



General

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Park or Trail Name

Oxbow Park/Zollman Zoo

District

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Location Description

Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo is located 4 miles north of Byron, Minnesota, on County Road 105, West-central Olmsted County, in Kalmar Township. The mailing address is 5731, County Road 105, Byron, Minnesota, 55920.

Park/Trail Address

City

Park/Trail State

Zip

Latitude

44.08191294

Longitude

-92.65113831

Map of Park/Trail

Facility Website

Organization

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Other project supporters

Submitted for County Board action: Resolution Form for Public Entities - Request for Designation as a Regional Park or Trail in Greater Minnesota

Description

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Regional Significance Statement

Classification

Special Recreational Feature Park

Overview/Description of Park or Trail

Oxbow Park/Zollman Zoo is the second largest park in the Olmsted County Regional Park System, totaling 620 acres. The vistas that dominate the viewscape in the Oxbow Valley include the middle branch of the Zumbro River, blufflands, floodplain meadows, restored prairies, mature maple/basswood forests, and native woodland and prairie flowers. Oxbow's most renowned and special feature is The Dr. Paul E. Zollman Zoo and Nature Center located in the center of the Oxbow Park valley. The zoo features over 30 native species of animals indigenous to Minnesota including mammals, birds of prey, amphibians and reptiles. The creatures housed at the zoo are non-releasable, and are either permanently injured or are surplus animals from other zoos and animal shelters. The zoo creatures represent a living museum for park visitors seeking environmental programming from staff and volunteers, and also allow visitors from foreign lands the opportunity to see the inherent beauty of Minnesota's native wildlife population. Oxbow Nature Center features an indoor classroom, interpretive displays, and also serves as the trailhead headquarters. In 2014, 22,749 visitors participated in interpretive programs offered by Oxbow staff and volunteers. Oxbow Park/Zollman Zoo visitation exceeds 160 thousand annual visitors and the park serves the 12 county region of Southeastern Minnesota, Western Wisconsin, and Northern Iowa. Oxbow Park/Zollman Zoo not only hosts out of state guests but welcomes visitors from around the world who are seeking medical care at the Mayo Clinic. Additionally, the park serves local visitors and groups that include (illustrative only): girl scouts, boy scouts, boys and girls club, high school cross country teams, grade schools, senior citizens, church organizations, family YMCA and day camp participants, trail race activities, and special events designed for youth and families. Located 12 miles West of Rochester, MN, Oxbow Park/Zollman Zoo is easily accessible by turning off of US Highway 14 and going 4 miles North of Byron, MN on County Road 5 (see attached map). This public facility is the only one of its kind in Southeastern Minnesota. The nearest zoo is the Minnesota Zoo, 70 miles North in the Southern metro area.

The Mission of Olmsted County Parks is: To foster an appreciation of the natural world through environmental education, natural resource management, and public participation in the stewardship of our park lands.

The Vision of Olmsted County Parks is: Learning Life-long lessons in natural places.

Olmsted County is seeking designation for Oxbow Park as Special Recreational Feature Regional Park for the services provided above, and for the parks primary feature and attraction: Zollman Zoo and Nature Center.

Total Acreage or Mileage

Acquisition and Development Status

Development status

Facility Listing

This section provides an overview of existing and proposed site facilities and general site characteristics .

Existing Facilities

- Camping-cross-section of camper types
- Electric campsites
- Non-electric campsites
- Group campsites
- Tent only sites

- Picnicking and picnic shelters
- Hiking Trails (natural)
- Cross-country Skiing Trails
- Canoeing Facilities
- Visitor Center
- Nature Center/Interpretation Trails
- Play areas, with an outdoor theme
- Restrooms/sanitation building
- Roads and Parking Areas

Proposed Facilities

- Restrooms/sanitation building
- Roads and Parking Areas

Existing Facilities Other Information

The Zumbro River shoreline within the park's boundaries is maintained for the convenience of park visitors for fishing and wading. The Zumbro River offers superb river fishing, most notably small mouth bass.

Proposed Facilities Other Information

Proposed for future development at Oxbow is a large expansion of the Oxbow Nature Center, new exhibits to house the prairie dogs and American badger, and expanded parking facilities at the zoo to accommodate the anticipated crowds drawn by the new natural playscape to be completed in the summer of 2015.

General Site Characteristics

Master Plan

Additional Supportive Information:

Classification Details

Special Recreational Feature Park Classification

Provides a High-Quality Outdoor Recreation Experience

Oxbow Park is the second largest park in the Olmsted County Regional Park System. The 620 total acres feature 8 miles of hiking trails, 4 different and distinct picnic areas, 3 bridges leading across the river, 5 shelters, a youth camp area, a 29 site campground (featuring a modern shower and restroom), 2 ADA accessible camp sites, and 10 electrical sites. Oxbow's most renowned and special feature is Zollman Zoo and Nature Center. The zoo features over 30 native species of animals indigenous to Minnesota including mammals, birds of prey, amphibians, and reptiles. The creatures housed at the zoo are non-releasable, and are either permanently injured or are surplus animals from other animal facilities. The zoo creatures represent a living museum for park visitors seeking environmental programming from staff and volunteers, and also allow visitors from foreign lands (Mayo clinic patients and family members) the opportunity to see the inherent beauty of Minnesota's native wildlife. In 2014, nearly 22,749 visitors participated in programs offered by Oxbow staff and volunteers. In addition to traditional naturalist programming, and unique to Oxbow is the interpretation programming related to the zoo animals and their natural history. Zoo programs and the daily zoo happenings experienced by visitors include formal Touch and Learn sessions, observing and assisting animal keepers as they perform their chores, feeding the animals, and on occasion witnessing the birth of baby animals. These types of experiences and the more conventional naturalist-led nature programs provide lasting memories for our many visitors. In the summer of 2015 a large natural playscape playground will be completed in close proximity to the zoo and nature center providing additional fun and discovery based on natural sciences and the skills of play and observation.

Preserves a Regionally-Significant and Diverse Natural or Historic Landscape

Established in 1967, Oxbow Park is endowed with mature hardwoods forests, bluff lands, restored prairies, ample access to scenic respite/reflection areas along the River, view sheds from the blufflands along the trail system, Karst Geology, accompanying

sinkholes, a documented Native American camp along the river(researched by Iowa State University) and several species of rare and endangered flora and fauna (see attachment). By design, and as an added feature, all of the custom designed zoo exhibits that house the animals displayed are constructed with limestone material, the signature geologic rock associated with southeastern Minnesota and it's Karst Geology. Further, a strong emphasis is placed on resource management operations in the park, complimented by a long-established environmental education curriculum that provides interpretive programming to thousands of citizens and school aged children on an annual basis. A featured attraction is the Hellickson House, a circa 1850's log home that was originally located south of Byron, Minnesota. The home is situated near the bison, deer, and elk exhibits, period-era farm implements, and contains historic artifacts and literature from the time period that it was built.

Well-located and Connected to Serve a Regional Population and/or Tourist Destination

Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo receives an estimated 160,000 visitors a year. The engaging appeal of the zoo animals and the "unscripted" natural history associated with animal activity and the changing of seasons leads to frequent return visits to both the park and the zoo by many of our park visitors. The base population served is the 12 county region of southeastern Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and Northern Iowa. Two highly featured events that occur annually at Oxbow Park are the volunteer led Spring Fest, a celebration centered in the zoo area that typically hosts 4 to 5 thousand visitors a year and is packed with wild animal demonstrations, activities, exhibits, and art displays that appeal to the family atmosphere of the park. December brings on the Annual Zoo Dazzle event. This 5 night, winter evening festival finds the entire zoo brilliantly lit with thousands of lights celebrating the spirit of the season and the importance of getting outdoors in the winter and also encourages nighttime road tours by citizens for the entire week. This activity is volunteer sponsored as well. According to Woods & Poole Economics, 2013 Rochester's population is expected to increase by 1.30% from 2010-2020 and 1.21% from 2010-2040. Historical data shows that the City of Rochester was home to 142,650 residents in 1990 and anticipated to increase in population to 229,430 by 2025. Park user surveys indicate that a great portion of our guests frequent the park repeatedly through the year, and our annual Mayo Clinic visitors are delighted to return upon each visit. Of special note are our efforts to

engage new park users through Community Education, English as a Second Language Classes, and inner-city children through travel scholarships for the Boys and Girls Club, Family YMCA, Schools, and Church related group visits.

Fills a Gap in Recreational Opportunity within the Region

Zollman Zoo and the programming associated with this special park attraction is extremely unique as related to our Regional Parks and Trails System. While smaller animal collections are present in a few locations throughout Greater Minnesota, it is fair to say that the size and scope of the zoo, associated with the beautiful natural surrounding of a natural resource based park facility allows this park to stand out among regional parks throughout the state. In addition, it's proximity to a substantial population base in the greater Rochester Area, District 6, and only an hours ride from the southern Metropolitan area solidifies it's definition as a Special Recreational Feature Regional Park. Zollman Zoo has become the center of Oxbow's educational programming, and the creatures featured are the building block for expanding on the environmental principles associated with a comprehensive, natural resource based curriculum. The zoo animals, seen in spacious, humane exhibits create the linkage needed for young and old minds alike to make a connection with wild places and the wildlife dependent on healthy ecosystems. In 2014, nearly 22,749 visitors participated in interpretive programs offered by Oxbow staff and volunteers, and it's estimated that over 90% of the parks 160,000 annual visitors visit the zoo while spending time within the park's borders. The engaging appeal of the zoo animals and the "unscripted" natural history associated with animal activity and the changing of seasons leads to frequent return visits to both the park and the zoo by many of our park visitors. Our guest registry and comment section provides solid proof that a great portion of our guests frequent the park repeatedly through the year, and our annual Mayo Clinic visitors are delighted to return upon each visit.

Attachments

Doc Name	Description	Url
Other	Oxbow Park Rare Species Map 2015	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1432819793384-Oxbow Rare Species Map.pdf
Resolution		http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/u

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Regional Map	City, County, and State Park and Open Space Lands in Olmsted County	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1479752197358-160603_AllParks.jpg
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Ad Cost Projections Photos	Development Concept Capital Cost Estimate	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1479761508076-OX_CapitalCosts.pdf
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Natural Resource Recommendations Cost Estimate	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1479761954176-OX_NaturalCosts.pdf
Site Characteristic Images	Existing Conditions	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1479762761450-OX_Existing.pdf
Site Characteristic Images	Issues & Opportunities	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1479762774997-OX_Issues.pdf
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Development Plan Overview Uploads	Development Concept	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1481913091125-OX_Concept.pdf
Regional Map	City, County, and State Park and Open Space within Olmsted County Lands Inventory	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1481913160547-OX_ContextTable.pdf
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Public Involvement Photos	Online Survey Summary Infographic	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1481922799591-160505_SurveySummary.pdf
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Public Involvement Photos	Visions and Public Values	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485455063708-Visions and Values.pdf
Regional Demographic Photos	Employment and Demographic Forecast	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485455452931-Employment and Demographic Forecasts- Add to ALL.pdf
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Feature Uploader 374	Playscape interactive signange	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485806248436-Path of Imagination-Wing Span.jpg
Feature Uploader 374	Playscape hills and bridges	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485806272549-Playscape.jpg
Feature Uploader 377	Bridge at 3rd bridge picnic area	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485806590054-3rd Bridge.JPG
Ad Phasing Plan Photos	Oxbow Park 5 year CIP plan highlighted	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485806687904-Parks 5 Yr CIP Oxbow.pdf
Ad Phasing Plan Photos	Land Acquisition plan	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485806947333-Acquisition Plan.JPG
Acquisition Plan Overview Uploads	Park-Wide Development Concept	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485807333695-Park-Wide Development Concept.pdf
Feature Uploader 380	Hellickson House	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485807599478-Hellickson House in June.jpg
Feature Uploader 383	Example interpretive signange	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485807653436-bison sign.JPG
Ad Cost Projections Photos	Oxbow Donation Account	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485808084659-Oxbow Donation Acct Balances.pdf
Mo Plan Description Photos	Oxbow 2017 Annual Work Plans	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485808249302-2017 annual work plans.docx
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Prescribed burning for prairie management	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485808627730-Burning.JPG
Mo Plan Description Photos	Monthly safety checklist	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809083386-SAFETY CHECK.xlsx

Mo Plan Description Photos	Oxbow Emergency Planning Protocols	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809267147-Oxbow Emergency Protocols.docx
Mo Plan Description Photos	Maintenance large equipment checklist	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809365145-Equipment maintenance checklist.xlsx
Mo Plan Description Photos	Maintenance small equipment checklist	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809394122-Small equipment maintenance checklist.xlsx
Mo Plan Description Photos	Spring Checklist for Zoo	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809484130-Zoo Spring List 2016.doc
Mo Plan Description Photos	2016 Annual USDA permit report	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809583050-2016 USDI report.docx
Mo Plan Description Photos	Fall checklist for zoo	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809660017-Fall Checklist 2016.doc
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Staff and volunteer work on the Playscape	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809738980-Creating Playscape.jpg
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Opportunity Services summer work group	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809793185-OS.JPG
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Volunteer work groups	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809832633-Oxbow Volunteer 3.jpg
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Park volunteer	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809890211-Oxbow Park Volunteer.jpg
Mo Plan Description Photos	Chainsaw training sessions	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485809927198-Tim and Intern chain saw training (3).jpg
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Forestry mower for buckthorn control	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485810307063-Forestry mower.jpeg

Mo Plan Description Photos	Volunteer training checklist for the zoo	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485812206807-Volunteer Levels.doc
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Parks staff continuing education	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485812301663-staff education.xls
Programming Support Material	Bluebird house program	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485812735027-blue bird boxes 086.jpg
Outreach Marketing Photos	GovDelivery	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485812832603-GovDelivery.JPG
Outreach Marketing Photos	Winter - Quarterly Newsletter	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485812861947-Quarterly Newsletter - Winter.pdf
Outreach Marketing Photos	Olmsted County Park Brochure	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485812977002-Park Info brochure 3660-09.pdf
User Metrics Photos	Oxbow Park Vehicle car counts	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485814545091-2016 Vehicle Survey (002).docx
User Metrics Photos	2015/16 Park Survey	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485814976431-OXBOW SURVEY RESULTS.xlsx
User Metrics Photos	2010 User survey	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485876612966-Survey analysis.docx
User Metrics Photos	2012 Survey data	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485876664431-SORTED and COMPLETED OXBOW DATA ENTRY Spreadsheet for entering visitor origin surveys
User Metrics Photos	2012 Survey comments summary	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485876682782-Comments Summary.docx
Mo Plan Description Photos	Management and Operations plan	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485878923004-Operations and Maintenance OX.pdf

User Metrics Photos	Visions and Public Values Input	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485878979256-Visions and Public Values.pdf
Outreach Marketing Photos	Programming, Marketing and Funding plan	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485879052850-Programming, Marketing and Evaluation OX.pdf
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	2017 Board of Commissioners	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485882159131-2017 Board of Commissioners.JPG
Site Map Uploads 2	Mission and Vision of Olmsted County Parks	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485887441084-Mission and Vision Pic.pdf
Regional Map	Oxbow Park Map	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485887721878-aerial trail map.pdf
Public Involvement Photos	Ground breaking for new exhibit	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485888112088-ground breaking4.JPG
Public Involvement Photos	Friends of Oxbow ZooDazzle volunteers	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485888147033-dazzle volunteers.jpg
Public Involvement Photos	ZooDazzle volunteer for Friends of Oxbow	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485888207630-Volunteer 6.jpg
Criteria 1 Photos	Forest and Invasive Species Land Management Map	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485890464966-Management and ivasive species area map.jpg
Criteria 3 Photos	Connecting People to the Outdoors	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485890529179-Staff & Volunteer Led Programming Powerpoint.pdf
Criteria 3 Photos	Path of Imagination Playscape	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485890704150-Path of Imagination.pdf
Criteria 3 Photos	Historic Hellickson house	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485890925322-Hellickson Deer.JPG
Criteria 3 Photos	Zoo Antler Archway Gate	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485890971184-Arch north.JPG

Criteria 3 Photos	Campground and Modern Bathroom	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485891020466-Electrical site and bathroom.JPG
Criteria 3 Photos	Picnic Area Shelters	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485891220443-Caulfield shelter.JPG
Feature Uploader 373	Elevate and re-align county road 105	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485892683960-DSC_0386.JPG
Ad Cost Projections Photos	DNR Local Grants Program	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485893796576-DNR Local Grants Program.pdf
Ad Cost Projections Photos	Operation and Maintenance Budget	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485960173949-5 year history.xlsx
Ad Phasing Plan Photos	Natural Resource Recommendations Cost Estimate	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485961883781-Natural Resource Recommendations Cost Estimate.pdf
Ad Phasing Plan Photos	Natural Resource Plan	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485962004789-Natural Resources Plan pages 35 - 38.pdf
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Prairie Seed Planting	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485963019004-seed planting.JPG
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Woodland Spring Ephemerals	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485963215603-516B Dutchmans Breeches.jpg
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Prairie Burn Training	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485963303700-Burn training.jpg
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Prairie Restoration	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485963371618-Black-eyed Susan_01.pdf
Feature Uploader 374	Playscape Solar System	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485963630514-solar system.JPG
Feature Uploader 384	Zoo Barn	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485964521579-19 Barn.jpg

Feature Uploader 384	Storage Barn	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485964539549-22 Barn at Dump.jpg
Mo Plan Description Photos	Staff Continuing Education	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485964750286-staff education.xls
Feature Uploader 375	Relocate Campground to higher ground	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485965884690-IMG_3810.jpg
Feature Uploader 379	Current Nature Center	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485966058121-NC.JPG
Mo Plan Description Photos	2015 Completed Projects (Above and beyond routine operations and maintenance)	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485966426937-2015 Park Projects-Oxbow.pdf
Ecological Land Resources Photos	Prescribed Burning areas yearly management spreadsheet	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485966903776-Management Spreadsheet.xlsx
Programming Support Material	Yearly Revenue including classes and donations	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485968438694-Revenue.xlsx
Programming Support Material	School Class Offerings and Fees	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485968482630-Spring List 2017.docx
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Staff and volunteer led programming	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485968647007-Staff & Volunteer Led Programming Powerpoint.pdf
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	Internships, Volunteers and Work Groups	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485970357719-Volunteer Work Groups.pptx
Outreach Marketing Photos	GovDelivery Subscription Statistics	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485970523043-GovDelivery Statistics.pdf
Outreach Marketing Photos	2016 Park Programs	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485971376890-2016 Park Programs.pdf
Programming Support Material	Naturalist Owl Program	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485971490564-Clarissa with Owl.jpg
Programming Support Material	Staff and Volunteer led	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/u

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Criteria 2 Photos	Resource Management Map	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485972600552-Management and ivasive species area map.jpg
Criteria 2 Photos	Regional Significance	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485972763610-Regional Significance OX.pdf
Criteria 3 Photos	Regional Significance	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485972811181-Regional Significance OX.pdf
Criteria 4 Photos	Rare Species Map	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485972869999-RareOxbow.pdf
Development Plan Overview Uploads	Nature Center Expansion for increase programming	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485973017572-Dazzle NC.jpg
Feature Uploader 379	Crowded Nature Center	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485973415953-fun fest 2011 020.jpg
Ad Cost Projections Photos	Oxbow Donation Wishing Well	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485973533096-wishing well.JPG
Programming Support Material	5 year Revenue	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485974653709-5 year history.xlsx
Mo Plan Description Photos	5 Year Revenue	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485975158390-5 year history.xlsx
Programming Support Material	Annual Programming Costs	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485975313910-Description of Programming Cost.docx
Outreach Marketing Photos	GovDelivery Statistics	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485975501465-GovDelivery Statistics.pdf
Outreach Marketing Photos	Naturalist Bear Class	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485975542673-Clairssa bear.jpg
Public Involvement Photos	Olmsted County Park Commission Planning Guidelines and Values	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485

		976353934-Olmsted County Parks Commission Planning Guidelines and Values.pdf
Public Health Photos	2016 Park Programs	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485976813201-2016 Park Programs.pdf
Recreational Trends Photos	snowshoe trails	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485977062088-snowshoe.jpg
Feature Uploader 381	Doc's House- Interior	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485977970842-IMG_7005.JPG
Feature Uploader 381	Doc's House	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485978025581-Donald House 004.jpg
Feature Uploader 382	Oxbow Dog Area	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485978163973-Oxbow Park dog Areas Print.pdf
Feature Uploader 383	Hellickson House	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485978284629-Hellickson House_01.pdf
Feature Uploader 383	Zumbro River	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485978347435-River Scenery_02.pdf
Public Health Photos	Young Owlets in campground	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485979672610-IMG_6107.JPG
Site Map Uploads 2	Beautiful Bovine	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485979745592-Brown Swiss cow.jpg
Public Health Photos	David and Geraldine Donald's memorial	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485980706724-IMG_0615.JPG
Public Health Photos	Volunteer Work Groups	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485980937799-Volunteer Work Groups.pdf
Feature Uploader 374	Playscape kinderbells	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485981315416-IMG_5477.JPG
Feature Uploader 374	Playscape puddles and streams	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485981393128-IMG_9308.JPG

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Mo Plan Description Photos	Byron Fire River Rescue Training	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485981746202-IMG_7365.JPG
Feature Uploader 375	Campground Tenting	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485982003231-Picture_107.jpg
Programming Support Material	Maple Syrup Demo	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485982940063-syrup_drill_demo.JPG
Joint Organizations Responsibilities Pho	2015 Volunteer Hours	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485983529786-Volunteer_Hours.pdf
Regional Map	Screech Owl	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485985596487-owl.JPG
Economic Development Photos	Blazing Star	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485987039648-blazingstar2.JPG
Feature Uploader 383	Great Blue Heron along River	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485987525730-Great Blue Heron_02.pdf
Feature Uploader 380	Hellickson House behind the prairie	http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/15-020D/1485987734723-Hellickson House_02.pdf