



## PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION

### Staff Profile: Gerry White

Gerry White is currently the Acting Operations Manager for Districts 1 and 2. Gerry has been with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation for 34 years. At a young age, he started working at one of the City golf courses, with the goal of becoming a supervisor. Through that position, he developed an interest in horticulture, landscaping and working outdoors, which led him into a career in operations.



Gerry's day consists of coordinating and delegating maintenance assignments to various groups of people including maintenance crews, trash removal and the Northeast Tree Division, which includes about 35 employees total. Even though Gerry enjoys his job, it doesn't come without difficulties. He says equipment issues are the biggest challenge in Operations, specifically for the tree crew. For Gerry, the most rewarding aspect of being an operations manager is witnessing his staff members successfully achieve their

goals with little difficulty.