City of Ann Arbor Canoe Liveries

Gallup Park Livery

Argo Park Livery

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Paddlesport History in Ann Arbor

- 1898 U of M Boat House constructed
- 1963 City purchased Edison land and dams
- 1970 City purchased privately owned canoe livery on Argo
- 1983 Gallup Canoe Livery constructed
- 2012 Argo Cascades opened

City of Ann Arbor Canoe Liveries

- Largest canoe livery operation in the State of Michigan
- 550 boats
- 50 tubes
- Over 2000 customers on a busy weekend day
- 100,000 people rented boats FY2016

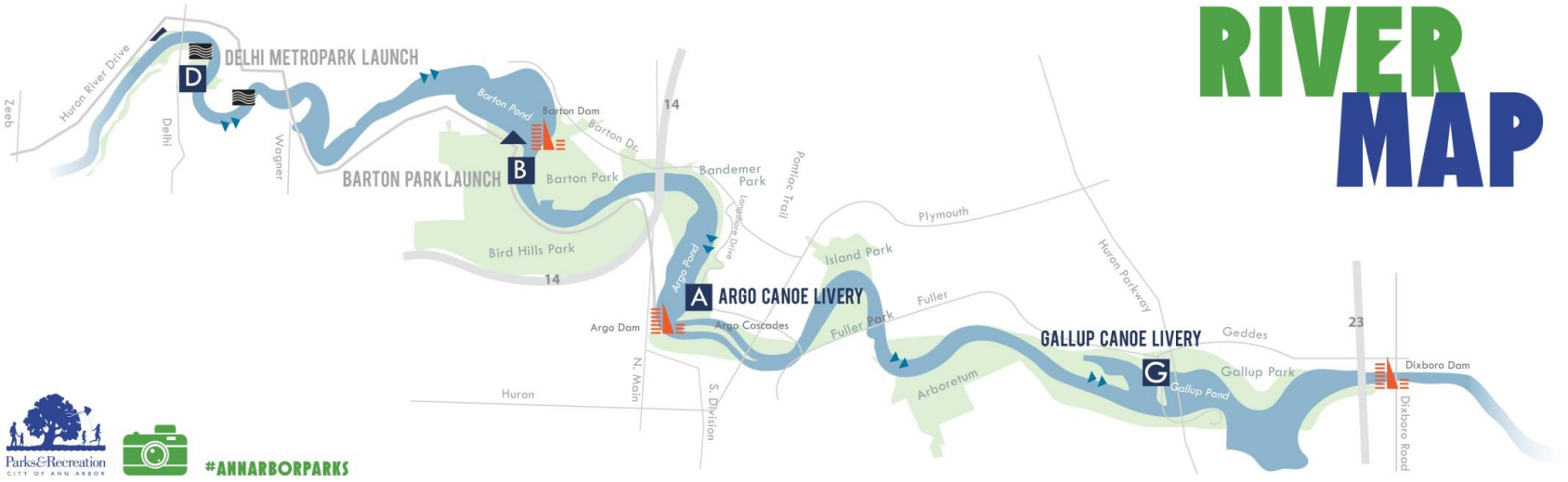
Gallup Park Canoe Livery

- River Trips
  - 5.7 mile Barton to Gallup River Trip
- Stillwater Paddles
  - 2 mile Gallup Pond
- River Camps & Programs
- Coffee shop and concessions
- Popular park

Argo Park Canoe Livery

- River Trips
  - 3.7 mile Argo to Gallup
  - 7.1 mile Delhi to Argo
- Stillwater Paddles
  - 2 mile Argo Pond
- Tube Rentals
  - Argo Cascades
- River Camps & Programs
- Concessions

Huron River in Ann Arbor



River Trips

- River trips 69% of all boat rentals
  - Argo to Gallup
    - 87% of the river trips
  - Barton to Gallup
    - 13% of the river trips

Stillwater Paddles

- Stillwater paddles 27% of all boat rentals
  - Novice paddlers
  - Low cost
  - Easy for staff, easy for customer
  - Boats

Tubing Argo Cascades

- Tubes 4% of our rentals
- Increase popularity of tubes in the river

Livery Operations

- Season April to October
- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily
- 9 vans and trailers
- Parking
- Boats & equipment

Livery Staff

- 95 seasonal employees
- Staff training
  - Customer service
  - Risk management
  - Knowledgeable

River Festivals & Programs

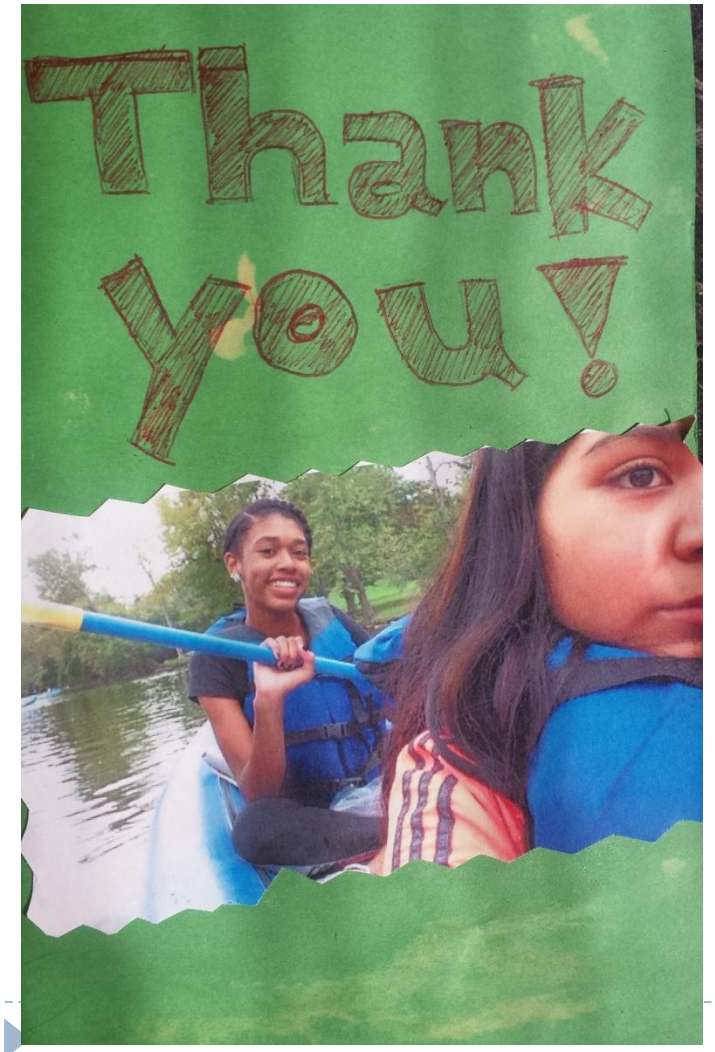
- 4,500 people/year
  - Huron River Day
  - Moonlight Paddles
  - Trick or Treat Paddle
  - Kayak and SUP courses
  - Preschool River Kids
  - River Women
  - Fishing

River Day Camps

180 Argo 6th-8th grades

330 Gallup 1st-5th grade

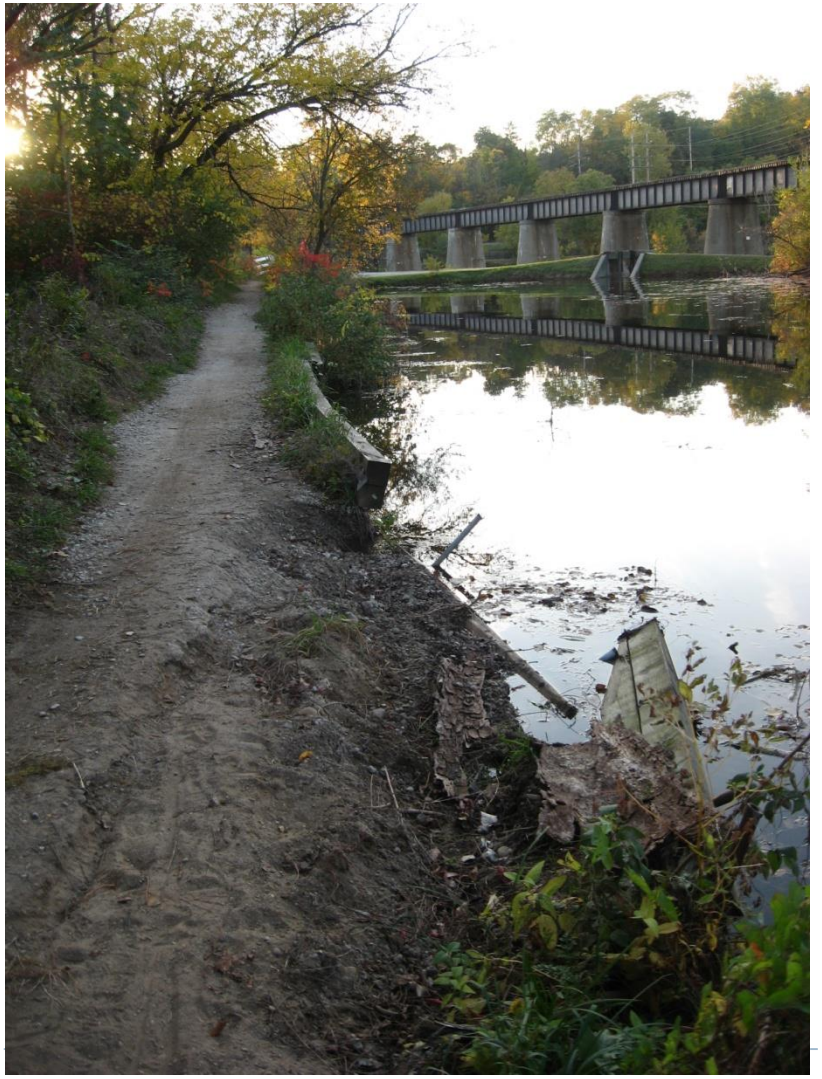
Groups



Capital Improvements

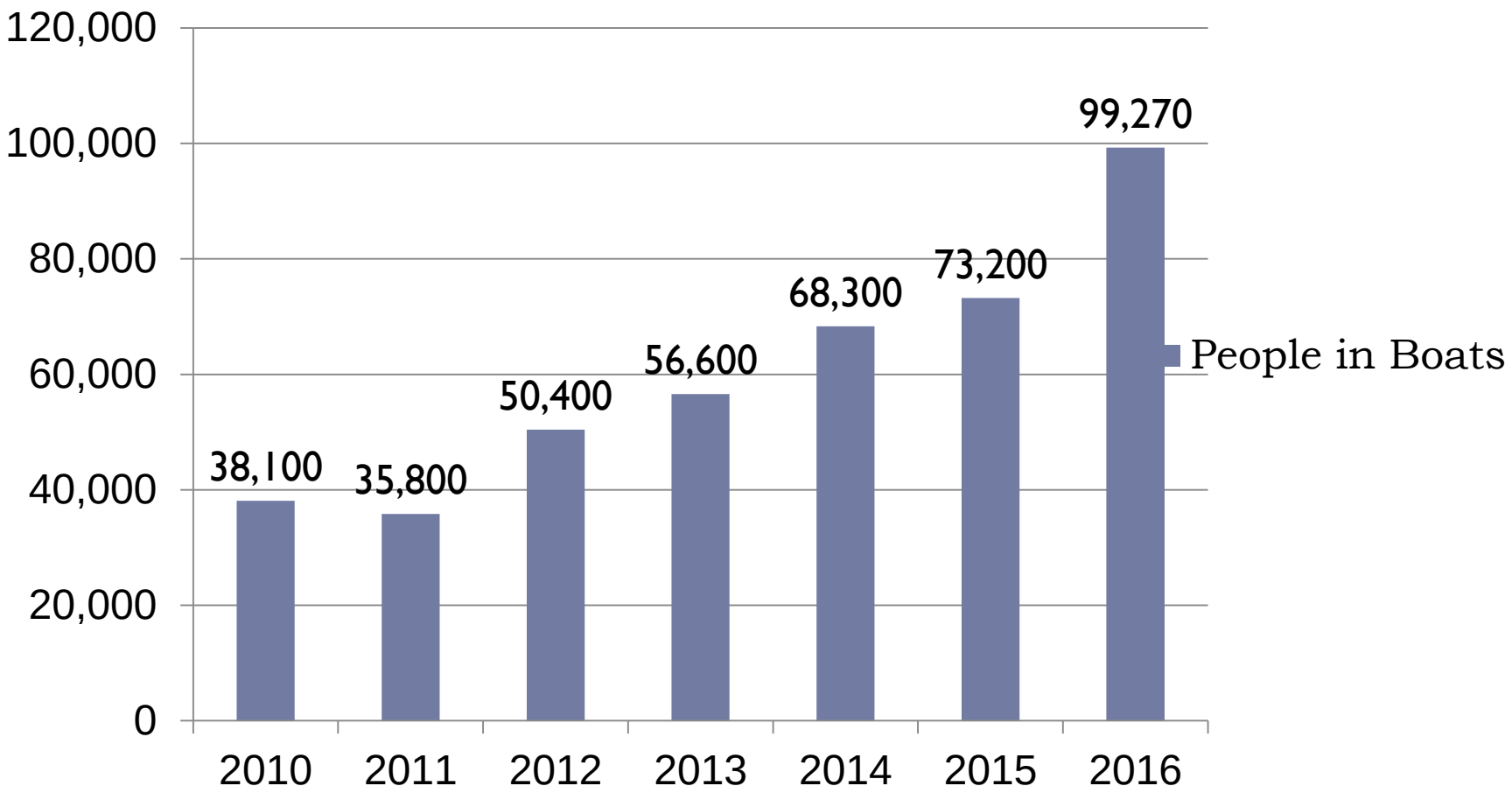
- Argo & Gallup facility renovations
- Argo Cascades

Argo Millrace 2010

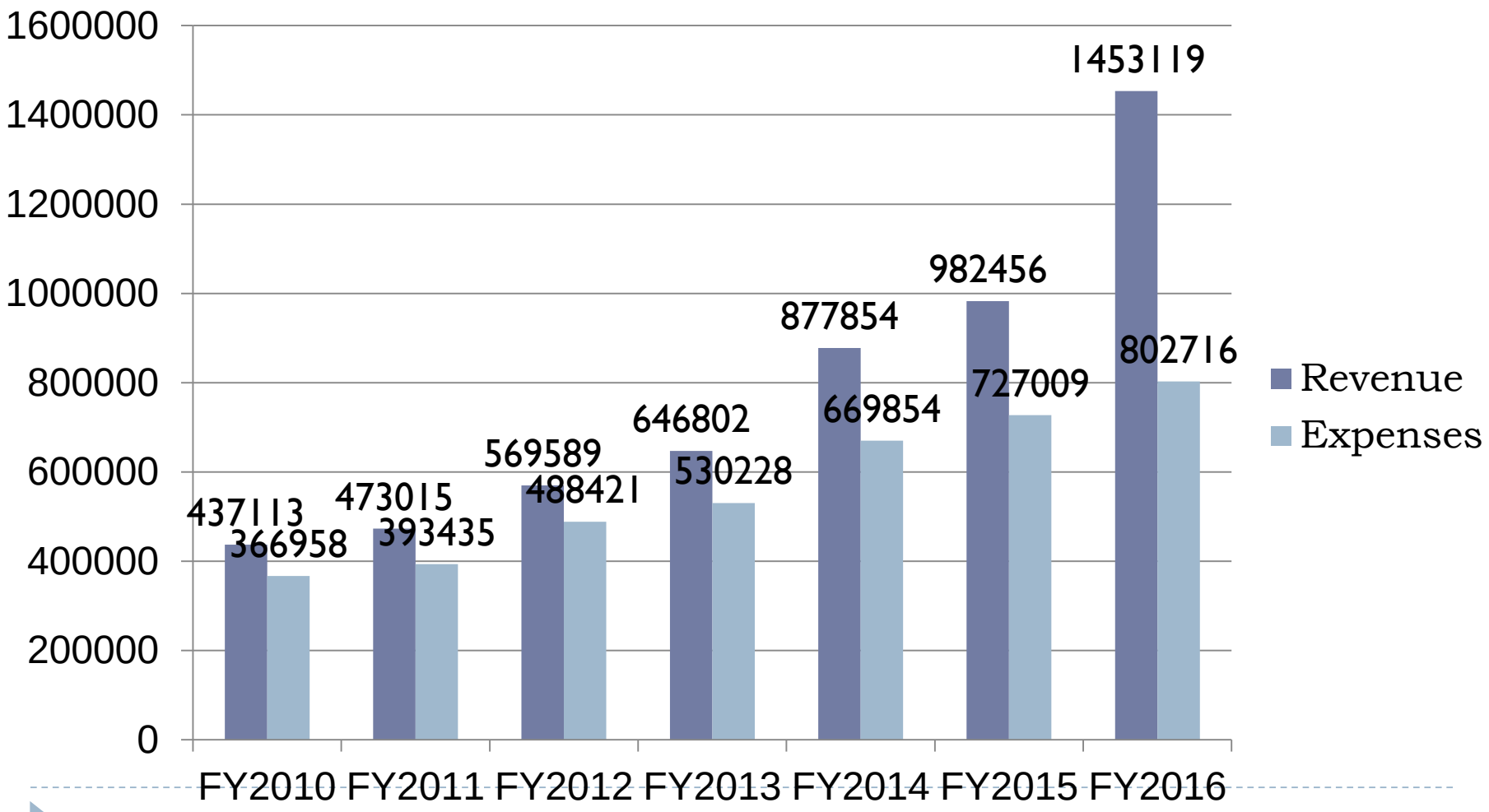


Expand and Improve River Recreation

Number of People in Livery Boats



General Fund Revenue & Expenses



Managing Liveries

- Staff and equipment
- Infrastructure improvements
- River
  - Water levels
- Risks
- Crowds
  - Parking
  - Queues
  - Public river and park users
  - Police presence

River Recreation in A2

- Clean beautiful river
- City of A2 Parks & Recreation Services
- Urban and accessible
- Experience for all
- Fun!
- River programs
- Argo Cascades
- Growing popularity of paddlesports nationwide
- Huron River Watertrail
- Economic impact

Paddlesports & Parks

- Provides active outdoor experiences
- Nature makes people happier
- Promotes and supports parks
- Michigan's water resources