



## **Service Philosophy & Mission Statement**

The Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority believes that park and recreation opportunities should be for all, regardless of age, race, sex, creed, or social or economic status. The park and recreation system must be designed to provide a wide variety of activities and facilities year-round for every possible participant. The total program must be a quality program that meets the leisure needs of the public.

We believe a community park and recreation structure should create a feeling of pride, a sense of value, a picture of beauty, an atmosphere of worthiness, a sense of belonging, the satisfaction of accomplishment and the challenge of developing one's mind to the fullest by teaching and allowing people to use their minds and bodies, for the fun of it.

The Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority strives to enrich the life of the total community by providing opportunities for the worthy use of leisure. Our basic objective is to assure wholesome recreation in its broadest sense through a system of services and facilities.

Park and recreation opportunities are a basic need along with health, education, religion and economic opportunities. We are striving to provide park and recreation opportunities which are enriching and meaningful. We trust the citizens will engage in these opportunities for the enjoyment, relaxation and satisfaction, which re-create, renew and refresh the body, mind and spirit. In the end, our community will be a better place to live.



## **Service Delivery Policy**

“To provide ‘BASIC’ leisure services and facilities to the public through the tax supported general fund, while providing ‘SPECIAL’ leisure services and facilities through user fees and charges.”

### **“Basic” Leisure Services**

The basic level of leisure services is one by which facilities, programs, or services are available to, and utilized by, the majority of the county’s population where there are no user fees charged. The universal appeal of the mass of citizens and the obligation of government to provide leisure service opportunities justifies the support of basic level services from the tax supported general fund. While some recreation programs and services will have universal appeal, the majority of basic level services will be the provision of park and recreation facilities.

### **“Special” Leisure Services**

The special leisure services are those programs and services requiring organization, supervision, and/or the assistance of specially talented instructors to make them successful. Special leisure services may also include facilities designed and administered to accommodate a special recreation interest orientation. The limited number of people within each interest group to which the service appeals justifies its support from user fees and charges.



## Authority Goals

It shall be the purpose of this Authority to provide an organized system of recreation and park facilities and programs for the citizens of Rome and Floyd County.

- I. *To provide comprehensive and diversified leisure programs throughout Floyd County.*
- II. *To promote maximum citizen involvement and participation in programs and facility usage.*
- III. *To promote the cause of leisure services in the community in cooperation with other leisure service providers.*
- IV. *To encourage volunteer participation and involvement in the planning and provision of leisure services.*
- IV. *To ensure the health and safety of all participants and visitors who take part in Authority services.*



## Leisure Services Overview

**Brief History:** The Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority was founded in 1973, through joint consolidation efforts of the City of Rome and Floyd County governments. The Authority is charged with the responsibility of managing and developing parks and recreation facilities and services for all citizens of Rome and Floyd County. A nine-member policy board is appointed to govern the operations and employ a full-time director.

**Clientele Served:** 92,000 + Residents of all of Floyd County including Rome and Cave Spring.

**Parks/Facilities Services:** Responsible for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements to the forty-two parks and recreation areas and centers in Rome & Floyd County. Responsible for the planning, design, and development of new parks and recreational facilities in Rome and Floyd County.

**Programs Offered:** Sports/Athletics; Instructional/Enrichment; Special Events; Special Populations (Senior Citizens and Physically/Mentally challenged); Interpretive/Environmental Education; Summer Camps; Self Directed Recreation; Facilitated Recreation; and Tournaments.

**Services Rendered:**

- Annual Volunteer Awards Program; Volunteer Coaches Training, Board Appointees Training, Senior Adults, Student Services.
- Recreation planning and technical assistance to schools, hospitals, clubs, and community service organizations.
- Facilitate leisure services planned by organizations throughout Rome and Floyd County.
- Administer the Rome-Floyd Sports Hall of Fame program; Rome-Floyd Golden Olympics; Rome-Floyd Special Olympics; Rome Relays; Rome Tennis Club; Citizens for Better Parks; Outstanding Student Athlete Scholarship Award Program; and Rome-Floyd Festivals Council.
- Provide public awareness and public education services in regard to recreation and parks opportunities.
- Assist youth sports organizations whose services compliment those of the Authority.
- Organize and develop support groups for recreation and parks services, i.e. Senior Citizens Advisory Council, Trails Advocacy Council, Friends of the Park volunteers groups, and Youth Sports Booster Clubs.