

1.4 - Mission ★

Standard: There shall be an established mission statement that defines the direction and purpose of the agency. The agency mission is the purpose or reason for the existence of the agency and establishes the long-term direction for the agency services and activities.

Suggested Evidence of Compliance: Provide the established mission statement.

Informational reference in the *Management of Park and Recreation Agencies*, (2010), 3rd Ed., Chapter 5 – Organization Structure and Administrative Operations, pp. 71-72.

Agency Evidence of Compliance:

The Park District of Oak Park's mission statement defines the purpose of the agency, which is "In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks and facilities."

The current mission statement was revised as part of the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan¹ with input from both staff and the Board of Commissioners. The final version of this plan, including the mission statement, was reviewed by the Board of Commissioners on December 6, 2012 and adopted on December 20, 2012.

The mission statement is reviewed every 3 years as part of the District's regular strategic planning process.

Documentation:

1. [01.04.00_Pages-3-4-Introduction-and-Mission-Vision-Values-of-2013-2015-Strategic-Plan.pdf](#)
2. [01.04.00_December-2012-COW-Meeting-Minutes.pdf](#)
3. [01.04.00_December-2012-Board-Meeting-Minutes.pdf](#)

Agency Self Assessment: MET
