

The Park and Recreation Department manages an extensive park system which is comprised of more than 21,812 acres of property - 17,434 land acres and 4,379 water acres. The department operates a variety of facilities in order to provide the services expected of it by the Citizens of Dallas. The Park and Recreation Department employees 926 full time employees and approximately 548 part time and seasonal individuals annually, in support of these operations. Overall, the Park and Recreation Department's fence line is considered to include all of the park land acreage the Department manages and/or maintains, all recreation centers and associated property, golf course maintenance operations, swimming pools, the Dallas Zoo and Aquarium, Fair Park, and maintenance and service centers.

Significant aspects identified based on department activities include: storm water/surface water discharges, spills, air emissions, power usage, water consumption, waste generation, and recycling.

Activity	Description	Significant Aspects
Park/Golf Course Maintenance Operations	There are nine park maintenance operations and five golf maintenance facilities within the department. These facilities operate on and off road equipment, hand held equipment, perform minor preventive maintenance of off road equipment, provide turf management, forestry, litter control, irrigation services, fuel islands, and chemical application operations for the parks and facilities within their respective maintenance district.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>
I.C. Harris Service Center	Operating as the Department's primary equipment and infrastructure service center, I.C. Harris provides off road and small equipment maintenance, fuel islands, carpentry, welding, painting, electrical, plumbing, irrigation, pool maintenance, and parts warehousing services to all Park and Recreation Department operations. I.C. Harris complex also houses administrative operations for a variety of other department divisions.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>
Dallas Zoo and Aquarium	The Dallas Zoo consists of 110 acres providing exhibits for more than 2,600 animals. There are nineteen maintained water features, amusement rides, and 200 buildings including animal shelters, restaurants, snack and gift shops, classrooms, construction shops, warehouse, green house, hay barns, animal hospital, maintenance facilities, and administrative offices. The Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park, a 19,465 square foot facility, provides 83 public exhibits. The Dallas Aquarium utilizes both filtered and unfiltered water sources to maintain over 101,350 gallons of habitable water for over 4,200 aquatic animals within the public exhibits. Basic day-to-day operations for the Aquarium include chemical storage, waste product storage, facility cleaning, animal care, research, and public tours.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>

Recreation Centers	The Park and Recreation Department operates 47 recreation centers throughout the City. In addition to recreational opportunities for the citizens of Dallas, day-to-day operations include general building cleaning, recreation programming, and minor maintenance such as changing of light fixtures and ceiling tiles. EBS maintains the physical plant for each recreation center, while Park and Recreation Department service centers provide grounds maintenance.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>
Swimming Pools	The Department operates 25 swimming pool and spray grounds located throughout the City. Basic pool operations (i.e., general cleaning, water quality management and occasional chemical handling) are managed by swimming pool staff hired on a seasonal basis. Maintenance of the pools, both physical plant and chemical distribution systems, are conducted by Department staff operating out of the I.C. Harris Service Center.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>
Fair Park	Fair Park is managed by the Park and Recreation Department and is comprised of 31 buildings spread over the 277 total acres of the park. Operations at Fair Park are handed over to the State Fair of Texas for a 120-day period (approximately August 1st to November 30th) of each year. During this time, Fair Park staff has limited access to facilities yet remain responsible for grounds maintenance during this 120-day period. Fair Park operations include grounds and facility maintenance, administrative operations.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>
Administration and Support	The department provides administrative support through a variety of operations. These include Reservations Office, two regional headquarter offices, Planning and Design, and administration general services which are spread out across the City at various strategic locations.	<i>Significant Aspects:</i>