



Parks and Recreation

Graffiti Abatement Program



Graffiti Information

- 2007 – Realized that graffiti was not being removed in a timely manner, often leading to more graffiti incidents
- Decided to do graffiti abatement in Parks
- Established a policy and procedures
- Created a graffiti removal crew
- Obtained equipment and supplies – grant for an Air Comp for sand blasting equip

Graffiti Policy

- All graffiti is reported to the Maintenance Superintendent's office
- All graffiti is removed within 24 hours of notification
- Offensive, racial, or sexual graffiti will be abated as quickly as possible. If ground conditions or other limitations prevent this from happening, then other steps will be taken to cover the problem.
- The Police will be involved if it is suspected to be gang related

Graffiti Process

- Graffiti is reported to Park Maintenance
- Initial assessment is completed by employee
- Police Park Patrol liaison is notified if it is gang related and he photographs prior to removal
- A work order is created to track removal cost and number of incidents at each location
- Removal method is dependent on the type of surface involved



Graffiti Removal Methods

- **Paint**

- Picnic tables, bathroom stalls, sports courts

- **Sand blast**

- Dugouts, block walls, sidewalks, skate park

- **Chemicals**

- Signs, disc golf baskets

- **Blacktop sealer**

- Asphalt trails

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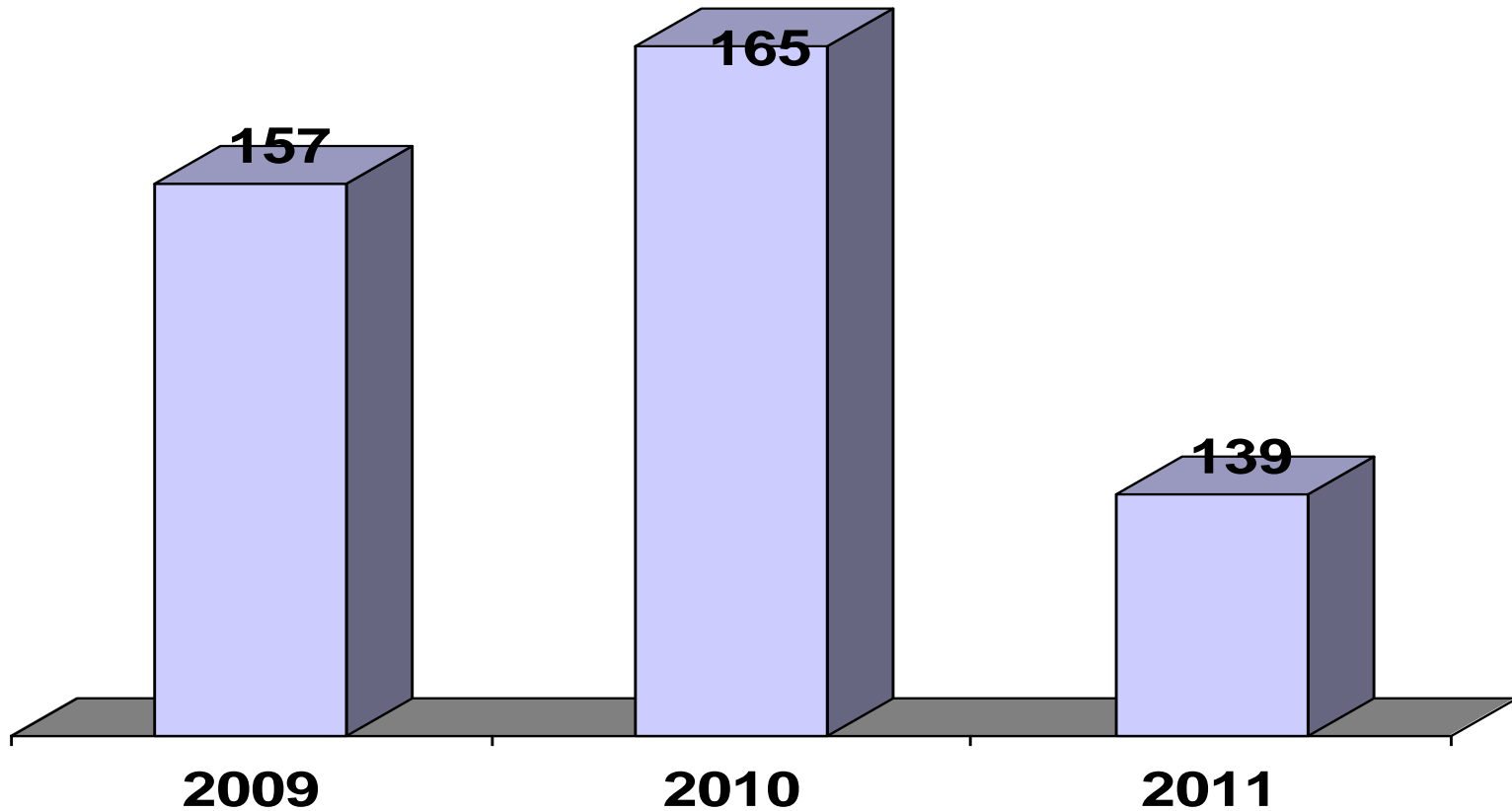
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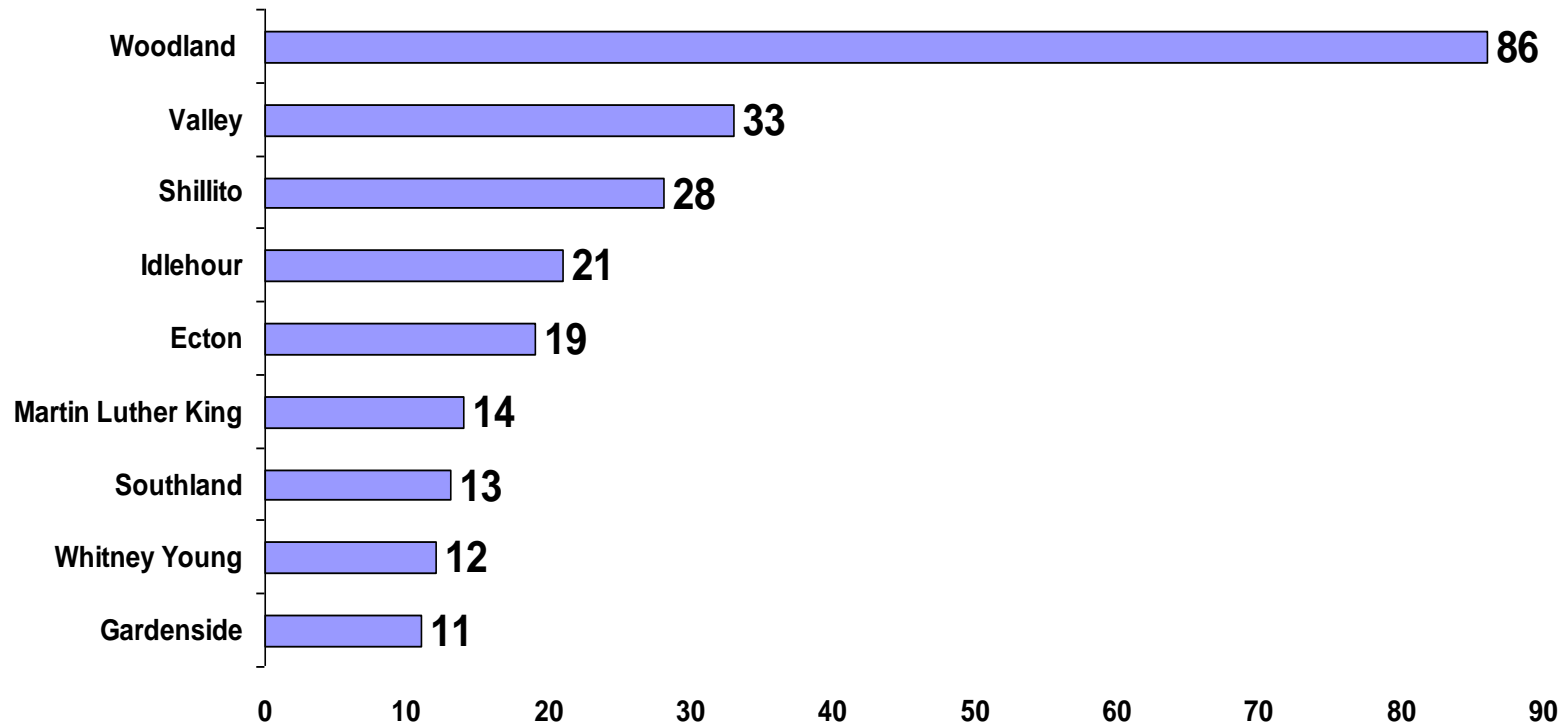


Total Graffiti Incidents



Graffiti Incidents by Park

- From 2009 thru November 11, 2011
- All other parks had 10 incidents or less per location during the same time period.





Observations

- Quick response and removal
- Graffiti task force
- Police arrests
- Ordinance – graffiti tool possession
- Citizen watch and involvement



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Questions?