Parks and Recreation Boards

Parks and recreation boards have authority over public spaces, such as parks, rec centers, and greenways. They provide leisure and recreation opportunities for their residents.

Relevance to the Local Food System

These boards affect publicly owned land policy, such as community garden allotment, pesticide use, and land management practices.

Terms of Service

The average term of service is three years. Officers typically contribute more time per week than other members. Board chairs spend about ten hours per week on their position.

Joining the Board

One must reside in the city or county that the parks and rec board serves, and fit the qualifications and demographic requirements placed on the open seat.

Member's Thoughts

Patrick Buffkin (Raleigh) wanted to tangibly support his community. He helped support a summer program that provided free food to children from low-income households.

Appointment Process

Members are typically appointed by their county's board of commissioners, after a nomination from the mayor, the city council, or a community member.

Member Spotlight

Continue to push forward...don't be hesitant, every voice is a voice that needs to be heard.

Crystal Moore-Williams, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Commission

Collaboration & Community

Parks and rec initiatives support public spaces for all community members. Often, parks and rec boards will respond to petitions and concerns from their constituents.