

# Oak Lawn Park District Comprehensive Plan

## Environmental Scan



## Introduction to IPRA's Environmental Report Card



Thank you for taking an interest in the Illinois Park and Recreation Association's (IPRA) Environmental Report Card. The Report Card was created by the Environmental Committee to help park agencies across Illinois assess their environmental impact and stewardship.

As park agencies, we often are the first responders of sustainability, managing green space and natural areas within our communities. Managing these resources and greening our operations is important to ensure we are good stewards of the environment. This Report Card can help!

Use the Report Card to work within your organization and assess the sustainability of your operations and policies—i.e., how 'green' are you? Find out what you are doing, what you are not doing, and most importantly what you can do in the future. There may be multiple departments within your organization that will need to give input. Ideally, one staff person should coordinate filling in the Report Card with other staff assisting. Separate the Report Card into its seven sections, and give each section to the appropriate staff that supervise the area(s) that relate to their section.

Get input from your organization's leadership team or board members, and explain the benefits of collecting this data using the Report Card. You can't manage what you can't measure, and this Report Card will help you assess your environmental impact. It will help you quantify environmental initiatives or green practices that may be important when applying for grant funding. And it can help identify areas for further assessment that impact your organization's budget such as energy efficiency improvements.

Completion of the Environmental Report Card is one of the requirements an agency needs to meet when applying for IPRA's Distinguished Park and Recreation Accreditation. The Environmental Committee's recommendation to agencies that have utilized the first Report Card (developed in 2006) is to continue using it when it comes time to reevaluate your management and operations. This way you are comparing apples to apples in assessing your improvement. If your agency wants to use Report Card II, utilize it as a secondary evaluative tool instead. Because it is more detailed and digs deeper into your sustainability practices, it is useful but does not compare well to the first Report Card. The second Report Card's purpose is similar to Report Card I in that it is meant for agencies to use who have not assessed themselves yet.

Once you have completed the Report Card, you have taken a great step to benchmark your agency for future progress. Know that you are not alone! The IPRA Environmental Committee meets monthly and is comprised of dedicated green-minded professionals from a variety of park agencies. Let us know how we can help or how you want to get involved.

The Environmental Committee can be reached through the IPRA website: <http://www.ilipra.org>

Good luck!

### Report Card History

There are now three versions of the Report Card. The first Report Card was developed in 2006 in response to IPRA members asking whether there was a tool available so agencies could evaluate their management and operations in relation to environmental protection. Report Card I provides a general scoring and grading system out of a total of 100 possible points to help agencies better assess their strengths and weaknesses.

The second and third Report Cards, developed in 2011 and 2016, are updated versions as new tools and information developed in sustainability efforts. There are more possibilities to consider when answering the questions in each successive revision. As a result, versions II and III provide a more nuanced picture of an agency's sustainability efforts. Because the total possible points are more than 100, the scoring system changed to percentages rather than points. The grading system to assess your agency is still the same.

**Environmental Report Card III**  
**For Park & Recreation Agencies**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** This is a self-evaluative tool. Please look over each category and determine who within the agency would best be able to answer the questions related to that category. Some questions are repeated in different sections. All questions require a simple "YES" or "NO" response. All "YES" responses receive 1 point, unless indicated at the end of the question. A "NO" response receives no points on that question. A "N/A" response receives no points on that question and does not affect your total points because the question does not pertain to your agency or its practices (i.e. Special Recreation Associations filling out the evaluative report card). Tally up total points earned against total points possible for each section with out the "N/A" questions.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1.	Does your agency have an environmental policy/plan or guidelines that help it become more environmentally responsible? <b>(2 points)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			2
	a. Is this policy/plan or set of guidelines/initiatives approved by the board? If you answer YES to item 1a, proceed to questions 2, 3 and 5. If you answer NO, proceed to questions 4 and 5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
2.	Do full time and/or part time staff members receive an orientation and/or training in regard to your agency's environmental policy/plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
3.	Has your agency established a staff-led Environmental Committee or 'Green Team' to encourage implementation of environmental efforts by all staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Does your Environmental Committee or 'Green Team' review and update board-approved policies/initiatives?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
4.	Does your agency have a staff led Environmental Committee or 'Green Team' to encourage implementation of environmental efforts by all staff?				0
5.	Does your agency make (or has your agency made) use of IPRA's Model Environmental Policy and/or Environmental Toolkit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

TOTAL POINTS 7

<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1.	Does your agency dedicate funds in its annual <b>operations</b> budget to support achievement of environmental goals? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Recycling		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Energy Audits				
	Natural Areas Maintenance/Management		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Natural Areas Restoration/Re-creation				
	Native Landscaping		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Storm Water Best Management Practices				
	Environmentally Friendly Purchasing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Alternative Fuel and/or Hybrid Vehicles				
	Energy Conservation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List				
<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>			5		

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	In the last 5 years, has your agency dedicated <b>capital</b> funding towards environmental initiatives? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Natural Area Restoration/Re-creation				
	Natural Area Public Access				
	Nature Program Facilities			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Energy Conservation (ex: lighting, heating/cooling efficiency upgrades)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Permeable Pavement				
	Rain Gardens			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Bio-Swales			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Alternative Energy Systems			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	In the past 5 years, has your agency applied for grants to fund environmental goals/initiatives (i.e. recycling, environmental education, natural areas restoration, natural areas acquisition, alternative fuel use, energy conservation, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency use a set of guidelines (EPA's Environmentally Preferred Products {EPP} program, Green Seal.org or similar) to assist in purchasing decisions of environmentally preferred products and services?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency make conscious efforts within all departments or have written criteria to purchase products that include the following. <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Minimal Packaging				
	Recycled and Recyclable Content			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Renewable Resource Content			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Minimum 30% Post Consumer Materials				
	Energy Star Rated Appliances			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Low VOC Furnishings, Paints, etc			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Low Toxicity Cleaning products			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Locally Produced Materials/Products				
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	5			

<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE CONTINUED</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
6.	Does your agency seek to identify and purchase from vendors of environmentally friendly products through the US Communities or similar program? <b>(2 points)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			2
		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
7.	When seeking proposals for professional services, does your agency request environmental references/qualifications as part of the RFP process (i.e. is the firm to be selected 'green,' or if an A/E or LA firm do they have LEED AP's on staff)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Does your agency ask bidders to provide a Statement of Sustainability to ensure bidders are also incorporating sustainability into their firm's practices, policies and procedures related to waste minimization, energy efficiency, water efficiency, staff and education.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
8.	Are procedures in place to measure the impacts of environmental goals/initiatives? (e.g. cost savings, energy savings, waste reduction)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
9.	Does your agency collaborate with other agencies/organizations on environmental efforts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
10.	Does your agency promote public awareness of its sustainability efforts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

TOTAL POINTS

17

FACILITY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency provide opportunities for <b>staff</b> to recycle waste products in office areas, lunchrooms, work areas, etc.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Are <b>staff</b> encouraged to recycle via policies, training, memoranda and notices?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	Does your agency provide opportunities for <b>patrons</b> to recycle waste products in public areas including lobbies, classrooms, facilities, etc.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Are patrons encouraged to recycle via education, policies, promotion and signage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Are recycling containers paired with waste containers, visibly well marked and easy to locate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Are outside concessionaires required to minimize the use of disposable products? <b>(2 points)</b> (e.g. use of bio-compostable utensils, serving items, containers or packaging, reusable utensils or beverage containers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
	a. Are outside concessionaires required to offer recycling for patrons?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency encourage the use of electronic communication to conserve paper?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Is staff encouraged to use duplexing or double-sided copying of documents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	When contracting printing vendors or purchasing from vendors, does your agency specify:				2
	a. Paper for printing needs that is free of chlorine-bleaching in its manufacturing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	b. Paper that contains 30% or more post consumer recycled content?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	c. Other: Please List	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	Do restrooms and locker rooms have water saving devices (low flow showers and toilets, and motion activated faucets)? Check only one.				1
	a. Are at least 50% of fixtures low flow or motion activated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	b. Are at least 75% of fixtures low flow or motion activated?				
	c. Are 100% of fixtures low flow or motion activated?				
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Do restrooms and locker rooms have hand dryers in lieu of paper towels?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Do 100% of your restrooms/locker rooms have hand dryers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
10.	Does your agency conduct energy audits?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Following audits, does your agency make changes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	b. After making changes, does your agency record differences in impact?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

FACILITY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
11.	Is energy-efficient lighting used (compact fluorescents, T-8 fluorescents or LEDs)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Are 100% of new or replacement lighting needs energy-efficient?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
12.	Are lights, fans or other electric devices where appropriate, on motion activated occupancy sensors or timers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
13.	Are staff instructed to turn off all electronics and unplug charging devices at the end of the day?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
14.	Is energy efficiency included as a specification when purchasing/replacing major appliances (i.e. EPA Energy Star rating)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
15.	Are hot water heaters and hot water pipes insulated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
16.	Are on-demand/tankless hot water heaters utilized where appropriate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
17.	Do facility HVAC systems included energy-saving features such as min./max. settings to reduce use during down time, interior recycling, regular cleaning and efficiency inspections, etc.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Are particulate filters (with MERV8 rating or better) used in HVAC systems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
18.	Does your agency promote the use of environmentally-friendly, low toxicity and/or fragrance free cleaning products that meet Green Seal, LEED or other standards? <b>(2 points)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
19.	Does your agency seek to minimize the use of petroleum-based cleaners, solvents and inks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
20.	To improve and protect indoor air quality does your agency seek to purchase low VOCs (volatile organic compounds) products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Does your agency seek to purchase carpets that meet Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label or other standards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
21.	Does your agency consider the use of sustainable, reclaimed and/or local materials when remodeling/renovating facilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. Are building materials removed during remodeling/renovation reclaimed or recycled?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

FACILITY MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
22.	Does your agency properly dispose of/recycle any of the following per Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) or manufacturer's labels? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Energy Efficient Lighting		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Batteries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Electronics		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Ink and Toner Cartridges		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Paints		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Cleaning Products		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	5			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
23.	Does your agency have an integrated pest management program in place to reduce the use of toxic pesticides within facilities? <b>(2 points)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
24.	Does your agency make use of alternative energy systems to provide energy and/or conserve energy, such as passive or active solar systems, wind energy, or geo-thermal energy at any of your facilities? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> check all that apply		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Passive Solar				
	Active Solar				
	Wind Energy				
	Geo-Thermal				
	Green Roof				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
25.	Does your agency actively train and/or support staff training in sustainable management practices (green cleaning, energy efficiency, etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
26.	Does your agency purchase energy through a green energy provider?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

TOTAL POINTS

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FLEET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency perform regular engine tune-ups and scheduled preventative maintenance of motorized vehicles and equipment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	If you perform regular maintenance, does your agency recycle and/or properly dispose of all vehicle fluids and engine parts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Does your agency properly use, store and dispose of hazardous materials according to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and/or manufacturers labels, as required by law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency have a safety policy and training procedures in place regarding the handling of hazardous waste?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency provide the appropriate work environment with appropriate ventilation and safety gear for employees when handling hazardous materials, as required by law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Does your agency have a program to conserve fuel and energy with respect to fleet operations (e.g. mileage/fuel efficiency tracking, no idling policy for staff)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	Does your agency actively fund or apply for grants that promote and provide the means for the use of clean energy (i.e. bio-diesel, liquid propane/LPG, compressed Natural gas/CN, use of electric utility or golf carts, etc.)? <b>(2 points)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			2
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	As part of your Equipment Asset Program, what percentage of your total fleet has been replaced with alternative fuel and/or hybrid vehicles? Check only one.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0
	0% - 0 points				
	1-10% - 1 point				
	11-20% - 2 points				
	21-30% - 3 points				
	30-50% - 4 points				
	>50% - 5 points				
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Does your agency limit the use and refueling of, or not use at all, gas powered equipment and vehicles during ozone action days or when the Air Quality Index exceeds 100 (orange coded days) or higher?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

TOTAL POINTS

9

PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency have natural resource management plans in place for District natural areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	Does your agency dedicate funds in its annual operations budget for natural resource best management practices? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Restoration of Natural Areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Re-creation of Natural Areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Control Exotic Species		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Increase Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Storm water Best Management Practices (bio-swales, rain gardens, permeable paving)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Improve Water Quality		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Bank Stabilization		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Sediment & Erosion Control		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Integrated Pest Management Program (to reduce pesticide use w/in parks)		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Alternative/Biological Pest Control Practices in lieu of traditional chemical solutions		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	5			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Does your agency actively apply for grants to fund natural resource best management practices? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Restoration of Natural Areas				
	Re-creation of Natural Areas				
	Control Exotic Species				
	Increase Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat				
	Storm water Best Management Practices (bio-swales, rain gardens, permeable paving)				
	Improve Water Quality				
	Bank Stabilization				
	Sediment & Erosion Control				
	Integrated Pest Management Program (to reduce the use of pesticides w/in parks)				
	Alternative/Biological Pest Control Practices in lieu of traditional chemical solutions				
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>				
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency take precautions or protective measures during and after construction/development to protect soils in existing landscapes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency use low environmental impact snow melt products (i.e. beet juice, calcium magnesium acetate)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
	a. If you answered NO, does your agency modify application rates to limit/reduce the impact on surrounding areas?				

PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Has your agency phased out the use of coal tar based asphalt sealants and started the use of less toxic eco-friendly alternatives?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	Does your agency try to reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides in parks by: <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Utilization of drought and disease resistant native plant species		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Elimination of mowing in some areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Reduction of the number of applications or using a single-application product		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	3			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	Does your agency provide a no-mow buffer of native vegetation around water bodies to: <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 3 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Reduce Erosion		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Reduce Non-Point Source Pollution		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Deter Canada Geese		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	3			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Is landscaping around facilities designed with energy conservation in mind? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Windbreaks/buffers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Shade Trees Along Southern Exposures of Buildings		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Shade Trees Around Paved Areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Drought Tolerant Native Plants		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	4			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
10.	Does your agency incorporate native plantings into the landscape at: <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Administrative Offices		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Recreational Building Facilities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Aquatic Facilities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Maintenance Facilities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Active Use Park Landscapes (i.e. sign beds, entry areas, parking lot islands, beds around playgrounds and shelters)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Golf Courses		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
11.	Does your agency post no idling signage in designated areas for frequently used drop off & pick up areas for program participants?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
12.	Is your agency responsive to private landowner activities that impact your agency's natural resource best management practices? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 3 points)</b> Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Encroachment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Illegal Dumping		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	2			

PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
13.	Does your agency properly dispose of any of the following per Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), manufacturer's labels or other authority's regulations? (1 point for each checked, with a maximum of 5 points) Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Fertilizers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Pesticides		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Excavated material		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Construction material		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other hazardous materials: Please List		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>			4	
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
14.	Does your agency distribute/have available resources to explain natural resource best management practices?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

TOTAL POINTS

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PLANNING & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency seek to acquire any of the following types of natural resource areas? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> check all that apply		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Remnant Prairies				
	Wetlands				
	Rivers, Streams, Tributaries				
	Ponds/Lakes				
	Floodplains				
	Greenways/Corridors				
	Woodlands				
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>				
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	For the above natural resource areas checked, are they identified to be acquired for any of the following reasons? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> check all that apply			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Protect/Provide Habitats				
	Increase Biodiversity				
	Improve Water Quality				
	Control Exotic Species				
	Erosion Control				
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>				
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Does your agency include natural resource best management practices when developing plans for park property? <b>(1 point for each checked below, w/ a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Restoration of Natural Areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Re-creation of Natural Areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Control Invasive Species		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Increase Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Native Landscaping		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Storm water Best Management Practices (bio-swales, rain gardens, permeable paving)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Improve Water Quality		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Proscribed Burning		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Bank Stabilization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Sediment & Erosion Control		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>		5		

PLANNING & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency actively apply for grants to fund natural resource best management practices and projects? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Restoration of Natural Areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Re-creation of Natural Areas		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Control Invasive Species		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Increase Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Native Landscaping		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Storm water Best Management Practices (bio-swales, rain gardens, permeable paving)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Improve Water Quality		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Proscribed Burning		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Bank Stabilization		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Sediment & Erosion Control		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency provide access for the public to recreate in natural/preserved areas by means of <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Boardwalks		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Trails		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Fishing Piers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Viewing Platforms		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Canoe/kayak launches		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Does your agency increase public awareness of natural/preserved areas with: <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Interpretive Signs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Educational Brochures/Pamphlets		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Educational Posters		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Agency Program Brochure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Website		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Events/Programs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Public Meetings		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	5			

PLANNING & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	Does your agency create/maintain relationships with any of the following to ensure community-supported protection of open spaces: <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points)</b> Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Other Government Agencies		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Not-for-Profit Organizations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Private Landowners		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	2			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	Does your agency partner with organizations and/or local developers in order to provide information on living around natural resource areas or manmade detention/retention sites?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Does your agency's planning and maintenance departments work together to incorporate natural resource best management practices into traditional park and building facility site plans?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1

TOTAL POINTS

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PROGRAMMING		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
1.	Does your agency own and operate a nature center?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0
	a. If you answered NO, does your agency provide on-going nature education or nature interpretive programming?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
2.	Does your agency partner to provide nature programming (e.g. Audubon Society, local garden clubs, Master Gardeners, conservation organizations, soil and water conservation districts, extension services, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
3.	Does your agency provide programs regarding sustainable living (e.g. native or organic gardening, low environmental impact, composting, bee keeping)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
4.	Does your agency proactively educate residents regarding wildlife issues and ways to avoid conflicts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
5.	Does your agency inform the community of sustainable landscape options that would help resolve issues? (i.e. algal blooms in ponds and excessive goose droppings on lawns)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
6.	Do staff members consider any of the following "green" criteria when preparing for programs and purchasing program supplies? <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Minimal Packaging		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Recycled and Recyclable Content		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Renewable Resource Content		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Minimum 30% Post Consumer Materials		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Low VOC Furnishings, Paints, etc.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Low Toxicity Cleaning Products		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Locally Produced Materials/Products		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>				0
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
7.	Does your agency clearly communicate its waste reduction and recycling expectations for: <b>(1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points)</b> Check all that apply		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Facility Rentals		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Special Events		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Program Participants		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Contracted Vendors / Program Instructors		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other: Please List		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>				

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PROGRAMMING CONTINUED		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
8.	Does your agency have and/or support a volunteer program to aid in the following? (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 3 points) Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Land Stewardship			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Environmental Education			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Other: Please List <small>pantry garden/ park plantings/ weeding</small>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	3			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
9.	Are program staff provided training and encouragement from supervisors in energy and resource conservation (e.g. thermostat settings, lights, recycling, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
10.	Does your agency actively fund and/or apply for grants to support: (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 4 points) Check all that apply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Environmental Programs			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Interpretive Initiatives (i.e. signage, brochures, displays, etc.)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Nature Play Areas			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other: Please List			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>	0			
		YES	NO	N/A	POINTS
11.	Does your agency clearly communicate its energy conservation expectations for: (1 point for each checked below, with a maximum of 5 points) Check all that apply		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Facility Rentals				
	Special Events				
	Program Participants / Facility Users				
	Contracted Vendors / Program Instructors				
	Other: Please List				
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER CHECKED</b>				

TOTAL POINTS	9
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL THE SECTIONS COMBINED	121
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	202
PERCENTAGE	60%

**GRAND TOTAL POINT REVIEW**

There are 202 total possible points. The percentage calculated should exclude all sections you marked not applicable. Divide your points earned by the total point eligible to find your percentage score.

90% - 100% Your agency is an environmental leader in the field and has reason to be proud.

70% - 90% Your agency is doing a very good job, and should keep up the good work. Look at those questions for which you answered NO, and develop strategies to address them.

50% - 70% Your agency is doing a good job, and certainly more than most public agencies. Look at those questions for which you answered NO, and develop a strategy to address those.

30% - 50% Your agency is doing OK, and should be proud of what it has accomplished, but still has much to work on.

30% or less Your agency has no where to go but up in terms of improving its environmental practices.

FINAL QUESTION – Does your agency have a representative on IPRA's Environmental Committee?  YES or  NO

Rayon Gray  
Signature

12-8-2020  
Date

Board review and approval for Distinguished Park and Recreation Accreditation

\_\_\_\_\_ Date