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Patrol & Emergency Response Plan

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**JERSEY CITY RESERVOIR  
PATROL & EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

I. Public Awareness, Reporting Procedures, Emergency Actions

1. Adequate maps and markings along trail
  - a. Current location on trail maps with “You are Here” markings with designated town/ mile marker location placed every (1/4 mile? and at all emergency access points along trail)
  - b. Marking of closest emergency egress point from trail, closest and/or most easily accessed roadway
  - c. Emergency reporting instructions; applicable rules, laws, and ordinances posted at all public access points, parking lots.
  
2. Means of requesting emergency aid; reporting suspicious or criminal activity
  - a. Cell/ mobile phones- 9-1-1 can use “Rapid 9-1-1” to located caller within 10-15 feet of their actual location using GPS technology
  - b. Solar powered emergency call boxes placed at trail maps every (1/2 mile?), programmed to call appropriate jurisdiction (Boonton or Parsippany Dispatch)
  
3. Optional Emergency Equipment & Provisions include:
  - a. Automatic external defibrillators placed at trail maps every (1 mile?)
  - b. Basic first aid cabinets placed at trail maps every (1/2 mile?)
  - c. Emergency Shelters placed at (all emergency access points along trail?)
  - d. Life buoy/ throw rope placed at (all?) trail map locations

II. Emergency Service Communications

1. All area emergency services (Boonton, Parsippany, Morris County) have interoperable radio capabilities for coordination of efforts.

### III. Emergency Access and Egress

1. Emergency Service Access Points to be placed at:
  - a. Suez Water, Greenbank Road, Parsippany side of dam (storage garage/ shed for on-site emergency equipment such as ATVs, etc.)
  - b. Gate with fire road across from Knollwood School, Knoll Road
  - c. Off Route 46, west of Vail Rd (storage garage/ shed for on-site emergency equipment such as ATVs, etc.)
  - d. Off Parsippany Blvd, Parsippany side of bridge? (storage garage/ shed for on-site emergency equipment such as ATVs, etc.?)
  - e. Off Washington St, Boonton side of bridge
  - f. Off Monroe Street, Boonton side of dam
2. Above Emergency Access Points to be designated and marked as emergency egress points for public.
3. Police 4WD SUV vehicles and NJ Forrest Fire brush trucks can be expected to cover:
  - a. From Greenbank Rd access point, travel south (clockwise), to \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. From the Knollwood School Gate, travel to the reservoir water line and north (counterclockwise) to \_\_\_\_\_ and south (clockwise) to \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. From the Route 46 access point, north (counterclockwise) to \_\_\_\_\_ and west to north (clockwise) to \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. From the Parsippany Blvd access point, travel south (counterclockwise) to \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. From the Washington St access point, travel east to \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. From the Monroe St access point travel west to \_\_\_\_\_
4. All terrain type vehicles (ATV's, Gators, etc), equipped for search and rescue, first aid, patient transport, firefighting can be expected to travel the entire length of the trail
5. Boats may be used to search the shoreline of the reservoir, traverse the reservoir directly from one side or end to the other, and support water rescue and recovery operations.
6. Full size ambulances and fire/ rescue apparatus are not expected to be able to travel any significant distance beyond the access points detailed above.

- a. It would be ideal for the Office of Emergency Management to acquire ATV(s) stocked with first aid and brush fire equipment and outfitted for patient transport.

#### IV. Security and Law Enforcement

1. Members of the public using the facility will be the most prevalent on-site presence, and will be encouraged to report any suspicious activity or dangerous conditions to the appropriate jurisdiction.
2. The outer perimeter of the reservoir will continue to be fenced and barb wired with both public and emergency access points having gates that will be secured during hours of non-use.
3. CCTV and/or trail cameras will be placed at all access points to the facility and at various locations along the trail.
  - a. Cameras can be monitored by Parsippany Police, Boonton Police, Morris County Park Police, and Morris County OEM.
  - b. Footage from cameras can be accessed by above law enforcement agencies for investigations as needed.
4. Parsippany Police will patrol and respond to emergencies in the portion of the reservoir property within their jurisdiction through the following means:
  - a. Officers on patrol in the two (2) patrol sections that cover the reservoir property will, as part of their routine patrols, check the designated parking areas, public/ emergency access points, and portions of the trail passable by police SUV type vehicles (as established above is Section III, Subsection 5) on a routine and random basis.
  - b. The township intends to purchase for police/ emergency service use, one (1) or more ATV type vehicles, for patrol of the entire portion of the hiking path located within Parsippany on a regular, but less frequent basis than regular patrols as described above. Priority will be placed on conducting these patrols at higher use hours such as early evenings and weekends.
  - c. Class II Special Police Officers will be assigned to check all public and emergency access points on a nightly basis, and will patrol all areas of the path accessible by police vehicle as described above. Particular attention will be given to ensuring no vehicles are left in the public parking area after closing hours, indicating that there may still be people on the property. If such vehicles are encountered, efforts will be made to contact



the owner via DMV search and Police Headquarters will be advised to check CCTV feed mentioned above for evidence of their presence within the reservoir property.

- d. When called to the reservoir property for an emergency or if it is believed unauthorized person(s) are still on the property after operating hours, the ATV type vehicle(s) referenced above will be used to respond to the emergency situation or search for unauthorized person(s) as needed.
5. Boonton Police will patrol and respond to emergencies in the portion of the reservoir property within their jurisdiction through the following means:
6. Morris County Park Police will patrol and respond to emergencies within the reservoir property through the following means:
7. All three agencies may request additional law enforcement support from the Morris County Sheriff's Office, Morris County Prosecutor's Office, and other surrounding municipal police departments on an as needed basis through a pre-existing mutual aid agreement.

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MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Rules and Regulations

<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>	Effective Date: 4/1/97	Approval: Res. No. 110-97
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The Morris County Park Commission hereby establishes the following regulations to ensure public safety and pleasure, as well as the protection and control of the parks, roads, driveways, sidewalks, paths, docks, lakes, pools, trees, flowers, shrubs, statuary, buildings, and other facilities contained within and upon property controlled by the Morris County Park Commission.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. Definition of Terms

Whenever used in any Morris County Park Commission Regulations, the following respective terms, unless otherwise therein expressly defined, shall mean and include each of the meanings herein respectively set forth:

- a. "Morris County Parks" or "Parks," "Parkways," "Park Areas," "Golf Course," "Reservation": All the real property acquired by or under the jurisdiction and care of the Morris County Park Commission; or which may be hereafter acquired by it or come under its jurisdiction.
- b. "Borough," "City," "Town," "Township," or "Village": Respectively any borough, city, town, township, or village within which any portion of said park system is situated.
- c. "Park Commission" or "Commission": The Morris County Park Commission, created by authority of Chapter 276 of the New Jersey Laws of 1946.
- d. "Dusk": Sunset
- e. "Regulations": Any Regulations duly adopted, posted, and published by the Morris County Park Commission.
- f. "Owner": Any person, firm, association, co-partnership, or corporation owning, operating, or having the exclusive use of a vehicle, under a lease or otherwise, for a period greater than thirty (30) days.
- g. "Parking Place": Any part of the drive or space designated as a place for the standing of vehicles.
- h. "Park Patrolman" or "Officer": Any Officer of the Park Police of the County of Morris, New Jersey.

- i. “Bridle Path” or “Equestrian Trail”: Any path maintained for persons riding on horseback.
- j. “Walk”: Any path maintained for pedestrians.
- k. “Permit”: Any written license issued by or under the authority of the Commission, permitting the performance of a specified act or acts.
- l. “Person”: Any natural person, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, firm, or co-partnership.
- m. “Vehicle”: Any motorized vehicle or any vehicle propelled by muscular power.
- n. “Off Road Vehicles”: Any powered vehicle designed for cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other terrain that would include, but not be limited to, such vehicles as all terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, amphibious and air cushion vehicles; except those vehicles utilized for fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes and any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the Commission.
- o. “Official Opening”: The time when gates, entrances, or doors to facilities are opened to allow entrance to the public or signs indicating an opening time are posted.

**ARTICLE II  
PERMITS**

Section 1. Permits

A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with terms and conditions thereof. Any violation by its holder or his agents or employees of any terms or condition thereof, shall constitute grounds for its revocation by the Commission, or by its authorized representative, whose action therein shall be final. In case of the revocation of any Park Commission permit, all monies paid for or on account thereof shall, at the option of the Commission, be forfeited to and be retained by it; and the holder of such permit, together with his agents and employees who violated such terms and conditions, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Commission for all damages and loss suffered by it in excess of the money so forfeited and retained; but neither such forfeiture and retention by the Commission of the whole or any part of such monies, nor the recovery or collection thereby of such damages, or both, shall in any manner relieve such person or persons from liability to punishment for any violation of any provision of any Morris County Park Commission Regulation. These Regulations shall be deemed a part of each permit issued.

All permits that are granted must be produced upon demand.

**ARTICLE III  
PROHIBITED ACTS**

Section 1. Advertising

No person shall advertise within the Park System without the written authorization of the Park Commission.



Section 2. Solicitation

No person, business, group, or organization shall solicit for business, alms, contributions, or for any purpose without written authorization of the Park Commission.

Section 3. Animals

No person without a permit shall cause or permit any animal owned by him, in his custody or under his control, except a dog in a permitted area when restrained by a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length, or those animals permitted by State Statute, to go or be in any park area, and each such animal so found at large may be seized and disposed of as provided by the law or ordinance covering the disposal of stray animals on highways or public property then in effect at the place where such stray animal may be seen. Dogs are not permitted at any of the golf courses, outdoor education centers, arboreta, bathing facilities, Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, or the Mennen Sports Arena except as permitted by State Statute or specific Park Commission permit.

Any person having control, or person that should have control over an animal or animals within the Park System shall dispose of any feces left by the animal(s) in a publicly maintained area or close enough to a publicly maintained area as to cause public annoyance. Such feces shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Section 4. Explosives

No person shall bring into, or have in said parks, any explosives without the written authorization of the Park Commission.

Section 5. Poisons

No person shall bring into, or have in said parks, any poison or poisonous substance, without the written authorization of the Park Commission.

Section 6. Fires

No person shall build, light, or maintain any fire or discard any burning materials except in designated areas provided for such purposes. Any such fires shall be continuously under the care of a competent person, until extinguished.

Section 7. Loitering

No person shall be permitted within the Park System after sunset except in designated areas or as authorized by a specific Park Commission permit or enter the Park System before its official opening.

Section 8. Merchandise Sale Prohibited

No person shall sell or offer for sale any object or merchandise or any other thing, whether corporeal or incorporeal, except pursuant to a permit issued by the Park Commission.

Section 9. Alcohol

a. Prohibition of Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall consume alcoholic beverages anywhere within the Morris County Park System, except that alcoholic beverages may be consumed at the golf courses in the clubhouses and within a radius of 50 feet therefrom during daylight hours.

b. Special Permit

Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Section "a" above of these Regulations, a Special Permit may be issued by the Morris County Park Commission, or its duly authorized

representatives, for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, which permit shall include terms and conditions as established by the Park Commission and shall specify the duration of said permit.

c. Presumption of Consumption

A person shall be presumed to have consumed an alcoholic beverage in violation of this section if an unsealed container of an alcoholic beverage is found in their possession or constructive possession, the contents have been partially consumed, and the physical appearance or conduct of the person may be associated with the consumption of an alcoholic beverage. For the purposes of this section, the term "unsealed" shall mean a container with its original seal broken or a container such as a glass or a cup.

Section 10. Possession of Weapons

No person shall possess any weapons as defined by NJSA 2C:39-1 unless a permit to do so within the park has been issued by the Park Commission.

Section 11. Discharge of Weapons

No person shall discharge a weapon within the Morris County Park System without the written authorization of the Park Commission. The term weapon shall include, but not be limited to, firearms, paint guns, toy cannons, bows, and arrows, air guns, and sling shots. Nothing in this section shall apply to police officers or animal game wardens discharging their weapons during the course of normal business.

Section 12. Urinating and Defecating

No person shall urinate or defecate except in facilities provided for such use.

Section 13. Changing/Disrobing in Unauthorized Areas

No person shall change in or out of any clothing or bathing attire except in areas designated or customarily provided for such use.

Section 14. Spitting

No person shall spit within the Park System except into sinks, containers, or materials customarily provided for such purposes, and any such spitting that is allowed shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Section 15. Tobacco

No person shall smoke cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products where the smoking of such tobacco products is prohibited by the Park Commission.

Section 16. Camping

No person shall erect or maintain a tent or shelter and/or camp in any area except in designated sites provided for such usage and within the occupancy limit approved for each site. (Any persons visiting such campers must leave the Park System by 10:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE IV  
REGULATED ACTS**

Section 1. Aviation

No person, except in an emergency, shall launch, land, or operate any aviation apparatus within the Park System without the written authorization of the Park Commission.

Section 2. Bathing

No person shall bathe, wade, or swim in any park waters except at such times and in such places as the Park Commission may designate.

Section 3. Boating

No person, other than authorized operators of boats at Lee's County Marina, shall use or operate a boat, kayak, canoe, inflated float, raft, or other watercraft in any park waters without a permit, except those provided by the Park Commission. Where boating is provided, life preservers must be worn at all times while in the boat, and the occupants shall remain seated.

Section 4. Skating, Skiing, and Sledding

No person shall coast, tube, snowboard, sled or ski except at places designated by the Park Commission. No person shall use in-line skates, roller skates, or skateboards except at places designated by the Park Commission. No person shall ice skate or go upon the ice except at such times and upon such places as designated by the Park Commission.

Section 5. Models

No person shall engage in the use of gas- or battery-operated model aviation devices, model motorvehicles, or boats, whether radio-controlled or not, except at areas designated by the Park Commission or as authorized by a specific Park Commission permit.

Section 6. Horses

No person shall use, ride, or drive a horse except at such times and only in paths and areas designated by the Park Commission.

Section 7. Groups

No group of twenty-five (25) or more persons shall use a County Park or recreation area for a picnic or outing without first having obtained a permit in advance from the Commission. Adult supervision of children's groups is required at all times.

No person shall call or hold any public meeting or give any concert or entertainment of any kind or erect any structure, stand, tent, or platform, utilize any loudspeaker, public address system, or amplifier except by the specific written authority of the Commission, as authorized by permit. In addition, any athletic event or organized game to be played or conducted on Park facilities shall require a permit issued by the Park Commission noting the date, hour, and duration. No other organized group or persons other than the one holding the permit shall use such facilities during the time covered by the specific authority of the Commission.

Section 8. Regulation of Activities

The Park Police officers have the right and the power to enforce all the Rules and Regulations of the Park Commission, and violators of the Rules and Regulations may be directed to leave and may be subject to further penalties as determined by the Park Commission or Statutes.

## **ARTICLE V VEHICLES**

### Section 1. Motor Vehicle Act and Traffic Laws

All the provisions of the New Jersey State Motor Vehicle Act and Traffic Laws shall apply in the parks and shall be strictly enforced with also such further restrictions as may be hereinafter stated.

### Section 2. Vehicles Where Prohibited

No person shall ride or drive any type of vehicle within or upon a walk, bridle path, or any part of the park not designated or customarily used for such purpose except or unless authorized by a specific permit issued by the Park Commission.

### Section 3. Obeying Officers

When a Park Police officer is directing traffic, all drivers of vehicles and pedestrians shall obey his orders and directions whether by hand, voice, or other manner.

### Section 4. Parking

No owner or driver shall park any vehicle anywhere outside of designated parking spaces, or leave the vehicle parked anywhere on Park Commission property after sunset except at such times and in such places as the Park Commission may designate. Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic, block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil or gas fills, any grass area, fire zone, pedestrian walkways, after dusk, or present, in any way a safety or traffic hazard, may be removed by towing. The cost of towing and storage shall be borne by the owner and shall be paid before regaining possession of the vehicle.

### Section 5. Off-Road Vehicles

No person shall drive or operate any off-road vehicle or snowmobile anywhere within the Morris County Park System except at such times and places as may be designated by the Park Commission and/or as authorized by a specific Park Commission permit.

### Section 6. Restricted Traffic

When a road, drive, or parkway shall be restricted as to traffic or closed and duly marked by signs, road markings, or barricades, it shall be a violation of this Regulation to fail to observe and obey such signs, road markings, or barricades.

## **ARTICLE VI PROTECTION OF PROPERTY**

### Section 1. Damage to Property

No person without a permit shall damage, deface, remove, or tamper with any property within the Morris County Park System.

## **ARTICLE VII WILDLIFE**

### Section 1. Wildlife

No person without a permit shall kill, wound, harass, trap, hunt, remove, or have in his/her possession any animal, reptile, bird, or nest to remove the eggs of young of any of the above.

No person shall fish in any of the Park System waters, unless in possession of the required New Jersey fishing license, except in those cases or on those occasions where the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife does not require a fishing license.

No person shall feed any animal or waterfowl any food or other substance except such food or substance expressly permitted by the Commission.

No person shall hunt on any Park Commission land, excepting those persons who have been issued a permit by the Park Commission to do so.

## **ARTICLE VIII POLLUTION AND REFUSE**

### **Section 1. Pollution of Waters**

No person shall, within or without said parks, discharge into the waters of the Park Commission or any tributary river, brook, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into said waters any substance that may result in the pollution of said waters.

### **Section 2. Littering**

No person shall throw, deposit, or leave litter or recyclable material within the Park System except in designated receptacles provided therefore.

### **Section 3. Dumping**

No person or company shall dump any material anywhere within the Park System without the written authorization of the Park Commission. This is to include depositing in any dumpster, waste station, garbage can, or recycling can any waste that is generated outside of the Park System.

## **ARTICLE IX REPEAL**

### **Section 1. Repeal**

All Regulations or parts thereof and all amendments thereto, heretofore adopted inconsistent with these amendments are hereby repealed. The foregoing repeal shall not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, right accruing or acquired or liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred prior to the time these Regulations take effect; but the same may be enjoined, asserted, enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if these amendments to the Regulations have not been adopted.

## **ARTICLE X PENALTIES**

### **Section 1. Penalties**

Any person violating any of the provisions herein shall, upon conviction thereof, before a Magistrate or Judge having jurisdiction, pay a penalty as provided by Statute and stipulated in the Morris County Park Commission Schedule of Penalties, at the discretion of the Magistrate or Judge. In addition to any penalties provided thereof, restitution for the cost of labor can be ordered by the Judge or Magistrate.

**ARTICLE XI  
VALIDITY**

Section 1. Validity

These Regulations shall take effect after final adoption, and publication according to the law shall be made in at least five (5) newspapers circulating in the County of Morris once a week for two (2) weeks, commencing not later than Tuesday, April 11, 1997. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or regulations thereof shall be adjudged invalid, the remainder of the Regulations shall not thereby be invalidated but shall continue in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE XII  
SITE-SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In addition to the General Park Rules and Regulations described in Articles I through XI, Article XII provides for Specific Rules and Regulations that have been duly adopted and are fully enforceable on a location and facility basis as detailed in Article XII, Sections A through W.

No person shall fail to comply with any site-specific rules that have been adopted and promulgated by the Park Commission.

No person shall fail to comply with any temporary restrictions that have been approved by the Park Commission or its designee to which adequate notice to the public has been given.

Any person who fails to comply with either a site-specific rule or temporary restriction may be directed to leave the Park System and may be subject to further penalties as determined by the Park Commission or Statutes.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Specific Site</u>
A	Golf Courses – Flanders Valley, Pinch Brook, Sunset Valley
B	Lewis Morris County Park – Sunrise Lake – Boating & Bathing
C	Schooley’s Mountain County Park – Lake George – Boating
D	Hedden County Park – Waterfront – Boating
E	Silas Condict County Park – Waterfront – Boating
F	Lee’s County Park – Marina Operations
G	Mennen Sports Arena
H	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation – Permitted Activities Saffin Pond – Boating Camping Areas – Trailers/Tents
I	Fosterfields Living Historical Farm
J	Kay Environmental Center
K	The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
L	Willowwood Arboretum
M	Pyramid Mountain Natural Historical Area
N	Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center
O	Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center
P	Cooper Mill
Q	Mount Hope Historical Park
R	Loantaka Brook Reservation
S	Passaic River County Park

MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Policy and Procedure

<b>Wildlife/Habitat Interaction</b>	Effective Date: 1995	Approval:
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**Purpose:**

To conserve, manage, and protect the park system’s diverse natural habitats and resources; and the fish and wildlife populations they sustain; for their ecological values and for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations; and to inform and educate the public about these resources to promote understanding, appreciation, and a stewardship ethic.

**Goals and Objectives:**

- A. Goal: The Park Commission will strive to protect native habitats and associated wildlife species with the interest of promoting maximum levels of biodiversity and viable ecosystems in the lands under its stewardship responsibility.

Objectives:

1. Protect, maintain, and enhance a mosaic of habitat types for wildlife.
2. Identify critical habitat and locations of existing populations of endangered and threatened wildlife species. Protect existing populations and restore degraded habitat where appropriate and feasible.
3. Rely on natural resources specialists to evaluate actions that have the potential to negatively disturb wildlife populations for adverse impacts. Identify the appropriate avoidance or mitigation strategies.
4. Protect areas that preserve the natural connectivity of habitats to maintain the genetic diversity of species.
5. Develop species-specific best management practices.
6. Initiate and support cooperative programs that are designed to protect, manage, or research habitats and/or wildlife populations.



7. Protect parklands from new invasions of non-native invasive wildlife species. Remove existing non-native invasive wildlife species as appropriate and feasible.
- B. Goal: The Park Commission recognizes that wildlife can cause conflicts such as damage to private and public property; damage to other wildlife and habitats; and negative human health impacts or injuries. The Park Commission will evaluate these situations to determine whether control measures are warranted.

Objectives:

1. Implement control measures for an individual animal or population of animals if any of the following conditions are documented:
  - a. An injured, diseased, rabid, or otherwise unpredictable animal presents an immediate threat to human safety or health.
  - b. A threat of physical injury or disease transmission to humans exists due to abnormal or excessively conditioned animal behavior, particularly in public use areas.
  - c. High quality natural areas, rare species, or other sensitive natural resources face high levels of impact from the behavior of an individual animal or population of animals.
  - d. Unacceptable damage is occurring to park infrastructure, cultural resources, gardens, golf courses, landscaping, public property, or private property.
  - e. An animal or population of animals has inhabited a structure or building.
  - f. A feral or escaped domestic animal has taken up residence on parkland.
2. Employ control measures that seek to minimize adverse impacts to the animal(s) in question if appropriate and economically feasible.
3. Adopt standard protocol to evaluate and treat the conflicts listed in section B1 and disseminate this information to Park Commission staff.
4. Develop programs to manage overabundant wildlife populations in situations where said populations pose chronic threats to the viability of park resources and habitats.
5. Base all wildlife control measures and management programs on:
  - a. All applicable laws and regulations
  - b. Park Commission natural resources conservation objectives
  - c. Approved park plans
  - d. The best available science and information
  - e. Accepted ecological principles
  - f. Proven wildlife management techniques
  - g. Appropriate animal welfare concerns
  - h. Site and situational limitations

6. Employ control measures and management programs that are biologically, socially, environmentally and economically sound, effective, and practical.
  7. Apply an adaptive management approach that seeks to improve management strategies over time by learning from previous outcomes.
  8. Initiate and support cooperative and regional programs that are designed to reduce, manage, or research overabundant wildlife populations.
- C. Goal: The Park Commission will educate its staff, volunteers, and the public about wildlife related issues to foster understanding, appreciation, and to promote a stewardship ethic.

Objectives:

1. Develop programs that effectively disseminate science-based information about wildlife, their habitats, threats to their well-being, and conservation strategies.
2. Encourage the use of park property by students conducting academic research and school groups participating in instructor-led environmental labs and studies.
3. Encourage efforts that develop public understanding of and dialogue about wildlife management challenges faced by the Park Commission and the County.
4. Promote safe, ethical, and responsible behavior towards wildlife species through example and educational programs.
5. Encourage staff participation in management strategies and programs.
6. Develop communication and data collection procedures with Park Commission field staff.