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Centre Region Parks & Recreation - 2010 Highlights

Thanks to regional cooperation...

1. 2010 Park and Program Operations

- CRPR offered a comprehensive, year-round and popular menu of public recreation programs and special events for all ages.
- Operated a total of 829 acres at 52 sites across the region for residents to enjoy. 951 pavilion reservations were issued in 2010 by the agency. A recycling program was successfully initiated at 5 parks.
- www.crpr.org hosted 2.8 million hits from 293,090 visitors; an average of 802 visitors per day. In addition, the Active.Net Internet registration service for agency recreation programs has become very popular with residents - generating \$79,332 in revenue (compared to \$55,000 for 2009).

2. 2010 Special Facility Operations

- The Centre Region Senior Center hosted 20,630 program visits and provided 4,408 noontime meals during 2010 (which is 3,408 more program visits and 120 fewer meals than 2009).
- Millbrook Marsh Nature Center hosted 11,103 program visits, an 8% increase from 2009.
- In 2010, Park Forest Community Swimming Pool solely hosted 60,859 visits, which means that Park Forest Pool successfully hosted 150% of the 2009 visits there! (Welch Pool was closed for construction; the renewed Park Forest Pool opened in June 2009.)

3. 2010 Capital Projects

- The Welch Pool Renewal Project is nearing completion (Spring 2011) and the reopening on May 28, 2011, within the authorized \$5.4 million budget.
- Millbrook Marsh Nature Center will provide year-round services thanks to the 2010 construction of the Spring Creek Education Building. The building The project is being funded by private contributions, municipal contributions and a \$200,000 grant from the PA DCNR. Construction started in April and will be completed and dedicated in Spring 2011.
- The COG was awarded a PA DCNR grant for \$191,000 to assist with the 2011 acquisition of a 25-acre parcel to complete the Whitehall Road Regional Parklands,
- The Master Site Plan for the Whitehall Road Regional Park (100-acres total) was completed with the assistance of a \$40,000 state grant. The plan was approved by the COG General Forum in August.
- The COG approved the acquisition of the John Hess Softball Field Complex (21 acres) as the third "Regional Park." Safety and ADA renovations are now underway to permit an April 2011 re-opening. A Master Site Plan is now being prepared for long term improvements.