

# Stroud Region

## Open Space & Recreation



# Annual Report

## 2007

*Enriching lives through quality open space, parks, and recreation*

Stroud Region Open Space  
and Recreation Commission

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*Jay Albertson Park,  
Stroud Township*



# Letter from the Chair

Hello friends and supporters!

What a terrific 2007 we have had with so many changes and growth opportunities! We sadly said goodbye to our first leader-at-the helm, Chuck Reid. We have since hired a new director, Timothy Herd, who comes to us with a "Roving Nature" background and interest in moving our mission forward. He has polished up our appearance, from sprucing up our logo and website ([www.srosrc.org](http://www.srosrc.org)) to painting the Commission offices in the Day Street Community Center lively new shades of nature. Stop in and see the continued progress in renovations to the Community Center!

Shortly after hiring Tim we expanded our staff to include Niki Tourscher as our first Program Coordinator. She comes with a Recreation degree from East Stroudsburg University and experience working at Monroe County Recreation. She has been busy making improvements to our Stroud Kids Summer Camp and recruiting our first after-school campers at the Stroudsburg Intermediate School. She has also developed new recreational programs to run at the Community Center for people of all ages and interests. Another goal attained at the end of 2007 was the activation of our new online registration program. This will be available to register for programs in the municipalities, reserve pavilions or ballfields, or purchase swimming pool passes. This will be a huge asset to the boroughs and township!



*Fitness Walk on the levee, Dansbury Park*

Our second annual Levee Loop Fitness Festival and Trail Run was held in June with a 4.5 mile run and a fitness walk along the levee. Runners and outdoor enthusiasts attended and fun was had by all! We have recently completed the construction documents for the trailhead at Dansbury Park which would kick off improvements for the Levee Loop Trail of the Brodhead Greenway in East Stroudsburg Borough. We are looking forward to the trailhead being completed in 2008!

Stop in and visit the Day Street Community Center and talk to our friendly, accommodating staff or

come to a SROSRC meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:45pm. Become involved with our growth, our successes and our future and thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Samantha J. Holbert". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Samantha J. Holbert



# Purpose

The Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission is actively engaged in:

- providing recreational opportunities for all who live and work in the Stroud Region;
- promoting and preserving its parks and open space.

The municipalities of Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg and Stroud Township, Pennsylvania, along with the school districts of Stroudsburg Area and East Stroudsburg Area, created the Commission to plan, protect, and develop public recreation resources. As such, the Commission is responsible for implementing the Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Plan, adopted in 2002.

The Commission Board consists of eight members; two from each of the municipalities and one from each school district; it employs an Executive Director, Program Coordinator, and various seasonal programming staff; and coordinates many important contributions to the parks through its Volunteers in Parks program.



*Westgate Park, Stroudsburg*

# Work Ethic

## *Integrity:*

moral soundness in all business, staff and client interactions; revealing steadfastness to truth, purpose, responsibility, and trust.

## *Excellence:*

superior workmanship, highest professional conduct; exceptional quality productions in all endeavors.

## *Innovation:*

nurturing personal and professional creativity; developing and introducing successful new concepts in program services design, content, and delivery.

## Municipal Members

Borough of East Stroudsburg, PO Box 303, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301	570-421-8300
Borough of Stroudsburg, 700 Sarah Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360	570-421-5444
East Stroudsburg Area School District, PO Box 298, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301	570-424-8500
Stroudsburg Area School District, 123 Linden Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360	570-421-1990
Township of Stroud, 1211 North Fifth Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360	570-421-3362

## Commissioners

		<i>term expires</i>
Samantha Holbert, <i>Chair</i>	Stroud Township	2008
Charles Baughman, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Stroudsburg Borough	2008
James Phillips, <i>Treasurer</i>	East Stroudsburg Borough	2008
Wanda Lasher, <i>Secretary</i>	East Stroudsburg Borough	2007
Roland Featherman	East Stroudsburg Area School District	2009
Craig Burden, <i>Alternate</i>	Stroudsburg Area School District	
James Decker	Stroud Township	2007
Jeff Walters	Stroudsburg Area School District	2010
Susan Welsh, <i>Alternate</i>	Stroudsburg Borough	
Linda Wiles, <i>Alternate</i>	Stroud Township	
Sonia Wolbert, <i>Alternate</i>	East Stroudsburg Borough	
Cecilia Yost	Stroudsburg Borough	2007

## Solicitor

David Williamson	Scanlon, Lewis & Williamson
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## Auditor

Todd Bushta	The Accountancy Firm of Todd Bushta, CPA, LLC
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## Staff

Chuck Reid	Executive Director ( <i>through March 2007</i> )
Tim Herd	Executive Director ( <i>since March 2007</i> )
Niki Tourscher	Recreation Programs Coordinator ( <i>since April 2007</i> )
Juwan Justice	Program Coordinator/intern ( <i>through May 2007</i> )

## Offices

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# Administrative Initiatives

A number of new policies, programs, outreaches, and other initiatives were introduced during the year, with each one specifically designed to improve management practices, enhance operations, and advance the mission. The following briefs highlight the new ventures.

## ActiveNet Online Registration System

After considering a number of competing systems, the Commission chose ActiveNet as the provider of an online registration system. Its program, facility and revenue management software automates activity registrations, facility reservations, memberships, points of sale, leagues/tournaments and golf schedules, and financial management and reports. The system will be shared with the Stroudsburg Borough Pool and the Dansbury Park Pool to manage pool memberships and generate photo ID passes.

## PLGIT Investment Account

To more effectively manage its fiscal resources, the Commission established an investment account with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), whose return rates are considerably higher than those of the Commission's checking account. The Commission also established a Purchasing Card Use Policy and a debit card associated with its PLGIT General Fund Account.

## Commissioner and Employee Policy Manual

A comprehensive Commissioner and Employee Policy Manual, based on established but disconnected Commission policies, and those adapted from the Stroudsburg Borough Policy Manual was developed and adopted in October. The Manual includes Introduction, Commissioner Responsibilities, Employment Responsibilities, Employee Benefits, and Appendices of the Intergovernmental Agreement and By-laws.



*Bryant Street Park, Stroudsburg*

## Facility Rental Policy

In anticipation of the completion of interior renovations to the Day Street Community Center, the Commission developed a Facility Use Policy for the purpose of encouraging use of its meeting rooms and resources by outside groups. A color brochure describing the policy and rules, along with an application, is now available at the Community Center as well as other Regional locations.

## Stroud Kids Staff Manual

The Stroud Kids Summer Day Camp Manual was revamped and expanded to include Overview and Rules, Staff Responsibilities, Day Camp Procedures and Policies, Employee Policies, Resources, and Professional Development. The stated work ethic concepts of integrity, excellence, and innovation were introduced to the staff during Training. An organized system for ordering and purchasing supplies and tracking its inventory was also established.



## Redesigned Logo

After an informal public survey, we discovered that most people did not comprehend nor appreciate the meaning and intent of the original logo. The design phase of the new logo included soliciting input from others and test-marketing it before staff, acquaintances, volunteers, attendees at a business luncheon, and the general public. The new logo was introduced in August, and is now displayed in all appropriate avenues.



## Reworked Website

As part of the public image makeover, the Website was completely redesigned in a new format, with new pages, navigation, links, photos, and the installation of visitor use statistics. As a result, our online presence is much cleaner and clearer, easier to access and read, more attractive, and an increasingly useful tool in our public outreach.

## Volunteers In Parks



The new Volunteer in Parks (VIP) Program and its distinctive logo were introduced in July. The VIP Opportunities booklet and Application describes 22 different volunteer positions, and has been distributed throughout the Region in various outlets. VIP is a comprehensive program that may take some time to develop and become well-known in the Region, but one that will make important investments in our parks over the long-term. See the separate account on page 16 for a brief description of volunteer projects and their contributions during 2007.

## Database Development

A concerted effort by Commissioners, Staff, and Volunteers developed comprehensive databases and useable mailing lists and of over 200 public and private groups, media outlets, institutions, and other organizations to help disseminate Commission news and information and greatly improve our public outreach throughout the Region.

## Stroud Region Leadership

The first annual Stroud Region Leadership Meeting was held in December to gather all the representatives of the Commission's Member Municipalities who serve their respective agencies as elected officials, Park and Recreation Board members, administrative staff, and others in leadership positions. The intent of such a meeting is to enhance the communication between all members as we cooperate toward some common goals. During the mini-conference, the Commission's 2008 Open Space and Recreation Goals were also presented.

## Creative Consultants Team

Recognizing the limitations of our small staff and volunteer Commissioners, an informal Creative Consultants Team was envisioned for the coming year as a corps of creative individuals willing to share ideas, expertise, and professional and social networks in helping to deliver high quality, innovative, and desired recreational, educational, environmental and cultural programming to all who live, work, and play in the Stroud Region.



*Zacharias Pond Park*

# Facilities and Property

The 4600-square-foot Day Street Community Center, owned by the Borough of East Stroudsburg, houses the Commission offices, a large meeting room, four small classrooms, and a rubber-floored half-gym.

After serving many years as a police station, the building is undergoing renovations to meet current codes and transform its use into a public community resource. Both exterior and interior renovations during the year have made great progress towards those ends.



*“The Great Vinyl Siding Cover-up” before, during, and after...*

In early June, with volunteer labor from the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, the Kiwanis Club, and others from the community, the exterior of the building was covered with Tyvek and prepped for a makeover in what came to be known as “The Great Vinyl Siding Cover-up.”

Gray siding, new decorative columns at the main entrance,

exterior lighting, fascia, trim, and spouting have both improved appearances and protective functions. Macadam patches were made to the driveway and parking areas. A fresh coat of paint was added to the exterior fixtures and pipes, the “15 Day St. Community Center” sign posted over the front door, and a new front bulletin board sign dressed the entrance.





Inside, six new windows were installed in rooms that previously had none, and seven other old, drafty windows were replaced with new ones. In July, East Stroudsburg Borough awarded contracts for interior renovations to the restrooms and storage areas, which were yet to be completed at the end of the year. In October, Blue Ridge Communications installed free cable TV service in several rooms, and by the end of December, the three offices were repainted and resettled.

In July, the Commission purchased a pre-owned 2006 Chrysler Town & Country LX Minivan for transportation needs of staff and program equipment.

The Nicolas Copernicus Polish Supplemental School conducts classes for students K-8 in the Community Center each Saturday September through May.



*Day Street Community Center, August 2007*

# Programming

The Commission is working toward providing an ongoing, comprehensive slate of recreational, education, cultural, and environmental programming for all who live or work in the Stroud Region.

The popular Stroud Kids Summer Day Camp program, now in its fourth year under the Commission's management, was offered to almost 300 children in four locations, with many memorably exciting days.

This year's attempts to begin after-school and public programs met with mixed results. Although the program topics and specifics were based on earlier studies and surveys, and public interest is real, many registrations were insufficient to cover costs and had to be cancelled. This is perhaps due to three reasons: all new program initiatives in the community do take a period of time to become popularly known, appreciated, and expected; the cost/fees; and, an over-reliance on disappointing coverage by the local daily newspaper that resulted in a lack of effective publicity reaching our target audiences. To a large extent, many of the efforts described in the Administrative Initiatives and Public Education and Relations sections of this Annual Report, along with a concerted effort to secure specific program operations grants and donations, have been instituted to overcome these beginning encumbrances. With the development of these management goals, the future programming possibilities are both diverse and promising.

Three major program events deserve further report:

## Levee Loop Annual Fitness Festival June 2

The second annual LAFF featured a 4.5 mile Trail Run, a Fitness Walk, and exhibits and activities by local businesses and organizations.



After an intense thunderstorm the night before (which brought down a large tree in the playground of Dansbury Park), 68 runners headed south from the park, crossed the Veterans Memorial Bridge, then continued north on the west side of the Brodhead Creek along the top of the levee. Crossing back to the east side along the Stokes Avenue bridge, they continued south through the East Stroudsburg High School property and back onto the levee to end at Dansbury Park. Medals were presented to the top two male and female runners in each age division; and the overall male and female finishers were awarded a trophy and \$100 Merrell gift certificate. A raffle among all runners distributed 13 raffle prizes.





A one-mile Fitness Walk to the High School and back along the top of the levee, led by members of the Monroe County Council for the Blind, attracted 24 participants.

The following businesses and organizations offered their services and information in the Festival that lasted until noon: Mountain Valley Bicycles, No Limits Personal Training, Stroud Kids, Pocono Area Running Club, Brodhead Watershed Association, Monroe County Transit, Penn State Cooperative, Schuylkill Valley Sports, Burnley Workshop.



## Stroud Kids Summer Day Camp

June 18-August 10

For the first time, the Stroud Kids Summer Day Camp program was conducted in four locations: Morey Elementary School, Stroudsburg Intermediate School, Dansbury Park, and Lehman Intermediate School.



Two-hundred-eighty-two campers in grades 1-8 attended the eight-week program of active, passive, and group games; arts & crafts; swimming; optional swimming lessons; nature walks; special visitors, programs, and events; playground playtime, and more. An after-camp program of extended playground activities served another 28 children. Weekly Themes (such as Getting to Know You, Clowning Around, Wet & Wild, Music Mania, Day Camp Olympics, and others) brought an inclusive, fun time for all.

Karkut Entertainment provided a number of highly popular special activities to the campers: Cash Attack, Music Video Mania, Karaoke, Green Screen Photos, Dance Party, and Air Brush Tattoos. The American Red Cross conducted an educational program on disaster preparedness called "Home Alone" to campers and CITs at two of the sites. A field trip to a Sussex Sky Hawks baseball game was one of the summer's highlights.

Full staffing of the program was comprised of 1 camp administrator, 4 site Directors, 4 Point Persons, 22 Counselors, 4 Junior Counselors, 8 Counselors-in-Training, and 2 Art Directors. Staff Training was conducted at East Stroudsburg University's Stony Acres, and in on-site preparations. Those needing Certification in CPR and first Aid received that training from the American Red Cross.

A comprehensive critique of the program's planning, registration, publicity, supplies, operations, staffing, and management has resulted in recommended changes for improvements to the 2008 season.







Happy Stroud Kids Scenes...

← *Dance Party*

↓ *Sussex SkyHawks Baseball Game*

↙ *Music Video Mania*



↔ *Mismatch Day*



## Electronic Recycling Drop-off Day      September 21

The first Electronics Recycling Drop-off Day at the Day Street Community Center attracted the collective efforts of many residents as they brought their obsolete and broken electronic equipment to be recycled for a nominal fee. A total of 7,603 pounds of old TVs, microwaves, telephones, fax and copy machines, computers, printers, stereos, VCRs, and other electronics were delivered to a fate much better than the landfill. The truckload of three and a half tons was delivered to ComCycle of Allentown to remove and recycle the precious and heavy metals in a safe and controlled manner in order to maximize the return value of the commodities and minimize the release of harmful pollutants to the environment.

# Public Education and Relations

In addition to redesigning the logo and the Website, as described earlier, continuous efforts have gone into establishing and presenting a clear, clean, and consistent message in timely, relevant, and innovative ways to all audience segments of the Region. Media relationships have been cultivated to become professionally interactive with our purposes, services, and programs. Methods of delivery have included program and informational press releases for print, radio, and TV outlets, feature articles, newsletters, public presentations and activity booths, participation in municipal and other public meetings, paid advertisements—as well as a purposeful friendly manner in all phone, email, and personal interactions.

## Selected Media Coverage

January	Saturation bulk mail newsletter Winter 2007
April	Stroud Kids Summer Camp – Pocono Record Summer brochure distributed to schools
May	program announcements in Pocono Sports Extra, Pocono Parent Magazine, East Stroudsburg Borough newsletter; LAFF on the Levee press release
June	4 stories on LAFF and results; Community Center renovations in Pocono Record and WNEP-TV Channel 16; Stroud Kids press release
July	weekly newsletters to parents of Stroud Kids campers; 2 program announcements; one feature story, one Photo Op notice
August	content and quotes for 2-page spread Pocono Record feature on Stroud Region Parks; weekly newsletters to Stroud Kids parents
September	contributions to East Stroudsburg and Stroud Twp. newsletters; approaches to area school PTAs; Fall 2007 program newsletter to mailing list; VIP booklets and newsletters to RSVP distribution to Senior Centers; mentioned in Sage Magazine for Seniors; program announcement and paid ads in Pocono Record
October	Stroud Kids Club flyers distributed in schools; 3 small program announcements in Pocono Record
November	developed concept for 3 times/year Connections bulletin
December	press releases on online program registrations, January programs

## Public Events, Presentations and Expos

April 28	Boomers & Beyond Expo, Stroudsburg Junior High School
May 4	Health & Wellness Expo, Stroudsburg Junior High School
May 5	Family Expo, Shawnee Inn
May 11	Monroe Co. Association for the Blind, Eastern Monroe Public Library
May 16	Lehman Intermediate School Open House, Bushkill
June 2	Levee Loop Annual Fitness Festival, Dansbury Park
Aug. 2	Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, Best Western Hotel
Aug. 12	East Stroudsburg Crime Watch Event, Dansbury Park
Sept. 1	Stroud Fest, Main Street, Stroudsburg
Sept. 9	Stroud Township Community Day, Brodhead Creek Park
Oct. 9	East Stroudsburg University Recreation Management Class, ESU
Oct. 4	RSVP Annual Recognition Luncheon, Split Rock Lodge
Nov. 29	East Stroudsburg University Intro to Recreation Class, ESU
Dec. 3	Stroud Region Leadership Meeting, Day Street Community Center

# Open Space and Grant Projects

## Dansbury Trailhead



A new trailhead for the Levee Loop Trail is in the works at Dansbury Park. Providing benches, a pavilion, parking area, and a handicapped-accessible ramp to the top of the levee, it will allow easy access for all users.

The trailhead advances the development of the Brodhead Creek Greenway and provides full access to the regional Levee Loop Trail, connecting multiple municipal parks and school district

properties. The project provides additional parking to the most utilized park in the region and creates a scenic viewing area.

The project is financed by the Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission, a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and in-kind services of Stroud Township and East Stroudsburg Borough. The Trailhead has been designed by Buchart-Horn, Inc., Consultant Engineers and Planners. Construction is planned to start in Spring 2008.

## Terra Greens and Glen Brook Regional Parks Master Site Development Plan

The Commission has engaged the services of Simone Collins, Landscape Architects, to conduct a feasibility study and master site development plan for the development of two regional parks. In 2005 and 2006, the Borough of East Stroudsburg and the Township of Stroud acquired two golf courses (Terra Greens Golf Course and Glen Brook Golf Club) totaling 335 acres for the purpose of developing the facilities and the surrounding 240 acres of municipally-owned open space into regional parks.



The Master Site Development Plan will examine the feasibility of alternate and complementary recreational uses of both properties, and will solicit public participation throughout the process. The project is funded by East Stroudsburg and Stroud Township with a matching grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

## Bathhouse Renovations

At year's end, the Commission received notice of the approval of a \$75,000 grant from the PA Community Conservation Partnerships Program (administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) toward the proposed renovations of the Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg Pools Bathhouses.



# Friends of Stroud Region

Friends of the Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission held its organizational meeting in July, and elected Sonia Wolbert as Board Chair; Roland Featherman, Vice-Chair; Ceal Yost, Secretary; and Samantha Holbert, Treasurer. Other Members of the Board include Kathleen Lockwood and Rick Mutchler. Commission Executive Director Tim Herd serves as ex-officio member.

The Friends Board meets quarterly and has established an Annual Membership program of Personal Providers and Corporate Caretakers with varying levels of financial involvement.

The 501(c)(3) organization is currently concentrating on raising funds necessary to continue the interior renovations of the Day Street Community Center and other programs and projects of the Commission. In December, it received approval of a \$5000 grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for ongoing renovations.

## Professional Development and Training

Commission Staff attended a number of training conferences during the year and benefited not only from the practical instruction offered at them, but also from the professional networking among colleagues:

*Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society Conference*, Hershey, PA March 24-26.

*Third Annual Greenways & Trails Summit*, Greensburg, PA May 2-5.

*DCNR Grants Workshop: Developing an Excellent Project*, Allentown, PA May 15.

*Stroud Kids Staff Training and Orientation*, Stony Acres, Marshalls Creek, June 9, 15;

*Stroud Kids Staff CPR and First Aid Training*, Day Street Community Center, June 16.

*Fourth Annual Urban Recreation Institute*, Allentown, PA November 1-2.

In addition, all Commissioners and members of the Regions' three municipal Parks and Recreation Boards received a copy of the new DCNR publication, *Creating Sustainable Community Parks: A Guide to Improving Quality of Life by Protecting Natural Resources*.

The Commission's full time staff members are professional members of the National Recreation and Park Association and the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society.



*Zacharias Pond Park, East Stroudsburg*

# Volunteers in Parks

Volunteers serve a critical role in helping to meet the Commission's goals. Fulfilling roles in planning, programming, and facility needs, their services are important tangible support *from the Region for the Region*.

Members of the Commission serve as volunteers, as do members of the Friends Board and various project and event committees. Forty volunteers, largely derived from the active memberships of the Stroudsburg area Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, donated their time, skills—and in some cases vital tools and equipment—in preparing and covering the exterior of the Day Street Community Center with vinyl siding in June.

The Commission was fortunate to host several East Stroudsburg University Recreation Practicum students, each of whom offered their eager services in exchange for gaining 30 hours of real-life experience in their chosen profession. During the Spring term, Jen Ivey and Josh Butler worked on the Levee Loop Annual Fitness Fest and summer day camp preparations; and in the Fall, Steve Brown, Erica Andreano, and Alicia Fisher helped with database development, sources of grants and donations for the Dansbury Trailhead amenities, after school programming, office clerical tasks, and even painting.

Four parks planning projects, coordinated with ESU Professor and Recreation and Leisure Services Department Chair S. Elaine Rogers, were undertaken by students of her Recreation Facilities Management Class. Their reports included Interpretive and Directional Signage for the Levee Loop Trail, and planning and designing recreational areas and facilities for Glen Park, Kovarick Park, and Rotary Creek and Ann Street Parks.



*Volunteers contributed over 2200 hours of service in 2007 — valued at nearly \$42,000.*



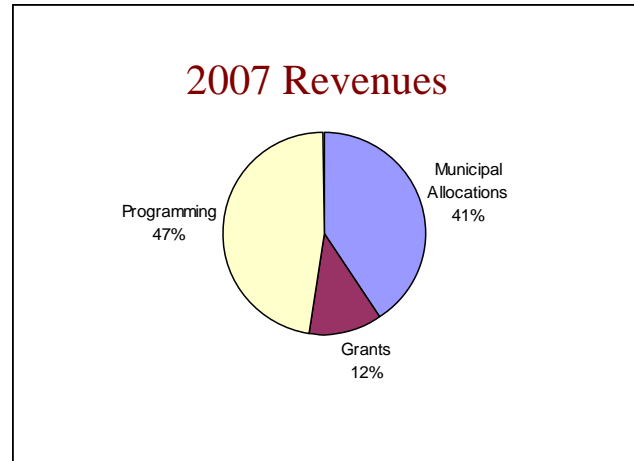
While it is very difficult to put a dollar value on volunteer time, the nonpartisan Independent Sector organization, using figures based on the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, has calculated that the value of volunteer time in 2007 to be approximately \$19 per hour.

Volunteers in Parks contributions to the Commission in 2007 total some 2207 hours. Applying the above value determination to the collective efforts, our volunteers have contributed \$41,993 of service to the Commission.

# 2007 Fiscal Operations

In 2007, the Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission received about 41 percent of its operating revenues as allocations from the Township of Stroud and the Boroughs of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg, based on a per capita rate of \$3.09. Programming income contributed about 47 percent, and grants another 12 percent of the total revenues.

Among disbursements, 48 percent directly supported the programming; 36 percent went toward the two fulltime employees' wages, and 16 percent for general operating expenses.



	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$68,479	\$87,151
Fixed Assets	\$14,500	0
<b>Liabilities</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$82,979	\$87,151



The Commission maintains its books and financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. An annual independent Auditor's Report is prepared by the Accountancy Firm of Todd J. Bushta, Certified Public Accountant, LLC.

The following is a summary Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.



<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Municipal Allocations - Per Capita</b>		
Borough of East Stroudsburg	25,752	23,972
Borough of Stroudsburg	19,357	17,786
Township of Stroud	53,825	43,192
<b>Grants</b>		
Commonwealth of PA - DCNR	28,090	0
<b>Program and other Receipts</b>		
Summer Recreation	106,549	100,078
Public and Family	3,151	0
Interest Revenue	525	86
Contributions	5,850	2,400
Other	118	3,212
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$243,217</b>	<b>\$190,726</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
<b>Personnel Related</b>		
Director's & Coordinator's Salaries	73,628	51,685
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	16,342	11,635
	<b>\$89,970</b>	<b>\$63,320</b>
<b>General Disbursements</b>		
Professional Fees	9,786	4,000
Dues & Subscriptions	770	400
Insurance	7,496	5,392
Communications	2,507	3,232
Repairs & Maintenance	3,138	0
Office Expenses	9,164	9,528
Travel	939	0
Training & Seminars	1,211	2,309
Marketing	3,269	2,198
Other	835	396
Bank Fees	10	680
	<b>\$39,125</b>	<b>\$28,135</b>
<b>Direct Program Disbursements</b>		
Wages	93,408	48,794
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	9,429	7,220
Supplies	6,990	4,614
Program Contracts	64	8,571
Uniforms	951	469
Special Events	7,452	6,722
	<b>118,294</b>	<b>76,390</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$247,389</b>	<b>\$167,845</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>-4,172</b>	<b>22,881</b>
<b>Beginning Cash</b>	<b>87,151</b>	<b>64,270</b>
<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$82,979</b>	<b>\$87,151</b>

## 2008 Goals

“The Stroud Area regional open space system will encompass a wide variety of conservation and recreation efforts. Local governments, private organizations, and a strong volunteer base work to sustain and operate the system. These regional efforts will guide the community’s future growth, support continued environmental quality, enhance economic viability, and greatly contribute to a high quality of life for generations of residents.” —*mission statement, Stroud Area Regional Open Space and Recreation Plan*



*Creekview Park*

### Levee Loop Trail Development

- Develop grant application(s) to develop East Trail Phase II of the Levee Loop Master Plan; connection from Veterans Memorial Bridge to Godfrey Ridge, Recycling Center trailhead, pedestrian bridge.
- Construct, dedicate Dansbury Trailhead; secure donations for amenities.

### Open Space Preservation/Management

- Develop method and secure grant to purchase and remediate GPU property; the site remains a crucial link to the Levee Loop Trail despite its contamination identified in Phase I Assessment.
- Act on recommendations of the Terra Greens and Glen Brook Regional Parks Master Site Development Plan.
- Facilitate greater administrative cooperation among the Member Municipalities in terms of identifying, planning, acquiring, and promoting regional parks and open space properties.

### Recreation Programming

- Reach consensus among Member Municipalities on out-of-region programming.
- Secure grant funding for after-school programming and special events.
- Establish and promote online program registrations, pool memberships and tracking, and other components of the ActiveNet system; train borough pool managers.
- Increase the programmatic cooperation among the Member Municipalities; consider benefits of consolidating certain services (i.e. no single source of program info exists for the region, etc.)

### Community Center

- Coordinate fundraising efforts with Friends to continue interior renovations on Day Street Community Center: 2 projects: meeting rooms and gym.
- Market rental and use of facilities to organized groups.

### Public Education/Relations

- Develop multimedia production “The Case for Open Space” and market its presentation throughout the Region.
- Develop interpretive brochures with maps for the open portions of the Levee Loop Trail, as well as other Regional parks with trails. Secure grant(s) for interpretive and directional signage.
- Create seasonal feature articles for publication in *Connections*, newsletters and other public outlets.

### Volunteers In Parks

- Continue to enlist and train volunteers to serve in the 22 various capacities throughout the regional parks. Establish regular schedule and corps of Roving Park Patrol.