

New Bern Parks and Recreation Planning with Regional, State, and Federal Agencies

New Bern Parks and Recreation works with the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association and the National Recreation and Park Association in a variety of ways. Both of these agencies are used by this department to gain information on trends, state and nationwide policies, to gather feedback from our counterparts and as a support structure.

NCRPA (North Carolina Recreation & Parks Association)

- The Department has an Agency membership.
- The Director participates in the weekly virtual meeting of Parks and Recreation Directors throughout the State for advice, consultation, and planning for events and activities.
- The Director has served on the Procedures Committee since 2018. The committee meets on an as needed basis.
- In 2019, the Director served as a Mentor for a young park and recreation professional through the NCRPA Mentor program.
- In 2019 the Special Events Coordinator served on the Ambassador's Program.
- The Special Projects Coordinator serves on the Scholarship Foundation Committee.
- The department participates in many Statewide surveys that are distributed by NCRPA.
- The department sends representatives to various conferences and workshops offered by NCRPA throughout the year.

NRPA (National Recreation & Parks Association)

- The Department has an Agency Membership.
- Staff review information and articles distributed by NRPA.
- Staff participate in training provided by NRPA.

RRS (Recreation Resources Service)

RRS serves as a Consultant to Parks and Recreation Departments in the State of North Carolina. Consultants are based in regions throughout the State. New Bern Parks and Recreation has worked with the Regional Consultant on the following issues:

- PARTF Grant (2018)
- LWCF Compliance (Ongoing)
- Stanley White Recreation Center Guidance
- RRS Regional Director's Meetings

DCM (Department of Coastal Management)

New Bern Parks and Recreation works with DCM when requesting permitting or considering work in any of the states 20 coastal counties, which fall under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA). DCM provides guidance to ensure all CAMA rules and regulations are followed when planning waterfront

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development. New Bern Parks and Recreation has worked with DCM on the following waterfront development projects:

- New Bern Riverwalk Greenway Extension (2019)
- Lawson Creek Boardwalk Reconstruction (2020)
- Martin Marietta Park Boat Ramp and Kayak Launch (2020)
- Martin Marietta Park Parking and Picnic Shelter (2020)
- Union Point Park Floating Dock and Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (2020)
- Union Point Park Pier Reconstruction and Extension (2020)

NCWRC (North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission)

NCWRC conserves North Carolina's wildlife resources and habitats. New Bern Parks and Recreation seeks guidance from NCWRC to identify fish species and creel limits at fishing sites within our park system. NCWRC has also been consulted on appropriate wildlife related signage. Most recently the Wildlife Resources Commission surveyed the lakes at Martin Marietta Park to provide guidance on sustained fisheries within the park.