Woodridge
PARK DISTRICT
WOODRIDGE, ILLINOIS

popular annual financial report

Highlighting the financial strength, operational achievements, and community impact that shaped another successful year for the Woodridge Park District.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025



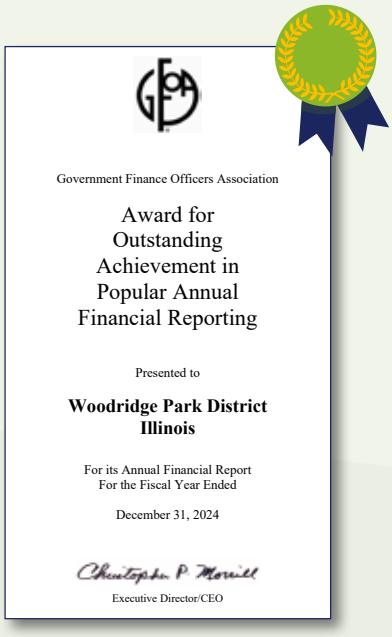


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WPD MISSION

We create community, connections and belonging through exceptional parks, facilities and recreation experiences.

CORE VALUES

SAFETY FIRST Think Safe, Work Safe, Play Safe, Be Safe!

TEAM WOODRIDGE Collaborate together to create a unique identity through recreational experiences.

MODEL THE WAY Progressively lead by means of cooperative, flexible, innovative and sustainable initiatives.

INTEGRITY WE TRUST Principled in fiscal responsibility, employment practices and community service.

LIVE FOR FUN Creating impactful experiences for a fun & healthy life.

DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE AND A COMMITMENT TO SERVING OTHERS Establish "Best of the Best" facilities, parks, programs and services through creativity, passion to serving others, and commitment to high standards.

EVERYONE COUNTS Champion for inclusivity, diversity and respect.



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WPD BRIEF
INTRODUCTION

The Woodridge Park District ("WPD") is pleased to present the District's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025. The District received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the seventh consecutive submission for the December 31, 2024 submission. The PAFR was prepared by the District's Administration to provide readers with an overview of the District's progress and financial performance that is both transparent and easy to understand. As stewards of the community, the District sets high expectations and standards in all financial transactions. Information in this report is an easy-to-read summarized version of the District's Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be viewed online in its entirety*. The financial data provided in the PAFR derives from the ACFR and is prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and was audited by Sikich CPA LLC receiving an "unmodified" opinion, which is the highest opinion an auditing firm can provide. The District proudly provides residents diverse, creative, safe, and affordable recreational programs, events, and leisure services that are responsive to the needs of the community.

Questions or comments regarding any of the information provided may be directed to Executive Director, Jenny Knitter at *jknitter@woodridgeparks.org* or to Superintendent of Business Services, Chris Webber at *cwebber@woodridgeparks.org*.

ESTABLISHED IN 1969
WPD PROFILE

The Woodridge Park District, incorporated in 1969, is located in DuPage and Will Counties, and is 23 miles southwest of downtown Chicago. The Park District serves a population of 35,320 (2020 census) residents living within the Village of Woodridge and, a small portion within the Village of Bolingbrook, which in total encompasses an area of 10.26 square miles. The Park District is considered to be an Illinois special government taxing authority providing a full range of parks, public open spaces, natural areas, recreational facilities, recreation programs and district-wide special events for its residents.

The Park District is governed by an elected, five-member board, and operates under a Board-Manager form of government, with its primary purpose being to provide parks and recreational opportunities to its residents. Services include recreation programs, park and facility management, capital development, and general administration. The Park District owns and manages 135 individual parcels totaling 671.25 acres including 35 developed park/school sites and 40 additional open space and natural woodland, prairie, wetland and retention/detention area sites.

Award-winning recreational facilities operated by the Park District include but are not limited to: athletic recreation center complete with gymnasiums, artificial turf soccer field, fitness center and program rooms; administrative offices and community center; regional family aquatic park; full service maintenance facility; aquatic splash pad; 14 community parks; 22 neighborhood/school parks; 21 miles of paved off-road bikeway paths with regional trail connections; in-line hockey/futsal court; skateboard facility; disc golf course; 400m running track with artificial turf soccer field, as well as a number of softball/baseball diamonds, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball courts, soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, cricket pitch, playgrounds, fishing piers, garden plots and picnic shelters. The District's commitment to excellence is why the Woodridge Park District earned the Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency Award for exemplary effort in providing leisure services for its fifth time in 2021.

** For readers desiring a copy of the December 31, 2025 ACFR please contact Chris Webber at cwebber@woodridgeparks.org. For additional detail in the District's ACFR, please visit: www.woodridgeparks.org/district-info/financials or **click here.***

STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

In order to meet the challenging recreational needs of the community and provide a blue print for the future, the District undertook several steps to understand where we have been, where are we now and where are we going.

THESE STEPS:

- Analyze the District's strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities.
- Analyze changes in demographics (growth, income, diversity, population age, etc.) recreational/sport trends, technology, economic impacts, community partnerships, etc.
- Assess the current and future unmet recreational needs and demands of the community.
- Initiate goals and strategies to meet those unmet needs and demands.
- Provide a framework in which to adjust strategies and goals as conditions change over time.

The culmination of these initiatives will be accomplished in the Fall of 2026, through the creation of the 2026 - 2030 Five-Year Strategic Master Plan with a focus on Operational Adjustments, Recreational Services, Sustained Maintenance & Capital Replacement Initiatives and New Capital Improvements.

Click here to view the full Strategic Master Plan

STRATEGIC GOALS

01 Provide safe, diversified, creative, and value-based recreational programs, special events, and leisure services responsive to the needs of the community.

02 Commit to operational excellence through responsive, effective, efficient governance and management practices that provide value to the community.

03 Achieve its mission in a fiscally responsible manner by implementing best financial management practices in accordance with GAAP.

04 Cultivate an effective system of communication and cooperation with other community service providers to facilitate joint activities, services and programs avoiding where possible a duplicate effort.

05 Be a leader in fostering a strong sense of community through the wise use of leisure time by developing and embracing public relations programs designed to advance a positive image and identity of the District and community.

06 Be an employer of choice.

07 Plan, guide and provide a diversified system of safe, accessible, and well-maintained parks, facilities and equipment of exceptional quality responsive to the needs of the community.

08 Actively promote and implement strategies and actions to improve environmental quality and achieve sustainable results.







ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Woodridge Park District is an economic engine in Woodridge. Park improvements, employment, grants, and visitor spending in Woodridge all contribute positively to the local economy. In addition, residents benefit from gathering places for friends and family, beautiful open spaces for exercising, reconnecting with nature, recreation, and play. Parks add value and benefit to their community through conservation and stewardship, health and wellness, and social equity creating a healthier and happier community. According to the NRPA's 2021 Economic Impact of Parks Report, local park and recreation agencies generated more than $201 billion in economic activity and supported more than 1.1 million jobs in 2021. The shared impact of operations and capital spending by U.S. local park and recreation agencies in 2021 resulted in nearly $97 billion in added gross domestic product (GDP). Statewide, the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) found that Illinoisans believed park districts are good stewards of their tax dollars, further 9 out of 10 believed that park districts and open spaces helped boost local property values in their communities. The economic impact of Park Districts, Forest Preserves, Conservation, and Recreation Agencies in Illinois was studied by IAPD and Economic Research Associates (ERA) of Chicago to measure the impact generated by these community agencies. The majority of the District is located in DuPage County (96% of the total EAV) which has been identified as one of the top growth areas in the Country. The annual average unemployment rate for DuPage County was 3.9% in 2025 among the lowest in the region and State of Illinois.



"Woodridge Park District is an economic engine in Woodridge."

A BREAKDOWN OF REVENUE PRODUCING

FACILITIES

ATHLETIC RECREATION CENTER (ARC)

The Athletic Recreation Center (ARC) is a two-story, 85,745-square-foot facility. The lower level includes two separate multi-court gymnasiums sized to two high school size basketball courts which can be converted to three junior high size (50' x 74') courts or four volleyball courts or six badminton/pickleball courts, an artificial turf field (120'x180'), facility administrative offices, check-in desk, locker/ toilet room facilities, warming kitchen/concession space, storage, utility/ mechanical area and multi-purpose rooms that can be used for general recreation programming and also accommodate social services. The upper level includes an elevated multi-lane walking/jogging track (8 laps = 1 mile) surrounding the indoor turf athletic field, and a full-service fitness area with cardio and weight-training equipment, a group fitness/aerobics room, and additional restrooms.

In 2025, the ARC had its strongest year performance-wise since the facility opened in 2017. Revenues in 2025 outperformed the budget by $272,000 and exceeded the prior year's revenues by over $268,000. Fitness revenues, facility rentals, and program revenues significantly outperformed the prior year. The ARC has increased revenue each of the last 4 years through smart management decisions and high program attendance. Expenses increased by $177,500 in 2025 from the prior year, exceeding the budget by $60,000. Expense control was a focus at the ARC, given the market uncertainty and continued elevated inflation. Sound management practices enabled the facility to increase its fund balance by $207,500, which will be used in the future to finance capital investments.

RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS (LAST 4 YEARS)	
2022	10,764
2023	13,858
2024	14,051
2025	13,687

CLICK TO SEE THE 2025 RECREATION REPORT

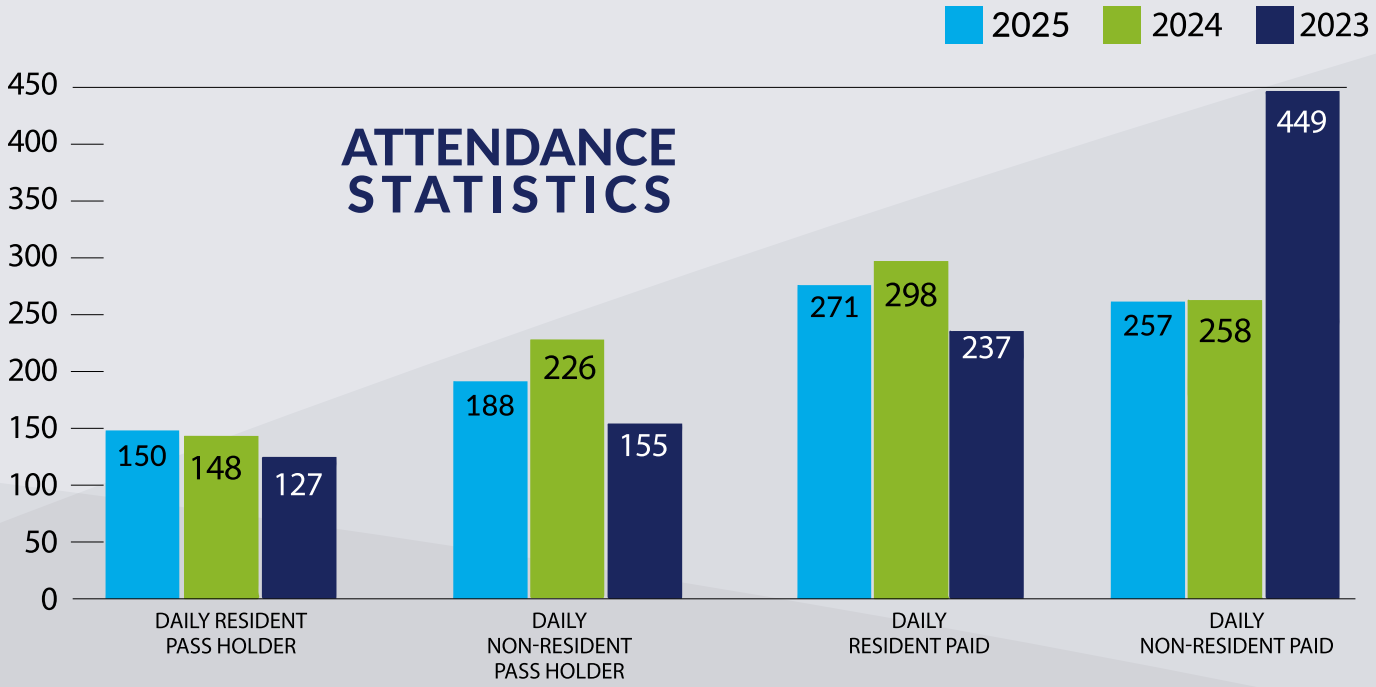
CYPRESS COVE FAMILY AQUATIC PARK

Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park features a water spray playground, six-lane competition pool, program pool, 600-foot lazy river, zero-depth entry pool, diving well, plunge pool, four body flume slides, one tube slide, one drop slide, one kiddie slide, sand play area, entertainment stage, bathhouses with showers, and a full-service concession area. Entering 2023, the District decided to reclassify Cypress Cove as a Special Revenue Fund rather than an Enterprise Fund. After a thorough evaluation and given the facility's aging condition, District staff felt it could no longer sustain itself without assistance from the Corporate and Recreation Funds. The Recreation Fund will be used to cover any operational shortfalls, and the Corporate Fund will be used to support capital-related expenses.

The 2025 operational pool season was a bounce-back year for Cypress Cove. Prior to the planned capital expenditures, the facility achieved a break-even year, an improvement of over $175,000 from the prior year. Revenues at the facility increased by $57,000 from the prior year, mainly due to fee increases, while admissions remained relatively flat. Operational expenses at the facility decreased in 2025 due to the prior year's leak issues, which caused major increases in pool repair expenses.

CLICK TO SEE THE 2025 AQUATICS REPORT

> "From record-setting performance at the ARC to a financial turnaround at Cypress Cove, 2025 showcased the District's commitment to operational excellence and long-term financial sustainability."
>
> BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE



VILLAGE GREENS OF WOODRIDGE

Village Greens of Woodridge, a 118-acre, 18-hole golf course, was purchased by the Village of Woodridge through referendum in 1972. The District managed the golf course under an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Woodridge, in place since 1997. The agreement permitted the District to continue managing the golf course, with the District responsible for any debt issuances and any financial losses or gains of the golf course for the 25-year lease term, which was set to expire in 2038. During the annual budget process, the District will assess future capital needs across all District facilities. In the 2025 budget process, Village Greens projected needing approximately $13 million in capital investment through the end of the lease. The golf course, in a good year, would have a net income of $100,000 - $150,000, which would not be sufficient to cover the large capital expenditures. After many scenarios were discussed and meetings, it was decided in August that the District would exercise the 90-day exit clause in the IGA. With sadness, on November 11, 2025, the District ceased managing the golf course, returning the facility to the Village of Woodridge.





THE WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT VALUE

The Woodridge Park District has provided excellent services to the community for more than 50 years. The District's commitment to excellence is why the Woodridge Park District earned the Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency Award for exemplary effort in providing leisure services for its fifth time in 2021.

Here are the many recreation amenities and facilities the community is able to utilize and enjoy for their tax dollars:

RECREATION AMENITIES:	
» 35 developed parks	» 12 tennis/pickleball courts
» 40 open space and natural area sites	» 21 miles paved off-road pathways
» 553 acres	» 30 multi-purpose open play areas
» 19 picnic areas, 16 picnic shelters	» 400m running track*
» 14 basketball courts	» 1 outdoor synthetic turf field*
» 32 playgrounds	» 4 sand volleyball courts
» 14 baseball/softball fields	» Garden plots
» 8 lakes/ponds	» Disc golf course
» Sled hill (2020)	» In line hockey/futsal court
» Fishing pier	» Aquatic splash pad
» Skate board park	» Cricket pitch

MAJOR FACILITIES:
» Fred C. Hohnke Community Center & Administrative Offices
» Athletic Recreation Center (ARC)
» Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park
» Maintenance Facility
» Janes Avenue, Orchard Hill & Jefferson Jr. High School Park Sports Field Complexes
» Forest Glen Universal Barrier-free park
» Hobson Corner Park Splash Pad & Racquet Court Complex

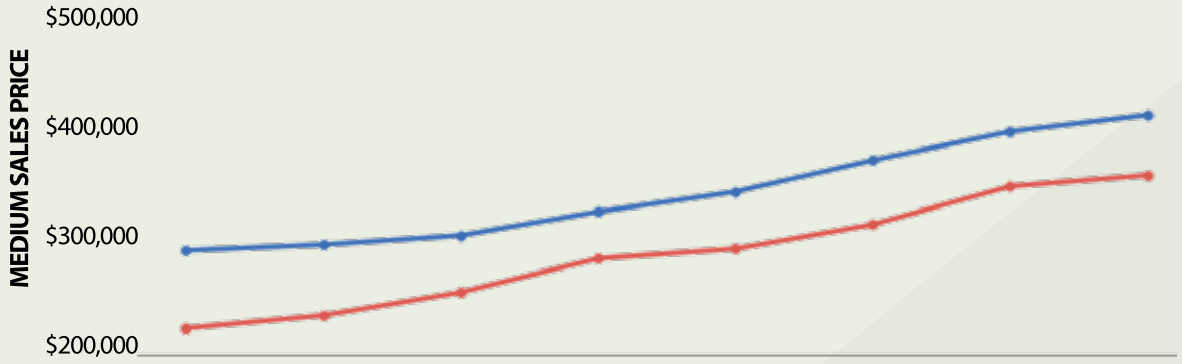
**Shared ownership with Woodridge School District #68.*

DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTY
HOUSING MARKET

The median home price in DuPage County increased by 3.80% in 2025 to $410,000 from $395,000 in 2024. The median home price in Will County increased by 2.53% in 2025 to $355,000 from $345,000 in 2024. The statistics for 2025 show that both counties are doing extremely well in the current market with home values at their highest levels in the last 8 years as shown.

HOUSING MARKET STATISTICS

"The median home price in DuPage County increased by 3.80% in 2025."



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
DUPAGE COUNTY	$286,300	$291,600	$300,000	$321,750	$340,000	$368,750	$395,000	$410,000
WILL COUNTY	$215,100	$226,800	$248,000	$279,000	$287,750	$310,000	$345,000	$355,000

The District has experienced an average EAV increase of 4.94% over the 10-year period. A decline in EAV began in the levy year 2010 with a 5.6% decrease over the EAV of 2009. The results for levy years 2011 and 2012 continued the declining trend. The trend began to turn around in 2015, and continued recovery is shown through 2024 with a reported EAV of $1,681,573,857 or an increase of 9.36% over the EAV reported in 2023 of $1,537,638,905. Fluctuating EAV may be influenced by factors such as declining housing prices and foreclosures, or the loss of a major taxpayer in the area. For the District, a major factor affecting fluctuation in the District's EAV is new construction.

"The District's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) grew by 9.36% in 2024, reaching over $1.68 billion, the highest level in more than a decade."

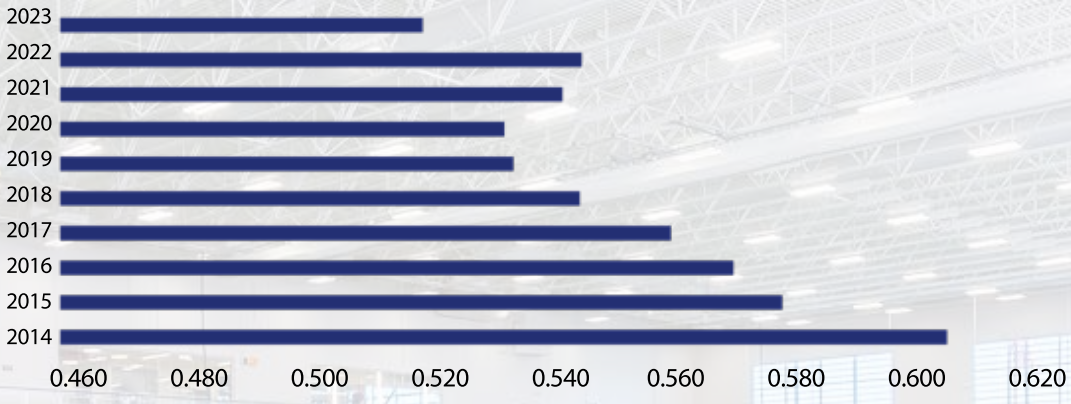
EQUALIZED ACCESSED VALUATION HISTORY



PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 total tax rate for the Woodridge Park District was .5189, a decrease of 4.75% from the 2023 tax rate of .5448. A 10-year tax rate history is illustrated below.

WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT TAX RATE HISTORY



2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
0.6043	0.5775	0.5695	0.5593	0.5445	0.5337	0.5322	0.5423	0.5448	0.5189

TAX DOLLAR BREAKDOWN

The District Board and Staff strive to keep tax rates low while providing high-quality services. The 2024 levy when broken down to $1 demonstrates how much of that is allocated to the Woodridge Park District. As can be seen, approximately $.064 of every tax dollar is allocated to the District.





PENSION FUND

The Park District employees and retirees are members of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), a defined benefit pension plan. IMRF provides two tiers of pension benefits – Tier 1 and Tier 2. For Tier 1 employees (those hired before 2011), pension benefits vest after eight years of service and are eligible to take a reduced pension benefit at age 55 or a full pension benefit after 60 years of age. For Tier 2 employees (those hired after 2011), pension benefits vest after 10 years of service and are eligible for a reduced pension at 62 years of age or full pension at 67 years of age. Participating members are required to contribute 4.5% of their annual salary. The District contributes an actuarially determined contribution percentage which changes annually. For 2025, the District contributed 6.96% to employee pensions. As of December 31, 2025, the Net Pension Liability for the District was $2,178,305, an increase from the $1,596,612 pension liability reported as of December 31, 2024. As of December 31, 2025, the District's Pension Fund is funded at a 88.84% funding level. The funding percentage will fluctuate annually as the rate is market-driven and relies heavily on investment income returns.

WPD FUND STRUCTURE

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

» **General Fund** – The District's primary operating fund that accounts for all resources of the general government, except those accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is comprised of three subfunds – the Corporate Fund, the Capital Replacement Fund and the Capital Development Fund

» **Recreation Fund** – A special revenue fund that accounts for the revenue derived from a property tax levy and fees collected to fund recreational programs offered to the District residents. The Recreation Fund is comprised of two sub-funds, the Recreation Fund and the Athletic Recreation Center Fund.

» **Debt Service Fund** – Accounts for the payment of principal and interest on the District's general obligation bonds.

» **Golf Course Fund** – This fund is used to account for the activity of Village Greens Golf Course. The course is owned by the Village of Woodridge but is operated through an agreement with the District. The District executed a 90-day provision settle lease agreement and turned operations of the golf course back to the Village on November 12, 2025.

» **Aquatic Center Fund** – This fund accounts for the operations of the Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund including, but not limited to administration, operations, maintenance, capital and related debt service (if any).

NON-MAJOR FUNDS

» **Social Security/IMRF** – This fund accounts for the property taxes restricted for paying the employer's share of social security costs as well as the employer share of contributions to IMRF.

» **Public Liability Insurance** – This fund accounts for the property taxes restricted for paying the insurance cost of the District.

» **Audit** - This fund accounts for the property taxes restricted for paying the cost of the annual audit function.

» **Special Recreation** – This fund accounts for the property taxes received to partially fund SEASPAR, a special recreation association (SRA) comprised of 12 agencies that manages programs for those with disabilities, inclusion services and ADA Transition Plan capital projects.

» **Jubilee** – This fund accounts for all revenues and expenditures for the annual Jubilee special event shared with Village of Woodridge per an IGA.

» **Restricted Contributions** – This fund accounts for restricted contributions/donations received to ensure they are used in the manner as donated/contributed.

» **Working Cash** – This permanent fund enables the District to have in its funds, at all times, sufficient money to meet demands for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes.

AUDITED FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - The Statement of Net Position provides a "snapshot" of where the District stood financially at the close of fiscal years December 31, 2025, December 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023. Simply stated, it is total assets minus total liabilities. All District functions roll into governmental activities. Net Investment in Capital Assets represents the District's investment in capital assets-land facilities and equipment. Restricted net assets represent assets that can only be used for a specific purpose such as recreation, parks, insurance and pensions. Unrestricted net assets represent amounts that may be used by the District for any legal purpose.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	TOTAL		
	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
Current and other assets	$18,240,763	$18,828,059	$16,605,932
Capital assets	48,539,864	46,745,769	47,776,882
Deferred outflows of resources	1,115,622	1,745,362	1,731,980
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	**67,896,249**	**67,319,190**	**66,114,794**
Current liabilities	1,602,406	1,818,285	1,709,712
Long-term liabilities	26,331,698	27,673,600	27,818,229
Deferred inflows of resources	9,830,327	8,695,312	8,347,881
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF LIABILITIES	**37,764,431**	**38,187,197**	**37,875,822**
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	25,582,575	22,395,354	21,967,340
Restricted	428,011	513,892	1,285,393
Unrestricted	4,121,232	6,222,747	4,986,239
TOTAL NET POSITION	**30,131,818**	**29,131,993**	**28,238,972**

By far the largest portion of the District's net position, $25,582,575, or 84.9%, reflects its investment in capital assets (land, buildings, machinery, parks, etc.) less any related debt still outstanding used to acquire those assets. The District uses these capital assets in providing services to the public; consequently, those assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion, $428,011, or 1.4% of the District's net position, represents resources subject to external restrictions on their use, including special levies and debt service. The remaining $4,121,232 or 13.7% represents unrestricted net position and may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The District's total net position increased from $29,131,993 to $30,131,818 as of December 31, 2025. This $999,825, or 3.4%, increase is primarily due to the rise in net investment in capital assets ($3,187,221). The increase was offset by a decrease in restricted net position ($85,881) and in unrestricted net position ($2,101,515). The decrease in unrestricted net position was anticipated as funds were held to fund the District's largest park development to date.

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows represents acquisitions of net assets applied to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resource (revenue) until that time. The District has only one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category, unavailable revenue (property taxes and other deferred revenues). These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The District also reports deferred outflows and inflows related to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension and the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) plan.

AUDITED FINANCIALS (CONTINUED)

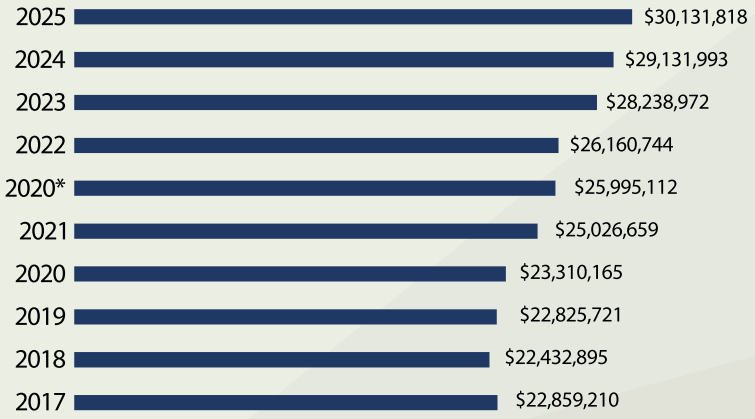
The District increased its net position in 2025 by $999,825 or 3.4%. The chart on the right illustrates the consistent positive results the District has experienced the last 10 years.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Governmental activities increased the District's net position by $999,825 as of December 31, 2025, representing a 3.4% increase over that reported as of December 31, 2024.

Total revenues increased by $1,312,694, or 8.2%, from December 31, 2024. Property tax revenue increased $335,825 or 4.0% as of December 31, 2025 from that recorded as of December 31, 2024. Anticipating uncertain new construction in the community, increased expenses, and stable service expectations, the District recognized the need to increase the tax rate for the 2024 levy year, which represents taxes collected in fiscal year 2025. Charges for services increased by $469,220, or 6.9%, due to higher sustained program participation, increased fees, and increased rental revenues. Grant revenues combined increased significantly from the prior year by $588,904. The increase is due to the completion and partial completion of grant-related projects – Hawthorne Hills Woods trail expansion and Jubilee Point Park.

Total expenses increased by $1,920,362, or 13.4%, as of December 31, 2025. General government and recreation combined to increase by $1,971,287 or 14.4%, from those recorded as of December 31, 2024. General government expenses increased by $1,154,073, representing a 34.5% increase, while culture and recreation expenses increased by $817,214, representing a 7.9% increase. The increase in both areas is driven by capital-related expenses and higher personnel and benefit costs.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
REVENUES			
Property taxes	$8,697,559	$8,361,734	$7,866,180
Charges for services	7,239,661	6,770,441	6,214,359
Operating grants & contributions	156,533	24,300	73,894
Capital grants & contributions	876,125	419,454	181,695
Other	284,658	365,913	515,084
TOTAL REVENUES	17,254,536	15,941,842	14,851,212
EXPENSES			
General government	4,503,407	3,349,334	3,568,298
Culture & recreation	11,195,877	10,378,663	8,559,315
Interest	555,427	606,352	648,479
Total expenses	16,254,711	14,334,349	12,776,092
Change in net position	999,825	1,607,493	2,075,120
Net Position, Beginning	29,131,993	28,238,972	26,160,744
Prior period adjustment	-	-	3,108
Change in accounting principle	-	(714,472)	-
Net Position, Beginning	29,131,993	27,524,500	26,163,852
Net position, Ending	$30,131,818	$29,131,993	$28,238,972

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Woodridge Park District maintains an aggressive capital replacement and capital development plan, with annual funding of approximately $1.5 million. The District prides itself on supporting and developing high-level facilities, parks, and walking paths/trails. In 2025, the District invested over $3.9 million dollars into capital, a few of the main projects are highlighted below:

2025 CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Jubilee Point Park Phase 2 Development Project ($2,003,232)

2. Hawthorne Hill Woods Trail Construction ($225,747)

3. Cypress Cove Lazy River Sandblasting/Painting ($236,188)

4. Goodrich School Playground Replacement ($249,385)

5. Meadowview School Playground Replacement ($216,443)

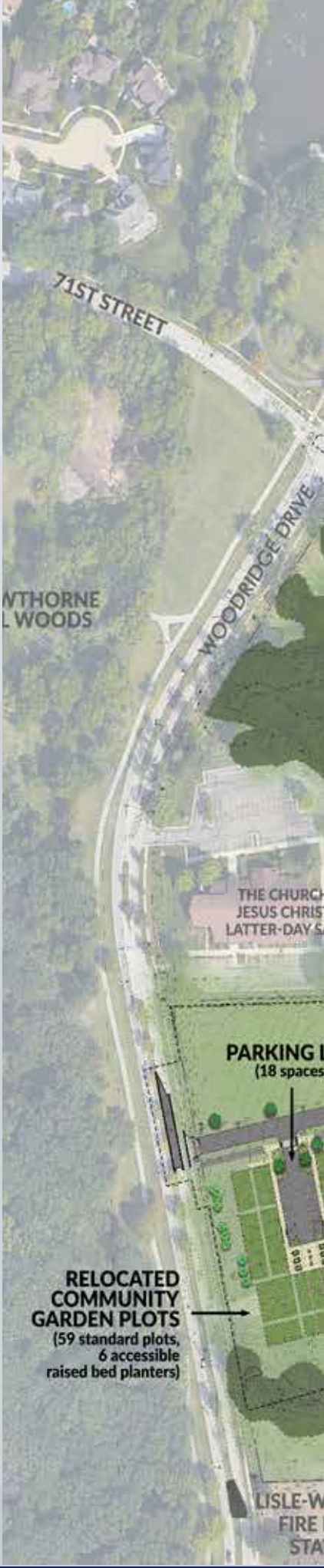
6. Fleet Replacements ($187,192)

7. Lake Harriet ADA Path Asphalt Resurfacing ($94,880)

The Jubilee Point Park Phase 2 Development Project is an approximate $4.4 million park development site in the heart of Woodridge that will service the Community on many levels. The project plan is to include new walking trails/paths, relocated Community garden plots (including 6 ADA accessible raised bed planters), an accessible playground, park shelter, picnicking lawn, multi-sport court, pickleball courts, and parking. The park development will be funded, in part, with a $600,000 Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD grant and a $225,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The park is scheduled to open to the public in Summer of 2026.

Click here to view Jubilee Point Park Phase 2 Development

> "In 2025, the district invested over $3.9 million into capital improvements."
>
> A COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS, GROWTH & COMMUNITY




LAKE HARRIET
FRED C. HOHNKE COMMUNITY CENTER
JUBILEE FESTIVAL SITE
CENTER DRIVE
CARLTON DRIVE
PLAZA DRIVE
WOODRIDGE POST OFFICE
VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE
WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE PUBLIC WORKS
ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN/ BIKE PATHS (Inc. ½ mile loop)
MULTI SPORT COURT
LOT PARKING (62 spaces)
2 PICKLEBALL COURTS
PARK SHELTER
PICNICKING LAWN
EXISTING SLED HILL
JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CHALLENGE COURSE (Coming Fall 2026)
ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND
RAVINIA LANE
CATALPA AVENUE
NORTH
SCALE: 1"=50'
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2025 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

PARK BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE FRED C. HOHNKE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 6:30 P.M.



BILL COHEN
PRESIDENT
BOARD MEMBER
SINCE 2017



BRIAN COLEMAN
VICE PRESIDENT
BOARD MEMBER
SINCE 1998



JACK MAHONEY
SECRETARY
BOARD MEMBER
SINCE 1985



SAM VENOUZIOU
TREASURER
BOARD MEMBER
SINCE 2018



KEN PERRY
COMMISSIONER
BOARD MEMBER
SINCE 2023

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2025 AWARDS/MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

» GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its December 31, 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
» GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for its December 31, 2024 submission of the Popular Annual Financial Report
» Received one Five-Star and one Four-Star Audit from StarGuard Elite and received a 100% reimbursement of Starguard Elite audit fees for successfully passing all three audits in 2025.
» Received $1,861 in Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) incentives for compliance with SMART goal action steps and completing Injury Prevention Worksheet in iLearning Engines. The remaining balance of incentives is to be received in January 2026.
» Awarded the Chamber630 World Class Customer Service Award.

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A GUIDE TO KEY FINANCIAL TERMS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ACFR (ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT)
The District's official audited financial report containing detailed financial information.

ASSETS
Resources owned by the District that have value, including cash, investments, land, buildings, and equipment.

CAPITAL ASSETS
Long-term assets such as parks, facilities, playgrounds, vehicles, and equipment used to serve the community.

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES
Resources received that apply to a future reporting period and are recognized later.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES
Resources that apply to a future reporting period and will be recognized later.

EAV (EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION)
The total taxable value of all property within the District's boundaries used to calculate property tax revenue.

FUND BALANCE
The difference between a fund's assets and liabilities, representing available financial resources.

GAAP (GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES)
The accounting standards used to prepare financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
Services and operations funded primarily through taxes, fees, grants, and other public revenues.

GRANT
Funding received from another government agency or organization for a specific project or purpose.

IMRF (ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND)
The retirement system that provides pension benefits to eligible District employees.

LEVY
The annual process of determining the amount of property tax revenue needed to fund District services.

NET PENSION LIABILITY
The difference between pension benefits owed and the assets available to pay those benefits.

NET POSITION
The difference between total assets and total liabilities; a measure of the District's overall financial condition.

OPEB (OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS)
Benefits provided to eligible retirees other than pension benefits.

PROPERTY TAX RATE
The rate applied to assessed property values to generate tax revenue.

RESTRICTED NET POSITION
Resources that can only be used for specific purposes established by law or other restrictions.

UNMODIFIED AUDIT OPINION
The highest opinion issued by an independent auditor, indicating the financial statements are fairly presented.

UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION
Resources that may be used for any lawful District purpose.

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DOCUMENTS

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.WOODRIDGEPARKS.ORG:

- » ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
- » BUDGET
- » OMA COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE
- » RULES & REGULATIONS ORDINANCE
- » PROGRAMS & REGISTRATION
- » ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
- » LEADERSHIP TEAM BIOGRAPHIES
- » LIST OF PARKS & FACILITIES
- » 2021-2025 STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN
- » SURVEYS, REPORTS & PLANS

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