Recreation & Parks’
INTERNET OF THINGS
how parks and recreation contribute to everything important

In the spirit of bringing holistic thinking and collaborative services to solving people problems, this simple list depicts how park and recreation systems contribute to improving personal and community living.

Health & Wellness
- Healthcare Costs
- Healthcare Delivery
- Medical Recovery & Immune Benefits
- Connection to Nature for Human Health
- Alleviation of Stress, Depression & AD disorders
- Physical Activity & Healthy Lifestyles
- Physical, Mental, Emotional Therapy
- Mitigate Obesity and Chronic Diseases
- Youth & Family Development
- Nutrition, Healthy Food Production & Choices
- Preventative Treatment for Criminal & Risky Behaviors
- Prevention & Response for Opioids & Drug Abuse
- Improved Functioning of People with Special Needs
- Evidence-based Health Improvement Programs
- Tobacco Bans in Public Spaces

Environmental Sustainability
- Wildlife Habitat Preservation
- Carbon Sequestration
- Water Quality & Supply
- Wetlands Protection & Riparian Buffers
- Biodiversity
- Energy Costs & Conservation
- Pollution Reduction
- Air Quality
- Connections to Nature
- Brownfields Restoration
- Climate Change
- Preservation & Conservation
- Heat Island Reduction
- Natural Resource Management
- Stormwater Management
- Conservation Best Practices

Social Equity
- Community & Neighborhood Engagement
- Access to Economic and Socio-cultural Goods
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Cross-cultural Respect & Interaction
- Gentrification
- Children & Youth Services
- Child Nutrition & Food Distribution
- Equal Access to Parks & Recreation Services
- Underserved Populations
- Health Disparities
- Neighborhood Green Spaces
- Social Justice & Public Administration
- Workforce Development

Economic Stimulation
- Destination Tourism
- Placemaking & Events
- Concessions & Vendors
- Connective Trails, Water Trails
- Recreational and Cultural Attractions
- Business Development & Attraction
- Employment & Workforce Development
- Recreation & Sports Equipment Sales
- Property Values
- Zoning & Enterprise Districts
- Outdoor Recreation Industry
- Growth of the Sharing Economy

Infrastructure & Resiliency
- Multimodal transportation
- Urban Planning
- Traffic Mitigation
- Caretaking & Maintenance
- Gentrification
- Trail Access & Connectivity
- Stormwater Management
- Disaster & Emergency Preparedness
- “Clean, Safe & Ready-to-Use”
Streetscapes
Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation
Landscape Architectural Design
Facilities & Resource Management
Technologies & Work Automation
Big Data & Anticipatory Intelligence

People Development
Community Leadership
Teambuilding and Collaborations
Personal Productivity & Creativity
Student Achievement & Engagement
Risk Resilience
Creative Play
Physical, Cognitive, Social & Emotional Development
Experiential & Lifelong Learning

Community Livability
Safety & Crime Mitigation
Placemaking
Historical and Cultural Preservation
Community Engagement
Forums for Public Art, Entertainment & Expression
Children & Youth Services

Safeguard Park Visitors and Recreationists
Public Spaces & Green Infrastructure
Urban Blight Mitigation
Connective Trails
Public-Private Partnerships
Business Development & Attraction
Research, Public Education & Advocacy

Recreation & Leisure
Aquatics & Athletics
Parks and Park Amenities
Arenas and Event Venues
Concessions and Supplies
Healthy Competition
Nature & Environmental Centers
Hunting & Fishing
Active & Passive Leisure Activities
Cultural & Historical Interpretation
Public Assets & Spaces
Community Gardens & Special Use Spaces
Integrated Services across Disciplines & Jurisdictions
Positive Youth, Family & Adult Development
Quality & Enrichment of Life

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