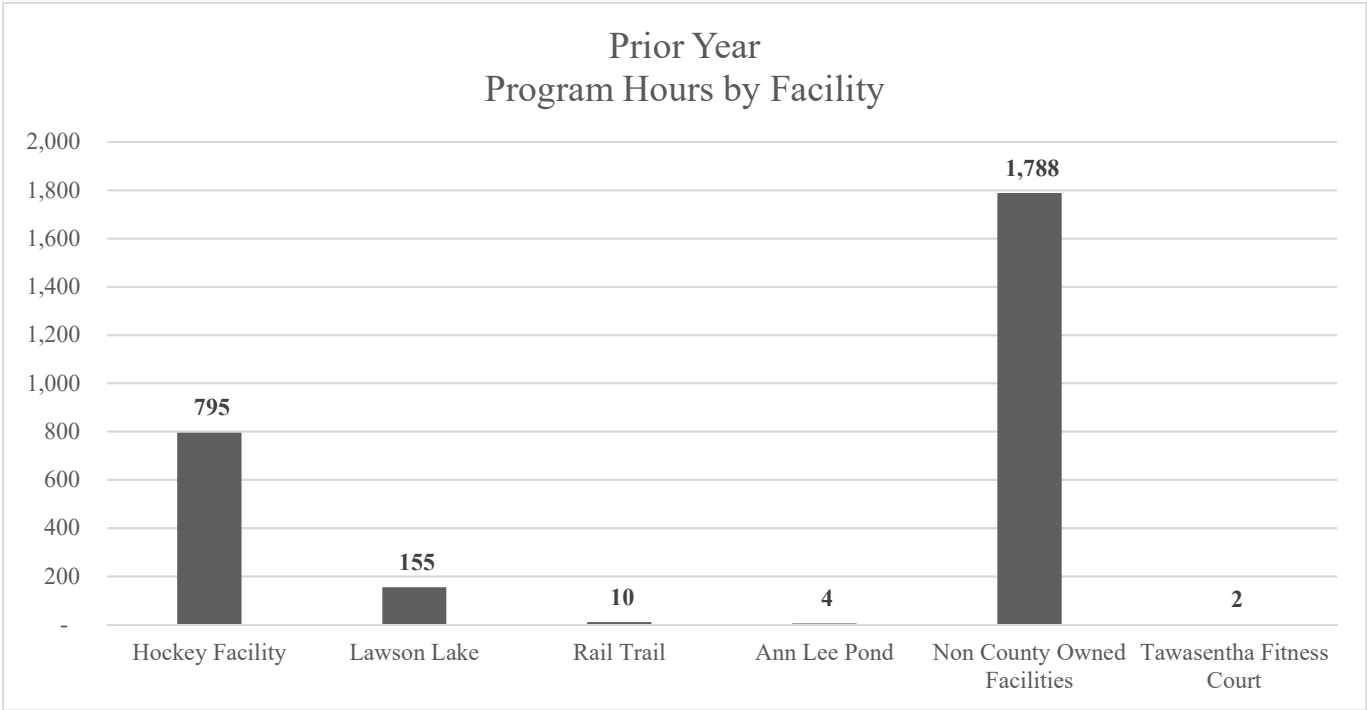
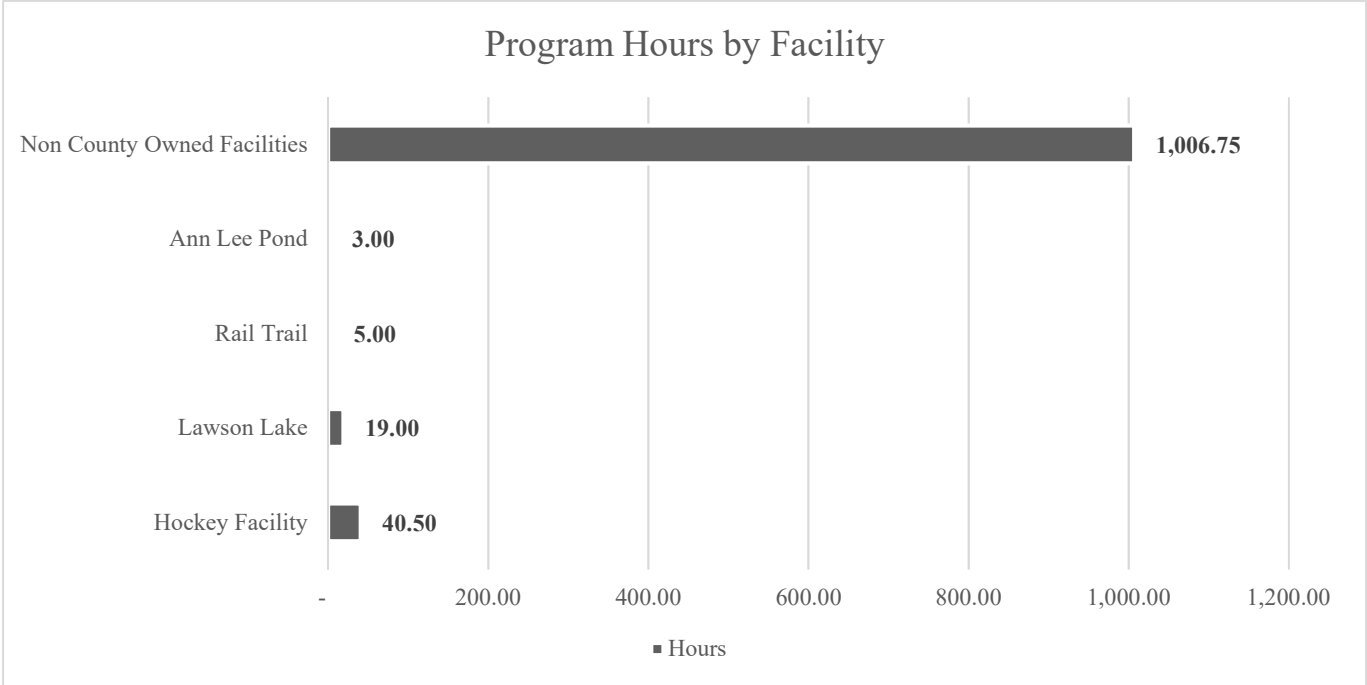


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Department Function To provide opportunities that revive and invigorate social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills by providing leisure and recreational activities that enhance the quality of life of the residents and visitors of Albany County. We offer three primary services: 1. Free or low-cost Recreational programs 2. Self-sufficiency development 3. Dynamic space for reservations and organized functions	
Current Year Highlights - Implemented six courses and certified 93 lifeguards as part of the Lifeguard Certification Initiative and CPR training - Implemented new Summer Festival and Trail Run at Lawson Lake County Park with 60 racers and over 300 festival-goers. - Implemented martial arts progression programs such as Taekwondo and Kung Fu. - Implemented 34 summer programs for youth including art in the park, dance club, chess club, drama club, and more. - Implemented Lawson Lake School Field Days, serving 155 students. - Partnered with the Albany FireWolves for three youth/teen lacrosse clinics ranging from ages 8-17 - Partnered with NON-HUMAN Club for new NFL Flag Football Clinic - Partnered with MVP to offer adult fitness classes at the MVP Fitness Court at Tawasentha Park - Partnered with Bring on the Spectrum to provide neurodiverse programming. - Fulfilled total of 3,343.5hrs reservation hours: 1,988hrs at Hockey Facility, 1,284hrs at Lawson Lake, 38.5hrs at MVP Fitness Court and 33hrs at the rail-trail. - Operated 1,080.25 program hours. - Generated \$536,290 total revenue projected for 2024. - Installed new pickleball courts and parking lot at Albany County Hockey Facility. - Operated 78 scheduled programs at 35 different sites in 11 out of 18 municipalities throughout the County. - Installed a state-of-the-art portable bathroom trailer at Lawson Lake County Park.	
Next Year Projects - Opening the Cohoes Aquatic Center, which will offer low cost swimming programs for the general public - Coding and basic computer classes - Introduce intergeneration programming such as knitting club and culinary arts classes - Programming that combats social isolation - Educational programming for sustainable green initiatives and wildlife protection - County tournaments and college recruitment activities - Programming designed for the disabled community - Book clubs - Targeted services for those 35 to 60 years of age - Non-athletic recreational and leisure activities - Family-oriented events and activities - Start County athlete of the year awards - How to videos - Peer Mentoring program - Combat light pollution/astrology in county parks - Adopt a box - free library program for grade school and rail trail - Car Shows - Underground railroad/history of Albany County walking tours - Invest in zero emission equipment - Indigenous outreach and education - Launch of first-ever county golf program - Equitable service in programming and recreational materials	
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Programmatic Highlights



A majority of programming hours by the Department are currently conducted at the Non-County Owned Facilities. Additional programming are handled at Anne Lee Pond, Lawson Lake, the Hockey Facility, and the Rail Trail.

For a complete listing of programs available, please see the Department of Parks and Receptions County website.

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