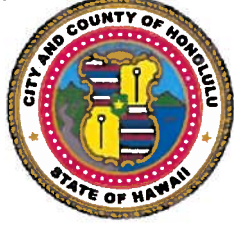


We Add Quality to Life



Department of Parks and Recreation

Report to the Charter Commission

July 30, 2015

Department of Parks and Recreation In Numbers

Staff: 871.25 positions (Full Time Equivalent)

Operating Budget: \$72,623,200

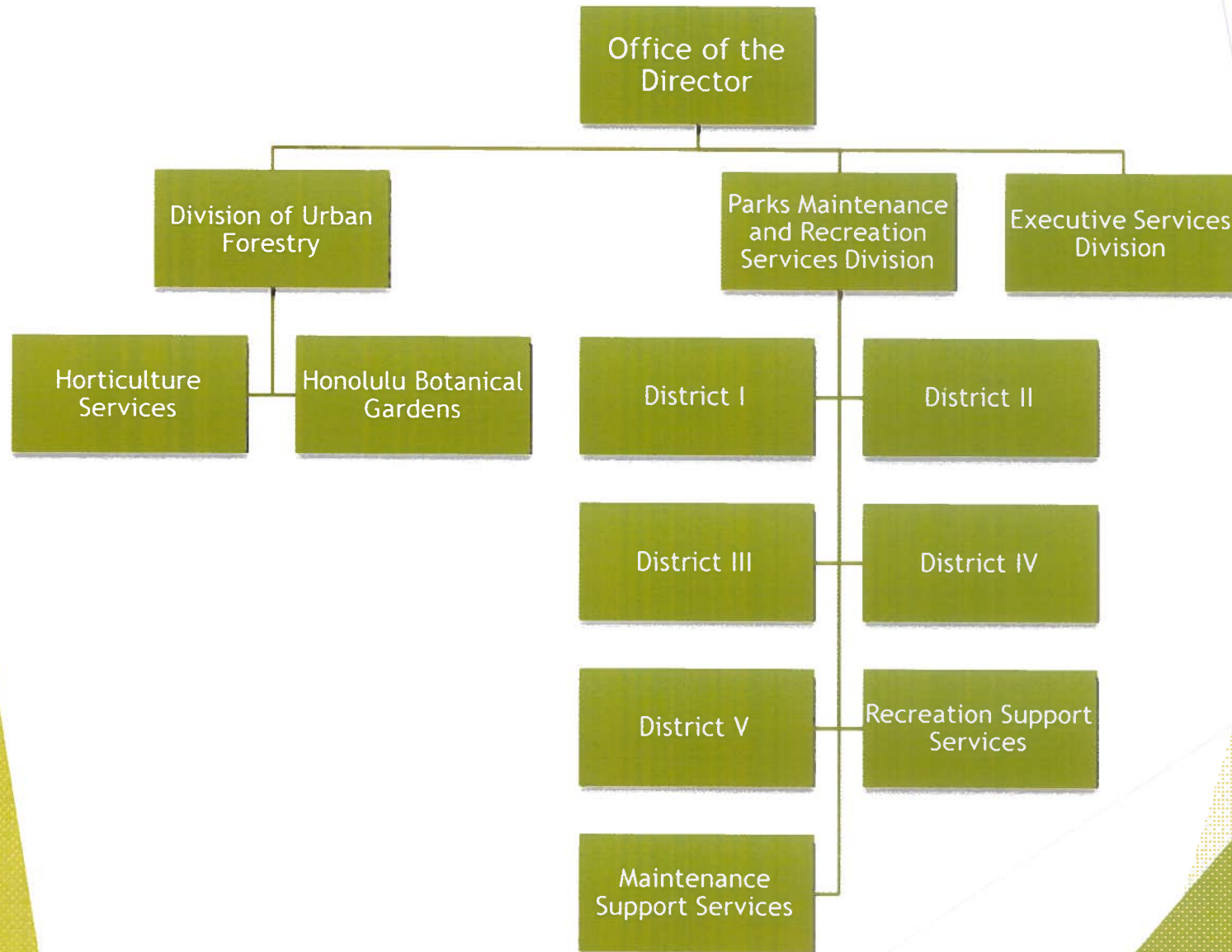
Parks: 286 on 5,154.83 acres

Undeveloped lands: 1179.51 acres

Beach right-of-ways: 90

Comfort stations: 213

Department of Parks and Recreation Organizational Chart



Current Charter of the Department of Parks and Recreation

The director of parks and recreation shall:

- a) Advise the director of design and construction on the planning and design of the parks and recreational facilities of the city, and maintain and operate all such facilities.
- b) Develop and implement programs for cultural, recreational and other leisure-time activities for the people of the city, except as otherwise provided by law.
- c) Beautify the public parks, facilities and streets of the city, including, but not limited to, the planting, trimming and maintaining of all shade trees, hedges and shrubs on such city parks, facilities and streets except hedges and shrubs on traffic medians, triangles, circles, and other traffic calming appurtenances.
- d) Process permit applications to use city parks and recreational facilities for free or affordable child day care programs for consideration by the council pursuant to Section 3-123 of this charter, provided that the director finds that such use does not interfere with the public's use of the property for park and recreational purposes. (Reso. 192 (1974) and 94-150; 1998 Reorganization; 2007 Reorganization)

Areas of Success under the Current DPR Charter

Chapter 14(a) – Park maintenance, design, planning, construction, and operation

In the past year:

- ▶ DPR repainted 50 comfort stations and refurbished 5 play apparatus island wide
- ▶ Completed 6 full comfort station makeovers
- ▶ Maintenance Support Services section completed 3,144 work orders

Chapter 14(b) – Recreational and cultural programming

In the past year:

- ▶ 47,698 individuals participated in the tiny tots, children, teens, adults, and seniors recreation programs.
- ▶ Summer Fun Program continues to be the largest program of its kind in the state serving over 10,000 school age children and teens each year.

Chapter 14(c) – Urban forestry and beautification

In the past year:

- ▶ The Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) removed 533 hazardous and/or invasive trees, and cleared 13 major sites of invasive species
- ▶ Performed early tree care and low pruning of 2,975 trees, planted 742 park and street trees island wide, and assumed maintenance responsibility for 934 trees along streets turned over to the city by developers
- ▶ Successfully followed up on 4,114 requests relating to trees, botanical gardens, and other division operational concerns

Challenges that need to be addressed

Chapter 14(a) – Park maintenance, design, planning, construction, and operation

When city departments were reorganized in the 1990's, the planning and development of parks and recreation facilities were removed from DPR and sent to the newly created DDC. It's an issue and we don't yet have an agreed upon solution.

