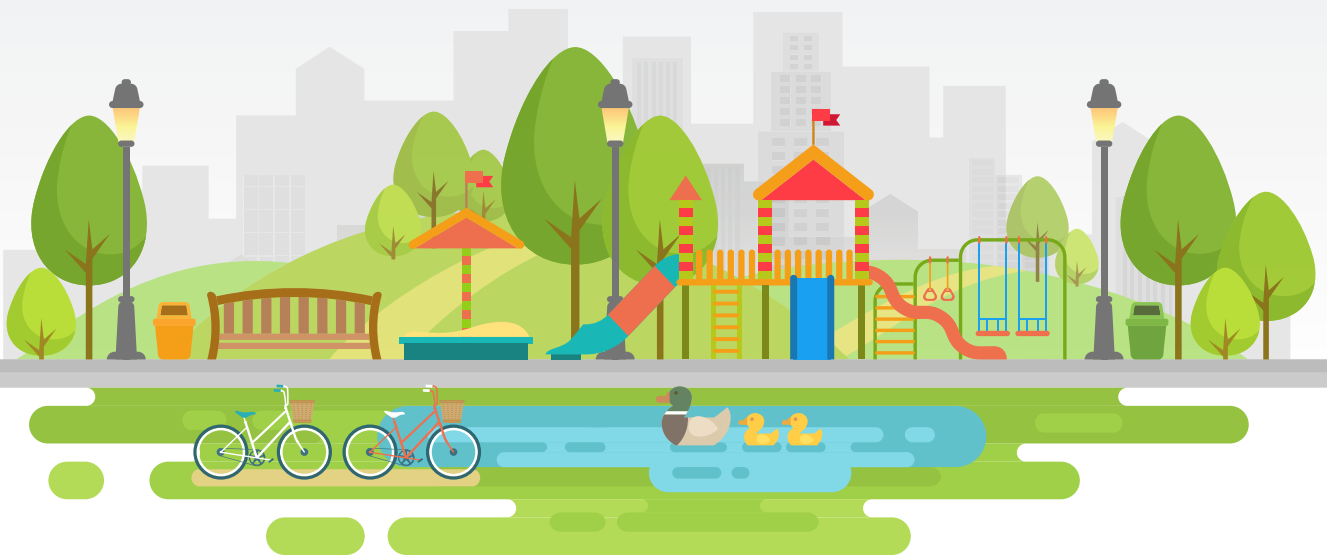


Advocating for Parks and Recreation Resources

with your Local Legislators



Park and recreation departments and their communities must routinely advocate for funding and legislation that improves access to recreational opportunities.

If you're ready to make advocacy a regular part of your strategic planning process, get started using the following resources and support from the following entities:



Stay Informed

Issue Voter is a non-partisan service that alerts individuals about bills on the docket. Users are provided more information on the legislation and can let their local representative know their opinion using Issue Voter.

The Maine Recreation and Parks Associations notes that **88%** of staffers who work for Members of Congress and Senators say that electronic messages, like those sent via Issue Voter, influence their bosses' decisions.



Align with your Local Parks and Recreation Association

Find your state's parks and recreation association to see the **Legislative Policy Principles** your association has selected.

From there, you'll better understand legislation on the docket that will affect your state.



Become a Park Champion

Download the **NRPA's Park Champion** initiative toolkit. The toolkit is designed to help empower individuals across the country to educate legislators about their parks and programs. The toolkit includes seven steps, along with a tool to look up your local legislators.

