

# Council Standard Questions

## Governance and Personnel

1. *Please provide a complete and current organizational chart for the agency and each division and subdivision within the agency, including:*
  - a. *The names and titles of all senior personnel;*
  - b. *A description of the roles and responsibilities for each division and subdivision;*
  - c. *A narrative explanation of any changes to the organizational chart made in the last calendar year; and*
  - d. *An indication of whether any positions in the chart are vacant.*

**Response:**

[DPR -FY26- Org chart Master.pdf](#)  
[DPR Divisions FY25.docx](#)

2. *Please provide a complete, up-to-date list of contract workers working directly for your agency, ordered by program and activity, and including the following information for each position:*
  - a. *Title of position;*
  - b. *Indication that the position is filled or vacant;*
  - c. *Date employee began in the position;*
  - d. *Whether the position must be filled to comply with federal or local law;*
  - e. *If applicable, the federal or local law that requires the position be filled;*
  - f. *The entity from which they are contracted; and*
  - g. *The contracted annual cost.*

**Response:**

[Contract Workers.pdf](#)

3. *Please provide, for each month of FY 25 through FY 26 to date, the net number of personnel separated from and hired to the agency.*

**Response:**

The Number of Personnel Separated and Hired		
FY-25		
	Hired	Separated
Oct-24	5	54

Nov-24	5	1
Dec-24	10	7
Jan-25	4	5
Feb-25	1	8
Mar-25	2	6
Apr-25	1	3
May-25	105	5
Jun-25	315	48
Jul-25	9	41
Aug-25	6	92
Sep-25	2	438
<b>FY-26</b>		
Oct-25	1	14
Nov-25	4	1
Dec-25	27	1
Jan-26	2	2

**4. Does the agency conduct annual performance evaluations of all its employees? If so, who conducts such evaluations? What steps are taken to ensure that all office employees are meeting individual job requirements?**

**Response:**

**Yes, DPR conducts performance evaluations. DPR conducts annual performance evaluations in compliance with Chapter 14 of the District Personnel Manual. The employee’s manager creates, completes, and discusses the evaluation tool with the employee. DPR provides training related to performance management, including employee coaching. Managers are responsible for monitoring and coaching employees throughout the year to meet their individual job requirements.**

**If an employee does not meet their job requirements, the agency considers placing the employee on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). A PIP may be established for 30, 60, or 90 days. After each 30-day interval, a discussion takes place regarding the employees’ progress and, if necessary, areas of needed improvement, and any related next steps.**

**5. Please provide the following for each collective bargaining agreement that is currently in effect for agency employees:**

**a. The bargaining unit (name and local number);**

**AFGE Local 2741**

**b. The start and end date of each agreement;**

**September 1995**

*c. The number of employees covered;*

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*d. Whether the agency is currently bargaining;*

**DPR is not currently bargaining**

*e. If currently bargaining, anticipated completion date;*

N/A

*f. For each agreement, the union leader's name title and contact information;*

**James Battle, President, Local AFGE 2741.**

[afgelocal2741presbattle@gmail.com](mailto:afgelocal2741presbattle@gmail.com).

*g. A copy of the ratified collective bargaining agreement.*

[Collective Bargaining Agreement CBA.pdf](#)

**6. Please list all employees currently detailed to or from your agency. For each detailed employee, include:**

- a. The reason for the detail;*
- b. The job duties if detailed to your agency;*
- c. The start date of detail;*
- d. The agency the employee is detailed to/from; and*
- e. The projected date of return.*

There are currently no DPR staff detailed to any district agency.

Name	Job Duties	Start Date	Agency Detailed from
Johnson, Matthew	CSR	08/07/2025	JZ - Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
WILLIAMS, TANYA	CSR	08/07/2025	GA - DC Public Schools
Ferrell, Donald	CSR	08/07/2025	JZ - Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

<b>McFadden, Derrick</b>	<b>CSR</b>	<b>08/27/2025</b>	<b>GA - DC Public Schools</b>
<b>Toliver, Nhyre</b>	<b>CSR</b>	<b>09/22/2025</b>	<b>JZ - Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services</b>
<b>Lee, Lanette</b>	<b>CSR</b>	<b>1/23/2026</b>	<b>HA - Department of Parks and Recreation</b>

7. *Please provide a copy of your agency’s Schedule A, as of the date of receipt of this questionnaire.*

*Response:*

[Agency Schedule A \(1\).pdf](#)

8. *Please provide a list and description of all memorandums of understanding and memorandums of agreement in effect during FY 25 and FY 26, to date.*

[MOUs FY25 and FY 26.pdf](#)

## Finance and Budget

9. *Please provide a status report, including timeframe of completion, for all projects for which your agency currently has capital funds available.*

[DPR Active Capital Projects.pdf](#)

[Copy of DPR Active Capital Projects.xlsx](#)

10. *Please provide copies of all budget enhancement requests (The Form B or similar form) submitted in the formulation of the FY 25 and FY 26 proposed budgets.*

**Response:**

**This request asks for information that is protected from disclosure by the deliberative process and executive privileges.**

11. *Please list all budget enhancements in FY 26 and provide a status report on the implementation of each enhancement.*

**Response:**

<b>Enhancement</b>	<b>Status</b>
Security Services	Implementation of security service contracts at pools and recreation centers is underway.
Operating Impact of Capital (SETLC, Ft. Greble, and Rosedale Pool)	Recruitment phase for positions supporting these capital projects is in progress.
Coach Stipends	Stipend issuance for fall and winter seasons is actively in progress.
SETLC Tennis Coach	Recruitment phase for this specialized coaching position is ongoing.
Jelleff Boys and Girls Club	Funding has been successfully dispersed to support program operations.
Level one Maintenance FTEs	Recruitment phase for these essential maintenance roles is currently underway.
Special Olympics	Agency is evaluating proposals and anticipates full expenditure of allocated funds during summer.
Agency Operational Enhancements	Funding is being strategically utilized for recreational equipment acquisitions and service contracts.

**12. Please fill out the attached spreadsheet titled “Question 12 Grants Received,” and list all federal and/or private grants received by your agency in FY 25 and FY 26 to date, current balances, and indicate any that lapsed during or at the end of [previous fiscal year].**

- a. Please submit the completed document in both Excel and PDF formats.**
- b. Please include your Agency Code in the filename (e.g., question\_12\_AB0\_2026.xls).**

[Grants Received\\_FY25.pdf](#)

[Grants Received\\_FY26.pdf](#)

**13. List all grants issued by your agency in FY 25 and FY 26, to date in the attachment labeled “Question 13 Grants Issued”.**

- a. Please submit the completed document in both Excel and PDF formats.**
- b. Please include your Agency Code in the filename (e.g., Question\_13\_AB0\_2026.xls).**

[Grants Issued.pdf](#)

[Question 13 Grants Issued.xlsx](#)

## Operations

- 14. Please provide the Committee with a list of all vehicles owned or leased by the agency; the purpose of the vehicle; the division the vehicle is assigned to, if applicable; and whether the vehicle is assigned to an individual employee.**

**Response:**

[Q14 DPR Vehicle List.pdf](#)

- 15. For each objective and activity in the agency's FY 25 Performance Plan, please list:**
- a. The measure of greatest improvement for the agency, and the actions the agency took to improve that measure's outcome, efficiency or quantity; and**

**Response:**

**In FY25, the measure showing the greatest improvement was "Percent of staff receiving customer service training annually."**

**DPR increased its focus on agencywide customer care training and achieved 100% of staff completion, exceeding the FY25 target.**

- b. For all measures with missed targets (if any), explain the actions the agency is taking to improve that measure's outcome, efficiency, or quantity.**

**Response:**

### **1. Metrics Unmet**

- (1) Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs (Boost Camps)**

**(a)** This program was supported with ARPA funding, now sunset.

- (2) Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs (Summer Plus)**

**(a)** This program was supported with ARPA funding, now sunset.

- (3) Program enrollment rate (*Parks Policy and Programs*)**

**(a)** The population captured in this metric is small relative to the scope of DPR operations and therefore will be tracked internally in FY26.

- (4) Number of aquatics programs provided**

**(a)** In FY25, DPR achieved approximately 90% of our target program goals, and we will continue to find new and innovative opportunities to meet this goal in the future.

- (5) Number of lifeguards trained**

(a) In FY25, DPR trained and staffed the requisite personnel for all sites. This number represents an aspirational goal to develop a pipeline of trained lifeguards.

**(6) Number of Community Gardening Classes**

(a) The population captured in this metric is small relative to the scope of DPR operations and therefore will be tracked internally in FY26.

**(7) Number of followers**

(a) The agency is actively working to expand our digital outreach across all platforms.

**16. List all new objectives, activities and projects in the agency's [current fiscal year] Performance Plan and explain why they were added.**

**Response:**

No new objectives, activities, or projects were added to the current fiscal year Performance Plan

**17. Describe problems and challenges, including chronic maintenance issues and design flaws, in agency-owned or leased facilities.**

**Response:**

a. DPR capital projects were not driven by "chronic maintenance issues or design flaws." Upon review, projects were the result of lifecycle replacement of major assets such as playground surfacing, dog park surfacing, athletic field surfaces, HVAC equipment, etc. DPR works closely with our partners at DGS to identify maintenance needs at our facilities.

b. *What capital or operating projects arose from these issues in FY 25 and FY 26 to date, including cost and actions taken?*

As part of these upgrades, DPR is incorporating newer designs and technologies that didn't exist at the time of original construction things like high-efficiency HVAC systems, advanced building controls, improved ventilation and filtration standards, LED lighting, updated life safety systems, and enhanced ADA accessibility features.

**18. Please list each new initiative implemented by the agency during FY 25 and FY 26 to date. For each new initiative, please provide:**

- a. *A description of the initiative;*
- b. *Actual start date;*
- c. *Actual or anticipated end date;*

- d. The funding required to implement the initiative;*
- e. Whether the initiative was mandated by legislative action;*
- f. Problems or challenges faced in the program's implementation;*
- g. The metrics the agency is collecting to measure the initiative's success; and*
- h. An assessment of the initiative's success thus far.*

**Response:**

In FY26, DPR implemented the Youth Sports Coaches Stipend to provide a one-time stipend to support eligible coaches in reducing the financial burden assumed during the season, covering costs related to equipment, food, registration, fees, and certification. Youth sports are a key part of our out-of-school time and recreation ecosystem and coaches are at the heart of that work. The initiative began on October 1, 2025, and is anticipated to conclude on September 30, 2026. A total of \$400,000 is allocated for disbursement to youth sports coaches. The initiative is not mandated by law, and no significant challenges have been identified to date. The metric the agency will use to measure success is "Number of sports and Fitness programs provided." To date, the initiative is operating as intended.

- 19. Please list any legislation that impacts your agency from FY 25 and FY 26 and provide a status report on the agency's implementation related to each piece of legislation.**

**Response:**

DPR did not have any legislation in FY25 or FY26 to date that impacts the agency.

- 20. Customer feedback**

- a. How does the agency solicit feedback from customers (i.e., District residents served)? Please describe.*

**Response:**

The agency receives feedback from customers through quarterly electronic surveys, emails through the DPR website, "Ask the Director" form submissions and through the customer care telephone line open during normal business hours Monday thru Friday. In addition, quarterly ward-specific meetings on DPR capital projects and program specific webinars are conducted to hear directly from residents.

- b. What has the agency learned from this feedback?*

**Response:**

The agency has heard general concerns and interest in specific programs and services offered by the agency as well as feedback on how to improve DPR's facilities and program registration system.

***c. How has the agency changed its practices because of such feedback?***

**Response:**

Based on customer feedback, the agency has implemented several practice and system improvements to enhance transparency, accessibility, and overall customer experience. Specifically, DPR has made adjustments to its cancellation processes and procedures to ensure clearer timelines, improved communication, and greater consistency across programs.

In response to resident concerns regarding program access and availability, the agency has also refined and expanded certain program offerings to better align with community interests and demand trends identified through surveys and direct engagement.

Additionally, DPR has made system updates to improve the registration experience. Notably, the agency introduced a viewable waitlist feature that allows residents to see their placement on the waitlist when not selected in the camp lottery. This enhancement increases transparency, reduces uncertainty for families, and provides clearer insight into program access.

Collectively (but not limited to), these changes reflect DPR's commitment to using customer feedback to drive continuous improvement, strengthen operational efficiency, and better serve District residents.

## Laws, Audits, and Reports

***21. Please identify any legislative modifications that would enable the agency to better meet its mission.***

**Response:**

DPR works with the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) and the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) to determine necessary legislative changes impacting the agency and introduces such legislation at such time it is deemed necessary.

***22. Please identify any regulatory impediments to your agency's operations.***

**Response:**

DPR works with the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) and the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) to determine necessary regulatory changes impacting the agency and updates regulations at such time it is deemed necessary.

**23. Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency, or any investigations, studies, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency that were completed during FY 25 and FY 26 to date.**

**Response:**

In the summer of 2023 DPR implemented lottery system in an effort to ensure equitable access to DPR’s robust summer camp offerings. In FY25, ODCA initiated a discretionary audit of the implementation of the 2023 and 2024 summer camp lottery program. These findings and DPR’s responses are included in the link below. DPR is committed to improving the lottery process to expand residents’ access to camps, which provide important and evidence-based enrichment opportunities to children and youth while also providing safe and affordable childcare options for working families.

DPR offers summer camp for children aged three to 13, with four two-week sessions. DPR camp types and themes include: two signature day camps (Little Explorers and Discovery Camp), several sports and swimming camps, and various specialty camps with a focus on performing arts, STEAM (science, tech, engineering, arts, and mathematics), and culinary arts. Research shows that participating in quality afterschool and summer programs benefits children and youth in terms of “academic performance, social and emotional learning, and health and wellness.” But summer camp is also a crucial source of childcare for many working parents once school is out for the summer. DPR’s summer camps are a popular and affordable option. Prices range from \$135 to \$325 per two-week session. Additionally, DPR offers a reduced rate to assist D.C. residents with fee assistance, based on income and household size. Objective: To determine how effectively DPR implemented the 2023 and 2024 camp registration lotteries. Scope: The audit scope was Fiscal Years 2023-2024 (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2024).

[Recommendation Compliance Agency Table DPR Responses \(1\).pdf](#)

**24. Please identify and provide an update on what actions have been taken to address all recommendations made during the previous three years by:**

- a. Office of the Inspector General;**
- b. D.C. Auditor;**
- c. Internal audit; and**
- d. Any other federal or local oversight entities.**

**Response:**

We are actively addressing all twelve (12) recommendations provided by the auditor and have begun implementing corrective actions to strengthen compliance processes, and internal controls.

The twelve (12) ODCA recommendations can be found here -

**25. Please list all pending lawsuits in which the agency, or its officers or employees acting in their official capacities, are named as defendants, and for each case provide the following:**

- a. The case name;**
- b. Court where the suit was filed;**
- c. Case docket number;**
- d. Case status; and**
- e. A brief description of the case.**

**Response:**

**2025-2026 Lawsuits Involving DPR**

**A. Matters Before the Office of Human Rights (OHR):**

1. J Hamilton v DPR OHR 23-283DC(CN) (claiming that various Chapter 16 suspensions were retaliatory)
2. Y Glascoe for 23-228-DC(CN) (claiming that various ADA accommodations were not sufficient)

**B. Matters before PERB (Arbitration):**

1. PERB Case No. 24-U-28 and 24-U-29: Local 2741 parking demand for employees for Stead Recreation Center worksite. DPR prevailed.
2. Grievance Arbitration DPR - Case: 251016-00422 Local 2741: Union Officials demand that approval form for use of official time (time away from worksite) is not mandatory and therefore violates the CBA. DPR partly prevailed.

**C. Matters in Superior Court**

1. Zunnobia Hakir v. D.C., 2024-CAB-006524 Playground injury during afternoon access program stemming from an incident in October 2021.
2. Michelle Wright v. D.C., 2023 CAB 000653 Wrongful termination and retaliation stemming from DPR's separation of her at-will employment in June 2021.
3. Anis Khalef Bensidhoum v. D.C.; 2021 CA 003780 B Slip and Fall Southwest Duck Pond arising from fall in February 2019.

**D. Matters Before the Office of Patent and Trademark**

1. DPR trademark Opposition to "Chuck Brown Day" Trademark filed by Raw Ventures Records, Opposition No. 91290758, Filed September 2024. (DPR v Raw Ventures).

**26. Please list the total amount of money the agency or the District, on behalf of the agency, expended to settle claims against it, or its officers or employees acting in their official capacities, in FY 25 and FY 26 to date.**

**Response:**

The agency expended \$198,311.49. *Note that this includes court and attorney fees, torts, etc.*

**27. Please list each settlement the agency or the District, on behalf of the agency, entered into in FY 25 and FY 26 to date that involved claims against the agency, or its officers or employees in their official capacity, including any settlements covered by D.C. Code § 2-402(a)(3). For each settlement, provide:**

- a. The amount of the settlement;*
- b. If related to litigation, the case name and brief description; and*
- c. If unrelated to litigation, please describe the underlying issue or reason for the settlement (e.g. administrative complaint, etc.).*

**Response:**

**Benji Holdings v. DC** Case No 2024 CAB-008199 (DC Super Ct.) \$167,669.59, as alleged in the DPR Claims, June 30, 2025.

**28. Please list all administrative complaints or grievances that the agency received in FY 25 and FY 26 to date. For each complaint, list:**

- a. The source of complaint;*
- b. The process utilized to respond to the complaint or grievance;*
- c. Any changes to agency policies or procedures that resulted from the complaint or grievance; and*
- d. If resolved, describe the resolution.*

Source	Type	Process to Respond	Policy Changes	Resolution
DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Approved
DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Approved
DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Approved
DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Approved
DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Approved
DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Denied

DPR employee	Grievance	Processed in accordance with CBA	No	Approved
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**29. Is the agency currently party to any active non-disclosure agreements? If so, please provide all allowable information on all such agreements, including:**

- a. The number of agreements;*
- b. The department(s) within the agency associated with each agreement; and*
- c. Whether any agreements are required for specific positions (please list each position by division and program and indicate whether the position is contracted)*

**Response:**

DPR is not currently party to any active non-disclosure agreements.

**Data**

**30. In filterable and sortable spreadsheet, please list all electronic databases maintained by your agency, including the following:**

- a. A detailed description of the information tracked within each system;*
- b. The age of the system and any discussion of substantial upgrades that have been made or are planned to the system; and*
- c. Whether the public can be granted access to all or part of each system.*

**Response:**

[Agency Maintained Databases.pdf](#)

**31. Please provide a list of all studies, research papers, and analyses (“studies”) the agency or an agency’s employee requested, prepared, presented or contracted for during FY**

**25. For each study please list:**

- a. The status;*
- b. The purpose; and*
- c. A link (if published) to the study, research paper or analysis.*

**Response:**

Capital Projects: Last summer, a DPR Capstone Fellow pursuing a doctorate in Occupational Therapy evaluated accessibility and inclusive design features across our playground inventory. That effort expanded public access to playground information. DPR published online profiles for every operable playground so parents and caregivers could quickly identify nearby inclusive play spaces.

**Please see the following playground information:**

## Committee Specific Questions

### Overall

#### Mission and Regulations

**32. Identify DPR's overall mission statement.**

**Response:**

DPR's mission statement is to provide DC residents with equitable access to high-quality recreational programs, services, and facilities – across all 8 wards.

**33. List all regulations for which DPR is responsible for oversight or implementation. List by chapter and subject heading, including the most recent revision date 19 DCMR 700 (2016):**

**Response:**

716. Establishment of Fees

717. Priority of Permitted Uses

718. Responsibility for Repairs to Properties

719. Establishment of User Fees for the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center and Other Similar Tennis Facilities

720. Support for Parks, Facilities, Recreational Activities, and Events

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723. Recreational Activities

724. Residency

725. Permits

...

729. Commercial Activities for the Sale of Goods

730. Statement of Purpose

731. Dog Parks: General Provisions

732. Dog Parks: Application Process

732. Dog Parks: Application Process

- 733. Dog Parks: Site Guidelines and Specifications
- 734. Dog Parks: Complaints and Enforcement
- 735. Dog Parks: Operating Rules
- 799. Definitions

**34. List and describe any regulations promulgated by DPR in FY 25 and FY 26, to date, and the status of each.**

**Response:**

There are no regulations promulgated by DPR in FY25 and FY26 to date.

**35. Provide the number of FOIA requests DPR received for FY 25 and FY 26, to date. Include the number granted, partially granted, denied, and pending. In addition, provide the average response time, the estimated number of FTEs required to process requests, the estimated number of hours spent responding to these requests, and the cost of compliance.**

**Response:**

FOIA October 2024 to Date

1. During the requested period, DPR has received 42 FOIA requests.
- 2.

FOIA October 2024 to Date					
Granted in Whole	Partially Granted	Denied	Pending Search Results	Pending in Queue for Response	Paused Pending Clarification
17	4	4	7	5	5

3. Of the 25 FOIA requests that have been fully processed the response times for each are below:

**Granted in Whole**

	FOIA ID	Days to Respond
1	R000358-062824	101
2	Harvey	78
3	2024-FOIA-02845	Amended Resp.
4	Turnage	35 additional prod
5	R003635-100324	26
6	R006062-122824	22
7	R006948-012825	5

8	R007586-021725	29
9	R007944-022725	38
10	R007992-030225	20
11	R003664-100424	34
12	Anderson	23
13	Moore	25
14	R011718-061525	23
15	Herchel	8
16	R002731-121725	17
17	Chamberlaine	14

**Partially Granted**

	<b>FOIA ID</b>	<b>Days to Respond</b>
1	2024-FOIA-0232	Rolling Prod.
3	R009263-040425	31
2	Wade	30
4	R000724-102225	31

**Denied**

	<b>FOIA ID</b>	<b>Days to Respond</b>
1	R005232-112224	83
2	R002252-082224	83
3	R007600-021825	29
4	R012028-062525	17

4. On Average about 3-4 hours are spent working on each FOIA; however, FOIA requests that require rolling production or extensive search, and review can extend that time greatly. A typical voluminous FOIA request can require the release of several production sets of material before completion. This typically requires several hours' worth of review over an extended period or several days.
5. The DPR FOIA Officer typically requests DPR staff to search records or provide FOIA information according to the request. The number of staff required to search can vary greatly depending on the particular request and nature of the request. If a request includes information from a particular DPR department that entire department is requested to perform a search for documents. After responsive information is received, the FOIA Officer reviews the materials, and processes them for redactions, exemptions, etc., before a final response is sent.
6. Currently DPR does not charge for FOIA production that is digitally produced. All modern FOIA productions are currently produced in some digital format.

## Organization and Staffing

- 36. During FY 25 and FY 26, to date, how many vacancies were posted? Identify**
- a. Each position;***
  - b. How long the position was vacant;***
  - c. What steps have been taken to fill the position;***
  - d. Whether DPR plans to fill the position; and***
  - e. Whether the position has been filled.***

**Response:**

Positions are posted in compliance with DC DPM Chapter 2. In deciding the recruitment methods to use DPR identifies the methods that will most likely meet the agency's mission, objectives, and hiring goals. However, all recruitment methods, including any template communications and marketing materials, are approved by the personnel authority prior to. These include, but are not limited to draft, sample or template:

Publications (including print and electronic publications); Logos; Branding and slogans; Advertising (the term advertising includes traditional media channels — TV, radio, billboard, magazine, newspaper, etc.), as well as marketing communications that utilize new media channels, including websites, email solicitations, and other activities involved in marketing employment with the District government; General media relations (distribution of press releases, development of external newswires, and all other activities related to media relations); Promotional videos and social media.

**Response:**

[Vacancy Data.pdf](#)

- 37. List in descending order DPR's top 25 overtime earners in FY 25 and FY 26, to date, if applicable. For each, state the employee's name, position number, position title, program, activity, salary, fringe, and the aggregate amount of overtime pay earned by each.**

**Response:**

[DPR\\_Agency\\_Overtime.pdf](#)

- 38. For FY 25 and FY 26, to date, provide a list of employee bonuses, special pay granted, or separation pay issued, that identifies the employee receiving the bonus, special pay, or separation pay, the amount received, and the reason for the bonus, special pay, or separation pay.**

**Response:**

In FY 25 and FY 26 performance-based bonuses were issued to identified employees who substantially exceeded expectations, exceeded expectations or received excellent or better during the performance rating period.

[Performance Allowance Amounts.pdf](#)

- 39. Provide a list of total workers' compensation payments paid in FY 25 and FY 26, to date, including the number of employees who received workers' compensation payments, in what amounts, and for what reasons.**

**Response:**

[Worker's Compensation Earnings for FY25 and FY26 .pdf](#)

- 40. List the task forces and organizations DPR is a member of, and any associated membership dues paid.**

**Response:**

- National Recreation and Parks Association
- Maryland Recreation and Parks Association

## Other

- 41. Explain DPR's process for selecting grant recipients.**

**Response:**

Grant applications are reviewed and scored using the criteria outlined with the Request for Application (RFA). The grantees are selected based on the score and needs of the agency.

- 42. In a confidential submission via email, provide copies of completed, pending, and draft after action reports for incidents involving DPR employees or occurring on DPR property within the last five years.**

**Response:**

DPR does not provide after-action reports to the public as they may contain confidential personnel information and individuals' personal health information. In general, DPR completed 1,414 incident reports in FY23, 1,285 incident reports in FY24, 1,241 incident reports in FY25 and 227 incident reports in FY26 to date.

- 43. For each non-aquatic facility, provide the number of staff members required for the facility to be open. Explain what factors (size, usage, location) determine how many staff members are required.**

**Response:**

One staff member is required for a facility to be open, no matter the size, usage or location.

**44. Provide a list of recreation and community centers that serve as a hub for DPR's Roving Leaders Program.**

**Response:**

- Amidon-Bowen Elementary School
- Ballou Senior High School
- Brookland Middle School
- Cardozo Education Campus
- Columbia Heights Education Campus
- Coolidge Senior High School
- C.W. Harris Elementary School
- Dunbar Senior High School
- Eastern Senior High School
- H.D. Woodson Senior High School
- Hendley Elementary School
- Ida B. Wells Middle School
- J. O. Wilson Elementary School
- Jefferson Middle School
- Langley Elementary School
- Luke C. Moore High School
- McKinley Middle School
- McKinley Technology High School
- Powell Elementary School
- Raymond Elementary School
- Roosevelt Senior High School
- Walker-Jones Education Campus
- Wheatley Education Campus
- Whittier Elementary School

The DPR Roving Leaders rotate at the following recreation centers during afterschool hours between 4:00pm to 8:00pm:

- Anacostia Recreation Center
- Bald Eagle Recreation Center
- Barry Farm Recreation Center
- Brentwood Recreation Center
- Columbia Heights Community Center
- Deanwood Recreation Center
- Emery Heights Community Center

- Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center
- Fort Stanton Recreation Center
- Harry Thomas Recreation Center
- Joseph Cole Recreation Center
- Kenilworth Recreation Center
- Kennedy Recreation Center
- King Greenleaf Recreation Center
- Marie Reed Community Center
- New York Avenue Recreation Center
- Park View Community Center
- Petworth Recreation Center
- Raymond Recreation Center
- Rosedale Recreation Center
- Sherwood Recreation Center
- Takoma Community Center
- Trinidad Recreation Center
- Turkey Thicket Recreation Center
- Watkins Recreation Center
- Woody Ward Community Center

## Community Engagement

**45. List all community engagement events DPR held in FY 25 and FY 26, to date. For each event include:**

- a. **Date;**
- b. **Start and end time;**
- c. **Location;**
- d. **Format:**
  1. **Virtual;**
  2. **In-person; or**
  3. **Hybrid);**
- e. **Topic; and**
- f. **Number of attendees.**

**Response:**

[Community Engagement Events FY25\\_FY26.pdf](#)  
[Capital Projects Community Meetings.pdf](#)

**46. Provide a list of community engagement events DPR holds on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, annually, etc.).**

**Response:**

DPR holds ongoing ward specific Capital Project update meetings every quarter of the year. Annual meetings are also scheduled to update the public on summer programs and offerings each year.

## Hours of Operation

- 47. Using the template provided, document each instance a DPR public facility (park, recreation or community center, or aquatics center) closed during scheduled hours of operation during FY 25 and FY 26, to date. For each disruption indicate:**
- a. Date;**
  - b. Name of facility;**
  - c. Ward in which the facility is located;**
  - d. Type of facility:**
    - 1.Park;**
    - 2.Recreation Center; or**
    - 3.Aquatics Center;**
  - e. Type of disruption:**
    - 1.Opened late;**
    - 2.Closed early;**
    - 3.Partial closure (opened, closed, and re-opened within the same day) or**
    - 4.Closed all day**
  - f. Start time;**
  - g. End time;**
  - h. Total length;**
  - i. Whether the public was notified;**
    - 1.Yes;**
    - 2.No; or**
    - 3.Unsure; and**
  - j. Reason:**
    - 1.Insufficient Staffing**
    - 2.Insufficient Staffing- Lifeguards;**
    - 3.Insufficient Staffing- Pool Operator;**
    - 4.Scheduled Maintenance;**
    - 5.Unscheduled Maintenance;**
    - 6.Weather; or**
    - 7.Other. For other, specify the reason in the notes column.**

**Response:**

[Cancelled Programs.pdf](#)

[Schedule\\_Disruptions\\_Aquatics.pdf](#)

- 48. Using the template provided, complete the chart regarding public notifications of disruptions and changes to standard hours of operations. For each notification, include:**
- a. Date notification sent;**
  - b. Time notification sent;**

- c. *Date of the disruption;*
- d. *Length of time between disruption and notification (notification in response to disruption);*
- e. *Length of time between notification and disruption (notification to announce upcoming disruption);*
- f. *The affected location;*
- g. *Type of affected location:*
  - 1. *Park;*
  - 2. *Recreation/Community Center; or*
  - 3. *Aquatics Center; and*
- h. *Method of Notification:*
  - 1. *Nixle;*
  - 2. *Social media;*
  - 3. *Physical sign at location; or*
  - 4. *Other. For other, specify the reason.*

**Response:**

[Schedule Disruptions Aquatics.pdf](#)  
[Disruption Notifications Rec Services.pdf](#)

## Performance Evaluation

**49. Provide DPR's FY 25 Performance Accountability Report.**

**Response:**

[FY25 PAR - DPR.pdf](#)

**50. Provide copies of the forms used as assessments which are given to demonstrate staff competency.**

**Response:**

Each employee's annual performance plan sets forth the performance expectations and development objectives that each covered employee is expected to accomplish during the performance management period. The performance period is October 1 through September 30.

**51. Provide DPR's metrics on customer service for FY 25 and FY 26, to date.**

**Response:**

FY25  
 Call Center Calls (Handled): 4,600  
 Electronic Request Responses: 725  
 Residents Engaged at Events: 540

Total: 5,865

FY26 (to date)

Call Center Calls (Handled): 5,000

Electronic Request Responses: 2, 925

Residents Engaged at Events: 18,600

Total: 26,525

**52. Provide a list training curriculum synopsis (including the training course titles, topics and hours of training under each course title).**

**Response:**

DPR is currently working with the DCHR Center for Learning & Development (CLD) to build a DPR page in Percipio for each division at DPR. The page will have all the training requested by each division. Please see the proposed training courses that will be added to the DPR Percipio page:

COMPLIANCE TRACK - 2 Items; 1hr 45min

- DPR Policy Manual Review and Acknowledgement
- DPR Language Access Module
- Will add (E-Risk/Incident Reporting and DPR Customer Care modules eventually)

CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS TRACK -5 Items; 2hrs 26min

- Adapting to your Customer's Cues
- Interpreting Customer Service Priorities
- Discovering Customer Needs
- Fostering a Service Mindset
- Engaging with Customers

PRESENTATION SKILLS TRACK -5 Items; 2hrs 36min

- Planning an Effective Presentation
- Building Your Presentation
- Ensuring a Successful Presentation Delivery
- Presenting to the C-Suite: Skills for Emergent Leaders
- Presenting Virtually

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRACK - 3 Items; 2hrs 10min

- Project Management Introduction
- Project Management Fundamentals
- Strategically Focused Project Management

LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRACK – 3 Items; 1hr 57 min

- Inspiring High Performance Through Motivation
- The Practices of Emotionally Intelligent Leaders
- Adapting your Communication Style to Lead Effectively

COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRACK – 4 Items – 90m 52s

- Keeping Business Calls Professional
- Elevate Your Professional Business Call Skills
- Writing with a Professional Mindset
- Using Business Etiquette to Increase Your Professionalism

**Total Time Commitment: Approx. 12 hours**

Agency wide training is the New Employee Orientation (NEO) and the New Manager Employee Orientations (NEMO) These orientations happen the same week of the EODs. The NEO is four hours, and the manger’s orientation is 6 to 8 hours, as they receive all the NEO topics and additional managerial topics.

The Topics for the NEO are as follows:

Welcome & Introduction

- DPR Culture
- DPR History
- IT Division
- Incident Reporting
- EEO/Ethics Presentation
- Language Access
- Program Registration
- Benefits and Payroll

NEMO training topics, in addition to the NEO are as follows:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Opening Exercise – Leading w/ Intention
- Agency & HR Overview
- Talent Acquisition/Reasonable Sus.
- Sexual Harassment
- ADA Accommodations
- & Progressive Discipline
- Warehouse Function
- Procurement

[MSS Required Courses.pdf](#)

**53. Provide a list of the trainings/information sessions DPR provided in FY 25 and FY 26, to date.**

**Response:**

- DPR Customer Service Training
- New Employee Orientation (which includes)
  - DPR History
  - E-risk and Incident Reporting
  - EEOC laws/Sexual Harassment
  - Language Access
  - Mandated Reporter Requirements
- New Employee Manager Orientation
  - DPM & DPR Policy Manual
  - Progressive Discipline
  - Performance Reviews
  - Procurement
- DPR Language Access Training
- DPR Policy Manual and Acknowledgement Training

Additionally, DCHR’s Center for Learning & Development (CLD) coordinates training programs and activities for District government agencies and employees, including senior executives, middle managers, supervisors, and front-line employees. CLD provides career assistance, resource centers, and specific agency training needs in partnership with universities, vendors, and other local training institutions. This includes all DCHR mandatory training:

- Cyber security
- Sexual Harassment
- Advancing Racial Equality

There are mandatory MSS courses offered by DCHR CLD

<https://dchr.dc.gov/node/1630221#gsc.tab=0>

## Contracting & Procurement

***54. Provide a list of sole source contracts awarded in FY 25 and FY 26, to date. Explain why each was awarded as a sole source contract.***

**Response:**

No sole source contracts were awarded during this period.

***55. Explain DPR’s processes for ensuring contractors fully satisfy the requirement of their contract? What specific terms are written into each contract to ensure work is***

***acceptable and, if not, that DPR and taxpayers do not pay for substandard or uncompleted work?***

**Response:**

DPR, via the Standard Contracting Provisions of the District of Columbia incorporated by reference in every contract, ensures contractors fully satisfy their contract requirements through strict quality standards, mandatory inspections, and strong enforcement provisions. Each contract requires contractors to maintain an inspection system acceptable to the District and tender only supplies and services that meet specifications. DPR reserves the right to inspect and test all work at any time and reject nonconforming work. Contractors must correct or replace defective work at no additional cost; failure to do so allows DPR (via OCP) to either fix the issue and charge the contractor or terminate the contract for default. Payment is tied to acceptance of work. The District pays only for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted. If defects are discovered after acceptance, DPR (via OCP) can require correction or repayment of an equitable portion of the contract price. Additional safeguards include indemnification clauses, recovery of debts owed to the District, and audit rights for three years after contract completion.

Key protective provisions include:

- **Quality Clause:** Requires highest-grade workmanship and new, best-quality materials.
- **Inspection of Supplies and Services:** Grants DPR authority to reject or require correction of nonconforming work.
- **Default Clause:** Allows termination and recovery of excess costs if the contractor fails to perform.
- **Invoice Payment Clause:** Ensures no payment for substandard or incomplete work.
- **Indemnification and Debt Recovery:** Protects taxpayers from financial loss.

These measures collectively ensure that DPR receives acceptable work and that public funds are safeguarded against substandard or incomplete performance

**56. *Within FY 25 and FY 26, to date, has DPR:***

***a. Terminated any contracts?***

***b. Issued any cure notices?***

***c. Sued any contractors for breach of contract?***

***If so, provide a list and brief explanation for each instance.***

**Response:**

DPR has not terminated any contracts, nor have we issued any cure notices to contractors during the fiscal years 2025 and 2026 to date. Additionally, DPR has not brought suit against any contractor during the fiscal years in question.

# Programming

## Overall

57. *From FY 25 and FY 26, for DPR summer programs, provide, aggregated (agency analyzed total) data or full enrollment data in an .xlsx document:*
- a. *The number of discrete children enrolled at any point during the summer (if one child is enrolled in multiple sessions of any program only count that student once)*
  - b. *Of these discrete children, disaggregate how many live in each ward*
  - c. *Of these discrete children, disaggregate by race/ethnicity*

**Response:**

[Summer Programs.pdf](#)

58. *From FY 25 and FY 26, for DPR afternoon/afterschool programs, provide, aggregated (agency analyzed total) data or full enrollment data in .xlsx document:*
- a. *The number of discrete children enrolled at any point during the school year (if one student is enrolled in multiple programs during the year only count that student once)*
  - b. *Of these discrete children, disaggregate how many live in each ward*
  - c. *Of these discrete children, disaggregate by race/ethnicity*

**Response:**

[AfterSchool Program.pdf](#)

59. *From FY 25 and FY 26, DPR school year teen programs, provide, aggregated (agency analyzed total) data or full enrollment data in a .xlsx document:*
- a. *The number of discrete teens enrolled at any point during the school year (if one student is enrolled in multiple programs during the year only count that student once)*
  - b. *Of these discrete teens, disaggregate how many live in each ward*
  - c. *Of these discrete teens, disaggregate by race/ethnicity*

**Response:**

[School Year Programs.pdf](#)

60. *How many summer camp program sessions did DPR operate in FY25? Provide counts by type of program (e.g. swim camp vs football camp) and by site of program (e.g. Lamond vs Greenleaf Rec)?*

- a. *On average, per camp operating site (across all camp programs at that site), how many children were participating in a DPR camp any given week of the summer?*

**Response:**

[Summer Programs.pdf](#)

**61. What was the average cost for FY 25 per student to DPR to provide:**

- a. *A seat in a DPR summer camp for a single 2-week session? For a full 8 weeks of programming?*

**Response:**

- A two-week session is \$135/session.
- For a full 8 weeks of programming? Eight weeks of summer camp costs \$540/camper

- b. *Afternoon/afterschool programs (specify the number of weeks of programming that are assumed in that average)?*

**Response:**

N/A. There is no cost for afterschool programming.

- c. *School year/afterschool teen programs (specify the number of weeks of programming that are assumed in that average)?*

**Response:**

N/A, there is no cost for afterschool teen programming.

**62. How many times did DPR cancel an already enrolled (i.e. children were enrolled and planning to attend) summer camp program or session during Summer 2025 (FY 25)?**

**Response:**

DPR canceled one summer camp program location due to facility closure during summer 2025. Alternative location was provided for this canceled program.

- a. *What was the average number of calendar days before the session was scheduled to begin that a cancellation notice was sent out to families?*

**Response:**

A “cancellation” notice was provided on the average of 10 calendar days prior to the start of each session. An alternative location was provided less than a mile away for all registered participants. Additionally, special accommodation was provided if the alternative location was not preferred.

- b. What was the shortest number of days families were notified of a program cancellation (e.g. 3 days before the camp was set to begin)? What was the longest amount of time families had advance warning (e.g. 83 days before the camp was set to begin)?***

**Response:**

In FY25 due to there being one documented location cancellation prior to the summer, the shortest and average time for notification was 3 days prior to the start with an alternative location provided less than a mile away from the original location. Additionally, special accommodation was made to provide a second option, if the first alternative location was not preferred.

Please Note: All cancellation information is not tracked in this manner. Cancellations are determined by numerous factors that can be within or outside of DPR’s standard process such as weather, contractor request, facility closure etc.

***Response:***

[Fort\\_Davis\\_Cancelled\\_Camp.pdf](#)

- c. What steps do DPR employees take to assist families in finding alternative summer programming if a DPR camp is cancelled? (e.g. are children automatically enrolled in a camp at another site? Is there an automatic email parents receive notifying them of where DPR programs have openings? Are families directed to community-based camp operators? Are communications done by email, text, or call?)***

**Response:**

DPR will notify the affected family or household via email. That communication will include instructions on how to take advantage of available alternative options, based on the circumstances that led to the cancellation.

For additional assistance, customers are also directed to contact our Customer Care line, available Monday–Friday during normal business hours or the identified program contact.

- 63. The DC Auditor’s report on the DPR summer camp lottery process noted that “geographic data on who participated in the lottery and enrolled in camp was***

*incomplete and, in some cases, inaccurate.” What steps is DPR planning to take in 2026 to help address this issue?*

**Response:**

DPR continues to strengthen controls to minimize occurrence of incomplete or inaccurate data. Efforts continue to focus on improving detection, prevention and resolution processes to ensure instances are promptly identified and corrected.

As of FY25, updates to the system have been made to require information that may have not previously been required to ensure accuracy.

See the following response below to the audit from OCDA that addresses data and how DPR has implemented changes.

[Recommendation Compliance Agency Table DPR Responses \(1\).pdf](#)

**64. Detail all OST-related activities DPR is running or funding (through grants or contracts) in FY 26. Include funding committed and spent to-date details, details on program services and program location, and an estimated count of youth able to be served by DPR OST run or funded programs and actual count of youth served during FY 26, to date.**

**Response:**

Total funding is \$195,250 for FY25, with \$43, 875 spent to date on Break Camp contract. Programs include Break Camp contractual and professional services (i.e. supplies, enhancements and field trips). Amount of youth expected to be served is about 550.

DPR has not completed grant selections for FY26, Grants are currently underway and selection information will not be available until May 2026. Below you will find all data for FY25 for review:

<b>DPR Recreation for All Grants</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Total Grant Funding	\$1,694,700
Total Number of Grants	87
Total Youth Served	3558

**65. In the FY 26 budget, the Council restored an \$85,000 elimination of DPR’s funding for the Special Olympics. Provide an update on the 2026 Special Olympics and how these funds have been or will be spent or allocated.**

**Response:**

DPR will utilize the funds for adaptive programming and enhancements for FDIA (Fort Dupont Ice Arena) and across our competitive sports portfolio.

- 66. Using the template provided, for each recreational facility, document the number of hours for every month the facility was scheduled to be open and the number of hours the facility was open in FY 25 and FY 26, to date. For the purposes of this question, open means open to the public and does not include athletic competitions.**

**Response:**

[Scheduled v. Opened Hours.pdf](#)

- 67. Provide a chart (in a .xlsx document) of each recreational program as a row and each recreational facility as a column that indicates whether the program was or was not offered at the facility in FY 25 and FY 26, to date.**

**Response:**

[Program by Recreation Center.pdf](#)

- 68. Using the template provided, document the following information from FY 25 and FY 26, to date, for each program DPR offers:**

- a. Program;**
- b. Type of Program;**
  - 1.Recreation;**
  - 2.Organized Athletics;**
  - 3.Aquatics;**
  - 4.Other. For other, specify in the notes.**
- c. Season;**
- d. Facility;**
- e. Time/Schedule;**
- f. Number of Applications;**
- g. Number of Slots Available; and**
- h. Number of Enrolled Participants.**

**Response:**

[Q. 68 DPR Basketball Summary.pdf](#)

[Programming Aquatics.pdf](#)

[Sports Programming FY25.FY26.pdf](#)

[CR Request Tennis & Pickleball 1.26.26.pdf](#)

[Fitness FY25\\_FY26.pdf](#)

**69. Provide a list of programs that were cancelled discontinued in FY 25 and FY 26, to date. Explain the factors DPR considers when deciding how and when DPR would make the determination to cancel or discontinue a DPR program.**

**Response:**

DPR follows a cancellation process for each program by season. Cancellations occur at the beginning of each season and are based on enrollment of programming however, cancellations are also determined by numerous factors that can be within or outside of DPR's standard process such as weather, contractor request, facility closure etc.

**70. Describe DPR's processes for evaluating the quality of programming? What initiatives has DPR undertaken to measure, quantify, and evaluate program quality?**

**a. Explain how DPR uses program evaluation data (e.g. survey evaluation data collected from youth, parents, staff, etc.) to improve DPR program quality.**

**Response:**

DPR employs a combination of qualitative and quantitative initiatives to measure and evaluate program quality, including:

- Participant and Stakeholder Evaluations
- Program Performance Data
- Staff Feedback and Observations
- Formal Reviews and Recommendations

DPR uses program evaluation data as a critical tool for continuous improvement. At the completion of each program year and/or cycle, evaluation findings are reviewed in conjunction with program data and agency priorities to inform strategic decision-making. This process allows DPR to:

- Identify strengths and areas for improvement across programs
- Develop and implement corrective actions or enhancements
- Adjust program design, curriculum, and scheduling as needed
- Inform staff training, professional development, and resource allocation
- Strengthen policies, procedures, and safety protocols
- Guide future program planning and innovation

By consistently analyzing evaluation data alongside operational realities and agency goals, DPR ensures that program improvements are intentional, data-driven, and sustainable, supporting high-quality programming and positive outcomes for participants and families.

## Access: Hardship, Language, and Accessibility

**71. Explain how a person can request a hardship waiver when registering for a DPR program.**

**Response:**

Once an application is received it is reviewed but members in the Registration Office. If a participant is approved the account is updated with an automated discount status. The reduction of fee is automated when they complete a program registration. DPR offers a **Fee Reduction Program** to help make recreation programs more affordable for qualifying families. Eligible families can receive either:

- **50% reduction** in program fees
- **75% reduction** in program fees

This program ensures that everyone has access to quality recreational opportunities regardless of financial circumstances.

**Reduce Rate Qualifications:**

Qualify for 75% discount:

- Household Size: 1 Income: \$20,345
- Household Size: 2 Income: \$27,495
- Household Size: 3 Income: \$34,645
- Household Size: 4 Income: \$41,795
- Household Size: 5 Income: \$48,945
- Household Size: 6 Income: \$56,095
- Household Size: 7 Income: \$63,245
- Household Size: 8 Income: \$70,395

Qualify for 50% discount:

- Household Size: 1 Income: \$28,953
- Household Size: 2 Income: \$39,128
- Household Size: 3 Income: \$49,303
- Household Size: 4 Income: \$59,478
- Household Size: 5 Income: \$69,653
- Household Size: 6 Income: \$79,828
- Household Size: 7 Income \$90,003
- Household Size: 8 Income \$100,178

**72. Explain DPR's processes and criteria used when considering and fulfilling hardship waivers.**

**Response:**

DPR uses an online application as part of the Reduced Rate Program. Applicants are required to prove DC residency and show qualifying income.

**Proof of Qualifying Income** (ONE of the following to verify income):

- 2024 or 2025 Tax Return (*Required if employed*) [A W-2 Form is not an accepted proof of qualifying income]
- Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Retirement/Annuity Document
- Unemployment Benefits or Worker's Compensation Disability
- Child Support Document

Once an application is received it is reviewed but members in the Registration Office. If a participant is approved the account is updated with an automated discount status. The reduction of fee is automated when they complete a program registration.

**73. From FY 25 and FY 26, to date, for every program (not individual course), create a chart in a .xlsx document that includes:**

- a. Name of the program;**
- b. Number of hardship waivers requested; and**
- c. Number of hardship waivers approved.**

**Response:**

DPR offers a Reduced rate program. Once families/Individuals are qualified the discounts apply to any program they register in. We do not tie it to one individual program. Column R is the discount column if someone has it on the account.

**Response:**

[Full FY Data for Reduced Rate programs.pdf](#)

**74. From FY 25 and FY 26, to date, provide the number of hardship waivers requested and approved, delineated by the ward in which the requestor resides.**

**Response:**

FY25- Application received 2016/ Approved 1164  
FY26- Applications received 1012/ Approved 553

Wards	FY 25		FY 26	
	Distinct Residents	Distinct Households	Distinct Residents	Distinct Households
Ward 1	103	53	11	10
Ward 2	33	22	6	4
Ward 3	28	24	5	5
Ward 4	144	103	30	20
Ward 5	217	156	23	21
Ward 6	99	71	12	10
Ward 7	273	180	39	33
Ward 8	281	189	43	31
Other				
Unknown	14	12	1	1
(blank)	101	86	10	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>138</b>

**75. Explain how a person can submit a language access request when registering for a DPR program or arriving at a DPR facility.**

**Response:**

Any non-English proficient (NEP) or low-English proficient (LEP) people accessing DPR programs, events, or facilities can ask any DPR staff member to provide a translator. They can ask staff members on site at a facility by using the Language ID Guide or on the phone. DPR staff are trained to use the LanguageLine for translation services. Should the person need more translation services than the LanguageLine offers, staff are trained to contact the agency Language Access Coordinator, who can coordinate and furnish additional services beyond the Language Line.

**76. From FY 25 and FY 26, to date, provide the number of language access requests received and approved, delineated by the ward in which the requestor resides.**

**Response:**

Between October 1, 2024, and January 31, 2026, DPR facilitated access services on at least 148 occasions. (We do not capture the location of the requestor.)

**77. Explain how a person can request an accessibility accommodation when registering for a DPR program for arriving at a DPR facility.**

**Response:**

As part of the registration process, participants are required to answer the following:

- Does the participant have any food allergies, if yes, please list them below. (If none, please enter “None” or “N/A.”)
- Will the participant require any accommodations to fully participate in this program? Requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks before the program start date.

**78. From FY 25 and FY 26, to date, list every instance that DPR received a request for an accessibility accommodation. For each instance, provide:**

- a. Date of accommodation;*
- b. Program or service or space for which the accommodation was made;*
- c. Type of accommodation;*
- d. Whether the accommodation was fulfilled; and*
- e. If not fulfilled, the reason why.*

**Response:**

Accommodation requests are not tracked in this manner. Please find a report of [A-C FY25\\_FY26 Accommodation Report.pdf](#)

## **Agriculture**

**79. Provide an update on DPR’s Communal Farm Program.**

**Response:**

DPR’s Communal Farm Program is thriving. In calendar year 2025 the program hosted 117 produce donations and donated a total of 99,00 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables with the assistance of 1,445 registered volunteers. Additionally, extensions of the program include partnerships with charitable organizations as well as DPR programs like the DPR’s Farm to Fork Program, a commonsense program that teaches healthy food preparation of locally sourced produce

**80. Explain DPR’s processes for promoting urban agriculture in the District?**

**Response:**

DPR promotes urban agriculture by participating in environmental and urban agriculture festivals, programs, and events led by internal and external partners. Some examples include Rooting DC (DOEE), Dreaming Out Loud’s Fall and Spring Fest, DC State Fair, Fit for Life 5K (in partnership with Howard University), Marvin Gaye Park food forest tour, compost workshops, and information sessions conducted at the weekly food giveaways.

Additionally, DPR's urban agriculture programs and resources are promoted city-wide by utilizing DPR's communications team, community partners, and community networks including the DC Urban Gardener Network biweekly newsletter.

**81. How many new community gardens did DPR open in FY 25 and FY 26, to date?**

**Response:**

No new community gardens were opened in FY25 and FY26.

**82. Explain DPR's processes for working with District agency partners to expand urban agriculture opportunities.**

**Response:**

DPR's process for working with District agency partners to expand urban agriculture opportunities includes engaging sister agencies by encouraging their participation in environmental and urban agriculture festivals, DPR led programs, and events led by internal and external partners. As mentioned earlier, some examples include but are not limited to Rooting DC (DOEE), Dreaming Out Loud's Fall and Spring Fest, DC State Fair, Farm to Fork, Fit for Life (Howard University) 5K, Fresh Start 5K, Marvin Gaye Park food forest tour, compost workshops, and information sessions conducted at the weekly food giveaway.

**83. How has DPR incorporated food distribution into its urban agriculture program?**

**Response:**

DPR incorporates food distribution into its urban agriculture program via the Communal Farm Program. Comprehensively, this includes weekly produce donations, DPR and private produce cultivation, and partnerships with charitable organizations

**84. Outline the steps DPR has taken in FY 25 and FY 26, to date, to work towards meeting the goals of DC's Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act?**

**Response:**

In Fiscal Year 2025, DPR began implementing strategies to align with the goals of DC's Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act by adopting emission-reduction menu practices. These included reducing red meat offerings to no more than two servings per week and limiting processed meat to one serving per week per meal type. Additionally, DPR ensured that every meal featured at least one plant-based option, such as legumes, nuts, or seeds. To support these changes, DPR established serving guidelines to further restrict red and processed meats and committed to annual reporting of food procurement data to

monitor progress. Staff also participated in DOEE-led vendor briefings and training sessions to stay informed about best practices, policy updates, and evolving guidance. Building on these efforts, DPR continued its work in Fiscal Year 2026 by incorporating climate-friendly standards directly into vendor contracts using DOEE-provided templates and language. The department maintained its menu strategies from FY25, continuing to limit red and processed meats while offering plant-based options with every meal. DPR also remained engaged with DOEE-led sessions to ensure ongoing compliance and alignment with updated standards. These actions demonstrate DPR's commitment to reducing the environmental impact of its food purchasing practices and advancing the objectives of the Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act.

## Summer Food Service Program and At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program

**85. *How many meals did DPR serve in FY 25 as part of the Summer Food Service Program?***

**Response:**

In FY25, as part of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), DPR served 184,587 meals to children. This effort ensured that children had access to nutritious meals during the summer months when school was not in session, helping to reduce food insecurity and support healthy development.

**86. *How many Summer Food Service Program sites did DPR sponsor in FY 25?***

**Response:**

In FY25, DPR sponsored (82) Summer Food Service Program sites. These sites provided free, nutritious meals for children during the summer months when school was not in session, helping to combat food insecurity and ensure continued access to healthy meals.

**87. *Explain DPR's processes for working with its food vendor to ensure that the food tastes good and is high quality.***

**Response**

DPR's process for ensuring high-quality fresh meals to maintain consistency and quality for meals served; DPR works closely with their contracted food vendor through the following measures; monitoring and inspection of all meal deliveries to ensure compliance with quality and contractual requirements.

Menu review and approval, proposed menus are reviewed and approved by DPR and OSSE to confirm the meals meet the USDA meal pattern guidelines and program

standards. These steps help guarantee that participants consistently receive fresh, high-quality meals.

**88. Explain how child satisfaction surveys are conducted and reviewed. Also, provide examples of changes made to the Summer 2025 or Summer 2026 menus based on feedback from child satisfaction surveys**

**Response:**

In FY25, the child satisfaction surveys received at DPR's annual taster events provided real-time feedback and menu innovations for the taste, color and texture of the meals. Each child attendee received a satisfaction survey to provide real-time feedback on the proposed menu items.

For Summer 2025, new plant-based grain bowls were introduced, along with updated salad packaging designed to maintain proper temperature and meal quality during delivery to program sites. These enhancements improved freshness, safety, and overall dining experience for all children 18 years and under.

**89. Describe the barriers children face in accessing the Summer Food Service Program and explain specific actions DPR took in FY 25 to limit or remove those barriers.**

**Response:**

DPR provides meals at various locations to help overcome barriers such as transportation and safety concerns. DPR ensures that children receive nutritious meals at DPR Recreation Centers and local community-based organizations. This approach brings meals directly to where families gather, increasing accessibility and participation in the program.

**90. How many children and meals were served at DPR facilities in in FY 25 and FY 26, to date as part of the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?**

**Response:**

The following number of children and meals served are as follows:

- FY 25 - 105,752
- FY 26 - 26 12,744 to date as part of the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program

**91. How many DPR locations participate in At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?**

**Response:**

DPR's CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program, DPR sponsors (32) site locations that participate in the At-Risk Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Afterschool

Meals Program. These sites provide nutritious meals for children during afterschool hours, supporting healthy growth and development while addressing food insecurity in the community.

**92. *Of the meals served through the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, how many are hot meals, and how many are ready-to-eat snacks (i.e., granola bars)?***

**Response:**

As part of the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, DPR served a total of 21,956 ready-to-eat snack meals and 1,192 Hot Meals that were served to children aged 18 years and under. The snack meals provide convenient, nutritious options that support healthy eating habits during afterschool hours.

**93. *How many children participate in afterschool programs at DPR facilities and do not receive meals through the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?***

**Response:**

In FY25, 2,782 children participated in DPR's Afterschool Programs across 33 sites but declined to receive meals available through the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program. In contrast, 104,442 children accepted and received meals through this program

## Facilities

### Overall

**94. *Provide a copy of DPR's most recent Master Facility Plan.***

**Response:**

DPR relies on the Ready2Play Master Plan as our master facility planning document. Ready2Play includes our facility inventory, classifications, site-based recommendations, equity analysis, service gap mapping, and capital prioritization typically associated with a master facility plan.

**A digital copy can be found at this link:** <https://ready2playdc.com/>

**95. *Identify indoor and outdoor maintenance responsibilities for which DPR is responsible. Note if certain responsibilities are site-specific.***

**Response:**

DPR Level 1 maintenance team is not responsible for maintenance of any outdoor facilities or amenities. Level 1 serves as a gap filler to the Department of General Services when a request/ticket comes in for minor maintenance needs.

**96. Explain the limitations collective bargaining agreements put on employees from doing certain maintenance and custodial tasks. When a CBA prohibits a DPR employee from a certain task, explain how the task is addressed.**

Response:

Under the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Master Agreement, the biggest guardrails that limit DPR employees from performing certain maintenance and custodial tasks are scope-of-duties (classification/position description), qualification/training, and safety. Work assignments are expected to align with an employee's position description, and even where a position description includes "other duties as assigned," the Agreement limits that phrase to duties related to those already listed, which constrains management from routinely shifting specialized maintenance/custodial work onto staff whose jobs do not cover it.

Separately, the Agreement establishes that employees cannot be required to work in dangerous conditions until hazards are removed/remedied or adequate protection is provided, and it also states employees will not be required to operate equipment they are not qualified to operate if doing so could endanger themselves or others; the Employer must also furnish appropriate protective clothing/equipment needed for assigned work. In addition, employees will not be required to perform hazardous duties without first receiving sufficient training on the hazards, proper work methods, and protective measures/equipment.

When a task is outside what bargaining-unit employees can appropriately perform under these constraints (e.g., outside position description scope, requires qualifications/training not held, or raises safety/PPE issues), the Agreement points to two main ways the work gets addressed:

1. assignment to appropriately classified/qualified staff consistent with position descriptions and safety/training requirements, and/or
2. contracting out/privatization where necessary, which triggers formal notice requirements (generally 30 days' notice for contracting out work not previously contracted out, and 60 days' notice for contracting-out actions that may displace bargaining-unit employees) and requires efforts to minimize displacement through measures such as reassignment, retraining, and restricting hiring.

Finally, while management retains broad rights to direct and assign work, the Agreement recognizes an emergency exception allowing management to take actions necessary to carry out the District's mission in emergency situations, although safety, qualification, and contracting-out provisions still frame how work is executed and by whom.

**97. Explain what types of facilities issues qualify as Level 1 maintenance.**

**Response:**

The Level 1 team handles the following maintenance requests:

- Minor landscaping and grass cutting
- Equipment removal and assembly
- Graffiti removal from indoor/outdoor equipment and buildings
- Safety-related issues involving risk management (e.g., placing caution tape around unsafe areas)
- Tree branch removal
- Indoor and outdoor signage replacement
- Minor repairs to outdoor benches and tables
- Power washing
- Office equipment assembly

**98. Does DPR track Level 1 maintenance? If so, how and how many requests and/or actions did the team receive and complete in FY 25 and FY 26, to date?**

**Response:**

FY25:

- 735 tickets submitted
- 609 tickets addressed and closed by Level 1
- 126 tickets escalated to DGS

FY26 (until January 28, 2026):

- 165 tickets submitted
- 140 tickets were addressed & closed by Level 1
- 25 tickets were not addressed by Level 1 and sent to DGS

**99. In the FY 26 budget, the Council funded two additional FTE's for DPR's Level 1 Maintenance Team. Provide an update on if and when those FTE's were onboarded. If they have not been, explain why. If they have been, explain how the team's additional capacity has impacted their ability to complete Level 1 maintenance tasks across the portfolio.**

**Response:**

The two additional FTEs have not been onboarded. Funding has been finalized, and we are in the recruitment process.

**100. Explain DPR's processes for adding, removing, or re-locating trash and recycling cans on DPR properties. Note all agencies involved their roles in making decisions and implementing those decisions.**

**Response:**

DPR adds at least two new receptacles (one trash, one recycling) at every park renovation project. If the park is larger DPR will add more receptacles and placed by the park access points. DPR will only remove trash cans if they are in poor condition – they would be removed by the contractor and trashed. DPW is involved in trash removal, but they don't typically supply DPR trash cans.

## Fields

**101. Provide a list of all non-functioning field lights on DPR fields. For each, provide:**

- a. Whether a work order has been submitted;***
- b. Whether repair or replacement is required;***
- c. An update on the status of the repair or replacement;***
- d. An estimation of when DPR expects the field to be fully lit.***

**Response:**

**Please find attached a comprehensive report on non-functional field lights at DPR facilities: [All Open Field Light WOs-2026-01-27-16-09-07.pdf](#)**

**102. Provide DPR's Level 1 maintenance schedule for each field in DPR's portfolio.**

**Response:**

Level 1 is not responsible for preventive maintenance, nor do we maintain a maintenance schedule. Level 1 serves as a supplemental resource to address minor maintenance requests as they arise.

**103. Provide a copy of DPR's current field lighting policy.**

**Response:**

DPR's field lights are serviced and maintained by DGS. Their service level policy is as follows:

- Check lights, change bulbs, replace cracked lenses.
- Replace fixtures, day/night individual sensors, damaged light pole, etc.
- Add day/night capability to entire network of lights; replace/install new exterior lighting system.

The levels are as follows:

- Level 1: Daily housekeeping inspections and bulb replacement
- Level 2: Scheduled maintenance service in response to work order requests
- Level 3: Capital project elevated from Level 2 maintenance activity and/or replacement schedule.

## HVAC

**104. Using the template provided, from FY 26 and FY 26, to date, complete the chart do every time DPR rescheduled, relocated, or canceled indoor programming due to HVAC issues, meaning the temperature was either too cold or too hot. For each instance, provide:**

- e. Date;**
- f. Name of facility;**
- g. Ward in which the facility is located;**
- h. Type of facility:**
  - 1.Park;**
  - 2.Recreation Center; or**
  - 3.Aquatics Center;**
- i. Program(s) Affected**
- j. Type of Disruption:**
  - 1.Rescheduled;**
  - 2.Relocated; or**
  - 3.Canceled;**
- k. Reason for Disruption:**
  - 1.Temperature too hot**
  - 2.Temperature too other; or**
  - 3.Other. For other, specify the reason in the Notes 1 column.;**
- l. What, if any, contingencies were put in place:**
  - 1.Spot coolers;**
  - 2.Fans;**
  - 3.Portable heaters;**
  - 4.Other. For other, specify the reason in the Notes 2 column.;**

**Response:**

[DPR HVAC Program Disruptions.pdf](#)

## Playgrounds

**105. What standard does DPR use to determine whether the amount of much or other type of fill is too low to be safe for children?**

**Response:**

DPR, along with DGS, evaluates Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) depth using industry standard ASTM F1292 testing, supported by ASTM F2075 for engineered wood fiber

quality and CPSC guidance for minimum installation depths and maintenance. When DPR observes low fill levels, DGS is contacted, and a request for additional EWF is requested.

**106. List the loose-fill materials for every DPR playground and when it was installed or last replaced.**

**Response:**

[DPR Playground Loose Fill Levels.pdf](#)

**107. Provide a copy of the inspection report for every playground inspection completed by DPR's Risk Management Division in FY 25 and FY 26, to date.**

**Response:**

DPR designed a Parks and Playground inspection initiative to provide a comprehensive approach to monitoring the Parks and Playground Inventory. The Park Ambassador Initiative was relaunched in FY2025, after the successful pilot completion in FY2024. The baseline data has helped to establish the overarching parks nuances, KPI's for parks oversight, and the development of a collaborative parks working group from the community recreation, capital projects, environmental, and the risk management divisions to enhance Parks Ambassador initiative to capture the number of parks visitors that will assist in highlighting the need for additional funds to support parks management, programming, and development. Thus far, 100% of park issues have been mitigated by the Level I and work order input by the DPR/DGS liaison within a 24-hour timeframe.

Phase I baseline data overview: 234 Parks Surveyed, 100% mitigation rate, and common themes include: Playground repairs (Missing swing or nonfunctioning sensory panel), Masonry repairs (Brick wall deteriorating or loose bricks), Graffiti, and Overflowing Trash receptacles.

**Please see the following:** [Playground Safety Inspection Checklist.pdf](#)

## Restrooms

**108. Provide a list of all DPR properties on which restrooms are accessible without entering a recreation center, community center, or aquatics center. Such restrooms can be freestanding structures or be attached to a center but have an outdoor entrance.**

**Response:**

Below is the list of the exterior restrooms in DPR's inventory:

- Rose Park

- Hardy
- Palisades
- Friendship
- Macomb
- Chevy Chase
- Riggs LaSalle
- Volta
- Takoma
- Lafayette
- Petworth
- Kalorama
- Upshur
- Hamilton
- Harrison
- Ft. Lincoln

**109. For each outdoor-accessible restroom, provide the schedule of when they should be open to the public.**

**Response:**

The Park Rangers open the restrooms by 9:00am and close them by 8:00pm. However, some of these locations may have a permit and the Park Rangers extend the time until 9:00pm.

**110. Who should residents contact if an outdoor restroom is locked when it is scheduled to be open?**

**Response:**

Patrons can contact the Park Rangers at (202) 441-2605.

## Park Equity Accelerator (PEA) Program

***DPR recently participated in the Trust for Public Land’s Park Equity Accelerator (PEA) program, which focused on developing a world-class, equitable park maintenance and stewardship model for the District.***

**111. Provide a detailed status update on DPR’s participation in the Park Equity Accelerator, including:**

**a. The start and end dates of DPR’s participation;**

**Response:**

The PEA program began in 2023 and will conclude in late winter of 2026.

- b. All formal deliverables produced (including reports, memos, presentations, or toolkits); and**

**Response:**

- ii. Park Equity Accelerator Completion Memo
- iii. Washington DC Park Equity Accelerator Scope of Work
- iv. Park Equity Accelerator Priorities Memo
- v. Washington DC Department of Parks and Recreation Leadership Briefing
- vi. Benchmark Research and Proposed Pilot for Park Operations and Maintenance for DPR
- vii. Level 1 Maintenance Pilot Program Priority Site List
- viii. Level 1 Maintenance Pilot Priority Task List & Proposed Schedule
- ix. Level 1 Maintenance Pilot Inspection Checklist
- x. Department of Parks and Recreation Maintenance Pilot Field Survey
- xi. Level 1 Maintenance Pilot Data Summary & Synthesis
- xii. Park Maintenance Budget Forecasting Tool Excel
- xiii. Park Maintenance Budget Forecasting Tool Training Link
- xiv. Priorities & Capabilities for Level 1 Maintenance Data System
- xv. The State of Park System Operations and Maintenance

- c. Whether these deliverables are or will be made publicly available.**

**Response:**

DPR's intent is to make as many of the materials publicly available. Some deliverables were prepared specifically for internal leadership briefings and interagency coordination. Where documents are not posted in full, we will work to ensure that key findings, recommendations, and decisions are summarized and communicated clearly to the public.

***If they are not publicly available, explain why and provide copies to the Committee.***

**Response:**

Please see DPR's answer above.

- 112. Summarize TPL's specific recommendations for improving park maintenance and stewardship in the District. For each recommendation, identify:**

- a. The problem it was intended to address;**
- b. Whether DPR agreed with the recommendation; and**
- c. Whether DPR committed to implementing the recommendation.**

**Response:**

TPL developed the following recommendations to improve the District's park maintenance and stewardship:

**Response:**

1. Cultivate a comprehensive maintenance vision.
  - a. Given the complex, multi-agency system that is currently used to maintain DC's parks, it is critical that all partners share a cohesive, coordinated vision for park maintenance. The Department of Parks & Recreation has provided a foundation for this vision through the development of the Ready2Play Master Plan. However, this vision should also be informed by relevant partner agencies, community members, and responsible parties. As articulated by DPR and DGS staff, maintenance of DPR parks occurs on an as-needed basis, and collaborative efforts primarily focus on "hot button" issues and immediate needs rather than proactive planning. By providing a recurring forum for discussion and coordination, DPR and its partners can develop a holistic, achievable, and aligned vision for park maintenance in DC, which can serve as the basis for strategic, forward-looking maintenance planning efforts.
  - b. DPR agrees with this and commits to the planning process.
2. Increase DPR funding for park maintenance.
  - a. A major barrier to maintenance is a lack of funding available for parks agencies. Operations and maintenance are one of the primary responsibilities of parks agencies and under-funding of O&M is generally a reflection of a broader lack of agency funding. According to TPL's City Park Facts, Washington DC ranks third in terms of funding per capita among the 100 largest cities. But taking a closer look, DPR plays only a small role in the maintenance ecosystem, due in part to historic divisions of responsibilities and limited funding. The vast majority of funding comes from the National Park Service, Region 1 - National Capital Area, which contributes over 3 times more than DC government. Intended to advance DPR's in-house maintenance capabilities.
  - b. DPR agrees with this recommendation but will need budgetary support to increase needed positions needed.
3. Adopt a comprehensive asset management and tracking strategy.
  - a. It is critical to understand what amenities exist in District-owned parks and their condition. DPR staff have expressed the need to forecast upcoming repairs or replacements of built elements in parks in order to both keep parks operating and to facilitate better inter-agency coordination, as many of those repairs or replacements are handled by other District agencies, such as DGS. Staff have also expressed the need to track repairs or replacements specifically for new amenities and assets to better leverage manufacturer warranties.

- b. DPR agrees with this recommendation and are currently researching and planning the most accessible ways to share inventory data publicly with both agency and external partners.
- 4. Establish a prioritized list of scheduled operations and maintenance activities.
  - a. A list of “to-dos” on a regular cadence based on timing and availability of operations and maintenance staff that get revised based on changing conditions or emerging challenges will increase regularity of maintenance operations and activities. It will also standardize which agency or team holds regular responsibility for a specific maintenance task.
  - b. DPR agrees with this and will require cross-agency support to implement.
- 5. Track usage of parks and use data to prioritize regular service of parks.
  - a. Currently, DC’s maintenance teams use a 311-ticketing system to prioritize maintenance of parks. A review of historical data has shown that certain wards see significantly higher rates of ticket submission, despite not having significantly more parks. Similarly, approximately 30 DPR sites are responsible for over half of all historical 311 tickets.
  - b. DPR agrees with this recommendation and commits to its implementation via the comprehensive maintenance vision.
- 6. Measure the results of these combined efforts over time.
  - a. A growing number of park agencies have developed programs of measuring the effectiveness of standardizing O&M practices over time in order to make operational improvements based on lived experiences and data.
  - b. DPR agrees with this recommendation and commits to its implementation via the comprehensive maintenance vision.
- 7. Enshrine maintenance approach and practice in policy.
  - a. Policy plays an important role in guiding the day-to-day practice and operations of municipal agencies. As DC defines its ideal approach to maintenance, setting in place a governing policy will help to ensure the sustainability and continuation of high-quality maintenance services in DC parks.
  - b. DPR agrees with this recommendation but will need additional support to implement.

**113.            *Given DGS’s key role in park maintenance, describe DGS’s role in the Accelerator (e.g., did DGS participate in meetings, share data).***

***a. What data, analyses, or other information did DGS provide?***

**Response:**

DGS participated as a partner in the Accelerator program by participating in meetings and sharing insights into their maintenance capabilities

- b. Were DPR and TPL able to obtain all data it needed from DGS to conduct a comprehensive analysis?*

**Response:**

At this time DPR was unable to obtain data to conduct an analysis.

- c. What findings or recommendations directly relate to DGS responsibilities?*

**Response:**

All recommendations relate to DGS, and most recommendations require their partnership and involvement in implementation.

- 114. *The District's division of park maintenance responsibilities between DPR and DGS makes it an outlier among top-performing park systems.***

- a. Did TPL analyze this governance structure as part of the Accelerator?*

**Response:**

No. TPL acknowledged that only the District and Pittsburgh have a divided maintenance system but did not further investigate our governance structure.

- b. Did TPL recommend consolidation, reorganization, or other models? If so, what options were recommended and what rationale did TPL provide?*

**Response:**

Trust for Public Land's recommendations are intended to help the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of General Services, and other park maintenance partners improve collaboration and maintenance. The recommendations provided are focused on enhancements the District can implement with the current governance structure.

- 115. *Identify the actions DPR has taken or plans to take to implement the recommendations of the Accelerator. Specify:***

- a. The current status of the recommendation, including timeline and the responsible agency;*

**Response:**

DPR is still in the close-out phase of this technical assistance grant. DPR’s current status is reviewing the final deliverables and making them publicly available. Implementation of the recommendations will occur when Phase 1 is complete.

- b. Which recommendations DPR does not plan to implement, and the reasons why; and**

**Response:**

DPR intends to implement parts or all of every recommendation to continuously improve our services for District residents.

- c. Any budgetary, staffing, or statutory barriers to implementation that DPR has identified**

**Response:**

DPR has openly identified both budgetary and staffing barriers to implementation. The current Level 1 Maintenance team has 2 full-time employees. Additionally, most of these recommendations will require additional funding and support to implement. DPR intends to pursue additional funding in the coming year to begin the process of developing a shared maintenance vision, updated data tracking capabilities, and an improved maintenance reporting and tracking system. This will require both additional funding and staffing.

## Fort Dupont Ice Arena

- 116. Provide a list, description, and cost of all personnel and non-personnel that DPR otherwise would not have spent if operational control of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena was transferred to the Friends of Fort Dupont, as planned?**

**Response:**

No.	Description	Costs	Classification
1	Sparx PS300 Commercial Base × 2	\$799.98	Non-Personnel
2	Sparx PS300 Commercial Sharpener × 2	\$3,799.98	Non-Personnel
3	PS300 Accessory Kit × 1	\$719.99	Non-Personnel

4	Commercial Radius Ring × 30 1/2 Inch	\$1,799.70	Non-Personnel
5	Optical Alignment Kit × 1 PS300 DUAL (-\$54.99)	(\$54.99)	Non-Personnel
6	ASM Vacuum hose (10 foot) × 1 PS300 DUAL (-\$49.99)	(\$49.99)	Non-Personnel
7	Y-adapter, PS200 Vacuum switch × 1 PS300 DUAL (-\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	Non-Personnel
8	Sparx Discount 49056 - RING BUNDLE DISCOUNT	(\$1,000.00)	Non-Personnel
10	Shipping Costs	\$159.99	Non-Personnel
11	Ice Labs, LLC	\$1,040.37	Non-Personnel
12	Disinfected Wipes	\$1,200	Non-Personnel
13	Food	\$992	Non-Personnel
14	District Ice Rink	\$4,320.00	Non-Personnel
15	Staff Apparel	\$3,300	Non-Personnel
16	Supplies	\$23.00	Non-Personnel
17	Skate Aides	\$900	Non-Personnel
18	Pictures	\$745.20	Non-Personnel
19	Community Murals	\$8,000	Non-Personnel
<b>Total</b>		\$26,675.24	

**117. How much would DPR have spent if operational control of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena was transferred to the Friends of Fort Dupont, as planned**

**Response:**

\$235,000.00 in grant funding.

118. *DPR's FY 26 approved budget did not include funding for operational responsibilities of the arena. For the total cost DGS has spent so far and will need to spend for the remainder of FY 26, explain from where in DPR's approved budget the money for arena operational costs has and will originate.*

**Response:**

We defer to DGS to provide a response on spending.

DPR has detailed personnel from other recreation centers and central office to support the arena.

119. *How much does DPR anticipate spending on operating the Fort Dupont Ice in FY 26? Provide a breakdown on in-agency and contracted costs.*

**Response:**

- Professional and Administrative Services = \$7,000.00
- Programming Contracts = \$50,000.00
- Security Services = \$16,000.00
- Maintenance = \$2,000.00

## Aquatics

### Pools

120. *Using the template provided, complete chart that documents the following information for each pool:*
- m. Ward in which the pool is located;*
  - n. Pool's address;*
  - o. Year the pool opened;*
  - p. Age of the pool;*
  - q. Whether the pool is indoors or outdoors;*
  - r. Total area in square feet;*
  - s. Total volume in cubic feet;*
  - t. Pool's dimensions;*
  - u. Pool's maximum depth;*
  - v. Maximum number of lanes;*
  - w. Whether the pool has a diving board;*
  - x. Whether the pool has a zero entry;*
  - y. Whether the pool has a children's pool; and*

z. *What other amenities the pool has.*

**Response:**

[Q120. Pools.pdf](#)

**121. For each indoor and outdoor pool, provide the number of lifeguards required for the pool to be open. Explain what factors (size, occupancy, shape) determine how many lifeguards are required.**

**Response:**

Indoor & Outdoor pools by DOH regulations require 1 Certified Pool Operator, and 1 Lifeguard.

**122. List every health and safety inspection or test required for a pool to open. For each, note the entity/agency that conducts the inspection or test, and how often the inspection or test is required to be conducted.**

**Response:**

Requirement	Responsible Agency / Party	Legal Basis	Required Frequency
<b>Pre-Opening Health Inspection</b>	DC Department of Health (DOH)	DCMR Public Pool Health & Safety Regulations	Required prior to seasonal opening or reopening after extended closure
<b>Routine Health Inspections</b>	DC Department of Health (DOH)	DCMR	Conducted periodically during the operating season (announced or unannounced)
<b>Daily Water Chemistry Testing</b>	Facility Operator (Certified Pool Operator)	DCMR; industry standards	Daily, often multiple times per day; results logged and retained
<b>Circulation &amp; Filtration System Verification</b>	Facility Operator or Licensed Contractor	DCMR	Verified prior to opening; continuously monitored during operations
<b>Suction Entrapment / VGBA Compliance</b>	DOH or Certified Pool Inspector	Federal VGBA Act	Verified prior to opening and after any system modification
<b>Lifesaving &amp; Emergency Equipment</b>	Facility Operator; verified by DOH	DCMR	Required prior to opening and checked daily
<b>Lifeguard Staffing &amp; Certification</b>	Facility Operator; verified by DOH	DCMR	Required prior to opening and maintained at all times
<b>Chemical Storage &amp; Handling Compliance</b>	DOEE and/or DOH	DCMR; environmental regulations	Verified prior to opening and during periodic inspections
<b>Safety Signage, Depth Markings &amp; Barriers</b>	Facility Operator; verified by DOH	DCMR	Verified prior to opening and continuously maintained
<b>Business License</b>	DC Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DCLP)	DCMR	Required before opening a new facility or seasonal operation
<b>Emergency Action Plans &amp; Incident Procedures</b>	Facility Operator; reviewed by DOH	DCMR; risk management standards	Reviewed prior to opening and annually

123. *Using the template provided, document every inspection or test a DPR pool failed during FY 25 and FY 26, to date, For each instance, provide:*
- a. *Date of failed inspection or test;*
  - b. *Aquatics facility;*
  - c. *Ward in which facility is located;*
  - d. *Test administered;*
  - e. *Agency or entity administering inspection or test;*
  - f. *Acceptable/typical result (can be a quantitative range);*
  - g. *Actual result;*
  - h. *All remediation measures taken;*
  - i. *Date of re-inspection or re-test; and*
  - j. *Length of time the pool was offline as a result of a failed test or inspection (hours, days, weeks, etc.).*

**Response:**

[Pools.pdf](#)

## Usage

124. *Using the template provided, for each aquatics facility, document the hourly number of users for every month in FY 25 and FY 26, to date.*

**Response:**

[Pool Users.pdf](#)

125. *During the Committee's Roundtable on DPR Pools, held on November 20, 2025, DPR noted the number of pool users is counted through head counts and entry identification tap access. Public witnesses testified about experiences when they were required to sign in on paper sheets.*

- a. *Describe when DPR implements these three methods of tracking pool attendance.*

**Response:**

Head counts are used for permits, where a roster exists to list the participants. General public are required to have a DPR account with their demographic information and enter through scanning the barcode on their driver's license or DPR account. Paper sign-in sheets are only used when experiencing lack of access due to hardware (computer) or software (internet connectivity) issues.

- b. *Does DPR account for and reconcile differences from all three method of attendance tracking when calculating pool usage data? If so, explain how DPR does so to ensure the Agency's usage data is accurate.*

**Response:**

DPR staff report total attendance from all three methods and then reconcile the difference between reported and recorded total attendance, including the total bulk visits , which refers to the total number of visitors who could not be signed in via the automated system for various reasons.

## Communications

126. *During the Committee's Roundtable on DPR Pools, held on November 20, 2025, multiple public witness described the potential DPR making aquatic facilities' schedules public, as residents could check if and how many lanes or other areas of a pool were open to the public (as opposed to reserved for athletics or programming). Later, DPR committed to exploring the feasibility of doing so. Provide an update on DPR's efforts so far and if DPR would need additional resources to do so.*

**Response:**

DPR has made significant progress toward creating a real-time status page that includes indoor pools alongside outdoor pools and splash pads so residents can find all information in one location. The page is updated with the latest information on indoor pool status displayed prominently at the top and checked daily for accuracy and changes.

At this time, DPR does not anticipate needing additional resources to implement or maintain this page. Our existing team will manage updates and monitoring as part of regular operations.

Please see the following: <https://dprsplash.splashthat.com>

In addition, each facility has created a calendar of the programming at the site available at the site.

127. *During the Committee's Roundtable on DPR Pools, held on November 20,2025, DPR also committed to exploring creating a real-time status online page for indoor pools, similar to the one DPR keeps for outdoor pools and splash pads during the summer. Provide an update on DPR's efforts so far and if DPR would need additional resources to do so.*

**Response:**

The Aquatics and Communications Divisions are in the process of creating a static page.

## Staffing

### Lifeguards

128. *In FY 23, FY 24, FY 25, and FY 26, to date, in a xlsx document, provide the following figures:*

- a. **Total unique lifeguards;**  
 FY23 - 61 career service lifeguards  
 FY24 - 66 career service lifeguards  
 FY25 - 70 career service lifeguards
- b. **Total number of lifeguards employed on New Year Day;**  
[FY-23 Aquatic Staff Labor Day.xlsx](#)  
[FY 24 Aquatic Staff Labor Day.xlsx](#)  
[FY 25 Aquatic Staff New Years.xlsx](#)
- c. **Total number of lifeguards employed on Memorial Day;**  
[FY-23 Aquatic Staff Memoria Day.xlsx](#)  
[FY24 Aquatic Staff Memorial Day.xlsx](#)  
[FY 25 Memorial Day.xlsx](#)
- d. **Total number of lifeguards employed on Labor Day;**  
[FY-23 Aquatic Staff Labor Day.xlsx](#)  
[FY 24 Aquatic Staff Labor Day.xlsx](#)  
[FY 25 Aquatic Staff Labor Day.xlsx](#)
- e. **Number of permanent lifeguards on New Year Day;** See spreadsheet above
- f. **Number of permanent lifeguards on Memorial Day;** See spreadsheet above
- g. **Number of permanent lifeguards on and Labor Day;** See spreadsheet above
- h. **Number of temporary (seasonal) lifeguards on New Year Day;** See spreadsheet above
- i. **Number of temporary (seasonal) lifeguards on Memorial Day; and** See spreadsheet above
- j. **Number of temporary (seasonal) lifeguards on Labor Day.** See spreadsheet above

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129. *Complete the chart below indicating the mean, median, maximum, minimum hourly wage for permanent and temporary lifeguards in FY 23, FY 24, FY 25, and FY26, to date.*

**Response:**

	<i>FY23</i>	<i>FY24</i>	<i>FY25</i>	<i>FY26</i>
<i>Mean</i>	\$29.85	\$30.75	\$31.67	\$31.67
<i>Median</i>	\$29.38	\$30.26	\$31.16	\$31.16

<i>Minimum</i>	\$18.99	\$19.56	\$20.15	\$20.15
<i>Maximum</i>	\$43.75	\$45.06	\$46.39	\$46.39

**130. Describe DPR’s strategies and efforts on recruit and retain lifeguards. Has DPR implemented any new recruitment or retainment initiatives in FY 25 and FY 26, to date? If so, describe those new initiatives.**

**Response:**

DPR utilizes a multi layered strategy to recruit and retain lifeguards, focused on expanding the recruitment pipeline, reducing barriers to entry, and improving employee experience. Ongoing efforts include offering free lifeguard certification training, conducting year-round recruitment with rolling training classes, partnering with youth workforce and school-based programs (DOES and DCPS collaboration), including the Junior Lifeguard Program and water safety training for high school students, and conducting targeted community outreach. DPR also emphasizes competitive compensation, flexible scheduling, professional development opportunities, and consistent supervision to support retention.

In FY25 and FY26, DPR implemented and expanded several initiatives to strengthen recruitment and retention, including beginning seasonal recruitment earlier in the fiscal year, enhancing youth to workforce pathways, improving onboarding and in-service training, and implementing retention focused scheduling practices to improve staff stability. DPR continues to evaluate workforce strategies to support safe aquatic operations and maintain adequate staffing levels across facilities.

**131. DPR’s response to Question 145 of this Committee’s FY 24 Performance Oversight Pre-Hearing questions, DPR provided data that indicated the reason 49% of the 410 delays or closures of aquatics facilities was due to Operations/Administrative.” Explain what that reason means and specify if that includes insufficient staffing levels.**

**Response:**

In the event of a delay due to staff call out or unexpected maintenance, DPR ensures that all pool operations are safe.

**Pool Operators**

**132. How many pool operators does DPR currently employ?**

**Response:**

DPR currently employs 68 pool operators.

**133. How many pool operator vacancies are there? If there are vacancies, how long have each of those vacancies been open?**

***Response:***

There are 3 vacancies currently going through selection process:

- Pool Operator I/Grade 7
- Pool Operator II/Grade 9
- Pool Manager/ MSS-11

[Vacant Positions.pdf](#)

**134. *Are pool operators classified as a difficult to fill position?***

**Response:**

No, pool operators are not classified by DCHR as a difficult to fill position.

**135. *Does DPR have enough pool operators to reopen Roosevelt, Dunbar, and Ballou?***

**Response:**

Yes, DPR currently has enough pool operators to reopen Roosevelt, Dunbar and Ballou.

**136. *For FY 23, FY 24, FY 25, and FY 26, provide the minimum and maximum number of pool operators employed by DPR.***

**Response:**

FY23 – minimum Pool Operators 11; maximum 33

FY24 – minimum Pool Operators 11; maximum 33

FY25 –minimum Pool Operators 15; maximum 37

**137. *Are pool operators assigned to more than one pool? If so, provide an anonymous list of each pool operator and the pools to which they are assigned.***

**Response:**

No. Each pool operator is assigned to one pool.

## Training

**138. *List all trainings and certifications required to become a lifeguard at DPR, and note the following:***

**Response:**

The Department of Parks and Recreation utilizes **Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program (ILTP®)** as our official lifeguard training and risk management provider. Ellis & Associates is a nationally recognized aquatic safety organization specializing in lifeguard training, safety auditing, and operational risk management.

### **Required Certifications**

All DPR lifeguards must successfully complete and maintain the following certifications:

- **International Lifeguard Training Program (ILTP®)**
- **CPR for Professional Rescuers (Adult, Child, Infant)**
- **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Certification**
- **First Aid Certification**
- **Oxygen Administration (Emergency O2)**
- **Bloodborne Pathogens Training**

Certifications are issued upon successful completion of written examinations, skills assessments, and in-water scenario testing.

### **Core Competencies**

DPR lifeguards are trained and evaluated in the following key competency areas:

#### **1. Active Surveillance & Zone Protection**

- 10/20 scanning protection standard
- Victim recognition and distress identification
- Proactive prevention and rule enforcement

#### **2. Water Rescue Skills**

- Passive and active victim rescues (surface and submerged)
- Spinal injury management in shallow and deep water
- Multiple victim response

#### **3. Emergency Response & Team Coordination**

- Emergency Action Plan (EAP) activation
- Team-based rescue scenarios
- Communication and crowd control

#### **4. First Aid & Medical Response**

- CPR/AED response for cardiac arrest
- Choking response
- Severe bleeding control
- Shock management
- Seizure and diabetic emergencies

#### **5. Professionalism & Risk Management**

- Patron education and preventative lifeguarding
- Incident reporting and documentation
- Customer service and public interaction

### **Ongoing Training & Recertification**

- Lifeguards must complete **regular in-service training** (minimum monthly, per Ellis standards).
- Certifications must be **renewed annually**.
- DPR also conducts **bi-annual all-staff recertification and skills assessments** to ensure consistent competency and compliance.
- Facilities undergo routine safety audits to ensure adherence to Ellis & Associates risk management standards.

### **Compliance**

Training and certification requirements align with:

- Industry best practices for aquatic safety
- OSHA guidelines related to first aid and CPR readiness
- District government risk management standards

**a. *Number of required hours to complete each;***

***24-hours: Lifeguard training***

**b. *DPR policy, District government policy, regulation, or law that mandates the training and certification;***

**Response:**

Lifeguard training and certification requirements are mandated by the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), which require public swimming pools to be staffed by properly trained and certified lifeguards as a condition of operation and licensure. These requirements are enforced by the DC Department of Health and include nationally recognized lifeguard certification, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. In addition, District government personnel policies require completion of job-specific safety training, workplace conduct training, and ongoing in-service training to maintain readiness and compliance. DPR policy and standard operating procedures require facility-specific orientation, emergency action plan training, and continuous skills verification to ensure public safety and regulatory compliance.

**c. *Entity (DPR, partner agency, third party, etc.) that administers the training or certification;***

**Response:**

Ellis and Associates ILTP training.

- d. *Number of individuals who took the training or certification in FY 24, FY 25, and FY 26, to date; and*

**Response:**

- FY26 - 130
- FY25 - 235
- FY24 - 166
- FY23 - 141

- e. *Number of lifeguards who did not pass on the first try in FY 24, FY 25, and FY 26, to date.*

**Response:**

DPR does not currently collect this data.

139. *Approximately how long does it take to complete all required trainings and certifications before a lifeguard can begin working on duty?*

**Response:**

Four (4) days of training totaling 24 hours plus in-service training prior to performing lifeguard duties.

140. *Do lifeguards get paid for time completing trainings and certifications? If so, is this wage rate different than the rate they get paid while working as a lifeguard, and if so, what is this rate?*

**Response:**

Lifeguards are not paid for training.

141. *Among the required trainings and certifications, are lifeguards required to retake or recertify on a regular basis? If so, what are those retrainings or recertifications and how often is each required to be administered?*

**Response:**

Lifeguards are required to regularly retrain and recertify to maintain eligibility for duty. Lifeguards must renew their certification every year. In addition, DPR conducts bi-yearly, all staff recertification and training to ensure continued competence, reinforce emergency response procedures, and review facility specific emergency action plans. Lifeguards also participate in ongoing in-service training throughout the operating season to maintain readiness.

## Programming

142. *Provide a chart (in a .xlsx document format) of each aquatics program as a row and each aquatics facility as a column that indicates whether the aquatics program was or was not offered at the aquatics facility in FY 25 and FY 26, to date.*

**Response:**

[AQ FY25 - FY26 \(2.17.26\) Programs.pdf](#)

143. *During the Committee's Roundtable on DPR Pools, held on November 20, 2025, DPR noted a historical trend of a drop-off in participation in DC Wave among young Black females when they reach middle school due to hair concerns and DPR is trying to overcome that drop-off by breaking common stereotypes. describe DPR's efforts to do so in FY 25 and FY 26, to date and the success of those efforts.*

**Response:**

We prioritize hiring women of color with competitive swimming backgrounds as coaches to help mentor and guide our female swimmers in the sport.

We encourage the use of long-hair caps designed specifically for braids and dread lock hairstyles so that girls can wear their preferred hair styles and still participate in the sport.

We try to highlight and showcase the Black girls on our team social media and materials that go out to the public to celebrate and encourage other girls to participate in the sport.

## Summer 2025 Closures

144. *Starting in 2022, list every pool that DPR has closed for the summer and explain why the pool was closed.*

**Response:**

**2022**

- Rumsey Water Clarity June-July
- Takoma HVAC/Roof Project

**2023**

- \*Hearst Opened 5/26/2023
- Turkey Thicket (July-Sept) HVAC and Roof repair
- Rumsey (Jun-Aug) HVAC
- Wilson HVAC repairs

**2024**

\*Reservoir Opened 5/28

\*Joy Evans 12/23

## **2025**

Kelly Miller- Major Leak

Douglass- Capital Construction

**145. *What pools does DPR plan to close in Summer 2026?***

### **Response:**

- Upshur
- Douglass
- Randall
- Kelly Miller
- Jelleff
- Rosedale Pool

**146. *On what date did DPR decide not to re-open Roosevelt, Dubar, and Ballou pools when Summer 2025 ended?***

### **Response:**

The indoor pools page on DPR's website was updated on May 9 to reflect the closure date (June 18, 2025), and it continues to accurately reflect the current operating status.

**147. *On what date did DPR decide not to re-open Roosevelt, Dubar, and Ballou pools during the second week of October, as announced to the public and Council?***

### **Response:**

DPR's goal was to reopen as scheduled, but after assessing the conditions it was determined that we could not resume operations safely. The indoor pools page on DPR's website was updated on May 9 to reflect the closure date (June 18, 2025), and it continues to accurately reflect the current operating status.

**148. *During the Committee's Roundtable on DPR Pools, held on November 20, 2025, DPR noted the Agency requested waivers from the Mayor and City Administrator to onboard summer lifeguard despite the hiring freeze in effect at the time. DPR also noted the Agency was unable to onboard lifeguards at the end of the summer due to the hiring freeze, resulting in an insufficient number of lifeguards to open Roosevelt, Dubar, and Ballou pools. Did DPR submit hiring waivers to onboard lifeguards for the fall season as it did for the summer? If so, what was the decision and reasoning of that decision? If not, why not?***

### **Response:**

DPR began the process of preparing hiring waiver requests for the fall season; however, the hiring freeze was lifted before those waivers were submitted. The Congressional Continuing Resolution (CR) created a \$1.1 billion budgetary freeze, which triggered a hiring freeze per City Administrator’s Order No. 2025. This freeze required DPR to submit waiver requests for summer hires, including lifeguard personnel. Traditionally, DPR uses vacancy savings to extend lifeguard contracts, but Council budgetary sweeps in early July eliminated that option. Once the freeze was lifted in the fall, waivers were no longer necessary, and DPR resumed recruitment efforts in October for the new fiscal year.

## Permitting

***Pursuant to DCMR 19-717.2, if DPR receives more than one permit application for the same use at the same time, DPR must issue the permit according to the following prioritization based on the applicant:***

- (a) Department-sponsored activities;***
- (b) Non-profit partners such as Programmatic Partners, Park Partners, and Collaborative Partners or designated organizations recognized by the Department in a written agreement;***
- (c) Athletic programs organized by DCPS, District public charter schools, or the DCSAA for competitive league play and not for intramurals;***
- (d) Youth non-profit organizations, including schools, principally serving District residents;***
- (e) Adult non-profit organizations principally serving District residents;***
- (f) Other organizations, groups, or individuals for private use that are based in the District; and then***
- (g) Others.***

[DPR Permit Handbook Revised May 2024 v2.pdf](#)

- 149. Provide the number of permit applications received and permits granted in FY25 and FY 26, to date, broken down by ward, for each of the aforementioned categories of applicants.**

**Response:**

FY25 Total Applications: Athletics only: 52052

FY26: Total Applications: Athletics only: 37937 (To date)

Count of Reservees											
	Cancelled		Denied		Firm		Permit - In Review		Tentative		Grand Total
Row Labels	FY 25	FY 26	FY 25	FY 26	FY 25	FY 26	FY 25	FY 26	FY 25	FY 26	
(blank)		718		2		60		405			1185
Ward 1	1144	303	3	39	3325	1612	10	526	26	278	7266
Ward 2	1418	1017	3	3	3645	1380		638	24	11	8139
Ward 3	2314	1286	113	31	8867	5238		1630	5	485	19969
Ward 4	3092	1501	18	41	7577	3328		2535	66	58	18216
Ward 5	3314	1762	28	80	5010	2500		1623	47	129	14493
Ward 6	1758	1075	14	45	3839	2197		1141	40	166	10275
Ward 7	1537	971	123	61	2390	962		390	54	74	6562
Ward 8	489	331	16	4	1290	1179		81	8	41	3439
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15066</b>	<b>8964</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>35943</b>	<b>18456</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8969</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>89544</b>

150. *How many times was a permit application submitted for the same use at the same time?*

**Response:**

In FY25 we had 1147 users/groups request space from DPR. Breakdown is shared on the Permit analysis sheet. During our seasonal permit windows, we routinely get requests for the same location, day and time. In these instances, we rely on our priority of use for mediation. If the groups fall into the same priority of use category, we look at historic use, amount of time already permitted on that specific field, nature of the activity and amount of received at other locations.

	Cancelled		Denied		Firm		Grand Total
Time	FY 25	FY 26	FY 25	FY 26	FY 25	FY 26	

1:00 pm	304	32	2	1	543	278	1160
1:30 pm		7			57	4	68
2:00 pm	312	132	130	2	999	419	1994
2:30 pm	35	9	1		46	2	93
3:00 pm	813	242	1	23	1390	780	3249
3:15 pm	8				3		11
3:30 pm	277	143			1342	716	2478
3:45 pm					99		99
4:00 pm	1674	1374	4	14	5190	2688	10944
4:30 pm	64	11	4		56		135
5:00 pm	2171	1276	4	3	3026	1351	7831
5:30 pm	98		3		644	77	822
6:00 am	71	21			15		107
6:00 pm	2868	1731	12	43	6001	2171	12826
6:15 pm					72		72
6:30 pm	267	64	99		277	393	1100
7:00 am	3				55	9	67
7:00 pm	1415	713	8	3	1191	587	3917
7:15 pm	1						1
7:30 am					2		2
7:30 pm	90	92			1358	625	2165
7:45 am					1		1
7:45 pm	1						1
8:00 am	813	825	7	1	4049	3167	8862
8:00 pm	1321	251	4	2	1539	493	3610

8:30 am	52	1			548	252	853
8:30 pm	2				77	1	80
9:00 am	1166	242	19	28	2258	920	4633
9:00 pm	86	23			404	84	597
9:15 am					7		7
9:30 am	239		2		140	2	383
1:00 PM		14		18		7	39
10:00 AM	535	247	5	11	1910	900	3608
10:00 PM	6						6
10:30 AM	30	11		3	739	896	1679
10:45 AM					232	210	442
11:00 AM	110	120	6	11	878	332	1457
11:30 AM	10	9		2	5	1	27
12:00 AM					14		14
12:00 PM	132	121	1	17	762	348	1381
12:30 PM	92	8	6	4	14	18	142
2:00 PM		7		2			9
2:30 PM		1				1	2
3:00 PM		253		15		139	407
3:30 PM		329		16		230	575
4:00 PM		102		13		135	250
4:30 PM		65		15		32	112
5:00 PM		85		7		8	100
5:30 PM		28		7		12	47
6:00 PM		187		4		51	242

6:30 PM		20		4		22	46
7:00 AM		3					3
7:00 PM		40		4		9	53
7:30 PM		7		4		5	16
8:00 AM						1	1
8:30 AM						1	1
9:00 AM		6				1	7
9:00 PM						1	1
9:15 AM						1	1
9:30 AM		111		29		76	216
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15066</b>	<b>8964</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>35943</b>	<b>18456</b>	<b>79053</b>

151. *How many times was a lower priority group denied a permit because a higher priority group had also applied?*

**Response:**

Groups that are higher on our priority list will almost always receive the permit over a group that is lower on the list. The only notable exception would be if a high priority group already has significant time on the field. In that case, we might allow a group that is lower on the priority list to be granted space. For example, if a not-for-profit group has a permit in place for 3 days per week for 3 hours each day, we might give another group a single day for 3 hours rather than award the higher priority group a 4<sup>th</sup> day. This is being done to expand access to as many stakeholders as possible while maintaining permitting access required under DCMR.

152. *How many times was a permit denied when more than one application was submitted, but the prioritization of use was the factor in deciding who was awarded the permit?*

**Response:**

During our seasonal permit windows, we routinely get requests for the same location, day and time. In these instances, we rely on our priority list of use for mediation. If the groups fall into the same priority of use category, we look at historic use, amount of time already permitted on that specific field, nature of the activity and amount of received at other locations.

	<b>Cancelled</b>		<b>Denied</b>		<b>Firm</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>
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4:30 PM		65		15		32	112
5:00 PM		85		7		8	100
5:30 PM		28		7		12	47
6:00 PM		187		4		51	242
6:30 PM		20		4		22	46
7:00 AM		3					3
7:00 PM		40		4		9	53
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***Pursuant to DCMR 19-717.3, when DPR receives more than one permit application for the same use at the same time from multiple applicants within the same prioritization category, DPR must mediate between competing users by weighing the following factors:***

- (a) Historical use: twenty-five percent (25%);***
- (b) The number of youth District residents served: twenty-five percent (25%);***
- (c) The use is not offered by other groups: twenty percent (20%);***
- (d) The use is the primary use intended for the property: fifteen percent (15%); and***
- (e) Other reasonable considerations by DPR: fifteen percent (15%).***

***153. In FY 25 and FY 26, to date, how many permits did DPR issue by weighing the following factors among competing users?***

**Response:**

We receive thousands of requests between groups in the same prioritization category and use this chart as a means to mediate the conflicting requests.

- (a) Historical use: twenty-five percent (25%);***
- (b) The number of youth District residents served: twenty-five percent (25%);***
- (c) The use is not offered by other groups: twenty percent (20%);***
- (d) The use is the primary use intended for the property: fifteen percent (15%); and***
- (e) Other reasonable considerations by DPR: fifteen percent (15%).***

DPR works diligently to balance competing requests. When more than one applicant is seeking a permit for property or equipment for the same property at the same time, DPR may mediate between competing users and propose a reasonable and proportionate schedule of use, shared use, a proposed alternative property, or denial.

***154. From FY 25 and FY 26, to date, how many times each of the aforementioned factors the determinative factor to issue the permit? In other words, how many times was a permit issued to an entity because if not for historical use the permit would have been issued to a competing entity?***

**Response:**

Historical use is the mitigating factor in hundreds of permit approvals.

***155. Provide examples of “other reasonable considerations” DPR weighted when prioritizing permit applications during FY 25 and FY 26, to date. During the Committee’s Hearing on Recreational Permitting Hours of Operation, and Permitting, held on December 3, 2025, multiple public witnesses testified about experiences with not being able to use a permitted space during the permitted time.***

**Response:**

Other reasonable considerations would refer to the amount of permitted time a group has already received on DPR fields in a given season. We also will look at the sport/activity being provided. DPR has the discretion to prioritize uses that offer unique programming. Intended uses are strong considerations to protect the players and the property. DPR will give weight to playing baseball on baseball fields and soccer on soccer fields, etc. Intended uses are strong considerations to protect the players and the property. DPR may also consider other reasonable considerations that align with the mission of the agency.

- 156. Explain what a permit holder should do if the facility or space for which the permit is held is unable to be used for the permitted use during the permitted time. For example, if an athletic team cannot use an outdoor field at night because the field lights are not on.**

**Response:**

Directions on a user's approved permit provide guidance. If a field cannot be used:

- 1) Alert the Park Rangers
- 2) Follow up with the permit office so we can verify the issue, submit a ticket for repair and issue a refund if the field is unable to be used safely and effectively during the permitted time.

- 157. Does DPR inspect fields and facilities to ensure the field or facility can be used for its permitted use prior to issuing a permit? If, not why?**

**Response:**

The permit office conducts field checks at the beginning of the spring season each year and then as needed throughout the year. The Park Rangers routinely monitor the fields and communicate any issues to the permit office. The permit office also relies on our building staff to report any issues.

- 158. Provide a list of each instance a permit holder violated the terms of the permit in FY 25 and FY 26, to date. For each, note**
- a. Type of organization (as categorized under DCMR 19-717.2);**
  - b. Nature of violation; and**
  - c. Consequence, if any, for violation.**

**Response:**

DPR may deny permitted uses or impose conditions limiting an activity or location or requiring insurance and/or advisory neighborhood commission approval, to ensure participant health, welfare, or safety, or for the preservation of DPR property or equipment.

If DPR determines that a permit applicant or program participant operated in past violation of these regulations, then DPR may consider these facts as a basis for denying a permit or registration for 12 months from the date DPR provided notice of any findings to the applicant or participant.

DPR may deny, revoke, or modify a permitted use or participation in an activity if the applicant provided false information regarding residency or use, or if the applicant or registrant fails to follow the requirements in this chapter.

Most of the complaints that our office receives are as follows:

- Permit not leaving on time
- Parking violations
- Trash left at field