

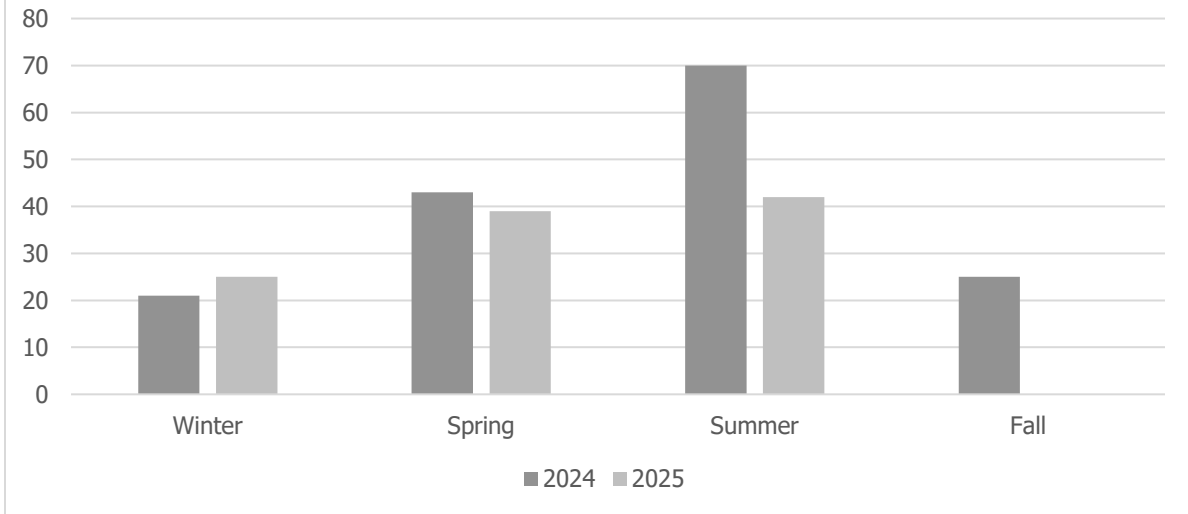
Department Name	Parks and Recreation
Account(s)	7410

Department Function
The Albany County Parks & Recreation Department provides high-quality leisure and recreational opportunities that promote the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive well-being of residents and visitors. Through a broad range of accessible, inclusive, and programs, the department enhances quality of life while fostering community engagement, and personal development. Our core services include free or low-cost recreational programs for people of all ages and abilities, offering opportunities that promote self-sufficiency, health, and lifelong skills. We also provide dynamic spaces available for community use, reservations, and organized events.

Current Year Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented six courses and certified 98 lifeguards as part of the Lifeguard Certification Initiative • Implemented Fire Service Training Academy: Wildfires program for ages 14-65 • Partnered with the Albany FireWolves for a Youth Lacrosse Clinic for ages 8-17 at MVP Arena • Partnered with the Albany FireWolves Wolf Pack Dance Team for our Dance Program Winter Showcase • Expanded our Lawson Lake School Field Days, to Bethlehem & South Colonie School Districts and over 350 students • Partnered with MVP & Claim to Fame Entertainment for E-sports for ages 8-16 • Partnered with DEC, NYSSA, Albany County Sheriff, and Frontier SnoRiders for Winter Fest at Lawson Lake County Park • Partnered with MVP to offer Adult Fitness Class at the MVP Fitness Court at Tawasentha Park • Partnered with Bring on the Spectrum to provide neurodiverse programming • Implemented 49 summer programs for youth and adults • Obtained the Cohoes Community Center • Operating various programs for multiple ages at the Events & Athletic Center at Saint Rose • Implemented Adult Dungeons & Dragons program for ages 18+ • Installed Lure Library at Lawson Lake County Park in collaboration with Eagle Scouts • Installing 911 Emergency Phone at Lawson Lake County Park • Installed bathroom facility and water stations at Slingerlands Trailhead on the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail (HHRT) • Installed two plate readers to improve safety at Lawson Lake County Park • Implemented Chalk the Walk, in partnership with the Department of Health, on the HHRT. • Served 7,000 participants in scheduled programs • Operated 106 scheduled programs spread out in almost every municipality throughout the County

Next Year Projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host pop-up events to engage communities that have historically underutilized our programs. • Organize volunteer workdays to promote environmental stewardship and community involvement. • Launch invasive species awareness and education initiatives as part of our environmental commitment. • Coordinate countywide tournaments in basketball, lacrosse, chess, and other leisure activities. • Expand educational programming through college recruitment events and workshops. • Offer aquatic programming, including morning open swim and parent-child classes. • Utilize recreational vehicles for community fieldtrips to County parks and facilities. • Commemorate America's 250th anniversary by highlighting the role of recreation in U.S. history. • Provide structured mentorship through Buildings and Trades programs. • Expand Switzkill Preserve's hiking trails, outdoor and educational activities, and meeting accommodations. • Ensure all trails systems are accessible and mobility-friendly for all users. • Develop strength and fitness facilities at Cohoes and EAC for individual, team, and school training. • Upgrade athletic surfaces and amenities across county facilities. • Expand adult and youth basketball programming at EAC and Cohoes 	
Link to Website	https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/recreation

Albany County Parks and Recreation Programs by Season



Albany County Parks and Recreation 2025 YTD Facility Use by Hours

