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Mission Statement:

To provide the **very best** in **park & recreational opportunities, facilities,** and **open lands** for our community.

Vision

To provide a diverse, inclusive and holistic range of opportunities designed to keep the community happy, fit and active.

About this report

This report highlights progress, accomplishments, goals, and initiatives of the Oak Brook Park District, as outlined in our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.

The report follows our five **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**, developed through our Strategic Planning process. They focus on developing a tactical and adaptive working plan linking our mission, vision, and core values with policy making and organization.

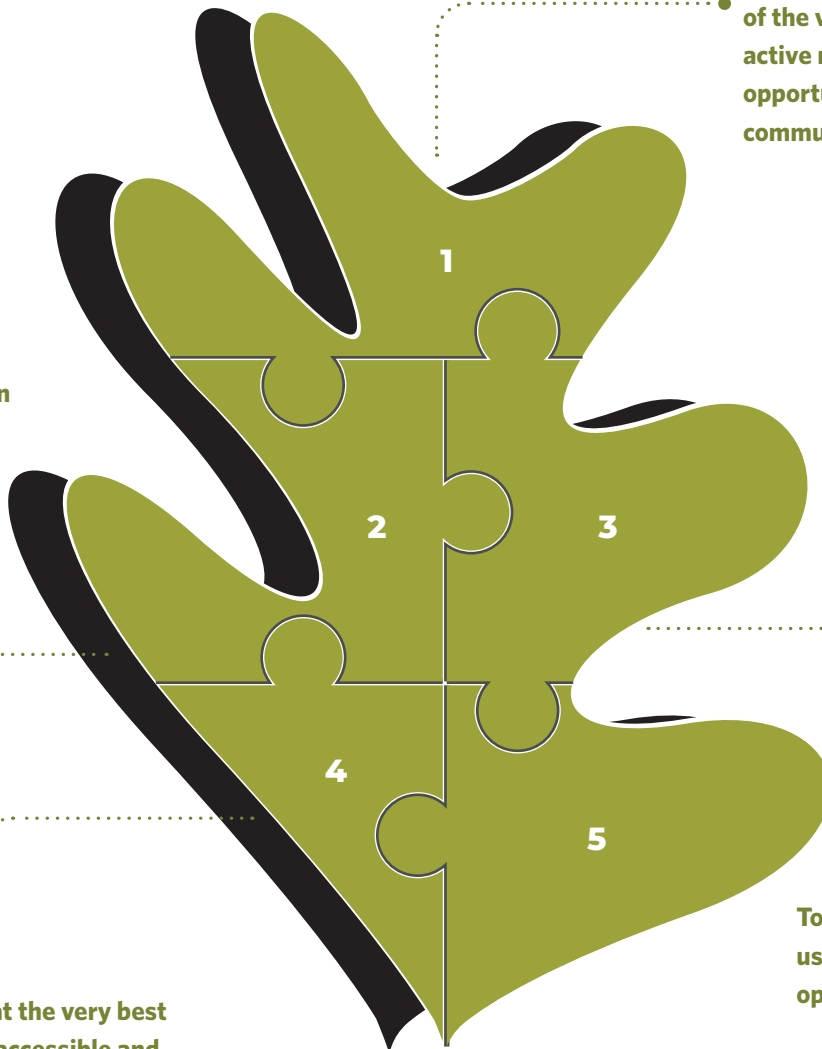
This will ensure the operational goals for the next year fall within the parameters of our mission and vision.





5 Strategic Initiatives

To provide the very best in park and open space to our constituents and to be a community leader in environmental conservation and stewardship.



To provide an all inclusive range of the very best passive and active recreational programs and opportunities to our entire community.

To foster a diverse work environment that encourages collaborative teamwork and the development of the very best in park and recreation professionals.

To ensure that the very best facilities are accessible and available.

To prioritize the fiscally responsible use of resources in all aspects of our operations.



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- The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) committee did an outstanding job with the Park District’s CAPRA visit. The Park District passed every standard and was honored at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) conference in Phoenix, AZ in September 2022. The Park District was also recognized as an industry leader with our Orientation Passport, a document used to train and familiarize new staff with the Park District.

GRANTS:



\$400,000

+



\$480,000

=

\$880,000

Funds will be used towards the north fields’ concession/restroom building, a new amphitheater, a fitness challenge course for all ages, table games including ping pong, chess, and checkers, as well as a bocce court.





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- The Sustainability Team has developed a volunteer toolkit for groups who wish to organize park cleanup activities at Central Park and the Dean Nature Sanctuary. The toolkit includes PPE, site maps, waivers, and instructions for the cleanup work, which will allow the group to perform the work independently.
- The Sustainability Team hosted a month-long celebration for Earth Day in April! Tree saplings as well as reusable grocery bags were available for pickup at the Family Recreation Center.



New LED lights installed.



The Oak Brook Park District is projected to use as little as 1,480,132 kWh a year.

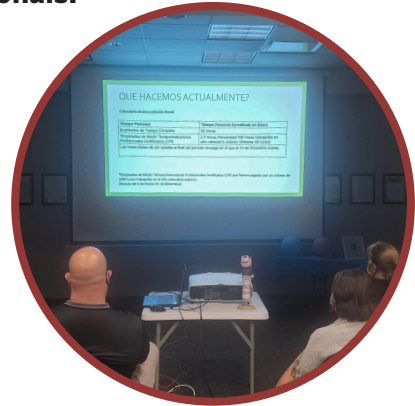


Saving up to **\$25,430.56** annually!

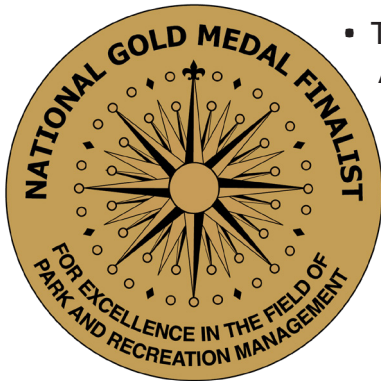


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- Working together this past year, bi-lingual staff stepped up to the plate! Policies regarding the changes involving vacation, compensation, and personal time were all translated into Spanish via documents and live PowerPoint presentations at the All Staff Meetings.



- The Oak Brook Park District was honored to have received the Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Award at this year's Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Award recognizes a Chamber organization that best exemplifies awareness and best practices in creating an inclusive organization.



- The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), announced the Oak Brook Park District as a finalist for the 2023 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.





4 To provide an all inclusive range of the very best passive and active recreational programs and opportunities to our entire community.

Putting our members first!

- The member referral program & the monthly member challenge incentive program were implemented.
- A partnership has been created with Silver Sneakers and Renew Active.
- The Aquatic and Fitness 3-year Business Plans were developed, which provides additional member retention services and programs.
- A Virtual New Member Packet was developed and implemented! New Members receive this in the form of an e-blast, the week they become a member. Additionally, with accessibility and inclusion in mind, the Family Recreation Center tour process was redesigned by staff.

New Special Events and Programming!

- Our NEW Lifetime Learning Series began in the summer of 2022! Topics have included: Healthy Eating for 1 or 2, Downsizing with Lisa, and Protecting Your Identity. This series has been successful and will continue for years to come.



- Oak Brook Park District turned 60! In 2022, staff planned celebrations throughout the year - hosted "Celebrating the 60's Concert Series" over the summer, showed the Pioneers movies from the 60's, and ended with a birthday celebration on November 4, 2022!
- The first ever pickleball clinic and tournament was hosted at the Family Recreation Center in April!

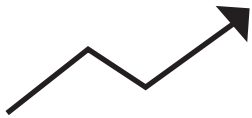
Aqua Egg Hunt

SOLD OUT

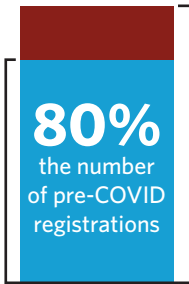
504 participants registered



3,276
participants
registered



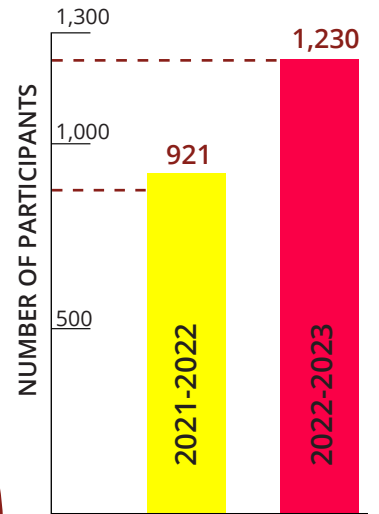
CURRENT
PARTICIPANTS



PRE-COVID
PARTICIPANTS



33%
increase in
participation



SWIM LESSONS

**GET BETTER
BASKETBALL LEAGUE**



28,900
people walked the
Winter Lights at
Central Park

WINTER LIGHTS

RAFA NADAL CAMP



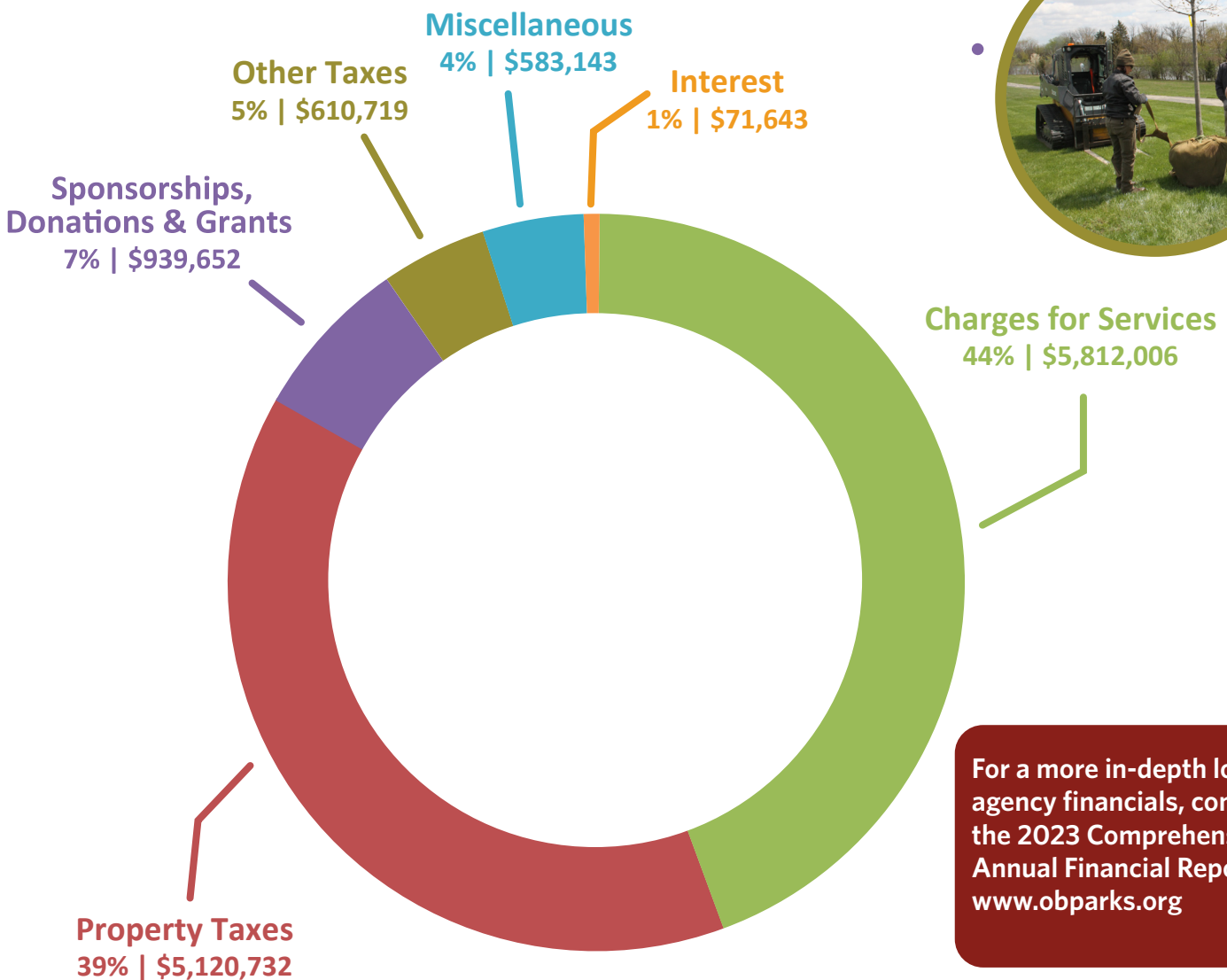
144
participants
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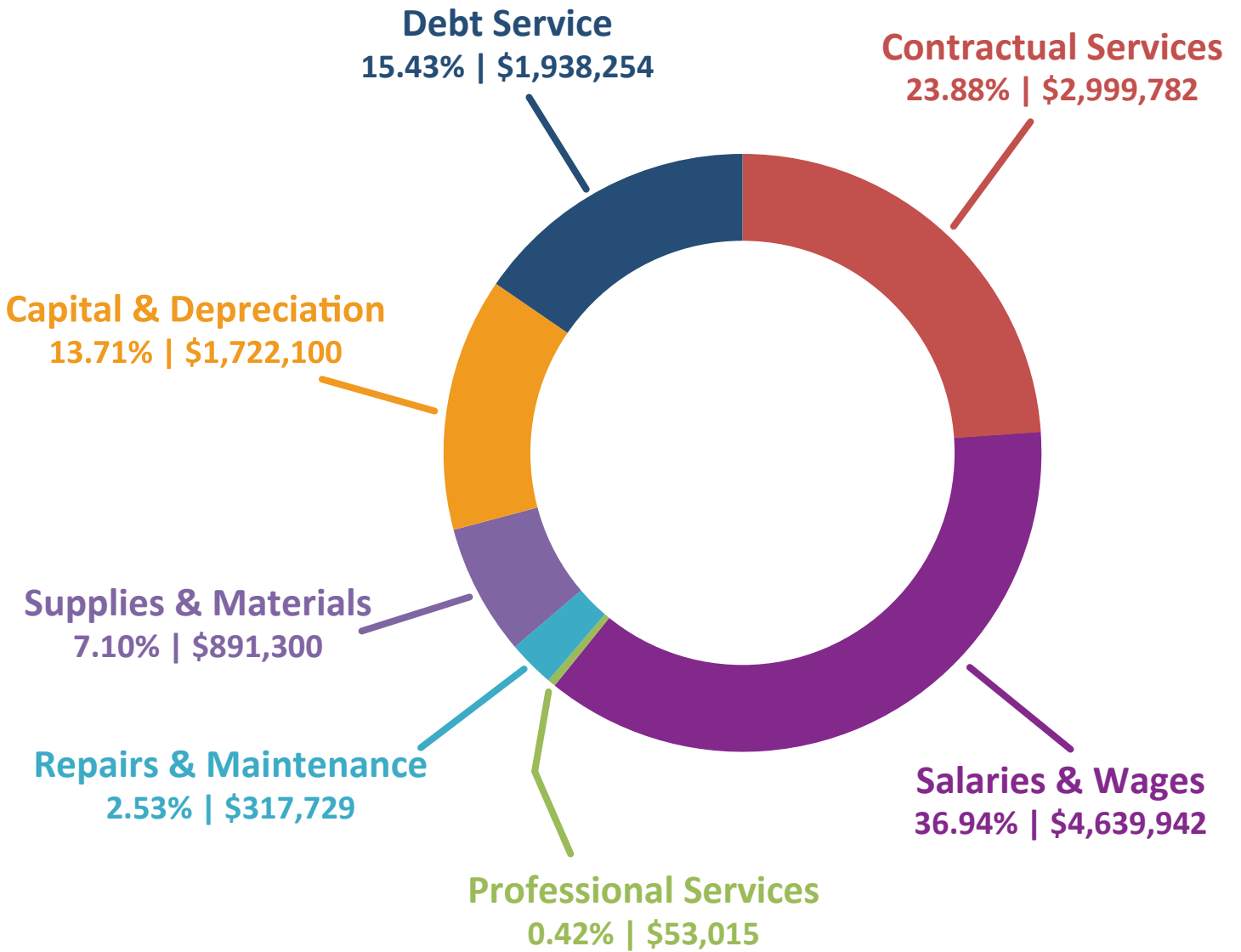


Agency Financial Recap

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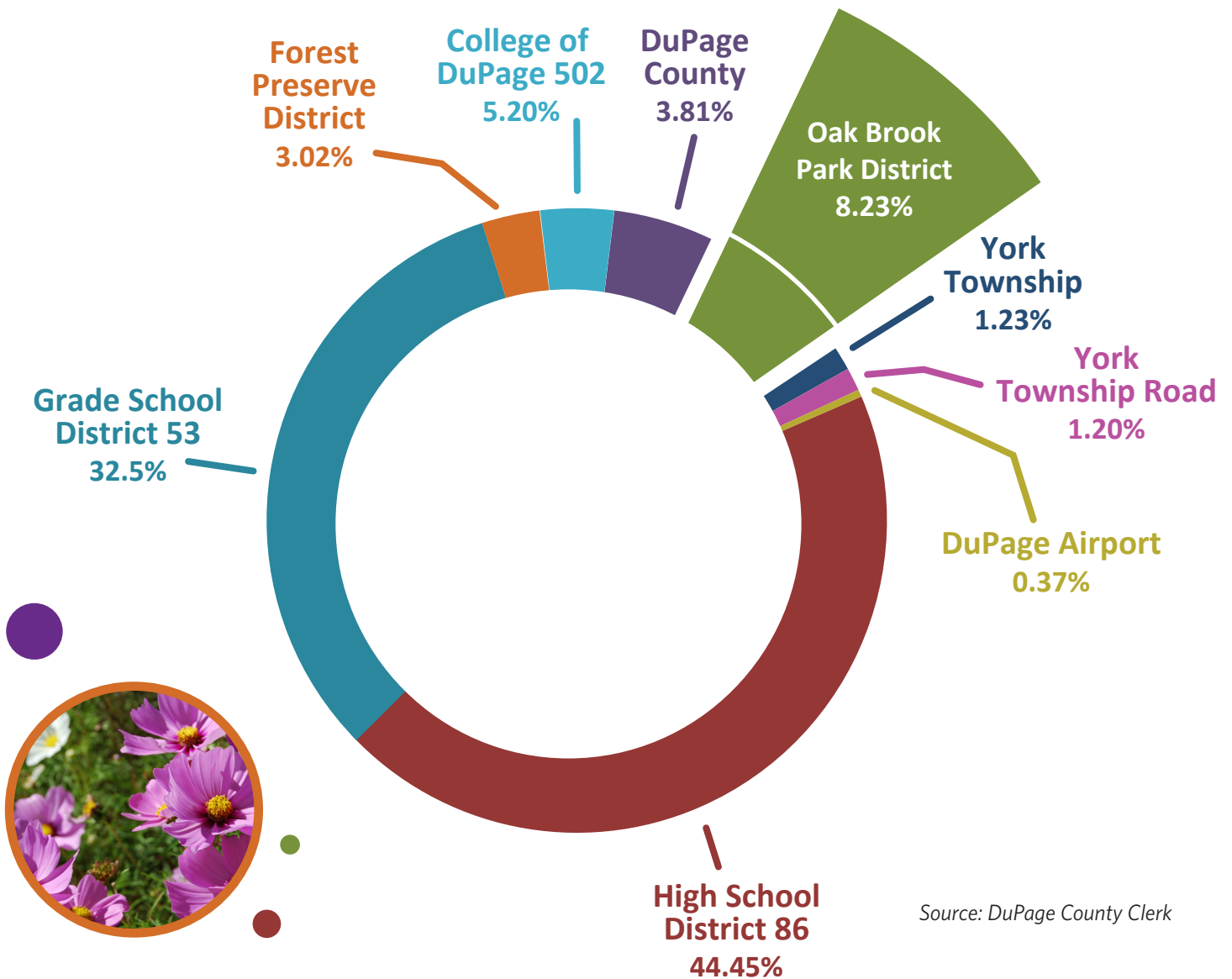
Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Revenues







2022 Property Tax Distribution: Oak Brook, York Township





Cost Saving Measures

- Parks & Maintenance replaced all the outdoor lighting at Central Park and in the maintenance garage with LED lights. Parks utilized the ComEd energy efficiency rebate program to cover most of the costs. The new LED lights consume less energy, lowering monthly costs.



- The Parks & Maintenance Department began using the Turf Tank robotic striper to paint athletic fields. Using this technology greatly reduces staff time and resources required to setup and stripe a field. In addition, the robot uses less paint than traditional striping methods, saving money each month.

Awards



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2022 Distinguished Agency Accreditation

The Oak Brook Park District was named an Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. The two statewide associations administer the Illinois Distinguished Accreditation program with the goal of improving the delivery of park and recreation services to residents. The Illinois Distinguished Accreditation program provides an opportunity for agencies to undergo a voluntary, comprehensive evaluation process to demonstrate that they have met state guidelines to provide exceptional park and recreation services to their community. The end result is to improve the quality of life for Illinois residents. The program gives recognition to park and recreation agencies that go above and beyond in dedicating themselves to offering quality programs and services designed to fulfill their community's needs.





2022 CAPRA Accreditation

The Oak Brook Park District has become the 8th park and recreation agency in Illinois to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The achievement positions the Oak Brook Park District among an elite group of fewer than 200 accredited agencies nationwide.



Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District for its annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR). This was the **twenty-eighth** consecutive year that the District has received this prestigious award.

