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Park Sales Tax Fact Sheet

1. What is the Park Sales Tax?

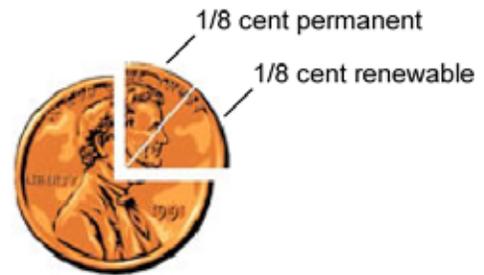
The Columbia Park Sales Tax is a dedicated sales tax for local parks applied to all retail sales made within the City of Columbia that are subject to taxation under the provision of Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo. All revenue received from the local Park Sales Tax is used...

"solely for local parks for the City, in order to purchase, improve and manage parks, trails and natural lands for water quality, wildlife, tree preservation, and recreation purposes."

2. What is the Park Sales Tax rate in Columbia and how much revenue does it generate?

The current Park Sales Tax rate in Columbia is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, or simply $\frac{1}{4}$ of one penny. This $\frac{1}{4}$ -cent is further divided into two separate categories.

- a. $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 cent - Permanent.
Generates about \$2.4 million/year.
- b. $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 cent - Renewable, with a five-year sunset.
This $\frac{1}{8}$ -cent tax is scheduled to expire March 31, 2011 unless Columbia voters approve its extension at the November 2, 2010 general election. Generates about 2.4 million/year or about \$12 million over a five-year period.



3. What is the Park Sales Tax used for?

Permanent $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Park Sales Tax - Primarily used to support the Parks and Recreation Department's operations budget and to pay off long-term debt from park land purchases.

Renewable $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Park Sales Tax - Main funding source for Parks and Recreation capital improvement projects. Capital projects are maintenance, renovation, development and acquisition projects that cost \$5,000 and greater. The Park Sales Tax is also used as matching funds for federal and state grants, which supplement Parks and Recreation development projects.

The renewable $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Park Sales Tax is used to fund:

- a. Green Space Preservation - The Park Sales Tax is the only dedicated source of funding the City of Columbia has for preserving green space. It is used to purchase land for parks, greenbelts, stream buffer and natural areas.
- b. Maintaining Existing Parks - The Park Sales Tax funds the major repairs, renovations, and replacements to Columbia's existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities.
- c. Improving Existing Parks - The Park Sales Tax is used to add amenities in existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities. Past examples include adding restrooms to the MKT trailheads, a family changing room at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, and expanding the parking lot at Garth Nature Area.
- d. New Development - The Park Sales Tax funds the development of new parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

4. When will the $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Park Sales Tax that is scheduled to expire March 31, 2011 be on a ballot for renewal? And if passed, will this change Columbia's current sales tax rate?

The renewable $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Park Sales Tax will be on the Tuesday, November 2, 2010 ballot for a five-year extension and is identified as Proposition 1. If passed, Columbia's sales tax rate will remain the same.

(See reverse side for the list of projects to be funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax, if Proposition 1 is approved by Columbia voters.)



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5. What projects will be funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax, if Proposition 1 is approved by voters?

After collecting public input, the City Council passed a resolution at the August 16, 2010 Council Meeting authorizing the 2010 Park Sales Tax funds, if Proposition 1 is passed, to be used for the following projects:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT AMOUNT	CATEGORY AMOUNT
Acquisition/Land Preservation		\$2,025,000
Acquire Land for community parks, greenbelts, green space, wildlife corridors, and natural area preservation	\$1,525,000	
Acquire land for new neighborhood parks (an amount up to)	\$500,000	
Improvements to Existing Parks		\$4,765,000
Annual Roads and Parking Improvements	\$750,000	
Annual Joint City/School Playground Projects	\$125,000	
Annual Park Improvement Major Maintenance	\$600,000	
Albert-Oakland Park - New Restroom	\$125,000	
Albert-Oakland Park - Athletic Field Renovations	\$150,000	
Armory Renovation - Activity/Meeting Room Flooring	\$75,000	
Atkins Park Phase II - Restrooms, Concessions, Field	\$850,000	
Cosmo-Bethel Park - Light Tennis Courts, Trail	\$150,000	
Cosmo Park - Football/Lacrosse Field Improvements	\$150,000	
Cosmo Park - New Restroom Soccer/Football Fields	\$125,000	
Cosmo Park - Steinberg Playground Renovation	\$500,000	
Douglass Park - Playground Renovation, Fitness Stations	\$100,000	
Downtown Optimist Park Renovation	\$50,000	
Fairview Park - Shelter Replacement, Playground, Parking	\$175,000	
Nifong Park - Maplewood Barn, Parking	\$200,000	
Shepard Boulevard Tennis Court Renovation	\$75,000	
Trail Restroom Improvements - Garth, Grindstone, MLK	\$315,000	
Twin Lakes Recreation Area Improvements	\$250,000	
Trails and Greenbelts		\$2,070,000
Grindstone Trail Development - Grindstone Nature Area to Confluence	\$1,570,000	
Annual Trail Improvements - Major Maintenance	\$500,000	
New Facility/Park Development		\$2,540,000
Barberry Neighborhood Park	\$125,000	
Jay Dix Neighborhood Park	\$125,000	
Strawn Road Neighborhood Park	\$125,000	
Gans Creek Rec Area/Philips Park - Phase I	\$1,750,000	
Norma Sutherland Smith Park - Phase I	\$250,000	
Waters-Moss Park - Phase I	\$165,000	
Contingency		\$600,000
TOTAL 5 YEAR PARK SALES TAX PROJECTS		\$12,000,000

For more information on the Park Sales Tax - its purpose, history, and past projects funded go to:

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