

## Delaware County Mission, Vision, and Values for Parks, Recreation, and Trails



### MISSION

The Delaware County Parks and Recreation Department's mission is to be a source of pride and connection to the outdoors for all Delco residents.

### VISION STATEMENT

The Delaware County Parks and Recreation System will be a destination that welcomes and captivates residents and visitors. The park system and its beauty will be part of daily life and shape the character of Delco. Natural, cultural, artistic, historical, and recreational resources cultivate outstanding experiences, health, enjoyment, fun, and learning for all people. The Park System is sustainable, well-maintained, safe, and accessible, and meets the needs of individuals, families, and communities. The focus on preserving land continues, with a strong emphasis on connecting people to the land and each other. Aware of its value to their lives, residents are proud stewards and supporters of an extraordinary park and recreation system.

### VALUES

In pursuit of excellence for our Delaware County residents, the Parks and Recreation Department values most of all:

**Equity and Inclusion** – Help all people feel welcome in our County parks, recreation facilities, programs, services, and in their interactions with Parks and Recreation Department management, staff, volunteers, and partners.

**Service** – Provide excellent public service through:

- **Leadership** – Stewardship of public funds, lands, and information.
- **Professionalism** – Respect the organizations, boards, and committees that we represent, and act accordingly.

**Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship** – Use best conservation practices of our woods, streams, and natural spaces to keep them healthy for future generations of humans and wildlife, while prioritizing sustainability and planning for climate change.

**Community Connections** – Connect the residents of Delaware County with a countywide system of parks, recreation, green spaces, and trails. This includes recreation facilities, programs, services, and collaboration among providers.

**Safety** – Ensure that parks, recreation facilities, green spaces, and trails are both safe and perceived as safe by the public.