

# Goal 6: Stewardship

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| 300 | <b>Develop tours that focus on open space and natural resource areas.</b>  | 2006 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Senior Center Supervisors  |      |
| 301 | <b>Develop a page on the Park District website addressing the environment and conservation.</b>  | 2007 |
|     | Include Clean Up Week, Natural Areas in Parks, Natural Wildlife, Natural History, Geology, Canadian Geese information, pesticide usage, and "Things to Do at Home" (pruning, fertilizing, etc.). Solicit cooperation from local clubs and organizations. |      |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Web Coordinator<br>Park Planner II  |      |
| 302 | <b>Pursue recognition for environmental programs to be recognized on national and local levels, i.e., Audubon program.</b>   | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Golf Maintenance   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Golf Maintenance Supervisors  |      |
| 303 | <b>Develop a guide for ecology/nature clubs at schools adjacent to parks.</b>  | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Human Resources  |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Marketing Supervisor  |      |
| 304 | <b>Identify and promote environmental and conservation practices in the parks.</b>   | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Pioneer Service Center Supervisor   |      |
| 305 | <b>Develop educational systems and communication medium to highlight park features.</b>  | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members :</i> Superintendent of Human Resources<br>IMC   |      |
| 306 | <b>Investigate the need to develop a volunteer program to assist in future environmental and conservation related projects or properties.</b>  | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Pioneer Service Center Supervisor   |      |
| 307 | <b>Promote events that focus on open space and nature.</b>   | 2009 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Communications Supervisor  |      |
| 308 | <b>Educate the community on the environmentally beneficial things the Park District does, e.g., using organic fertilizers.</b>   | 2009 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Communications Supervisor  |      |

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| 309 | <b>Develop standards of care at high use parks.</b>   | 2006 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Director of Parks & Planning  |      |
| 310 | <b>Create master plans for designated nature areas within the Park District.</b>  | 2006 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Director of Parks & Planning  |      |
| 311 | <b>Evaluate current maintenance standards to maintain active park locations.</b>  | 2006 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier  |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Pioneer Service Center Supervisor  |      |
| 312 | <b>Provide general environmental awareness training via the employee newsletter and payroll stuffers on a quarterly basis.</b>          | 2007 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Communications Supervisor   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> IMC  |      |
| 316 | <b>Research energy conservation systems for Park District buildings.</b>  | 2007 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Davis   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Custodial Supervisor   |      |
| 313 | <b>Create energy plans for all facilities.</b>  | 2007 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Director of Parks & Planning  |      |
| 314 | <b>Research alternate fuels and potential uses within the Park District.</b>  | 2007 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Fleet Supervisor  |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Davis  |      |
| 315 | <b>Develop a plan to stabilize creek/stream shorelines.</b>   | 2007 |
|     | Initiate an evaluation procedure and develop a plan to stabilize creek/stream shorelines.   |      |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Park Planner II   |      |
|     | <i>Team Members :</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier  |      |
| 317 | <b>Develop a system to identify potentially hazardous trees.</b>  | 2007 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Frontier  |      |
|     | <i>Team Members :</i> Pioneer Service Center Supervisor   |      |
| 318 | <b>Create a purchasing plan that explores the merits of fuel economy, emissions, etc., of all vehicles before the purchase is made.</b> | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Fleet Supervisor  |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Superintendent of Parks - Davis  |      |
| 319 | <b>Evaluate all chemicals used in golf maintenance operations as to their environmental impact.</b>                                     | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Golf Maintenance  |      |
|     | <i>Team Members:</i> Golf Maintenance Supervisors   |      |
| 320 | <b>Review use of all golf maintenance operations as to use of alternative energy sources and power requirements.</b>                    | 2008 |
|     | <i>Team Leader:</i> Superintendent of Golf Maintenance  |      |

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**321 Establish a standards classification system for Parks. 2008**

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**322 Review landscapes of golf facilities; promote the use of native plants and environmentally friendly turfgrass species. Explore coastal and other salt tolerant plant species. 2009**

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