



## RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

### AGENDA

---

Friday, May 8, 2026

9:00 AM

11865 Heirloom Parkway  
Parker, CO 80134

---

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of the Agenda

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Attachments:** [Unofficial Minutes April 10, 2026](#)

**3. Citizen Comment**

**4. Discussion and Action Items**

- a. Rules and Regulations Update
- b. Rueter-Hess Update April 2026

**Attachments:** [Rueter-Hess Update April 2026](#)

- c. Rueter-Hess Budget Update April 2026

**Attachments:** [Rueter-Hess Budget Update April 2026](#)

**5. Other Business and Discussion**

- a. Entrance Shed Update
- b. Fishery Update

c. Projects Update

**6. Adjournment**

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Friday, June 12, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.\*\**

[www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us)

**MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Unofficial Minutes April 10  
2026



## RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

### MINUTES

---

Friday, April 10, 2026

9:00 AM

11865 Heirloom Parkway  
Parker, CO 80134

---

#### 1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Bill Wasserman, Parker Water and Sanitation District, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for a roll call.

a. Roll Call

**PRESENT** Board Member Bill Wasserman.  
Board Member Austin Good  
Alternate Marne Hansen  
Board Member Mary Colton  
Alternate Amy Knopp  
Board Member Marcus Graves

**EXCUSED** Board Member Jeff Brauer  
Board Member Steve Shoultz  
Alternate Michael Lawson  
Alternate Seth Hoffman  
Alternate Larry Nimmo

STAFF  
PRESENT

Ron Redd, PWSD, General Manager  
Jared Bailey, PWSD  
Celeste Deal, County Liaison

b. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Bill Wasserman, Parker Water and Sanitation District, asked for a motion to approve the April 10, 2026, Rueter-Hess Advisory Board Agenda.

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Austin Good  
**SECONDER:** Marne Hansen  
**AYES:** Wasserman, Good, Hansen, Colton, Hoffman, Knopp, Graves  
**EXCUSED:** Brauer, Shoultz, Lawson, Nimmo

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Bill Wasserman, Parker Water and Sanitation District, asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2026, Rueter-Hess Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Marne Hansen

**SECONDER:** Austin Good

**AYES:** Wasserman, Good, Hansen, Colton, Hoffman, Knopp, Graves

**EXCUSED:** Brauer, Shoultz, Lawson, Nimmo

**3. Citizen Comment**

There were none.

**4. Discussion and Action Items****a. Aqua Sierra Update**

Staff provided an update on proposed fishing regulation adjustments, stocking methods, species availability, and forage conditions.

Items discussed included bag limits, stocking schedules, predation mitigation, and potential introduction of smallmouth bass.

**b. Incline Trailhead Update**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess updated the RAB. The weed spraying and milling project was completed at the end of March. Items discussed included the project duration, surface quality, and access to additional millings.

**c. Rueter-Hess Update March 2026**

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and staff discussed increases in winter visitation, a shorter-than-normal seasonal closure, angler activity, wildlife sightings, and progress on dock installation and extensions.

**d. Rueter-Hess Budget Update March 2026**

The RAB reviewed current spending and discussed the potential to accelerate the Incline Trailhead parking lot project if favorable pricing remains available.

**5. Other Business and Discussion****a. Rueter-Hess Entrance Shed Update**

The Rueter-Hess Advisory Board and staff discussed inspection requirements, timing, and readiness for use. The project is nearing completion.

**b. Dock RFP Update**

Two bids were received for the dock project, but neither met minimum requirements. Re-bidding is likely. The Board discussed compatibility with existing dock systems and procurement options.

**6. Adjournment**

Board Chair, Bill Wasserman, declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24 a.m.

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Friday, May 8, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.\*\**

[www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us)

**MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rueter-Hess Update April 2026

## Memorandum

**Date:** May 4, 2026  
**To:** Douglas County Advisory Boards  
**From:** Amy Knopp, Manager of Rueter-Hess Recreation  
**CC:** Steven Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**Subject:** Rueter-Hess Recreation Update for April 2026

---

### RUETER-HESS UPDATES

#### **Is Our Black Bear Family Back? Possible Cub Sighting!**

It looks like our black bear family may have returned to the area. A guest recently shared a video that appears to show a young cub, recorded from a safe distance. Because the bear was far away, it was difficult to confirm if it was indeed a cub. Although sightings of yearlings were limited last season, their scat has been a consistent sign of their presence around both the Rueter-Hess Reservoir and the Incline. To learn more about bear scat, the North American Bear Center's website (<https://bear.org/bear-facts/scat-droppings/>) is a great source.



*Black Bear <https://cpw.state.co.us/species/black-bear>*

BearWise (bearwise.org) explains that the longer days and warmer temperatures in April draw bears out of their dens. When bears come out of hibernation, they are thirsty and hungry. After drinking some much-needed water from the reservoir, they begin foraging for ants, other insects, and leftover chokecherries and service berries.

The Rueter-Hess property continues to offer a safe environment where people and wildlife can coexist. We want to remind everyone that getting too close to wildlife is dangerous for humans and disruptive for animals. Protecting wildlife is a priority, and it's encouraging to know that, with awareness and respect, we can all enjoy and recreate safely in these shared spaces.

#### **Eased Fishing Rules for Rueter-Hess Recreation**

Parker Water and Sanitation District (Parker Water) updated the rules and regulations for recreational use at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. The revised regulations ease restrictions on Walleye and Yellow Perch fishing. The update increases the Walleye size limit by 1 inch, setting it at 16 to 21 inches, and doubles the Yellow Perch bag limit to 10 fish. The update became effective on May 1, 2026.

	2025	2026
<b>Walleye (<i>Sander vitreus</i>)</b>	Size Limit = 16 to 20 Inches Bag Limit = 2	Size Limit = 16 to 21 Inches Bag Limit = 2
<b>Yellow Perch (<i>Perca flavescens</i>)</b>	Size Limit = 6 Inches or Longer Bag Limit = 5	Size Limit = 6 Inches or Longer Bag Limit = 10

### Improved Recreation Access



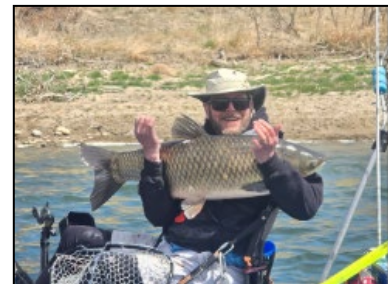
*Entrance Station*

With the completion of the entrance station, the two-year recreation access project is now complete. The combination of roadway improvements and the new entrance station will improve traffic flow and enhance events like Partner Days and Special events. The increased storage capacity will support watercraft inspections.

### OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Spring brought another month of weather-related challenges as staff continued preparations for the upcoming summer season. April at the reservoir was moderately chilly and breezy, with notable temperature swings. Daytime highs ranged from 44 to 83 degrees, while overnight lows dropped to 23 degrees.

Even though the weather fluctuated, visitation and angling activity continued to rise. Interest in the fishery remains strong, with many visitors reporting that they learned about it online or through word of mouth. Continued fishing check patrols are revealing great pictures of anglers catching fish!



*Angler*



*Dock*

Staff completed several operational and maintenance projects throughout the month. Work on the docks continued, including finalizing the boat ramp dock assembly, placement, and installation of all accessories. Weekly dock adjustments were performed to match changing water elevations. Staff harrowed the shoreline, parking area, and trails throughout April to promote quality experiences for visitors. Preparations at the entrance station also progressed, including caulking, installing commercial door handles, and organizing storage to support efficient inspections.

Staff also engaged in multiple training opportunities, including CPR and First Aid, as well as tractor box scraping. Picnic tables and benches were maintained. Additionally, the team met with Avid 4 Adventure to coordinate and plan a summer-long watercraft day camp for kids, ensuring a well-organized and successful partnership for the upcoming season.



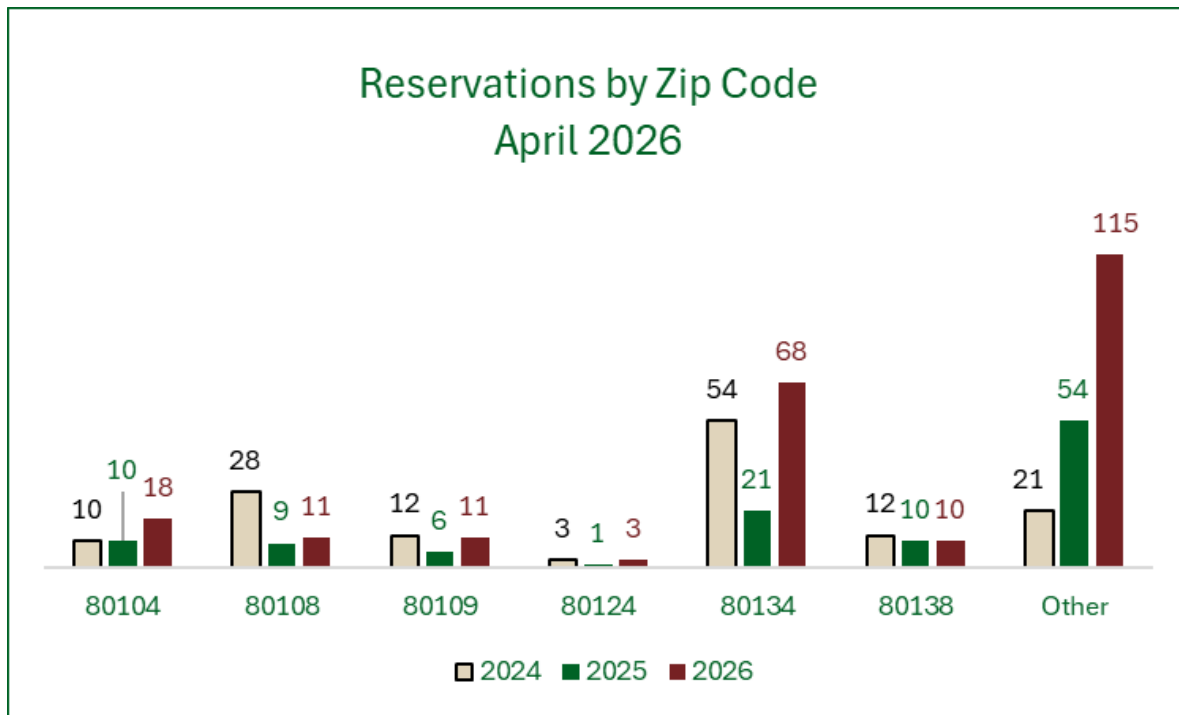
*Tractor*

**SPECIAL USE CALENDAR**

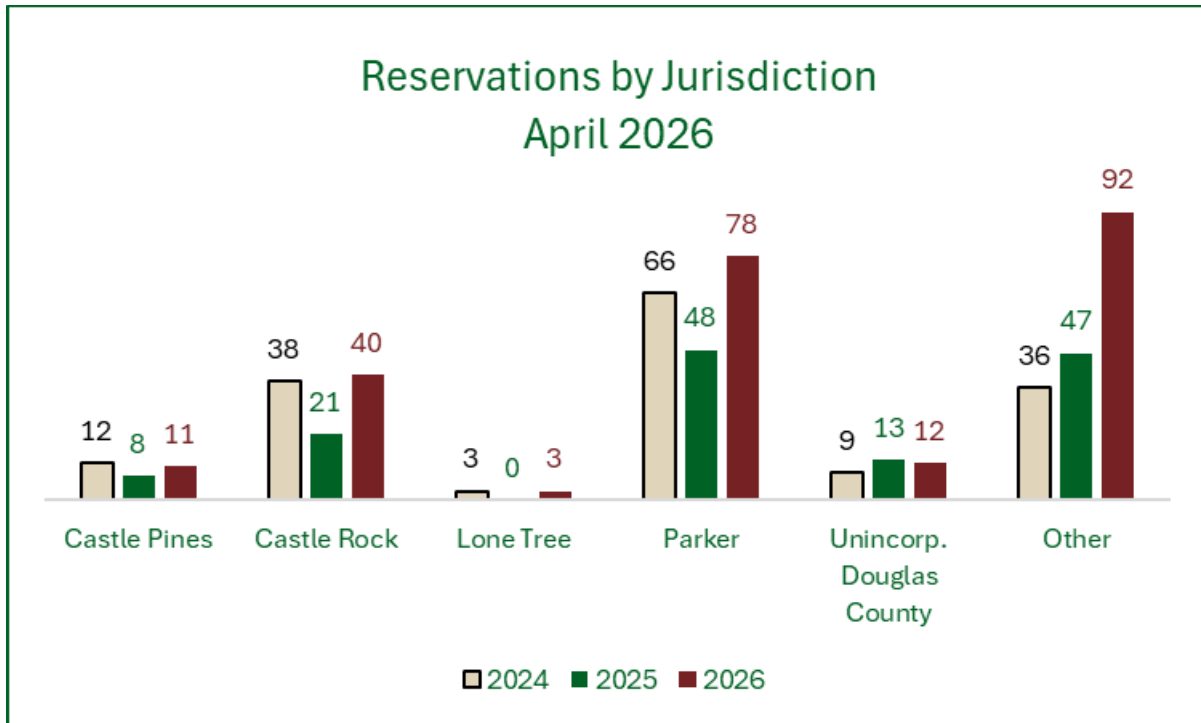
<b>Calendar of Events 2026</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Special Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
5/31/2026	Runuphill Racing	Incline
6/6/2026	Colorado Gun Dog Association	Hess Rd. Access
6/1/2026 to 8/14/2026	Avid4 Adventure Summer Season Day Camp	Reservoir
6/26-29/2026	Amateur Radio Emergency Service	Pavilion
07/13-17/2026	Girl Scouts of Colorado Camp Days	Reservoir
8/21/2026	Douglas County Sheriff's Office	Reservoir
7/20/2026	South Metro Fire Department Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
7/22/2026	South Metro Fire Department Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
7/24/2026	South Metro Fire Department Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
<b>RAB /Partner Days</b>		
7/18/2026	Lone Tree Partner Day	Reservoir
8/16/2026	Castle Rock Partner Day	Reservoir
TBD	PWSD Family Day 3-6 pm	Reservoir
8/9/2026	Castle Pines Partner Day	Reservoir
8/15/2026	Parker Partner Day	Reservoir
<b>Partner Programing</b>		
6/19-20/2026	Dash Across the Dam - Parker 5K	Reservoir
<b>Volunteer Days</b>		
6/12/2026	Shoreline Cleanup	Reservoir
8/7/2026	Shoreline Cleanup	Reservoir
9/25/2026	Ranch View Middle School 70 kids in 6-8th grade	Reservoir

**RECREATION STATS (UPDATED 5/04/26)**

<b>Visitation</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Reservations Made	30	44	218	206	555
Reservoir Visitors	66	102	393	376	1033
Trails Visitors	5216	6227	6738	8066	26247
Visitors	5282	6329	7131	8442	27280
<b>Special Use</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Special Activities/Events	0	0	2	1	3
People Attending Special Activities/Events	0	0	5	0	5
<b>Fishing</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Adult Anglers	27	18	218	209	525
Youth Anglers	3	6	60	63	148
Total Anglers	30	24	278	272	673
<b>Watercraft Inspections</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Watercraft Inspections	0	0	16	74	107
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>2026 Total</b>
Trail Assist	0	0	0	1	1
Trail Rescue	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trail Assist/Rescue	0	0	0	1	1
Water Assists (Needed Help)	0	0	2	3	5
Water Rescues	0	0	0	0	0
Total Water Assist/Rescue	0	0	2	3	5



Rueter-Hess Usage by Zip Code	Number of Reservations April 2026		
	2024	2025	2026
80104	10	10	18
80108	28	9	11
80109	12	6	11
80124	3	1	3
80134	54	21	68
80138	12	10	10
Other	21	54	115



Usage By Jurisdiction April 2026			
Jurisdiction	2024	2025	2026
Castle Pines	12	8	11
Castle Rock	38	21	40
Lone Tree	3	0	3
Parker	66	48	78
Unincorporated Douglas County	9	13	12
Other	36	47	92

[www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us)

**MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rueter-Hess Budget Update April 2026

Budget vs. Actual Activity - B.U.

Budget vs Actual Rpt(CONDENSED)

Page -

1

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	(796,539.00)	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	.00	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	.00	.0
340000 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	(58,086.89)	(32,000.00)	(4,655.00)	.00	(46,000.00)	(46,000.00)	(41,345.00)	89.9
360000 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	(108,700.02)	(50,000.00)	(25,959.72)	.00	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	(24,040.28)	48.1
390000 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(83,333.32)	.00	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(166,666.68)	66.7
300000 REVENUES	(1,213,325.91)	(952,000.00)	(733,948.04)	.00	(966,000.00)	(966,000.00)	(232,051.96)	24.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
410000 PERSONNEL SERVICES	544,067.55	621,315.00	187,667.37	.00	601,911.00	601,911.00	414,243.63	68.8
433000 SUPPLIES	17,646.33	20,600.00	2,616.05	.00	33,100.00	33,100.00	30,483.95	92.1
438000 CONTROLLABLE ASSETS (C.A.)	6,796.87	5,000.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	8,638.29	15,000.00	928.39	.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	27,071.61	96.7
448000 BUILDING MATERIALS	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0
449000 FIXED CHARGES	27,743.13	44,020.00	6,835.68	.00	19,515.00	19,515.00	12,679.32	65.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	206,120.00	243,000.00	24.60	52,340.00	133,000.00	133,000.00	80,635.40	60.6
480000 CONTINGENCIES & RESERVES	.00	50,000.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	811,012.17	998,935.00	198,072.09	52,340.00	870,526.00	870,526.00	620,113.91	71.2
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT	(402,313.74)	46,935.00	(535,875.95)	52,340.00	(95,474.00)	(95,474.00)	388,061.95	(406.5)

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850900 Fishery Management								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	439.40	60,000.00	20,700.00	.00	.00	.00	(20,700.00)	(100.0)
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	439.40	60,000.00	20,700.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	54,300.00	72.4
850900 Fishery Management	439.40	60,000.00	20,700.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	54,300.00	72.4

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850901 Docks								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	3,685.00	227,969.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	218,865.88	222,031.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.0
478000 MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	3,165.46	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	225,716.34	450,000.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.0
850901 Docks	225,716.34	450,000.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.0

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	11,000.00	11,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	33,380.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	11,000.00	44,380.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0
850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction	11,000.00	44,380.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0

Budget vs. Actual Activity - B.U.

Budget vs Actual Rpt(CONDENSED)

Page -

5

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2026

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850903 Entrance Improvements								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	3,750.00	3,750.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	107,332.62	136,870.00	29,832.61	18,544.43	.00	29,537.00	(18,840.04)	(63.8)
400000 EXPENDITURES	111,082.62	140,620.00	29,832.61	18,544.43	.00	29,537.00	(18,840.04)	(63.8)
850903 Entrance Improvements	61,082.62	140,620.00	29,832.61	18,544.43	.00	29,537.00	(18,840.04)	(63.8)