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# City of Lincoln

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## ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET



A larger than life-size bronze elk sculpture by Rich Haines (top left) was installed in the fall of 2001 at the north entrance to Pioneers Park. Angeleen Stransky and her late husband Leonard, a prominent Lincoln grocer and businessman, donated \$111,000 for the sculpture as part of a 1994 gift totaling more than \$1 million to the Parks and Recreation Department. Six elk, nine bison and eight deer now live year round at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, which includes more than 485 acres of unplowed native prairie. Generous donations from the Powell and Martin families have added to the open space and prairie areas of the park. The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department also has received a great deal of support for Pioneers Park from the Lincoln Parks Foundation, other governmental agencies and private donations. The Natural Resources Conservation Service provided funding for a grassland easement on the property, greatly reducing the cost to the City. An addition to the Nature Center's Prairie Building (above right) is now under construction and incorporates environmentally-friendly technologies including the first use of a "green" roof on a public building in Nebraska.