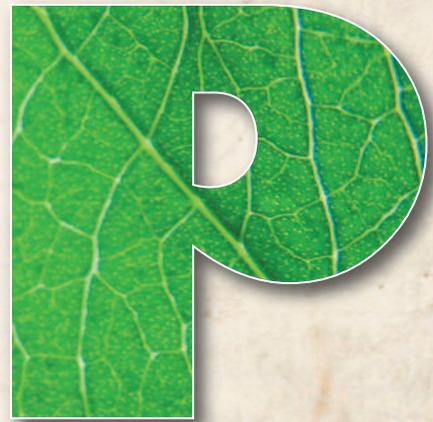




Proposition



for **PARKS** ...

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and for **STORMWATER**

Proposition P



Aging Equipment

St. Peters residents enjoy a wonderful quality of life with 25 beautiful parks on more than 1,200 acres of land with over \$20 million in park assets. Nine out of ten St. Peters residents live within one mile of a trail or park. Seventy-seven percent live of households within one-half mile.

We've got 20 miles of paved trails for hiking, biking and running, a beautiful public golf course, pools, ponds and athletic fields. Our newest park, 370 Lakeside Park, is the biggest municipal park in St. Charles County. Our St. Peters Rec-Plex is one of the finest recreation and sports facilities in the entire Midwest—and this and many of our favorite amenities are starting to show the wear and tear from 20 years of use. Some equipment is beyond its useful life and needs to be replaced or updated.

The costs to maintain and repair our trails, playground equipment and facilities are going up, while some of our revenue sources are going down.

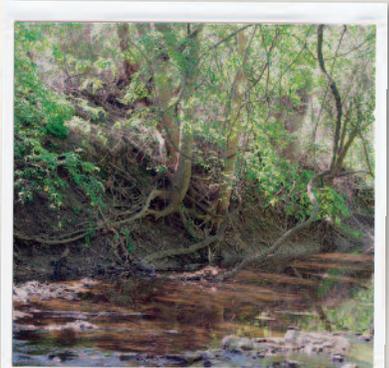
Since 2007, there's been an 11% decline in our property values. We have faced these challenges head on, continuing to meet public expectations for quality facilities.

The City of St. Peters has absorbed the loss of more than \$2 million in property tax revenue, while the costs for things like electricity, gasoline, insurance and equipment maintenance and replacement have gone up. For example, new playgrounds cost an average of \$200,000 each.

For the past four years we've cut personnel, paid less for employee benefits, and delayed replacing equipment and repairs for our parks. We even held off replacing police cars by extending their replacement cycle. We've continued to make tough choices and we are still charging the lowest fees of any City in St. Charles County.

St. Peters voters will be asked to consider Proposition "P" on the Aug. 7 ballot. If voters approve the issue, it will provide a four-tenths of a cent sales tax for parks and storm water. We will feature information about stormwater management in the July issue of the *UpFront* newsletter.

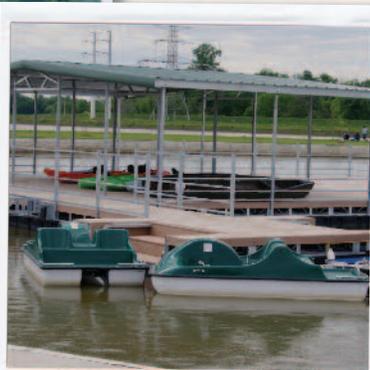
In addition to federally mandated stormwater projects, funding from Proposition "P" would provide the money to revitalize our aging parks and trails. It would pay for park improvements such as safe, accessible playgrounds. It would allow us to continue to develop 370 Lakeside Park with pavilions, playgrounds, a dog park, an archery range, restrooms and more. And it would give us the funds needed to expand and maintain our trail system.



Trail Erosion



Fishing



New Boat Dock

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Playgrounds