



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

City of Cleveland

2026 Budget

Operational Oversight Hearings



Agenda

- I. Departmental Overview
- II. Core Initiatives and 2025 Progress
- III. Staffing Levels



Departmental Overview

Mission Statement: *Department Mission to be developed in 2026.*

Recreation: To enrich the quality of life for patrons by developing, operating and maintaining a recreation division that continues to evolve for future generations.

Public Auditorium: To strengthen Cleveland's economy by delivering efficient, excellent service through marketing and the management of the Public Auditorium and the provision of special events.

Parks: To ensure the safety and aesthetic appeal of parks, urban forest, gardens and cemeteries owned by the City of Cleveland in its various neighborhoods.

Forestry: To provide a safe and low risk urban forest while striving to preserve its natural beauty.

Key Programs:

Recreation: Organized Sports, Enrichment programming, Aquatics, Cultural Arts, Meal Program, Youth Development Programs

Public Auditorium: Building Maintenance, Cleveland Browns Stadium, Public Auditorium and Conference Center operations, Security Functions, Theatrical Event Administration

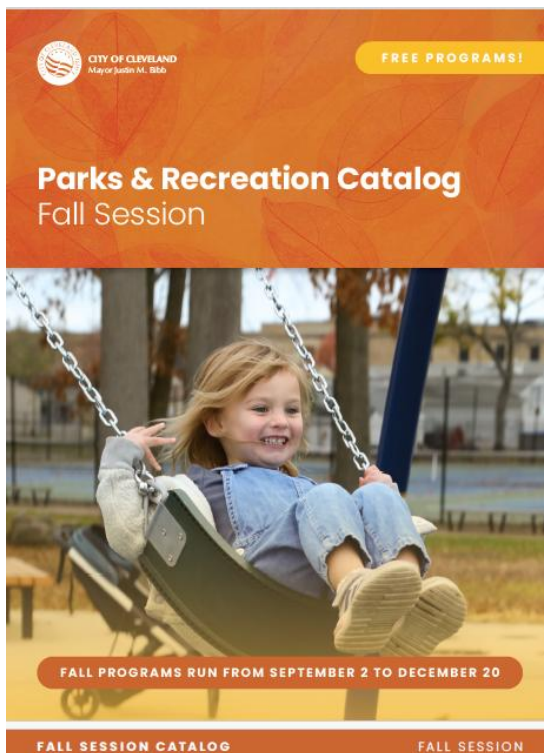
Parks: Horticulture, Mall & Gardens, Park Ground Maintenance, streetscapes, performing internment services.

Forestry: Manage the urban forest on public property

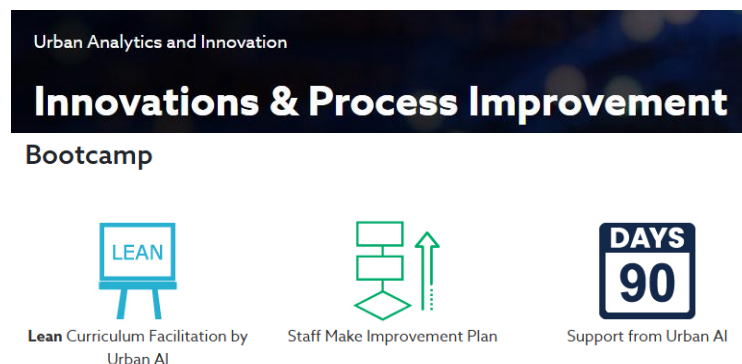


Core Initiatives and 2025 Accomplishments

Improved Marketing Functions



Refining Permitting Processes

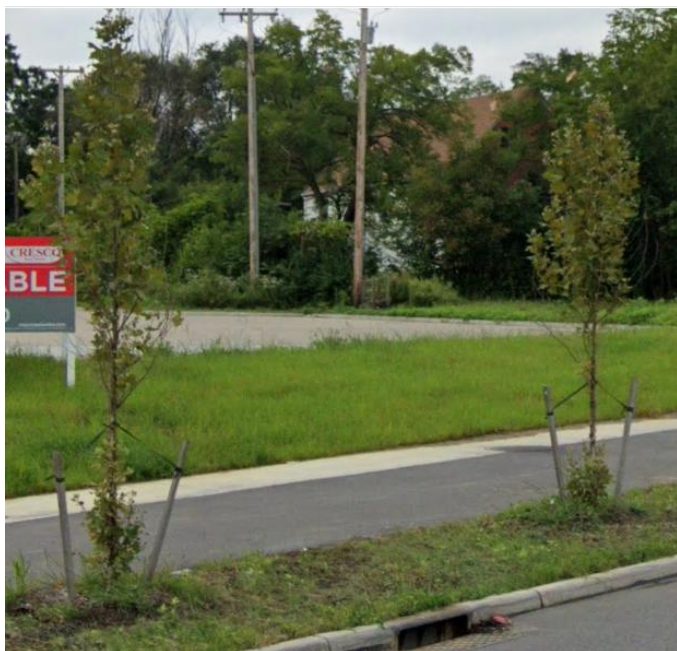


Improving Operations through Grow-No-Mow Pilot



Core Initiatives and 2025 Accomplishments

Implemented Urban Forestry Tree Inventory



Cityworks Asset Management System Maintenance Tracking



Implemented Professional Development



NATIONAL RECREATION
AND PARK ASSOCIATION



OHIO PARKS AND
RECREATION ASSOCIATION



Staffing

Department Division	2025 Budgeted Headcount	FTEs as of 9-30-25	Current Vacancies
Administration	9	5	4
Forestry	28	17	11
Parks	95	87	8
Public Auditorium	22	19	3
Recreation	148	113	40
Department Totals	302	240	66

