

**ANNUAL REPORT
1999**

(image of Lake Wobegon Trail)

STEARNS COUNTY PARKS

STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Larry Haws - District 1
Mark Sakry - District 2
Rose Arnold - District 3
Leigh Lenzmeier - District 4
Don Otto - District 5

STEARNS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Don Bauer - District 1
Prentiss Foster - District 2
Joseph Chovan - vice chair; District 3
Ed Bouffard - chair; District 4
James Boie - District 5
Richard Hall; Planning Commission Member
Mark Sakry; County Commissioner

STEARNS COUNTY PARKS STAFF

James Burke, Park Maintenance II
LeRoy Gapinski, Park Maintenance I
Paul Wirth, Park Maintenance II - Lead
Roxanne Gerads, Technical Assistant II
Peter Theismann, Park Technician
Charles Wocken, Park Director

Report submitted by: Charles B. Wocken

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MISSION STATEMENT OF STEARNS COUNTY:

The mission of the County of Stearns is to provide quality public services as determined by law and citizen needs, through innovative leadership and the teamwork of its people, officials, and employees. Services shall be provided in a fair, respectful, and professional manner consistent with available human, natural, and economic resources.

MISSION STATEMENT OF PARK DEPARTMENT:

To secure sufficient outdoor recreation area and open space, and conserve the natural resources of the County (features which make Stearns County a pleasant place to live); to maintain parks to be safe, scenic and functional for the public; and to maintain all support facilities and equipment.

PARK DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES FOR 1999:

- *Stabilize operations and public service at Quarry Park & Nature Preserve; being more proactive than currently has been allowed.*
- *Establish effective and coordinated year round management of the Lake Wobegon Trail in its first full year of operation.*
- *Expand Quarry Park & Nature Preserve, and adopt master plan for expansion area.*
- *Expand recreation activity opportunities at Quarry Park & Nature Preserve.*
- *Continue to implement the Comprehensive Recreation Plan.*

The annual report is divided into the following sections:

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- II. ACQUISITION**
- III. DEVELOPMENT**
- IV. MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**
- V. FUNDING**
- VI. USERSHIP**

I. PLANNING

OFFICERS:

- Chair of Park Commission was Steve Hennes. Vice-chair was Ed Bouffard.
- Prentiss Foster was appointed in May to fill the remainder of Steve Hennes' term.
- Following the resignation of Steve Hennes; Chair of Park Commission was Ed Bouffard and Vice-chair was Joe Chovan.

PARK DEPARTMENT STAFFING

- Office Assistant position was established and filled by Roxanne Gerads.
- Park Technician position was established and filled by Peter Theismann.

PARK OFFICE :

The office was moved to Quarry Park & Nature Preserve on February 26th from the Stearns County Public Works Building.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

The Parks Department was recognized for County Government Week. The activities planned were:

- April 17th trolley rides through Quarry Park & Nature Preserve with free admission and hotdogs and pop served.
- The creation of the Carmel Roll ride on the Lake Wobegon Trail.
- Stearns County Park trivia questions and parking permits given out on WJON radio.

BUDGET 2000

- Capital improvement projects in the year 2000 would be put under the Park Bond.
- Recommended projects included Lake Koronis shower house replacement, Lake Sylvia vault toilet, office equipment upgrades, contract snowmobile trail grooming for 19 miles of the Lake Wobegon Trail (1st year for contract grooming).
- Park Commissioners expressed concern for a need of a Park Maintenance Operation Building at Quarry Park and indicated the Building Fund should be considered for supplemental funding.

LAKE WOBEGON TRAIL

- A survey of adjoining landowners was completed by Steve Wolter from Indiana University; The Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands. The study found that 74% of adjoining landowners used the trail, and that 75% reported advantages to living near the trail. Privacy loss was a concern to some landowners. The survey did not include user data. Annual projected use by landowners was 66 days per household.
- BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD offered 4.89 miles of corridor to Stearns County as a donation; from Colledgeville to the City of St. Joseph. The County Board accepted the offer, but deferred to interests of MN/DOT in receiving the donation to keep continuity in corridor ownership.
- The Park Commission supported a TEA-21 grant for development of the segment from Avon to St. Joseph.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SOO LINE RAIL CORRIDOR

- Park Commission held DNR grant application public hearing in February in Albany for construction of the Albany – Holdingford segment of the Lake Wobegon Trail. This meeting triggered extensive attention on uses of the Soo Line.
- County Board conducted a public hearing June 22nd on the purchase of the Soo Line and potential uses. The meeting attracted 400 participants. The meeting was held in Holdingford.
- Park Commission & County Board held joint public meetings in Elrosa, October 11th, and Albany, November 16th to take public input on potential trail uses of the corridor from Albany southward to Brooten.
- Park Commission supported a TEA-21 application for bituminous surfacing & fencing funds in the year 2003 for the Albany-Holdingford segment.

BEAVER ISLAND TRAIL

City of St. Cloud initiated a feasibility study of extending this trail to Warner Lake County Park. The City conducted 2 public open houses.

SAUK RIVER CANOE ROUTE MAP

An updated Sauk River Canoe Map was completed and distributed.

PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE

The Park Commission indicated the issue should be revisited in light of the County adopting its first-ever county-wide zoning ordinances.

QUARRY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE

- The Metropolitan Transit Commission established as-requested bus service to the park for handicapped citizens.
- The Park Commission held a public hearing on a DNR grant application to help fund acquisition of the Mick parcels on the south end of the expansion area.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the County and City of Waite Park was negotiated for storm water drainage assessments. The County will be paying \$100,000 per year for 5 years with the 5th year having a balloon payment including any deferred assessments obtained through further acquisition.
- A regional transportation beltway to the south of the park was discussed. The Commission recommended that the beltway include separate treadway for non-motorized transportation uses, and that the 33rd Street bridge crossing of State Highway 15 accommodate bicycles.

LAKE KORONIS REGIONAL PARK

The Park Commission held one of its meetings at the park and reviewed needed improvements.

II. ACQUISITION

QUARRY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE

- 133 Acres (Libbesmeier property) purchased in March.
- 40 Acres (Greg Mick) purchased in October.
- 30 acres (Terry Mick) including road connection to Granite View Road purchased in October.
- 40 Acres (Schmidt property) purchased in December.
- The county Park Bond was used for these acquisitions. The Libbesmeier and Schmidt sites qualified for REINVEST IN MINNESOTA (RIM) CRITICAL HABITAT MATCH funding through the DNR Scientific and Natural Area program. Conservation easements were sold to DNR for 50% of the land purchase price. The conservation easement provides preservation of the natural features of the park and ties DNR staff into management of those parcels. This arrangement allows the County to provide the open space recommended in the park Master Plan, with a perimeter interpretive trail, and receive 50% reimbursement for the costs of the land. The conservation easement protects the rest of the site from any disturbance of soils, terrain or vegetation.
- Purchases of these sites were coordinated through the Trust for Public Land. The Trust also helped lobby the legislature for the RIM funding.

SOO LINE RAIL CORRIDOR

- Purchased by Stearns County-City of St Cloud Regional Rail Authority on June 29th increasing the park system by 485 acres for the department to manage. The corridor is 40 miles long going from just east of Brooten to the Morrison County line. This purchase was funded through the Park Bond with a 70% contribution through the State of Minnesota Railbank program. Technically, the land belongs to the Rail Authority; but the County manages the property because it was a County project.
- The County Board chose to donate excess station land to cities on the corridor for economic and community development.

**STEARNS COUNTY PARK ACREAGE DISTRIBUTION
DECEMBER 31, 1999**

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

PARK NAME	1	2	3	4	5
Mississippi River County Park		230			
Warner Lake County Park				241	
Upper Spunk Lake County Park		5	2		
St. Martin Canoe Access					1
Oak Township Park Site					32
Two Rivers Lake Park Site					56
Lake Sylvia Wayside and Access					3
Spring Hill County Park					82
Richmond River Wayside			8		
Lake Koronis Regional Park (partial)					42
Quarry Park & Nature Preserve				492	
Heims Mill Canoe Access		1			
Fairhaven Mill (not owned by Stearns)				5	
Miller Landing			6		
Lake Wobegon Trail (Leased)		36			303
Soo Line Rail Corridor				84	401
Acreage		272	16	822	920
TOTAL ACREAGE	2030				

III. DEVELOPMENT

- Construction of the Boardwalk to the swimming quarry at Quarry Park & Nature Preserve was completed. The cost for the 300 ft. x 10 ft., plus 1000 lineal feet of path improvements was \$100,000. The corridor became a major pathway for park visitors even before construction was finished.
- A pre-fabricated multi-stall vault toilet was installed at Lake Koronis Regional Park near the swimming beach shelter. The cost was approximately \$32,000. Costs were shared with Meeker County, which manages the park.

IV. MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

- Maintenance staff assisted DNR FISHERIES Division in stocking the quarries with rainbow trout.
- Continued development of signage systems occurred within Quarry Park & Nature Preserve.
- Trail system within Quarry Park & Nature Preserve was refined.
- Installed barricades on bridge approaches to Soo Line bridges.
- Main path to trisko quarry was brushed out as access path to future interpretive trail through Scientific and Natural area.
- Staff began replacing the boundary/livestock fence on the south boundary of Two Rivers Lake park site.
- Summer maintenance activities included mowing, rodent control, noxious weed control, forest management, prairie management, building maintenance and repair, grounds maintenance and improvements, public safety inspections, and a host of other activities related to the hospitality mission of county parks were accomplished.

- Staffing:
 - 3 permanent park maintenance staff;
 - 3 seasonal park maintenance aides;
 - 3 seasonal caretakers, 1 at Mississippi River, 1 at Warner Lake, and 1 at Quarry Park;
 - 5 Green View, Inc. contract caretakers; 3 at Warner Lake and 2 at Quarry Park;
 - 2 Green View, Inc. contract attendants at the Warner Lake Nature Center.
- Green View, Inc. elected to drop the contract for maintenance at Quarry Park in November because of the difficulty in recruiting staff. Of the three part-time slots available they could only fill two of the positions. These positions will be filled by county-hired staff for 2000.
- A drowning occurred at Warner Lake. The Sheriff determined it was a fresh water drowning unassociated with park staffing or facilities.

Fairhaven Mill:

This park continued to operated by Wright County Parks through a joint agreement.

V. FUNDING

Estimated county population for 1999: 131,981

Park Budget 1999 (Fund 18)	\$492,358
Park Budget less Capital Outlay:	\$466,316
Park property tax levy 1999(Debt Service \$7,000 included):	\$340,904

Overall county budget 1999:	\$73,367,840
County property tax levy 1999:	\$27,079,265

The 1999 cost of the Parks program, looking at the park property tax levy, was \$2.58 per capita (\$2.35 in 1998). The average household size was 2.9 people. The per household park cost was \$7.48.

COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR 2000:

Overall county budget 2000:	\$72,837,956
County property tax levy 2000:	\$29,722,190

Park budget 2000 (Fund 18):	\$529,784
Park property tax levy 2000 (Debt Service included)	\$610,042*

*Note: the Debt Service Fund has its own levy (\$248,600) and expense account numbers separate from the Park Fund.

DONATIONS

- Jim and Marion Miller finalized their \$50,000 toward acquisition for Quarry Park & Nature Preserve. The donation was placed in the COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.
- Marcellus & Icyleen Hall donated \$11,173 to the COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for a perpetual maintenance fund for Quarry Park & Nature Preserve (5% of interest can be obtained annually).
- The NORDIC SKI CLUB OF CENTRAL MINNESOTA pledged \$20,000 toward funding of the Lighted Ski Trail project at Quarry Park & Nature Preserve. This will match a \$62,500 DNR/NATIONAL RECREATION TRAILS FUNDING ACT grant. The total project cost is estimated at \$131,000.
- Linda & John Peck donated \$20,000 to the Community Foundation toward acquisition of natural areas at Quarry Park & Nature Preserve.

QUARRY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE:

Parking permit receipts totaled \$20,760. Combined costs of the park's caretakers and gatekeepers were \$22,267.

1999 Budget Performance Report

<u>Account Number & Description</u>	<u>Account Classifications</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	
18-003 - Non Departmental	Permits & Licenses	\$5.00	
		\$5.00	
			<u>Program Totals</u>
			\$5.00
18-541-485; Fair Haven Mill Park	35 - Services & Charges	\$1,303.53	
		\$1,303.53	
			<u>Program Totals</u>
			\$1,303.53
18-541-486; Lake Koronis Regional Park	35 - Services & Charges	\$35,250.57	
		\$35,250.57	
			<u>Program Totals</u>
			\$35,250.57
18-541-495; Quarry Park & Nature Preserve	25 - Personal Services		
	Contracted Personnel	\$10,001.32	
		\$10,001.32	
	35 - Services & Charges		
	Printing & Publishing	\$46.44	
	Professional, Contractual	\$11,526.54	
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$856.73	
	Rental Expenses	\$684.76	
	Real Estate Taxes	\$0.00	
		\$13,114.47	
	45 - Supplies		
	Supplies/Operating Expenses	\$2,961.57	
	Durable Supplies	\$0.00	
	Office Tech Supplies	\$901.44	
		\$3,863.01	
	55 - Capital Outlay		
	Land, Site Acquisition & Improvements	\$0.00	
	Building, Acquisition & Improvements	\$0.00	
	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$0.00	
	Machine-Automotive-Equipment	\$4,818.11	
		\$4,818.11	
			<u>Program Totals</u>
			\$31,796.91
<u>Account Number & Description</u>	<u>Account Classifications</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	
18-541-497; Lake Wobegon	35 - Services & Charges		
	Printing & Publishing	86.68	
	Advertising	0	
	Professional Contractual	0	
	Repairs & Maintenance	0	
	Mileage	0	
		86.68	
	45 - Supplies	0	
		0	
	55 - Capital Outlay		
	Land, Site Acquisition & Improvements	0	
	Building Acquisition & Improvements	0	
		0	
			<u>Program Totals</u>
			86.68
18-541-499; Unallocated as to Parks	25 - Personal Services		
	Salaries, Permanent	\$190,466.26	
	Salaries, Part Time	\$31,785.41	
	Contracted Personnel	\$15,785.92	
	Salaries Over Time	\$289.81	
	Longevity	\$1,740.00	

Sick Leave	\$0.00
Flex Plan Contributions	\$30,265.84
Pera	\$9,807.24
Medicare	\$3,264.10
Fica	\$13,004.89
Unemployment	\$716.53
Uniform Allowance	<u>\$360.00</u>
	\$297,486.00

35 - Services & Charges

Telephone	\$7,443.02
Telephone Admin Costs	\$0.00
Postage	\$1,371.57
Printing & Publishing	\$1,498.87
Advertising	\$83.82
Dues	\$423.00
Subscriptions	\$55.25
Utilities	\$4,356.45
Professional, Contractual	\$19,136.17
Data Processing	\$2,731.61
Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,631.50
Maintenance Special Proj	\$0.00
Mileage	\$3,039.98
Training & Conference Expense	\$1,131.65
Professional, Meeting Expense	\$30.54
Rental Expenses	\$428.26
Real Estate Taxes	\$238.00
Service Agreements	\$1,515.03
Insurances	\$8,425.96
Permits & Licenses	<u>\$196.50</u>
	\$55,737.18

45 - Supplies

Supplies/Operating Expenses	\$21,438.34
Durable Supplies	\$3,783.91
Fuel & Lubricants	\$4,160.80
Books-Videos	\$342.22
Office Tech Supplies	<u>\$4,461.13</u>
	\$34,186.40

55 - Capital Outlay

Office Tech Equipment	\$5,804.38
Land Site Acquisition & Improvements	\$2,419.40
Building Acquisitions & Improvements	\$0.00
Office Furniture & Equipment	\$0.00
Machine-Automotive - Equipment	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$8,223.78

Program Totals
\$395,633.36

18-541-597; Park Board

25 - Personal Service

Per Diems	\$2,075.00
Medicare	\$30.12
Fica	<u>\$106.95</u>
	\$2,212.07

35 - Services & Charges

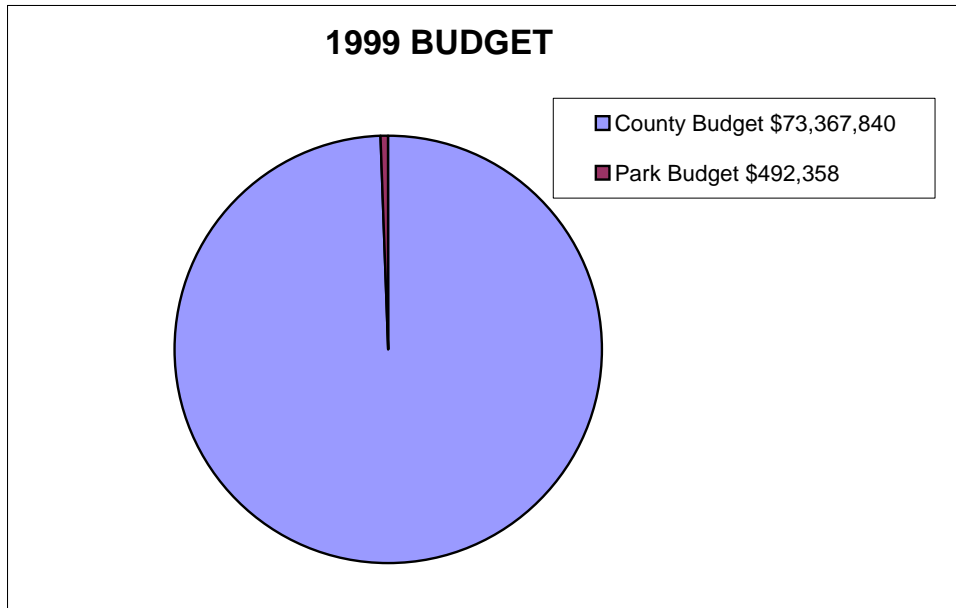
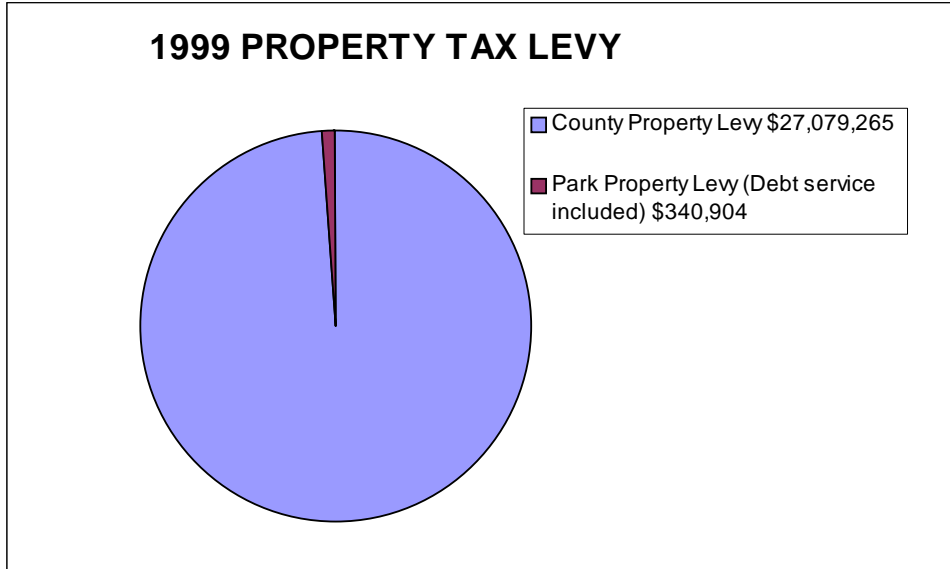
Mileage	\$31.20
Professional Meeting Expense	<u>\$694.64</u>
	\$725.84

Program Totals
\$2,937.91

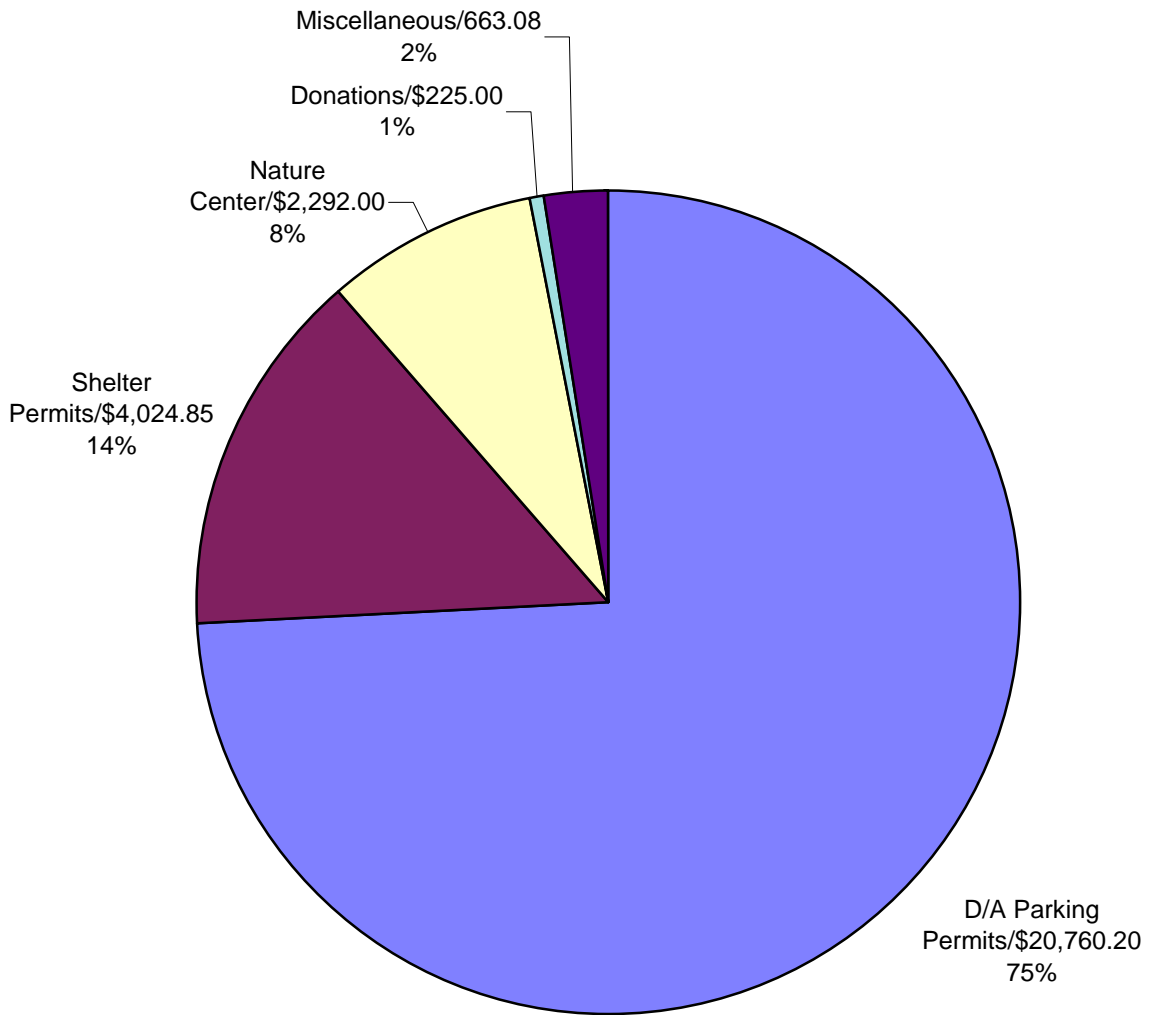
GRAND TOTAL **\$467,013.96**

MARKETING

The Park Department began selling Lake Wobegon Trail garments for the Lake Wobegon Trails, Inc. The ten percent markup will go toward County Parks.



1999 Non-Tax Revenue



■ D/A Parking Permits/\$20,760.20
■ Shelter Permits/\$4,024.85
■ Nature Center/\$2,292.00
■ Donations/\$225.00
■ Miscellaneous/663.08

V. USERSHIP

- A volunteer cross-country ski patrol was organized for Quarry Park and Nature Preserve. The Nordic Ski Club of Central Minnesota members have helped guide skiers through the park on weekends throughout the snow season.
- The Nordic Ski Club of Central Minnesota sponsored its annual Moonlight Ski at Warner Lake County Park. The event drew about 300 participants. The fundraising event helped raise funds for the Quarry Park ski trail lighting project.
- Phil Rogosheske organized a Warner Lake Trail Run event at Warner Lake as a fund raiser for Quarry Park & Nature Preserve.

1999 Volunteer Activity

Moonlight ski	12 people	3 hours each	= 36 hours
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Mt. Bikers review of proposed southeast corner technical trail	3 people	1 hour each	= 9 hours
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County government week

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| • Mt bike demo | 2 people | 1 hour each | = 2 hours |
| • Scuba demo | 2 people | 2 hours each | = 4 hours |
| • Scouts | 8 people | 2 hours each | =16 hours |

Ski lit fundraiser	10 people	120 hours	=120 hours
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Wobegon Trail cleanup	45 people	2 hours each	= 90 hours
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Ski Patrol	8 people	2 hours each	=16 hours
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Lobbying	6 people	4 hours each	=24 hours
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TOTAL 317 hours

STS volunteer activity

Tower Rd. dumpsite	6 people	3 hours each	18 hours
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Wobegon Trail	12 people	4 hours each	48 hours
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TOTAL 66 hours

WARNER NATURE CENTER**WARNER SHELTER**

GROUP NAME	DAYS RESERVED	GROUP SIZE
Ed Bouffard	1	300
cancelled	0	
Nordic Ski Club	1	70
Stearns County Agg Mtg	1	24
Julie Klocker	1	30
Cathedral High School	1	20
St Peter, Paul & Micheal	1	340
Warner Lake Trail Run	1	100
Girl Scout Troop 102	1	35
South Junior High (Team 1)	1	170
St Wendlin Catholic School	1	12
St Cloud Visitor	1	11
Royal Rangers	1	60
Randy Deters	1	40
Kay Welsand	1	100
Julie Klocker	1	30
Beth Henning-Steffes	1	50
Margaret Russell	1	70
Cindy Wells	1	50
Elaine Thyen	1	150
George Rindelaub Minnesota	1	25
Julie Klocker	1	30
Charles Rehwaldt	1	50
Fred Rupp	1	150
Stearns County Agg Mtg	1	20
Stearns County Corrections	1	50
Colleen Dorman	1	120
Fred Rupp	1	150
Jan Luto	1	40
Mary Jacobs (Assessors)	1	15
Jane Grossinger	1	70
Jennifer Podvin	1	100
Julie Klocker (Extension)	1	30
Laurie Leitch	1	30
Joan Winkelman	1	75
Tom Wicks	4	50
Jim Larson	1	50
Sherry Lumley	1	40
Anniversary (Alice Johnson)	1	50
Sharon Meyer	1	120
Debbie Schlichting	1	60
Julie Klocker (Extension)	1	30
John Waldorf Ag Mtg	1	20
Jan Stanley	1	10
Mike Schmidtbauer	1	40
Father Brendan Hughes	1	150
Mary Jacobs (Assessors)	1	40
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Mark Sizer (Human Services)	1	25
John Tracy	1	21
Cindy & John Robertson	1	100
	53	3463

GROUP NAME	DAYS RESERVED	GROUP SIZE
Terresa Zeman Wedding	1	200
Jessica Bussler	1	20
St Peter,Paul & Micheal	1	340
Pete Rueter Bowling Program	1	100
Becker Middle School	1	15
Pack 9 Cub Scouts	1	50
Kimball Elementary	1	70
Oakhill Third Graders	1	150
Madison Elementary	1	100
Alan Becker	1	50
Suzanne Dumont	1	75
YMCA/Day Camp 30/day	25	750
T.O. Plastics	1	150
Beverly Bounik	1	50
Heritage Center	5	20
Jan Zylla/Pat Kampa/Len Z	1	75
Mary Dombrovski	1	20
Cathy Spike	1	75
Diane Johnson	1	20
Dorothy Stats	1	45
Mary O'Brien	1	50
Girl Scouts 100/day	3	300
Mary Ergen	1	25
Leroy Christen	1	40
Jim Repke	1	30
Kim Gau	1	30
Jennifer Podvin	1	100
Leta Pramann	1	60
Volkers Family Reunion	1	100
Keith Maurer	1	40
Jim Studniski MTC	1	75
Amy Vanvorris	1	50
Tom Becker	1	50
Mike Peplinski	1	60
Ed Bauer Navy List	1	40
Dave Hawkinson	1	50
Sara Roeschlein	1	30
Jay Sequin	1	200
Gayle Roix	1	15
Rose Murphy	1	200
Rhoda Senkler	1	50
Sara Zmuda	1	10
Clearview Kindergarten	1	80
Craig Holm	1	20
Patty Browen	1	30
Mike Schmidtbauer	1	15
	76	4125

53 Days
50 Reservations

76 Days
46 Reservations

MISSISSIPPI SHELTER

GROUP NAME	DAYS RESERVED	GROUP SIZE
Boys Scouts Troop 216	2	8
Elizabeth Sims	1	30
Boys Scouts Troop 216	2	40
Troop 106 Dave Gammell	3	20
Sandy Wahl	1	30
Jean Gilbertson	1	50
Connie Orth	1	20
Vera Pogatchonik	1	20
David Mehoves SC All Star Jazz	1	50
Sky Warn (Marvin Klug)	1	40
Church of Christ; John Miller	1	50
Troop 106 Dave Gammell	1	150
Mary Beth Thompson	1	60
Sharon Herzog	1	30
Sue Nilson	1	100
Girl Scouts	3	100
Dino Sluss	1	20
Rick Hlebian	2	30
25	25	848

25 Days**18 Reservatons (includes 4 camping groups)****WARNER CAMPING**

GROUP NAME	DAYS RESERVED	GROUP SIZE
Troop 6 Boy Scouts West	3	50
Troop 6 Boy Scouts West	3	100
Hillside Elementary	4	70
Pack 106	3	8
Troop 28	3	20
Troop 9	3	20
Elbow Lake Royal Rangers	2	12
Church of Jesus Christ	2	100
Mike Helland (West Camp)	3	15
Jim Laudenbach (East Camp)	3	20
Wendy Lanctot (East Camp)	2	50
Len Fruth (West Camp)	3	20
Mike Theisen (West Camp)	3	30
37	37	515

37 Days**13 Reservatons**

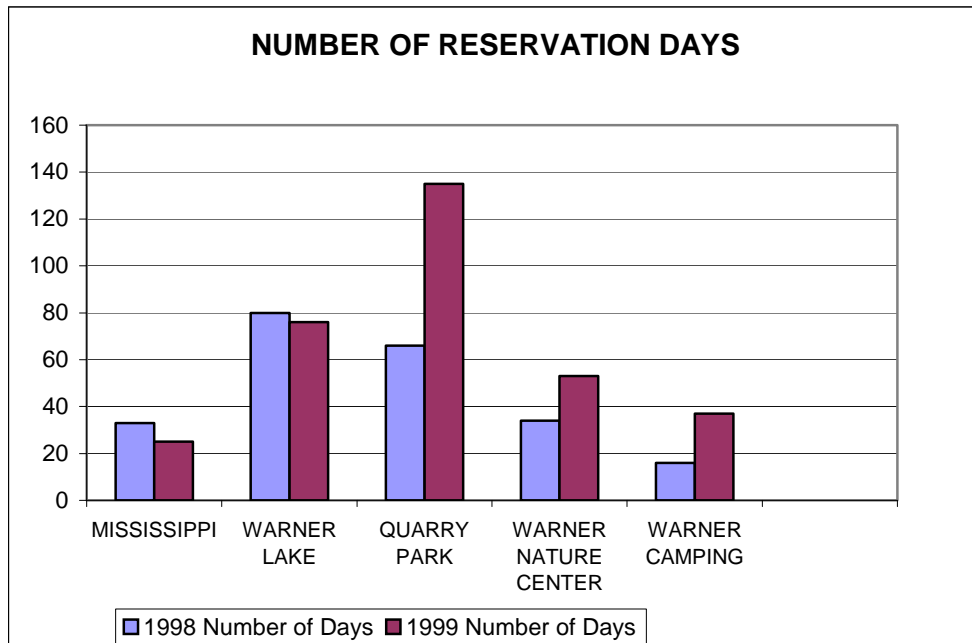
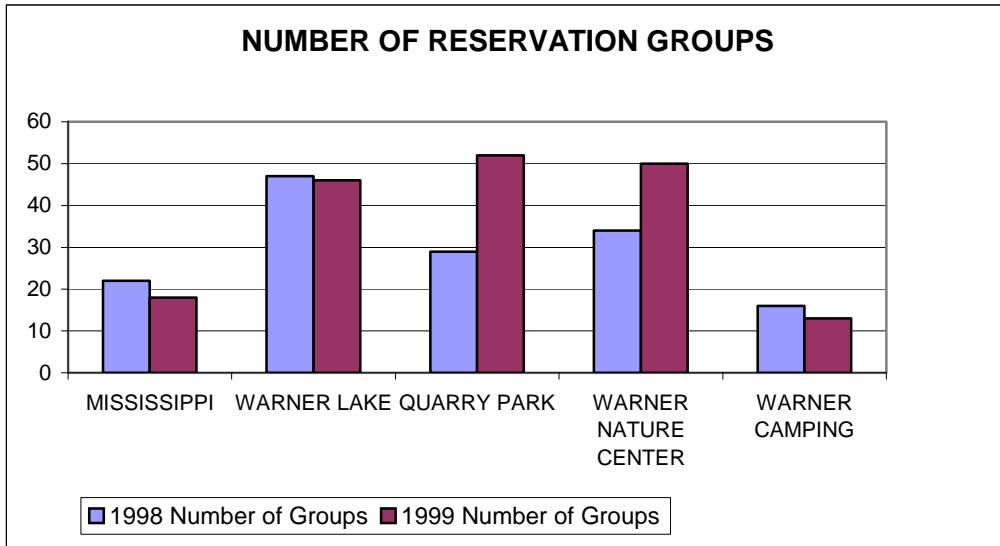
Lake Koronis Shelter Information	Days Reserved	Group Size
1998	42	3025
1999	42	2600
Lake Koronis Camping	1998	1999
Receipts	455	511
People	1440	1752
Net	\$11,170.00	\$13,069.00

QUARRY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE

GROUP NAME	DAYS RESERVED	GROUP SIZE
Army National Guard 1st of 194 Infantry	1	20
Boy Scouts Tr 20	1	100
Ski Club	1	20
SCSU Intensive English Center	1	14
Mike Frost	1	4
Hillside Elementary	1	200
United Methodist Church	1	3
Bluewater Divers	20	6
St John's Plant Divirsity Course	2	30
St Cloud SCUBA Center	15	90
Geological Survey Field Trip	1	6
Kate Adams Tech Earth Science Class	1	60
Discovery School Field Trip	1	35
Julie Girtz; Wedding	1	12
Rescue Training (Water)	1	12
Kidstop Kennedy Elementary	1	17
Underwater Sports	4	24
Spas Tag	1	
Discovery School Summer School	18	1080
Underwater Recovery Drill	1	6
Heritage Center	2	40
St John's Biology Department	1	2
SCSU Jean Hoff	open	2
Hillside Elementary Summer School	1	70
Cindy Buttlemann (DNR)	1	30
Bluewater Divers	2	12
Bluewater Divers	6	36
Underwater Sports	4	24
John Peck; Wedding	1	100
St Cloud SCUBA Center	6	36
Central Minnesota Volkspport	2	150
Underwater Sports	6	36
Bluewater Divers	2	12
Bluewater Divers	1	6
St John's/St Bens Aquatic Ecology	2	26
St John's Plant Taxonomy	1	21
Discovery School	1	20
Discovery School	1	30
Becker Middle School	2	60
Underwater Sports	2	12
Julie Peterson; Girl Scouts	1	15
Brandi McCray	2	4
Jean Hoff (SCSU Earth Science)	1	12
Dan Stark	1	80
Richard Jopp	1	100
Mark Wagstaff (SCSU Rock Climbing)	3	60
Ed W.E Garrett	1	30
Mary Heinen	1	24
Rob Dubay	1	12
Nicoli Holm	1	4
Mr. Binsfeld	1	20
Jason Stock Sauk Rapids School	3	25
135	135	2850

Caretaker's Share	\$9,170.00	\$10,727.00
County's Share	\$2,000.00	\$2,342.00
Number of nights camped	1001	1169

135 Days**52 Reservatons**



VISITOR SURVEY COMMENTS:

Each group making a reservation of a park facility receives a PARK EVALUATION survey. This instrument is used to provide feedback from customers on the quality of services provided by STEARNS COUNTY PARKS. Of the evaluations returned, visitors were very pleased with cleanliness of facilities. Little detracted from their park experience. To the question: WHAT KIND OF PARKS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY PROVIDE? one visitor replied:

NATURAL AREAS FOR HIKING, PICNICKING, ETC. PLACES THAT ARE QUIET, AND SAFE—NO HUNTING, SNOWMOBILING, ETC.