

Parks and Recreation EMS Fenceline Information

The designated fenceline for this initiative was the City of Charlottesville Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department was selected due to the range of activities it is involved with and the visibility of its operations to the citizens of Charlottesville. The Department also wanted to distinguish itself as a leader in the City of Charlottesville in terms of environmental protection and worker health and safety.

The Parks and Grounds Division of the City of Charlottesville's Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining the extensive park system, trails, school grounds, two cemeteries and various landscaped beds and trees throughout the City as well as the vehicles and equipment to conduct these activities. The Division operates with a staff of 33 full-time and up to 12 part-time or seasonal employees.

The Golf Division is responsible for a beautiful 18-hole municipal golf course, located on the eastern edge of the City, as well as a smaller nine-hole sand green course located at one of the City's centrally located parks. The Golf Division operates with a staff of 10 full-time and up to 19 seasonal employees.

The Recreation Division is a diversion and entertainment activity provider whose mission is to offer activities and programs to refresh the mind and body of its participants. Services provided by this division are varied and include six specific work teams including Management & Business Services, Aquatics and Youth Classes, Athletics, City Market and Special Youth Activities, Recreation Centers & Youth Programs, and Therapeutics and Adult Classes. The Department operates with a staff of 68 full-time and up to 351 part-time or seasonal employees.

Top management support for the development of an environmental management system (EMS) for the Department of Parks and Recreation includes the City Manager, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Managers of the Divisions of Parks and Grounds, Golf, and Recreation.

It is the City of Charlottesville's goal to implement an EMS throughout the Department of Parks and Recreation and eventually to implement it on a citywide basis. The City adopted an Environmental Sustainability Policy in February 2003 and, in accordance with that policy, is committed to providing the resources necessary to successfully implement an EMS and to become an example of successful environmental stewardship at the municipal level.