disposal.
- 2.5.2. **Protection of Air, Water, Soil and Wildlife:** The District actively seeks and implements ways to conserve and protect water and soil, enhance air quality, limit the production and release of damaging pollutants, and protect wildlife.
- 2.5.3. **Use of Energy Resources:** The District actively seeks and implements ways to conserve energy resources and investigate methods of applying alternative energy technologies including considering sustainable design and construction practices utilizing products with longer documented life spans, less waste and renewable materials.
- 2.5.4. **Reduction and Handling of Waste:** The District supports environmental awareness by encouraging recycling and waste management in its business practices and operating procedures. The District is dedicated to reducing the amount of waste that is generated and removed by the agency and to handling hazardous and all other wastes according to lawful and safe procedures.
- 2.5.5. **Open Space Planning and Preservation:** Based on Federal, State and location regulations, the District will protect and restore indigenous natural communities such as grasslands, woodlands and wetlands, and promote the reclamation, acquisition, preservation and management of other open space areas.
- 2.5.6. **Environmental Education and Interpretation:** The District provides education and interpretation opportunities for staff and the public to increase appreciation for the natural world and promote environmentally conscious lifestyles.

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2.4 General Values and Philosophy

It shall be the philosophy of the Addison Park District to service the recreational needs of the community in a variety of ways, offering both active and passive, individual- and group-oriented recreational experiences for all ages, sexes and economic levels. It is intended that freedom of choice and freedom of expression will play a major role in the total park district experience, and it is hoped that a better quality of life will be achieved through the existence of the Addison Park District.