The Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space (RPOS) is passionate about the communities we serve. We support our Norfolk residents by providing superior services that support a healthy and active lifestyle. Whether you are taking a walk in one of our parks, fishing on a pier, kayaking or participating in a cemetery tour, we offer many options to *get out and play*.

Our staff and facilities continue to win awards and we are constantly looking for ways to improve our patron experience. In FY 18 we installed several new playgrounds, made facility improvements and expanded recreation programming. We strive to accomplish our mission to enrich the lives of our Norfolk citizens.

The Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space (RPOS) is proud to announce its acceptance for accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

Being accepted for accreditation means that Norfolk meets these national standards of best practice. Out of 6,600 recreation departments across the country, only 166 have achieved accreditation.
TEAM RPOS

216.7 Full-time employees (FTEs)

391.58 Part-time employees (FTEs)

560 Volunteers

38,006 Hours

VISION
Refresh, Re-Connect, Re-Focus

MISSION STATEMENT
To enrich the quality of life for Norfolk citizens by providing recreation choices and opportunities for youth, adults, and special populations while ensuring the efficient management and maintenance of the city's parks, playgrounds, beaches, urban forest, and city-owned cemeteries.
BUDGET OVERVIEW: FY 2018

The RPOS budget primarily supports the City of Norfolk's priority areas:

- Economic Vitality
- Workforce Development
- Safe, Healthy & Inclusive Communities
- Lifelong Learning

Our budget provides funding for daily operations and maintenance of core services. These include youth programming, athletics, administration, landscape services, urban forestry, cemeteries and special services.
MAJOR COMPLETED PROJECTS

Munson Park Playground

Bay Oaks Park Playground
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Monticello Village Park Playground

Disc Golf at Poplar Hall Park

Lake Wright Trail

Additional Projects
St. Helena Elementary School Playground
Tidewater Elementary School Playground
Lake Whitehurst Boat Ramp
MAJOR COMPLETED PROJECTS

Therapeutic Recreation Center Phase 2 Improvements

Powhatan Field

Highland Park Veterans Kayak Launch
RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

153,021 Beach visits

30,943 Participants in summer splash

6,042 Participants in youth and adult sports

542 Daily attendance at pools

10% Increase in inclusive program participants

800 S.T.E.M. Park Ranger program participants

6,743 Daily attendance at recreation and community centers

79,912 Participants in recreation programming
PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

4,470 Trees Pruned
1,161 Trees Removed
734 Stumps Removed
932 Trees Planted

350 Trees & Shrubs Adopted by Norfolk Residents at the Arbor Day Event

500 Fruit & Nut Trees/Shrubs Adopted by Norfolk Residents at the Jam’n Jamz Event

3,920 Cubic Yards of Mulch Spread
40,796 Acres of Grass Mowed
1000+ Trees Grown in Nursery

With the help of the Virginia Cooperative Extension & Norfolk Master Gardeners, 458 Crape Myrtles were pruned through our Volunteer Crape Myrtle Pruning Program; an estimated cost of $12,843 for volunteer hours

Responded to 250 calls in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Storm Michael in October 2018
On April 18, 2018 the Norfolk Bureau of Cemeteries and the Norfolk Society for Cemetery Conservation (NSCC) held a dedication ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery to unveil the placing of two Virginia Historical Highway Markers for West Point Cemetery and Elmwood Cemetery.

69 educational and historical cemetery tours

Over 1,400 Participants

50 NSCC volunteer workdays

NSCC volunteer workday hours 514

504 Completed service requests
NORFOLK EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

215
NELs

10
Executive Interns

14
Participating Departments

6
Universities Represented

171
Youth in Government Participants

73
Job Sites
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