



# FACT SHEET

Centre Region Council of Governments

## CENTRE REGION PARKS & RECREATION

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*Serving the Borough of State College and  
the Townships of College, Ferguson, Harris, and Patton*

**Providing Parks, Programs, & Special Events  
for Youth and Adults of all ages**

**Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR)** is an agency of the Centre Region Council of Governments, a voluntary association of municipalities working together for the betterment of the region. Five municipalities participate and contribute shared-funding in support of regional year-round recreation and municipal park operations. Rather than each municipality operating their own Parks & Recreation Department, CRPR is designated as their official municipal recreation and park agency.

Each municipality acquires and develops their park sites; maintenance and programs are then provided by CRPR. For 2006, CRPR will maintain recreation areas totaling 708 acres at 51 sites, and provides the region's 72,000 residents with special events and programs in parks, school district facilities, and other sites. Seven facilities, however, are capitalized and operated by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board / Centre Regional Recreation Authority (CRRA) on a regional basis with prorated contributions from the five participating municipalities:

- Centre Region Senior Citizen Center
- Park Forest Community Swimming Pool
- Wm. L. Welch Community Swimming Pool
- Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
- 3 parks leased at local elementary schools

With state grant assistance, the COG recently acquired a 68-acre tract at Oak Hall for future development for sport fields and active recreation facilities; and the acquisition of another 75-acre site has been endorsed by the municipal partners.

Recreation programs offered to residents include (but are not limited to):

- Swim Lessons / Swim Teams
- Summer Day Camps & Playgrounds
- Youth & Adult Sports Leagues
- Dance Classes
- Tennis Lessons
- Nature Center Programs
- Adult Fitness
- Senior Citizen Club
- Senior Center activities
- Youth Fly-fishing Camp
- Senior Center PC Learning Lab
- Municipal Band Concerts
- Community Special Events:
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - 4th of July Parade on Wheels
  - Halloween Costume Parade
  - Tree Trimming for the Birds
  - Annual Senior Games
  - CRPR Peanut Carnival



**A complete list of programs & events can be found in the seasonal CRPR Leisure Guides or at the CRPR website.**

The PA Recreation and Park Society has presented the following awards to the agency at their annual conferences:

- 2001:**
- The "Agency Publication & Promotion Award" for the seasonal "CRPR Leisure Guides."
  - The "Excellence in Programming Award" for the CRPR Remembrance Tree Program. This program started in 1994; funds for 220 shade trees in the municipal parks have been donated to date.
- 2002:**
- The "Excellence in Programming Award" for the cooperative efforts involved in the success of the "Community Academy for Lifelong Learning" (CALL).
- 2003:**
- The partnership with Trout Unlimited for the "CRPR Youth Fly-Fishing Camp" at the nature center.
  - The partnership that led to the construction and operation of Centre Community Skatepark in Boalsburg.
- 2004:**
- The success of the fund-raising campaign for the construction of the boardwalk at the nature center.