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The Estimated Annual Value of the Wilmington Park and Recreation System	
Summary	
<b>Revenue-Producing Factors for City Government</b>	
Revenue from property tax, due to increased property value	\$1,080,000
Revenue from transfer tax, due to increased property value	\$154,000
Revenue from sales tax, due to park-related tourism	\$129,000
<b>Estimated Total, Municipal Revenue-Producing Factors</b>	<b>\$1,363,000</b>
<b>Wealth-Increasing Factors to Citizens</b>	
Property value from park proximity, at time of sale	\$10,256,000
Profits from tourism	\$715,000
<b>Estimated Total, Wealth-Increasing Factors</b>	<b>\$10,971,000</b>
<b>Cost-Saving Factors to Citizens</b>	
Direct use value	\$41,805,000
Health value	\$4,322,000
Community cohesion value	\$1,058,000
<b>Estimated Total, Citizen Cost-Saving Factors</b>	<b>\$47,185,000</b>
<b>Cost-Saving Factors for City Government</b>	
Stormwater management value	\$409,000
Air pollution mitigation value	\$39,000
<b>Estimated Total, Municipal Cost-Saving Factors</b>	<b>\$448,000</b>
Source: Center for City Park Excellence, The Trust for Public Land, 2009.	

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