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PCS Annual Report

ENHANCING PARKS, PROGRAMS &
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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Department Overview

Summary

In 2025, the Parks and Community Services Department (PCS) made meaningful progress in delivering high-quality parks, facilities and programs for residents of all ages and abilities. Through strategic planning, infrastructure investment, workforce development and strong community partnerships, PCS strengthened both its operational foundation and its community impact.

Mission

Our mission is to be stewards of memories through engaging recreational programs, community connection and parks that promote relaxation and play.

The Department consists of two divisions: Parks and Community Services.



Meet Our Team



Tamiko Kwak
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Deanne Machado
DIRECTOR

Dave Knighton
PARKS MANAGER

Janet Chaney
COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER



YOUTH & ADULT RECREATION TEAM



AQUATICS, TEEN & FACILITIES TEAM



SENIORS, AD REC & VOLUNTEER TEAM

43 FULL-TIME STAFF

345 PART-TIME STAFF

1,400 VOLUNTEERS



PARKS & IRRIGATION TEAM

Staffing PCS

Management

The management team comprises of the Director, Assistant Director, Community Services Manager and the Parks Manager. They provide the guiding leadership for the Department.

Parks & Irrigation

The Parks division maintains 260 acres of parks and 197 acres of greenbelts throughout the City. The team includes two Supervisors, two Crew Leads, six Park Maintenance Workers, one Sports Field Tech, four Irrigation Techs and one Office Assistant.



Community Services

The Community Services division provides all of the recreation programs from swim lessons, certification classes, facility reservations, special events, volunteer opportunities, outdoor education, inclusion support, youth and adult sports, teen and senior programs, programming for all ages in art, music, performing arts, summer camps and special interest classes. There are 17 full-time staff and three Davis Community Transit (DCT) staff.

Aquatics Maintenance

The Aquatics maintenance team maintains nine pools and two splash pads at five aquatic facilities; Arroyo, Civic, Community, Manor and Central Park. There are three full-time staff.

Temporary Part Time Staff

The Department hires over 300+ temporary part time staff to assist with programs and maintenance. We hire temp staff as maintenance aides, lifeguards, instructors, office assistance, recreation leaders, inclusion support, paratransit drivers and so much more.

By the Numbers

In 2025, Parks and Community Services Department focused on expanding access, strengthening operations, investing in sustainable resources and inclusive community programs. Through strong programming, a dedicated seasonal and full-time workforce and continued improvements to parks and facilities, the Department delivered high-quality recreation opportunities while advancing environmental responsibility and equity. These accomplishments reflect a commitment to serving the diverse needs of Davis and ensuring that parks and programs remain safe, welcoming and accessible for the community.

<p>\$721,511 generated in revenue on summer registration day</p>	<p>54,595 miles driven by DCT</p>	<p>98% recreation registration completed online</p>
<p>120+ volunteer events</p>	<p>50% park maintenance uses electric tools</p>	<p>47 low-income families supported with scholarships</p>
<p>9,398 facility, park and pool rentals</p>	<p>19,979 youth, adult and senior program enrollments</p>	<p>4,646 open gym attendees</p>
<p>91 special events in City parks</p>	<p>29,379 recreational swim entries</p>	<p>3,816 sports field rentals</p>

Capital Projects & Infrastructure Improvements

The Department completed four large capital projects in 2025 and is continuing to work on the aquatic facility improvements, Community Park restroom project, Skate Park design and build and the Playfields inclusive playground.

In progress:

AQUATIC FACILITY UPGRADES AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY PARK BATHROOM REPLACEMENT

COMMUNITY PARK SKATEPARK

PLAYFIELDS INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND DESIGN



BATTING CAGE NET REPLACEMENT



CENTRAL PARK SPLASH PAD



LED CONVERSION PROJECT AT MANOR, ARROYO, WALNUT, CHESTNUT & PLAYFIELDS



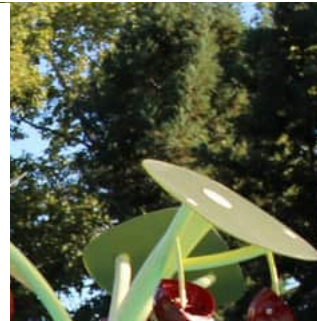
SENIOR CENTER PATIO PROJECT



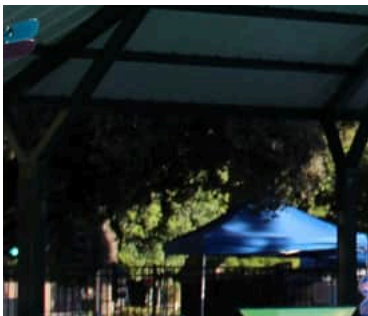
Community Engagement, Partnerships & Programming

Community engagement and strategic partnerships were essential to achieving the Department's goals in 2025. Through collaboration with residents, nonprofits and organizations, the Department advanced projects and programs that would not have been possible alone. Community-driven fundraising efforts for Natalie's Corner raised nearly \$500,000. Extensive outreach and public meetings helped shape the design of the new Skate Park and guided the Inclusive Playground plans to reflect local priorities. Partnerships with Mutual Housing expanded access for residents through on- and off-site recreational programs and collaboration with Yolo County Library offered evening programs for children while their caregivers attended ESL classes. Together, these collective efforts demonstrate that meaningful community outcomes are achieved through partnership.

Partner:
NATALIE CORONA COMMITTEE
Natalie's Corner Splash Pad



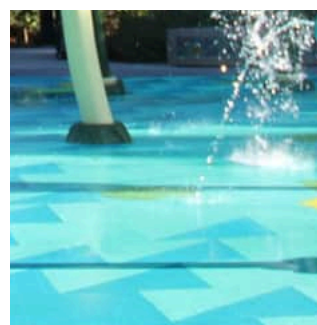
Engagement:
PARK DESIGN
Skate Park
Playfields
Inclusive Park



Partner:
MUTUAL HOUSING
Gardening
Pool Party
Classes

Partner:
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Bowling

Partner:
YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY
ESL Classes
Pool Storytime



Fundraising for Parks and Community Services

Parks and Community Services thrives because of the generosity, creativity and involvement of our community. From splash pads, patios and gardens to programs that bring people together. Fundraising and partnerships help turn ideas into lasting community assets.

Community support has played a key role in advancing projects that enhance the quality of life in Davis. Allowing us to go beyond our cost recovery goals.

Why Fundraising Matters

Public funding supports essential services, but fundraising helps bridge gaps, accelerates projects and expands access. Community contributions allow PCS to:

- Enhance park amenities and recreational spaces
- Support inclusive and innovative programming
- Expand access through scholarships and reduced-fee opportunities
- Deliver community driven capital improvements



The community raised almost \$500,000 for Natalie's Corner



The community and Senior Citizens of Davis donated over \$300,000 for the Senior Patio Project



The neighborhood raised \$5,000 for a shed for Friends of West Pond

Ways to Get Involved

DONATE

Make a donation to support parks, facilities, programs or specific projects that matter most to you.

2026 Projects :



The Skate Park – funding needed for full build out construction and lighting (\$37,000-\$200,000)



Civic Gym – funding needed for gym renovation of floors and interior, install HVAC (\$1,000,000+)



Project Shade – replace and install shade structures and sails at parks and playgrounds (\$100,000+)



Central Park Sign – funding needed to create and install a landmark sign for the park (\$150,000)



Playfields Inclusive Playground – funding needed to build an inclusive playground (\$3,500,000)

The **Davis Recreation & Community Services (RCS) Program Fund** is set up to receive donations through the Sacramento Regional Community Foundation: https://srcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1583

When making a donation, note the project you are giving to.

PARTNER

Businesses, nonprofits and community organizations can collaborate with PCS through sponsorships, program partnerships or in-kind contributions.

VOLUNTEER

From one-time special events to ongoing programs, volunteers play a vital role in supporting parks and recreation.

Sign up to volunteer online: <https://www.cityofdavis.org/city-hall/parks-and-community-services/volunteer-opportunities>

Planning, Policies, Systems & Programs

COMMUNITY NEEDS
ASSESSMENT &
STRATEGIC PLAN
APPROVED

NEW STANDARD
OPERATING
PROCEDURES
IMPLEMENTED

LUCITY ASSET
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM
LAUNCHED

PAYTRAC
MOBILE AND
TAP-TO-PAY
IMPLEMENTED

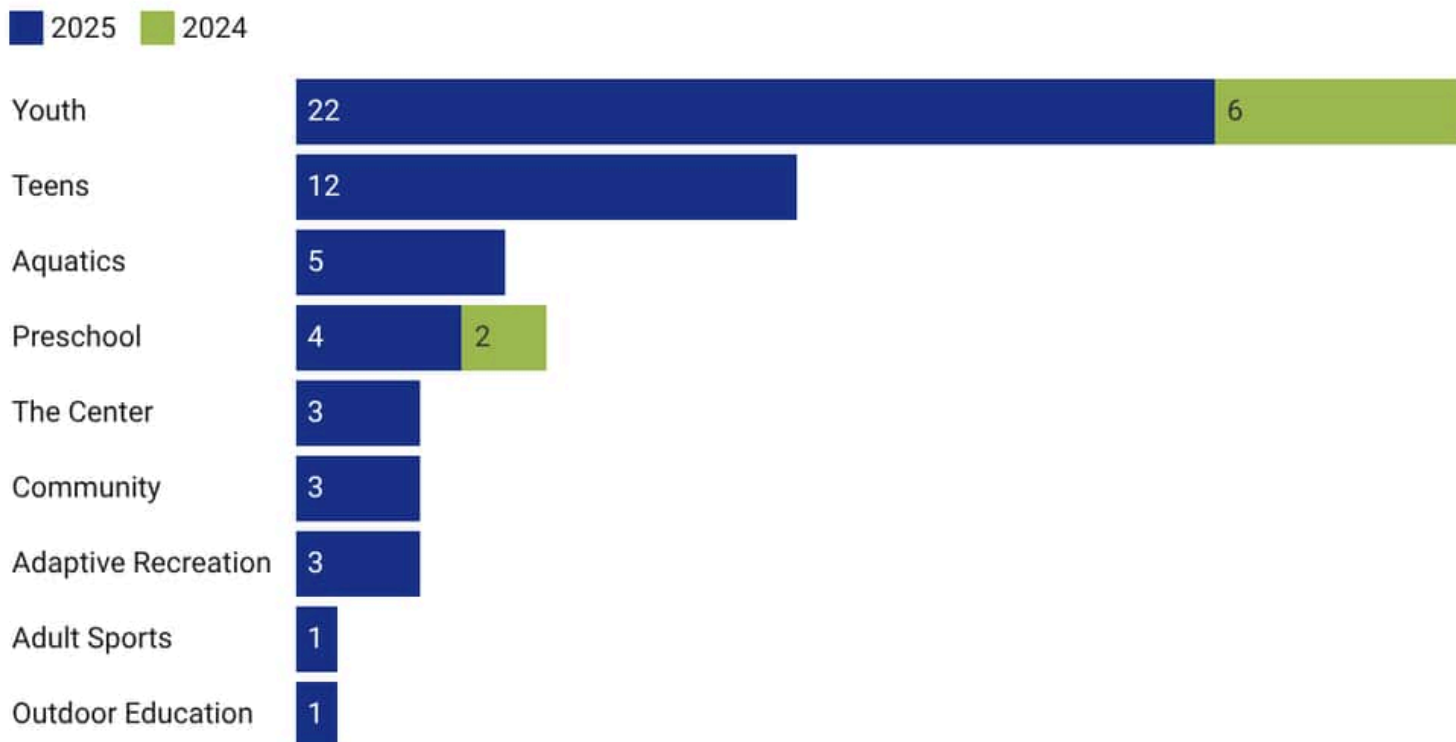
54 NEW
RECREATION
PROGRAMS
OFFERED

FEE STUDY &
PARK IMPACT
FEE STUDY
INITIATED

Strong planning, clear policies, effective systems and innovative programming are key for delivering successful community services. In 2025, the Parks and Community Services Department strengthened these foundations to support long-term service delivery and financial resilience. City Council approved the 2025 PCS Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan, establishing a comprehensive roadmap to guide future programs, operations and capital investments. Operational efficiency and accountability were further enhanced through new Standard Operating Procedures. The Department launched an asset management system and implemented an automated recreation waitlist system. Customer payment options were expanded through PayTrac's tap-to-pay service. The Department offered 54 new programs for all ages and abilities. Together with the initiation of an updated Fee Study, these efforts ensure services are responsive to community needs, supported by data-driven decisions and positioned for long-term sustainability.

New Parks & Community Services Programs

54 programs created throughout the year of 2025



Source: City of Davis Parks and Community Services • Created with Datawrapper

Youth Programs:

- Nature Club
- PM Zone
- Children's Holiday Market
- Jr. BB returning volunteer coaches
- Parent-Child Dance Glow Up
- Parent-Child Dance Boo Bash
- Kids Night Out
- Young Chef's Master Class
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Puzzle-Palooza
- Bob Ross Style Painting
- Backyard Adventures
- Sandcastle Theater Camp
- Cake Wars
- Badminton Summer Clinic
- Flag Football Girls Only
- Parent & Me All Sports Club
- Sports Clubs
- Flag Football Clinic
- Basketball Game Day
- Winter Basketball Camp
- Girls Basketball Clinic

Teens:

- College 101
- Teen Movie Night
- Wellness 101
- Money Management for Teens
- Gingerbread Wars
- Chef's Table
- Teen Photo Contest
- Pizza and Paint
- G Street Teen Event
- Spring RLIT
- Dog Training – Puppy class
- Dog Training – Basic Manners

Aquatics:

- Splish Splash Storytime
- Sensory Swim Time
- Teen Night at the Pool
- Floating Pumpkin Patch
- Water Aerobics – expanded days

Preschool:

- Little Tots
- Little Musicians
- Little Riders
- Preschool Pop-up Saturday classes

The Center:

- Parkinson's Boxing
- Body Balance
- Canasta

Community/Education:

- Community Art Exhibit
- Mocktails and Menopause
- College Photo Contest

Adaptive Recreation:

- Adventure Awaits
- Dinner Club
- Hosted Special Olympics Bowling

Adult Sports:

- Adult Softball

Outdoor Ed:

- Fall Trekkers

Strategic Plan Accomplishments

GOAL 1: Community Engagement & Accessibility

- Expanded community engagement through regional partnerships, shared events and broad participation in local outreach activities.
- Increased visibility and communication via coordinated newsletters, social media, press coverage and multilingual materials.
- Reduced barriers to participation by offering translated forms, ADA-informed playground assessments and inclusive program design.

GOAL 2: Funding

- Advanced financial stewardship through budget consolidation, updated agreements and improved tracking of shared-use partnerships.
- Initiated a comprehensive fee study to modernize cost recovery and pricing structures.
- Strengthened asset management and maintenance planning through routine inspections and standardized maintenance practices and systems.

GOAL 3: Sustainability & Resiliency

- Implemented preventative maintenance schedules across parks, pools and facilities to support long-term asset sustainability.
- Leveraged technology to improve real-time reporting and inspections.
- Prioritized shade, energy efficiency and climate resiliency in park renovations and capital projects.

GOAL 4: Technology & Proficiency

- Expanded use of asset management and recreation systems to improve reporting, tracking and operational efficiency.
- Implemented new platforms to streamline aquatics scheduling and customer payment processing.
- Piloted emerging technologies including robotic maintenance equipment, park usage analytics and WiFi connectivity at facilities.

GOAL 5: Culture

- Strengthened professional networks and partnerships to support collaboration, innovation and staff development.
- Promoted data-informed decision making by sharing program trends and operational insights with leadership and commissioners.
- Invested in leadership development by supporting supervisory training, cross-functional projects, and rotational experiences.

2025 marked year one of measurable progress and momentum for Parks and Community Services on our three year strategic plan.


2026 focus areas will include sustaining community engagement, updating fee structures to improve cost recovery, transitioning from planning to implementation with technology and data and developing our workforce resiliency.

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