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2024 - 2029



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Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
Five Year Parks, Recreation, and Open
Space Plan 2024 – 2029

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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

Introduction

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has created the "Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Five Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan" as a tool to guide the development and preservation of the Genesee County Parks system in a manner that is consistent with its mission of "providing affordable, quality recreational facilities and programs to all citizens of Genesee County, and to act as a conservator of publicly-held recreational lands and facilities, historical structures, and educational facilities". This plan will also make the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission eligible for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the county in reaching its goals.

Access to recreation and public spaces is universally recognized as one of the basic needs of modern society. It is the Commission's goal to provide a variety of outdoor experiences for all segments of the population of Genesee County, including services and facilities to directly meet the needs of urban neighborhoods.

To leverage existing resources to provide park and recreation services to county residents, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission extended an offer to municipalities within the county to collaborate directly with the development of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Five Year Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. Action plan items are included from several communities that chose to participate, the intent is to allow for future partnerships in pursuing funding opportunities or other efforts to provide and sustain parks and recreation facilities or programs. This would not displace or limit the actions or function of current planning documents in place with each community.

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission was represented as part of the Blue Ribbon Panel that generated "The Future of Michigan's Parks and Outdoor Recreation: A Report to Governor Rick Snyder" (The Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel, 2012). The goals and objectives within the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Five Year Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan support the recommendations identified by the Blue Ribbon Panel including:

- Resource Protection and Stewardship
- Targeted Investments and Measuring Impacts
- Trail Network Development
- Regional Identity and Connection
- Signature Urban Parks
- Integrated Marketing and Promotion
- Safety, Maintenance and Access

Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee, and St. Clair counties cooperate as part of the 1-69 International Trade Corridor as a Next Michigan Development Corporation (NMDC). There are various Regional Prosperity Plan Initiatives that reflect a broad coordinated effort in the region to attract and maintain talent, achieve place making objectives and increase tourism. An example of the tourism impact of parks is included in the Appendix section of the plan.

Community Description

A. Introduction to the Social Characteristics

1. Site Description

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has more than 11,000 acres of property located within Genesee and Lapeer Counties. With active partnership agreements, the Commission owns or maintains 91% of park land in Genesee County. The Commission's boundary is depicted within the Appendix. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's property is in the southeastern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, approximately 70 miles northwest of Detroit. See Appendix A for boundary map and Genesee County owned land.

2. Population Characteristics

When beginning the planning process, it is important to examine the population characteristics of a community. The characteristics and trends of a community provide important indicators as to what future recreation needs should be planned to accommodate. These factors include a variety of social and physical factors. Examinations of these factors provide a firm rationale upon which to base future recreation. Recent census figures show a slight increase in the state's overall population. Michigan saw population declines over a seven-year period between 2005 and 2011 before finally seeing a net gain in 2012. The new U.S. Census Bureau data released December 2013 showing the state's population rose 0.1%.

TABLE 1 POPULATION GROWTH 1970 - 2020							
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017	2020
Genesee County	445,589	450,449	430,459	436,141	425,790	407,385	406,211
State of Michigan	8,875,083	9,262,044	9,295,397	9,938,444	9,883,635	9,900,623	10,077,331

Source: US Census

Table 1 presents an interesting view of population trends over the last 47 years for Genesee County and the State of Michigan. The recession of the BO's, coupled with people moving to more rural areas, caused the population in Genesee County to decline (The pattern within the county of a population shift indicates a decline in population in the central city, followed by a similar drop in the first "ring" of municipalities ten years later, while outlying areas continued to experience growth.). The state of Michigan, for the first time in state history, displayed a loss of residents in the 2010 U.S. Census.

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TABLE 2 POPULATION CHARACTERISTIC - 2022			
	STATE OF MICHIGAN	GENESEE COUNTY	CITY OF FLINT
Population Density (Person/Sq. Mile)	178.0	637.8	2,429.8
Per Capita Income	34,768	30,561	18,719
Unemployed	6%	5.2%	10.4%
Households without Cars	2.9	3.0	3.7
Households below 150% Poverty Line	13.4%	16.3%	33.5%
Persons with Disability under 65	10.1%	13.7%	20.2%

Source: 2022 American Community Survey

Table 2 above depicts an area's unemployment and poverty characteristics. The City of Flint qualifies as the region with the highest concentration of unemployment and poverty and is used in comparison to the State of Michigan and Genesee County to depict how Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's improvements will directly serve a community in need. This community has higher unemployment rates, more households without motor vehicles, a greater percentage of population below the poverty line, and have a higher percentage of people with disabilities under 65 compared to the state and county. The park system provides a critical means of transportation modes via connecting trail systems and free recreational opportunities, and the Commission's action plan recognizes these needs.

3. Transportation

A. Automobile

The main mode of transportation in Genesee County is the personal automobile. The County has a system of freeways and principal and minor arterials which connect it with the rest of the state.

1. I-75 southbound connects Genesee County to Detroit and to the southern United States. Northbound I-75 joins Flint to Saginaw, Midland, and Bay Counties, to northern recreational areas, and extends past the Mackinaw Bridge.
2. I-69 eastbound connects to Ontario, Canada. West and south I-69 connects to Lansing in less than an hour and to Indianapolis in several hours.
3. I-475 provides a north-south route through the City of Flint and connects to south I-75 in Grand Blanc Township. It continues north to Mt. Morris Township and then west to connect with north I-75.
4. US-23 south provides access to Ann Arbor and further south to Toledo, Ohio, and the Ohio Turnpike. US-23 north continues to Saginaw, Bay City, and along the Lake Huron coast to other northern recreational areas.
5. Other major highways located in Genesee County include M-21, M-54, M-57, and M-15.

B. Mass Transit

1. Primary, Secondary and Suburban Fixed Routes

The Flint Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) currently operates 14 primary fixed routes seven days a week, except national holidays. Monday through Friday, service operates from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., on one-half hour headways, and from 6:00 p.m.

to 11:00 p.m. on one-hour headways. On Saturdays, the 13 primary routes operate from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., on one-hour headways. Sunday hours of services are 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with buses operating on one-hour headways. In addition to the primary routes, the MTA operates secondary and suburban routes. These routes provide peak service, mornings and afternoons, five days a week. They are designed to serve passengers requiring transportation that cannot be accommodated by the traditional fixed routes.

2. Curb-to-Curb Service

The MTA operates a curb-to-curb service known as "Your Ride" through Genesee County, seven days a week. The service hours of operation are the same as the fixed routes. The county-wide service is operated through Your Ride centers located in the City of Flint, Davison, Grand Blanc, Fenton, Swartz Creek, Flushing, Clio, and Otisville. Vehicles circulate within the eight service areas, and passengers can travel outside of their service area by taking a shuttle. In areas where the curb-to-curb service overlaps with the fixed route service, eligibility criteria have been established for the curb-to-curb service, in order that passengers who most need this personalized level of service have access, primarily reserved for senior citizens and those with disabilities. Outside of the fixed route service area, curb-to-curb service is available to any person who wants to schedule a trip.

3. Regional Transportation

The MTA provides regional transportation service outside of Genesee County. The initial purpose of this transportation is to assist people transitioning into the work force by providing transportation to jobs. Due to high employment levels, many employers outside of Genesee County are having difficulty filling positions. The regional transportation service is an attractive benefit that they can offer employees as a means of regular transportation to work. In future years, it is anticipated that the amount of service provided will continue to expand as the service becomes more established. The regional transportation service departs from the Downtown Flint Transportation Center and is provided seven days a week to Oakland, Livingston, and Shiawassee Counties.

C. Para-Transit

As of October 2012, there were ten taxicab companies in Genesee County. Uber and Lyft offer ridesharing services in Genesee County.

D. Non-Motorized Routes

Two classes of trail systems operate within Genesee County: 1) multi-use, non-motorized trails; and 2) signed bike paths shared with street traffic, such as dedicated bike lanes or Share the Road (sharrow) pavement markings. Separate routes account for over 21 miles of bike paths. Eleven of these miles are in the City of Flint River System; five miles are in the City of Clio; 4.85 miles are in the Genesee County Recreation Area; several miles of the Iron Belle Trail traverse through Atlas Township; plus the additional Bicentennial Trail in Grand Blanc; plus one and one-half miles in the City of Burton. The City of Flint has several additional miles of shared street and multi-use trails.

Several municipalities throughout Genesee County plan to build more multi-use, non-motorized trails in the future that will add to the regional system. Connections along the M-15 and M-21 corridors provide opportunities for statewide Iron Belle Trail connections.

E. Airports

Bishop International Airport offers daily jet service to cities such as Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Baltimore; with daily commuter flights to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Many charter flights originate out of Bishop Airport to other popular locations. Regional aircraft commuter flights are available daily to Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Atlanta, and Milwaukee, with continuing national and international transfers.

Bishop International Airport is an international Port of Entry. Freight makes up a large portion of the daily flights, and Federal Express provides package and delivery services out of Bishop Airport.

F. Railway Facilities

1. The Amtrak Train terminal for passenger service is in the City of Flint. Trains depart daily for Toronto and Chicago, with connections to Midwest cities within the State of Michigan.
2. Genesee County has two Class A railroad lines: 1) Lake State Railway line for north-south service with CSX Transportation Line operating under an agreement; and 2) CN North America for east-west freight.

G. I-69 International Trade Corridor

Genesee County plays a central role in coordinating regional economic development with Next Michigan Development Corporation and member communities in Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, and St. Clair counties.

4. Quality of Life

Beyond the despairing statistics depicted in Table 2, there is also a concern for the health and fitness of Genesee County residents. Recent health statistics indicate that Genesee County is one of the lowest rankings in this category.

The Greater Flint Health Coalition recently released their 10-year strategic plan for healthier living in Genesee County. Their findings were that to successfully address issues of safety, public transit, and blight throughout the community, they must find ways to create safe, comfortable places to live and play, then the residents will be provided more opportunities to make healthy choices about their physical activity and diet.

B. Introduction to Physical Characteristics

1. Natural Resources

Natural resources are perhaps the most important factors influencing the initial settlement of an area. They influence type, amount, and quality of development. In parks and recreation planning, natural resources are often the basis for the various forms of active and passive recreation.

A. Climate

Genesee County is in southeastern Michigan, where the "lake effect" is not as great as it is in many other areas of the state. The main effect noticed in Genesee County is increased cloudiness late in fall and early in winter when the prevailing wind moves cold air across the warmer lake water. About 5 to 10 percent more sunshine falls on Genesee County than on similar areas in western Michigan.

The average annual precipitation is 32 inches, with an average annual snowfall of 37 inches. The average seasonal Fahrenheit temperatures are 21° in the winter, 45° in the spring, 71° in the summer and 53° in the autumn. The average number of days per year under zero degrees is ten and the average number of days over 90° is 32.

B. Physiography

The landscape of Genesee County is characterized as relatively flat to gently rolling. Low rolling hills border Genesee County on the north, east and south; leaving the central portions relatively flat, except for a ridge running from the center of the City of Flint north to Thetford Township.

Generally, the region slopes down from the southeast to the northwest. The highest elevation, 1,030 feet above sea level, is located on the southwestern border of the City of Fenton. The lowest elevation, 600 feet above sea level, is located on the banks of the Flint River in Montrose Township.

The soils for the region Genesee County Parks and Recreation serves can be viewed in the Appendix.

Five distinctive bedrock formations are found beneath the soils of Genesee County.

1. Saginaw Formation

This is the youngest, most prevalent bedrock formation, which occupies the northwestern two-thirds of Genesee County and consists of sandstone and shale, with occasional thin coal seams and limestone.

2. Michigan Formation

This is the second youngest bedrock formation, and it lies to the south and east of the Saginaw Formation. This formation is comprised primarily of shale, with occasional deposits of sandstone, gypsum and anhydrite.

3. Marshall Sandstone Formation

This is found in portions of Argentine, Fenton, Atlas and Davison Townships. This formation is a potential producer of oil and natural gas.

4. Napoleon Sandstone Formation

This is found in the extreme eastern portions of Davison and Atlas Townships. This formation is very similar to the Saginaw Formation with respect to groundwater quality, quantity, and availability.

5. Coldwater Shale Formation

This is the oldest and least common bedrock formation beneath Genesee County. It occupies the extreme southwestern corner of Argentine Township.

The bedrock formations below Genesee County are all located a considerable distance below the surface of the ground and is all stable. As a result, they provide no serious limitations to parks and recreation development.

C. Hydrology

There are over 94 lakes in Genesee County, most of which are in the southern portion. These lakes offer approximately 5,000 acres of water surface. In Genesee County, a lake or stream is never more than six miles away from any location.

Most of Genesee County's lakes and streams are the result of glacial action. The northwestern portion of Genesee County is part of the bed of an ancient glacial lake. The remainder of the area is a collage of moraines, till plains and out-wash plains.

Approximately 355 lineal miles of streams run throughout Genesee County, a majority of which are tributaries of the Flint and Shiawassee Rivers.

Genesee County lands are drained by three major drainage basins: 1) Shiawassee River Drainage Basin; 2) Cass River Drainage Basin; and 3) Flint River Drainage Basin. The Flint River Basin drains over 6,200 square miles. These drainage basins, in turn, are drained by the Saginaw Drainage Basin which embraces a multi-county area. Within each of the three major drainage basins serving Genesee County are 13 minor watersheds (creeks): 1) Armstrong; 2) Brent; 3) Brent Run; 4) Butternut; 5) Cole; 6) Gibson; 7) Gilkey; 8) Kearsley; 9) Messmore; 10) Swartz Creek; 11) Swartz Creek West Branch; 12) Thread River; and 13) Pine Run.

The development of open space parks and recreation near streams and lakes can capitalize on the recreational potential of the water frontage, as well as provide a buffer zone to potentially damaging flooding.

The Flint River provides a major corridor for water habitat and recreation that provides a region- wide opportunity that ranges from secluded 'up north' experiences to a thriving urban waterfront. Many existing parks, greenspace and trails are located along waterfront areas that can be improved to capitalize on this resource.

D. Vegetation

Many varieties of vegetation can be found in Genesee County. Tree types include elm, oak (red, bur and swamp white), hickory, cedar, willow, alder, maple (soft, red and sugar), cottonwood, cherry, aspen, basswood, shagbark hickory, sycamore, yellow birch, beech, hemlock, and pine (red and white). Genesee County also has plentiful fruits, including blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, mulberries, grapes, and wild black cherries. Wildflowers, such as clover, goldenrod, ragweed, bluegrass, crabgrass, and curled dock are found in Genesee County, as are marsh and aquatic plants, such as cattails, pondweeds, wild rice, water lilies and wild millet. Cultivated plants, such as wheat, barley, oats, corn, apples, and cherries are grown.

Wooded areas present valuable recreational resources, provide natural functions which can be valuable to human settlement and are aesthetic assets to a region. The preservation of these lands becomes more difficult as the urbanization process increases. It is important in the urbanization process to either avoid wooded lands or take precautions to preserve the existing vegetation during the construction process.

E. Wildlife

The various types of wildlife that inhabits Genesee County provide recreational activities in the form of wildlife watching, studying, and hunting. During the summer, many types of birds are found in Genesee County including mallard, black and wood ducks, blue-winged teal, the sora, Wilson snipe, ruffed grouse, prairie chicken, Bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, mourning dove, various woodpeckers, blue jay, chickadee, wood thrush, cardinal, robin, and bluebird. Fur and game mammals found include raccoon, weasel, otter, skunk, red fox, woodchuck, squirrel, cottontail rabbit and white tail deer. Area lakes contain a variety of fish, amphibians, and reptiles.

F. Hunting

The Parks Commission permits a controlled bow hunting of deer at the Cummings Event Center for a limited time in November; 80 hunters, selected by lottery can hunt in the park. Each hunter had to demonstrate proficiency to be entered into the lottery.

Those eight days of hunting keep the number of deer in check in that region and preserve the delicate balance of flora and fauna. And it's a bonus for hunters to be able to bow hunt locally, given that there is no state land available to hunt on in Genesee County.

Hunting for waterfowl is also permitted in specific areas in the County Parks. The season parallels that set by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. There is a lottery, and there are rules for each area regarding things such as the use of blinds and permanent structures.

The absence of state-owned land within Genesee County limits the opportunities for hunting.

G. Air Quality

The information provided in this section was obtained from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) 2021 Annual Air Quality Report for Michigan.

The Federal Clean Air Act of 1963, as amended in 1970; 1977, and 1990, requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards which define the maximum permissible concentrations for the following pollutants: particulate matter consisting of fine particulates with diameters less than ten microns (PM10) , particulate matter consisting of fine particles with diameters less than 2.5 microns (PM2.5) , sulfur dioxide (SO₂) nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb) and Ozone (O₃).

There are two types of air quality standards. The primary standard is designed to protect the public health of the most susceptible individuals in a population (children, elderly and those with chronic respiratory ailments). The secondary standard is designed to protect public health and welfare or ensure quality of life. Many secondary standards are the same as the primary standard.

The Michigan Air Sampling Network (MASN) is designed to measure air quality throughout the state and consists of over 200 monitoring sensors in 29 counties. As of 2020, there were two monitoring sensors located within Genesee County.

An area is in compliance with SO₂, NO₂, or CO if both the applicable annual standard is met and no more than one one-hour, three-hour, eight-hour, or 24-hour measurement is collected per year that is greater than the concentration specified in the standard. To determine primary and secondary compliance for Pb, values are collected for three consecutive months and are averaged and compared to the standard. PM10 compliance is determined by comparing the concentrations of samples collected over a 24-hour period with the 24-hour standard of 150 g/m³, and a similar method is used to determine compliance of PM2.5. The number of exceedances is used to determine compliance with the ozone standard, according to an established formula.

According to the DEQ, there were no exceedances of SO₂, NO₂, CO, Pb, or PM10 or PM2.5 in Genesee County for the period of 1989 through 1996. In Flint, all the reduced air quality has been due to ozone levels. The last occurrences of unhealthy ozone levels in Flint were one day each in 1992 and 1993. There were no such events in 1994, 1995 or 1996.

CHAPTER II

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

2. Administrative Structure

A. Role of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of park property that is owned by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. From its yearly budget, the Park Commission manages and finances its own maintenance, law enforcement and park enhancements.

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission reports to the Board of Commissioners. It consists of ten members and meets an average of twice a month. As required by Public Act 261 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1965, members of the Commission include a designated representative of the Genesee County Road Commission, a designated representative of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Genesee County Drain Commissioner, and seven appointed members (three of whom may be members of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners). The Commission elects officers, including president, vice-president and secretary.

Current members of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission are James Avery, Domonique Clemons, Michelle Davis, Anne Figueroa, Mike Keeler, Joe Krapohl, Cathy Lane, Gloria Nealy, James Washington, and Jeff Wright.

Commissioner Wright is an ex officio for the Genesee County Drain Commission, Commissioner Nealy is an ex officio for the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, and Commissioner Lane is an ex officio for the Genesee County Road Commission.

Commissioners Avery and Davis also serve as Genesee County Commissioners.

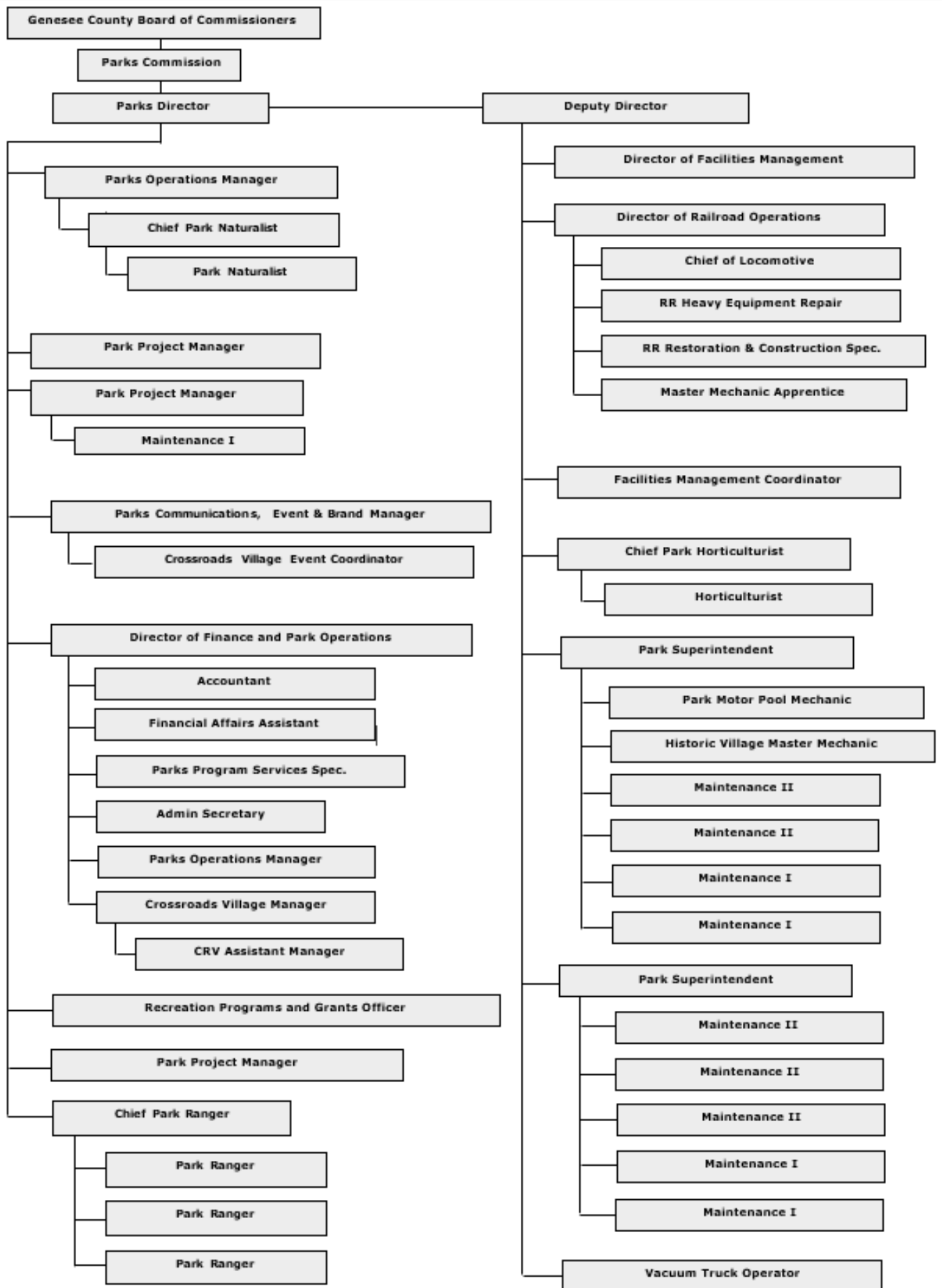
The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is directed by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

B. Staff Description and Organizational Chart

The Parks and Recreation Commission directs the staff in their duties. The Commission establishes policies, develops programs and plans and makes financial decisions.

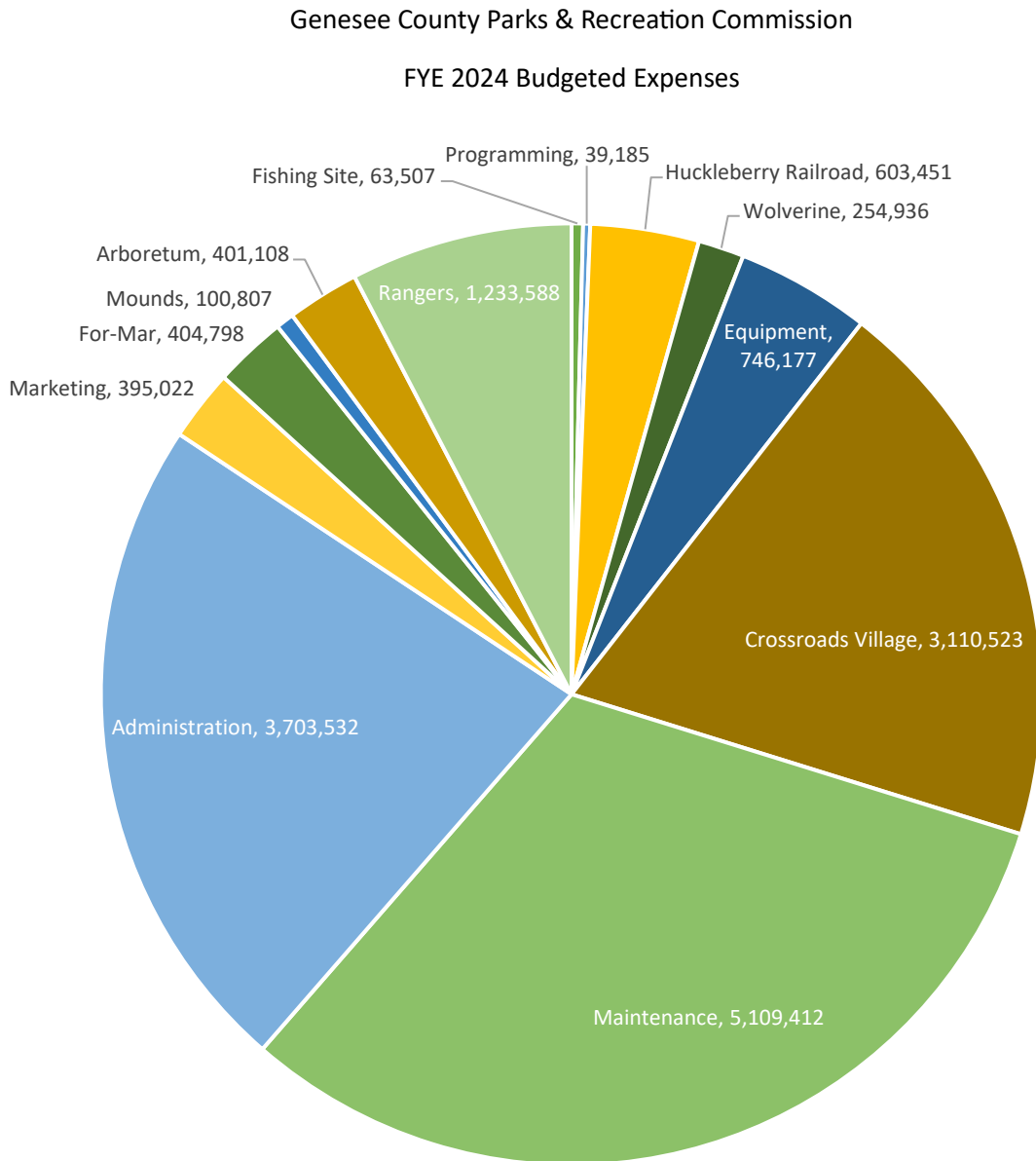
A full-time director is responsible for coordinating the directives of the Commission, as well as performing a liaison function between the staff and the Commission. In addition, the Commission employs a permanent, full-time staff of 46 operations employees which includes fourteen maintenance employees.

No change is expected in these staffing levels. A seasonal staff of approximately 425 is employed, primarily during the summer months.



C. Annual Budget

The Projected Operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is indicated below at a total of \$10,759,556.00.



D. Current Funding Sources

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's operating budget is derived primarily from a (.75) Genesee County Park millage and from user fees. The Commission receives revenue from revenue generating facilities – Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, Wolverine Campground, Mounds ORV Park, Bluegill Boat Launch, and Walleye Pike

Boat Launch. The Commission also receives a \$340,000 fixed Genesee County's accommodations (hotel/motel) tax that is collected, a small amount of interest from two trust funds, and on occasion, various public and private grant funds.

Capital development funds are not included in the operating budget due to lack of financial resources. All capital projects undertaken in the past five years have been funded by one of the following sources: 1) state grants, with matching funds, when required, drawn from the Parks operating funds; and 2) private grants or donations.

E. Role of Volunteers

The Commission also utilizes over 200 volunteers who perform tasks such as historical interpretation, trail maintenance, operation of amusement rides, office work and gardening. The volunteers average 22,000 hours of time annually at a value of over \$720,000.00.

F. Relationship with School Districts, Other Public Agencies and Private Organizations

Due to the locations of the parks within local municipalities, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has established a partnership with these local agencies to promote community involvement and ownership of the parks. The remainder of this section explains the local community's involvement with the county park system and describes how Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission continues to work with them.

1. Local Minor Civil Division Role in Genesee County

Municipalities (cities, villages and townships) have the responsibility of acquisition, development, operation and programming of public recreational facilities and services for the frequent short-term use of local residents.

Municipalities can establish Recreation and Park Departments or Commissions with full or part-time staff to provide programs and operate facilities for both the community and neighborhood levels to make maximum use of existing school district facilities.

There is an increasing financial burden on many municipalities, especially in Genesee County, based on the decreasing population, housing and revenue sharing combined with sustaining infrastructure and services. This creates a need and opportunity to leverage regional services through collaboration. There is currently no state recreation opportunities within Genesee County, placing an increased burden on local and county facilities to meet this need. There is a new state park being developed in the City of Flint.

2. School District Role

School districts make available to the local units of government land and facilities to each school site for the purpose of recreational programming when not in use for school programs.

3. Cooperative Projects with School and Other Agencies

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission continues to work with area schools and recreational agencies on the development of facilities and programs. For example, in-school and on-site outdoor education programs are provided for schools throughout Genesee County.

The Genesee County Park and Recreation Commission has established a Park Partnership Agreement with the City of Flint for the maintenance of 56 neighborhood City of Flint Parks, and the maintenance and operation of 10 City of Flint Parks, comprising all parks within the city.

The Adopt-a-Park program is an on-going relationship between a City of Flint partnership park and individuals or volunteers from neighborhoods, organizations, schools, youth groups and businesses. This program is designed to help keep parks attractive and safe, with the ultimate goal to encourage people to enjoy the benefits of the parks. The purpose of this program is to enhance the beauty of the park and to increase community pride, awareness, and involvement in the Genesee County Parks and its facilities.

Past cooperative efforts include the development of a world-class BMX track at Richfield Park, in conjunction with the BMX Parents Association; the development of American Youth Soccer Organization fields, in conjunction with school districts; the development of an equestrian trail system, in conjunction with local equestrian groups; provision of sites for Girl Scout and Boy Scout activities, and participation with MSU Cooperative Extension, 4-H activities and master gardener program. Past collaborative efforts also include a partnership with Atlas Township in support of Atlas County Park, licensing with Columbiaville for operation of Levi Cutting Park and Boat Access, and Columbiaville Sports Complex. The Commission has also established partnership agreements with G&M Telecom (GMT) for the improvement and operation of Goldenrod Disc Golf Course and with Thetford Township for the creation of Buell Lake Disc Golf Course.

It is the Commission's intent to continue to work cooperatively with other agencies on projects that are beneficial to the community and to actively seek out programs that will expand the recreational opportunities for the citizens of Genesee County.

4. County Role

County government has a responsibility to provide recreational facilities and programs which, because of size, scope, or other unique characteristics, cannot be realistically developed or funded at a local level. Thus, county facilities serve as a supplement to local facilities where the need exists and should be easily accessible to the county population concentrations.

The objective of a county Parks and Recreation Commission is to acquire recreation lands and establish intensive day use and overnight recreation areas for year-round use. Parks are to be developed in a manner which conserves land and water resources and makes these resources attractive and desirable for recreational use. Fully developed parks that provide active recreational opportunities is the goal.

The county also has a responsibility to assist and cooperate with local agencies and provide consultant services upon request involving coordination between the county and local communities.

5. Limited State Recreation Role in Genesee County

State government has recreation responsibilities in the central Michigan region in six program areas: 1) development of a state-wide recreation plan; 2) provision of large-scale recreation lands, facilities and programs to serve the recreation needs of people on an inter-county, regional and state-wide basis; 3) acquisition of management and open space and natural lands; 4) protection of certain natural resource areas and wildlife for conservation purposes; 5) provision of assistance to lower levels of government in the development of recreation facilities and programs; and 6) provision and operation of special purpose facilities, such as fishing access sites, boating sites and other suitable water activity sites.

- a. The State has acquired and developed land in southeastern Michigan for large-scale or special park and recreation areas, water access and boating sites. The recreation areas provide high volume or intensive recreational facilities and programs within each site. Sites near and within urban areas are desirable because they can take advantage of unique natural resources and serve high-density populations.

These recreation areas also retain extensive natural areas where development and use are minor, to be held for their aesthetic, scenic, and open space values and as buffers to the intensive recreation facilities. The State does not fulfill this role within Genesee County.

- b. The State plays a role in protecting certain natural resource lands necessary for the conservation of fish and wildlife, water bodies and forests, through acquisition and various management and regulation means.
- c. Assistance is provided to local, county and regional recreation agencies relative to the application and allocation of state grants or financial assistance.
- d. Currently, some state facilities border the county and there is current development of a new 230-acre state park in the City of Flint, Genesee County.
- e. The limited state-owned recreation opportunities leaves a void in Genesee County compared to other Pure Michigan partnerships across the state that generate tourism, meet the needs for hunting opportunities, wildlife I habitat management, and other investments.

6. Federal Role in Genesee County

In the past, the federal government has provided funds to assist and encourage operating agencies to acquire, develop and maintain recreation facilities and programs in Genesee County. This role has been voided, but the county is optimistic that the

government will re- prioritize and create a positive impact to the county parks once more.

In the past 20 years, many local units of government have used federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to develop small neighborhood parks and to construct and service senior citizen centers.

The federal government should also acquire and develop significant natural resource areas for recreation and conservation purposes, which are a multi-state interest and are too large for one state or county to acquire and operate alone.

7. Methods and Procedures

Not all levels of government within Genesee County maintain parks and recreation programs. However, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission and local school districts maintain extensive recreation facilities and programs. Several local units of government have developed their own Parks and Recreation Advisory Boards, including the Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation, Davison Area Parks and Recreation, Clio City Parks and Recreation, Fenton Parks facilities, Burton Parks and Recreation, Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation and other local units of government engage in the development of community parks and park programs. The City of Flint owns parks that are maintained by Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission via a Partnership Agreement.

CHAPTER III
RECREATION INVENTORY

A. Inventory of Genesee County Parks Facilities

County-owned parks are located in Atlas, Fenton, Flushing, Genesee, Richfield and Thetford Townships and the City of Burton. Additionally, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission operates parks in Marathon and Oregon Townships in Lapeer County. Their relationship to the larger park system can be viewed in the Appendix. Several of the local units of government within Genesee County contain park land owned and operated by Genesee County. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission guides the development and management of the following land. Details for each of these facilities are discussed in the following section titled Public Resources. Maps and Post Completion reports are also included in the Appendix.

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is always striving to improve accessibility to and through its parks. The Commission is planning for barrier free access to its parks with a complex trail system. Bluebell Beach, Bluegill Boat Launch, Richfield County Park, and Atlas County Park can be accessed with non-motorized transportation.

1. Major Parks

- a. Atlas County Park – Atlas Township
- b. Bluebell Beach and Flint River Trail Bike Path – Genesee Township
- c. Linden County Park – Fenton Township
- d. Flushing County Park – Flushing Township
- e. Buell Lake County Park – Thetford Township
- f. For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum – City of Burton
- g. Richfield County Park – Richfield Township
- h. Davison Roadside County Park – City of Burton
- i. Bluegill Boat Launch – Genesee Township
- j. Goldenrod Disc Golf – Richfield Township

a. Atlas County Park

Size: 155 acres, bordered by Atlas Mill Pond (north)

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Excellent – Access across from Goodrich High School and the Iron Belle Trail, and residential areas surround the East, West, and South areas of the property.

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 2. Parking lot is barrier free. With future development updates, the county would like to provide barrier free restrooms, water fountains and picnic areas.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF16-0101	Active/In Use	Acquisition	\$540,200

- b. Bluebell Beach and Flint River Trail Bike Path – Genesee Township
- Size: 350 acres, including 2,000 feet of frontage on Mott Lake
- Age Groups Served: All ages
- Location: Excellent – Bray Road or Carpenter Road via the Flint River Trail.
- Facilities: Splash Park, swimming beach, pavilions, playground, aquatic feature, play equipment, and .8 miles of paved trail linking Carpenter Road and Bluebell Beach.

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF19-0019	Active/In Use	IBT Connection	\$236,800
RP15-0084	Active/In Use	Barrier Free Access	\$45,000
89-382	Active/In Use	Mott Lake Fishing Site	
RP12-414	Active/In Use	Bluebell Trailway Renovation	\$45,000
BF91-154	Active/In Use	Bathhouse remodel	\$255,000
26-00235	Active/In Use	305-acre acquisition	\$610,000

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. Trails, playground, parking lot, restrooms and boat launch are all considered barrier free.

DNR Recreation Grants:

- c. Linden County Park – Fenton Township
- Size: 234 acres, including 1,200 ft Byram Lake frontage
- Age Groups Served: All ages
- Location: Excellent – Access adjacent to the Village of Linden.
- Facilities: Swimming beach, play fields, tennis and multi-purpose courts, trails, play equipment areas, picnic areas, restrooms and shelters.
- Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 4. Barrier free parking and trails have been provided in the park, which allows full access through the site and to the pavilion and beach area. The park also provides barrier free picnic pads, a handicap accessible water fountain and barrier free restroom facilities.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF707	Done/In Use	107-acre acquisition	\$200,000
TF00-170	Done/In Use	Park Improvements	\$330,000

DOT Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
ENH200300227	Done/In Use	Trail Development	\$383,541

d. Flushing County Park – Flushing Township

Size: 105 acres, with 2,080 ft of Flint River frontage
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Excellent – McKinley Road adjacent to City of Flushing.
Facilities: Play fields, horseshoe pits, preschool play equipment Areas, picnic areas and shelters.
Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 2. Safe play zones need to be incorporated into a transitional plan, as well as barrier free paths connecting its program elements.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
BF89-381	Done/In Use	Resurface sports courts	\$21,375

e. Buell Lake County Park – Thetford Township

Size: 241 acres of land, with 3,600 ft of Buell Lake frontage
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Good – Lake and Genesee Roads, relates well to Clio and Otisville.
Facilities: Play fields, play equipment areas, picnic areas, fishing, shelters, model airplane flying field, disc golf course
Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. Barrier free boat launch, trail system and boardwalk allow for excellent access once in the park. Safe play zones need to be incorporated into a transitional plan.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF-01-040	Done/In Use	Park Improvements, boat launch, fishing dock, parking lot, play equipment	\$152,529

f. For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum – City of Burton

Size: 384 acres of land; two acres of water
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Good – Access via Genesee Road and Davison Road, relates well to the City of Flint
Facilities: Nature trails, interpretive buildings, and indoor and outdoor exhibits
Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. All buildings are barrier free, however, this is a nature preserve and trails are rustic and natural. An accessible pedestrian bridge was added in 2011 for a portion of the trail system.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
BF92-069	Done/In Use	For-Mar Visitor Center	\$502,500

g. Richfield County Park – Richfield Township

Size: 345 acres, with 3,120 ft of Flint River frontage
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Good – Access via Irish Road.
Facilities: Play fields, shelters, picnic areas, tennis courts and canoe launch site
Accessibility: Accessibility rating – 2. Barrier free parking with some barrier free paths provided. The Commission will transition the designing for barrier free picnic areas, barrier free water fountain and trails to allow access.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF93-122	Done/In Use	26-acre acquisition	\$155,000

h. Davison Roadside County Park – City of Burton

Size: 9 acres
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Good – Access via Davison and Belsay Roads
Facilities: Picnic area, beginner's sledding hill, pavilion, and playground
Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 2. Parking lot provides barrier free parking, Picnic areas need to become barrier free. Pavilion and playground is barrier free.

i. Bluegill Boat Launch

Size: 205 acres
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Good – Access via Coldwater and Genesee Roads
Facilities: Picnic area, boat launch, fishing
Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. Trails, parking lot, restrooms, kayak launch, and boat launch are all considered barrier free.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF19-0019	Done/In Use	Universally Accessible Kayak Launch	\$85,000 (portion)

j. Goldenrod Disc Golf

Size: 75 acres
Age Groups Served: All ages
Location: Good – Access via Irish Road

Facilities:	Disc Golf, fishing
Accessibility:	Accessibility ranking – 1. Parking lot needs to become barrier free.

2. Regional Recreational Facilities/Attractions

- a. Holloway Reservoir Regional Park
 - i. Holloway Reservoir
 - ii. Walleye Pike Boat Launch
 - iii. Hogbacks Area
 - iv. Zemmer Park
 - v. Toboggan Hill
 - vi. Equestrian Trail
 - vii. Pyles Road Public Access
- b. Genesee Recreation Area
- c. Mounds ORV Area – Genesee Township
- d. Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad – Flint
- e. Stepping Stone Falls - Flint
- f. Everett A. Cummings Center – Genesee Township
- g. Wolverine Campground and Buttercup Beach – Richfield Township
- h. Elba Equestrian Complex – Oregon Township

- a. Holloway Reservoir Regional Park

The Holloway Reservoir Regional Park in Genesee and Lapeer Counties encompasses 5,500 acres of land, including 1,975 acres of water (Holloway Reservoir). The park provides open space for a variety of educational and recreational activities, including swimming, boating, picnicking, camping and fishing. Shoreline stabilization efforts have been added along the Wolverine Campground shoreline to minimize loss of campground area due to erosion. Additional activities have been designed to increase interest in the park on both the local and regional level. Located in Richfield Township and Lapeer County, the following summarizes the area:

Size:	5,860 acres
Age Groups Served:	All ages
Location:	Approximately 15 miles northeast of the City of Flint
Facilities:	Holloway Reservoir, Buttercup Beach, Walleye Pike Boat Launch, Hogbacks Area, Zemmer Park, Toboggan Hill, Equestrian Trail, Wolverine Campground, Pyles Road Public Access
Accessibility:	Accessibility ranking – 2. Facilities require barrier free improvements. These include barrier free parking, paths, fishing access, water fountains. A barrier free restroom was added in 2013 at Buttercup Beach. Barrier free restrooms and showers were added at Wolverine Campground in 2023. However, it is critical to the

Commission that the natural integrity of these sites be maintained, and the improvements work within the natural systems and programmed elements.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
BF 93-127	Done/In Use	Restroom & Concessions building at Walleye Boat Launch	\$125,200
BF 89-418	Done/In Use	Wolverine Campground shower buildings and 2 restrooms	\$236,250
BF 26-00199	Done/In Use	Land acquisition, 402 acres	\$134,750
BF 26-00291	Done/In Use	Land acquisition, 734 acres	\$319,019
BF 26-00940	Done/In Use	Land acquisition, 83.5 acres	\$67,740
BF 26-01060	Done/In Use	Land acquisition	\$100,132
BF 26-01194	Done/In Use	Land acquisition, 171 acres	\$122,533
TF 621	Done/In Use	Land acquisition, 50 acres	\$135,000
TF 90-225	Done/In Use	Vault Toilet	\$86,250
26-01104N2	Done/In Use	Land acquisition, 140 acres	\$101,696.90

b. Genesee Recreation Area

The Genesee Recreation Area consists of 4,460 acres of scenic land in Richfield and Genesee Townships. Like the Holloway Reservoir Regional Park, traditional recreational activities such as swimming, picnicking, bicycling, hiking, boating, and fishing are provided. Activities and attractions such as Stepping Stone Falls, Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, create a greater regional appeal, as well as add to the tourism industry of the area. The following summarizes the area:

Size: 4,460 acres

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Excellent access and relationship to the City of Flint

Facilities: Stepping Stone Falls, C.S. Mott Lake, Bluebell Beach, Historical Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, Bluegill Boat Launch, Everett A. Cummings Center, Goldenrod Disc Golf, Richfield County Park, Richfield Park BMX Course, Timberwolf Fishing Site, Equestrian Trails, Snowmobile Trails

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 2. Facilities require barrier free improvements. These include barrier free parking, paths, fishing access, water fountains and toilet facilities. A new barrier free kayak launch and barrier free access was installed at the Branch Road Fishing Site. However, it is critical to the Commission that the natural integrity of these sites be maintained and the

improvements work within the natural systems and programmed elements.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF 16-0102	Done/In Use	Iron Belle Trail extension from Genesee Rd to Vassar Rd	\$300,000
TF 17-0132	Done/In Use	Iron Belle Trail extension from Vassar Rd to Irish Rd	\$300,000
BF 89-382	Done/In Use	Fishing docks and road	\$30,000
TF 97-045	Done/In Use	Bike path extension	\$75,000
CMI 99-075	Done/In Use	Replace parking lot, lighting, restroom	\$185,000
Waterways Grant	Done/In Use	Restroom and concessions building at Bluegill Boat Launch	\$200,000
BF 90-225	Done/In Use	Fishing piers at Carr Road	

c. Mounds ORV Area – Genesee Township

Size: 370 acres, with 240 acres open to ORV use

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Good – Access via E. Mt. Morris Road. Genesee County Road Commission has begun the process of developing a master plan

Facilities: For motorcycles, mini-bikes, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles and all-terrain vehicles

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – N/A. Accessibility within the park plan will be addressed in this plan.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items
ORV311024-94	Done/In Use	Mounds Park Development
Multiple – Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund	Done/In Use	Mounds Park Development

d. Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad

Size: Approximately 80 acres, 4 miles of track

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Bray Road and Stanley Road to I-475

Facilities: Historical Crossroads Village, a bicentennial project, offers a glimpse of a Michigan village in the 1860 to 1880 historical period. Over 30 structures serve as a

background for this “living village” concept with crafters at work. The buildings are the Atlas Grist Mill, Stanley School, Horton-Colwell Building, Bill Durant Barn, Flint Township Hall, Fox House, Crossroads Lumber Company (saw mill), Masters’ Cider Mill, Judge Wisner’s Carriage Barn, Clayton Township Hall, Buzzell House, Davison Railroad Depot, Eldridge House, Attica Hotel, Coldwater Road Chapel, Calkins Barn, Durand Law Office, Salter Log House, Fowler Barber Shop, Manwaring Building (print shop), North & Son Bank, Fenton Carriage Barn, ice house, carousel building, Victorian gazebo, blacksmith shop, Pere Marquette Caboose A621, and the Mill Street Warehouse and Dining Room. Also featured are several vintage amusement rides – the Charles W. Parker Ferris Wheel, Charles W. Parker Carousel, Venetian Swings, pony cart ride and Patriot “Flyer” miniature train ride. Events include Halloween Ghosts and Goodies and Christmas at Crossroads Holiday Magic.

The Huckleberry Railroad is located within Crossroads Village and follows an eight-mile loop through the Genesee Recreation Area on a narrow gauge rail. The train equipment is steam powered and restored to 1800s vintage.

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. All shops, events and train rides are accessible. Future renovations will provide accessible water fountains and parking.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
State	Done/In Use	Huckleberry Railroad	\$300,000

e. Stepping Stone Falls

Size: Approximately 30 acres

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Stepping Stone Falls is part of the dam which forms Mott Lake.

Facilities: The height on the main fall is 11.5 feet and is lighted from sunset to midnight with changing colored lights

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. Barrier free parking, restrooms and paths are provided. The county will transition barrier free picnic areas, seating areas and water fountains.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
TF 94-177	Done/In Use	Stepping stone path	\$75,000
Other: ENH20030020	Done/In Use	Stepping stone trail	\$624,250

f. Everett A. Cummings Center – Genesee Township

Size: Approximately 1740 acres from Genesee Rd to Irish Rd., over 300 acres accessed from Mt. Morris Rd.

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Good – Access via Mt. Mt. Morris Road and Irish Road

Facilities: Trails for hiking, horses, and snowmobiles. Fishing and water access to Flint River. Duck hunting islands located along the Flint River. Location of major events such as Genesee County Fair, Warrior Dash (past), Mud Girl and other functions, 18 hole Goldenrod Disc Golf course.

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 3. County will implement accessible parking with future renovations.

g. Wolverine Campground and Buttercup Beach – Richfield Township

Size: 246 campsites available

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Good – Access via Baxter Road

Facilities: Campsites, beach, swimming, playground, boat launch, kayak rental station

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 1. Boat launch and fishing access require barrier free designs. Playground is barrier free. A barrier free restroom is located at Buttercup Beach and 2023 renovations included the addition of barrier free restrooms inside the campground. The Village of Columbiaville made an accessible improvement on leased property with access to Holloway. County plans to install 3 to 4 barrier free campsites with access to the barrier free restrooms.

DNR Recreation Grants:

Contract #	Condition	Scope Items	Amount
BF 26-00222	Done/In Use	Buttercup Beach Improvements	\$36,500

h. Elba Equestrian Complex – Oregon Township

Size:

Age Groups Served: All ages

Location: Good – Access via Elba Road

Facilities: Campsites, picnic areas, horses, trails for hiking

Accessibility: Accessibility ranking – 1. Park amenities require barrier free designs.

There are no registered historical sites within the Genesee County Parks and Recreation boundaries.

B. Public Resources and Accessibility

The physical location of Genesee County places the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission in a unique position. Genesee County is within one hour's driving time from the Detroit area, a national major metropolitan area. The county is also part of a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) anchored by the City of Flint, which is within the county's boundaries. The pressure and growth away from the inner urban centers make the county's waterways and scenic areas valuable as public recreational areas. However, the public development of these resources is in competition with private developments, particularly of year-round lakefront homes. In several projects, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission attempts to balance the public interest with private development by providing recreational facilities in scenic areas, which enhance the tourism industry and increase the quality of life in the county.

The major park and regional recreational facilities listed here differ from the local parks in size and in the variety of recreational opportunities available and are intended to serve the diverse needs of Genesee County residents. These attractions, while geared to local needs and desires, may also add to the tourism industry in Genesee County.

In recognition of the inevitable transfer of recreation users among park facilities in this region, the Genesee County Parks system has established certain fees and charges to assist in supporting the facilities used by non-residents.

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is always striving to improve accessibility to and through its parks. Every time the Commission makes physical improvements to its parks, this goal is considered and accomplished. The Commission is also planning for barrier free access to its parks with a complex trail system. Bluebell Beach, Atlas County Park, Richfield County Park, and Bluegill Boat Launch can be accessed with non-motorized transportation.

There are no registered historical sites within the Genesee County Parks and Recreation boundaries.

C. Inventory of Private Resources

1. Private Parks

There are two public parks, which receive private funding within the City of Flint, Flint Memorial Park and Ballenger Park.

Memorial Park and Ballenger Park were built by the Ballenger family and are maintained by funding provided by the Ballenger Trust Fund.

Memorial Park, located west of the Genesee County Administration Complex, has three tennis courts, a basketball court, a multiple-use paved area, an ice rink, a park warming house/storage building, a small ball field, and a passive park area with nature trees. This park receives considerable use by both area children and adults who drive to the park.

Ballenger Park has three tennis courts, two handball courts, a stage/amphitheater, a playground, an ice rink and warming house, and a passive area with mature trees. This park has been a perennial favorite due to its proximity to Kettering University, its nearby fraternities, and the adjacent neighborhood which are not served by a city neighborhood park.

2. College Facilities

a. University of Michigan – Flint Campus

The university has the following recreation facilities, which are available not only to its students, university personnel and alumni, but also to the public for nominal fees: indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, running track, fencing room, weight room and handball/racquetball court facilities.

b. Kettering University

The school maintains the following recreation facilities for its students; game room, weight room, gym, four ball fields, three football fields, two soccer fields and recently acquired Atwood Stadium, outdoor football stadium.

c. C.S. Mott Community College

The campus has an indoor swimming pool and six tennis courts.

1. Insight Health and Fitness Center

An open-membership health/fitness center opened in 1990 in the former Great Lakes Technology Center complex, now Genesee Business Center. It has an indoor pool, running track and weightlifting/aerobics center.

2. Genesys Health and Fitness Center

An open-membership health/fitness center opened in 1997 at the Genesys Hospital complex. It has an indoor pool, running track, tennis courts, racquetball courts and weightlifting/aerobics center.

3. Commercial Facilities

Commercial facilities assist in alleviating some of the demand from public facilities. Flint area residents have many types of fine commercial recreational facilities available to them including bowling alleys, fitness and health clubs, movie theaters (inside cinemas and drive-ins), miniature golf, indoor and outdoor golf driving ranges, roller skating rinks, indoor Dort Financial Center (up to 6,500 person capacity). In addition, Mt. Holly Ski Resort in Holly is within driving range.

D. Relationship of Parks and Recreation to Other Functions

Many special events occur within Genesee County Parks through special use permits, like the Mott Lake Regatta hydroplane races.

E. Unique Recreation and Preservation Space

These areas differ from other community and regional facilities in that the space provided usually contains a single activity recreational function, or special land area to be preserved. However, the special use area may accommodate other closely related activities or supporting facilities. These areas serve various age groups, depending on the type of activity, and are located to provide recreation on a community-wide basis similar to that of the community park and the major park. Adequate, well-designed parking facilities are essential to the feasibility of most special use functions.

Among the more common uses and types of activities developed as unique attractions include golf courses, swimming and sunbathing areas, marina and boat facilities, arboretum or botanical garden, zoological garden, and major sports stadiums. Other functions of these areas may include adequate right-of-way for use as trails, naturalistic greenways linking the various park units and continuous landscaped boulevards, roadways and scenic routes.

1. Role of Genesee Intermediate School District – Ligon Outdoor Center

Through Ligon Outdoor Center, Genesee Intermediate School District is the primary provider of public outdoor/environmental educational offerings for the section of Genesee County north of Pierson Road.

For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, owned by Genesee County and

operated by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is the primary provider of public outdoor/environmental educational offerings for the section of Genesee County south of Pierson Road.

Ligon Nature Outdoor Center is located in northeastern Genesee County in Section 11 of Thetford Township. It is bounded by Buell Lake County Park on the north, Farrand Road on the south, Genesee Road on the west and several private parcels of property fronting on Belsay Road on the east. The nearly pristine 268 acres are replete with native forests, a 10-acre wetland, meadow, 3 ½ miles of hiking/cross country trails and a 5-acre spring fed glacial lake. This parcel was deeded to the Genesee Intermediate School District in 1975 by the James Ligon family. The outdoor education center is a 15-minute drive from Flint.

The property is served by highways M-57 (east/west), M-15 (north/south), and I-75. The overarching goal of proposed development is to increase and improve public recreation activities and outdoor/environmental educational offerings to all residents of Genesee County, particularly those living the section of Genesee County north of Pierson Road. Expansion of existing facilities and programs would make Ligon visitor-friendly to seniors, tourists, handicapped, disadvantaged youth and bikers/joggers.

2. Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) and Six Rivers Land Conservancy (SRLC) Lost Lake Property

In August 2013, the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) and Six Rivers Land Conservancy (SRLC) announced that the 538 acres Lost Lake property, located in Holly Township, Oakland County and Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, has been acquired by Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy for natural areas preservation and public recreation. The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy purchased the property from the Nyland family who had owned the land since the 1950s, with the assistance of an anonymous donor (who provide the \$1.1 million purchase funding) and Six Rivers Land Conservancy (which now holds a conservation easement on the property).

Conservation Values

The property's most important feature is that it contains two freshwater lakes, Slack Lake (50 acres) and Bloat Lake (8 acres). The latter is undeveloped and is in pristine natural condition. The property is located entirely within the Flint Watershed and is part of both the Swartz Creek Subwatershed and Thread Creed Subwatershed. The Swartz Creek Subwatershed is comprised of over 82,000 acres and is one of the headwaters for the Flint River which flows into the Saginaw River, a Michigan Area of Concern.

The property is integral to preserving the natural character of Oakland and Genesee County. It is comprised of approximately 50% wetlands, 40% woods, and 10% open meadows.

Wildlife habitat includes the two lakes, wetlands, emergent marshlands, ponds, streams, open meadows and oak woodlands. The property contains old fields with possible remnant Oak Savanna – a locally rare and critically imperiled ecosystem in the State of Michigan.

Sandhill Cranes and Great Blue Herons frequent the property along with a variety of other wildlife.

Partnership Arrangement

Six Rivers Land Conservancy acquired a conservation easement on the property at the same time the property was purchased by SMLC. This arrangement provides two layers of land protection and ensures that the property will always remain a natural area open to the public.

Future Goals

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy plans to establish the property as a nature preserve open to the public for passive recreation and on-site education. Hiking trails, scenic overlooks and demonstration sites will provide visitors with opportunities to enjoy a beautiful landscape while also learning about natural areas restoration.

Partner Information

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, a 501(c)3 nonprofit and qualified conservation organization established 25 years ago, has protected approximately 3,400 acres across southeast Michigan through the conservation of natural lands and open space to provide wildlife habitat and to enrich the lives of people. SMLC has a history of conserving land in partnership with Federal, State, and local governments and other conservation organizations.

www.smlcland.org

Six Rivers Land Conservancy works to preserve natural, agricultural, and important community lands in the region. It works in the watersheds of the Belle, Clinton, Flint, Huron, Rouge and Shiawassee rivers in Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Genesee, and St. Clair counties.

F. Major Recreational Areas near Genesee County

In addition to the Genesee County parks system, there are more than 20 major public recreation areas (state and county) within one hour's drive from the Central Business District (CBD) of the City of Flint. Most of these are located on the southern and eastern borders of Genesee County, in Oakland County and Lapeer County, respectively.

State of Michigan parks located approximately five to six miles from the southern Genesee County border include the Holly Recreation Area (6,943 acres), Seven Lakes State Recreation Area (1,378 acres), Ortonville State Park (3,996 acres), and the Metamora-Hadley State Park (693 acres). These four areas all have excellent recreation facilities. The Oakland County parks system also has a wide variety of excellent facilities.

In addition to these major parks, many major recreational sports and cultural facilities are available within an hour's drive of the City of Flint. These include Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions National Football League team and host to many other recreational events; the Little Caesars Arena, home of the Detroit Red Wings National Hockey League team, Detroit Pistons National Basketball Association team, and host to many other cultural and civic events, concerts, and other recreational events; Comerica Park, home of the Detroit Tigers American League Baseball team, and several major theaters, including the Fox Theater and the Masonic Temple, which host concerts and major Broadway plays.

CHAPTER IV

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

The first step in the development of the plan involved gathering and updating information about Genesee County. Physical characteristics of the area, demographic information about the community and an inventory of existing facilities helped provide the base from which future recreation decisions are made.

An analysis of information gathered determined where the community is deficient in providing recreational facilities or is providing a surplus of various recreation facilities and programs in comparison to national standard as well as level of service. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission worked diligently to acquire citizens' opinions for this plan.

A. Public Engagement

This plan has been developed by the staff of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. Several community resources were asked for technical information. The following considerations were used in developing the plan:

1. Citizen opinion is solicited in the form of volunteer groups, which meet on a regular basis, and advise staff regarding what is needed in the parks and how to best fulfill those needs.
2. Comment cards and surveys of park users are collected by staff as part of a continuous quality improvement process.
3. A Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system is utilized by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission for both notification of various programs and soliciting continuous feedback.
4. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission meets on a regular basis, the meetings are open to the public, and the public is invited to address the meetings to voice any concerns they may have regarding the parks.
5. User survey was conducted placed on-line in summer 2023. These results are found within the Appendix.

B. Park Master Plans

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to facilitating public forums in order to obtain crucial feedback from the community regarding the planning and designing of their parks. Below is a typical strategic planning process that the county employs and has successfully lead to the development of the Bluebell Beach, Flushing, Linden, Buell and Richfield Site Master Plans.

1. Professionally perform a site inventory and analysis of the park.
2. Using the information from the site inventory and analysis, the county facilitates a design charrette in order to publicly generate distinct site master plan concepts.
3. Have a professional design consultant integrate concepts into a preferred option.
4. Plans were available at libraries throughout the County including:
 - Fenton
 - Flushing
 - Grand Blanc
 - Swartz Creek
 - Genesee District Library Headquarters

And the County Administration building downtown.

5. Return to the community for final input on the unified design concept.
6. Implement site master plan.

C. Additional Local Government Collaboration

In an effort to leverage existing resources to provide park and recreation services to county residents, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission extended an offer to municipalities within the county to collaborate directly with the development of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. A copy of the letter is included with the Appendix for approval and documentation. This was issued in August and the deadline was November. The ability for additional units of government to participate in the plan was approved previously with MDNR grant administration leadership, without jeopardy to their existing independent 5-Year Recreation Plans. Copies of each unit's resolution of support to participate in the plan is included in the Appendix.

D. Approval Process

Based on the information gathered from the methods described above, a draft plan document was prepared. The draft plan is presented to the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission; meetings are open to the public. Minutes from the meeting and public comment can be found in the Appendix.

A draft of the plan is posted for a thirty-day public review at the County facilities mentioned above in Section B, 4. The posting is advertised and made available online through Genesee County Parks and Recreation website.

A public hearing is held by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. The hearing is advertised and made available online through the Genesee County Parks and Recreation website.

CHAPTER V

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Five Year Park and Recreation Goals and Objectives

The overall theme for improving recreation will be to maximize on current facilities first, prior to developing new elements. The following goals and objectives support this (not listed in any order of priority).

Goal 1: Operate Parks in a Sustainable Manner

- a. Seek multiple sources of revenue to support long-term programming, staffing and development of the park system.
- b. Prioritize investment in staffing, training and improvements to maximize safety, efficient maintenance and universal accessibility within park facilities.
- c. Integrate tourism and economic development marketing to leverage the benefits of park facilities and programs.
- d. Clarify opportunities for stakeholders and volunteers to partner with maintenance and improvement of facilities.
- e. Continue to provide leadership in resource protection, stewardship and education throughout park facilities and programs.

Goal 2: Development of Strategic Park Facilities

- a. Target investments based on defined business plans and measurable impacts.
- b. Develop leveraging multiple grants and funding sources.
- c. Create and reinforce regional identity and community connections through park facilities and program development.
- d. Support the development of signature urban parks and regional trail networks.
- e. Capitalize on recreation opportunities along the Flint River corridor and other water resources.

CHAPTER VI
ACTION PROGRAM

A. Action Plan for Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is financed primarily from a three-quarter mil (.7500) tax levy, operational revenue, grants and donations. This tax levy is subject to rollback and changes annually. Funds are used for professional staff, operations, maintenance, facility development, supervision and planning. Reliance on grant funding for operations must be reduced and replaced ultimately.

Major expenditures for land acquisition and capital development over the next five years are estimates and explained in detail below.

1. Five Year Financial Plan

- a. Organizational – The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission intends to concentrate on maintaining its approximate existing 11,500 acres of park lands and facilities, while maximizing its revenue producing potential, where possible.
- b. Staffing – Currently, the Parks Commission is understaffed. The table below depicts the staff/acre ratio for counties similar to Genesee County for comparison. The addition of staff needs to be addressed to meet the current needs of the parks. Any additional programs or facilities will require more staff.

Staff Comparison	Acres	Full-Time Park Maintenance Employees	Seasonal Park Maintenance Employees
Genesee County Parks	11,000+	14	80
Kent County Parks	5,300	31	140
Oakland County Parks	6,000	37	176

- c. Programming – The outdoor education programs will continue to increase with the use of the For-Mar Visitor Center and day-use parks.
- d. Operation – The park system operates seven days a week, 52 weeks per year and relies heavily on seasonal employees and volunteers.
- e. Maintenance – The Parks Commission has its own maintenance staff. Supervision is provided by the Park Superintendents, who are professional staff members. The maintenance staff will increase as new revenue sources are secured. Currently this department is understaffed. The Crossroads Village maintenance is partly raised from the Genesee County's accommodation (hotel/motel) tax and will increase as tourism as Crossroads Village increases and/or as revenue projects expand.

2. Land Acquisition

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission will consider acquisition of land within the County as donations and grants become available. Decisions will be based on a business model for the property as well as stewardship value. Acquisition of any land in the form of gifts, trust and outright donations will be given consideration as to the benefit to the total Genesee County Parks system.

3. Capital Development

The capital development program for the next five years is based on the availability of funds derived from grants, gifts, donations or through the use of the revenue bond program. In the event that funds are received before the anticipated schedule, certain projects could be advanced accordingly. The capital improvements budget will be concentrated in strategic locations that provide the best sustainable benefit for the entire Genesee County Parks system.

4. Collaboration

Opportunities for partnerships with other communities and park and recreation providers will be explored as appropriate, considering the benefit to the total Genesee County Parks system.

B. Priority Projects for Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

The following project lists are grouped by location. Items are listed by priority for each site.

a. **Bluebell Beach**

1. Replace Barrier Free Splashpad

Funding: Private, Donations, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Renovate bathhouse to meet visitor needs and site management

Funding: Private, Donations, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Provide drinking fountains by tapping into the existing water main at the street

Funding: Donations
Estimated Cost: \$80,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

4. Improve entrance images including signage

Funding: Private, Donations, Passport
Estimated Cost: \$200,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

5. Restore the entry drive into Bluebell Beach

Funding: MNRTF, Passport
Estimated Cost: \$600,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

6. Restore the parking lot into Bluebell Beach
Funding: Private, Donations, Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$2,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

7. Replace North and South Bathroom
Funding: Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$600,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

8. Increase accessibility to facilities
Funding: Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

b. Crossroads Village

1. Parking lot lighting
Funding: Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$450,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Pave parking lot
Funding: Private, Local
Estimated Cost: \$1,300,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Add/upgrade utilities
Funding: Private
Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

4. Bathroom Improvements to Café and Depot
Funding: Private
Estimated Cost: \$700,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

5. Orientation building
 - Funding: Private
 - Estimated Cost: \$6,000,000
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

6. Kitchen improvements to Mill Street Warehouse
 - Funding: Private
 - Estimated Cost: \$360,000
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

7. Pave entrance road with storm drains
 - Funding: Private, Local
 - Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

8. Increase accessibility to facilities
 - Funding: Local, MNRTF
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

c. Huckleberry Railroad

1. Reconstruct culverts – 1 per year
 - Funding: Private, Local
 - Estimated Cost: \$100,000 per year
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Mainline tie replacement program
 - Funding: Private, Local
 - Estimated Cost: \$2,000,000
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Build new accessible passenger car
 - Funding: Private, Local
 - Estimated Cost: \$700,000
 - Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

4. Build new passenger car trucks
 - Funding: Private, Local
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,800,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

5. Increase accessibility to facilities

Funding: Local, MNRTF

Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

d. Mounds ORV Area

1. Maintenance of trails, parking expansion, develop event areas

Funding: ORV grant

Estimated Cost: \$200,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Develop challenge course

Funding: ORV grant

Estimated Cost: \$600,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

e. Flushing Park

1. Renovate WPA Structures

Funding: MNRTF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$600,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Provide Splash Pad

Funding: MNRTF

Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Apply for funding and complete Phase I improvements to park based on site plan. Including:

- Demolition of unsafe, outdated equipment and amenities;
- Redevelopment of active play areas, including playground equipment to meet ADA and CPSC guidelines;
- Phase I lighting improvements to meet CPTED standards;
- Phase I improvements/development of adequate restroom facilities;
- Develop sports area, including grading, utilities, sports fields, sports courts, parking sidewalk, road, landscaping, restrooms and signage;
- Phase I entrance improvements;
- Initiate process for historical designation of CCC/WPA facilities;
- Phase I landscaping improvements.

Funding: MNRTF, LWCF, Local
Estimated Cost: Phase I - \$2,500,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

4. Increase accessibility to facilities

Funding: Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

f. Richfield Park

1. Apply for funding to complete renovation of park based on site master plan, including:

- Demolition of unsafe and/or outdated equipment and facilities;
- Develop sports area, including grading, utilities, sports fields, sports courts, parking sidewalk, road, landscaping, restrooms and signage;
- Development of adequate restroom facilities;
- Renovation/restoration of picnic areas, including picnic shelters, pavilions and site amenities;
- Redevelopment of active play areas;
- Initiate process for historical designation of CCC/WPA facilities;
- Phase I lighting plan;
- Phase I entrance image improvements, including signage and roads;
- Phase I multi-use path/trail development.

Funding: MNRTF, LWCF, Local
Estimated Cost: Phase I - \$3,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Increase accessibility to facilities

Funding: Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

g. For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum

1. Develop accessible route to interpretive pond

Funding: Private, Local
Estimated Cost: \$350,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Replace Visitor Center

Funding: Private, Local
Estimated Cost: \$8,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Renovate DeWaters Building
Funding: Private, Local
Estimated Cost: \$800,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

4. Replace suspension bridge
Funding: Private, Local
Estimated Cost: \$350,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

5. Replace one vehicular bridge
Funding: Private
Estimated Cost: \$1,250,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

6. Increase accessibility to facilities
Funding: Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

h. Walleye Pike Boat Launch

1. Repave entrance road
Funding: MNRTF, Local
Estimated Cost: \$200,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Rebuild and enlarge parking lot
Funding: MNRTF, Local
Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Replace docks to meet ADA compliance
Funding: MNRTF, Passport
Estimated Cost: \$400,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

i. Linden Park

1. Phase II improvements, including:

- Develop sports area, including grading, utilities, sports fields, sports courts, parking, sidewalk, road, landscaping, restrooms and signage;
- Develop events area, including utilities, grading, roads, parking, paths, landscaping and fencing;
- Improve park entrance, including signage, landscaping and fencing.

Funding: MNRTF, LWCF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$6,500,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Increase accessibility to facilities

Funding: Local, MNRTF

Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

j. E.A. Cummings Center

1. Apply for funding to complete Phase I renovations, including:

- Required infrastructure updates (mechanical, electrical, etc.);
- Construction of adequate restroom facilities;
- Development of multi-use pathways;
- Improve camping sites;
- Develop separate equestrian arena footing.

Funding: Public/Private Partnerships, MNRTF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$6,000,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

k. Wolverine Campground

1. Apply for funding to improve utilities

Funding: MNRTF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$600,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Replace restroom

Funding: MNRTF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Replace registration/welcome building

Funding: MNRTF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

4. Sports & Activity Facility (sports courts, activity building)

Funding:	Passport, MNRTF, Local
Estimated Cost:	\$2,000,000
Responsibility:	Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

5. Increase accessibility to facilities

Funding:	Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost:	\$1,500,000
Responsibility:	Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

6. Expand the Iron Belle Trail system

Funding:	MNRTF, Local
Estimated:	\$2,000,000
Responsibility:	Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

7. Mountain Bike Trail

Funding:	MNRTF, Local
Estimated:	\$250,000
Responsibility:	Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

I. Elba Equestrian Center

1. Apply for funding to improve area(s), camping facilities, and facility entrances

Funding:	Public/Private Partnerships, LWCF, Local, MNRTF
Estimated Cost:	\$2,000,000
Responsibility:	Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

2. Trails/Pathways (establish horse trail maps and maintenance program)

Funding:	Local, Private, MNRTF
Estimated Cost:	\$2,000,000
Responsibility:	Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

m. Trails/Pathways

1. Development of Genesee County Regional Trail Plan initiatives

Funding:	MNRTF, Passport, TAP, Local, Public/Private Partnerships
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Responsibility:	TBD

2. Accreditation of Water Trail route(s) along the Flint River
Funding: AHGP, Private, Cooperation with Flint River Watershed Coalition
Estimated Cost: TBD
Responsibility: TBD

n. Davison Roadside Park

1. Park Entrance renovation
Funding: MNRTF, Local, Passport
Estimated Cost: \$100,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

o. Toboggan Hill

1. Toboggan runs, add welcome facilities, lighting and restrooms
Funding: MNRTF, Local, Passport
Estimated Cost: \$2,000,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

p. Goldenrod Disc Golf

1. Accessible parking
Funding: MNRTF, Local
Estimated Cost: \$15,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
2. Vault Toilet with accessible connection to parking lot
Funding: MNRTF, Local
Estimated Cost: \$180,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
3. Pavilion
Funding: MNRTF, Local, Private
Estimated Cost: \$75,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
4. Solar Lights
Funding: Local, Private, MNRTF
Estimated Cost: \$20,000
Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

q. Buell Lake

1. Disc Golf Course parking lot

Funding: Local, MNRTF

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

r. Wayfinding

1. Improve wayfinding system-side

Funding: MNRTF, Local

Estimated Cost: \$250,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

s. Energy efficiency

1. Improve energy efficiency in all facilities

Funding: Local, MNRTF

Estimated Cost: \$6,000,000

Responsibility: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

Department of Natural Resources Funding Source Abbreviations:

MNRTF	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
ORV	Off-Road Vehicle Grants
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Passport	Recreation Passport Fund
AHGP	Aquatic Habitat Grant Program
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program (through MDOT)

CHAPTER VII
STRATEGIES

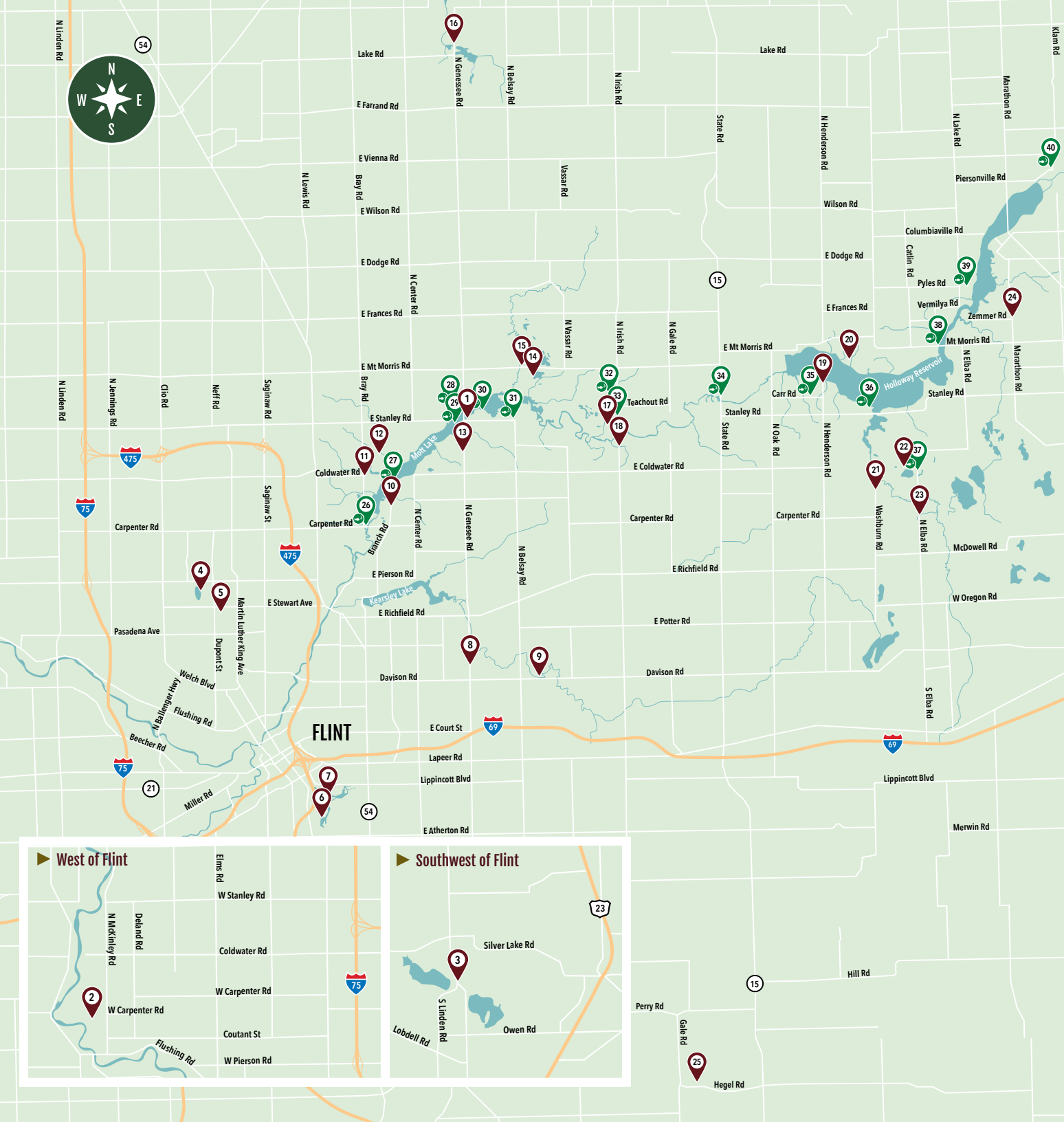
STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS LOCAL, STATE OR NATIONAL CONCERNS

- A. Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission works diligently with the surrounding communities to combine efforts in all aspects of this plan. The City of Flint acknowledges the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission within its Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan and supports the efforts of the county for its improvement plans.
- B. The improvements to Bluebell Beach are directed at citizens who reside in economically distressed areas and will improve or create access to Bluebell Beach for the minority groups and the low-income population.
- C. By providing greater access to its parks and their natural resources, this plan addresses the need for human/environment interaction. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to enhancing and protecting the environment with all its endeavors, and this includes environmentally considerate design and construction at Bluebell Beach.
- D. Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission understands the importance of community volunteers and has an established volunteer program to continue with this endeavor. The Parks will also continue its efforts to seek additional sources in grant funding.
- E. Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission does not foresee the funds to purchase additional land for recreation, and thus is not a significant component within this plan.
- F. Bluebell Beach resides on Mott Lake, and any improvements to this facility will ultimately improve access to the waterfront. Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission maintains its high standards of environment quality, and those standards have established and guide the current design and construction practices for the Parks system.
- G. Additional marketing to make participants aware of the extent of the Genesee County Parks system and what activities the different locations offer.

CHAPTER VIII
CONCLUSIONS

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is an important and vital part of the quality of life for the residents of Genesee County. In fact, the mission of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide affordable, quality recreational facilities and programs to all citizens of Genesee County, and to act as a conservator of publicly held recreational lands and facilities, historical structures, and educational facilities. The purpose of this five-year plan is to provide direction for the park system to meet both its mission and its vision of providing quality recreational opportunities for all.

APPENDIX A



YOUR KEY TO GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Use this key when exploring
our park list and events

PICNIC AREA

CAMPING

BEACH

PAVILION

PLAYGROUND

SCENIC

GARDEN

COMMUNITY GARDEN

OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH

BOAT LAUNCH

BUTTERFLY AREA

SPORTS FIELDS

BIKING

WALKING

HIKING

EQUESTRIAN

DISC GOLF

PARKS

- 1. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**
5045 Stanley Road, Flint
810.736.7100
8:00 am–5:00 pm Monday – Friday
Houses the administrative offices of parks staff, park rangers and the reservations & tickets office staff.
- 2. FLUSHING COUNTY PARK**
4417 N. McKinley Road, Flushing
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 3. LINDEN COUNTY PARK**
15349 S. Linden Road, Linden
8:00 am to sunset daily
Clover Beach on Byram Lake: 8:00 am–8:00 pm
Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend
- 4. FLINT PARK LAKE PARK**
In partnership with City of Flint
Stewart Avenue just west of Dupont Street, Flint
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 5. MAX BRANDON PARK**
In partnership with City of Flint
3606 Dupont Street, Flint
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 6. MCKINLEY PARK**
In partnership with City of Flint
2999 Orville Street, Flint
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 7. THREAD LAKE PARK**
In partnership with City of Flint
Lakeside Avenue between Howard Avenue and Crocker Avenue, Flint
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 8. FOR-MAR NATURE PRESERVE & ARBORETUM**
2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton
Visitor's Center: 8:00 am–5:00 pm daily
Grounds: 8:00 am to sunset daily

- 9. DAVISON ROADSIDE COUNTY PARK**
6160 Davison Road, Burton
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 10. STEPPING STONE FALLS & PICNIC AREA**
5161 Branch Road, Flint
Open daily May – Labor Day
Sun.-Thurs., 8:00 am–11:00 pm
Fri. & Sat. 8:00 am–midnight
Open daily Labor Day – Dec. 1, 8:00 am to sunset
- 11. BLUEBELL BEACH**
5500 Bray Road, Flint
8:00 am to sunset daily
Beach & Splash Pad: 8:00 am–8:00 pm
Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day
- 12. CROSSROADS VILLAGE & HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD**
6140 Bray Road, .5 miles south of Stanley Road, Flint
Call 810.736.7100, ext. 6, for operating dates and rates. Historical 1800s village with 34 structures, railroad and paddlewheel riverboat.
- 13. BLUEGILL BOAT LAUNCH**
4045 Coldwater Road, Flint
Entrances on Coldwater Road at Center Road and Genesee Road south of Stanley Road.
24-hours daily, year round.
- 14. EVERETT A. CUMMINGS CENTER**
6130 E. Mt. Morris Road, .2 miles east of Genesee Road, Mt. Morris
8:00 am to sunset daily, unless scheduled for special events (available for rental, 810.736.7100, ext. 6).
- 15. MOUNDS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AREA**
6145 E. Mt. Morris Road, .5 miles east of Genesee Road, Mt. Morris
8:00 am to sunset, except Sunday, noon to sunset.
For motorcycles, mini-bikes, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.

- 16. BUELL LAKE COUNTY PARK**
14098 Genesee Road, Clio
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 17. GOLDENROD DISC GOLF COURSE**
6405 Irish Road, Davison
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 18. RICHFIELD COUNTY PARK**
6322 N. Irish Road, .5 miles north of Coldwater Road, Davison
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 19. WALLEYE PIKE BOAT LAUNCH**
7240 N. Henderson Road, north of Stanley Road, Davison
Open 24-hours daily, year round
- 20. WOLVERINE CAMPGROUND & BUTTERCUP BEACH**
7698 N. Baxter Road, Columbiaville
Open Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day
Buttercup Beach: Open 8:00 am–8:00 pm
- 21. TOBOGGAN HILL**
Located .5 miles north of Carpenter Road on Washburn Road, Oregon Township, Lapeer County
8:00 am to sunset daily. Check website for winter sledding hours.
- 22. HOGBACKS AREA**
At the Genesee and Lapeer County line, bordered by Elba, Washburn, McDowell and Stanley Roads
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 23. ELBA EQUESTRIAN COMPLEX**
1875 N. Elba Road, Lapeer
8:00 am to sunset daily. Rangers lock gates at sunset.
- 24. ZEMMER PARK**
Marathon Road to Zemmer Road, Lapeer
8:00 am to sunset daily
- 25. *COMING SOON* ATLAS COUNTY PARK**
9139 Hegel Road, Goodrich
8:00 am to sunset daily

FISHING SITES

- 26. BRAY ROAD FISHING SITE**
5030 Bray Road, Flint
- 27. BRANCH ROAD FISHING SITE**
65380 Branch Road, Flint
- 28. LIONS PARK**
E. Stanley Road, west of N. Genesee Road, Genesee
- 29. GENESEE ROAD FISHING SITE**
At the crossroads of N. Genesee Road and E. Stanley Road, Flint
- 30. STANLEY ROAD FISHING SITE & BOAT LAUNCH**
5131 Stanley Road, Flint
- 31. STANLEY & BELSAY ROAD FISHING SITE**
5487 Stanley Road, Flint
- 32. TIMBERWOLF FISHING SITE**
7004 N. Irish Road, Otisville
- 33. IRISH ROAD FISHING SITE**
6422 Irish Road, Davison
- 34. M-15 FISHING SITE**
State Road, north of Stanley Road, Davison
- 35. HOLLOWAY DAM PUBLIC ACCESS FISHING SITE & CANOE LAUNCH**
11135 Carr Road between Henderson and Oak Roads, Davison
24-hour canoe launch access.
- 36. STANLEY ROAD TUBES FISHING SITE**
12439 Stanley Road, east of Henderson Road, Columbiaville
- 37. MUDD LAKE FISHING SITE**
2345 Elba Road, Lapeer
- 38. MOUNT MORRIS ROAD FISHING SITE**
Mount Morris Road, east of Catlin Road, Lapeer County
- 39. PYLES ROAD PUBLIC ACCESS**
Intersection of Pyles Road and N. Lake Road, Columbiaville
- 40. KLAM ROAD FISHING SITE**
Klam and Piersonville Road, Columbiaville

► Learn more about our individual parks online at geneseecountyparks.org/explore

Parking is available at all fishing site locations.

FISHING

HUNTING

OFF ROAD

BMX

SLEDDING

SNOWMOBILE

CROSS COUNTRY SKI

SNOWSHOE

RESTROOM

PARKING

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

GUIDED HIKE

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

NO DOGS PLEASE

FOOD

FEE

RECURRING EVENT

INDOOR

ATTRACTIONS

ACTIVITIES

SERVICES

EVENTS

Atlas County Park



Location: 9139 Hegel Road, Goodrich, MI 48438

Size: 150 acres

Age Groups Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, walking trails, water and seasonal activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Bluebell Beach



Location: 5500 Bray Road, Flint, MI 48505

Size: 85 acres

Age Groups Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, restrooms, non-motorized trails, water activities

Accessibility: 4 – Entirety of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Buell Lake County Park



Location: 14098 N. Genesee Road, Clio, MI 48420

Size: 213 acres

Age Groups Served: All Ages

Facilities: Pavilions, picnic areas, baseball fields, fishing, walking trails, parking

Accessibility: 4 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Davison Roadside Park



Location: 6160 Davison Road at N. Belsay Road, Burton, MI 48509

Size: 5 acres

Age Groups Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, restrooms, walking trails, seasonal activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

E.A. Cummings Center



Location: 6130 E. Mt. Morris Road, Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Size: 690 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, restrooms, trails, seasonal activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Flushing County Park



Location: 4417 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433

Size: 105 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, walking trails, water and seasonal activities

Accessibility: 4 – Entirety of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum



Location: 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509

Size: 383 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, walking trails, seasonal activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Genesee Recreation Area



Location: Branch Road, Flint, MI 48506

Size: 4,428 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, walking trails, water activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Holloway Reservoir Regional Park



Location: 7240 N. Henderson Road, Davison, MI 48423

Size: 5500 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, walking trails, water and seasonal activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Linden County Park



Location: 15349 S. Linden Road, Linden, MI 48451

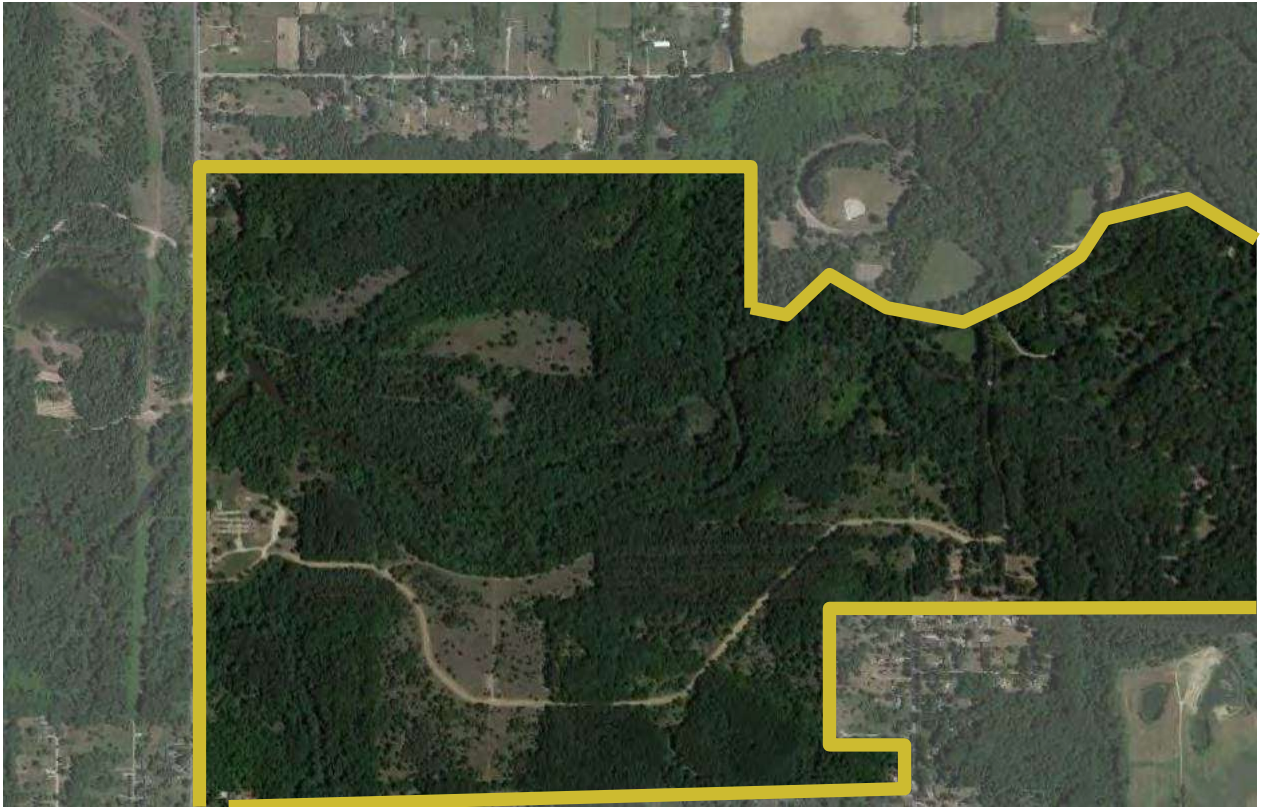
Size: 144 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, restrooms, walking trails, water and seasonal activities

Accessibility: 4 – Entirety of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines

Richfield County Park



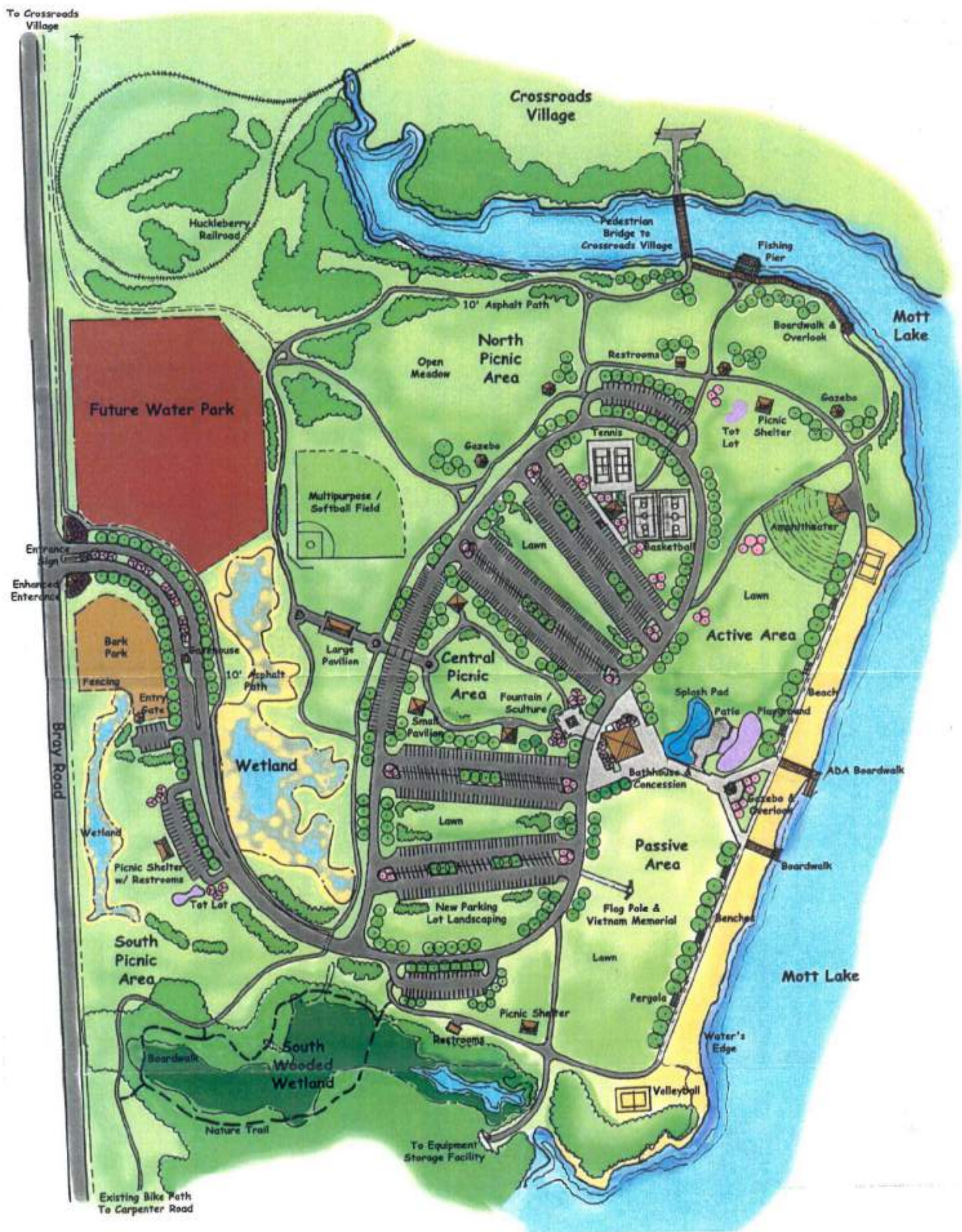
Location: 6322 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423

Size: 345 acres

Ages Served: All Ages

Facilities: Parking, restrooms, walking trails, water and seasonal activities

Accessibility: 3 – Most of the facilities/areas meet accessibility guidelines



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Bluebell Beach Master Plan

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Scale 1"=100'-0"
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SCHEMATIC SITE PLAN

BOAT LAUNCH AREA

- PARKING FOR 4-10 CARS AND 8 TRAILERS
- CANOE AND KAYAK RENTAL
- FLOATING DOCKS CONNECT TO MAIN SYSTEM
- REMOVE EXISTING SUMMER FREE DOCKS
- IMPROVE PARKING AREA

MAIN PARK ENTRANCE

- REALIGN ENTRANCE AND CREATE BOULEVARD
- LARGE SIGN
- SPLIT RAIL FENCE WITH STONE PILLARS
- FLAGPOLE
- LANDSCAPING

BEACH

- REMOVE FISHING ACTIVITY
- REMOVE SHOWERHOUSE

SHORE FRONT

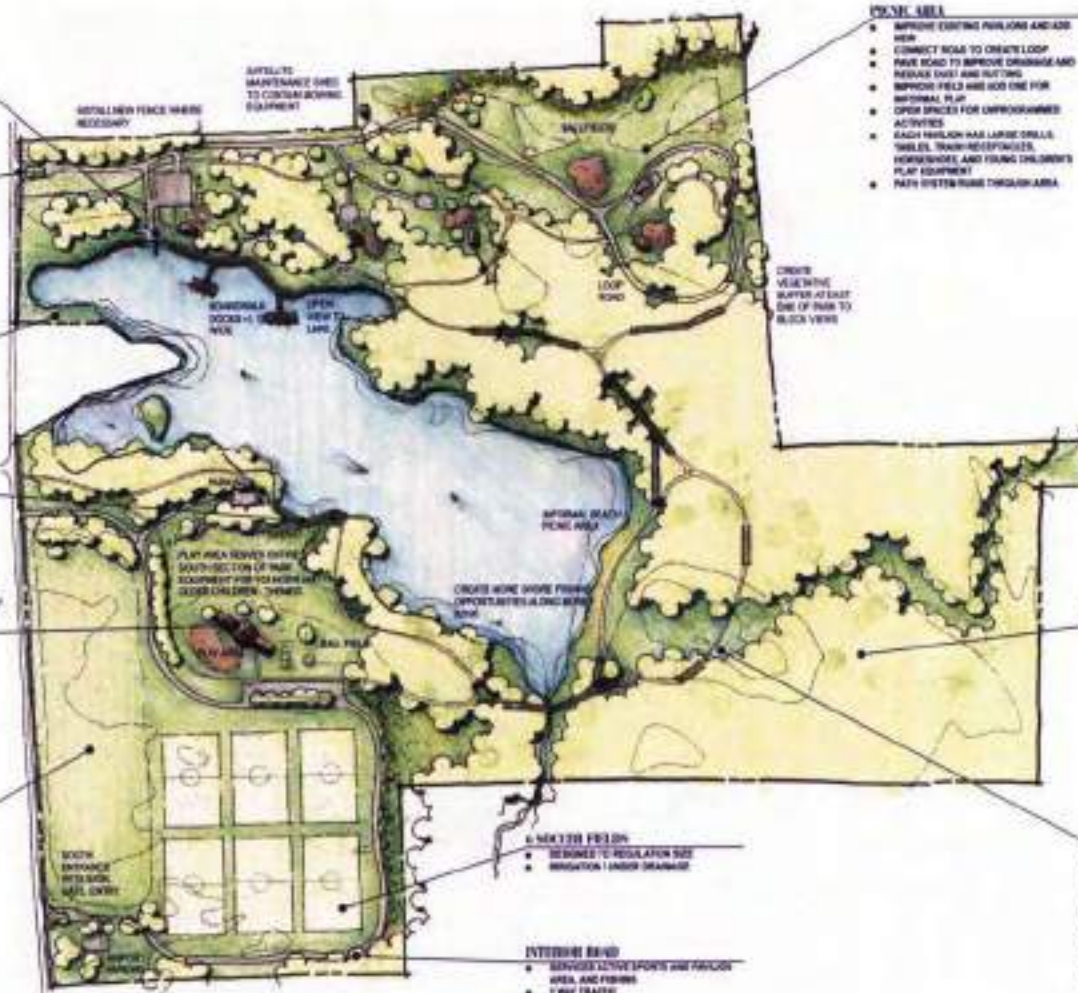
- FLOATING BOARDWALKS
- PARKING OUT AS DOCK LAUNCH
- CONNECTS TO MAIN SYSTEM

GRAND PAVILION

- CONDUCT VISUAL ANALYSIS FOR LARGE GROUP FUNCTIONS
- PARKING
- BARBERS POOL ACCESS
- ADD LARGE GRILLS, TABLES, 30' TRASH RECEPTICLES
- HUNGRY, DRINK, GAME, VOLLEYBALL
- IMPROVED BALLFIELD
- ELECTRICITY
- RESTROOMS
- BARTERANCE ROOM- STORAGE AREA

MOVING ADULTS AREA

- RETURN EXISTING SPACE
- MOVE PARKING AND 6-12 OVERLOOK AT PARKING PARKING
- ORGANIZE SHAGS
- CLEAN UP SPACE



PICNIC AREA

- IMPROVE EXISTING PARKING AND ADD NEW
- CONNECT ROAD TO CREATE LOOP
- PAVE ROAD TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE AND REDUCE DUST AND RUTTING
- IMPROVE FIELD AND SOFT FINE FOR INFORMAL PLAY
- OPEN SPACES FOR UNPROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES
- EACH HOUSEHOLD HAS LARGE GRILLS, TRASH RECEPTICLES, HANGING AND FISHING CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT
- PATH SYSTEM RUNS THROUGH AREA

FUTURE USE

- COORDINATE WITH NATURE CENTER FOR POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES IN ADVENTURE CAMPING, NATURE AREAS, ETC.

TRAIL SYSTEM

- AREA REQUIRES WETLAND SHIPPING
- LOOP SYSTEM CONNECTS NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF PARK
- RUNS THROUGH WOODS, AROUND LAKE AND CLOSE TO WATER
- 8-10' WIDE
- DIFFERENT LOOPS FOR DIFFERENT USERS - JOBBERS, GROUPS, AND OTHERS
- MOST OF TRAIL IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL USERS
- SOME TRAILS ARE INDICATED TO BE RESTRICTED AND ONLY HIKERS OR OTHER ADULTS
- BOARDWALKS OVER WETLAND AREA



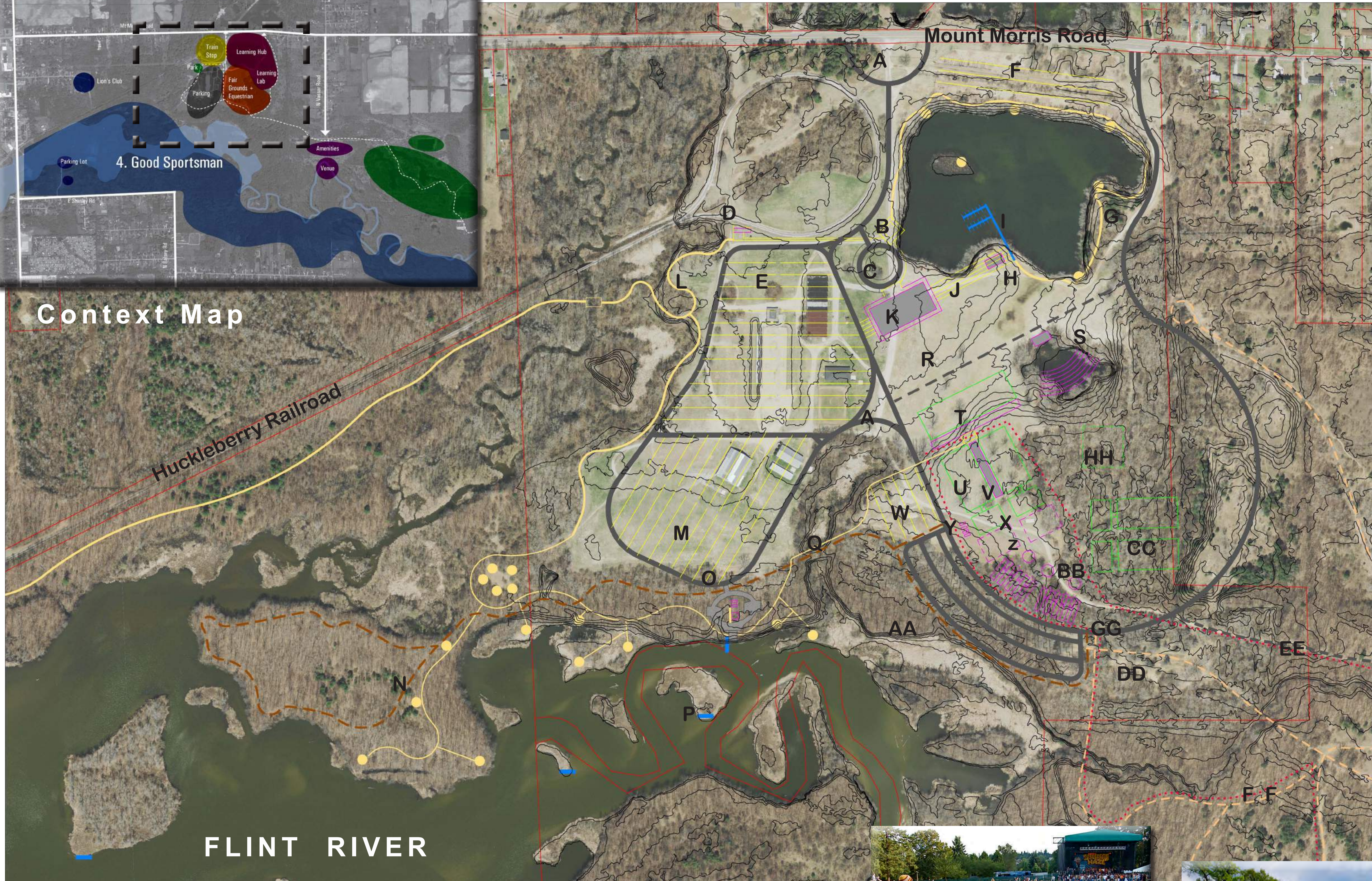
BUELL LAKE PARK

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Context Map



S I T E F E A T U R E S

Arrival Sequence

- A. Entry signage, wayfinding and landscape
- B. Entry plaza, lake overlook
- C. Drop-off and parking
- D. Huckleberry Depot to Crossroads Village
- E. Main parking (1,800)
- F. Overflow parking (300)

The Learning Lake

- G. Ecology Stations
- H. Learning Center, Restrooms, Concessions
- I. Docks for small boat rental, fishing
- J. Food Court Plaza
- K. Expo Center, banquet and conference

Butternut Overlook

- L. Picnic area with views of the railroad / trestle and trailhead connecting to Genesee Road / regional trails

Flint River Corridor

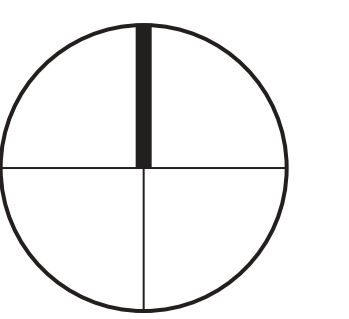
- M. Overflow parking (1,300)
- N. Ecotourism camping and equestrian trails
- O. Small boat launch, parking and restrooms
- P. Duck hunting stations, platforms / water trail stations
- Q. Drainage basin / ravine

The Great Lawn

- R. Event space, midway, etc
- S. Amphitheater (future)

Fair / Equestrian Center

- T. Grandstand (3,500)
- U. Arenas (150' x 300')
- V. Concourse seating with vendor space, future permanent restrooms beneath
- W. Parking (200)
- X. Warm up areas
- Y. Temporary shower / restroom units
- Z. Future exhibition barns / arenas
- AA. Modern pull through campsites (30) on ridge overlooking the Flint River
- BB. Stalls (240), water racks, bunkers and round pens
- CC. Future arenas with natural slope seating
- DD. Expansion area for RV sites, stalls and additional camping
- EE. Multi-use connection to Irish Road
- FF. Example 5K route and multi-use paths
- GG. Sanitary station
- HH. Septic fields



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E.A. CUMMINGS EVENT CENTER MASTER PLAN SITE PLAN

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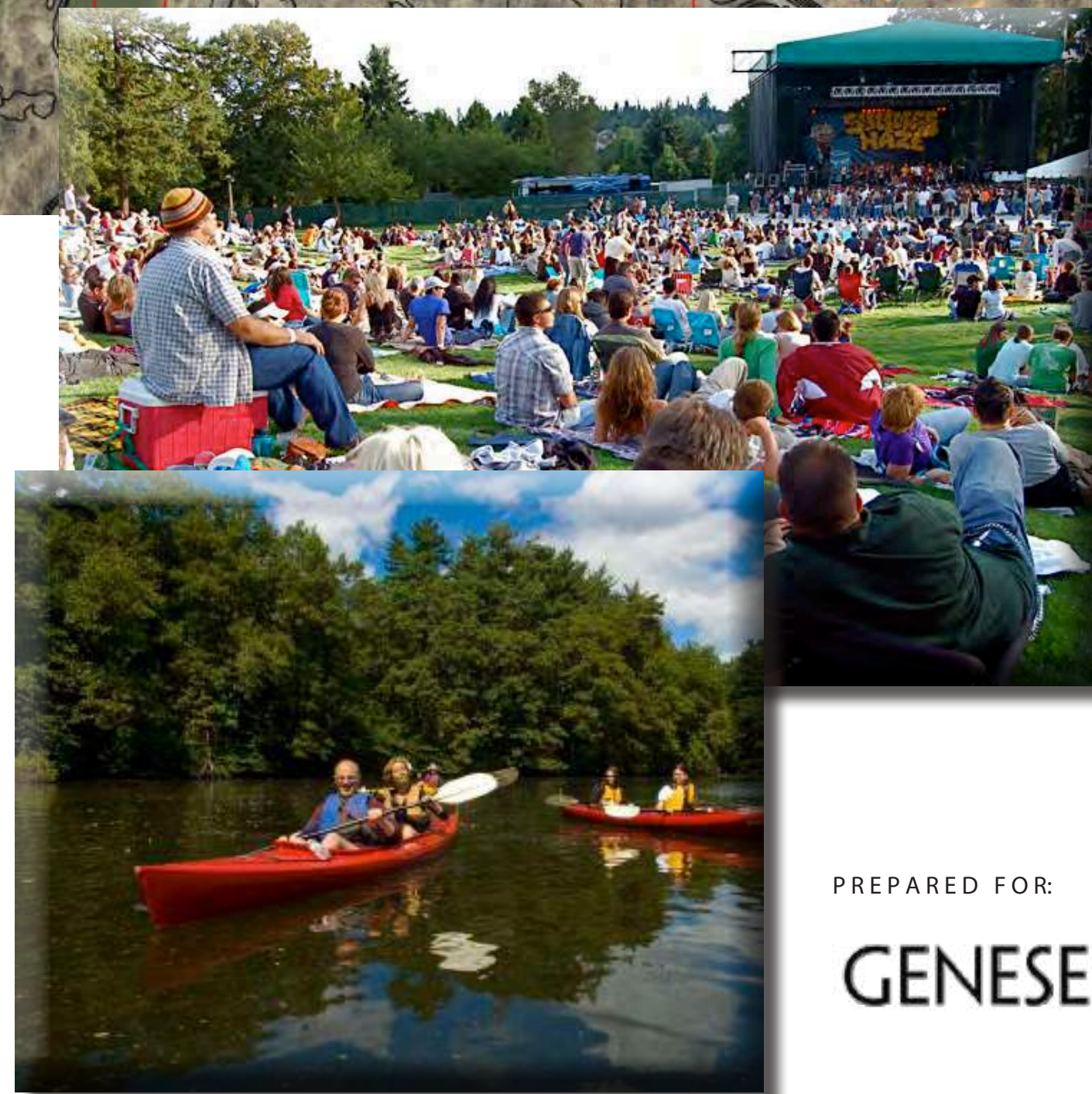


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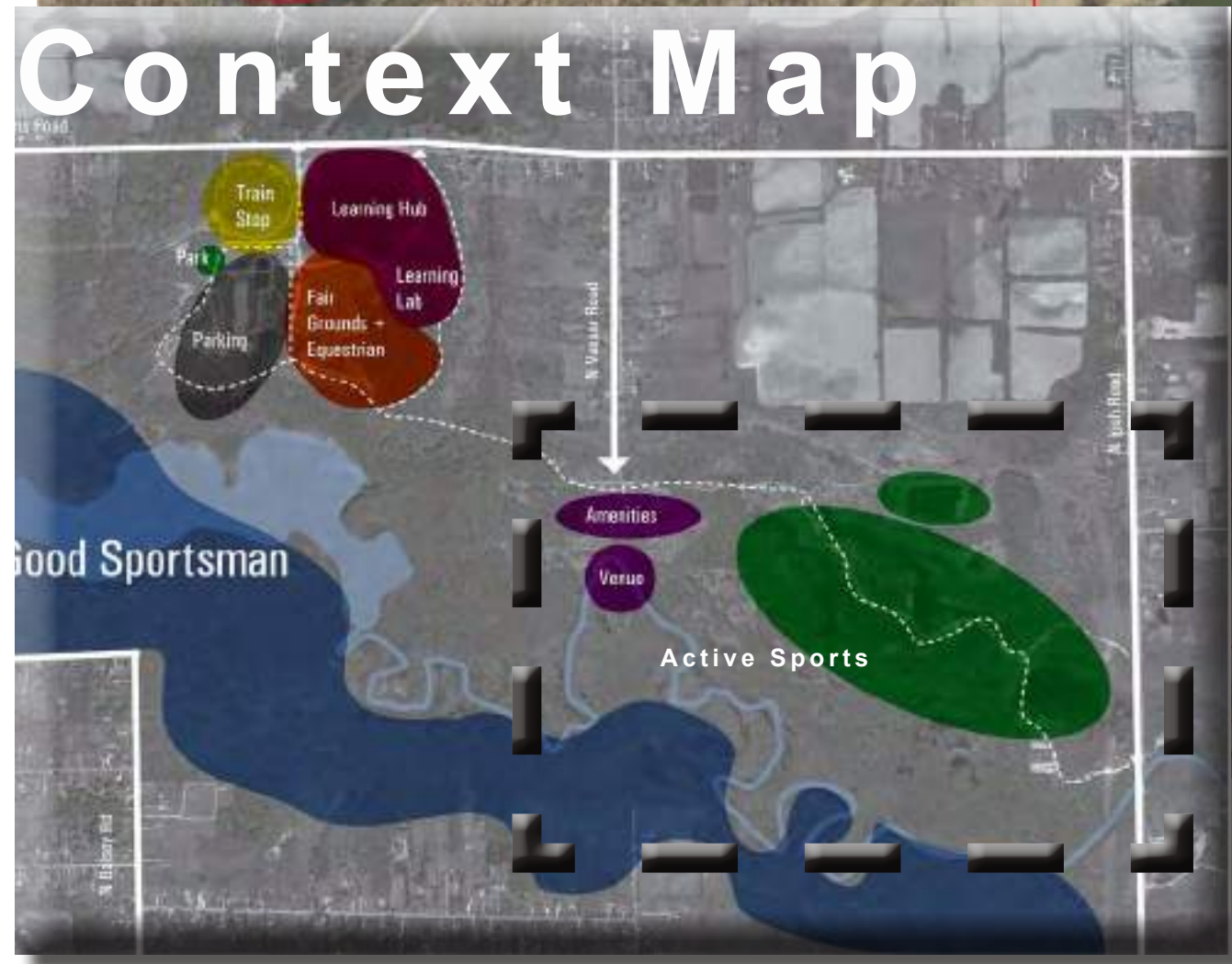


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- O. Small boat launch to be improved with dock, parking, sidewalk and universally accessible launch
- Similar improvements to be made at west end at existing launch off Stanley Road.
- Sportsmans trail to extend along the southern Flint River shoreline for extreme hiking, trailriding
- P. Connection to Richfield Park.
- Follow existing master plan to provide active sports fields



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MASTER PLAN

ROAD SYSTEM

- NORTH LOOP ROAD IS CONVERTED TO A PARK PATH AND OPTIONAL GATED DRIVE FOR SEASONAL TRAFFIC IN THE FALL. DRIVE IS 20'.
- ROAD TERMINATES IN PARKING LOOP IN SEASONAL POTENTIAL BALL FIELD, TRAIL, AND PLAY AREA.
- ACTIVE, WORKING LAND CORRIDOR AT ROAD CONTAINS ALL PARKING, PLAY AREAS, AND FACILITIES.
- PARKING IS FORMALIZED AND TRIMMED BY POND PERIMETER.

USE OF PARK

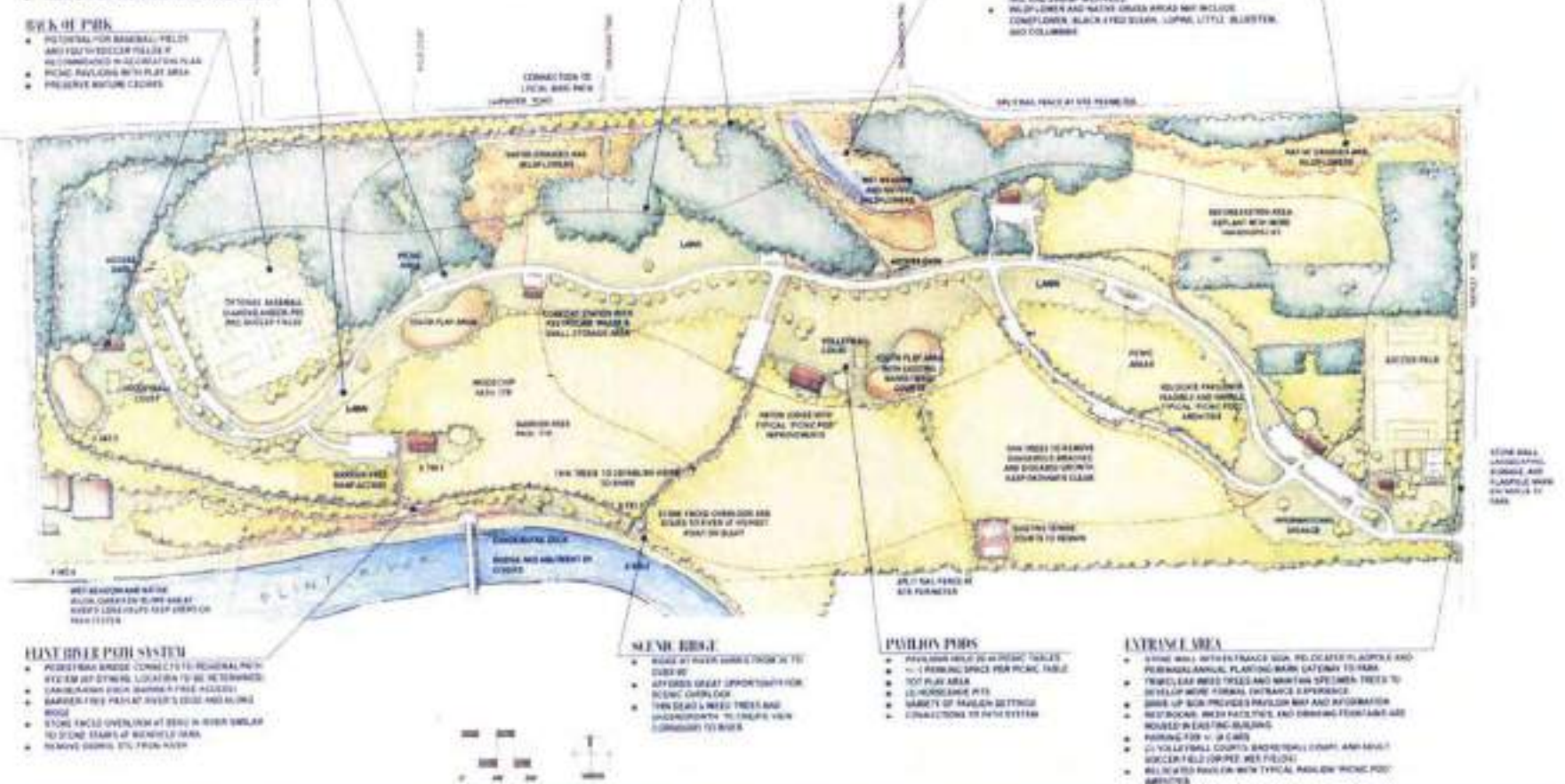
- POTENTIAL FOR BASEBALL FIELDS AND FOOTBALL FIELD IN RECREATION AREA.
- POND PARKING WITH PLAY AREA.
- PRESERVE NATURAL CREEKS.

PATH SYSTEM

- EXISTING NORTH LOOP IS REDUCED TO 10' WIDE AND DEVELOPED AS PARKING FREE, OPEN, 10' PATH.
- SHADOWNABLE PATH TRACES PARK'S NORTHERN PERIMETER.
- WIDE CAMP SECONDARY PATH LINKS ALL FEATURES AT PARK AND NATURAL AREAS.

WETLANDS AND WET MEADOW AREAS

- EXISTING LAWN AND SCUB GRASS AREAS OUTSIDE OF POND CORRIDOR ARE PLANTED WITH NATIVE GRASS SPECIES TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH AND WET MEADOW SYSTEM.
- SELECTED AREAS TO BE BURNED OR MOWED ONCE ANNUALLY TO ELIMINATE INVASIVE TREE SPECIES.
- SANITARY WET TANKS (2) SPACED AND ENTIRE LAWN ARE PLANTED WITH WET MEADOW SPECIES INCLUDING: RED WHEAT, RED, AND SHARP WHEAT.
- WETLANDS AND NATIVE GRASS AREAS MAY INCLUDE: CONIFERS, BLACK PINE, LARCH, LITTLE BLUEBERRY, AND COLUMBINE.



HUNT RIVER PARK SYSTEM

- PARKING AREA CONNECTS TO RECREATION PATH SYSTEM AT STONE BRIDGE LOCATION TO BE REFINISHED.
- LAMINATION FROM SHADON (POND) AREAS.
- SHADON FREE PATH AT RIVER'S EDGE AND ALONG ROAD.
- STONE BRIDGE OVERLOOK AT RIVER IN RIVER VALLEY TO STONE BRIDGE AT RIVER'S EDGE.
- NATIVE GRASS, 10' FROM PARK.

STONE BRIDGE

- BRIDGE AT POND CORNER TRIMMED TO 10' CLOSURE.
- PROVIDES GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SCENIC OVERLOOK.
- TRIMMED LAWN AND TREES AND WOODLANDS TO TRAIL, VIEW CORRIDOR TO RIVER.

PARKING PLOTS

- PARKING PLOTS IN PARK TRAIL.
- 10' PARKING SPACE PER POND, TRAIL.
- 10' PLAY AREA.
- 10' WETLANDS PLOT.
- VARIETY OF TRAILER SETTINGS.
- CONNECTIONS TO PATH SYSTEM.

ENTRANCE AREA

- STONE WALL WITH ENTRANCE SIGN, RELOCATE PLANTING AND PERMANENT PLANTING MARK (LAWN) TO PARK.
- TRIMMED LAWN TREES AND WETLAND SPECIES TREES TO BE REPLACED WITH NATURAL ENTRANCE EXPERIENCE.
- DRIVE UP SIGN PROVIDES PARKING MAP AND INFORMATION.
- RESTROOM, WASH FACILITY, AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN ARE MOVED IN EXISTING BUILDING.
- PARKING FOR 10' (2) CARS.
- (1) VILLAGE COURT, BACKSTORY COURT, AND SMALL WOODEN FIELD (TRAIL, WET FIELD).
- RELOCATED PARK WITH TYPICAL PARKING 'POND' AREAS.



FLUSHING PARK

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THE MEADOW

- ENHANCED NATIVE PLANTINGS

ENTRY FEATURE

- NEW SIGNAGE
- LANDSCAPING

SLIDING HILL

BEACH AREA

- ADD SAND
- RESTROOMS
- REPAIR/RENOVATE PAVILION AS NECESSARY
- INSTALL NEW STONE AND CONCRETE STAIRS
- PARKING
- LIGHTING

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

PLAY EQUIPMENT

THE CLEARING

- LOOKOUT SEATING AREA
- VIEWS TO LAKEVIEW
- RETAINING WALL

EXISTING SOCCER FIELDS

- TO REMAIN
- INSTALL FENCING SIMILAR TO REST OF PARK
- CONNECT TO MAIN PARK THROUGH TRAILS
- INSTALL SIGNAGE THAT IS SIMILAR TO REST OF PARK

FAMILY PICNIC AREA

- RECONFIGURE DRIVE
- NEW RESTROOM
- NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

ACTIVE SPORTS

- LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
- RESTROOM/EQUIPMENT STORAGE
- PARKING

EVENTS AREA

- REGRADE SPACE INTO A BOWL FOR STAGING
- PAVILION
- LIGHTING
- PARKING

MAINTENANCE

- ACCESSIBLE FROM PARK WALKWAY
- REPAIR & REMODEL AS REQUIRED
- ENHANCE VIEW TO LAKE

TRAILS

- COORDINATED WITH CITY OF LA
- PATH NETWORK SUITABLE FOR DIFFERENT USERS AND USES
- ENTRY WAY FROM ASPHALT & FREE ACCESSIBLE TO RUGGED TRAILS TO MOUNTAIN BIKING

SCALE 0 100 200 400 600

LINDEN PARK

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SCHEMATIC SITE PLAN

TRAILS

- TRAIL NETWORK CREATED THROUGHOUT NORTH END OF PARK
- PATHS HAVE DIFFERENT SURFACES DEPENDING ON USE
- SOME ARE ASPHALT PAVED AND ACCESSIBLE WHILE OTHERS ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR HORSE BACK RIDING, BIKING OR MOUNTAIN BIKING

THE OVERLOOK

- ELEVATED SEATING AREA ON TOP OF SLOPE
- THIN TREES TO AFFORD VIEW TO RIVER

WELCOME CENTER / NATURE CENTER

- RESTROOMS AND CONCESSIONS
- CANOE LAUNCH
- OFFICES
- ACCESSIBLE RAMP TO RIVER
- INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION
- BLUEBIRD RESEARCH HEADQUARTERS
- DAY CAMPS
- PARKING
- LIGHTING

CREATE LINKED TRAIL SYSTEM ALONG RIVER

BMX AREA

- SEPARATE ENTRY FROM MAIN ENTRY
- LANDSCAPING
- PARKING
- IMPROVE AMENITIES
- INSTALL SIGNAGE SIMILAR TO REST OF PARK SYSTEM
- COMFORT STATION

ACTIVE SPORTS

- MOVING ENTRY ROAD TO NORTH CREATES LARGE OPEN SPACE BEST SUITED FOR ACTIVE SPORTS SUCH AS LITTLE LEAGUE, ADULT SOFTBALL/BASEBALL, SOCCER, BASKETBALL AND TENNIS

NEW ENTRANCE

- SEPARATED FROM BMX AREA
- BOULEVARD
- DECELERATION LANE ON IRISH ROAD
- NEW ENTRY SIGN

NATURAL AREA

- CONVERT PARK PROPERTY NORTH OF RIVER TO NATURE TRAILS, DEMONSTRATION GARDENS AND PASSIVE SPACES
- AREA SUITABLE FOR HIKING, HORSE BACK RIDING, BIKING, IN-LINE SKATING, SKATEBOARDING
- SNOWMOBILES ARE ALLOWED IN WINTER
- PARK USERS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BRING ANY OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES BESIDES SNOWMOBILES OVER BRIDGE
- PAVILIONS BECOME MEETING PLACES AND LANDMARKS
- INFORMAL PICKNICKING ONLY

THE MEADOW

- LARGE NATURAL OPEN SPACE
- DO NOT MOW
- OVER SEED WITH NATIVE GRASSES AND FORBS
- TRAILS RUN THROUGH AND AROUND IT

THE GARDENS

- CREATE SPACE THAT CONNECTS THE BRIDGE AND STAIRS AND BECOMES A SPECIAL "PLACE" WITHIN THE PARK
- SPACE SUITABLE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS: GRADUATIONS, WEDDINGS, ETC.
- NEW PAVILION
- PATH RUNS AT TOP AND BOTTOM OF SLOPE
- SEMI-FORMAL SPACES OUT OF RUSTIC MATERIALS
- PLANTS SHOULD BE EASY TO MAINTAIN BUT FORMALLY PLANTED
- POTTING EQUIPMENT SHED
- WASHING WELL

STONE BRIDGE AND STAIRS

- RESTORE & RENOVATE STONE BRIDGE, STONE STAIR AND ROCK GARDEN
- INCORPORATE INTO NEW GARDEN AREA
- INVESTIGATE HISTORIC DESIGNATION OPPORTUNITIES

CIRCULATION

- OBTAIN EASEMENT THROUGH COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO CREATE SECOND ENTRANCE TO PARK FROM STATE ROAD

CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE

- CENTRALLY LOCATED IN PICNIC AREA
- DESIGNATED AREA WITH EQUIPMENT FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
- PLAY EQUIPMENT OR ALTERNATIVE PLAY
- SAFETY SURFACING
- BENCHES

FAMILY PICNIC AREAS

- RENOVATE EXISTING PICNIC SPACE
- REALIGN ROAD
- ADD TWO NEW PAVILIONS
- INSTALL COMFORT STATION
- EACH PAVILION SHOULD HAVE LARGE GRILLS, TRASH RECEPTACLES, HORSESHOE PITS, TOT PLAY EQUIPMENT

TREES & SHRUBS

- REMOVE DEAD & DISEASED LIMBS, TREES, SHRUBS
- THIN WOODS TO REDUCE HIDING PLACES
- PAVILION AREAS SHOULD BE FREE OF OBSTRUCTIVE MATERIALS

FAMILY PICNIC AREA

- NEW PICNIC AREAS (4 PAVILIONS)
- PAVILIONS HAVE LARGE GRILLS, POTABLE WATER, TRASH RECEPTACLES, HORSESHOE PITS, PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR SMALL CHILDREN (SLIDE, SWINGS, SPRING TOY)
- EASY ACCESS TO LARGER PLAY AREA, SOCCER FIELDS AND BALLFIELDS

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- BENCHES

PORTAL TO OLD PARK

- LARGE STONE FEATURE REPRESENTING ENTRANCE TO OLD PARK AREA
- SKINIFIES CHANGE IN USE PATTERNS FROM ACTIVE TO MORE PASSIVE
- TRAFFIC CIRCLE SLOWS TRAFFIC AND DIRECTS USERS TO PICNIC AREAS AND NATURAL AREA



RICHFIELD PARK

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FOR-MAR NATURE PRESERVE & ARBORETUM MASTER PLAN



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For-Mar Master Plan



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (GCPRC) has developed this master plan that identifies a hierarchy of needs and phased improvements that will position the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum to better serve local and regional visitors through an engaging master plan process that addressed programming, capacity building, and capital improvements/park amenities to support the goals identified by stakeholders and staff.

The study area is the 384 acres bound by Davison, Genesee, Belsay, and Potter Roads, located in Burton, MI. The core area of study includes approximately 271 acres dedicated to the Nature Center including the DeWaters Educational Center. The 113 acres dedicated to the arboretum included an update to the previous 2005 master plan.

The area that is the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum was given to the GCPRC through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes K. Merkley. The Merkleys previously used the property for an active dairy farm in Genesee County and, through their dedication to the natural environment, they donated the farm as an arboretum and nature preserve through a Trust agreement to be open to the public and run by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Previous master plans from 1973, 1980, and 2005 have guided development to-date. The increased demands from user groups and availability of dedicated funding are driving the need to identify strategic planning that provides GCPRC with the next steps it should take to leverage its efforts and resources in a phased approach.

ROWE conducted a kick-off meeting with GCPRC staff to coordinate public engagement and participation from subconsultants and various stakeholders during the planning process. Direction for the master plan was provided by input by For-Mar staff, the Friends of For-Mar Board of Trustees, user groups, and other stakeholders. The ROWE team conducted a site inventory and analysis and separate study efforts on the Nature Play area and Building programs. There is a strong public interest in For-Mar, evident by over 900 responses to the public survey that were completed.

Recommendations in the master plan include visioning statements and goals and objectives that drive an implementation of a prioritized action plan backed up by a concept plan, cost opinions, and public and private funding sources. The plan addresses future strategic needs, including:

- **Programming** - The master plan process identified staffing and facility needs to support a nature and place-based education center, preschool, and summer camp.
- **Capacity Building** - Evaluation of growth needs and limits of the site were measured against a standard that was established by the planning process that focused on the preferred visitor experience. This included identification of staffing, maintenance, and support infrastructure needs. The master plan has evaluated the existing welcome center and has made the recommendation for a new shared educational and meeting space to meet current and future program needs. Fundraising for major projects was identified as a role for the Friends of For-Mar with support from GCPRC.
- **Capital Improvements** - Recommendations include a redeveloped DeWaters Educational Center including stronger environmental sustainability methods and materials. A separate

study was included to provide specific guidance on development of a nature play area. An overall master site plan indicates features including but not limited to a redeveloped nature Visitor Center, nature playground, a new welcome center, and parking that also considers bus capacity and vehicular and pedestrian movements.

- **Park Amenities** - Secondary enhancements are identified to improve visitor experience such as art and sculpture displays, recreation activities, native community gardens, interpretive stations, reconfigured trails, boardwalk observation features, and invasive species management areas.

The master plan development process is summarized as follows:

TASKS	2022-23														
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Research and Analysis															
A. Notice to Proceed and Initial Conference															
B. Base Maps															
C. Inventory / Analysis - Programming Team Visit															
Resource Team Site Visit															
D. Research															
E. Develop Nature Play Recommendation															
F. Prepare for Public Engagement															
G. Stakeholder Meetings 2 days / 3-5 groups															
H. Online Survey															
Design															
A. Prepare Concept Site and Building Plans															
B. Operational Assessment															
C. Presenting Draft Master Plan															
D. Comments															
Final Master Plan															
A. Report															
B. Approvals															
C. Final Deliverables															

I. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, REVIEW, AND ADOPTION

The value of this process included exchanging information with key stakeholders to gather valuable input. The stakeholder groups were identified by GCPRC staff and invited to a series of meetings with the consultant team. GCPRC staff was not present at the stakeholder meetings in effort to solicit unvarnished input from participants; however, the GCPRC staff participated in a separate stakeholder meeting to understand the strengths and needs of For-Mar.

Separate studies on Nature Play and Architectural features were conducted with staff. Additional information on these studies is included in Appendix B and Appendix C.

Broader input, using an online survey was utilized to reach a larger audience to verify the more detailed discussions that were held with stakeholder groups. Other methods of public perception were gathered using social media from online reviews.

An individual meeting was held with the Friends of For-Mar and GCPRC staff to review the draft of the plan. A public open house was advertised and conducted in a workshop format, where a brief presentation by ROWE provided background on the planning process, followed by sessions at individual tables to address specific areas of the plan. This allowed for a complete understanding of issues and ideas that were generated.

A. Stakeholder Meetings

On February 14 and February 15, 2023, consultants from ROWE Professional Services Company and David Caitlin Consulting, LLC in partnership with For-Mar staff held a series of stakeholder meetings with various stakeholder groups.

Those groups included representatives of Grounds, Education, Funding, For-Mar Staff, Community, Accessibility and Background. Participants included the Genesee County Conservation District, For-Mar Horticulture Team members, MiSTEM, Flint River Watershed Coalition, Grand Blanc Community Schools Parents as Teachers, Community Foundation, C.S. Mott Foundation, For-Mar full-time Staff, Genesee County Parks, Michigan State University Extension, The Disability Network, Genesee County Veterans Services, and Friends of For-Mar. This approach to public participation, known as a systems approach, is a way to gain information from those with a vested interest in For-Mar. The recommendations and public comments from the systems-based approach helped craft the goals described in Chapter IV.

The meeting notes can be found in Appendix A. Each stakeholder group had group specific common themes and recommendations. Those were translated into the goals, objectives, and action items in Chapters IV and V. There were also three common themes throughout all the various stakeholder meetings. Those themes were:

- Concerns related to transportation of field trip groups and those without access to motor vehicles in Genesee County visiting For-Mar.
- For-Mar known as a hidden gem due to a lack of people knowing about the preserve.

- For-Mar needing to invest in a trail diet in order to decrease the number of pathways to create a smoother experience for those using the trail system as well as decreasing the amount of mowing and general maintenance.

B. Community Survey

In April 2023, GCPRC, launched an online survey to collect feedback from local residents and users of For-Mar. The survey was conducted from May to June, 2023 collecting over 900 responses. The results of the survey are included in Appendix A. An analysis of the results is included in the Analysis/Operational Assessment section of this report.

C. Draft Plan

In July 2023, a draft plan of the report was shared with GCPRC and Friends of For-Mar for review. Preliminary cost opinions were prepared following the review of the draft plan. The Master Site Plan concepts were developed with input from GCPRC staff in August and September, 2023. Action plan priorities were revised.

D. Final Master Plan

On October 23, 2023, a draft plan of the report was shared with GCPRC and Friends of For-Mar for review, including a prioritized action plan. The plan included a color rendered site plan identifying buildings and use areas. A construction cost opinion for various projects was included as well as recommendations for funding. A revised plan was prepared based on feedback, as directed by GCPRC staff.

On November 13, 2023, a public meeting was held to review aspects of the plan. The meeting was advertised by GCPRC on its website and eblast through the GCPRC database as well as direct invites to adjacent neighbors. Twenty-two people attended the meeting and provided verbal and written feedback. This feedback was used to prepare the final plan. A copy of the public notice and attendance of the meeting is included in Appendix A.

E. Approval Process

Following the open house in November 2023, the Friends of For-Mar provided a recommendation to the Genesee County Parks Board of Commissioners to approve the For-Mar Master Plan.

On December 14, 2023 the Genesee County Parks Board of Commissioners voted to approve the For-Mar Master Plan.

II. EXISTING CONDITIONS

This section will review both the natural features and existing major buildings on the site. General comments are provided that the consulting team used to guide the recommendations with the plan. As each action item moves toward implementation, further investigations will be needed to guide site specific improvements.

GCPRC staff provided commentary on different use areas within the park that was referenced when proposing improvements in the Site Master Plan as well as maintenance and programming.

A. Site Features

1. Park Access

a. Genesee Road Entrance

This is the primary paved access to the site providing access to a paved parking lot (80 spaces), a drop-off zone, and 7 staff spaces near the entrance to the Visitor Center building. This is located central to the site, providing access to the majority of programs and facilities. Wayfinding signage directs new visitors to key destinations, but not to “check in” at the building. There is no specific bus parking.

b. Potter Road

This is a secondary paved entrance that navigates through a local street and has access off primary roads (Richfield and Belsay) to the north and east. The paved parking lot at this location holds 25 vehicles and is not configured for bus movement or specific bus parking. Wayfinding signage off the major roads can be improved to help visitors find this entrance.

c. Maintenance Roads

Interior gravel drives are located within the site. A drive connects the Genesee entrance and parking area to the maintenance barns that winds south and east through the arboretum. A north/south drive provides an internal access to the Potter Road (DeWaters) site. This utilizes a vehicular bridge over the Kearsley Creek. A portion of the access drive to the maintenance barns is within the 100-year floodplain, although this has not been reported as an issue for access. A secondary service access for the maintenance barn is located off Davison Road.

d. Perimeter Fence

The site boundary is defined by a 4-foot farm wire fence detail that was installed within the last few years. This a cost-effective method to define the extensive property boundary, although not intended or able to limit movement of the sizable deer population. Swing gates are operated at dawn and dusk.

2. Natural Systems.

a. Water Resources

The Kearsley Creek is part of the Flint River Watershed and bisects the site from the southeast corner to the northwest. The creek is generally 40 to 50 feet wide and is known for its brown trout. The 100-year floodplain is 800 feet in some locations. Structures such as the Visitor Center and Tree House are located adjacent to the creek. The Flint River Watershed coalition coordinates a water quality monitoring program with assistance from For-Mar staff at key locations on site with participation from local student volunteers.

There are several ponds on the site. The “runoff pond” is located west of the DeWaters Center. The “arboretum pond” is located at the south end of the site.

The “ground water pond” is located east of the Visitor Center and includes a small dock and observation tower adjacent to it that is used for various programs.

b. Ecosystems

Davey Resource Group performed a two-day meandering survey of the nature center’s upland ecosystems. A report has been included in Appendix D that generally characterizes the ecosystems and any trends in resource management needs found on the site. Areas have been grouped into the Northern Wooded area, Wetland, Wetland runoff pond(s), Maintained Turfgrass, and Riparian areas along Kearsley Creek. A recent foraging study was conducted by a volunteer group.

For the turfgrass areas, there is a fair amount of effort expended to mow these areas, some stepped or tiered maintenance of these locations could leverage staff resources without impacting the visitor experience. There are some remote areas that are having challenges with invasive black locust. Options for controlled burning in key locations can be explored as well as demonstration areas of invasive species management.

c. Wildlife

There is a significant impact to trees, seedlings, wildflowers, and other vegetation due to deer browse, a proposed controlled deer hunt was previously found by the court to be inconsistent with the terms of the Merkey Trust Agreement, but does not foreclose the possibility of this being revisited in the future. High fencing and limited location and type of accent landscaping is required for future improvements.

d. Utilities

Gas, electric, and water services are located along Genesee Road and Potter and provide service leads to the site. There is a corridor along the Potter Road entrance running east to west that includes a sanitary sewer line installed in 2007 and a potable water line installed in 2017. Electric service is from Potter Road that includes a new transformer at the entrance.

3. Nature Preserve

a. Hoop House

The existing structure has been in place since 2014. It has been used to produce annual plantings for county park signage and other displays. It was also used as a starter facility for when the mobile garden truck was being used. The truck garden was discontinued during COVID and was re-purposed. An outdoor “kitchen” is located adjacent to the hoop house that is not activated by any programs.

b. Sugar Shack

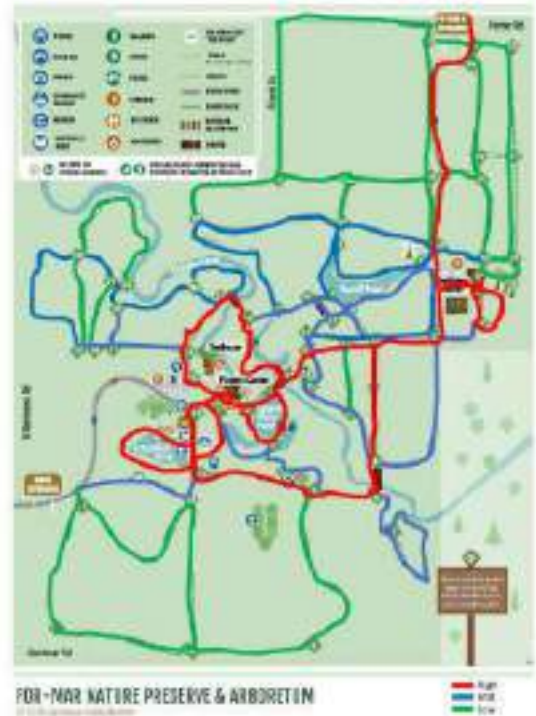
The current maple syrup production shed has been in place since 1989. The maple trees immediately adjacent to this location have been identified as the best location for tapping. In 2022, 224 gallons of sap was collected to generate 5 gallons of syrup. Although this is not a high production facility, it provides a key interactive natural systems education opportunity. The parking capacity is

stretched at this spring event, but the seclusion at the north end offers good separation from other functions in the rest of the property.

c. Trails

There is approximately 1,400 feet of paved accessible trail near the Visitor Center and gardens. These paths provide barrier-free access from the parking lot to the main building, to an overlook area near one of the ponds, the pavilion, and adjacent to the community garden. A separate paved path provides access from the parking lot to the accessible tree house.

At the DeWaters site, there is a paved accessible path loop nearly 1,000 feet in length that winds through the maple and oak trees and provides connection to the sugar shack. This location has a relatively clear forest floor and lots of deadfall that is appealing to fort building. The site has many nearby residences that adopt this as their own and staff is challenged with dismantling “forts” that are assembled due to safety concerns.



There are approximately 7.5 miles of natural surface trails within the property. GCPRC staff identified three levels of trails based on the intensity of use. There are various trails that are redundant, providing similar experiences and connections. The trails require a fair amount of maintenance and staff effort to clear; some could be eliminated or be lower in priority to manage staff effort.

There are two pedestrian bridges that span the creek providing trail access, one is a prefabricated steel structure placed in 2010. The other structure is a popular suspension bridge that has been in place for over 20 years but needs replacement.

The Visitor Center offers yoga mats, walking sticks, and Discovery Backpacks loaded with tools to provide self-guided investigations along the trails as well as free snow-shoe equipment. The trails are open to non-motorized use including cross country skiing, although the trails are not groomed. No pets are permitted in the park. Existing wayfinding maps are located at trail intersections and assist with navigation throughout the park.

d. Amphitheater

A natural limestone block amphitheater is being constructed by GCPRC staff north of the existing main parking lot. The 200-person capacity area provides a location for large group teaching, concerts, weddings, and other special events. This is expected to be completed in 2023.

4. Arboretum

a. Existing Collections

The 116-acre arboretum is Level II Accredited by ArbNet and contains over 1,800 woody specimens representing 157 species. Visitors can explore botanical collections including a native shade garden, crabapple and conifer collections, along with collections of herbaceous plants, native wildflowers, and grasses.

b. Gardens

Various gardens are located within close proximity of the Visitor Center, accessed by an accessible paved path. The Garden Exploration or “Community Garden” is a space to do just that, explore. Gardening can teach many lessons and everyone from curious beginners to master gardeners are welcome to visit. There are four raised garden beds and several ground plots that are planted by various themes. There are two native Michigan perennial flower beds that demonstrate the beauty and benefits of planting native wildflowers. The Garden Exploration space also serves as a plant nursery for For-Mar’s Butterfly House; nectar and caterpillar host plants are grown to replenish the plants eaten or past bloom. A bug hotel welcomes beneficial insects that help with pest control and pollination. A variety of environmental education programs are held in the Garden Exploration space, subject to seasonality. Naming features on the website and site map should be consistent (the map uses Community Garden).

c. Pavilion

This is a 20- by 50-foot structure adjacent to the community garden that can fit approximately 100 people. It is often used in rotation with other classroom and gathering spaces for school field trips. Having roll-down sides or some method to weather-proof the space would be helpful for poor weather days with large groups on site.

d. Butterfly House

The For-Mar Butterfly House is better described as a “butterfly habitat”, a sustainable eco-system, supporting nine species of Michigan native butterflies. It is a 30-foot by 60-foot frame with net cover. It is open to the weather and not heated. The net cover must be removed during the winter months to protect it from winds and snow loads. Permanent, 4-foot, plexi-glass side walls and ends were added in 2022 to help with wildlife damage.

The Butterfly House is open to the public at all times during park operating hours mid-May through mid-October. It is located on the south side of the parking lot, along the service drive.

e. Apiary

For-Mar Staff work with a local beekeeper to manage the four hives located on the property. The Apiary is located north of the pond and Butterfly House.

IMPLICATIONS

The main entrance and parking should be maintained off Genesee Road. Kearsley Creek is an asset for natural resource applications, but limits development due to floodplain and soil conditions. Deer and invasive species impact the ability to showcase native plants. Methods to protect key planting areas and manage plant communities should be explored. Wayfinding should encourage visitors to “check in” at Visitor Center and find the Potter Road Entrance. Explore ways to consolidate trails or reduce maintenance effort. Maintain existing collections and gardens. Replace the suspension bridge to maintain key crossing for a loop trail system on the property.

B. Buildings

1. Visitor/Welcome Center and DeWaters Educational Center

- a. Refer to the detailed discussion in the Analysis/Operational Assessment section.

2. Tree House

Nestled back in black cherry, red oak, white oak, basswood, and butternut hickory trees, the Tree House stands approximately 30 feet above the bed of the Kearsley Creek oxbow and can be accessed by either staircase or ramp with grades to meet ADA requirements. The Tree House has an additional level of excitement as it was designed to be the headquarters for The Preservers, the Nature’s Superheroes that Genesee County Parks visitors have come to know. It was built in 2017 by the Treehouse Masters- and has a capacity of 30 people. The space is open by appointment and is used for special events and classes. At the base is an informal seating-teaching area. It is a unique feature that draws many people to For-Mar. The Tree House could be leveraged by locating other adjacent activities near it to utilize this space more fully.

3. Maintenance

a. Quonset Hut

This is a 30- by 80-foot structure that is used for storage of large equipment only.

b. Barn

This is a 50- by 100-foot pole barn structure that is 5 or 6 years old, lockable, and is a key facility for storing tools and equipment that supports a majority of the Genesee County Park locations.

c. Maintenance Building

This is a 30- by 60-foot block building that functions as the base for maintenance staff and small repair shop. The site overall needs improved signage and fencing to secure the site from the general public.

d. Equipment

There is a variety of large and small vehicles and equipment that are used not only in For-Mar but also the entire GCPRC system. These needs should be addressed in the larger county budgeting process. For equipment specific to operations at For-Mar, it has been identified that truck C1 needs replacement within 1 year and that budgeting for a farm truck and trailer should be reconsidered.

IMPLICATIONS

The Visitor Center needs to be replaced as soon as possible in a location served by the Genesee Road entrance and existing parking lot.

Explore ways to leverage the Tree House with other public activity areas.

Recognize vehicle maintenance in budget.



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III. ANALYSIS/OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

If a business, even a “governmental” one, is to succeed, it must be successful at satisfying its customers. To do that, you must meet their needs, and to do *that*, you must know what those needs are. In this section David Catlin, a subconsultant from David Catlin Consulting, LLC examines the needs of For-Mar’s existing and prospective customers/visitors and analyzes those perspectives in the planning process.

A. Organized Groups

Most of what we know about organized groups comes from the record of their participation in existing For-Mar programming. There has been significant demand over the years from school classes (especially kindergarten through about 5th grade), Scout Troops, and (increasingly) home school groups. It was discussed during multiple stakeholder meetings that there is a want for an increase in school class programming that addresses the State of Michigan’s educational standards and benchmarks in Science, English, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Health. Those stakeholders connected to education discussed that many schools would prefer to send entire grades, which would result in very large groups that cannot always be accommodated by For-Mar’s staff and facilities. It was also discussed in stakeholder meetings that the cost, and number of drivers, for bus transportation is becoming a major deterrent for teachers and schools to organize out of school field trips, which impacts the program demand, timing, and size that For-Mar can accommodate.

IMPLICATIONS

As noted below in the Implications related to “Current Educational and Interpretive Programming,” demands from customers (including organized groups) must be tempered by the desired outcomes driven by For-Mar’s mission and the limitations of its resources. For instance, one potential measure of programming success for school classes is a measure of student knowledge gained or improved performance on statewide achievement tests.

For-Mar must decide if student performance on standardized materials based on the State of Michigan should be incorporated into their programming. Until that decision is reached, For-Mar staff do not have guidance about how to measure the outcomes of the programs they do.

It is also important to recognize that trends in transportation challenges for school groups are increasing around the state, and may have repercussions on program demand.

B. Local Community Users

The term “community users” is a general one. For the purposes of this plan, the consultant team thinks of them as families, groups of friends, and individuals who make use of facilities and services at For-Mar.

To better understand existing community users, we gathered information about those who have “self-identified” as For-Mar stakeholders by attending events, signing up to receive communications, visiting the website, posting online reviews, or following For-Mar on social media platforms. We also invited them to complete a survey by reaching out to

them through those avenues listed above, and 938 responses were received. Further details regarding the survey results are provided in Appendix A.

While the analysis in this plan is necessarily painted with a broad brush, the data on which it is based, especially the survey results, will be made available to Genesee County Parks staff and can be subjected to more analysis.

1. The needs of the community at large

One of the easiest ways to gain a sense of the needs of community members is to evaluate the different social media pages and outlets connected to For-Mar. In this age of social media, the simplest way to do that is to study the reviews and comments people post online about the products and services For-Mar already provides.

For this plan, the consulting team is interested in what the existing visitors and event attendees' opinions of For-Mar are. To evaluate this, the consulting team used the texts of recent online reviews about For-Mar (captured from TripAdvisor, Yelp, Facebook, Google, and similar sites in December 2022) and entered those texts into a word cloud generator. The word cloud generator uses the frequency of words; the larger the word, the more often those words were used in online reviews. The results can be seen in Figure 1.

IMPLICATIONS

The online reviews of For-Mar are overwhelmingly positive. Perhaps the most significant finding here is that your reviewers focus primarily on experiences they generate on their own at For-Mar, such as walking, hiking, and enjoying trails. They value the beauty and peacefulness of the place. Wildlife-oriented experiences are important to patrons of For-Mar, based on the number of mentions that deer, turtles, fish, birds, and wildlife generally receive. For-Mar is generally seen to be a place for kids and families.

Aspects of For-Mar that get less attention from online reviewers are the educational programs and events. Especially noteworthy (considering the emphasis of the original donors of the property) is the absence of comments about the Arboretum.

2. Who are the community users?

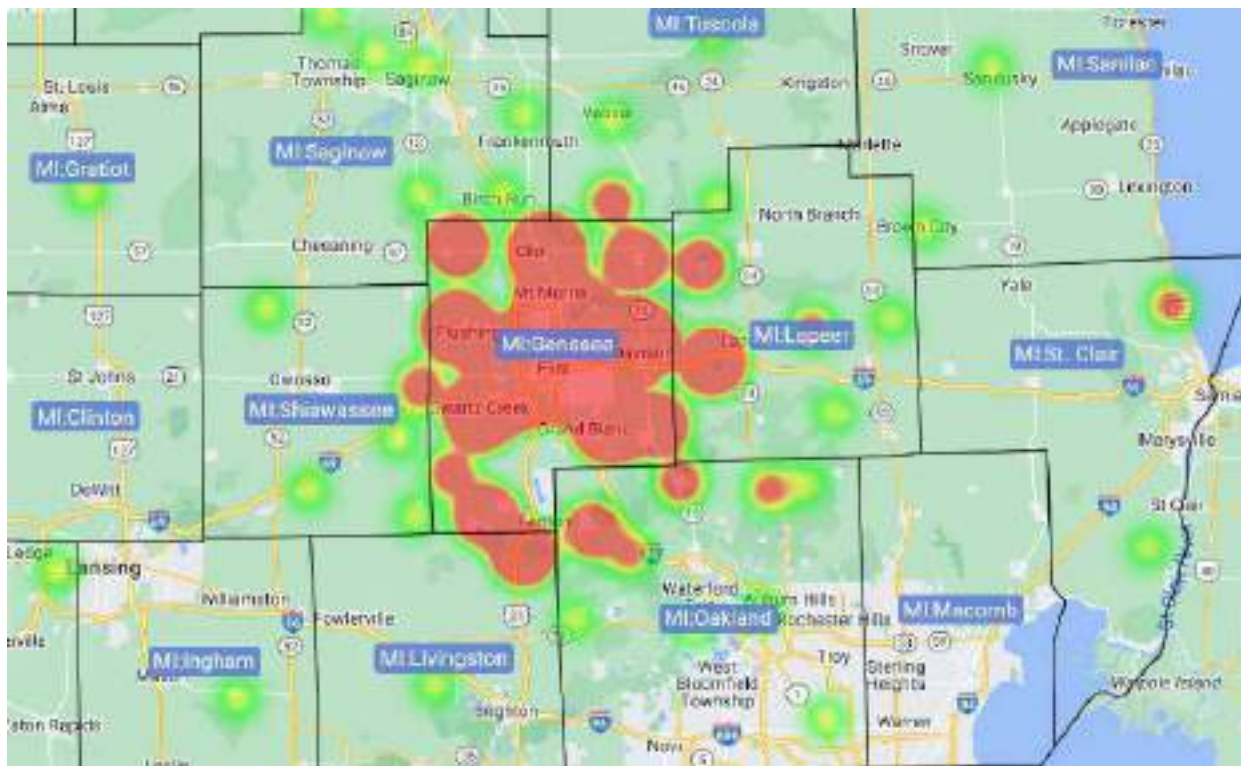
As noted earlier, other than organized groups, "community users" can be defined as people who interact with For-Mar as individuals, couples, families, and other unorganized patrons.

For-Mar staff were asked who the community users were. This question was also posed in the online survey. Results from the survey suggest that the "typical" For-Mar patron:

- Identifies as a woman (79.9%)
- Is in the 40- to 49-year-old age category (24.9%)
- Responded has "been going there so long I don't remember" when asked how they first heard about For-Mar.
- Likes to hike; 82.2 percent of respondents say they have hiked a For-Mar trail in the last year, the most commonly mentioned of 24 activities listed in the survey.

Information gathered from Visitor Center contacts from March through September of 2022 produced similar results: 83.5 percent indicated patrons were from Genesee County, while the remaining 16.5 percent were from other counties.

Figure 2: Heat Map



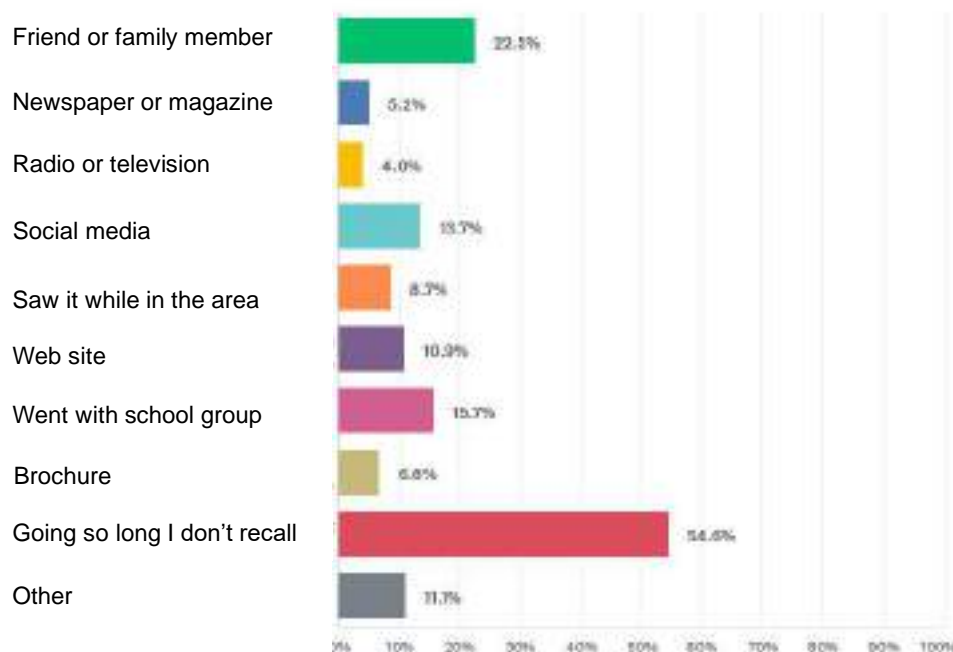
Heat map illustrating the density of For-Mar survey respondent addresses by zip code (Number of responses include 753 respondents). Nine zip codes lie beyond this map's boundaries.

IMPLICATIONS

The density of For-Mar's market simplifies marketing; not surprisingly, most of the people who are already For-Mar users live close by. One other implication of these data is that a substantial minority of For-Mar users are not residents of Genesee County and therefore do not pay for the preserve's upkeep through their taxes (although they subsidize those programs for which they are charged a fee).

4. How do constituents learn about For-Mar?

Those who participated in the survey were asked how they heard about For-Mar. Figure 3 depicts responses to this question, which allowed for multiple answers. The answers were diverse; however, more than half (54.6%) indicated they have been visiting For-Mar for so long they don't recall how they first learned about it. The next most frequent responses identified word-of-mouth avenues of information such as a "friend or family member told me" (22.5%) or they heard of it through social media (13.7%). Relatively few say they learned of the nature center through traditional media outlets.

Figure 3: How did you learn about For-Mar?

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.) (Total number of responses to the above question include 928 respondents.)

IMPLICATIONS

Because most of For-Mar's current customers are either long-standing ones or heard about For-Mar through interpersonal contacts rather than typical media outlets, the preserve's "brand" is largely determined by what those customers actually experience, rather than by how your marketing department might want to portray the brand. That puts a premium on making sure your patrons have good experiences at For-Mar—in other words, what you do matters more than what you say.

A second implication is that events you hold for existing customers, events that encourage them to bring friends and family, may be the most effective way to reach new audiences. It may also be a good investment of For-Mar's limited promotional budget to find ways to encourage customers to post positive reviews and otherwise talk about their For-Mar experiences.

5. What motivates community users?

Once you have attracted the attention of potential customers, how do you satisfy their needs? The next step is to understand what their needs are. Often, those needs are not evident just through observation. For this reason, the online survey asked existing visitors and stakeholders about the reasons they visit For-Mar.

Dr. John Falk, a prominent researcher of the interactions between visitors and museums (which includes nature centers and arboreta like For-Mar), describes five types of motivation for visits. Individuals may have different primary motivations during

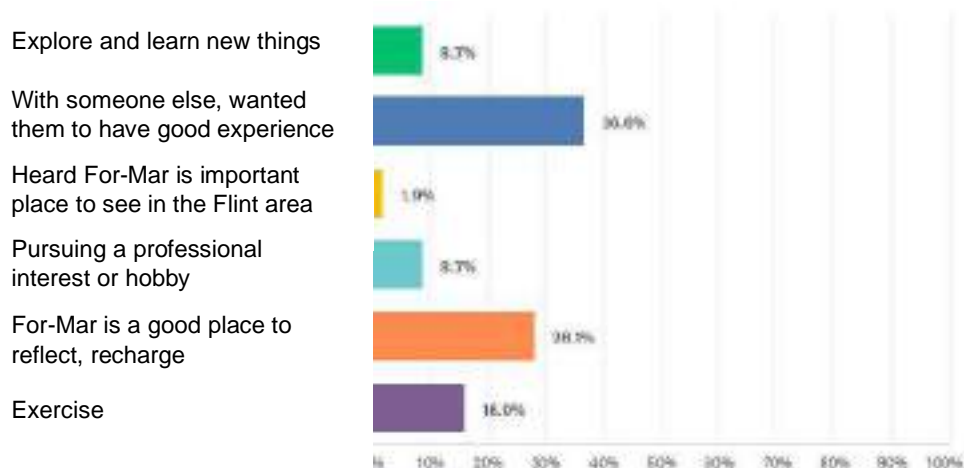
different visits, but Falk believes that typically one motivation will predominate during any one visit. He characterizes these motivations as follows:

- **The Explorer** visits because of “curiosity or a general interest in discovering more about the topic/subject matter of the institution.” Those may include occasional community visitors.
- **The Facilitator** comes “in order to satisfy the needs and desires of someone they care about other than themselves,” typically children, grandchildren, students (in the case of teachers), or out-of-town company.
- **The Professional/Hobbyist** has “a strong knowledge and interest in the content of the institution” and comes “with an eye toward enhancing his or her profession, avocation, or hobby.” Birdwatchers, photographers, and gardeners are three of the more common examples relevant to For-Mar. Friends of For-Mar may also be classified under this group.
- **The Experience Seeker**, often someone from outside the area, is motivated to visit “primarily to ‘collect’ an experience, so that they can say they’ve ‘been there, done that.’” They are often driven by the expectations or recommendations of other people.
- **The Recharger** visits “in order to reflect, rejuvenate, or generally just bask in the wonder of the place.”¹ Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, areas around the state, country, and globe saw an increase of users in outdoor areas. For-Mar can target the Recharger group by partnering with organizations and groups dedicated to mental health services.

Due to the nature of work that David Catlin Consulting, LLC performs, a sixth category was added, called **the Exerciser**, since it is a motivation not typical to the museums that Falk studies but common wherever there are trails. (Though Falk may well consider many of these users *Rechargers*, since they could exercise anywhere but often choose to come to the preserve for reasons other than fitness.)

On the survey, we asked respondents to characterize the primary motivation of their most recent For-Mar visit. As seen in Figure 4, the survey respondents were asked to choose between certain phrases that related back to the types of visitors detailed above.

¹ John H. Falk and Beverly K. Sheppard, *Thriving in the Knowledge Age: New Business Models for Museums and Other Cultural Institutions*, AltaMira Press, 2006

Figure 4: Main Reason for Visiting

Thinking about your most recent visit to For-Mar, which ONE statement BEST describes your main reason for visiting on that day? (Total number of responses: 907)

IMPLICATIONS

For-Mar's most frequent visitor is a Facilitator. Survey responses were mainly by the adult population, not the children, and many of those adults brought children for experiences as part of their own most recent visit. This result is consistent with research we have done at other nature centers: Facilitators typically rank first or second. Nature centers in general are perceived to be places that parents and grandparents take kids. That Rechargers rank second is also consistent with survey research at other nature centers and similar facilities. Rechargers typically rank first or second and rarely represent fewer than 25 percent of respondents. In the responses to a later question, we learn that 82.2 percent of respondents have hiked a trail at For-Mar in the last 12 months, the most frequent activity cited. Many of those are likely to have been Rechargers.

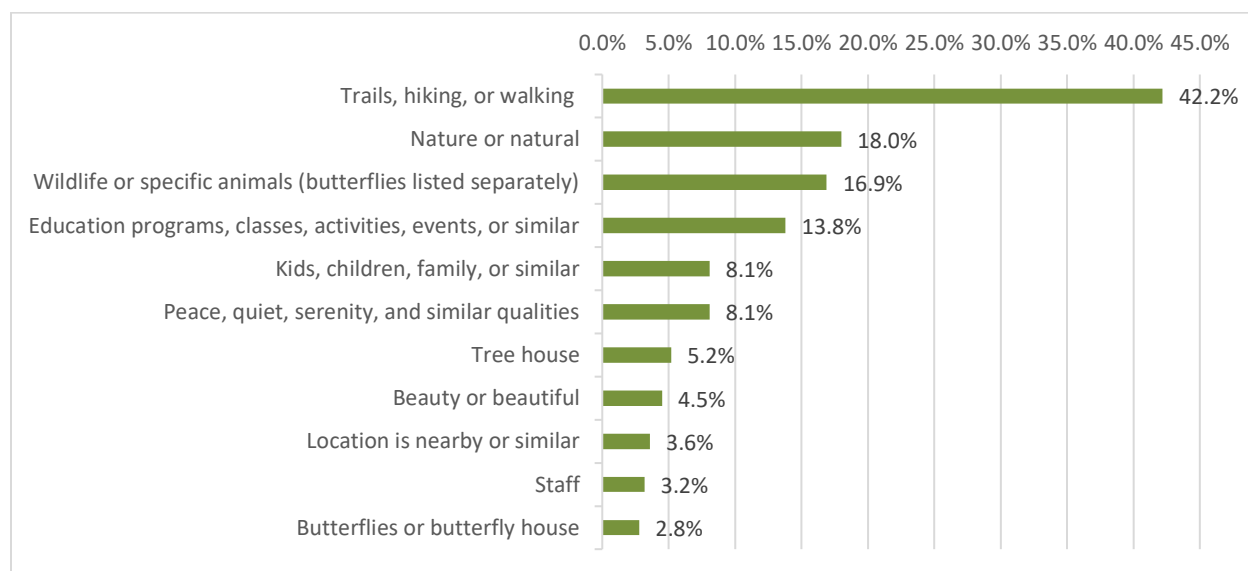
These findings have two major implications for master planning.

First, the fact that more than a third of For-Mar's visitors count themselves as Facilitators suggests that the design of both facilities and programs should support and encourage interaction among small groups. That can mean anything from interactive exhibits that foster small group use to seating for grandparents near displays for grandchildren. It also suggests trail widths that accommodate at least two people walking side by side, and interpretive programs for multiple ages.

Second, the high numbers of Rechargers suggests that many visitors are seeking their own nature experiences without guidance (or, as they may perceive it, *interference*) from staff or even non-personal interpretation. Rechargers tend to like quiet natural settings, well-placed benches, and hours of access that include early mornings and late evenings. Investments in trails and overlooks are more valuable to them than programs or exhibits.

6. What do people like most?

We invited survey respondents to list their favorite things about For-Mar, using an open-ended format question. Respondents were able to list multiple responses to this question. An analysis of patterns in these responses is illustrated in Figure 5. (The full list of responses is included in the summary data tables of the survey.)

Figure 5: Favorite Things about For-Mar

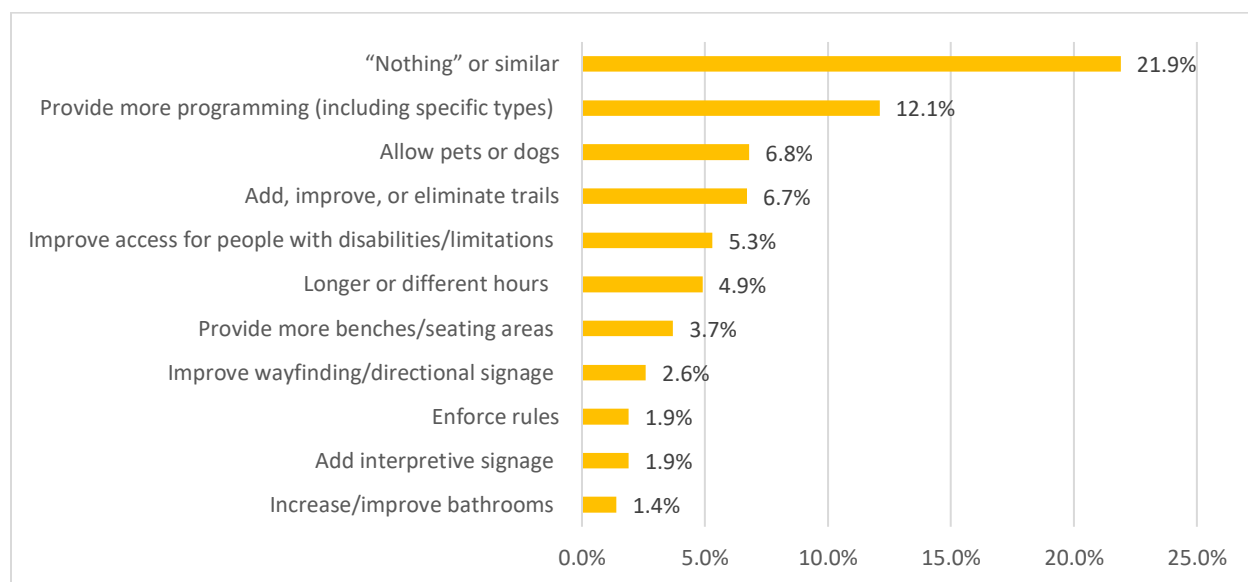
A categorization of most common responses to the question, "What is your favorite thing about For-Mar?" by percent of responses mentioning (Total number of responses: 718).

Consistent with answers to other questions, the highest percentage of responses focused on trails. The next two most common responses can be characterized as experiences that are primarily provided by walking the trails (although captive animals are also popular and may be included in respondents' comments about wildlife and animals). Programs and events are also favorites of many people.

7. What do people want to change?

As a counterpoint to the question about their favorite things, we then asked survey respondents to name the one thing they would most want to change about For-Mar. Respondents were able to list multiple responses to this question. An analysis of patterns in these responses is illustrated in Figure 6. (The full list of responses is included in the summary data tables of the survey.)

The largest percentage of respondents indicated that they would change nothing about For-Mar (21.9%). Of those who proposed changes, the largest group focused on additional programs (12.1%), some merely wanting more programs generally, but many were more specific about the types of programs they would like to see increased. Responses ranged from either children's programs or sessions for adults. The next most frequent comment was to allow pets on the preserve. Other frequent comments included a desire for longer or different hours (either for the property overall, or for specific elements like the Tree House or various types of programs), the addition of benches, improved directional signage on the trails, additional interpretive signage, better enforcement of rules (or better education about them), and additional public restrooms.

Figure 6: Change One Thing about For-Mar

A categorization of responses to the question, "If you could change one thing about For-Mar, what would you change?" by percent of responses mentioning (N=570).

IMPLICATIONS

The high percentage of people who say that they would change "nothing" is fairly typical of surveys we have done at other nature centers and similar facilities, and probably is not especially significant. The desire for more programming reflects well on the programming For-Mar already does, but may be difficult to achieve within the constraints of both staff time and limited size of venue space. It does, however, suggest that there is room for program expansion in a variety of program types; the challenge will be to determine which program types are most important recipients of For-Mar's limited resources. The desire to allow pets on the property (presumably dogs) is a strong one. However, it may be counterweighted to some degree by comments from people who like For-Mar because it *excludes* dogs, and by the many people whose favorite thing about For-Mar is the chance to see wildlife—a chance that would likely diminish in the presence of dogs. [For what it is worth, we have done a similar survey at one other nature center that did not allow pets, and a significant percentage of respondents (8.8% in that case) said they would like to see dogs allowed.]

The comments regarding trails are varied. Most commonly, respondents said they would like more trails. Many, though, would improve the condition of the existing trails, while a few said they thought that some trails were redundant (a comment we also heard during the interviews with stakeholders). Perhaps the most significant implication here is that For-Mar visitors are highly invested in the trails experience, and will be watching closely as they are changed.

Further down the list, the comment about benches stands out as the most unusual (when compared with survey results at other facilities). This is a comment we would expect from Rechargers (see Question #5 above) who apparently feel that their needs are not being adequately met.

8. What do people think is the most important thing For-Mar does?

We also sought to discover what For-Mar's customers and stakeholders believe is the most important thing For-Mar does. Survey respondents were given a list of possible statements and asked to rank-order them from "Most Important" to "Least Important". In Figure 7, the scores have been averaged with those that are most important having the highest scores.

Figure 7: Importance Rankings

Offers educational programs for schools, groups, families, and individuals	2.96
Protects and preserves a wild natural area	3.68
Provides trails to hike and enjoy peaceful surroundings	3.47
Grows a variety of trees and shrubs cultivated for scientific and educational purposes	2.25
Provides a place for families and friends to enjoy together	2.79

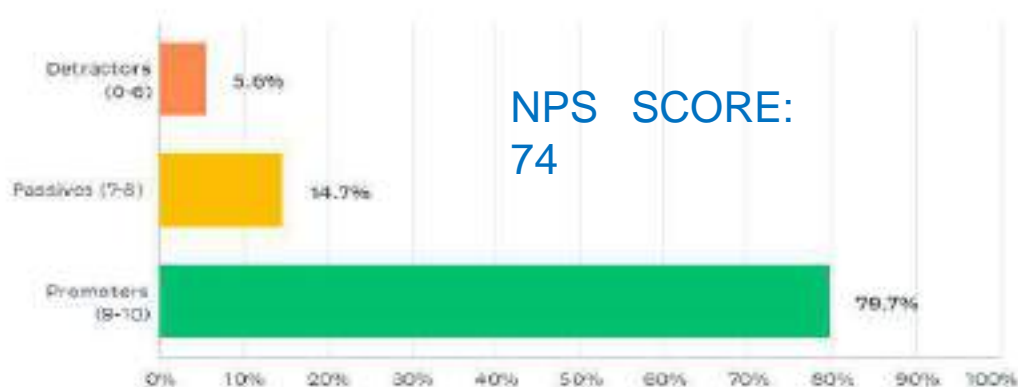
IMPLICATIONS

Results for this question reveal something even more important to your customers than trails and serenity: They believe the most important purpose of For-Mar is to preserve and protect a wild natural area. Since this is consistent with the management emphasis of Genesee County Parks, it will make your job easier. In theory, at least, your constituents will support efforts at preservation even at the expense of other purposes of the property. Another implication is that these answers echo the lack of attention given to For-Mar's arboretum function that we saw in the online reviews. Your customers see this as the least important thing you do (at least, of the choices given them).

9. How do your customers rate For-Mar overall?

Survey respondents were asked how likely is it that they would recommend For-Mar to a friend or colleague. This is a standardized survey question asked of customers of all kinds of businesses, and it produces an outcome known as a Net Promoter Score (NPS). It can range anywhere from -100 ("Everybody hates you.") to 100 ("Everybody loves you."). The creators of the NPS metric, Bain & Company, say that an NPS score above 0 is good (since it indicates you have more promoters than detractors). Above 20 is great and above 50 is amazing. Anywhere above 80 is the top percentile.

Figure 8: Net Promoter Score



How likely is it that you would recommend For-Mar to a friend or colleague? (N=746)

IMPLICATIONS

Even allowing for the fact that parks and other cultural attractions do not generate detractors like media outlets and health care organizations often do, this is an excellent NPS score. It suggests that For-Mar is widely viewed in favorable terms by its constituents.

B. Building Evaluation and Space Program

H2A Architects participated in various staff and stakeholder meetings and completed separate interviews with GCPRC staff and investigations focused on the DeWaters and Visitor Center buildings. H2A had provided previous design assistance for the evaluation of the DeWaters building and revised that information based on the additional input received as part of this planning process. Some additional comments on function are also provided by David Catlin. Existing and proposed floor plans can be found in Appendix C.

1. DeWaters Building

The DeWaters building is generally serviceable for the purposes it currently serves. It has a sufficiently generic floorplan that it could be modified to serve other purposes.

Deficiencies of the existing building and its use includes inadequate storage space, lack of floor sink for cleaning equipment, restrooms that do not meet barrier-free requirements, and inadequate floor space for current and future programming. Existing building components have exceeded their life expectancy and are susceptible to regular maintenance and repairs.

Options have been reviewed with the For-Mar staff for adding space to the building to meet current program requirements. They include an additional classroom space, an entry vestibule to organize student groups entering and leaving the building, more storage space, additional restrooms, and a greenhouse.

The exterior of the building is outdated and needs repairs for both a renovation project and a building addition project.

The existing building is about 1,600 square feet. Previously proposed additions are about 1,900 square feet. If the additions are constructed, the total building floor plan area would be about 3,500 square feet.

IMPLICATIONS

With upgrades and modifications, the DeWaters Education building could serve as the indoor component of a nature-based preschool. Its location in a separate part of the preserve from other high-intensity-use areas, with a separate entrance, is a strength.

a. Current Educational and Interpretive Programming

For-Mar currently offers 35 different on-site programs for groups (including seasonal variations but not including special programs), 17 outreach programs, 8 birthday party themes, 10 Scouting activities, and a wide spectrum of public programs on a variety of topics and at a variety of locations. Staff also will do customized programs on request. The total programs done in 2019 (pre-COVID)

was 1,441, with a total participation of 25,947 people. In 2022 (a transition to post-COVID operations) the corresponding numbers were 1,956 programs and 39,026 participants.

Comprehensive information on program participation is available for all recent years, and some surveys have been done of program participants in past years (mostly focused on participants preferences for program topics, scheduling, and prices). No other metrics are kept.

IMPLICATIONS

Considering For-Mar has only 2 full-time educators and about 17 part-time and seasonal staff, the amount and breadth of programming done is remarkable. It spans a broad spectrum of natural history and recreational topics, serves a wide span of ages and group types, and is available at multiple locations (including online) and every day of the week.

Despite the desires of survey respondents for more programming (see the section above on “Local Community Users,” especially number 7. What do people want to change?”), the key implication here is that For-Mar should look into which programs have more participation than others in order to decrease the number of programs not being used by patrons of For-Mar. In addition, a key element missing from educational and interpretive programming is a clear sense of what its desired outcomes and priorities are. Is it enough to say that “More is better?” or are there specific subject areas and target audiences that Genesee County Parks should emphasize as more important? The consulting team would suggest the latter. The organization has limited resources—not just limited money and staff time, but limited skill sets, limited space, and limitations set by the Genesee County Parks mission and the stipulations of the Merkley Trust (see next section). Without making strategic decisions about which outcomes are most important and which are less so, there is a danger of becoming spread too thin. Proposals to open a nature-based preschool in addition to current programming risk adding more to the already crowded agenda, regardless of the relative merits of the idea.

b. Restrictions and Limitations

The most significant restrictions and limitations placed on For-Mar are those contained in the Merkley Charitable Trust document that governs the original land donation. Among other things, the Trust document defines the acceptable purposes of For-Mar and dictates to some degree what can and cannot be done there. One key example is the Trust defines the property as a “wildlife sanctuary.” A 2009 ruling by the Genesee County probate court determined this to mean that hunting cannot be permitted there, thereby negating plans by Genesee County Parks to cull the deer population due to the damage to shrubs, lilies, seedlings, and herbs.

Responsibility for periodic evaluation of Genesee County Parks’ compliance with the Trust language has been given to Michigan State University’s College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, which has agreed to conduct biennial inspections of For-Mar. Those inspections have been done in recent years by Dr. Gail Vander Stoep, most recently in 2021, but will shift to another faculty member after her retirement this year.

IMPLICATIONS

In the case of deer management, the probate court left the debate open by saying that “a more significant ecological study should be performed demonstrating that the deer population is a direct cause of the damage to the vegetation, that the damage is severe, and that it would frustrate the other purposes of the Trust.” For-Mar managers should familiarize themselves with the language of the Trust in order to anticipate other issues related to how the property is managed and how it is used for education and interpretation.

It would also be wise to proactively contact Michigan State University in order to establish a relationship with whoever the new guardian of the Trust’s interests will be.

2. Visitor Center

The current building, constructed in 1995, has roughly 6,000 square feet of interior space. It serves about 35,000 visitors a year (based on pre-COVID visitation). It also serves as the hub for much of For-Mar’s educational and interpretive programming, and houses an office for the education staff.

The building has a number of functional and structural limitations:

- **It is too small for the purposes it is currently asked to serve.** With the emphasis For-Mar puts on doing programs for school groups, the fact that there is only one classroom space becomes a limiting factor, especially when large groups (which are common in this era of high transportation costs for schools) want to visit and the weather does not permit them to be dispersed outdoors.
- **The inadequate storage space is especially acute.** An inspection of the facility reveals all sorts of challenges related to inadequate storage, many with safety implications: chairs and other items are stored in public use areas; building exits are partially obstructed; heavy objects are stashed nearly at ceiling heights, requiring staff to use ladders and footstools to reach them; every available nook and cranny holds boxes of supplies and other items. See Figure 9 and Figure 10 below for visual representation of the current storage inabilities of the Visitor Center.
 - If the intent is to increase the size of programs and users, the current space is inadequate. To improve the building for more usage would require a large meeting/classroom space and a large amount of varied storage spaces, at a minimum.
- **Integration to the exterior of the building is critical to allow the programs that extend to the outside.** This would include easy and protected passage to the outside activity areas and storage space required for those areas.
- **ADA barrier-free accessibility to the building needs improvement.** While there is barrier-free parking, it is not all accessible to the building.
- **The building could benefit from a more clearly defined entry.** First time and infrequent users can have difficulty finding where the primary entry to the building

is located. A protected canopy for large vehicles like buses will facilitate safer and more comfortable loading and unloading of students.

- A large entry foyer will help facilitating large groups of students moving in and out of the building so the existing lobby space does not become too overwhelming and unmanageable.

Figure 9: Chairs and filing cabinet stored in public area.



Figure 10: ADA Access



- **Way-finding signage will improve the user's experience.** A consistent cross-the-park signage program should be considered as part of the masterplan, as well. Wayfinding signage leading up to both entrances to For-Mar should also be explored in the plan due to a large concerns from stakeholder interviews indicating the difficulty in finding either entrance from the main roadways.
- **Staff workrooms are overloaded and cluttered.** These areas need additional space and organizing shelves, racks, and closets. Also, additional, dedicated office spaces are needed. See Figure 11 and Figure 12 for a current visual representation of the office storage concerns.
- **Staff offices are inadequately designed,** providing windows into interior public spaces (which staff have obstructed with homemade curtains) but no line-of-sight outdoors toward the bus parking from which school groups are approaching.

Figure 11: Seasonal Staff Office



Seasonal staff office illustrating storage issue, with large, heavy boxes stored well overhead.

Figure 12: Educator Office



Educator office facing interior public space, with windows obscured by homemade curtains.

- **Plumbing fixtures are not well suited to young children**, who are currently one of the center's main user groups. "Workarounds" include stepstools that are a potential tripping hazard for people with visual impairments, see Figure 13.
- **Restrooms need some barrier-free adjustments.** Several items in the restrooms will need correction to meet ADA barrier-free requirements including the doorway from the exterior which does not meet clearance requirements. Restrooms are also reported to be too cold at certain times of the year.

Figure 13: "Workarounds"



Stepstools intended to compensate for a lack of child-friendly fixtures can be tripping hazards for visitors with visual impairments.

- **Reception desk/gift shop area is physically isolated** with no connection to staff support. Ideally, it should be connected to the office space used by an office manager or other staff so that they can readily monitor the desk and assist the receptionist quickly when large numbers of visitors overwhelm him/her. There is also limited storage for products and little room for prep activities (unpacking boxes of product, shipping, etc.).
- **Multiple HVAC locations within the building create operational and maintenance issues.** The units have reached and exceeded their operational lives and require regular maintenance and/or parts replacements.
- **The building had continually shown signs of settlement.** This is a chronic issue that may be directly related to soils along the bank of Kearsley Creek.

Shoreline stabilization has been completed previously with the addition of gabion baskets along the oxbow of the creek, but this will continue to be a problem for a structure located near the creek. This has caused some doors to not operate properly. The exterior building shows signs of needed repairs especially to the wood trim areas.

- Skylights and clerestory windows have recent improvements where they previously were leaking.
- Existing light fixtures are outdated, some are not working, and vary in light color range which affect the lighting levels but also the color rendition of display features. The lighting should be upgraded to LED fixtures with a color rendition compatible to the uses of the building. While the panels have spaces available and recircuiting could improve the situation, electrical systems are not always sufficient for display uses.
- The unique geometry of the existing building limits renovation of the interior spaces and challenges additions. Modifications to the existing building without the addition of storage and workspace may only provide superficial improvements and not really improve the building's functionality. At a minimum, the addition of more storage spaces, a large workroom, and office spaces would improve functionality. However, this still does not address the need for more space for programs.
- The location of the mural and display areas are adjacent to questionable soil conditions which will restrict additions to that side of the building. Any new construction would be towards the south and west, setting "support" areas near the front of the building which may not do much for the curb appeal.

IMPLICATIONS

While it is possible that some of these problems could be addressed by modifying the existing building, it would be preferable to replace it with a new structure. A new building could also be sited closer to the main preserve entrance to utilize existing parking and avoid impacts from Kearsley Creek.

3. Proposed Welcome Center

A common goal for the building use should be developed and agreed upon to successfully design a new facility. The intended uses, the size of programs, and the number of desired building users to be served need to be determined. Is the facility just for student learning programs or is it to include adults? Is it to be used as a conference center as well? Do the display areas need to be expanded or are the current sizes adequate for future use? Our initial reflections of feedback from the staff at For-Mar indicate that all these items are desired for expanding the service of the For-Mar Visitor Center. Renovation of the existing building will not effectively or efficiently achieve those goals.

A new building to house the existing programs and bring in the desired spaces indicated above will require a building approximately twice the size of the existing building, or about 7,000 square feet. Obvious advantages of a new facility would include energy efficiency and an increase in lifespan of the Visitor Center.

With the topography of the park, there is the opportunity of creating a split-level type of facility, creating dramatic views. This could also provide a separation of nature center learning areas and conference center areas by being on different levels. Decks and canopies could serve to bring a connection to the outside in a protected way.

An advantage to a new facility on this site is that it can be located such that the existing building can continue to be used while the new facility is being constructed. Modifications and additions to the existing facility will require shutdowns and limited use of the building during construction, which would most likely be over the period of several months.

The primary disadvantage to a new facility may be costs and material delays. In 2023, construction is still recovering from the setbacks of the COVID-19, material shortages, and supply chain problems. This has all come to cause extended construction delays and increased costs. These problems seem to be lifting a bit and costs may never go back to where they were pre-COVID, but it is a common problem across the industry. These conditions extend from new construction to renovations, affecting both.

4. Maintenance Buildings

Often overlooked in improvement to campuses are the maintenance buildings. With new or improved buildings and park areas, there will be an increased support to facility's needs. Maintenance buildings should be improved or added to for any increase of equipment to service the buildings and grounds for safety, security, and protection of vehicles, materials, or general storage of park materials.

C. Nature Play Area

In January of 2023, Rachel Larimore, Ph.D. of Samara Early Learning conducted a workshop on the topic of creating a Nature Play Area in conjunction with the larger topic of a nature-based preschool at For-Mar. The results of this effort are included in Appendix B.

IV. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This chapter is intended to help guide For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum when prioritizing future development of educational programming and preservation of the natural environment. The goals and objectives were crafted based on the various stakeholder meetings held in February of 2023. Goals and objectives are not listed in priority.

A goal is a destination that has been established by community input. Goals are the broadest level which are overarching and general.

An objective is a mile marker along the pathway toward achieving a goal. Objectives carry the purpose of the goal.

An action item is the intended outcome of the goal. Action items can also include organizational, stating, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. (Refer to the Action Plan section.)

Goal 1: Maintain Guiding Principles from the Forbes & Martha Merkley Trust

Objective 1.1: Maintenance and development should reinforce an environment of quiet reflection and outdoor education (nature study, nature trail, arboretum, wildlife sanctuary and conservation education).

Continue coordination between GCPRC and Friends of For-Mar with strategic planning meetings and coordination on key development projects as well as required reporting.

Objective 1.2: Be intentional about keeping more active programs focused near the Visitor Center.

Objective 1.3: Keep trails, arboretum, and DeWaters site more passive in general.

Objective 1.4: Special events (weddings, etc.) should take a lower priority on use of staff time and resources dedicated to maintenance and education programs. Priority shall be given to programs that support the guiding principles from the Forbes and Martha Merkley Trust.

Objective 1.5: Support unstructured “play” as a method for nature education (place-based learning).

Objective 1.6: New development and renovation should model energy efficiency and sustainability.

Goal 2: Repair, Improve, or Replace Key Facilities

Objective 2.1: Having a Visitor Center located off the Genesee Road entrance is key to For-Mar (refer to Visitor Center Site Master Plan).

Objective 2.2: Develop a program to fund and replace the Visitor Center facility to meet current and future needs in the next 30 years.

Objective 2.3: Renovate the DeWaters Education Center to activate this building and north portion of the site (refer to DeWaters Site Master Plan).

Goal 3: Improve Accessibility Throughout For-Mar

Objective 3.1: Strive to provide access to trails, programs, and other events or spaces to all ages and abilities.

Objective 3.2: Develop new or renovate current facilities and structures that meet or exceed ADA guidelines.

Objective 3.3: Provide training to staff to provide appropriate accommodations for programs and events.

Objective 3.4: Explore strategic partnerships with local organizations to reach out to underserved populations.

Goal 4: Provide Efficient and Long-Lasting Maintenance to Facilities and Structures at For-Mar

Objective 4.1: Be proactive with maintenance of natural areas.

Objective 4.2: Explore tiered maintenance program to focus resources on high-impact areas.

Objective 4.3: Prioritize trail maintenance; higher priority on high use trails.

Objective 4.4: Invest in building improvement or new facilities that reduce long-term maintenance.

Goal 5: Continued Development of Existing Programs and Staff

Objective 5.1: Continue to leverage and develop key partnerships with local organizations and common patrons of For-Mar to expand current programs and understand needs of programs not currently present at For-Mar.

Objective 5.2: Support hosting various groups and stakeholders for monthly or quarterly discussions and meetings that complement the mission at For-Mar.

Objective 5.3: Invest in continued education and necessary certifications required by staff at For-Mar.

Objective 5.4: Support a comprehensive approach to the For-Mar Mission throughout the GCPRC system.

5.4.1: Programs can be effective off-site and can be implemented at various other entities owned and maintained by the GCPRC.

Objective 5.5: Provide clear management support and priorities to staff.

5.5.1: Provide clear decision-making thresholds to various levels of staff both in the master plan and within internal procedural manuals.

5.5.2: Provide a reporting structure that eliminates potential for conflict that includes contact information relevant to each position and the hours/days each position can be reached.

5.5.3: Support full- and part-time staffing levels to support programs as a participatory role between administration and site managers.

Objective 5.6: GCPRC For-Mar staff to define a more defined reporting structure to Friends of For-Mar that may include regular attendance at monthly meetings.

Goal 6: Expand Marketing and Outreach Efforts

Objective 6.1: Continue to place a high priority on marketing For-Mar as a representation of GCPRC as it is well received by the public.

Objective 6.2: Support in-person staff at tables and community events to help promote interactive programs and facilities at For-Mar.

Objective 6.3 Invest in direct visits to schools, parks, and other institutions to provide an introduction to For-Mar.

Objective 6.4: Utilize the expansive user contact list to promote key activities.

Objective 6.5: Cross market on birding sites and other social media platforms with compatible missions.

Goal 7: Expand Programming and Analyze Recent and Historic Trends

Objective 7.1: Monitor trends and explore new opportunities for programs and development and weigh against Merkley Trust priorities and fiscal responsibility long-term.

7.1.1 An example is including topics such as regenerative agriculture. Regenerative agriculture (RA) can provide a good balance of a new trend as long as the focus includes impact on natural systems. Regenerative agriculture is an outcome-based food production system that nurtures and restores soil health, protects the climate and water resources and biodiversity, and enhances farms' productivity and profitability.

Objective 7.2: Participate in groups such as Association of Nature Center Administrators and National Association for Interpretation to keep in touch with trends.

Objective 7.3: Expand on nature based observation such as birding.

Objective 7.4: Develop a business plan and associated improvements to support a nature preschool program and/or camp at the DeWaters site.

V. ACTION PLAN

The action plan items are grouped below as follows:

Policies (Internal Changes) are items that staff can evaluate and implement internally or with partner entities.

Planning includes items that may take additional investigation to identify solutions that are the best fit for the topic that are identified.

Projects (Capital Improvements) are items that require capital outlay. These have been depicted on the proposed Site Master Plan and architectural floor plans for a new Visitor Center and renovated DeWaters Nature Center.

Opinions of probable costs are associated with key improvements as well as a phasing plan that identifies sequence and potential funding sources.

These costs are intended as guidelines for establishing budget and seeking funds. As each project is pursued, more detailed investigations and design should be provided to confirm scope and current bidding conditions.

Within each group, action items are identified as high, medium, and low priority so that they can be addressed as time and resources allow. The priority is based on importance and urgency, not necessarily the ease of being able to complete the task. Priorities are based on public input, impact to goal and objectives derived from that, and input from staff and key stakeholders.

A. Policies

1. High Priority

- a. Promote the arboretum using a web application with a map of specimen trees and an adventure lab.
- b. Evaluate management structure to have one supervisor and identified contact information.
- c. Explore how to become a licensed, nature-based summer camp utilizing the current DeWaters Building.
- d. Add the Merkley recordings on history at Visitor Center in an interactive format with support from the Friends of For-Mar.

2. Medium Priority

- a. Implement adventure labs in the Arboretum.
- b. Invest in an off-road track wheelchair and an adaptive tool to provide to visitors.
- c. Expand on-the-road school trips introducing For-Mar to mitigate experienced transportation barriers indicated in Chapter III.
- d. Explore relationship with MTA to offer reduced rate transportation to veterans, school districts unable to afford busing, or anyone with accessibility needs.

- e. Cross market with STEAM and Flint Cultural Center for multi-trip education programs.
 - f. Seek grants that may provide scholarships for underserved groups or schools for field trips.
 - g. Add QR codes for interactive identification and interpretation on specimen trees/gardens.
3. Low Priority
- a. Explore events on site hosted by outside organizations that share similar mission with For-Mar.
 - b. Continue to evaluate how programs align with state curriculum standards on an annual basis.
 - c. Docents on-site at key locations at peak times to help guide and instruct patrons.
 - d. Host professional development opportunities and connect with our local annual “informal educator” network and with other local, regional, and state wide educator organizations.
 - e. Staff to work with the Disability Network and other accessibility focused groups to improve adaptive program assistance and training.
 - f. Consider adding “special day-of” parking spaces at both the DeWaters Building as well as the Visitor Center for key groups or events.

B. Planning

1. High Priority
- a. Determine frequency and method for updating trail wayfinding after key site changes.
 - b. Meet annually with GCPRC staff at all levels for “check in” meetings to discuss master plan progress and brainstorm on collaboration efforts in order to fulfill outstanding action items (For-Mar, marketing, operations, etc.). Invite key stakeholders like Friends of For-Mar, as appropriate.
 - c. Develop a plan for tiered mowing and maintenance in the arboretum and preserve areas.
 - d. Evaluate the existing trail system and consider how to implement future improvements.
 - e. Coordinate with the Conservation District to develop a forest management plan.
2. Medium Priority
- a. Determine areas for wayfinding signage along major roadways leading up to both entrances to For-Mar.
 - b. Coordinate a “Strike Team” for targeted invasive management assistance.
 - c. Evaluate and determine ways to make the current For-Mar Visitor Center more accessible and ADA compliant.

- d. Create a plan for a controlled burn of areas 13.1 and 13.2 on the Ecosystem Assessment Survey.
- e. Identify locations for benches and bird watching opportunities throughout For-Mar.
- 3. Low Priority
 - a. Include YELC (Youth Environmental Leadership Council)/MSU Extension in brainstorming activities.
 - b. Research ways to enhance habitat or key migratory or other birding attractions.
 - c. Evaluate and determine implementation of a nature-based preschool program at For-Mar including staffing, building requirements, budgets, etc.

C. Projects

- 1. High Priority
 - a. Replace the suspension bridge.
 - b. Secure the maintenance area with fencing and signage.
 - c. Provide power to the pavilion.
 - d. Add bollard lighting on the perimeter of parking lots and at all entrances.
 - e. Replace the dock in the ground water pond.
 - f. Renovate DeWaters Education Center to implement expanded programming such as a nature-based camp and preschool program.
 - f.1 Expand the parking area at the DeWaters site to accommodate expanded uses and potential future uses.
 - g. Visitor Center
 - g.1 Explore structural condition of gabion wall behind Visitor Center; determine expected life.
 - g.2 Initiate funding strategy for new Visitor Center.
 - g.3 Develop new Visitor Center (refer to Site Master Plan).
 - g.4 Expand Visitor Center Parking. Overflow parking is currently identified, with access from the existing paved parking area. This can be improved in the future based on the continual demand for this beyond 25 percent of the year; currently, the existing parking lot is maximized 15 percent of the year.
 - h. Enhance internal wayfinding signage.
- 2. Medium Priority
 - a. Construct a 1-acre fenced native seeding planting area near ground water pond.
 - b. Replace the sugar bush building.
 - c. Construct a nature play area near the DeWaters Building or the Tree House.
 - d. Add the Merkley Meditation Garden, based on Forbes designated area for meditation.

- e. Purchase and stock a REC 101 trailer for off-site, on the road events to other GCPRC sites.
 - f. Install wayfinding signage to direct patrons to the Potter Road entrance.
 - g. Construct a boardwalk through wetland areas along observation tower.
 - h. Provide accessible mats or trailway for gardens.
3. Low Priority
- a. Replace the observation tower.
 - b. Construct an accessible pit toilet near Visitor Center.
 - c. Add signage for overflow parking at the Genesee Road parking lot.
 - d. Expand the Butterfly House, consider adding water and electricity services.
 - e. Add interpretive signage indicating the history of the Merkley farm.
 - f. Add an accessible route to the dock at ground water pond.
 - g. Construct overlook and enhanced nature play area at site of the original Visitor Center.

D. Funding

The C.S. Mott Foundation and Community Foundation of Greater Flint are key funding sources in the community outside of the GCPRC millage that support operations at For-Mar and the Friends of For-Mar Trust. Funding should also consider other new sources.

For each major project or program, a fund development strategy will be led by GCPRC that defines sources for development, operation, and cost recovery. Friends of For-Mar will be brought in as needed to identify how their efforts can be combined with GCPRC to pursue funding.

It is recommended that the Friends of For-Mar be the primary outward facing organization that leads capital campaigns for large projects. C.S. Mott Foundation has historically funded projects in the \$1 to \$5M range with a 5-year advance notice at the back end of a campaign. GCPRC will need to identify priority for requests between For-Mar and other park projects.

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint supports outreach, salary, and key programs at approximately \$11,000 annually. The Community Foundation has an education fund, but would consider establishing an environmental fund with a key donor to back this.

Partnering with local school districts for key initiatives like the nature-based preschool may be an approach to pursue for funding.

Explore funding with Veterans Services and Genesee County Health and Human Services on Medicare support for recreation programs.

Other grant opportunities are listed in appendix E

Appendix A: Public Input

1. Summary Notes of Stakeholder Meetings
2. Survey Responses
3. For-Mar Public Meeting - Sign In Sheet
4. Open House Format
5. For-Mar Public Meeting - Comments

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum Stakeholder Notes

Common themes throughout all groups

- Transportation concerns
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 - Shortage in number of drivers available
- “Hidden gem”
 - Visitors and residents not knowing what an arboretum is.
- Trail Diet
 - change map & trails – reduce number of trails.
 - Accessibility
 - Off-road wheelchairs (track chair)
 - Step down mowing

Potential questions to add to survey.

1. What can make For-Mar more relevant or promote better?
2. What interests you the most when you visit For-Mar?
3. What barriers are there in For-Mar that make you hesitant to visit?
4. Would you be interested in learning the history of For-Mar in an interactive format?
5. What draws you to For-Mar?
6. How have you heard of For-Mar?
7. Would you be interested in more naturalist programming?

**For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum
Stakeholder Notes
February 14th, 2023**

Grounds Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants

- John Cohoon – Forester/Arborist, Genesee County Conservation District
- Jessica Ableson – Coordinator GLLS/CISMA/Genesee Conservation District
- Rhonda Meldrum – Horticulture Team/For-Mar

Major Take aways

1. 1-acre native seeding planning with 10-foot deer fence near pond where black locust will be removed. Educational opportunity to see 'natural' under story.
2. Consolidate redundant trails -> reduce management, aid wayfinding.
3. Pursue fire management, need to educate fire department & community on land management vs. risk.
4. Arboretum can be promoted more (app with map of specimen trees & adventure lab)
5. Programs: great for kids; how to engage teens and adults?
6. Conservation district willing to assist with forest management plan.
7. Manage (reduce) mowing areas.

Additional Comments

- Reflection and next generation encouragement to take action for environment.
- Maintenance of preserve:
 - Invasive species
 - 10-15% of time managing invasives.
 - Honey suckle, multiflora rose, buckthorn, autumn olive.
 - Community garden – black locust
 - Wild mustard
 - Volunteers help manage and remove invasive species.
 - Adding more native species to Michigan to help mitigate invasives.
 - Consider having a STRIKE team.
 - % of native species left. % of biodiversity lost. % of encroachment from invasive species?
 - Deer 'exclusionary fencing'? – DNR & MSUE utilizes
 - Deer pressure is tremendous
 - Reduction/rearrange existing trails to help mobility thru preserve and reduce management/mowing needs.
- Marketing & Events
 - New adventure app
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Arbor day
 - Map of all specimen trees – interactive map
 - Michigan Forest Association -possibly hosting events.
- Adult programming is challenging – age minimums seem awkward.

Education Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants:

- Sarah Keenan – Lechel, Regional Director at MiSTEM network
- Kelly Sanborn – Education Program Manager (Interim), Flint River Watershed Coalition
- Elizabeth Hatt – GBCS Parents As Teachers

Major Take aways

1. Good at education and stewardship/ownership (introduce/educate/action)
2. Road shows effective marketing tool and avoids travel/sub costs.
3. For-Mar programs good at meeting curriculum standards
4. Cross marketing with cultural center (suite/progressions of science education)
 - a. Deeper connections, multiple trips, promote lifelong value in outdoor lifestyle.
5. Liaison smaller, not accessible, less program
6. Future of field trips: less due to \$, hassle but important
 - a. 50-70 kids, 9am – 1pm, target multiple marketing, admin & parents (no handouts)
7. Excited about nature preschool
8. Education/ consulting fee opportunity to school visits off site
 - a. Informal, package & promote.

Additional Comments

- For-Mar's mission
 - To foster a love of nature and educate people on all aspects of that and exposing people to activities that incorporate the outdoors.
 - Engagement and Stewardship
 - Youth heavy stewardship and creating a better environment.
 - Engaging programs – all ages
 - Collaboration of students, teachers and the facility
- Educational programs
 - For-Mar on the road – going into classrooms – more likely to visit facility in the future (with and without school)
 - PAT – Grand Blanc schools
 - SKIP – through all school districts
 - Pre-school programs
 - **Concerns of future school trips**
 - Transportation is costly.
 - Reimbursement of substitutes
 - Willingness of teachers to participate in school trips – classroom management/discipline.
 - Some schools are not near natural resources.
 - Curriculum needs to meet state standards and need to present to teachers that the program will meet those standards.
 - Potential to increase the number of standards the provided programs at For-Mar are hitting.

- How administrations in schools encourage or do not encourage school trips
 - Number of volunteers (teachers and parents) to attend/assist groups.
 - Compounding inequality – school districts that can pay for it will go, those who cannot not go.
- The want and need for a nature-based preschool is there in the community.
- Add:
 - Nature play ground?
 - Venue for large events
 - Scholarships for field trips

Funding Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants:

- Jennifer Farrington – Community Foundation of Greater Flint
- Jennifer Acree – CS Mott Foundation

Major Take aways

1. CS Mott \$1million to \$5 million, 5 years out, weeds a lead other than CS.
2. Friends need to gear up to lead capital campaign.
 - a. Master Plan will help provide focus.
3. Community Foundation supports outreach, salary, key programs (approx. \$11,000 yearly)
 - a. Has education fund
 - b. Could start an environmental fund with a key donor.
4. Partners for nature preschool
 - a. Local school districts (Bendel, Davison)
 - b. i.e., head start learning with FIA.
5. GCPRC needs to identify priority within other county projects for requests.

Additional Comments

- For-Mar's mission:
 - To provide an environmental and nature education and exposure
 - Create a place of quiet reflection and environmental education for the next generation of learners.
- Capital Campaign Funding
 - Capacity for Friends of For-Mar to head a capital campaign.
 - Active users to be tapped for funding.
 - Mott usually comes in at the end of funding –not be the face of funding.
 - Create environmental fund at Community Foundation
 - Currently use educational grants from Community Foundation
 - Could use STEM funding programs for youth to attend – school trips?
- Nature based preschool.
 - Conceptually is a great idea, issues though with where to hold it and how to pay for a reconstruction or rebuild of building to house preschool

- Partner with local school district
 - Having staff that are representative of the community.
- Solving problems
 - Friends of For-Mar and Community Foundation could help with bussing and transportation costs.
 - Partner with MTA
 - Headstart- Partnering with Flint Institute of the Arts
- Wishes
 - Want to see increased connection with adult and senior groups.
 - Increased accessibility for all ages and abilities
 - ropes along trails for those with vision impairment
 - marketing the park for all abilities
 - increase the types of day packs.
 - birdwatching packs & bird/animal tracking packs

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum
Stakeholder Notes
February 15th, 2023

Staff Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants:

- Brady Pettengill
- Courtney Prout
- Patrick Linihan
- Rhonda Meldrum
- George Alanioh
- Jacki Demerese
- Noah Bleiler
- Nicole Ferguson

Major Take aways

1. Need space for conference/retreats 100 people (5-10 requests a year without marketing)
2. Need 2x parking at both locations.
 - a. Visitor center maxed 15% of year, grass paver overflow.
 - b. Limits hosting larger/special events.
3. Sugarbush parking by RSVP better than 1st come due to CRM tracking.
4. Staffing can flex to meet need 15-30 hours a week – Naturalist.
5. Dewaters area = nature lab/activated & quiet passive
 - a. \$1Million + redesign/renovation of existing building
 - b. Separated area for nature preschool.
 - i. (1) classroom for GSRP
 - ii. (1) classroom for local schools summer camp (need certification)
6. Continue outreach efforts. Replace truck C1 yr.
 - a. Not all people can come to For Mar
 - b. Separate budget – rethink ‘truck farm’
7. Management structure (need to have one supervisor not 2)
8. Needs
 - a. Off-road wheel chair (track chair) 2
 - b. Mats for gardens
 - c. Dock (2023) replace.
 - d. Observation tower – replace.
 - e. Accessible pit toilet near visitor center
 - f. Security at visitor center building
 - g. Lighting from visitor center to parking lot.
 - h. REC 101 trailer
 - i. Dewaters signage on road
 - j. Mow trails, provide route to specimen trees
 - k. Replace suspension bridge.

Additional Comments

- Classrooms & Programming
 - usually, 2 educators for groups of 25-30 – ideally groups of 15
 - Utilize parents and teachers for disciplinary needs.
 - 5-10 average chaperones on trips – do not limit the number allowed.
 - Normal areas for teaching: Pavilion, horticulture pod, treehouse, auditorium and animal room
 - Max out at 90 kids per group, otherwise suggest another place who can accommodate larger groups.
- Nature play area
 - Prefer to be open space – not staffed area.
 - Programs in this area occasionally?
 - Want close to visitor center – keep a watch on
- Communication
 - Social Media and word of mouth
 - Use treehouse as advertisement.
 - Wayfinding issues
 - Need directional signs on where to park – both locations
 - Incorporating a signage plan?
 - Ideally visitors would stop at the visitor center before exploring.
 - Additional signs towards ‘overflow parking’ – gravel lot where wedding parking is.
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- Post-Covid
 - Changed users from family oriented to more adult oriented.
- Arboretum
 - Adventure labs
 - Increased signage – educational/interactive signage on specimen trees /QR codes?
 - Interactive app
 - Creation of walking tour map?
 - Passive recreation
- Dewaters
 - Tagging maple trees with educational signage or QR code?
 - Sugar shack only programming on this side of the park
 - Potential expansion – either addition or rebuild – depending on cost/funding.
 - Summer camp – in connection with Flint schools?
 - Need to be licensed – currently use schools license that come to For-Mar for summer camp programs.
 - COVID killed summer camp program.
 - Great Site Readiness Program site?
 - Renovations at sugarbush to expand teaching area.
- Various upgrades and renovations needed around preserve.
 - Butterfly house – expansion and water and utility access
 - Expand exploration gardens.
 - Power to pavilion

- Secure horticulture/maintenance area – fencing or natural deterrents
- Super-deck – waterproof boardwalk over wetlands area
- Suspension bridge – replace/rebuild.
- Increased safety – Lighting
 - Lighting – bollard lighting around parking areas and visitor center/dewaters.
 - Lighting at entrances – solar powered
 - “flag lights”
- Outreach & Programing
 - 1,000 in-school programming
 - 200-300 community events yearly
 - 150 adult programs
 - Connections with retirement communities
 - Adaptive recreation and assisted living programs (500 since September)
 - Need for upgraded/additional vehicles.
 - Want to expand campground area.
 - Fishing days
- Better communication lines
 - Relationship building with existing connections – work together more collaboratively.

Community Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants:

- Darren Bagley
- Cody Roblyer
- Heather

Major Take aways

1. For-Mar is uniquely a preserve, not a park. Promote access but balance it to protect the features that need protection.
2. Not a museum; encourage interaction, just need to manage this well.
3. Idea – stepped down mowing to create paths to specimen trees, not manicured lawn.
4. Educate about the aspect of time in the environment.
 - a. “nature is not a microwave” if you damage it you cannot replace it right away.
5. Greeters around the site at key times/locations to educate on site.
6. Kearsley creek only cool water fishery in watershed; provide point of access to interact with water.
7. Sugar shack: bigger for 30 kids but production can stay at zoo gal. strap-down evaporator.
8. Agriculture education needed; not sure if For-Mar is the venue.
9. Include recycle center on-site (dumpster)?
10. For-Mar is logical convening place for informal educator network to coordinate efforts across county

- a. i.e., package sequence if visits for all schools/grades (Sloan/cultural center, For-Mar, Crossroads)
11. include Y.E.L.P for youth input in planning process.

Additional Comments

- What's For-Mar's mission.
 - Nature preserve in the middle of the city.
 - A place to experience nature in your backyard – physical and mental.
- Experiential learning
 - Unstructured play for youth
 - Nature play area – manipulating the environment.
 - Separating designated park and preserve area.
 - Extra signage in preserve/protected area to explain why it is a preserve.
 - Place-based learning
 - Relationship with nature
 - Education and awareness
 - Concerns with liability
- Fear base – people are afraid to go outside.
 - COVID
 - Bugs/animals
 - Technology
 - The unknown
- Wishes
 - Add greeters at major points in the park/site interpreters – in times of peak hours.
 - Signage increased but also keeping the character of the preserve.
 - Making the drive in more appealing – signage, stepdown mowing, etc.
 - Ability to access water.
 - Fishing stations
 - Progression of sugar shack history – educational opportunity
 - Recycling in facility – recycling drop off – would need to be monitored – educational opportunity – composting education.
- Informal education network across the county to connect informal educators.

Accessibility Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants:

- Jessica Dylan
- William Palmer
- Shannon Garrett

Major Take aways

1. Barriers include transportation here.
 - a. Contract with MTA 1 day/week for busing?
2. Provide a space for vets to meet & bring families.
 - a. 20-30 people, secluded, access to nature, PTSD counseling, Saginaw VA groups.

3. Zipline for adventure/tree canopy education?
4. Stock pond for fishing? Have adaptive fishing equipment.
5. Signage (color coded, brail)
6. Veteran recognition day?
7. Benches with backs, arm rests, companion seating
8. TDN can do training with staff on how to be adaptive.
9. Add vet parking spaces.
10. Access route to water/dock
11. Surveys should be online and have a print or call option.

Additional Comments

- Have accessibility to at least one of the two ponds or the creek.
 - Adaptive fishing - Fishing programs
 - Adaptive kayaking
- Sensory free days
- Future partnerships
 - Mental health services
 - Both children and adults
 - Partner with TDN for an event
 - Will provide redirecting training.
 - Veterans groups
 - Genesee county Veterans Services
 - Guided hikes for veterans groups and families
 - Group homes
 - Local religious institutions within a mile of preserve
- Have multi-functional rooms.
 - Small rooms - Rooms to rent.
 - Veterans counseling – Dewaters location
 - Passive counseling
- Having memorials or pictures of veterans in the community
 - Increase a sense of community – placemaking.
- Accessibility
 - Signage
 - Brail
 - Color coding – clear signage
 - Benches
 - Backs, companion seating
- Wishes
 - Increased social media presence – flyers at local businesses.
 - Cater towards adults – market more adult services/programs.
 - Taller observation tower
 - Promote gardening on social media.
 - Veteran parking

Background Information Stakeholder Meeting:

Participants

1. David Lawson
2. Tracy Krumm
3. Stephany Diana
4. Rosemary Thubiant
5. Tom Fortier
6. Beth Anne Taylor
7. Anne Carey
8. Larry Petrella
9. Chevon Wilborn

Major Take aways

1. Friends of For-Mar being the face/heading a major capital campaign
2. Increase passive recreation.
 - a. Nature cameras
 - b. Benches along trails
 - c. Adaptive fishing areas
 - d. Birdwatching
3. Meditation Garden – ‘Martha Merkley Meditation Garden’
 - a. Have an area designated for Forbes – his favorite spot
4. Increase family history on site.
 - a. Walking trail museum – recordings with informational signage
 - b. 5–6-minute history at visitor center with pictures and recordings of Merkley’s

Additional Comments

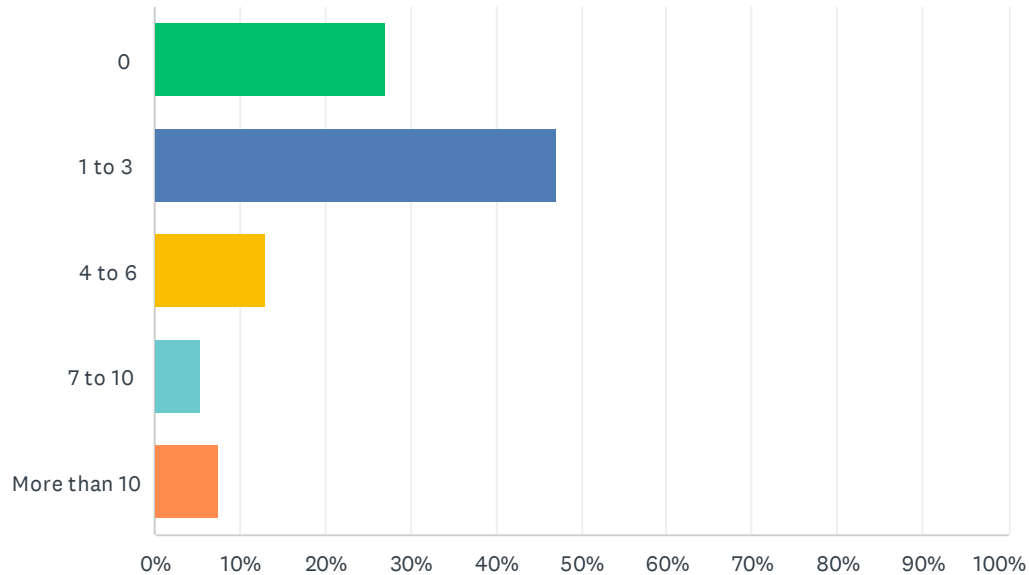
- Staff are the heart of For-Mar
 - They keep everything running – very passionate staff.
 - Well adaptable to challenges – ex. Post COVID
- Keeping For-Mar a preserve not a park
 - Keeping an ‘action area’ and a ‘quiet area’
- Outreach
 - Increase social media presence – increase overall outreach.
 - Do not want to be too successful that we burn out or create more interest that what can be provided for
 - Ex – treehouse success – lead to parking issues
- Increase signage – can be interactive signage on trails to help with education of arboretum.
- Resting points
 - Meditation garden – near current visitor center – where Mar would go to pray and be in nature.
 - Include bird watching benches or blinds.
 - Resting benches throughout trails
- Friends to make a subcommittee to keep in touch and review drafts of Master Plan
- Programming

- Include aspects of agricultural literacy, however, not the main focus of For-Mar
 - Agri-science based educational programming.
 - Could partner with other community gardens in the area.
- For-Mar on the road
 - Expand to other school districts in and outside of the county.
- Nature cameras
 - Video livestreaming
 - Trail cams – use as educational and marketing tool.

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Q1 In the last 12 months, about how many times have you gone inside the visitor center at For-Mar?

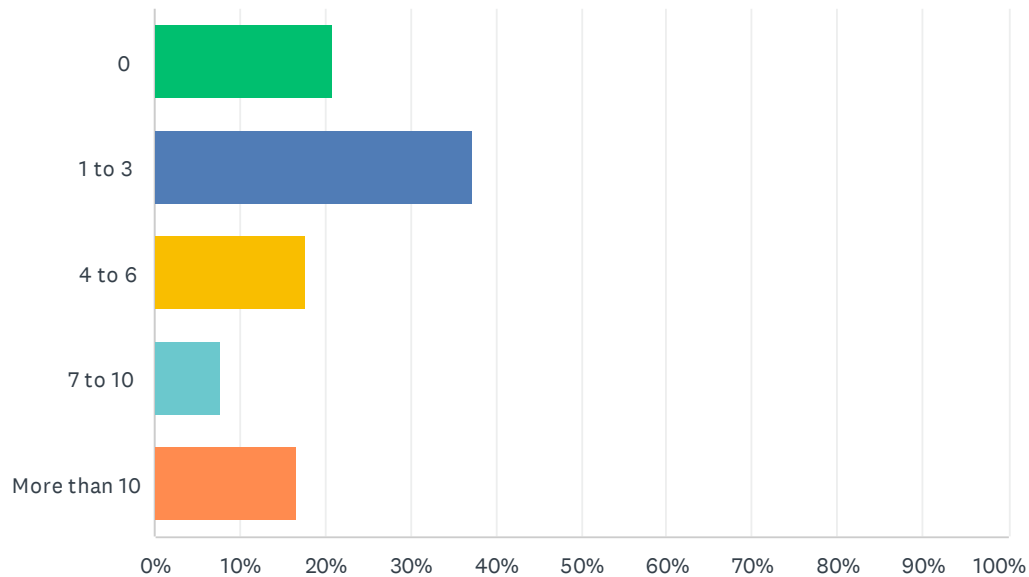
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	27.1%	253
1 to 3	47.2%	440
4 to 6	13.1%	122
7 to 10	5.3%	49
More than 10	7.4%	69
TOTAL		933

Q2 In the last 12 months, about how many times have you used trails at For-Mar (whether to hike, bicycle, ski, snowshoe, or other)?

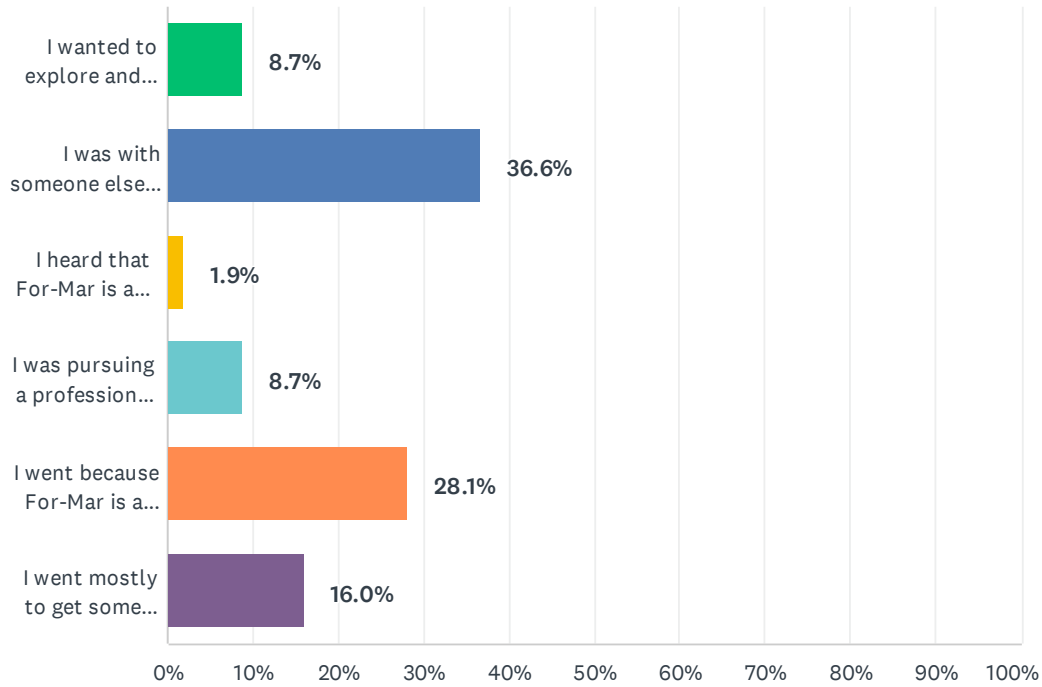
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	20.8%	195
1 to 3	37.3%	349
4 to 6	17.6%	165
7 to 10	7.6%	71
More than 10	16.7%	156
TOTAL		936

Q3 Thinking about your most recent visit to For-Mar, which ONE statement BEST describes your main reason for visiting on that day?

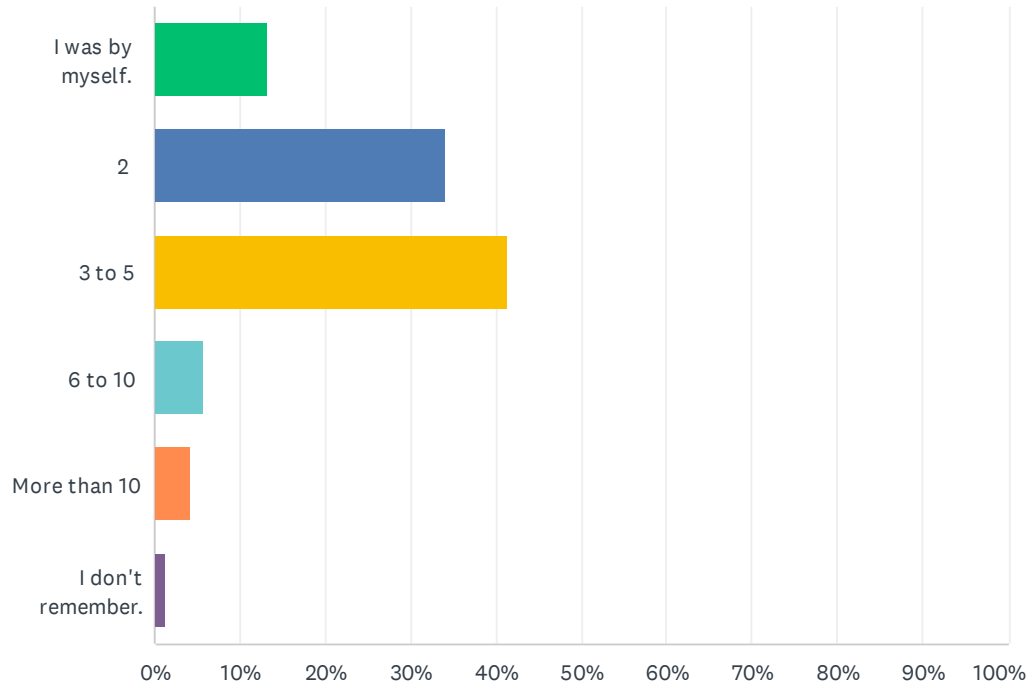
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I wanted to explore and learn new things about nature, history, and similar topics.	8.7%	79
I was with someone else (children, grandchildren, students, out-of-town visitors, etc.) and wanted them to have a good experience.	36.6%	332
I heard that For-Mar is an important place to see in the Flint area.	1.9%	17
I was pursuing a professional interest or personal hobby (birdwatching, wildlife photography, research, geocaching, etc.).	8.7%	79
I went because For-Mar is a good place to reflect, recharge, and just get away from day-to-day life for a while.	28.1%	255
I went mostly to get some exercise.	16.0%	145
TOTAL		907

Q4 Again thinking about your most recent visit to For-Mar, how many people were in your group?

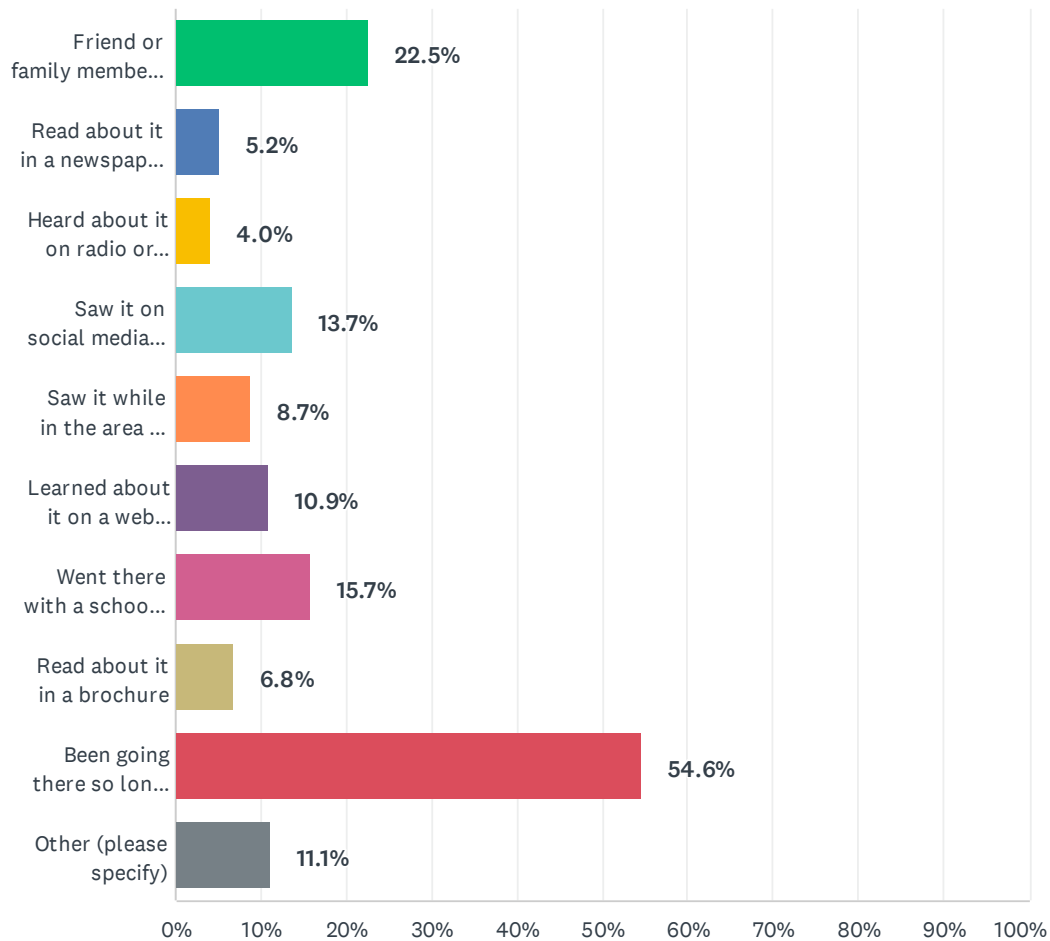
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I was by myself.	13.3%	121
2	34.1%	311
3 to 5	41.4%	378
6 to 10	5.8%	53
More than 10	4.2%	38
I don't remember.	1.2%	11
TOTAL		912

Q5 How did you learn about For-Mar? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.)

Answered: 928 Skipped: 10



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Friend or family member told me	22.5%	209
Read about it in a newspaper or magazine	5.2%	48
Heard about it on radio or television	4.0%	37
Saw it on social media like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter	13.7%	127
Saw it while in the area and stopped in to check it out	8.7%	81
Learned about it on a web site	10.9%	101
Went there with a school class or other group	15.7%	146
Read about it in a brochure	6.8%	63
Been going there so long I don't remember	54.6%	507
Other (please specify)	11.1%	103
Total Respondents: 928		

Q6 What is your favorite thing about For-Mar?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 220

"Trails, hiking, or walking"

Response #: 303 (42.2%)

"Nature or natural"

Response #: 129 (18.0%)

"Wildlife or specific animals"

Response #: 121 (16.9%)

"Kids, children, family, and similar"

Response #: 58 (8.1%)

"Peace, quiet, & similar qualities"

Response #: 58 (8.1%)

"Tree House"

Response #: 37 (5.2%)

"Location or proximity"

Response #: 26 (3.2%)

"Staff"

Response #: 23 (3.2%)

"Butterflies or Butterfly House"

Response #: 20 (2.8%)

Q7 If you could change or add one thing at For-Mar, what would you change or add?

Answered: 570 Skipped: 368

"Nothing"

Response #: 125 (21.9%)

"Provide more programming (including specific types)"

Response #: 73 (12.8%)

"Allow pets or dogs."

Response #: 39 (6.8%)

"Improve access for people w/ disabilities/limitations."

Response #: 30 (5.3%)

"Longer or different hours"

Response #: 28 (4.9%)

"Provide more benches/seating areas."

Response #: 21 (3.7%)

"Enforce rules"

Response #: 11 (1.9%)

"Add interpretive signage."

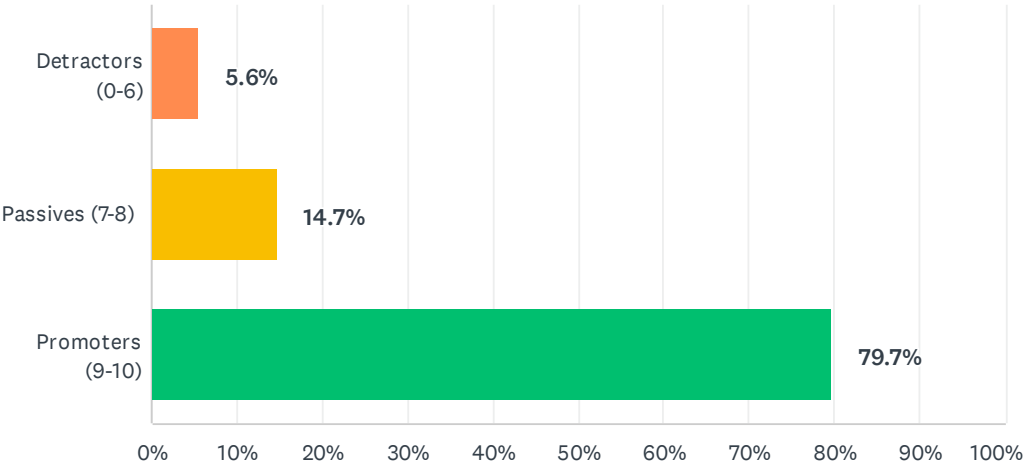
Response #: 11 (1.9%)

"Increase/improve bathrooms."

Response #: 8 (1.4%)

Q8 How likely is it that you would recommend For-Mar to a friend or colleague?

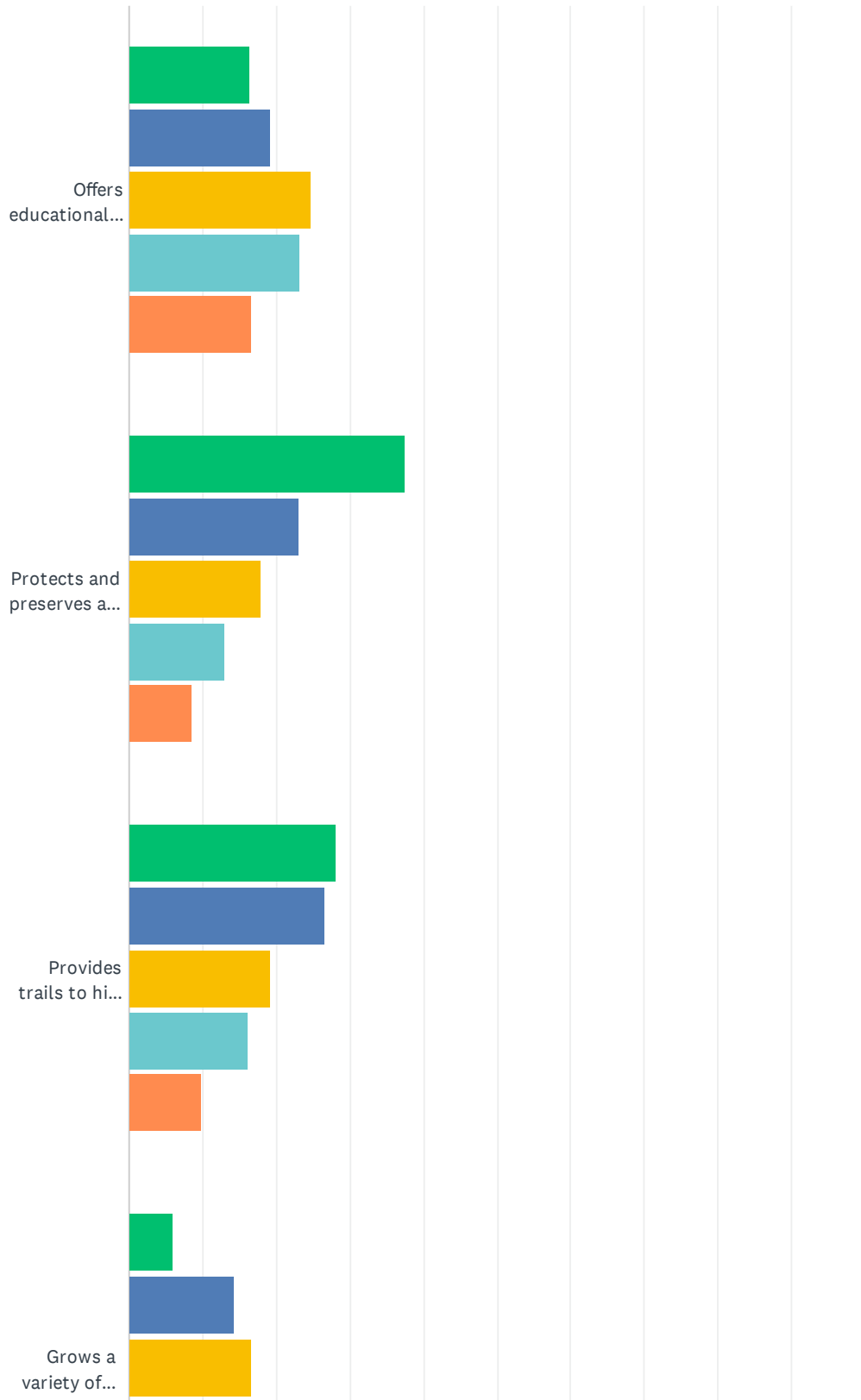
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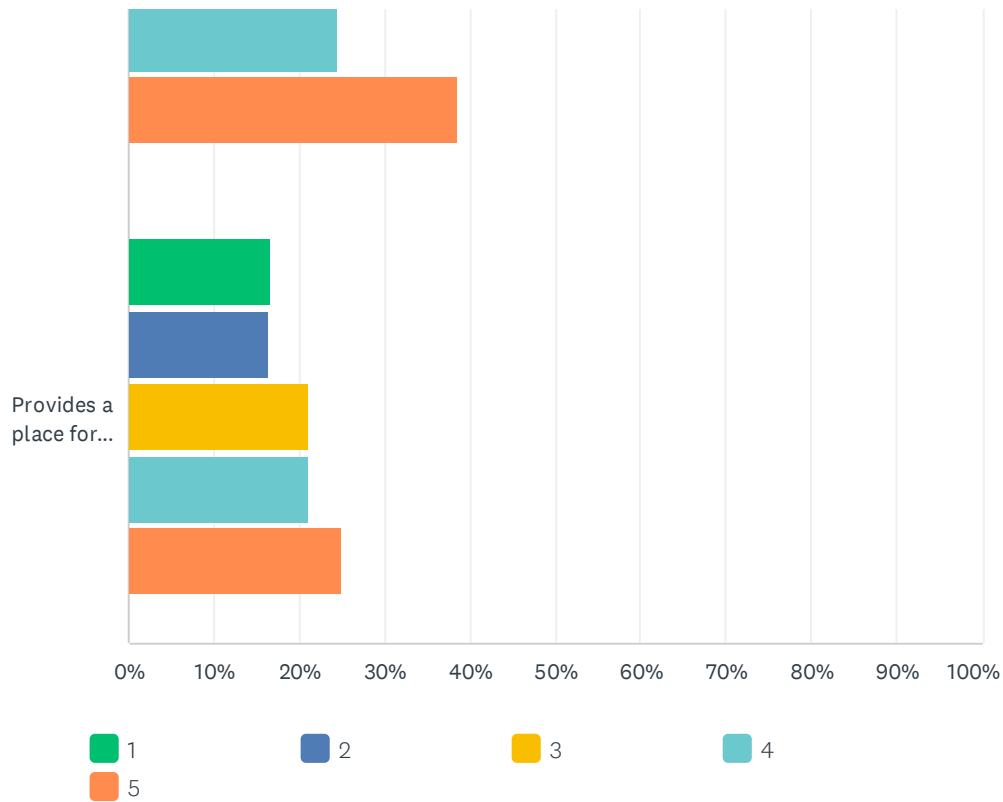
DETRACTORS (0-6)	PASSIVES (7-8)	PROMOTERS (9-10)	NET PROMOTER® SCORE
5.6%	14.7%	79.7%	74
42	110	597	

Q9 Please rank in importance the following things that For-Mar does, with
“1” being most important and “5” being least important:

Answered: 757 Skipped: 181



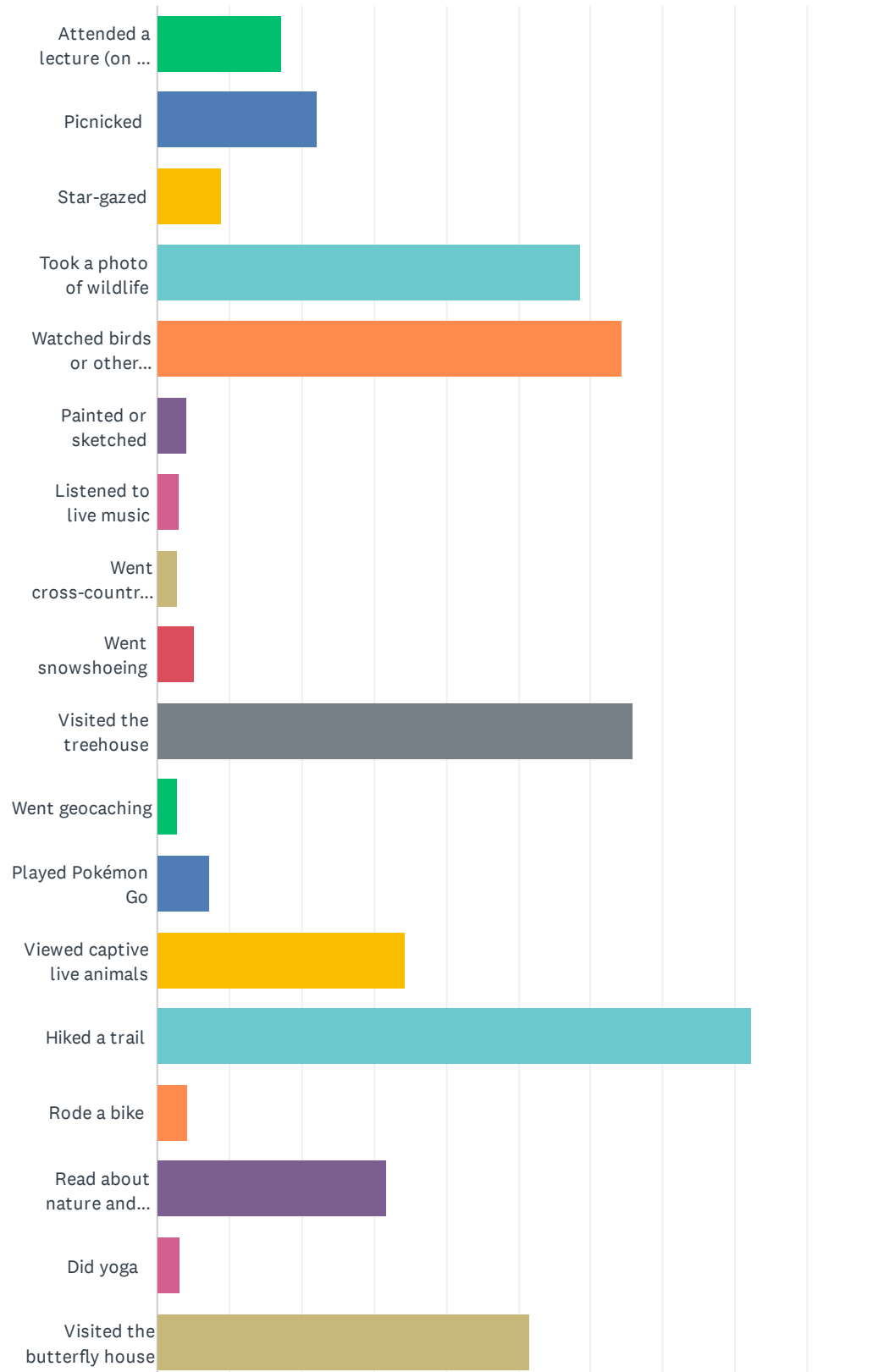
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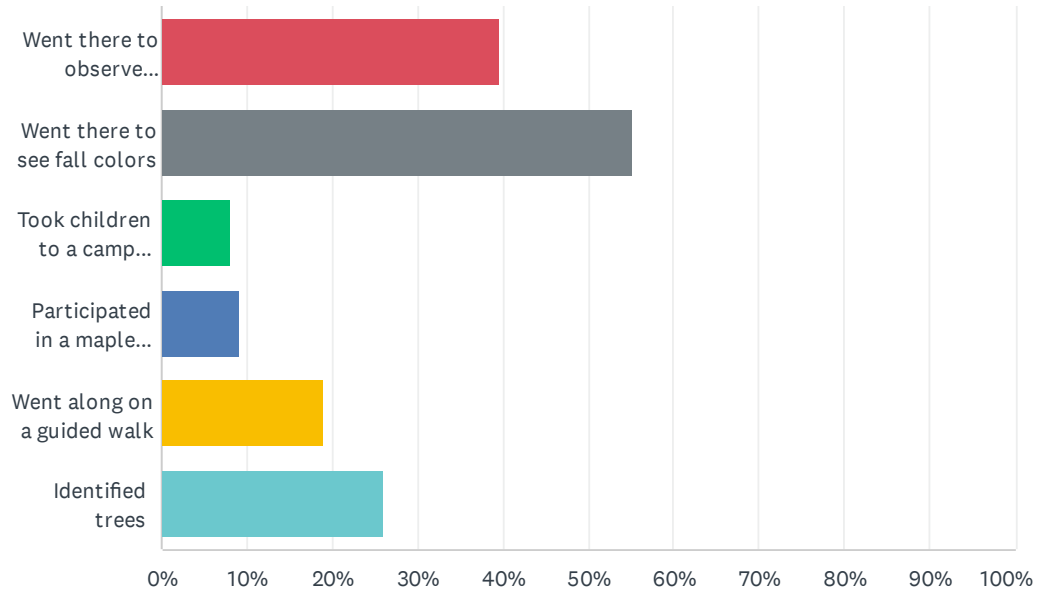
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Offers educational programs for schools, groups, families, and individuals	16.4% 117	19.2% 137	24.7% 176	23.1% 165	16.5% 118	713	2.96
Protects and preserves a wild natural area	37.4% 264	23.1% 163	17.9% 126	13.0% 92	8.5% 60	705	3.68
Provides trails to hike and enjoy peaceful surroundings	28.0% 198	26.6% 188	19.3% 136	16.3% 115	9.8% 69	706	3.47
Grows a variety of trees and shrubs cultivated for scientific and educational purposes	6.0% 43	14.3% 102	16.6% 118	24.5% 174	38.5% 274	711	2.25
Provides a place for families and friends to enjoy together	16.5% 117	16.4% 116	21.0% 149	21.2% 150	24.9% 176	708	2.79

Q10 In the last 12 months, which of the following things have you done at For-Mar? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.)

Answered: 698 Skipped: 240



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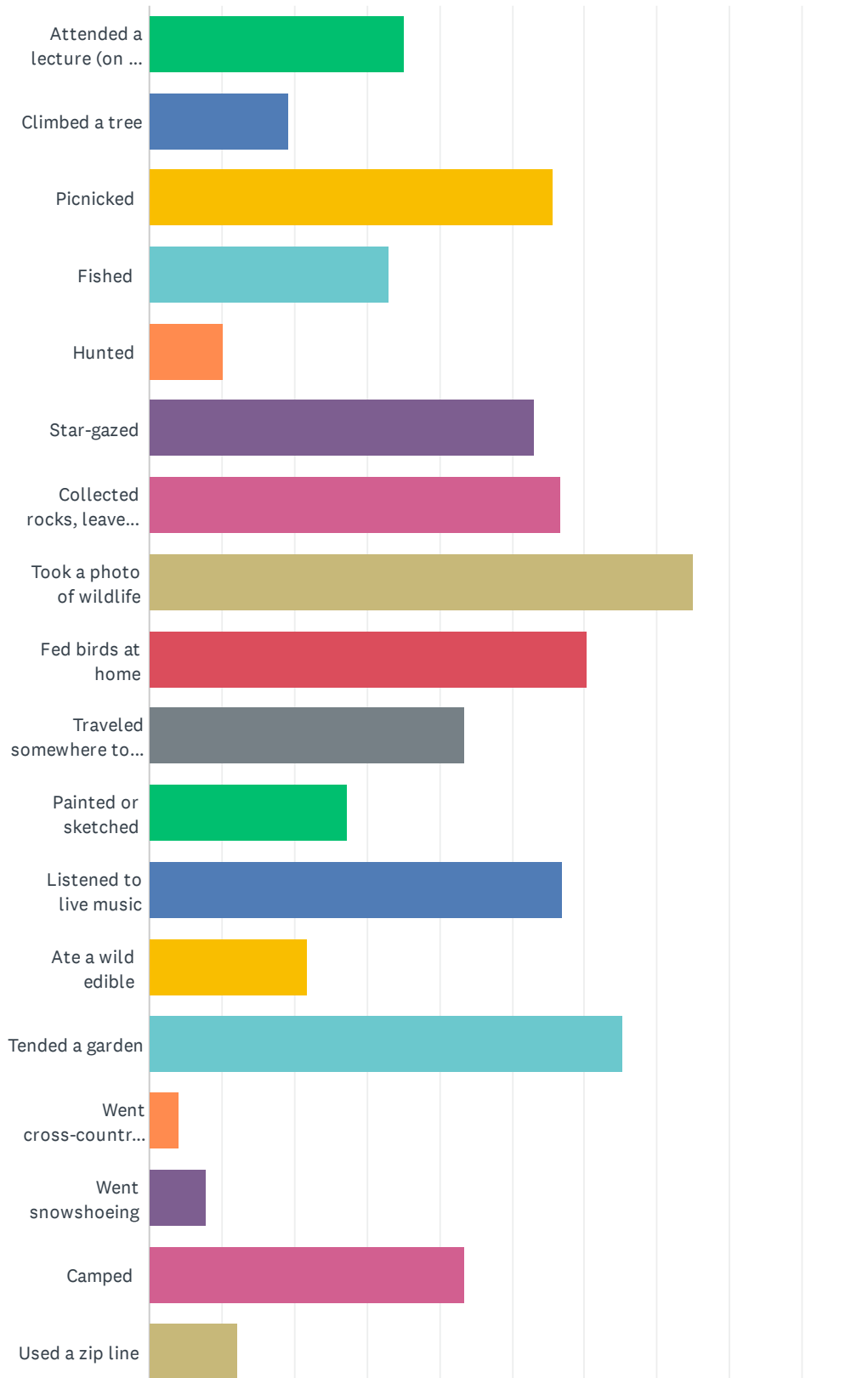


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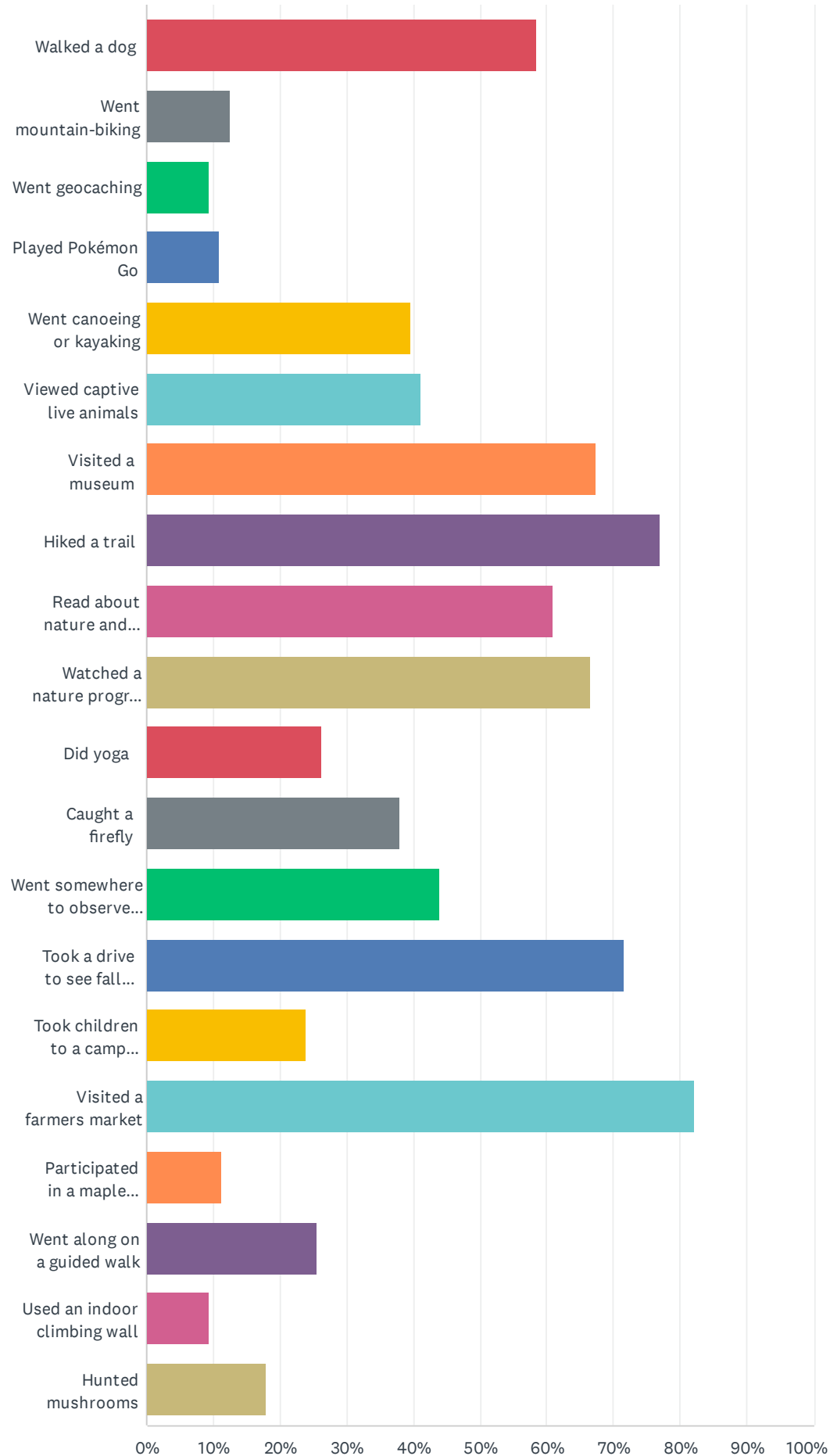
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attended a lecture (on any subject)	17.3%	121
Picnicked	22.2%	155
Star-gazed	9.0%	63
Took a photo of wildlife	58.6%	409
Watched birds or other wildlife	64.5%	450
Painted or sketched	4.2%	29
Listened to live music	3.0%	21
Went cross-country skiing	2.9%	20
Went snowshoeing	5.2%	36
Visited the treehouse	65.9%	460
Went geocaching	2.7%	19
Played Pokémon Go	7.3%	51
Viewed captive live animals	34.2%	239
Hiked a trail	82.2%	574
Rode a bike	4.3%	30
Read about nature and wildlife	31.8%	222
Did yoga	3.2%	22
Visited the butterfly house	51.6%	360
Went there to observe wildflowers	39.7%	277
Went there to see fall colors	55.2%	385
Took children to a camp experience	8.0%	56
Participated in a maple syrup-making event	9.2%	64
Went along on a guided walk	18.9%	132
Identified trees	25.9%	181
Total Respondents: 698		

Q11 In the last 12 months, which of the following things have you done anywhere? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.)

Answered: 752 Skipped: 186



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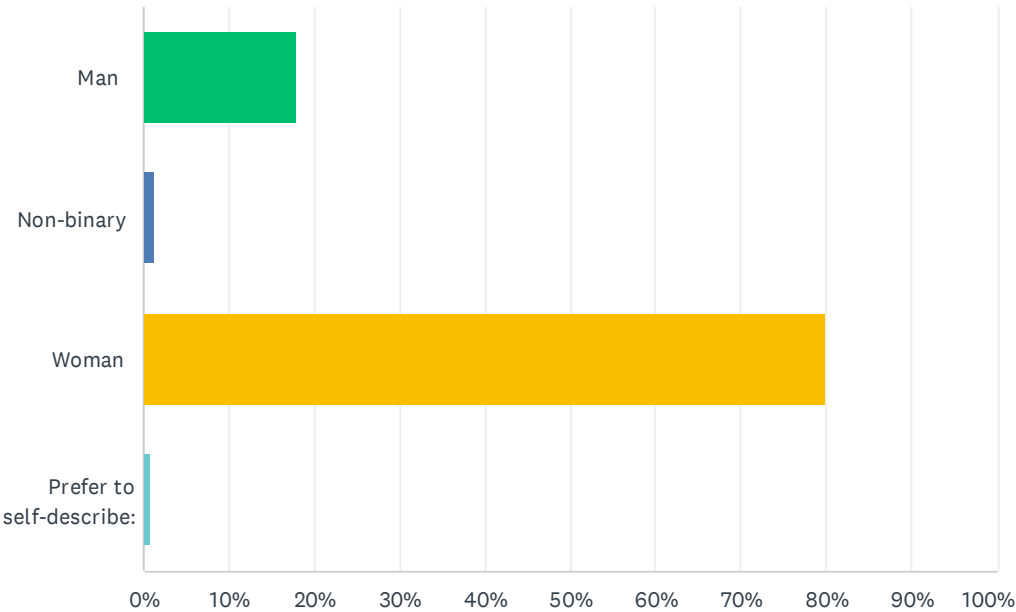
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attended a lecture (on any subject)	35.1%	264
Climbed a tree	19.1%	144
Picnicked	55.7%	419
Fished	33.0%	248
Hunted	10.2%	77
Star-gazed	53.1%	399
Collected rocks, leaves, or other natural objects	56.8%	427
Took a photo of wildlife	75.0%	564
Fed birds at home	60.4%	454
Traveled somewhere to watch birds or other wildlife	43.5%	327
Painted or sketched	27.4%	206
Listened to live music	56.9%	428
Ate a wild edible	21.8%	164
Tended a garden	65.3%	491
Went cross-country skiing	4.1%	31
Went snowshoeing	7.8%	59
Camped	43.5%	327
Used a zip line	12.2%	92
Walked a dog	58.4%	439
Went mountain-biking	12.5%	94
Went geocaching	9.4%	71
Played Pokémon Go	10.9%	82
Went canoeing or kayaking	39.6%	298
Viewed captive live animals	41.2%	310
Visited a museum	67.4%	507
Hiked a trail	77.0%	579
Read about nature and wildlife	61.0%	459
Watched a nature program on TV	66.6%	501
Did yoga	26.3%	198
Caught a firefly	37.9%	285
Went somewhere to observe wildflowers	43.9%	330
Took a drive to see fall colors	71.7%	539

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Took children to a camp experience	23.8%	179
Visited a farmers market	82.0%	617
Participated in a maple syrup-making event	11.3%	85
Went along on a guided walk	25.5%	192
Used an indoor climbing wall	9.3%	70
Hunted mushrooms	17.8%	134
Total Respondents: 752		

Q12 Gender: How do you identify?

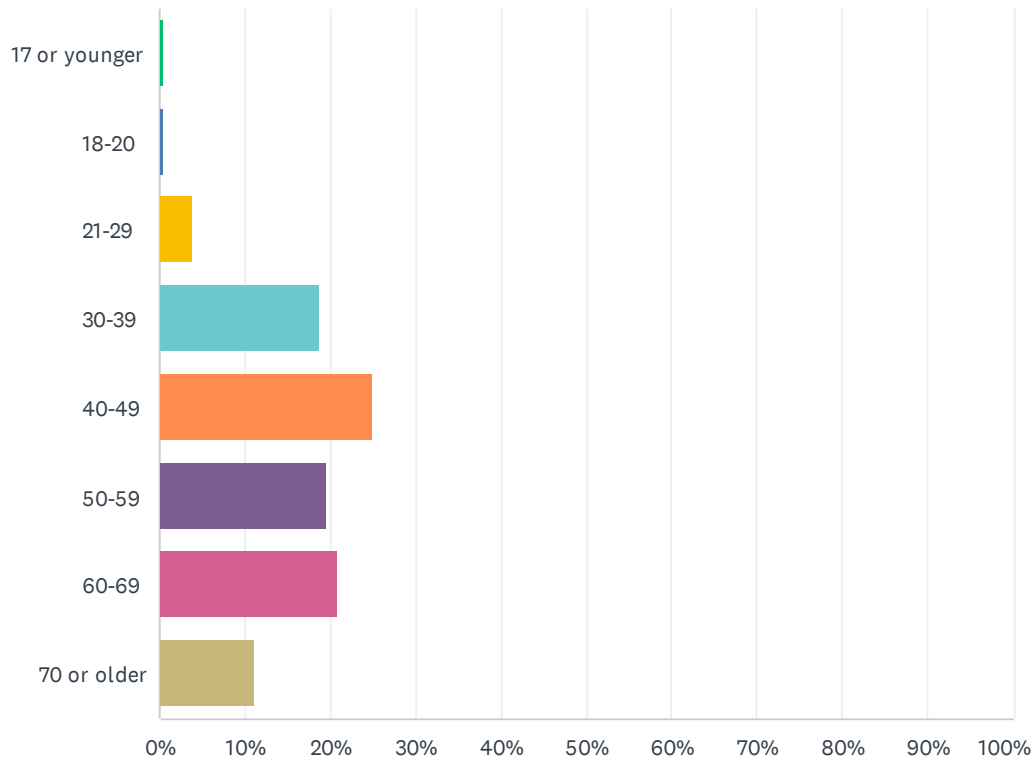
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Man	17.8%	134
Non-binary	1.3%	10
Woman	79.9%	600
Prefer to self-describe:	0.9%	7
TOTAL		751

Q13 What is your age?

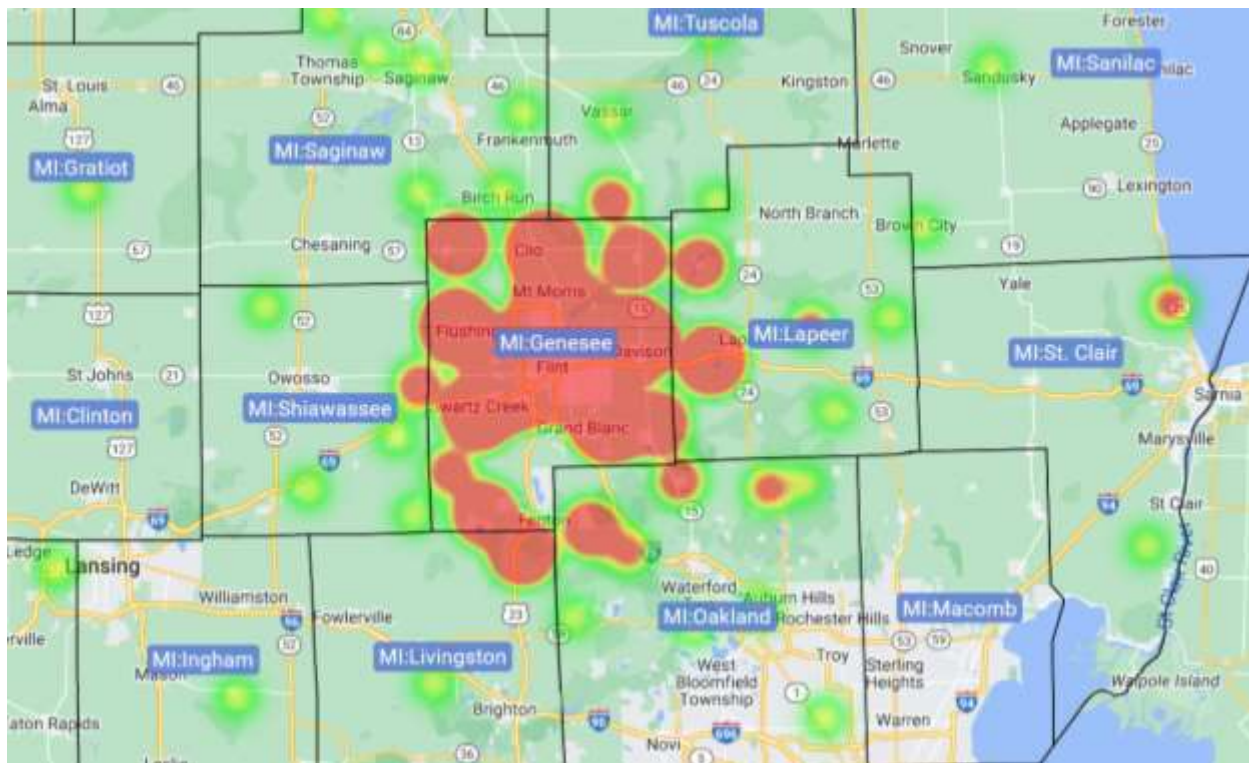
Answered: 758 Skipped: 180



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	0.5%	4
18-20	0.4%	3
21-29	3.8%	29
30-39	18.7%	142
40-49	24.9%	189
50-59	19.5%	148
60-69	21.0%	159
70 or older	11.1%	84
TOTAL		758

Q14 In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 55905)

Answered: 754 Skipped: 184



For Mar Open House

Hosted by:

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (GCPRC)

Welcome! Thank you for your participation. We would like your ideas and suggestions for the future of For Mar. Please make sure you sign in.

GCPRC is currently developing a master plan for both the Arboretum and Nature Preserve within For Mar. Your input will be used to refine goals and priorities within the draft plan.

Various stations are located within the room, attended by GCPRC staff, and consultants from ROWE Professional Services who is leading this planning process. Each station has a board with topics and related ideas. Please talk with the representative at the station for questions or to add your suggestions to the board.

Stations include:

- Existing Facilities and Programs
Find out about current programs and facilities at For Mar and the role of Friends of For-Mar Foundation, Inc and the Forbes & Martha Merkley Trust.
- Survey Results
Review the comments we have received from the survey that was conducted earlier this summer.
- Park Policy
Proposed Goals and Objectives.
- Park Development
Proposed Site / Building plans and Action items
- Miscellaneous
Any additional thoughts for how we can work together and partner to get things done?

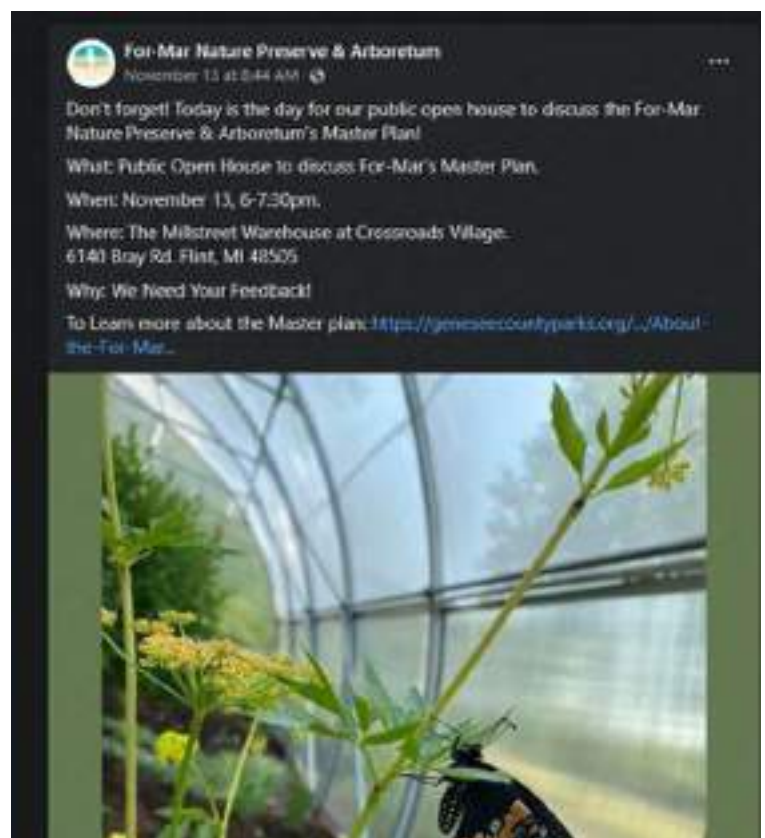
Please let us know what you think. There are some forms that include room for additional written comments. Make sure you place them in our “in” box

Thank you for your support!

For Mar Public Meeting - Sign In Sheet

11/13/23

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Additional Public Comments

- Yes, I support the draft ideas presented!
 - 0
- I generally support the ideas presented.
 - 1
- I support some of the ideas presented.
 - 5
- I think For Mar should stay as it is. A nature preserve for the animals and nature as it was intended. I hate to see it become commercialized. -Lorie Phillips
- I just don't want For Mar to become too commercialized. I love, love, love the area. Best park in Genesee County. -Lisa Bush
- The main objective is to have the nature preserve stay in its essence a true nature preserve as the original family wanted.
- Enjoyed the presentation on Master Plan. It is invigorating to meet your park staff. So very many knowledgeable and dedicated people! -Donna Glann
- Keep the park as natural and quiet as possible while expanding activities for all. -Kathy Blue
- No playground.
No concrete.
No weddings.
Support growth and new building's locations are my concern.
- New center OK due to need to move for safety
Updating & improving DeWaters center – great
Invasive species & deer relocation – yes
Playground is unnecessary
Adults responsible for kids staying on trails -Linda Goldsberry
- My concern is that the property will become a center for profit, as parks need maintenance.
I want the appearance of any new buildings/structures to mimic nature and not be obtrusive on our senses.
Discourage dollar stores, bars, drive thru restaurants on adjacent properties.
Be sure to include trees within parking areas. -Virginia Sullivan

Appendix B: Nature Play Area

1. Samara Early Learning Summary of Findings

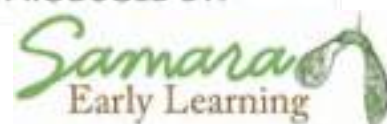
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Natural Play area visioning session

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Introduction

There has been a growing awareness that people—children and adults—benefit from positive outdoor experiences. Nature supports physical, cognitive, social, and emotional health. There is mounting evidence that positive outdoor experiences also support pro-environmental behaviors such as environmental stewardship.

One way to provide positive outdoor experiences is through play in the natural world. While play can happen anywhere, designated play areas seem to be more effective at engaging children and their families in nature play. Thus, one component of the master planning process was to explore the possibilities of a public natural play area.

To further explore the idea of a natural play area, a small group of stakeholders was gathered on January 31, 2023 for a three-hour work session. The purpose of this meeting was to move towards consensus on the need for and purpose of a potential natural play area at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum and then determine the qualities for such a play area. The pages that follow summarize and interpret information from that meeting.

It should be noted, a “natural play area” is different than a “playground.” During our brainstorming session we operated on the idea that a natural play area is a park feature which includes elements made from or inspired by nature; lots of loose parts; and provides a variety of play experiences which inspire more creative, free play than conventional play structures. In other words, it feels like you’re playing in nature rather than at a playground.

Methodology

The purpose of this document is to summarize and interpret information from the Natural Play Area visioning meeting on January 31, 2023. A group of 11 stakeholders was gathered for a three-hour work session at For-Mar Nature Center to move towards consensus on the need for and purpose of a potential natural play area at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, along with the qualities for such a play area.

Attendees

The following people attended the session:

Jen Farrington, Friends of For-Mar
 Rachel Larimore, Samara Early Learning (facilitator)
 David Lawson, Friends of For-Mar
 Patrick Linihon, Genesee County Parks
 Rhonda Meldrum, Genesee County Parks/For-Mar
 Nicole Ferguson, Genesee County Parks/For-Mar
 Jess Pannett, Genesee County Parks/For-Mar
 Courtney Prout, Genesee County Parks/For-Mar
 Doug Schultz, ROWE Professional Services Company
 Brian VanPatten, Genesee County Parks/For-Mar
 Anthony Walter, Genesee County Parks
 James Whittaker, Only Outdoor Living

Meeting agenda & process

The 3-hour meeting followed this agenda:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & introductions • WHY do we want a natural play area? (We want to build a natural play area so that...) • Who is the play area for? (Which visitors will use this space? At what times? How frequently?) 	<p>WHY: To identify consensus on the need for and purpose of a natural play area</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What experiences do we want to create for visitors? (What do we want them to do, think, or feel when using the play area?) • How do we want the play area to function or operate? (How much park staff involvement do we want in the day-to-day operations of the play area?) 	<p>WHY: To identify the qualities any features within the play area should include</p>

Prior to the meeting participants were asked to think about the purpose a natural play area would serve; who the space would be for; the kinds of experiences they'd like visitors to have in that space; and how this space should function internally (operations).

The process for the morning included a brief introduction and framing by the facilitator, Rachel Larimore, which led into small group discussions followed by whole-group share-out and discussions.

Scope/bounds of our discussion

A “natural play area” is different than a “playground.” During our brainstorming session we operated on the idea that a natural play area is a park feature with the following features:

- o Made of natural elements or inspired by nature
- o Includes lots of loose parts
- o Meant to provide a different experience than traditional play structures
- o Intended to inspire more creative, free play



SEQ Figure * ARABIC 1 Example of a natural play area at Chippewa Nature Center, Midland, MI

As was mentioned above, the purpose of this meeting was to identify the target audience of a natural play area; the kinds of experiences visitors would have in that space; and how the space should function internally (operations). This discussion did not move into details related to design such as size, features, or location.

Report organization

Most of this document is simply reporting the discussions that occurred on January 31. I have documented as accurately as possible facts related to a natural play area at For-Mar Nature Center and the opinions and observations of participating stakeholders.

Findings

This section attempts to summarize the information from the meeting that will be most useful to planners and more detailed design down the road. The findings are organized based on the broad questions we were striving to answer during visioning session.

Why a natural play area?

To start the discussion, we focused on the purpose of a natural play and how it might or might not align with the overall mission of For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, Genesee County Parks, and Friends of For-Mar. This portion of the day focused on

answering the question of “Why do we want a natural play area at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum Center?” by completing the sentence: “We want to build a natural play area so that...”

The discussions led to two broad purposes for the play area and many additional benefits and purposes related to those two. The two broad purposes were to:

1. Holistically connect people with nature
2. Develop visitors' environmental relationship and stewardship

In addition to those broad purposes were other benefits to visitors as well as For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum Center, Friends of For-Mar, and Genesee County Parks. These included:

Visitors

We want to build a natural play area so that visitors may experience...

- Self-guided opportunities for nature play and exploration.
- Nature play with less worry (e.g., adults have comfort of a semi-structured play space for their children).
- Improved social-emotional health (i.e., mental) through more time outdoors—particularly in our post-pandemic world.
- The outdoors as a family (i.e., adults and children experiencing together).

For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum Center, Genesee County Parks, & Friends of For-Mar

We want to build a natural play area so that we...

- Stay relevant for visitors.
- Serve visitors through experiential, outdoor learning approach which they cannot currently experience through other offerings.
- Serve visitors who have wanted a play space at the Treehouse.
- Connect with new audiences we are not currently serving (e.g., those with disabilities; from outside the county).

Who would the natural play area be for?

After discussing the overall purpose, we focused on who might be served through a natural play area. To address this overarching question, we also thought about questions like “Which visitors will use this space?,” “At what times?,” and “How frequently?.”

There was clear consensus that a natural play area **must be inclusive**. That is, that the **space serves those of differing abilities, races, ethnicities, and economics**. The group also sees the natural play area as an opportunity to attract visitors from outside of Genesee County. The group was clear, “We don’t want to leave people out.” For example, there was discussion of partnering with groups like the Disability Network.

The group envisions a play area for families of all ages from infants and toddlers to the elderly to gather and have positive, shared outdoor experiences. At the same time the group discussed the importance of the features to be intentionally built to the ages being targeted. Recognizing that designing a space that adequately meets the needs of all ages may be cost prohibitive, the group agreed that, if forced to choose, early childhood and early adolescent years would be the primary audience (i.e., ages 0-13). This audience may be similar to those who attend the Treehouse, but want an experience that does not require For-Mar staff involvement.

We anticipate most visitors will attend in small groups—individual families or multiple families at once. There may also be times when organized groups visit. For example, homeschool, scout, or church groups might meet at the play area. These people will most likely drive to the space, but there may be some who bike.

While it’s anticipated most of the experiences will be self-guided (i.e., without a For-Mar staff member present), we did discuss the possibility of some experiences being facilitated by a For-Mar naturalist. The following groups could potentially use the natural play area as part of their experience at For-Mar:

- School field trips
- Homeschool groups
- Camp programs
- Library programs

Finally, there was also discussion that For-Mar staff could facilitate experiences in the natural play area space at key times. For example, staff might host a Saturday morning play group for families to connect with one another in the space. Or the staff might provide after school activities in the space.

What experiences do we want to create for visitors?

Once we discussed who we anticipate using the natural play area, we discussed what experiences we'd like these visitors to experience. Specifically, we explored what we anticipated these visitors would do, think, and feel while using the play area.

The group envisioned that visitors would play alone or in small groups. This play would involve a full range of sensory experiences including water play, getting dirty, digging, building, discovering the natural world, watching clouds, reflecting on nature, and expressing themselves creatively. It would feel like nature play and not a playground. In other words, **a full range of experiences using all their senses to connect with the natural world both cognitively and emotionally, while also connecting with other people.**

In this process the group also agreed that the space should be accessible and create a sense of belonging for all audiences—no matter their ability, race, economics, etc. The group also discussed the importance of the space being **fenced for safety and having a rustic look that blends into the landscape.**

Through this interactive learning space, we anticipate children developing their creative thinking skills, discovering things that might not be obvious at first, and connecting with nature. For example, through play they may discover the wonders of nature in water, under rocks, and in the soil. This will help them to learn about ecosystems and stewardship. Further, building may help them to think like an engineer and build their science, technology, engineering, and math skills. The group also discussed the opportunity for children to learn about local history through the design of elements and activities within the play area. For example, the space and play features might tell the story of For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum Center. To support this learning, educational signage with the play area will be important.

These experiences would result in visitors feeling connected to nature and part of something bigger than themselves. The visitors, both children and families, would also feel excitement, challenge, inspiration, curiosity, and wonder. They would also personally feel a sense of calm, peace, accomplishment, and confidence. With others they will also gain a sense of cooperation and intergenerational connections. And all of this while feeling safe in a well-kept space.

Finally, the group was clear that the activities in **the natural play area should not detract from other visitors who are there to enjoy other experiences For-Mar has to offer** (e.g., arboretum).

How do we want a play area to function/operate?

Once the group discussed why a natural play area, who would be served, and the kinds of experiences the visitors would have, we moved to discussing how the space would function. The primary focus was thinking about how the space would impact the day-to-day tasks by For-Mar staff.

Function

The natural play area could function in many ways. These were the big ideas the group discussed as being important moving forward:

- Flexible space
- An intimate feeling
- Fixed and natural elements together
- Include a variety of elements (& representing different ecosystems)
- Should not duplicate other opportunities at For-Mar
- Require minimal maintenance

Operations

There will be staff involvement in the creation and ongoing maintenance of the play area. The group envisions the natural play area to operate during normal park hours and primarily be unstaffed. Yet the group also thought it important for staff to be in proximity if issues arise. The following were key operations points brought up by the group:

- Day-to-day operations should have minimal staff involvement
- Daily safety checks will be necessary
- Space would be open any time For-Mar is open
- There will likely be seasonality to the space (e.g., closed in winter)
- Adequate parking will be important
- Proximity to restrooms will be necessary
- Location and the site design should be done with the health of plants and animals in mind—both immediate and long-term
- Design should include awareness of minimal staff involvement as it relates to ongoing maintenance and anticipated lifespan of elements

Concerns & remaining questions

While the group was overall very enthusiastic about the possibility of a natural play area there were some concerns—most of which were simply unanswered questions. These concerns and questions fell into three general categories which are addressed below.

Mission alignment

Throughout the day the group continually returned to the importance of the natural play area aligning with the For-Mar mission. That is, the play area should not only further the mission of For-Mar to connect people with the natural world, but also not have significant negative impacts on the natural ecosystems of the For-Mar property.

Financial impact

Another area of concern for the group related to finances. The group was concerned about having enough financial resources to establish the play area, as well as maintain the space over time. This includes educational staff time as well as marketing and maintenance efforts. There was some discussion as to whether this project might lend itself to corporate or private sponsorships.

The Details

This brainstorm meeting was relatively short (i.e., 3 hours) and there were many lingering questions about the details. Among these were the following:

- What guidance do we need to follow related to health, safety, and liability?
- How much parking will be needed?
- Will restrooms be a year-round or seasonal need?
- How young is too young for this space?
- How big should the space be?

- Will the elements be built in-house or outsourced?
- Who will conduct daily checks?
- What's the right location?

Recommended next steps

This session was useful in identifying the overall purpose of the play area and the broad scope of the space. Yet, there are still many details that will need to be determined. I recommend visiting other natural play areas and talking with the staff who provide the programming and maintenance of those spaces. This will help narrow in even further on the specifics of a natural play area at For-Mar. This will assist in identifying in-house and contractual support (e.g., designer, builder) that may be needed to make the play area a reality.

The site visits will specifically assist the For-Mar team with identifying elements and features to include, audience to target, and a myriad of logistical details from construction to long-term maintenance.

Potential site visits

- [Chippewa Nature Center](#), Midland, MI ("The Woods")
- [Seven Ponds Nature Center](#), Dryden, MI
- [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), Kalamazoo, MI ("Nature's Playground")
- [Howell Nature Center](#), Howell, MI ("Alexandria's NatureScape")
- [Cincinnati Nature Center](#), Cincinnati, OH ("The Nature Playscape") *Note: This site is more extensive than the group discussed, but it might still be of interest*

Potential questions to ask

Play area history:

- When was the play area built?
- How was the space funded?
- Why did you decide to build the play area? Has it met that goal?

Program:

- What are the operating hours of the space?
- How many people typically visit?
- Describe the demographics of the typical visitor. When do they visit? How frequently?
- If program staff offer guided programs, when do those occur? How are they structured? What has attendance been like?
- Which elements have been the most popular? Least popular?
- Have you integrated signage or other interpretive components? If so, how have those worked from a visitor perspective? Staff perspective?

Construction/Maintenance:

- Tell us about the design process.
- Which elements were created in-house versus contracted?
- How much time is spent on maintenance each week?
- Are there particular elements or features which require more maintenance? Why do you think that is?

General:

- If you had it to do all over again, what would you do differently? What would you do the same?
- Is there anything we haven't discussed that you think we should know before we move forward with a natural play area?

Additional resources

Books:

- *Adventures in Risky Play* by Rusty Keeler
- *Asphalt to Ecosystems: Design Ideas for Schoolyard Transformation* by Sharon Gamson Danks
- *Natural Playscapes* by Rusty Keeler

- *Nature Play and Learning Places* by Robin Moore
- *Plants for Play: A Plant Selection Guide for Children's Outdoor Environments*, Robin Moore
- *The Play For All Guidelines: Planning, Design, and Management of Outdoor Play Settings For All Children*, Robin Moore, Editor

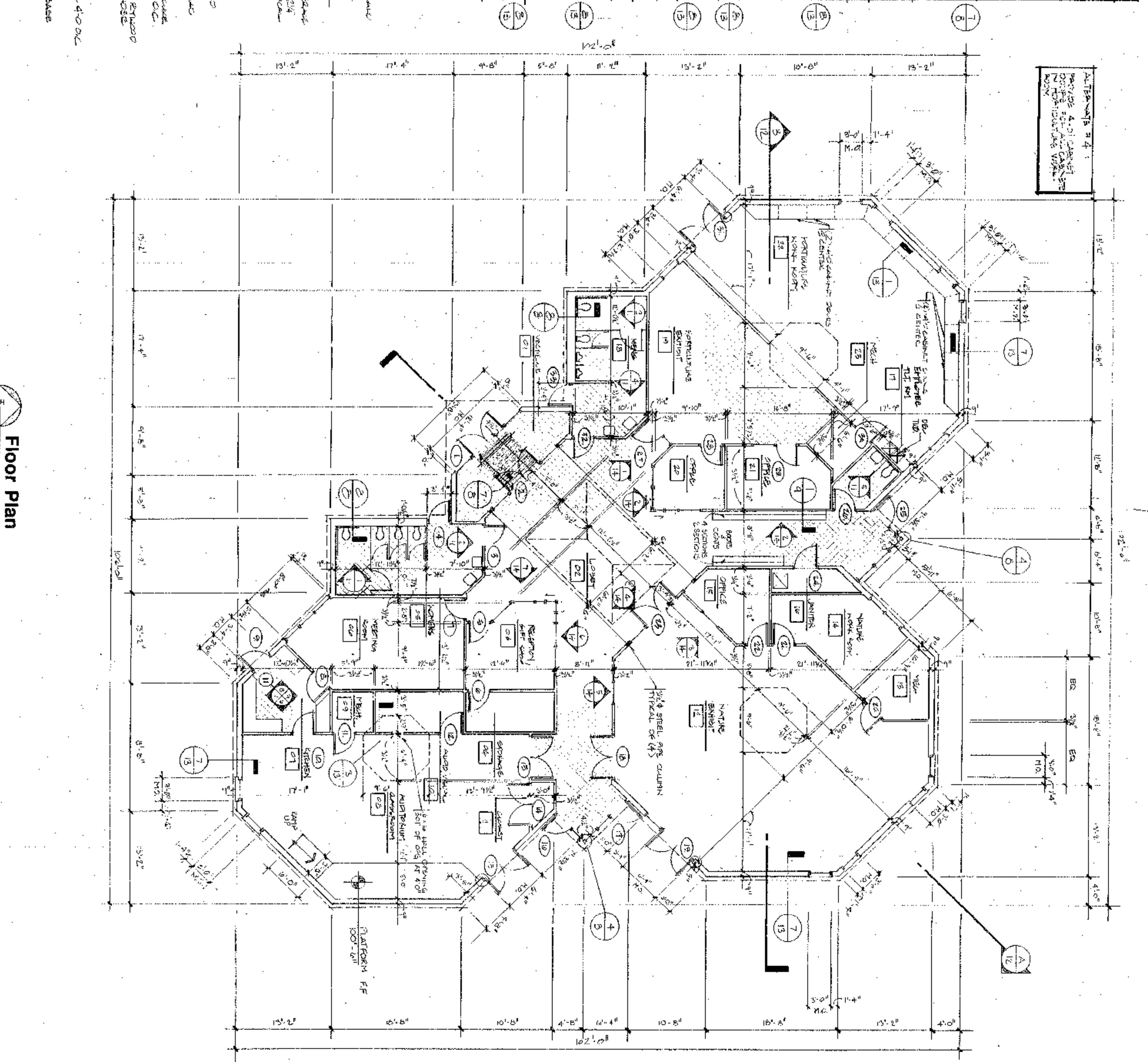
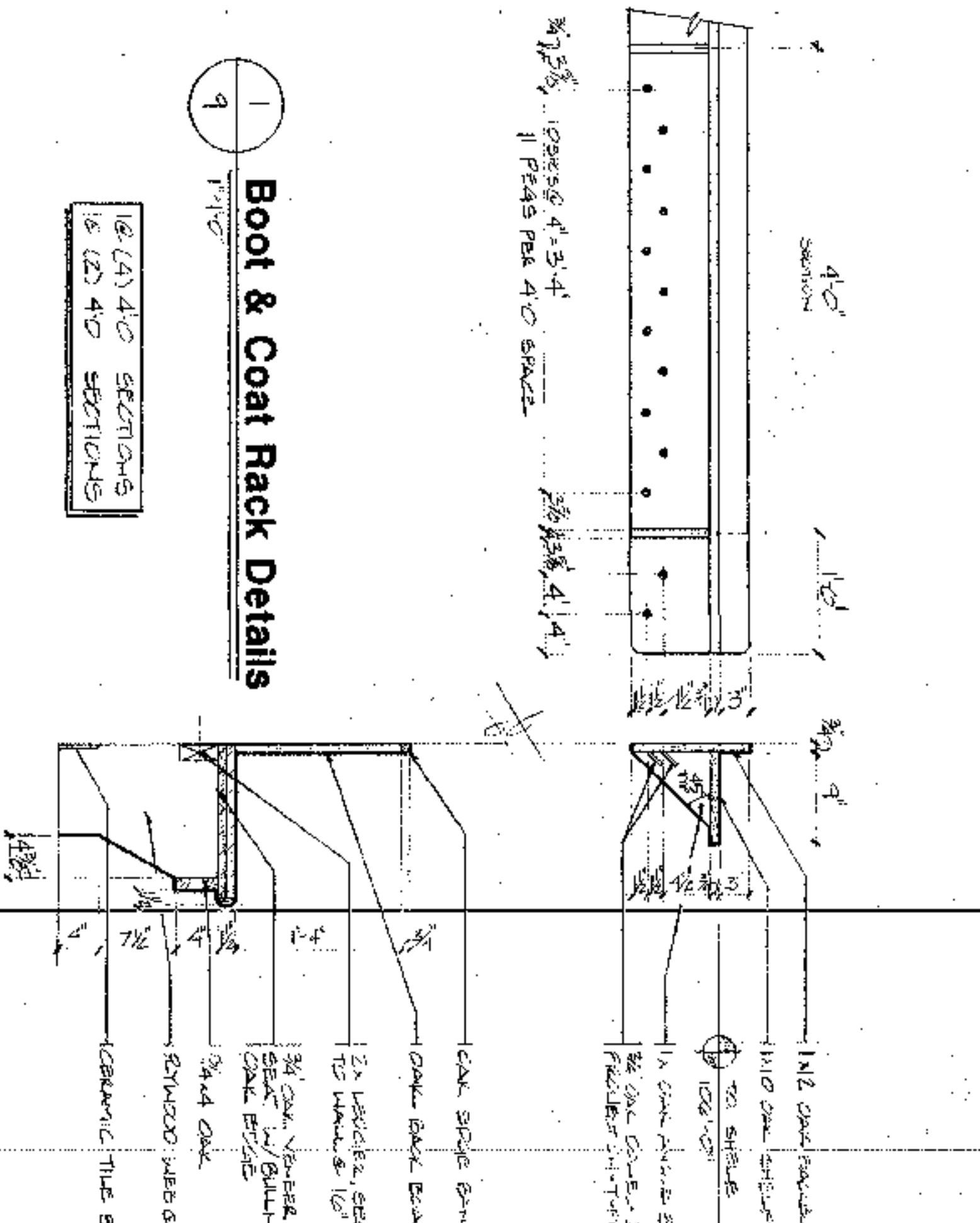
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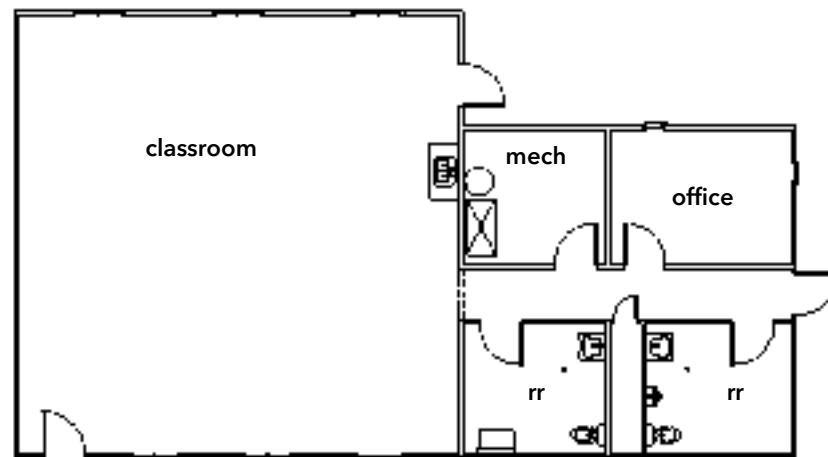
- [Children & Nature Network](#)
- [How-To Guides for Outdoor Play Spaces](#)
- [Learning Through Landscapes](#)
- [Natural Learning Initiative](#)

Appendix C: Architecture

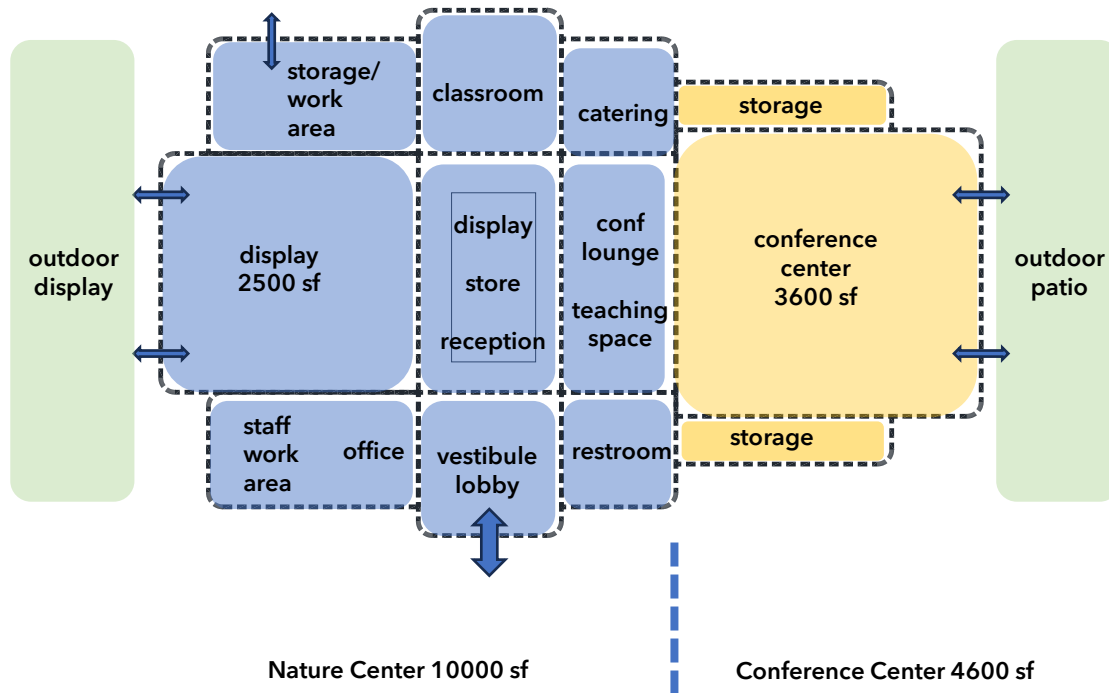
1. Existing Floor Plans (Visitor Center, DeWaters)
2. Proposed Building Program (Visitor Center)
3. Proposed Floor Plan; Welcome Center
4. Proposed Floor Plan; DeWaters Renovations

Room Finish Schedule						
RM	ROOM NAME	FLOOR	BASE	WALL	CEILING	REMARKS
			CERAMIC TILE			
			CARPET			
			SEALED CONC.			
			CERAMIC TILE			
			VINYL COVE			
			NONE			
			GYP. BD. PAINTED			
			CERAMIC TILE			
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			2x2 LAY-IN			
			HEIGHT			
01	VESTIBULE				9'-6"	INSERT FLOOR MAT
02	LOBBY				9'-6"	
03	REC./GIFT				9'-0"	
04	STORAGE				9'-0"	
05	WOMEN'S				9'-0"	
06	MEETING RM				9'-0"	
07	KITCHEN				9'-0"	
08	AUD. CLASS RM				9'-0"	WOOD BEAMS PER DETAIL
09	MECH.				VARIES	
10	AUDIO/VISUAL				VARIES	
11	CLOSET				VARIES	
12	NATURE EXHIBIT				VARIES	WOOD BEAMS PER DETAIL
13	MECH.				VARIES	
14	NATURE LOCK RM				VARIES	WOOD BEAMS PER DETAIL
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16	JANITOR				VARIES	
17	EMPL. TOL. RM				VARIES	
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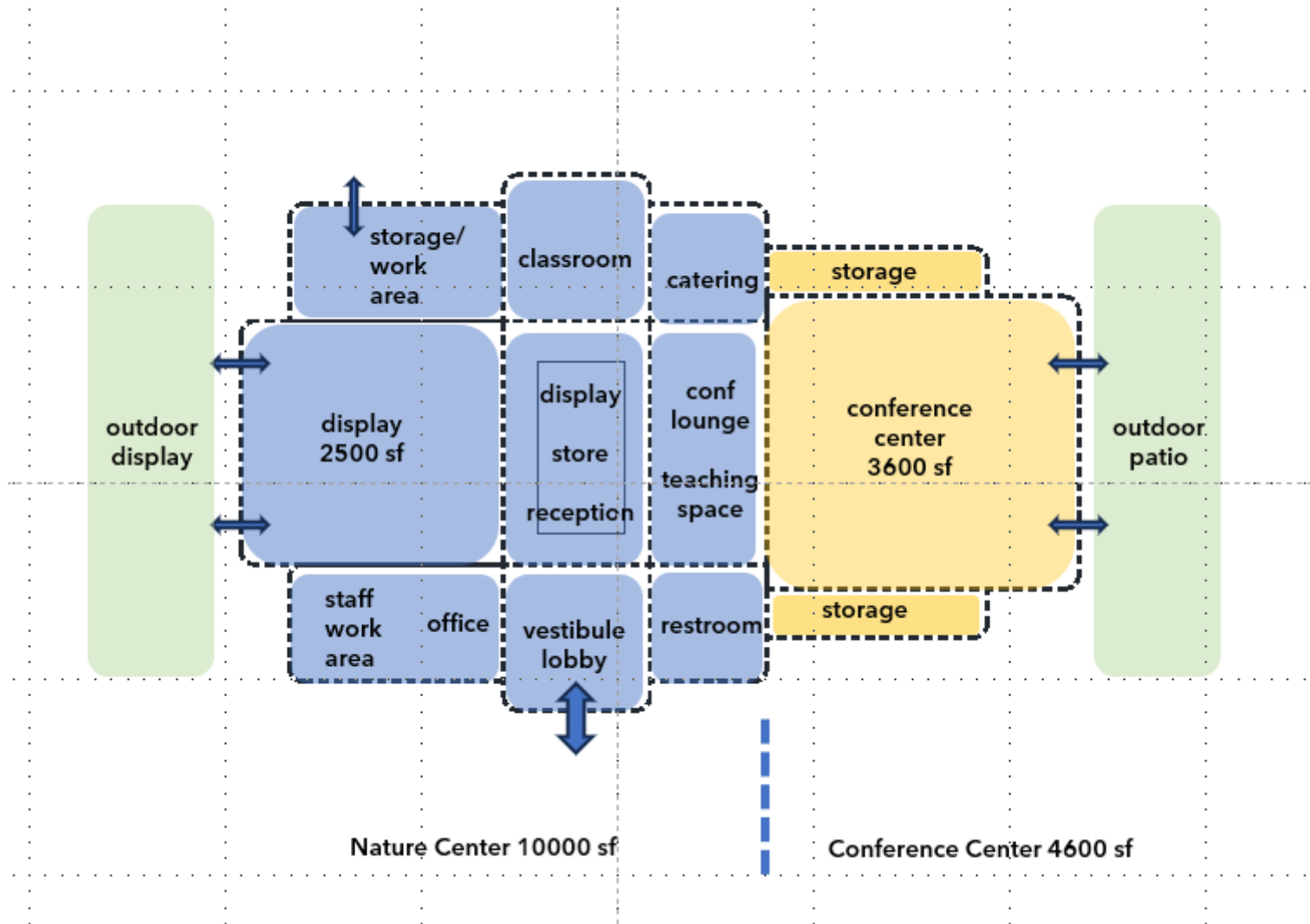




Existing DeWaters Building

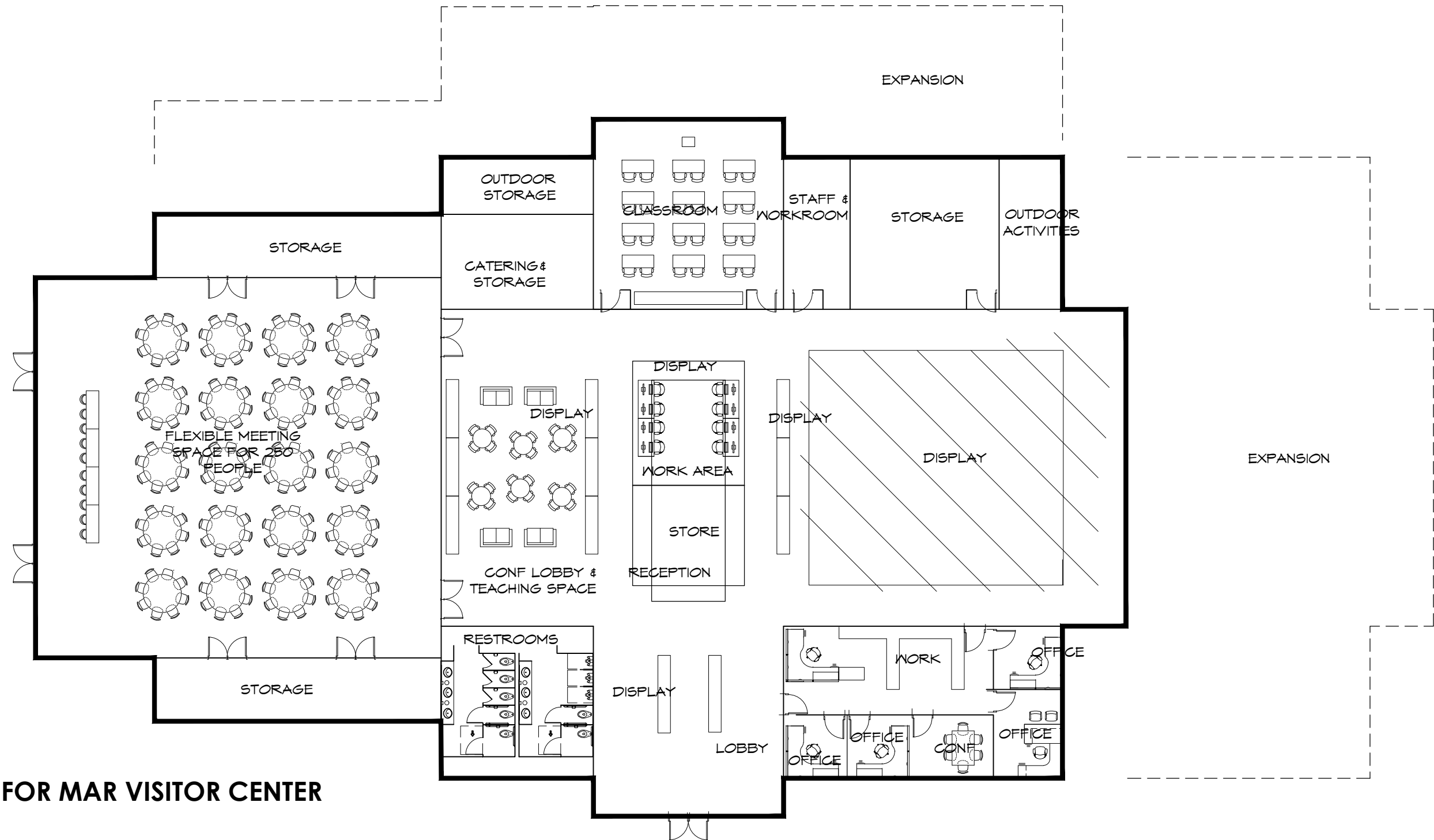


Proposed For Mar Nature Center and Conference Center

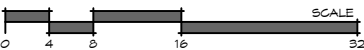


FOR-MAR NATURE PRESERVE AND ARBORETUM MASTERPLAN

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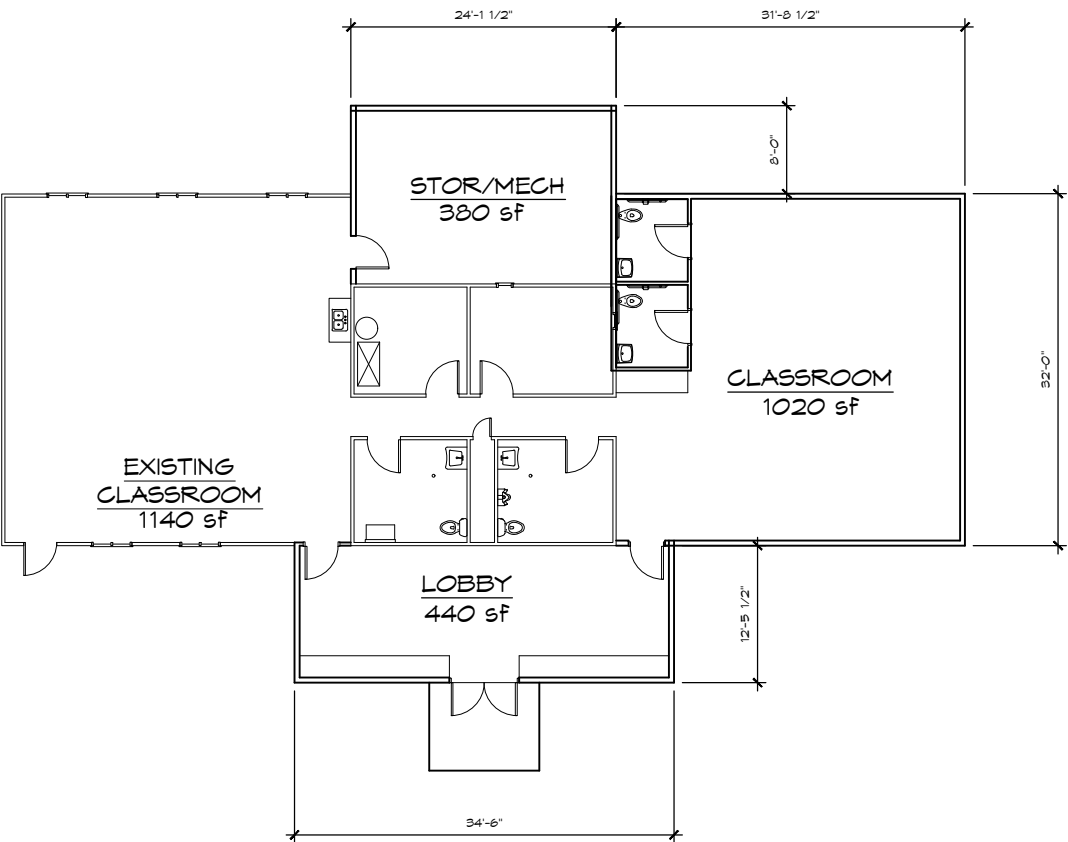
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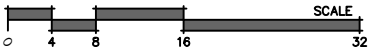
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GENESEE COUNTY PARKS



PROPOSED DE WATERS EDUCATIONAL CENTER ± 3,400 SF



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Appendix D: Natural Systems

1. Ecosystem Assessment
2. FEMA Flood Plain Map
3. Maintenance Zone Examples

For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum

Survey and Summary Performed and Written by Mike Sobieski, Ecosystem Specialist

Ecosystem Assessment Survey

Davey Resource Group (“DRG”) performed a meandering survey of various ecosystem types found within the For-Mar Nature Center and Arboretum in Burton, MI to gain a better understanding of conservation quality, educational potential, and management practices in the existing natural areas. The survey was conducted in areas designated by For-Mar staff as highest priority and within the confines of the areas delineated in Figure 1 in bold white numerals.

The survey areas can be loosely categorized as ecosystem types:

- 16: Northern Wooded Area
- 13.1,13.2: Prairie
- 9: Wetland
- 17: Wetland (Runoff Pond)
- 18: Maintained Turfgrass
- 15.1-4: Riparian (Kearsley Creek)

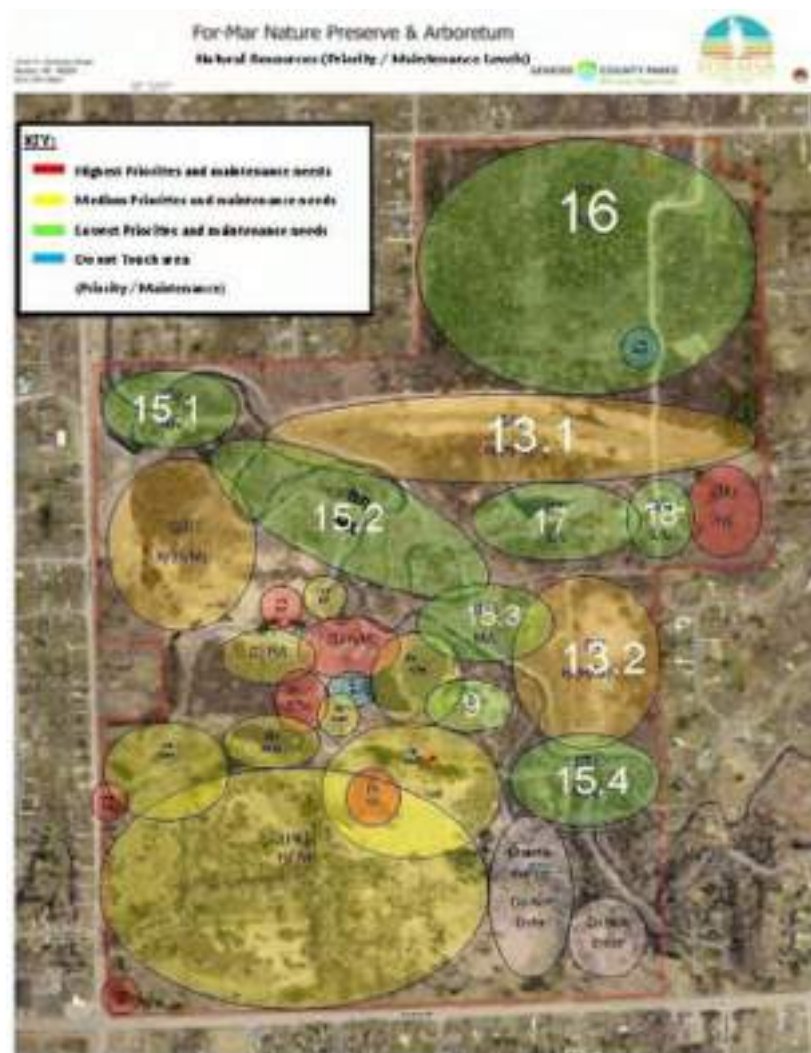


Figure 1. Survey Areas

Upland Management Units

16: Northern Wooded Unit

This area is a predominantly unmaintained, upland, dry-mesic forest that is possibly a former orchard or pine plantation. Several coniferous species such as *Pinus rubra* (Red Pine) and *Pinus sylvestris* (Scotch Pine) are present as well as many *Malus* species believed to be apple or crabapple. *Acer rubrum* (Red Maple) and *Prunus serotina* (Black Cherry) and small populations of *Juniperus spp.* *Carya ovata* (Shagbark Hickory) and *Quercus alba* (White Oak) were also present

There is a thick understory of invasive *Rhamnus cathartica* and *Frangula alnus* (Common and Glossy Buckthorn), *Elaeagnus umbellata* (Autumn Olive), and *Lonicera spp* (Honeysuckle) found in dense populations throughout the zone mainly located around the margins of the unit. There is a large population of first year growth of buckthorn > 1' height found throughout the unit. The center of the unit had slightly higher species diversity with more sparse occurrences of new growth invasive species.



Left to Right: Zone 16 understory, Junipers



Left to Right: Crowded understory, White Oak

Management challenges would largely surround the control of the woody invasive species. Given the extent of the area with dense population the associated cost would be prohibitive. There is a possibility that fire management may mitigate some of the early growth buckthorn and autumn olive but given the lower quality of this unit it may not be feasible. Control efforts could be best used within the center and north sections of the unit that has less dense invasive populations with a more open canopy. These areas could be potentially utilized for beneficial use such as a small loop path and interpretative signage.

Prairie Units

13:1 - Northern Prairie/Sewer Line Unit

This unit is presented as a mowed open field composed mainly of turf grass, cool season nonnatives and common turf weeds. This unit contains a sewer line, on which further information would be needed to conclusively determine management capacity. This unit would very much benefit from a program of cessation of mowing for a season followed by a vegetation assessment for native species present in the seed bed. Application of prescribed fire could greatly facilitate the propagation of native species and supplemental seeding in subsequent years to follow. A “prairie loop” trail with interpretive signage could be created once natives have established in this unit.

13.2 - Eastern Prairie Unit

This unit has great potential for native species population as well as educational opportunities. There is currently a large population of prairie natives like bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*) and big bluestem grass (*Andropogon gerardii*). Very few invasives were noted, mullein being the most noticeable but only in

sparse single stem occurrences. This unit would be an ideal candidate for prescribed burn and supplemental seeding to increase diversity and eliminate encroachment from invasives. The viewshed from trailside could be enhanced by the removal of the black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), *Malus spp.* and boxelder (*Acer negundo*). A photo monitoring station could be installed to invite the public to track the progress of the restoration over time. No further trail construction into this unit would be recommended.

Wetland & Riparian Units

15.1 Kearsley Creek Wetland and Riparian

This area is the most northeastern extent of Kearsley Creek as it enters park property. There is an overflow oxbow wetland area here as a result of a naturally occurring or manmade channel cut into the bank of the primary stream. This low to no flow area has little conservation value presently but some efforts made to propagate emergent species may prove useful. The banks through this oxbow wetland are steep and eroded with sandy soils, replacing invasive shrubs with native shrubs and trees may mitigate further bank failures.



Left to Right: Channel opening from creek to wetland, Oxbow wetland just east of Genesee Rd.

Moving to the main channel of Kearsley Creek there were a few instances of woody debris in the channel. While woody debris is often desirable in native stream systems too much can impede fish passage and create erosive flows around the blockage and weaken banks. Where the wood is excessive it is recommended to remove the wood from the center of the stream or in some cases completely. The cut logs can be used as toe logs along the banks to restore flow and prevent erosion.



Left to Right: Woody debris partially impeding flow, Woody debris acting as toe logs along left bank

The trails through this area appear to be currently under renovation so the following observations may not apply, but it was noted at the time there was a lot of brush that had been cut and piled along the trail margins making for poor aesthetics and blocked view of stream. Would recommend dragging brush out of view and piling for either decomposition or burning. Brush piles of this kind can create refugia and habitat for small mammals, birds, etc. Larger cut logs can be utilized for toe logs in streams, basking logs in wetlands or chipped for trails.

There were points where the viewshed of the stream was excellent and restoration efforts could be focused towards creating these “pockets” along the trail. Selecting areas with high interpretive and aesthetic value and establishing buffers around them via invasive species control and native plantings can be more cost effective in the long run. Eventually these pockets can be connected into larger restored zones.



Left to Right: Excellent viewing/restoration site, site that would benefit from restoration efforts

15.2 Kearsley Creek Riparian

Along the creek there are several areas of severe bank erosion and sandy soils. Slope stabilization efforts here may mitigate further decline. Installation of shrubs or in more highly degraded areas bioengineered products such as soil lifts, wattles, coir logs, or rip rap may be required. Refer to the photos below.



Left to Right: Bank erosion undermining trees, high bluff, and steep banks eroded

The photos below show very large woody debris in the creek impeding flow and fish passage, heavy equipment may be required to remove. These logs could be repurposed for other ecosystem needs in areas of concern.



Left and Right: Large woody debris in Kearsley Creek

The trail system in this unit has high traffic and a considerable amount of invasive species are located on each side - control efforts could be localized to a buffer zone of 10-30' off center of trail. This could be cost effective and beneficial. At several points "restoration pockets" could be created where there are sparser populations of invasive shrubs and trees to provide interest and aesthetic appeal.



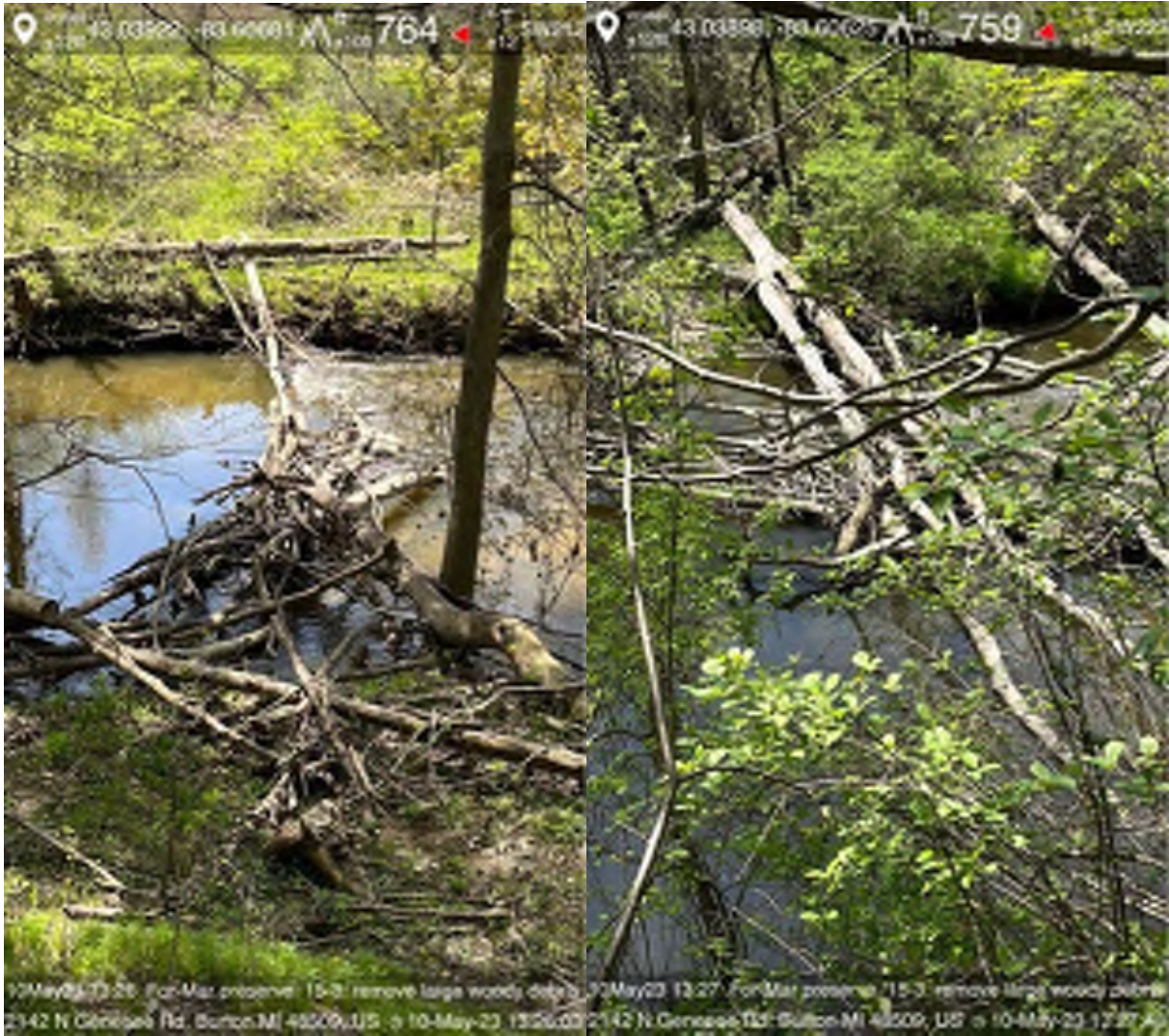
A meander in the stream created a floodplain shelf that appeared to be used by patrons off-trail to walk through - there were several dead standing snags and leaning dead trees that, if they fall, could potentially impact the trail and could cause injury to anyone walking through the floodplain off trail maintenance of high risk trees here is recommended.

Near trail markers #26 and #41 there is a 'horseshoe' shaped wetland that is currently used for vernal pool and wetland education events. This area is of good quality and should be enhanced with further wetland species both submergent and emergent plants and concentrated IVC. Photos shown below.



15.3 Kearsley Creek Riparian

This stretch of creek riparian zone is noted for the high left bank that has considerable erosion that would require significant practices to resolve. Short term restoration practices would involve increased shrub planting. Also noted were instances of woody debris in stream that should be thinned or removed to mitigate erosive flow. Please see the photos below for reference.



Left and Right: Large Woody Debris in stream viewed from high left bank

15.4: Kearsley Creek Riparian Wetland Oxbow

This presents as an oxbow or overflow pond of the main stream. There was no flow noted and stagnant water. This area contained dense populations of buckthorn, multiflora rose, honeysuckle and privet invasive woody species throughout creating a thick understory. The pool itself may be worth testing for vernal pool indicator species for future preservation efforts but otherwise not high quality enough at this time for educational or interpretive purposes.



Above: Wetland Oxbow

9: Wetland adjacent to Ground Water Pond

This semi-inundated wetland has great potential for educational and interpretive purposes. There were some individual species of autumn olive that should be removed which would increase the quality of the viewshed from both the trail and the observation deck. Some patches of non-native or native/non-native cattail species were spotted. A vigilant control program is needed to ensure it doesn't spread into the wetland. The planting of emergent and wet-mesic plants would enhance this area. Also, the number of basking logs could be increased for additional herp activity.



Top, Left, Right: Removal Autumn Olive, Basking logs, Overview of Wetland

17: Runoff Pond and Surrounding

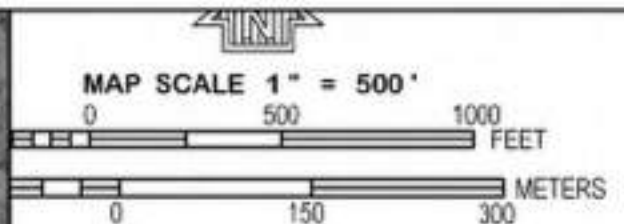
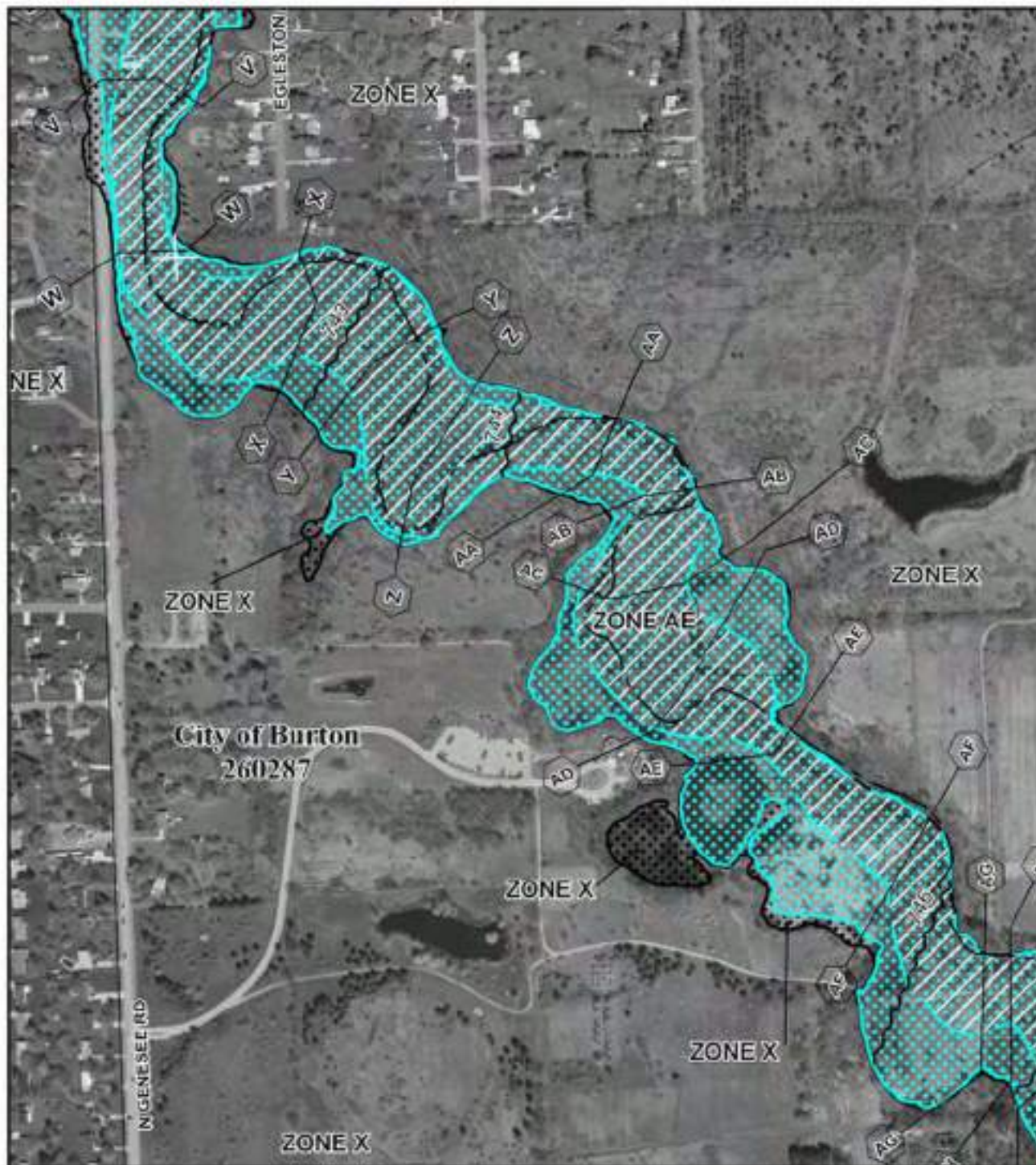
This wetland area had very little standing water at observation time, but vernal pool potential is present. Many green frogs were heard by observer. Basic invasive vegetation control would enhance this area and create more opportunities for view and signage. The adjacent shrub meadow south of the runoff pond area featured high populations of *Malus spp* and other shrub species that would be costly to remove. Many bird species were also heard here, interpretive signage for bird song activity would be a great addition for education.



Above: Runoff Pond

18: Dewaters/Hoop House

This zone is primarily maintained turf grass and not of much conservation value.



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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

PANEL 0211D

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
GENESEE COUNTY,
MICHIGAN
(ALL JURISDICTIONS)

PANEL 211 OF 475
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
BURTON, CITY OF	260287	0211	D
FLINT, CITY OF	260076	0211	D
GENESEE, TOWNSHIP OF	260076	0211	D

Notes to User: The Map Number shown below should be used when placing map orders; the Community Number shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.



MAP NUMBER
26049C0211D
EFFECTIVE DATE
September 25, 2009

Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Native Groundcover / Invasive Weed Control
Activities focused on clearing weedy and invasive plant species, tree planting, and establishing native, low-maintenance, ground cover.

Timeline: As needed, spring / fall.

Brush Control / Low Use Areas
Mechanical removal of overgrowth to improve visibility and safety in the park.

Timeline: Twice yearly, spring / fall.

Medium Use / Plant Protection
Mechanical / manual removal of grass and weeds to improve appearance and protect and promote growth of wildflowers.

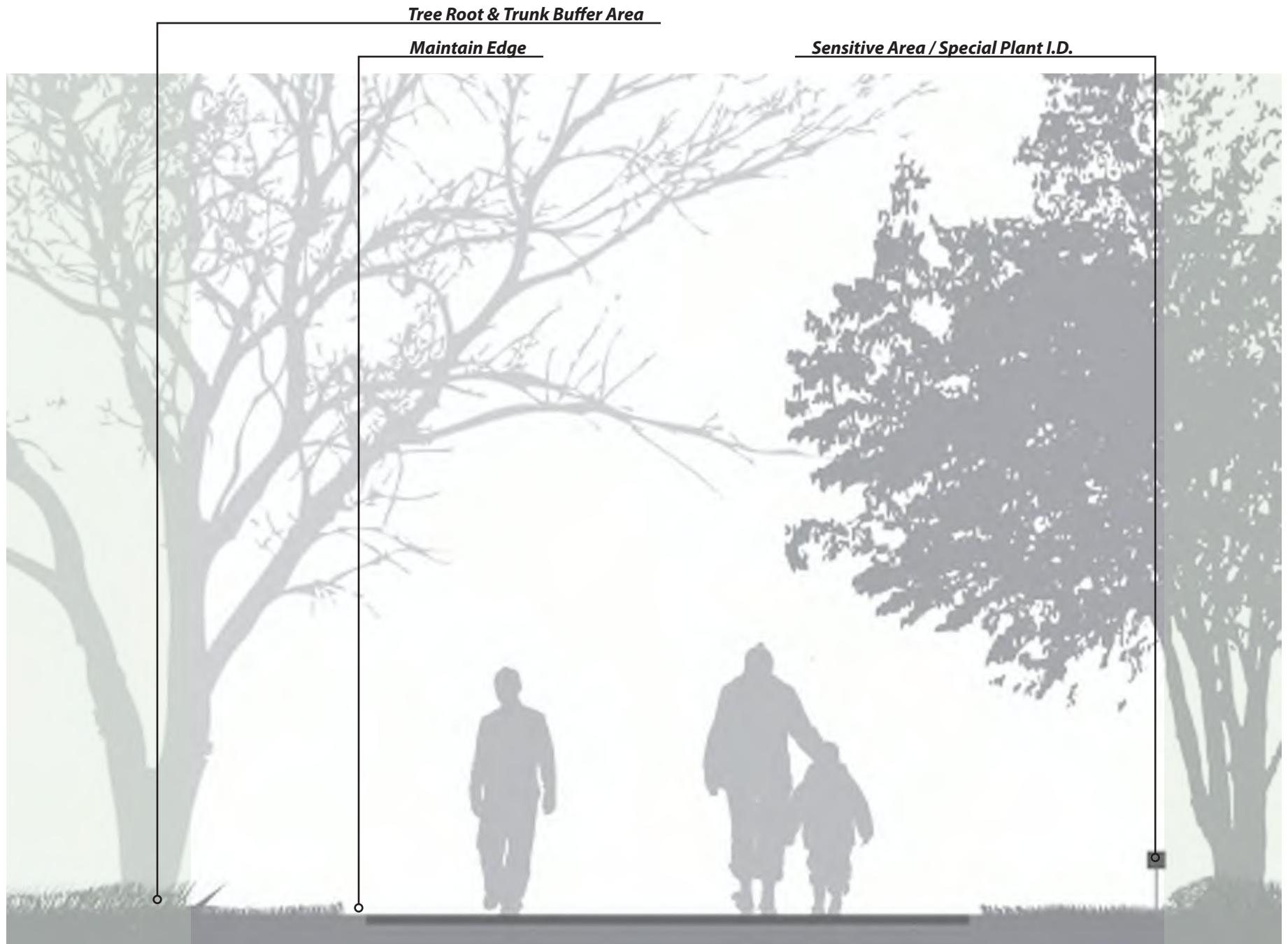
Timeline: Every 1–3 months.

High Use Areas
Routine mechanical / manual removal & maintenance of grass and weeds to improve appearance of the high use areas around the pathway, pavilions & activity areas.

Timeline: Every 2 weeks, as needed.



Typical Landscape Maintenance Zones



Typical Pathway Landscape Maintenance Zones

Maintain Function & Ecology of Wetland & Forest Systems

Maintain Interpretive Signage

**Maintain Accessibility & Safety of
Raised Boardwalk & Outlooks**

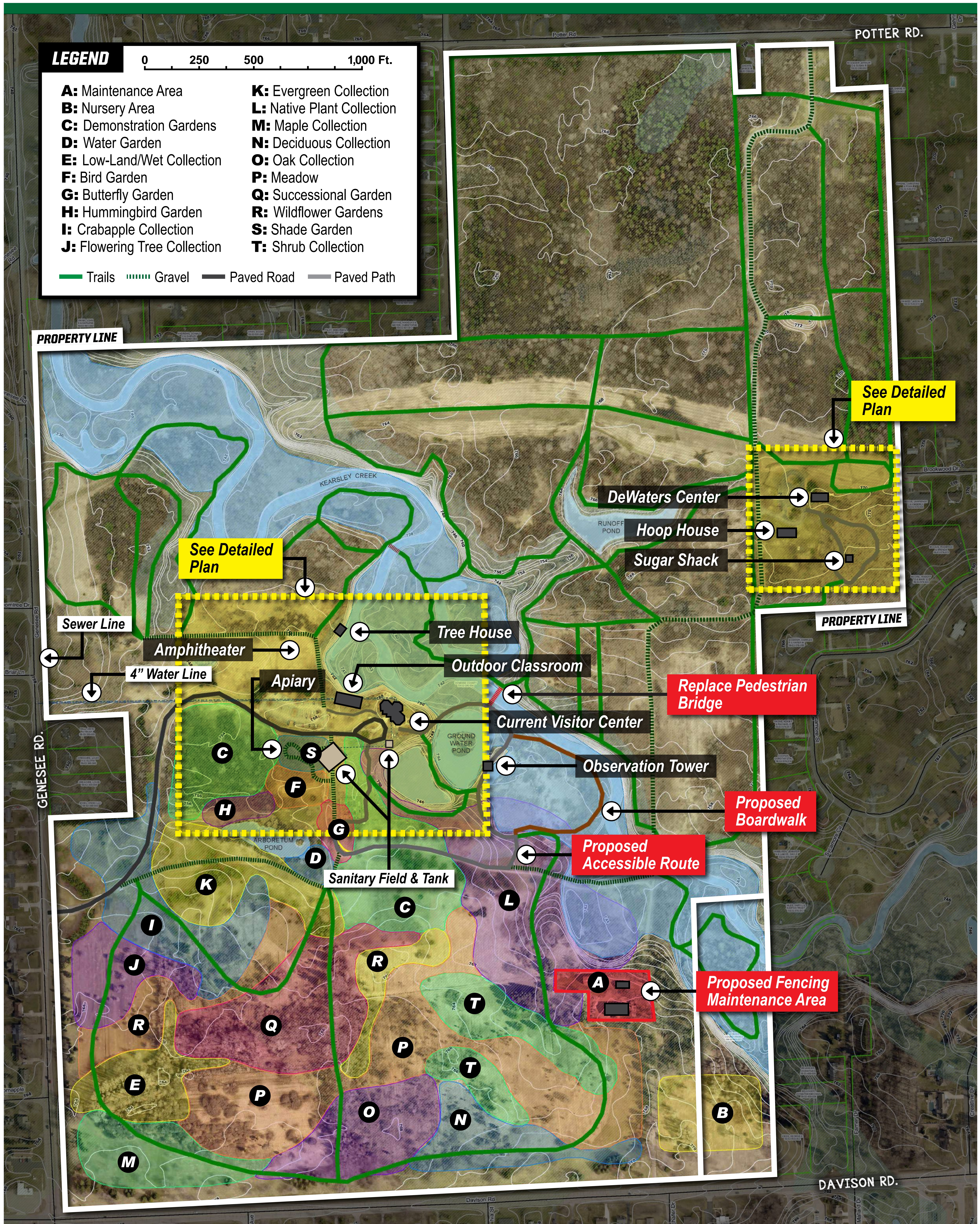


Typical Boardwalk & Outlook Landscape Maintenance

Appendix E: Action Plan Detail

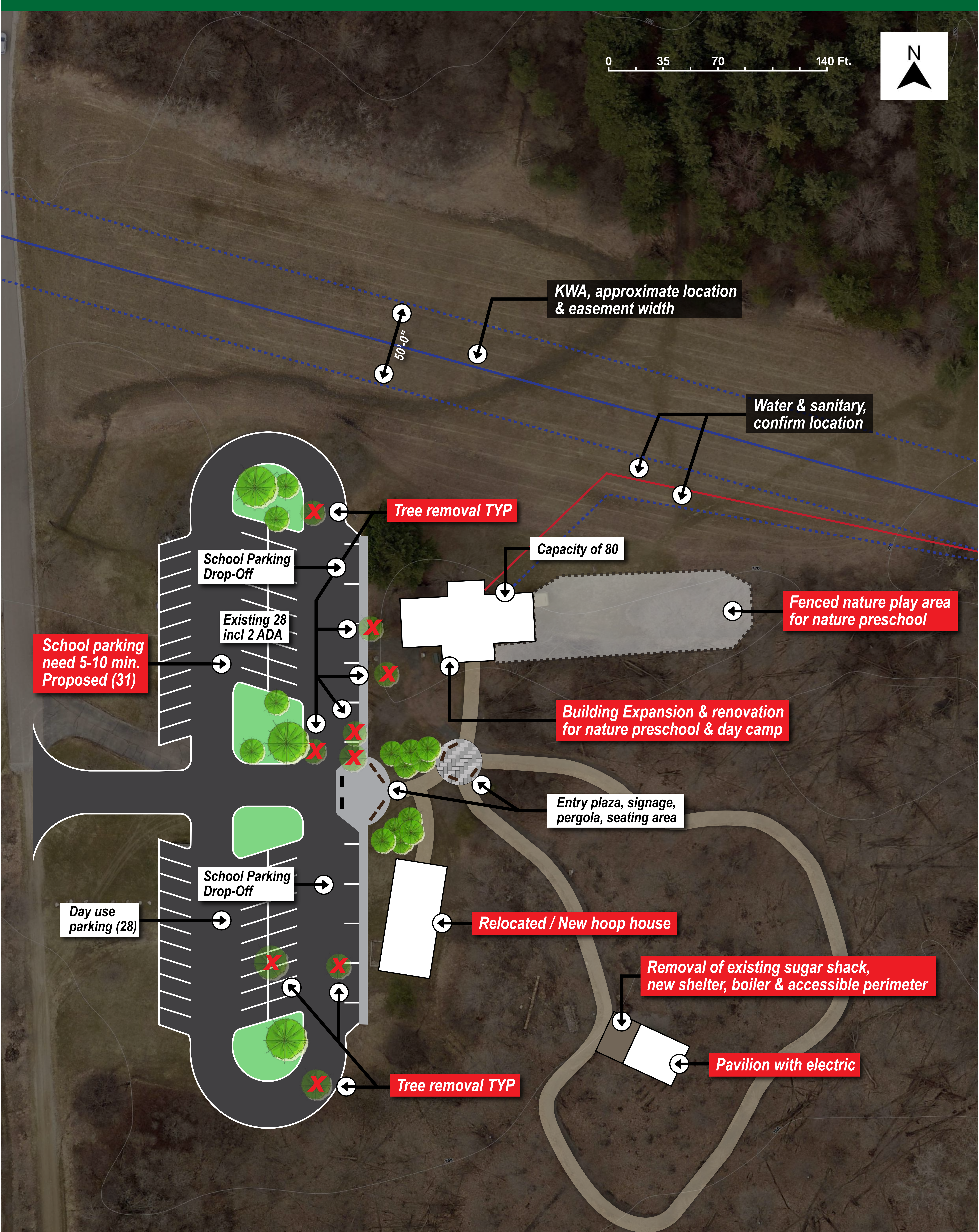
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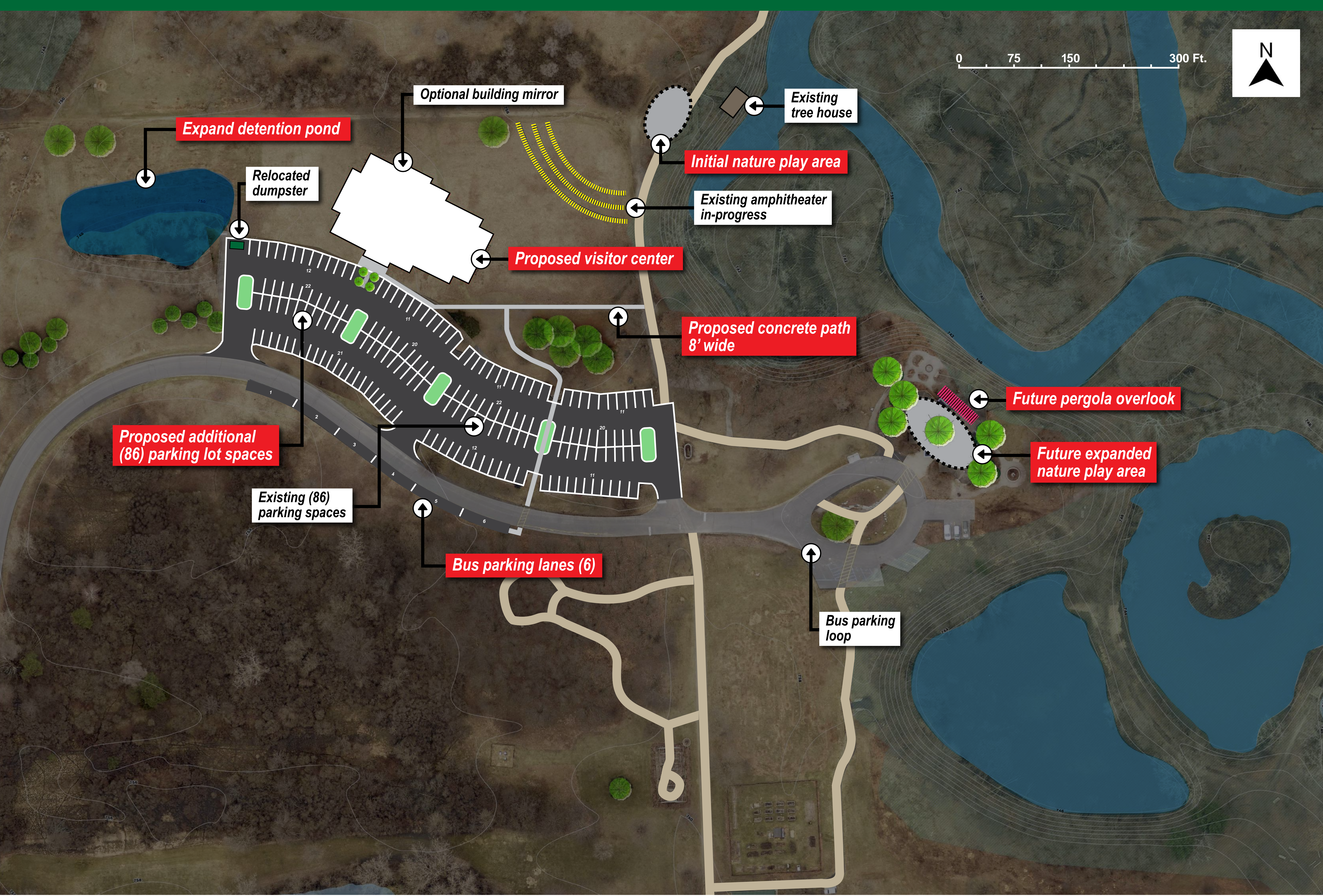
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CONSTRUCTION COST OPINION

LOCATION: Burton, MI

PROJECT: For Mar CIP, GCPRC

DATE: October 2023

JOB: 22C0318

Estimate based on schematic plan using 2023 dollars. Costs will vary based on final design, phasing and year of construction.

WORK DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
Visitor/Welcome Center				
New masonry building meeting LEED silver equivalent 14,600 sft. Expanded parking lot (add 86 spaces, 172 total)				
New Visitor/Welcome Center Building	14,600	SFT	\$ 300	\$ 4,380,000
Visitor/Welcome Center Exhibits	1	LSUM	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Old Visitor Center Demolition	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Site Clearing and Misc Removals	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Earthwork and Grading	1	LSUM	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Subgrade Undercutting	200	CYD	\$ 50	\$ 10,000
SESC Measures and Permit	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Storm Sewer	350	LFT	\$ 130	\$ 45,500
Storm Structures	5	EA	\$ 3,500	\$ 17,500
Stormwater Management (detention)	1	LSUM	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Water Service, 4 inch	150	LFT	\$ 130	\$ 19,500
Sanitary Sewer Service, 6 inch	1000	LFT	\$ 150	\$ 150,000
Sanitary Tap Fee (estimated)	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Dumpster Enclosure, wood	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Concrete Sidewalk, 4 inch	4000	SFT	\$ 12	\$ 48,000
Concrete Pavement, 6 Inch	1000	SFT	\$ 15	\$ 15,000
HMA Pavement Section, Parking	3500	SYD	\$ 65	\$ 227,500
HMA Overlay Existing Parking	3500	SYD	\$ 25	\$ 87,500
HMA Pavement Section, Bus Lane	500	SYD	\$ 65	\$ 32,500
Pavement Markings and Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
EV Type 2 Charging Pedestals	4	EA	\$ 8,000	\$ 32,000
Landscaping	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Site Furnishings Allowance	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Site Lighting Allowance	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Turf Establishment	1	LSUM	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Electrical Service Allowance	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Gas Service Allowance	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Subtotal				\$ 5,383,000
DeWaters Education Center				
Renovate existing building to support Nature Preschool or Camp				
Building Addition	2,000	SFT	\$ 300	\$ 600,000
Interior Furnishings	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Site Clearing and Misc Removals	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Earthwork and Grading	1	LSUM	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Subgrade Undercutting	200	CYD	\$ 50	\$ 10,000
SESC Measures and Permit	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Storm Sewer	250	LFT	\$ 130	\$ 32,500
Storm Structures	3	EA	\$ 3,500	\$ 10,500
Stormwater Management (detention)	1	LSUM	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Fencing	400	LFT	\$ 50	\$ 20,000
Water Service, 1.5 inch	50	LFT	\$ 100	\$ 5,000
Sanitary Sewer Service, 6 inch	50	LFT	\$ 150	\$ 7,500
Dumpster Enclosure	1	LSUM	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Concrete Sidewalk, 4 inch	3000	SFT	\$ 12	\$ 36,000
Concrete Sidewalk, Thickened Edge, 6 Inch	2500	SFT	\$ 15	\$ 37,500
Pavement, Removal	800	SYD	\$ 10	\$ 8,000
HMA Pavement Section	3500	SYD	\$ 65	\$ 227,500
Pavement Markings and Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Decorative Pavement	600	SFT	\$ 25	\$ 15,000
Landscaping	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Site Furnishings Allowance	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Site Lighting Allowance	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Turf Establishment	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Electrical Service Allowance - work by others	1	LSUM	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Gas Service Allowance - work by others	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Subtotal				\$ 1,294,500

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Replace Sugarbush Building				
Pavilion and boiler				
Pavilion (30 x 30) and New Sugar Boiler	1	LSUM	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
New Boiler Enclosure	1	LSUM	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Concrete Sidewalk, 4 inch at Pavilion	1500	SFT	\$ 12	\$ 18,000
Subtotal				\$ 86,000
Native Seeding Area				
1 acre fenced native seeding demonstration plot				
Clearing	1	LSUM	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Fencing, 8'	900	LFT	\$ 50	\$ 45,000
Seeding	1	ACRE	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Erosion Control, Silt Fence	200	LFT	\$ 2	\$ 400
Subtotal				\$ 101,400
Replace Suspension Bridge				
65' span lft bridge, 6' wide				
Demolition	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Structure	1	LSUM	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Boardwalk	60	LFT	\$ 2,500	\$ 150,000
Subtotal				\$ 410,000
Initial Nature Play Area				
1,800 sft nature play feature area with shredded bark or grass surface				
Clearing	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Fencing	200	LFT	\$ 50	\$ 10,000
Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Erosion Control, Silt Fence	100	LFT	\$ 2	\$ 200
Play Features	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Surfacing	1,800	SFT	\$ 15	\$ 27,000
Turf Establishment	1	LSUM	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Subtotal				\$ 66,200
Overlook / Future Nature Play Area				
1,800 sft nature play feature area, pergola, seating, landscape and fencing				
Clearing	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Fencing	350	LFT	\$ 50	\$ 17,500
Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Erosion Control, Silt Fence	100	LFT	\$ 2	\$ 200
Play Features	1	LSUM	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Surfacing	1,800	SFT	\$ 15	\$ 27,000
Landscape	1	LSUM	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Pergola	1	LSUM	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Concrete Sidewalk, 4 inch	4000	SFT	\$ 12	\$ 48,000
Site Furnishings	1	LSUM	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Turf Establishment	1	LSUM	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Subtotal				\$ 191,700

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Maintenance Area				
Fencing and signage				
Fencing, farm fence 4' ht	1,500	LFT	\$ 15	\$ 22,500
Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Subtotal			\$	25,500
Observation Tower				
Replace				
Demolition	1	LSUM	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Structure	1	LSUM	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Subtotal			\$	62,000
Pit Toilet at Visitor Center				
Pre-fab unit, single stall				
Site Prep and Install	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Structure	1	LSUM	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Subtotal			\$	45,000
Rec 101 Trailer				
Custom exhibit trailer for mobile programs				
Trailer	1	LSUM	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Stock, materials, exhibits	1	LSUM	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Subtotal			\$	6,000
Signage				
Wayfinding at various location				
Potter Road Entrance	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Overflow Parking at Visitor Center	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Revise Trail Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Internal Wayfinding to Key Destinations	1	LSUM	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Merkey Interpretive Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Subtotal			\$	60,000
Wetland Boardwalk				
Floating, 8' wide, 1000 lft				
Boardwalk	8,000	SFT	\$ 100	\$ 800,000
Abutments	2	EA	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
Interpretive Signage	1	LSUM	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Subtotal			\$	809,000
Miscellaneous Exhibit Improvements				
Existing elements				
Water and electric to Butterfly House	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Power to pavilion, 500 lft	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Solar bollard lights at entrances	16	AEA	\$ 500	\$ 8,000
Groundwater dock, 10x10	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Merkley Meditation Garden	1	LSUM	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Accessible mats for gardens, 5' wide	50	LFT	\$ 46	\$ 2,300
Subtotal			\$	65,300

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Accessible Path to Boardwalk				
Crushed limestone, 8' wide, 600 lft				
Turf Establishment	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Earthwork/Excavation	1	LSUM	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
SESC Measures	1	LSUM	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Aggregate Base, 4"	4800	SYD	\$ 13	\$ 62,400
Crushed Limestone Surface Cse, 2 1/2"	4800	SYD	\$ 13	\$ 62,400
Subtotal			\$	144,800
In providing opinions of probable construction cost, the Client understands that the Consultant has no control over the cost or availability of labor, equipment or materials, or over market conditions or the Contractors method of pricing and that the Consultants opinions of probable constructions costs are made on the basis of the Consultant's professional judgement and experience. the consultant makes no warranty, express or implied, that the bids or the negotiated costs of the work will not vary from the Consultant's opinion of probably construction cost.				

PHASING PLAN

LOCATION: Burton, MI
PROJECT: For Mar CIP, GCPRC
10/3/2023
JOB: 22C0318
Refer to detailed construction cost opinion for additional information.

WORK DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	%	AMOUNT	TIMELINE
Suspension Bridge Replacement				
Rationale: Currently closed due to structural concerns, provides key link to trails, needs replacement.				
Task			\$ 410,000	
Subtotal			\$ 410,000	
Mobilization (10%)			\$ 41,000	
Contingency (20%)			\$ 82,000	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$ 133,250	
Escalation			\$ 39,975	
TOTAL			\$ 706,225	
Budget			\$ 707,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	42%	\$300,000	2024-'26
MDNR Trust Fund Grant	MDNR	42%	\$300,000	2024-'26
Private	FOF	36%	\$107,000	2024-'26
Maintenance Yard Fencing				
Rationale: Multiple break in's during each year, need to secure yard.				
Task			\$ 25,500	
Subtotal			\$ 25,500	
Mobilization (10%)			\$ 2,550	
Contingency (20%)			\$ 5,100	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$ 8,288	
Escalation			\$ 2,486	
TOTAL			\$ 43,924	
Budget			\$ 45,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$45,000	2024-'26
Power to Existing Pavilion				
Rationale: Provides support to existing program space				
Task			\$ 10,000	
Subtotal			\$ 10,000	
Mobilization (10%)			\$ 1,000	
Contingency (20%)			\$ 2,000	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$ 3,250	
Escalation			\$ 975	
TOTAL			\$ 17,225	

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Budget			\$ 18,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$18,000	2024-'26

Solar Bollard Lights at Parking Lot Entrances

Rationale: Provides safety for evening use and security

Task				\$	8,000
Subtotal				\$	8,000
Mobilization (10%)				\$	800
Contingency (20%)				\$	1,600
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)				\$	2,600
Escalation				\$	780
TOTAL				\$	13,780
Budget				\$	14,000
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$14,000	2024-'26	

Replace Dock at Groundwater Pond

Rationale: Current dock is removed, provides a key program location

Task				\$	10,000
Subtotal				\$	10,000
Mobilization (10%)				\$	1,000
Contingency (20%)				\$	2,000
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)				\$	3,250
Escalation				\$	975
TOTAL				\$	17,225
Budget				\$	18,000
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%		\$18,000	2024-'26

Enhance Internal Wayfinding Signage

Rationale: Needed for user orientation to key program destinations when entering the site

Task				\$	15,000
Subtotal				\$	15,000
Mobilization (10%)				\$	1,500
Contingency (20%)				\$	3,000
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)				\$	4,875
Escalation				\$	1,463
TOTAL				\$	25,838
Budget				\$	26,000
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$26,000	2024-'26	

Renovate DeWaters Education Center

Rationale: Currently underused, provides potential for a key program for nature camp or preschool program

Task	\$ 1,294,500
Subtotal	\$ 1,294,500

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Mobilization (10%)			\$	129,450
Contingency (20%)			\$	258,900
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	420,713
Escalation			\$	126,214
TOTAL			\$	2,229,776
Budget			\$ 2,230,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	22%	\$500,000	2024-'26
Capital Fund Drive	MDNR	45%	\$1,000,000	2024-'26
Other	TBD	146%	\$730,000	2024-'26

Native Seeding Demonstration Project

Rationale: Construct 1 acre area to show a space not impacted by invasive plant systems

Task			\$	101,400
Subtotal			\$	101,400
Mobilization (10%)			\$	10,140
Contingency (20%)			\$	20,280
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	32,955
Escalation			\$	9,887
TOTAL			\$	174,662
Budget			\$ 175,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	29%	\$50,000	2024-'26
CISMA grant	TBD	71%	\$125,000	2024-'26

Replace Sugar Bush Building

Rationale: Replace boilder and add new pavilion for program capacity

Task			\$	86,000
Subtotal			\$	86,000
Mobilization (10%)			\$	8,600
Contingency (20%)			\$	17,200
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	27,950
Escalation			\$	8,385
TOTAL			\$	148,135
Budget			\$ 150,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	33%	\$50,000	2024-'26
Private	TBD	67%	\$100,000	2024-'26

Nature Play Area (initial)

Rationale: Develop pilot area, can be expanded or relocated in future

Task			\$	66,200
Subtotal			\$	66,200
Mobilization (10%)			\$	6,620
Contingency (20%)			\$	13,240
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	21,515
Escalation			\$	6,455

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TOTAL			\$	114,030
Budget			\$	114,000
Millage Funds	GCPRC	44%	\$50,000	2024-'26
Private	TBD	56%	\$64,000	2024-'26

Merkley Medetation Garden

Rationale: Location to be determined

Task			\$	25,000
Subtotal			\$	25,000
Mobilization (10%)			\$	2,500
Contingency (20%)			\$	5,000
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	8,125
Escalation			\$	2,438
TOTAL			\$	43,063
Budget			\$	45,000
Private	FOF	100%	\$45,000	2024-'26

Rec 101 Trailer

Rationale: Support programs on and off site

Task			\$	6,000
Subtotal			\$	6,000
Contingency (20%)			\$	1,200
TOTAL			\$	7,200
Budget			\$	7,500
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$7,500	2024-'26

Wayfinding Signage Potter Road

Rationale: Help direct visitors to park

Task			\$	5,000
Subtotal			\$	5,000
Mobilization (10%)			\$	500
Contingency (20%)			\$	1,000
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	1,625
Escalation			\$	488
TOTAL			\$	8,613
Budget			\$	9,000
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$9,000	2024-'26

Wetland Boardwalk

Rationale: Accessible floating boardwalk new observation deck, 1000lft

Task			\$	809,000
Subtotal			\$	809,000
Mobilization (10%)			\$	80,900

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Contingency (20%)			\$	161,800	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	262,925	
Escalation			\$	78,878	
TOTAL			\$	1,393,503	
Budget			\$	1,400,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	21%	\$300,000		2024-'26
MDNR Trust Fund Grant	MDNR	21%	\$300,000		2024-'26
Private	TBD	267%	\$800,000		2024-'26

Accessible Matts for Garden Exhibit					
Rationale: Increase accessiblity for existing feature					
Task			\$	2,300	
Subtotal			\$	2,300	
Contingency (20%)			\$	460	
TOTAL			\$	2,760	
Budget			\$	3,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$3,000		2024-'26

Replace Observation Tower					
Rationale: Lifecycle replacement					
Task			\$	62,000	
Subtotal			\$	62,000	
Mobilization (10%)			\$	6,200	
Contingency (20%)			\$	12,400	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	20,150	
Escalation			\$	6,045	
TOTAL			\$	106,795	
Budget			\$	107,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	47%	\$50,000		2024-'26
Private	TBD	114%	\$57,000		2024-'26

Pre-fab Pit Toilet near Visitors Center					
Rationale: After hours use as well as added capacity					
Task			\$	45,000	
Subtotal			\$	45,000	
Contingency (20%)			\$	9,000	
TOTAL			\$	54,000	
Budget			\$	54,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$54,000		2024-'26

Wayfinding Signage at Overflow Parking Lot at Visitors Center					
Rationale: After hours use as well as added capacity					
Task			\$	5,000	

Phasing Plan

PROJECT: For Mar CIP, GCPRC

10/3/2023

Subtotal			\$	5,000	
Contingency (20%)			\$	1,000	
TOTAL			\$	6,000	
Budget			\$	6,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$6,000		2024-'26

Interpretive Signage of Merkely Farm					
Rationale: Historical context for property					
Task			\$	10,000	
Subtotal			\$	10,000	
Mobilization (10%)			\$	1,000	
Contingency (20%)			\$	2,000	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	3,250	
Escalation			\$	975	
TOTAL			\$	17,225	
Budget			\$	20,000	
Private	FOF	100%	\$20,000		2024-'26

Accessible Path to Boardwalk					
Rationale: Accessible route from the Visitor Center to the Groundwater Pond					
Task			\$	144,800	
Subtotal			\$	144,800	
Mobilization (10%)			\$	14,480	
Contingency (20%)			\$	28,960	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	47,060	
Escalation			\$	14,118	
TOTAL			\$	249,418	
Budget			\$	250,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	30%	\$75,000		2024-'26
MDNR Passport Grant	MDNR	70%	\$175,000		2024-'26

Overlook					
Rationale: Provide view overlooking the Kearsley Creek and focal hub for the site					
Task			\$	191,700	
Subtotal			\$	191,700	
Mobilization (10%)			\$	19,170	
Contingency (20%)			\$	38,340	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	62,303	
Escalation			\$	18,691	
TOTAL			\$	330,203	
Budget			\$	325,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	26%	\$85,000		2024-'26
MDNR MNRTF Grant	MDNR	74%	\$240,000		2024-'26

Phasing Plan

PROJECT: For Mar CIP, GCPRC

10/3/2023

Revise Trail Signage

Rationale: Update after key changes in site features

Task			\$	25,000	
Subtotal			\$	25,000	
Mobilization (10%)			\$	2,500	
Contingency (20%)			\$	5,000	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	8,125	
Escalation			\$	2,438	
TOTAL			\$	43,063	
Budget			\$	43,000	
Private	FOF	100%	\$43,000		2024-'26

Water and Electrical Service to Butterfly House

Rationale: Support expanded programing

Task			\$	10,000	
Subtotal			\$	10,000	
Mobilization (10%)			\$	1,000	
Contingency (20%)			\$	2,000	
Design and Construction Engineering (25%)			\$	3,250	
Escalation			\$	975	
TOTAL			\$	17,225	
Budget			\$	18,000	
Millage Funds	GCPRC	100%	\$18,000		2024-'26

Funding Opportunities

General Fund

Continue to allow for re-investment in facilities to avoid future increased maintenance costs and ensure revenue streams when possible.

User Fee

Consider rental charges for unique programs and key facilities. Evaluate the fees annually to ensure they are providing the appropriate amount of funding to allow the programs to continue.

Bonds

Several bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.

Michigan Department of Transportation

The **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** provides funding for numerous types of projects that support the enhancement of transportation facilities and promote safe and efficient multi-modal transportation methods. This is a reimbursement program that originally comes from the federal level and is administered by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). A minimum of 20% local match is required for proposed projects.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

The **Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)** Grant provides funding assistance for state and local outdoor recreation needs, including land acquisition and development of recreation facilities. This assistance is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. These are grants between \$15,000 and \$300,000 with a required minimum local match of 25 percent. Final engineering and construction services are covered at a maximum of 15%.

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** provide grants to local units of government to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. At least 50 percent match on either acquisition or development projects is required from local government applicants. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS), which grants final approval.

The **Michigan Recreation Passport Grant** program is funded by sales of 'passport' opt in participation for those wishing to access or support Michigan parks as part of their license renewal. Eligible projects are targeted for renovation and improvement to existing parks. Grants range

from \$7,500 to \$150,000 with a minimum 25% local match, with the anticipation that the maximum grant amount will increase as revenue from sales of the Recreation Passport also increases.

The **Michigan Iron Belle Trail** funding this is a reimbursement grant program

All projects will meet Americans with Disabilities Act access requirements, use AASHTO design standards (Reduced width may be allowed on a case by case basis), Applicants/Co-Applicants are units of government, established trail authority, or eligible non-profit on the trail, Trail segment is on the proposed trail route (Iron Belle Map: www.michigan.gov/ironbelle) Applicants will have site control (after planning, if route is being determined) and will be the manager of the trail segment, Maximum ask: \$50,000

ELIGIBLE SCOPE ITEMS: Engineering/Design Assistance, Development Costs and Trail Signage, Trail Marketing, Capacity. Yearly application (year to year, short term, due March 15)

The **Michigan Invasive Species Grant** Program is funding that deals with the issues of prevention, detection, eradication and control for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species in Michigan. The scope of the grant must prevent new invasive species from being introduced, strengthen state-wide invasive species early detection and response network, limit the dispersal of recently confirmed invasive species and manage and control widespread, long-established invasive species. These grants are between \$25,000, with a maximum grant amount between \$60,000 and \$400,000.

Other DNR grants include specialized opportunities such as the **Urban and Community Forestry (UCF)** program, funded through the USDA Forest Service's State and Private Forestry program and the Water Trail Designation Program. Local units of government, nonprofit organizations and schools are eligible to apply. Projects include street and park tree management and planning activities; urban forestry training and education events; tree plantings; and Arbor Day celebrations.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Projects eligible for **CDBG** funding must be in a low-moderate income service area and/or provide access to the disabled to qualify. Investments using CDBG funds must provide a documented benefit to low-moderate income households. Projects eligible for funding include public infrastructure improvements and those that provide ADA accessibility.

MEDC Patronicity Crowd Funding

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has developed an additional way of securing funding for community development projects by using crowd-funding to support developments. Communities, non-profits, and municipalities can submit projects by applying to the Patronicity campaign. The projects that meet the programs parameters and successfully crowd-fund their goal will receive a matching grant from the MEDC of up to \$50,000.

<https://www.patronicity.com/puremichigan>

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA)

This direct loan and grant program provides funding for essential community facilities in through the Rural Development program. Example projects include pavilions with shared use as a Farmers Market at trailheads. Yearly applications. 7 CFR Part 4280, Subpart E.

United States Forest Service (USFS) and USDA

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world — the Great Lakes. As one of the initiative's 16 regional working group members, the U.S. Forest Service uses GLRI resources to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and accelerate progress toward long-term restoration goals for this important ecosystem.

In 2019, the EPA released GLRI Action Plan III, which outlines priorities and goals for Federal agencies working together on Great Lakes restoration through 2024. Cooperative Weed Management Area projects contribute to goals for GLRI Focus Area 2: Preventing and controlling invasive species. Grants vary based on EPA allocations.

Michigan Natural Resources Tree Planting Grants

Through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, there are three tree planting, grant programs that will assist in funding landscape enhancements at the park and reforestation projects. Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project cost.

Donations

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships

Reduced funding at the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities, as well as between two or more public entities to accommodate specialized large-scale recreation demands.

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity established as a mechanism through which land, cash and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan.

National Forest Foundation – Matching Awards Program (MAP)

Provides funding for results-oriented “on-the ground” projects that enhance outdoor experiences in forests and grasslands. Match is 1:1 and applications are due in January of every year for

Round 1 and June for Round 2. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) non-profits, universities and federally recognized Native American tribes.

Harry A. & Margaret D. Towsley Foundation

Provides funding for projects in arts/culture, education, environmental support, civic and community activities and health and human services. The geographic area of primary interest is Michigan. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) non-profits, community groups, non-political committees, and local capital improvement projects. Capital project request may not exceed 10% of the total cost of the project. Foundation does not support organization on an annual (or ongoing) basis and encourages self-sufficiency and financial sustainability.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Acres for America

Land conservation program to provide funding for projects that conserve large habitats for fish, wildlife and plant material through land acquisitions and easements. Launched with Walmart Stores as a founding partner, the program has protected over 1.49 million acres. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations 501 (c) organizations, state government agencies, local and municipal governments, tribal governments and educational institutions. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services.

Home Depot – Community Impact Grants

Grant offered through Home Depot. Grant awards go up to \$5,000 to 501 (c)(3) designated organization (for at least one year) and tax-exempt public service agencies in the United States. Grants are normally given in the form of Home Depot gift cards to purchase tools, material or services.

Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund

Developed in 2015, the purpose of the fund is to develop rails to trails routes throughout the United States and multi-use trails. Annually, the fund disperses \$85,000 through a competitive grant application for the purpose of development or acquisition. Average grant is between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

AARP Community Challenge

Community grant program is available for all 501 (c) non-profit organizations, government entities and other types of organizations based on a case-by-case basis. Program seeks to improve public spaces, civic engagement, inclusion, and transportation. Submission dates for grant program are April of the calendar year.

These grant funding opportunities can be accessed through the *Michigan Foundation Directory*.

https://subscribe.foundationcenter.org/?_ga=2.251298116.396118890.1593525913-378130520.1593525913&_gac=1.228271727.1593525913.CjwKCAjwxev3BRBBEiwAiB_PWJKS7JaVg1UtcOvn2w4xQ70R4WM9XI5o7YIRtcuLCZflf_X9nDxBqxoCCXgQAvD_BwE#/fdo/sign-up/professional

Location specific:

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) Grants
Grants are accepted from the Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) that deals with land use, water resources, wildlife stewardship, communication/regional marketing, agriculture and pollution prevention. The basis is to integrate economic goals with environmental and social goals based on the premise of meeting humans needs for residents.



APPENDIX B

CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
County of Genesee }SS.

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk/Register of the County of Genesee, Michigan, and Clerk of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution Approval of Genesee County's Proposed 5-Year Parks Plan with original record thereof now remaining in my office, and that the attached is a true and correct copy therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 17th day of January A.D. 2024.

GENESEE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Resolution No.: 2023-880
Date Adopted: December 6, 2023

DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk/Register

BY: 
Deputy County Clerk

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE GENESEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice, public review, and comment of a draft of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation 5-Year Parks Plan 2024-2029 was collected for a period no less than thirty days; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public review and multiple opportunities for public comment, a plan was developed for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting on November 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 5-Year Parks Plan 2024-2029 will be submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for its approval as a necessary requirement to becoming eligible to apply for various DNR administered grant programs.

BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of County Commissioners of Genesee County, Michigan, that the request by the Parks and Recreation Director to submit the 5-Year Parks Plan 2024-2029 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, is approved (a copy of the memorandum request and supporting documents being on file with the official records of the November 29, 2023 meeting of the Public Works Committee of this Board).



GENESEE COUNTY
— M I C H I G A N —

Genesee County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

5:30 PM

Willard P. Harris Auditorium

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ellen Ellenburg called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

III. INVOCATION

Commissioner Shumaker introduced Pastor Wes Morris from The Rock Church in Fenton. Pastor Morris spoke about his Christmas Hope Outreach Event at Dort Federal Event Center on December 23, 2023.

Invocation was led by Pastor Wes Morris from The Rock Church.

Chairperson Ellenburg held a moment of silence in honor of Commissioner Nolden

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

[RES-2023-959](#) Approval of Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2023

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James Avery

SECONDER: Shaun Shumaker

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

VI. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Richard Wagonlander, 506 Chamberlain St. Apt 1, Flushing MI - addressed the Board with concerns about Veteran Services.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

OneGenesee and Senior Services gave an update about the Item Drive for Senior Services.

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Clerk/Register Update - Domonique Clemons

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

1. **RES-2023-969** RE: Approval of two appointments to Bishop Airport Authority for terms expiring 12/31/25

1. Kevin Keane

2. Karyn Miller

Chairperson Ellenburg announced that an appointment for Bishop Airport Authority for two terms expiring 12/31/25 needed to be made. Commissioner Winfrey nominated Kevin Keane and Karyn Miller. A roll call vote was taken and each Commissioner stated their preference. Commissioners Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis voted for Kevin Keane and Karyn Miller.

Chairperson Ellenburg announced that Kevin Keane and Karyn Miller had been appointed to the Bishop Airport Authority for a term ending 12/31/25.

2. **RES-2023-955** RE: Approval of one appointment to Bishop Airport Authority for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/26

1. Winfield Cooper, III

Chairperson Ellenburg announced that an appointment for Bishop Airport Authority for one term expiring 12/31/26 needed to be made. Commissioner Winfrey nominated Winfield Cooper, III. A roll call vote was taken and each Commissioner stated their preference. Commissioners Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis voted for Winfield Cooper, III.

Chairperson Ellenburg announced that Winfield Cooper, III had been appointed to the Bishop Airport Authority for a term expiring 12/31/26.

3. **RES-2023-956** RE: Approval of one appointment to the Valley Area Agency on Aging for a 2-year term expiring 12/31/25

1. Charlene Kowalski

Chairperson Ellenburg announced that an appointment for Valley Area Agency for a two-year term expiring 12/31/25 needed to be made. Commissioner Winfrey nominated Charlene Kowalski. A roll call vote was taken and each Commissioner stated their preference. Commissioners Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis voted for Charlene Kowalski.

Chairperson Ellenburg announced that Charlene Kowalski had been appointed to the Valley Area Agency for a 2-year term expiring 12/31/25.

IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**A. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Ellen Ellenburg, Chairperson; Dale K. Weighill, Vice-Chairperson

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dale K. Weighill, Chairperson; Dr. Beverly Brown, Vice-Chairperson

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Martin L. Cousineau, Chairperson; Dr. Beverly Brown, Vice-Chairperson

1. [RES-2023-652](#) RE: MailRoom

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Dale K. Weighill

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

2. [RES-2023-747](#) RE: Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2023-2024 Appropriations Resolution for various line items as described in the attached budget adjustment form

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Beverly Brown

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

3. [RES-2023-833](#) RE: Planning Commission - Adjustment of Compensated Absence amount

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Charles Winfrey

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

4. [RES-2023-852](#) RE: Acceptance of the 4th Quarter Investment Report

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Beverly Brown

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

5. [RES-2023-864](#) **RE:** Circuit Court Request to authorize the funding of three (3) Jury Payment Kiosks in Circuit Court
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
6. [RES-2023-865](#) **RE:** Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2023-2024 Appropriations Resolution for various line items as described in the attached budget adjustment form
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
7. [RES-2023-866](#) **RE:** Elimination of one (1) Health Educator Coordinator position and create, post and fill one (1) Public Health Nurse Coordinator position
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
8. [RES-2023-879](#) **RE:** County Bills
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Dale K. Weighill
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
9. [RES-2023-891](#) **RE:** Approval of a request to create, post, and fill one Mitigation Specialist position at Genesee County's Office of the Public Defender; this position is fully grant funded
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

10. [RES-2023-892](#) **RE:** Approval of a request to create, post, and fill one Lead Paralegal position; this position is fully grant funded
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Ellen Ellenburg
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
11. [RES-2023-895](#) **RE:** Approval of request to create, post, and fill three new Lead Assistant Public Defender positions that will replace one vacant and two filled Assistant Public Defender III positions; all positions fully grant funded
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Beverly Brown
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
12. [RES-2023-904](#) **RE:** Create, post and fill one (1) Secretary Position
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
13. [RES-2023-908](#) **RE:** Approval of contract Amendment No 3 between Genesee County and Flint Odyssey House, in an amount not to exceed \$69,000 to provide substance abuse treatment services to Genesee County Sobriety Court; the cost of this agreement will be paid from account 2931-286.00-801.004.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Dale K. Weighill
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
14. [RES-2023-910](#) **RE:** Approval of contract Amendment No 1 between Genesee County and L.A.D.S. - Genesee LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, to provide drug and alcohol testing services for Genesee County Sobriety Court; the cost of this agreement will be paid from account numbers 2931-286.00-801.004 and 2927.286.02-801.004.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
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Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

15. [RES-2023-911](#) **RE:** Approval of contract Amendment No 1 between Genesee County and Nationwide Interlock LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 to provide alcohol monitoring services for Genesee County Sobriety Court; the cost of this agreement will be paid from account numbers 2931-286.00-801.004 and 2927-286.00-801.004.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Beverly Brown

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

16. [RES-2023-912](#) **RE:** Approval to amend the budget for the Genesee County Sobriety Court Bureau of Justice Assistance federal grant

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Charles Winfrey

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

17. [RES-2023-913](#) **RE:** Planning Commission - Request to create, post and fill a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist II position

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Dale K. Weighill

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

18. [RES-2023-921](#) **RE:** Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2023-2024 Appropriations Resolution for various line items as described in the attached budget adjustment form

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Martin L. Cousineau

SECONDER: Charles Winfrey

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

D. GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

James Avery, Chairperson; Shaun Shumaker, Vice-Chairperson

1. [RES-2023-777](#) RE: Approval to attend Conference

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: James Avery
 SECONDER: Shaun Shumaker

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
2. [RES-2023-807](#) RE: Acceptance of the FY24 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) for the Circuit Court Specialty Courts-Family Treatment Court in the amount of \$148,000.00.

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: James Avery
 SECONDER: Shaun Shumaker

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
3. [RES-2023-809](#) RE: Acceptance of the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) in the amount of \$154,800.

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: James Avery
 SECONDER: Shaun Shumaker

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
4. [RES-2023-824](#) RE: Purchase Order - Ballot Order for 2023 General Election

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: James Avery
 SECONDER: Beverly Brown

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
5. [RES-2023-825](#) RE: Purchase Order for 2024 Elections Ballot

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: James Avery
 SECONDER: Beverly Brown

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
6. [RES-2023-849](#) RE: Approval of a request to create, post and fill one (1) full-time Specialty Courts Services Director

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: James Avery
 SECONDER: Charles Winfrey

- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
7. [RES-2023-855](#) **RE:** Acceptance of the FY24 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) in the amount of \$260,000.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Shaun Shumaker
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
8. [RES-2023-858](#) **RE:** Create, establish, post and fill the position of Operations and Public Engagement Manager Circuit Court-Legal Records Division
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
9. [RES-2023-869](#) **RE:** Approval for the Circuit Court to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for jury management software. The total cost is \$62,653.00.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
10. [RES-2023-870](#) **RE:** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Clerk-Register and Chief Judge of the Circuit Court
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
11. [RES-2023-889](#) **RE:** Approval of a contract extension between Genesee County and Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, in the amount of \$150,000, to provide pre-petition and post-adjudication ancillary legal services for families involved in child welfare cases.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
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12. [RES-2023-896](#) RE: Dog Field Trip Policy
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Beverly Brown
Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
13. [RES-2023-898](#) RE: Approve an agreement with LOOMIS Armored US, LLC to provide secure cash deliveries to the Courthouse to replenish cash dispensing kiosks used for juror payments. The cost of this service agreement being \$62,653.00.
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Martin L. Cousineau
Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
14. [RES-2023-918](#) RE: Renewal of Contract for Process Service for Child Abuse & Neglect Cases
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Beverly Brown
Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
15. [RES-2023-920](#) RE: 2024 Meeting Calendar
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Beverly Brown
Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
16. [RES-2023-922](#) RE: Renewal of Contract - Process Service for Family Support
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James Avery
SECONDER: Martin L. Cousineau
Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

E. HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Charles Winfrey, Chairperson; Delrico J. Loyd, Vice-Chairperson

1. [RES-2023-859](#) **RE:** Healthy Start Carryover Funding

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Charles Winfrey
 SECONDER: Beverly Brown

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
2. [RES-2023-861](#) **RE:** Request acceptance of the amendment-3 to the OLHSA
 Personnel Agreement for 2023-2024

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Charles Winfrey
 SECONDER: James Avery

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
3. [RES-2023-883](#) **RE:** Request to approve Michigan Department of Environment,
 Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) FY24 LHD Grant Agreement

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Charles Winfrey
 SECONDER: James Avery

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
4. [RES-2023-901](#) **RE:** Request to approve Letter of Agreement (LOA) with Region 10
 Prepaid Synar Youth Tobacco Services

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Charles Winfrey
 SECONDER: James Avery

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
5. [RES-2023-905](#) **RE:** Approval to accept Strengthening Public Health Workforce and
 Infrastructure in Michigan Grant.

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Charles Winfrey
 SECONDER: James Avery

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker,
 Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Delrico J. Loyd, Chairperson; Shaun Shumaker, Vice-Chairperson

1. [RES-2023-877](#) **RE:** Parks Request to Award ITB #23-339 - Unarmed Security Services at Crossroads Village

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Shaun Shumaker
 SECONDER: James Avery

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
2. [RES-2023-880](#) **RE:** Parks Request to Approve Proposed 5-Year Parks Plan for DNR

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Shaun Shumaker
 SECONDER: Martin L. Cousineau

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis
3. [RES-2023-881](#) **RE:** Parks Request to Award ITB #23-342 - Designing & Project Administering Services for Chevy Commons Play Garden

 RESULT: APPROVED
 MOVER: Shaun Shumaker
 SECONDER: Martin L. Cousineau

 Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

[RES-2023-989](#) **RE:** Approval to add RES-2023-985 to the agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Beverly Brown
SECONDER: Charles Winfrey

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

[RES-2023-985](#) **RE:** Reorganization of the Prosecutor's Office

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Beverly Brown
SECONDER: Charles Winfrey

Aye: Loyd, Winfrey, Ellenburg, Brown, Avery, Shumaker, Cousineau, Weighill, and Davis

Veterans Services gave an update about appointments in different Senior Centers for convenience of senior veterans.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Ellen Ellenburg
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 090-23

WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice, a public hearing was held on November 16, 2023 to consider a draft of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2025-2029; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this public hearing, a plan was considered by the Commission at its meeting on November 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2025-2029 will be submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for its approval as a necessary requirement to becoming eligible to apply for various DNR administered grant programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2025-2029, is hereby adopted by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2025-2029 shall be forwarded to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, for additional opportunities for public input, and for its consideration and approval. Following its approval, a copy of the plan shall be transmitted to the Genesee County Planning Commission/ Regional Planning Agency for informational purposes.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote at a meeting of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission on the 16th of November, 2023.

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION
Genesee County, Michigan

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Krapohl", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Joseph Krapohl
Its: President

Gagne, Melissa

From: Gagne, Melissa
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 1:35 PM
To: Barry June; Jacklynn Domerese; Linihan, Patrick
Cc: Kari Koske; Tyler, Angel
Subject: RE: 5 Year Plan Timeline

Please see updates below! We have to hold 30 day public review period.

From: Gagne, Melissa
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Barry June <BJune@gcparks.org>; Jacklynn Domerese <jdomerese@gcparks.org>; Linihan, Patrick <plinihan@gcparks.org>
Cc: Kari Koske <kkoske@gcparks.org>; Tyler, Angel <ATyler@geneseecountymi.gov>
Subject: 5 Year Plan Timeline

Just to keep everyone organized and on the same page with the MNRTF 5-Year Plan Process -

5 Year Parks Plan Timeline:

Parks Survey: Due end of September

Municipalities Opt-In Letters out: August 17 – DONE

Review and Updating: Now – October 6

Draft Plan Complete: Monday, October 9

Notice posted seeking public review of draft plan at libraries (website/Flint Journal/social media): Any one day during the week of October 9 (*Jackie and Marketing - ATTACHED*)

Draft Plan to Libraries, *Parks Admin, GC Administration*, for public review and comment: Monday, October 16 – Friday, November 3 *Thursday, November 16* (*Front desk handling this process*)

Municipalities Opt-In Resolutions Due: Wednesday, November 1

Notice posted seeking public comment at 11/16 Parks Commission meeting & 12/6 BOC meeting (website/Flint Journal/social media): Thursday, November 2 (*Jackie and Marketing handling this process - ATTACHED*)

Parks Commission Agenda and Draft sent out: November 9

Submit to Board Approval Document Review Process: November 15

Parks Commission Meeting: November 16

Public Works Meeting: November 29

BOC Meeting: December 6 (one and only meeting in December)

Jackie: Attached are the notices posted and the proofs from the Flint Journal. We have to have proof of all postings. We will need similar language on all with new dates.

Let me know if you have questions!

Melissa Gagne, CTA

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The regular meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission will be held:

October 26, 2023

10:00 AM

: Parks Administration Office, William C Lucas II Conference Room
5045 E Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda Items – Action Item**
 - a. Approval of minutes from October 12, 2023 meeting (pgs.1-3)
 - b. Staff Status Reports (pgs.4-8)
 - c. Ratification of Commission bills for October 4–October 12, 2023 (pgs.9-13)
4. Director's Report **Denotes Roll Call Vote
 - a. Request to Accept Grant – Community Foundation of Greater Flint** (pgs.14-16)
 - b. Request to Establish and Fill Position – Parks Program and Grants Manager** (pgs.17-19)
 - c. Informational Only – Martha Merkley Update (pgs.20-32)
 - d. Informational Only – Draft 5-Year Park Plan (pg. 33)
 - e. Request to Approve Day Camps in Parks 2024** (pg. 34)
(Presentation: Day Camps – Beth Schrader & Nicole Ferguson)
5. Old/New Business
6. Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission
7. Adjournment

** Denotes Roll Call Vote

 Denotes Item Added to Agenda





GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

To: GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

From: BARRY JUNE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Date: October 26, 2023

Re: Informational Only – Draft 5 Year Park Plan

To be eligible to apply for Recreation Passport, Land Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Waterway grants, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission must have an approved five-year plan on file with the DNR by February 1, 2024.

As part of the process, Genesee County Parks and Recreation must provide opportunity for residents to review and comment on the plan before it is officially adopted. The draft plan was made available October 16, 2023, and will be available through November 16, 2023. This was advertised via social media, website, and local print.

The draft plan is available for review and comment at the Parks Administration Office, the Genesee County Administration Building – Board of Commissioners Office, and 5 local district libraries – Fenton (Winegarden), Flushing, Grand Blanc (McFarlen), Swartz Creek (Perkins), and the Headquarters on Pasadena Ave in Flint. To receive a digital copy of the draft plan and officially document your review of the draft plan, email parkswebteam@gcparks.org or mgagne@gcparks.org. Submission of the plan to DNR must include proof of the public review process, including sign-in sheets/read receipts and submitted comments/suggestions.

Included in this plan is an inventory of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission owned parks and facilities. Any parks or facilities not owned by GCPRC are not included. However, Partnership Agreements for parks and facilities maintained or operated by GCPRC will be included as an Appendix item, prior to submission, to exhibit collaborations and cooperative relationships within the community.

Following the initial public review, the plan will be updated and revised before being brought to the Commission for review and approval and final adoption by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.



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The regular meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission will be held:

November 16, 2023

10:00 AM

: Parks Administration Office, William C Lucas II Conference Room
5045 E Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment – General
3. Public Comment – 5-Year Parks Plan for DNR
4. Consent Agenda Items – Action Item**
 - a. Approval of minutes from October 26, 2023 meeting (pgs.1-4)
 - b. Staff Status Reports (pgs.5-13)
 - c. Ratification of Commission bills for October 17–November 2, 2023 (pgs.14-20)
5. Director's Report **Denotes Roll Call Vote
 - a. Request to Approve Proposed 5-Year Parks Plan for DNR** (pgs.21-79)
 - b. Request to Award ITB #23-339 – Unarmed Security Services at CRV** (pgs.80-94)
 - c. Request to Award RFP #23-342 – Chevy Commons Play Garden Services** (p.95-112)
 - d. Request to Approve Proposed 2024 Parks Commission Meeting Schedule** (p.113-115)
 - e. Request to Approve Expense – CXT Inc.** (pgs.116-117)
 - f. Presentation: Outreach Efforts – Courtney Prout, Park Naturalist
6. Old/New Business
7. Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission
8. Adjournment

** Denotes Roll Call Vote

 Denotes Item Added to Agenda



GENESEE COUNTY
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GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

To: GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

From: BARRY JUNE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Date: November 16, 2023

Re: Request to Approve Proposed 5-Year Parks Plan for DNR

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of the proposed 5-Year Parks Plan for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The plan will be valid 2024-2029.

To be eligible to apply for Recreation Passport, Land Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Waterway grants, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (GCPRC) must have an approved 5-year plan on file with the Department of Natural Resources.

Public review of the draft plan was made available October 16 – November 16 at seven district library locations and digital by request.

Request for public review and public comment was advertised via social media, website, and local print.

Included in the plan is an inventory of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission owned parks and facilities. Any parks and facilities not owned by GCPRC are not included. Partnership Agreements for parks and facilities maintained or operated by GCPRC will be included as an Appendix item, prior to submission, to exhibit collaborations and cooperative relationships within the community.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft 5-Year Parks Plan

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve the proposed 5-Year Parks Plan and refer to BOC approval process.



GENESEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
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COMMISSION MINUTES: November 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

President Joe Krapohl
Vice President James Washington
Secretary Anne Figueroa
Commissioner James Avery
Commissioner Michelle Davis
Commissioner Michael J. Keeler
Commissioner Cathy Lane
Commissioner Gloria Nealy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Domonique Clemons, Kevin Sylvester

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Barry June, Director; Patrick Linihan, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Cassie Voelker, Accountant; David Dwyre, Chief Ranger; Nancy Edwards, FRWC Executive Director; Nicole Ferguson, Chief Park Naturalist; Courtney Prout, Park Naturalist

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Joe Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL.** Anyone wishing to address the commission must state their name and address and they have 3 minutes to speak.

Public comment received.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – 5-YEAR PARKS PLAN FOR DNR.** Anyone wishing to address the commission must state their name and address they have 3 minutes to speak.

Public comment received.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA.** President Joe Krapohl asked Commissioners if there were any items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. No items were removed.



GENESEE COUNTY
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ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ITEMS A-C AS LISTED IN PACKET.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Sylvester

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED 5-YEAR PARKS PLAN FOR DNR

Request to approve the proposed 5-Year Parks Plan for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, valid 2024-2029. Having an approved plan on file with the DNR ensure eligibility to apply for grants. Public review of the draft plan was made available October 16 – November 16 at seven district libraries and digital by request. Request for public review and public comment was advertised via social media, website, and local print.

Krapohl: Corrections have been submitted to Melissa.

Keeler: Did we have a consultant complete this?

June: We did it in-house.

Washington: Is it very different from the last plan?

June: It is similar with updated information and updated survey results.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 5-YEAR PARKS PLAN AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Sylvester

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. REQUEST TO AWARD ITB #23-339 – UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES AT CRV

Request to award ITB #23-339 to Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. The bid was advertised by the Genesee County Purchasing Department. Five bids were received. Securitas was the lowest bid. The initial term commences January 6, 2024, through January 25, 2025. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO AWARD ITB TO SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Sylvester

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. REQUEST TO AWARD RFP #23-342 – CHEVY COMMONS PLAY GARDEN SERVICES

Request to award RFP #23-342 to Michan Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. (MVVA) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$892,000.00. The bid was advertised by the Genesee County Purchasing Department. Four firms submitted proposals. Three respondents were invited to participate in interviews. MVVA received the highest score of the evaluation process, meeting the needs of the project. **NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.** This project is being fully funded by ARPA funds.

Keeler: Where will the playground be?

June: That is to be determined. Somewhere in the area of Chevy Commons and the Confluence area.

Keeler: Close to the lot?

June: Yes.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO AWARD RFP TO MVVA AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Sylvester

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2024 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Request to approve the proposed 2024 Parks Commission meeting schedule.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2024 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Sylvester

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

E. REQUEST TO APPROVE EXPENSE – CXT INC.

Request to approve expense to CXT Inc. for the purchase of one (1) double vault style restroom, in the amount of \$79,251.00, to be placed at Richfield County Park in support of the development project associated with the awarded Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant TF22-0035. Sourcewell Contract #081721. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Keeler: How old are the restrooms at Richfield?

June: Very. They are the oldest.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Keeler

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Sylvester

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. PRESENTATION: OUTREACH EFFORTS – COURTNEY PROUT, PARK NATURALIST

Krapohl: Thank you on behalf of the Commission – compliments.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— None.

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

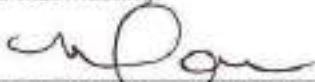
Keeler: Compliments to the bike trail off by the river (near the office). Inquiry of the Autumn Olive filling in fast.

Lane: Safe travels.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the November 16, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of MI and the by-laws of the company and that a quorum was present.

I further certify that the votes and resolutions of the commissioners of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission at the meeting are operative and in full force and effect and have not been annulled or modified by any vote or resolution passed or adopted by the board since that meeting.



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
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290 E. Caroline St., Benton, MI 48403
- Genesee District Library, Flushing
120 N. Maple St., Flushing, MI 48433
- Genesee District Library, Grand Blanc – McFarlane
515 Perry Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48403
- Genesee District Library, Swartz Creek – Perkins
8895 Civic Dr., Swartz Creek, MI 48473
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5-year draft plan update available for
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Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is updating their 5-year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. As part of the 5-year plan process, we have the draft version of the plan open for public review and comment by Genesee County Residents. The draft plan will be available in the following locations until November 3, 2023. You may visit those locations, read a printed version of the plan and provide your comments. On November 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Genesee County Parks Administrative offices, the Genesee County Parks Commission will present the 5-year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan for final public comment before adoption.

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From: Gagne, Melissa
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:35 AM
To: Bradshaw, Derek
Cc: June, Barry
Subject: NOt: 5-Year Parks Plan
Attachments: FINAL_5 Year Parks Plan_24.pdf

Good Morning Derek,


Please accept this notice - Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission will be submitting the attached 5-Year Parks Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 2025-2029.
This plan outlines Park Inventory, goals and objectives, and action plan.

The attached plan has had a 90-day early input survey, 30-day public review, input sessions, and has been approved by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.


Please let me know if there is anything I can answer.

Thank you and have a great day!

Melissa Gagne, CTA
Parks Operations Manager
Genesee County Parks and Recreation
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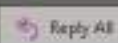
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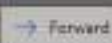
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Thanks for the Halloween ad!

-Pete

RESOLUTION NO. 23-29
ATLAS TOWNSHIP BOARD
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**GENESEE COUNTY 5 YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND
GREENWAYS PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Atlas continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Atlas will continue to operate under the approved Atlas Township Parks and Master Plan 2024 – 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for Atlas Township in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Atlas Board of Trustee's authorizes include of the Township of Atlas in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Motion by: **Moore**

Supported by: **Major**

Ayes: **All**

Nays: **None**

ADOPTED: October 16, 2023


Shirley Kautman-Jones, Supervisor


Katherine Vick, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Vick, the duly elected, qualified and acting clerk of the Township of Atlas, Genesee County, Michigan do certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Township Board held in the Government Center, 7386 S. Gale Road, Goodrich, Michigan on October 16, 2023 by a majority of the members of the board present and voting.


Katherine Vick, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 23-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO INCLUDE THE CLIO AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, ACTION PLAN IN THE ACTION PROGRAM SECTION OF THEIR COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN

Moved by Commissioner Mosher, supported by Commissioner Fejedelem to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Clio continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clio will continue to operate under the approved *Clio Area Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2018 - 2023*; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for the City of Clio in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clio Commission authorizes inclusion of the City of Clio in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Voting yes: Fejedelem, Westfall, Mosher, Dotson, Vance

Voting no: None

Absent: Williams

Doug Vance, Mayor 9-8-23
date

Kelly Sproul 9-8-23
Kelly Sproul, City Clerk date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the Clerk of the City of Clio and that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting held on the 5th day of September, 2023 by the Clio City Commission of the City of Clio and that the meeting was noticed in conformance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 et seq.

Kelly Sproul
Kelly Sproul, City Clerk

Clio Area Parks and Recreation Plan

2018-2023

**Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board representing the City of Clio, the Clio Area School
District and the townships of Thetford and Vienna.**

This area is accessible from interstate I-75 which runs north and south through Vienna Township approximately 2 miles west of the City of Clio with a full interchange located at M-57. M-57 runs east and west through the City and the townships of Thetford and Vienna. The area is also accessible by M-54 which generally runs north and south approximately 1 mile east of the City through portions of the two townships.

Population

The City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna are home to 22,139 people; down 2,050 people or 8.47 percent from their combined 2010 population of 24,189 people (see Exhibit 2, below). This population is unevenly distributed among the three communities with 2,541 or 11.48 percent residing within the City; 6,794 or 30.69 percent residing within Thetford Township; and 12,804 or 57.83 percent residing within Vienna Township.

Population by Community						
Community	2010	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City of Clio	2,646	2,607	2,601	2,582	2,553	2,541
Thetford Township	8,333	6,972	6,915	6,850	6,814	6,794
Vienna Township	13,210	13,119	13,038	12,952	12,984	12,804
Clio Area	24,189	22,698	22,554	22,384	22,251	22,139
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder						

Sex

The 2017 population is divided 10,917 or 49.31 percent male and 11,222 or 50.69 percent female within the three communities (see Exhibit 3, below).

	Population by Sex							
	City of Clio		Township of				Clio Area	
	Male	Female	Thetford Male	Thetford Female	Vienna Male	Vienna Female	Male	Female
Sex	1,262	1,279	3,495	3,299	6,160	6,644	10,917	11,222
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder								

Median Age

During this same period, the weighted average median age of the people who reside in the three communities increased 5.17 years from 36.38 years in 2000 to 41.55 years in 2010; however, a more meaningful picture of the area's age distribution is made possible by combining individual age categories to identifiable stages in the human life cycle. Selected categories and the stages in the human life cycle include: ages under 5, pre-school; ages 5 to 19, school age; ages 20 to 44, family foundation; 45 to 64, middle age; and ages 65 and above, seniors (see Exhibit 4, below).

Family formation at 29.59 percent and middle age at 30.24 percent are nearly equal in size and represent 59.83 percent of the area population. While seniors at 15.12 percent is an age group that is expected to grow with improvements in medical technology.

Age Range	City of Clio	Township of		Clio Area	Lifestyle Categories
		Theford	Vienna		
Under 5 years	114	353	459	926	Pre-school 4.18%
5 to 9 years	172	266	561	999	
10 to 14 years	118	372	825	1,315	School Age 17.71%
15 to 19 years	100	462	1,044	1,606	
20 to 24 years	168	357	752	1,277	Family Formation 29.24%
25 to 34 years	295	640	1,342	2,277	
35 to 44 years	404	981	1,534	2,919	
45 to 54 years	264	365	1,576	2,805	Middle Age 29.55%
55 to 59 years	199	711	1,298	2,208	
60 to 64 years	88	504	937	1,529	
65 to 74 years	272	719	1,480	2,471	Seniors 19.32%
75 to 84 years	235	378	739	1,352	
85 years and older	112	86	257	455	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder

Recent trends indicate that quality of life issues including healthy living and recreational opportunities will play a major role in where people choose to raise families and retire. Trails provide an excellent opportunity for the entire family to become and remain active whether bicycling, running or walking. Age appropriate leagues provide children an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of sports and teamwork and adults the opportunity to remain active.

Household Income

The 2017 median household income varies wildly among the three communities with a low of \$36,025 in the City of Clio; \$49,216 in Thetford Township; and a high of \$54,416 in Vienna Township (see Exhibit 5, below).

Household Income	
Community	
City of Clio	\$ 36,025
Thetford Township	\$ 49,216
Vienna Township	\$ 54,416
State of Michigan	\$ 52,668
Genesee County	\$ 45,231
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder	

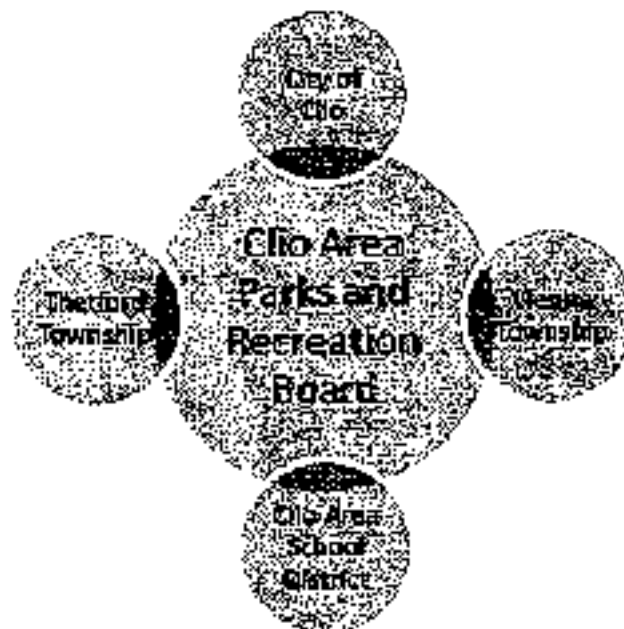
Disabled Population

The United States Census Bureau reports a Genesee County disabled population under the age of 65 years of 12.7%.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board was established by resolution by each of the governing bodies of the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District and the townships of Thetford and Vienna in 1989. The Board consists of eight members; two appointed by the governing bodies of each of the four participating jurisdictions (see Exhibit 6, below).

The purpose of this Board is to coordinate and plan for the future acquisition, development, and renovation of park facilities and the provision of recreational opportunities in the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District, and the townships of Thetford and Vienna while each community retains separate control of its parks and recreational facilities.



City of Clio

The City of Clio's parks and recreational facilities are maintained by the City's Department of Public Service under the supervision of the City Administrator who is responsible to the Mayor and the City Commission.

The City Commission establishes policy for the operations of the City's parks and recreational facilities by ordinance.

The City spent \$56,005 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 on "Recreation and Cultural" from its General Fund; budgeted \$63,454 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and anticipates budgeting \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

The City does not provide parks and recreational programming.

The City's recreation grant history is presented in Exhibit 7, below.

CLIFTON AREA RECREATION GRANT HISTORY		
Project No. 26-00634 Project Title: Cllo Bathhouse Project Description: Bathhouse renovations.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1975 Grant Amount: \$44,495.00
Project No. 26-01060 A3 Project Title: Cllo City Park Project Description:	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1978 Grant Amount: \$34,223.12
Project No. 26 C1410 Project Title: Cllo Fitness Trail Project Description: Fitness trail.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1985 Grant Amount: \$13,774.00
Project No. BF89-585 Project Title: Cllo Area Recreation Improvement Project Description: Bike path.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1989 Grant Amount: \$180,000.00
Project No. BF89-383 Project Title: Cllo Recreation Improvement Project Description: Bike path.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1989 Grant Amount: \$112,500.00
Project No. TF11-104 Project Title: Pine Run Creek Trail Improvement Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 2011 Grant Amount: \$45,000.00
Project No. TF11-110 Project Title: Pine Run Retaining Wall Stabilization Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 2011 Grant Amount: \$79,830.00
Project No. TF12-124 Project Title: Cllo City Park Trolley Line Trail Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 2012 Grant Amount: \$127,500.00
Project No. TF16-0232 Project Title: Cllo City Park Trailhead and Restroom Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Active	Project Year: 2016 Grant Amount: \$252,500.00

Thetford Township

Thetford Township's parks and recreational facilities are maintained under the supervision of the Township Supervisor.

The Township Board establishes policy for the operations of the Township's parks and recreational facilities by ordinance.

The Township spent \$45,699 during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 on "Recreation and culture" from its General Fund to include its share of a Genesee County senior mileage, its participation in the Clio Area Library, a part of the Genesee County Library District, and the operations of its recreation hall; budgeted an unknown amount for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019; and anticipates budgeting an as yet determined amount for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

The Township does not provide parks and recreational programs.

Vienna Township

Vienna Township's parks and recreational facilities are maintained under the supervision of the Township Supervisor.

The Township Board establishes policy for the operations of the Township's parks and recreational facilities by ordinance.

The Township spent \$41,938 during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 on "Recreation and culture" from its General Fund; spent \$56,314 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018; and budgeted \$516,550 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

The Township does not provide parks and recreational programs. However, it contracts with local volunteer leagues to operate and maintain the Clio Sports Complex. It is these volunteer leagues that provide parks and recreational programs to include: youth baseball and softball, youth football and cheerleading, and soccer.

The Township's recreation grant history is presented in Exhibit 8, below.

[REDACTED]		
Project No. T991-126	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1991
Project Title: Bike Path West Extension		Grant Amount: \$10,500.00
Project Description: Acquisition		

Clio Area School District

The Clio Area School District's recreational facilities are maintained under the supervision of the Superintendent.

The School Board establishes policy for the operations of the District's recreational facilities.

The District spent an unknown amount during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 on recreation; budgeted an unknown amount for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019; and anticipates budgeting an as yet determined amount for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

The District does not provide recreational programs beyond that which is required for school curriculum or school sports programs.

RECREATION AND RESOURCE INVENTORY

An inventory of parks, recreational facilities and greenways accessible to, or acquired and developed for, the public in the City of Clio was completed by the City Administrator and in the townships of Thetford and Vienna his information was carried over from the *Clio Area Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2013 - 2018*. The location of these parks, recreational facilities and greenways accessible to, or acquired and developed for the public are identified in Appendices I.

City of Clio

Clock Park:

Clock Park is a passive park facility of 0.08 acres located in the City's traditional downtown. The Park is identified by its principal feature, a clock.

Veterans Park:

The Veterans Park is another passive park that occupies an area of 0.19 acres in the City's traditional downtown. This Park was developed and is maintained to honor and memorialize those men and women who have served in the United States armed forces and the public safety professions.

Clio City Park:

The Clio City Park is a community park approximating 21.59 acres located near the geographic center of the City and along the Pine Run Creek immediately north of its traditional downtown. This Park provides a range of recreational facilities and areas capable of supporting programs and activities not suitable in smaller parks to include an outdoor amphitheater (Clio Amphitheater) with seating for 2,000 patrons, an indoor hall (Rogers Lodge), four pavilions, a large play structure and miscellaneous playground accessories, horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, a skatepark, restrooms and parking (see Exhibit 10, below).

Cllo Area Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2023

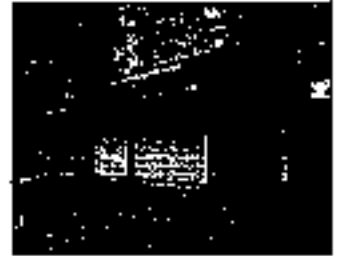
Amphitheater, outdoor (Cllo Amphitheater)



Hall, indoor (Rogers Lodge)



Restrooms



Skatepark



Volleyball Court, sand



Horseshoe Pits



Appendix A: Photos of Park Amenities

Pavilions

Pavilion #1



Pavilion #2



Pavilion #3



Pavilion #4



Garden (Alice L. Boyse Memorial Garden)



Play Structures:

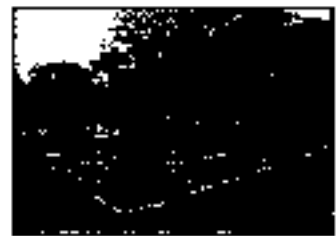
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Miscellaneous Playground Equipment



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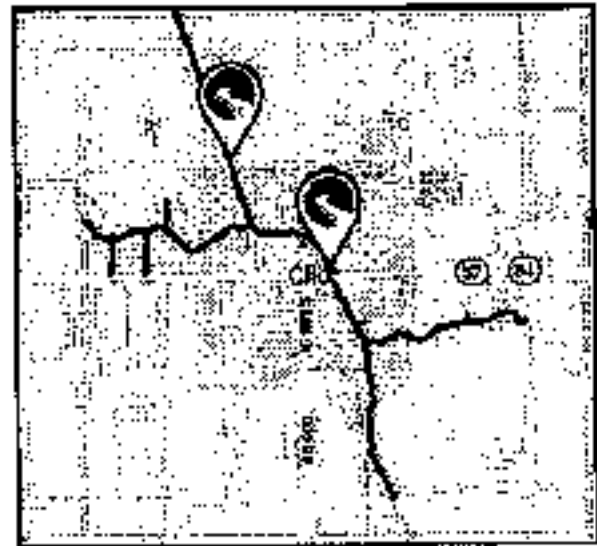


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Clio Trails:

The City maintains approximately 7.5 miles of trails along linear parks generally running east to west along the Pine Run Creek and north and south along the CSX Railroad and the Benjamin Run Creek. These hard-surfaced trails are part of a regional network of trails that radiate from the Clio City Park into Vienna Township north to Willard Road and Saginaw County, south to Wilson Road, east to Neff Road, and West to Jennings Road offer year-round recreational opportunities for bicyclists, runners, and walkers and an alternate means of travel for area commuters.

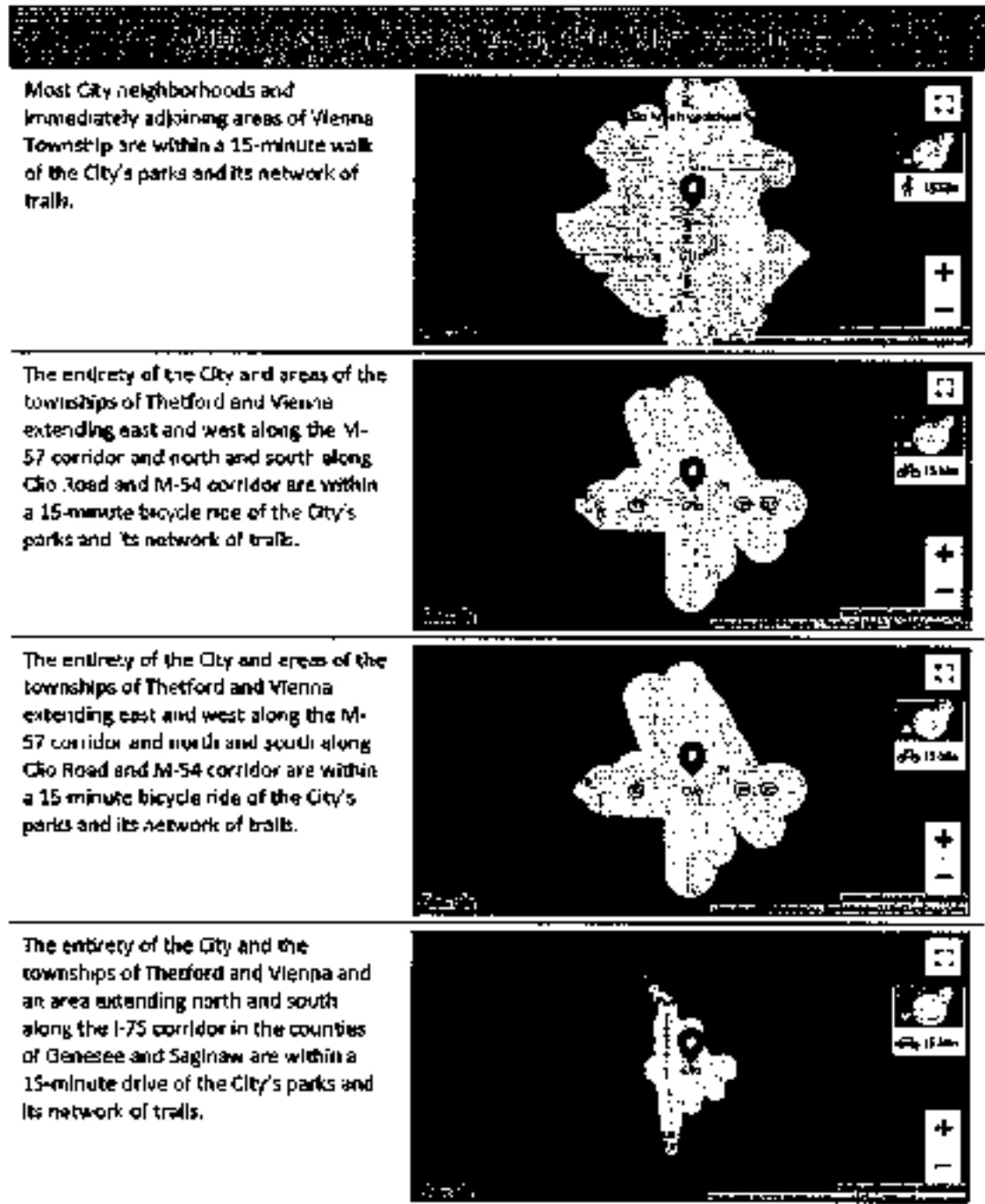


The City's network of trails may be accessed from the Clio City Park, the end of Park Street and Field Road.

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Service Area:

The City, itself, is the primary service area of its centrally located parks and its network of trails (see Exhibit 9, below), however these facilities are open to the general public and service the needs of a much larger area.



Thetford Township

Thetford Township Hall

The Thetford Township Hall is a municipal complex to include a pavilion and the development of a sledding hill.

Vienna Township

Clio Sports Complex:

The Clio Sports Complex is a 37.13 acres heavily programmed facility with eight soccer fields, six ball diamonds, four basketball courts, four football fields, a play structure, a concession building, restrooms and parking. This facility primarily services youth from Vienna Township, the City of Clio and Thetford Township, but is also available to the public and services a much larger area.

M-57 Bike Path:

The M-57 Bike Path is 26,000 linear feet of path extending west along Vienna Road (M-57) from Tacoma Court to Linden Road with benches approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile apart. The M-57 Bike Path primarily services Vienna Township and its Business Development district and the City of Clio, but it is available to the public and services a much larger area.

Township Park at Linden Road:

The Township Park at Linden Road is a 3.637 acre wooded passive park with parking, benches, tables, grills and a small play area. The Township Park at Linden Road primarily services Vienna Township residents, but is open to the public and services a much larger area.

Trolley Line Trail:

The 10-foot wide, 155,000 linear foot Trolley Line Trail extension of the Clio Bike Path. This linear trail extends north from Field Road to Willard Road and Birch Run Township in Saginaw County with benches placed every mile. The Trolley Line Trail primarily services Vienna Township, the City of Clio and Birch Run Township residents as the trails connect, but it is available to the public and services a much larger area.

Tufford Park:

The Tufford Park is a 7.97 acre wooded passive park with parking and benches. The Park acts as a trailhead to the Clio Bike Path and primarily services Vienna Township and City of Clio residents, but is available to the public and services a much larger area.

Clio Area School District

A.C. Edgerton Elementary:

A.C. Edgerton Elementary is an elementary school with an open field with soccer goals, two play structures and parking.

Carter Middle School:

Carter Middle School is a middle school with a ball field, basketball hoops, miscellaneous playground accessories and parking.

Clio High School:

Clio High School is a high school with a football stadium, running track, eight tennis courts, four ball fields (three baseball and one softball), a soccer field two sand volleyball courts and parking.

Garner Elementary:

Garner Elementary is an elementary school with basketball hoops, two play structures and parking.

George A. Lacure Elementary:

George A. Lacure Elementary is an elementary school with an open field with soccer goals, a play structure and parking.

Other

Buell Lake County Park:

Buell Lake County Park is a regional park located in Thetford Township that provides a range of recreational facilities and areas capable of supporting programs and activities not suitable in smaller parks. This includes pavilions and picnic areas, ballfields, a boat launch and fishing access, a model plane landing strip, restrooms and parking.

Clio Golf Course:

The Clio Golf Course is a private 18-hole golf course located in Vienna Township.

Firemen's Park:

Firemen's Park is a private park owned by the Clio Fire Department, Inc. located in Vienna Township. It has pavilions and restrooms and is principally used for the annual Clio Firemen's Homecoming Carnival.

Ligon Outdoor Educational Nature Center:

The Ligon Outdoor Educational Nature Center has a meeting room, pavilions, nature trails and a boardwalk. It is located in Thetford Township.

Vienna Greens Golf Course:

The Vienna Greens Golf Course is a private 18-hole golf course open to the public located in Thetford Township.

Facilities

While only a guide, recreation standards provide a benchmark for evaluating the relative adequacy or inadequacy of recreational opportunities within the City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna. Exhibit 4 identifies facilities located in these communities and compares their number to standards published in *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans*. This comparison specifically excludes facilities of the Clio Area School District due to their limited availability or restricted use.

Based on this comparison, the City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna should have the following additional facilities (see Exhibit 4):

- Five badminton courts,
- One basketball court,
- One handball court,
- Eleven tennis courts,
- Four volleyball courts,
- One lighted baseball field,
- One field hockey,
- One quarter mile track,
- Five softball fields,
- Two multiple courts,
- One nine-hole golf course, and
- One swimming pool.

Accessibility

Many communities are becoming more aware of the greater numbers of persons with disabilities and the challenges they face on a daily basis. This growing population is due, in part, to an increase in life expectancy increases resulting from advances in modern medicine that have increased the survival rate of those with significant injuries, illnesses, and birth defects. It is essential for social structure, awareness, and economic growth, that communities recognize this growing population and make a commitment to provide safe and accessible recreation to residents of all ages and abilities.

Generally, disabilities include mobility impairments, cognitive impairments, hearing impairments, and visual impairments, but consideration should not be limited to certain groups. The most effective approach to reach an overall community demographic is through universal design. Universal design is a fairly new concept that emerged from "barrier free" or "accessible design." It can be defined as the design of products and environments to be useable by all people, to the greatest extent possible regardless of ability or disability

Park and recreation facilities in the City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna were inspected for compliance with the 2010 Americans with Disability Act Standards for Accessibility Design and assigned a numeric rating from 1 to 5 (see Exhibit 13).

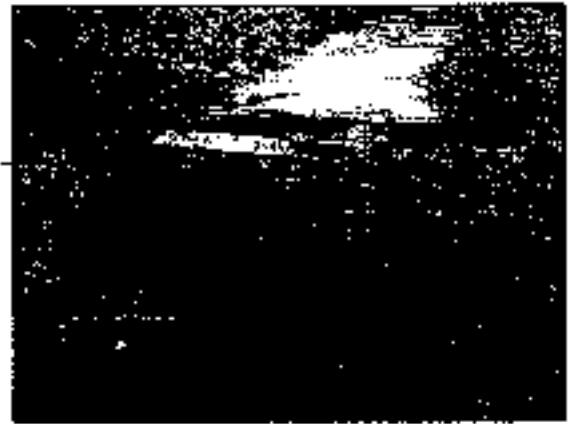
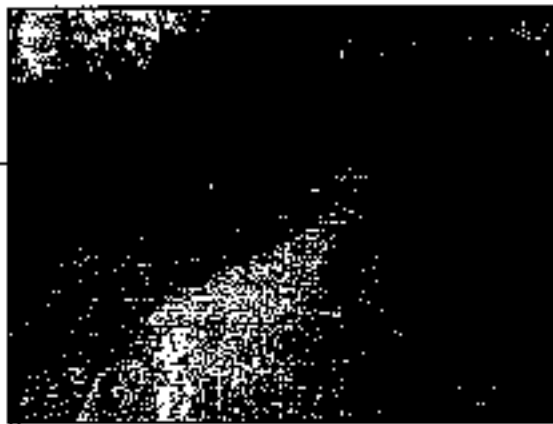
Exhibit 13: Accessibility Rating	
Accessibility Rating	Definition
1	None of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
2	Some of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
3	Most of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
4	All of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
5	Park or facility meets the principals of universal design.

City of Clio

Clio Bike Path:

A. Accessibility Rating: 2 (see Exhibit 13).

The City's network of trails generally follows the natural grade which may be challenging to those with disabilities. Water cascading across the trails from natural springs located along the floodplain may also present impediments to accessibility. In addition, the lack of appropriately spaced benches, or refuges, may discourage use among people accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle.

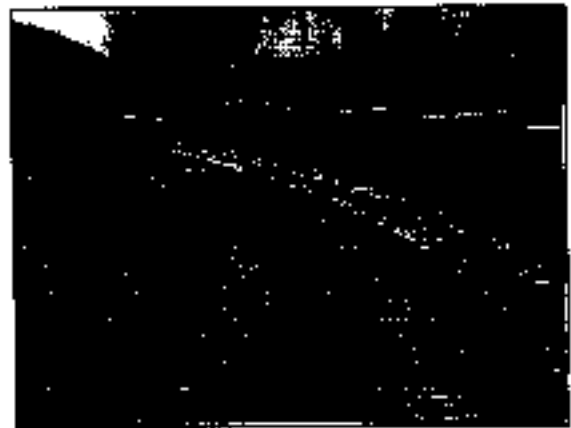


Signage along the Path does not consider the needs of those with sight limitations.

Finally, vegetative encroachment can limit the practical use of the trails and make people ill at ease.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan –

Improvements to increase accessibility to, and use of, the City's network of trails will be made on an on-going basis subject to financing. To this end, the City has reduced some impediments to the use of its trails with the financial assistance of the Michigan Natural Resource Trust fund to include Pine Run Retaining Wall Stabilization (TF11-110) and reconstruction of the North Trolley Line Trail (TF12-124).



Clio City Park:

A. Accessibility Rating: 2 (see Exhibit 13).

Concrete sidewalks link a paved linear parking area and many of the recreational facilities in the Clio City Park to one another. However, there are gaps to some facilities and the sidewalks and parking area generally follow the Park's natural grade which may be challenging to those with. This includes the accent from (decent down to) the Park to (from) Center Street, East Vienna Street and North Mill Street.

Uneven grades and poor drainage can also inhibit the wide use of open spaces in the Park and pea gravel playing surfaces can prevent the full use of playgrounds and play accessories by the public.

The elevation of electrical outlets in the pavilions are not easily accessible to the public.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Improvements to increase accessibility to, and use of, the Clio City Park will be made on an on-going basis subject to financing. Priority will be given to increase access to the City Park, itself, which lies in a floodplain. Once access to the City Park is improved efforts will be made to increase accessibility to specific Park facilities based on necessity (restrooms) and popularity (pavilions and play equipment and structures). Older facilities designed or purchased at a time when universal access was not widely considered will be removed or replaced.

Clock Park:

A. Accessibility Rating: 3 (see Exhibit 13).

The Clock Park is a small landscaped area with brick walkways and benches.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan

There are no known issues with accessibility

Veterans Park:

A. Accessibility Rating: 3 (see Exhibit 13).

The Veterans Park is a landscaped area with brick walkways, displays, and benches. At grade accessibility is provided along Railway Street and the south downtown parking lot, but there is no signage to assist those with sight limitations.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Signage should be installed to assist and direct those with sight limitations.

Thetford Township

Thetford Township Hall:

A. Accessibility:

The Thetford Township Hall provides paved handicap parking.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan:

The installation of an ADA accessible door is planned later this year; however, as the facility is further developed ADA accessible sidewalk and signage should be provided.

Vienna Township

Clio Sports Complex:

A. Accessibility Rating 2 (see Exhibit 13).

The Clio Sports Complex provides paved parking spaces with handicap parking and sidewalks that lead to the center of the Complex, but not all fields or recreational facilities are ADA accessible.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan –

Efforts to improve ADA accessibility of the Clio Sports Complex should continue with hard surfaced paths extending to its many fields and pavilions.

M-57 Bike Path:

A. Accessibility Rating 3 (see Exhibit 13).

The M 57 Bike Path has benches placed approximately ¼ mile apart, which may discourage use among people who are accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Additional benches should be placed along the Path to provide a place to rest.

Township Park at Linden Road:

A. Accessibility Rating 3 (see Exhibit 13).

The Township Park at Linden Road is ADA accessible.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

There are no known issues with accessibility.

Trolley Line Trail:

A. Accessibility Rating 2 (see Exhibit 13).

The Trolley Line Trail has benches placed approximately one mile apart, which may discourage use among people who are accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

There are no known issues with accessibility.

Tufford Park:

A. Accessibility Rating 2 (see Exhibit 13).

The parking lot is gravel and follows the natural grade which makes it accessibility to, or from, Tufford Park is difficult.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Improvements to increase accessibility to, and use of, Tufford Park will be made on an ongoing basis subject to financing. Priority will be given to paving the lot and adding ADA parking spots.

Clio Area School District

A.C. Edgerton Elementary:

A. Accessibility -

A paved parking surface is available with ADA accessible parking; however, access to outdoor recreational facilities is restricted. Pea gravel around play structures makes these facilities inaccessible and benches are completely surrounded by grass.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Barrier-free safe zones should be installed around play structures and hard surface paths should extend from the parking lot to these recreational facilities. Hard surfaced paths should extend to benches and appropriate signage should be installed.

Carter Middle School:

A. Accessibility -

A paved parking surface is available with ADA accessible parking; however, access to outdoor recreational facilities is restricted. Pea gravel around play structures makes these facilities inaccessible and the play structures are not ADA accessible, and a dirt path connects Carter Middle School to an adjoining residential neighborhood.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Barrier-free safe zones should be installed around play structures and hard surface paths should extend from the Carter Middle School to adjoining residential neighborhoods.

Clio High School:

A. Accessibility -

Paved parking is available throughout the Clio High School complex with ADA accessible parking.

The entrance to the football field and track are ADA accessible with ample seating opportunities for people in wheelchairs at the "home" stands; however, there is no hard surfaced path to the "visitor" stands.

The entrance gate to the tennis courts is ADA accessible, however, the lack of a hard surfaced walkway between the parking facilities to the gate make the courts inaccessible.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Hard surfaced paths should be installed to provide general accessibility throughout the Clio High School complex with appropriate directional signage.

Garner Elementary:

A. Accessibility -

A paved parking surface is available with ADA accessible parking; however, access to outdoor recreational facilities is restricted. Pea gravel around play structures makes these facilities inaccessible and benches are completely surrounded by grass.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Barrier-free safe zones should be installed around play structures and hard surface paths should extend from the parking lot to these recreational facilities. Hard surfaced paths should extend to benches and appropriate signage should be installed.

George A. Lacure Elementary:

A. Accessibility -

A paved parking surface is available with ADA accessible parking; however, access to outdoor recreational facilities is restricted. Pea gravel around play structures makes these facilities inaccessible and benches are completely surrounded by grass.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Barrier-free safe zones should be installed around play structures and hard surface paths should extend from the parking lot to these recreational facilities. Hard surfaced paths should extend to benches and appropriate signage should be installed.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Method for Public Input

The Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board and the City of Clio City Commission value the opinions of area residents. To this end, several opportunities were provided area residents to share their opinions with the Board.

On November 12, 2018, a link to the *Clio City Park Survey, 2018* was posted to the "City of Clio Michigan" Facebook page (see Exhibit 10, below). This Survey remained open for two weeks and was closed on November 27, 2018. In addition, a draft copy of this Clio Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2018 to 2023, was made available for public comment and review at the Clio City Hall, 505 West Vienna Street, Clio with notice of its availability published on December 12, 2018.

On December 17, 2018, a link to the *Thetford Township Park and Recreation Survey* was made available to the public on the Township's website (see Exhibit 11, below). This Survey remained open for one week and was closed on December 23, 2018.

On December 20, 2018, Vienna Township solicited public comment on its Facebook and website. In addition, a draft copy of this *Clio Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2018 to 2023*, was made available for public comment and review at the Clio City Hall, 505 West Vienna Street, Clio with notice of its availability published on December 19, 2018.

A public hearing was held by the City Commission on January 22, 2019 prior to consideration of the adoption of this Plan.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Develop partnerships and pursue grants to meet parks and recreational needs.

- Continue to seek partnerships with other parks and recreation providers and neighboring communities to share ideas and provide non-competing programs and facilities;
- Communicate with developers on shared use arrangements and the provision of conservation easements; and
- Apply for grants to develop and maintain park facilities.

Goal 2: Increase development of park facilities.

- Utilize and expand on existing sidewalks to provide linkages to parks and recreational facilities;
- Update infrastructure as needed at parks of the City of Clio or the townships of Thetford and Vienna; and
- Continue to upgrade outdated or hazardous playground equipment.

Goal 3: Promote non-motorized connections within existing facilities and neighboring communities.

- Utilize and expand on existing sidewalks to provide linkages to parks;
- Maintain non-motorized routes as appropriate for all season use;
- Work to expand the Clio Area Bike Path and the M-57 Bike Path through the City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna.
- Extend the Trolley Line Trail south to Mt. Morris and encourage its development in Saginaw County.

Goal 4: Establish key natural features / areas for conservation.

- Complete an inventory and proposed land-use overlay and policies for conservation easements. Developments should recognize: limits of flood plain and forested land, outdoor recreation and green space and scenic, historic, educational and environmental significance. Judicious development should allow a close relationship with natural features without destroying them.

Goal 5: Maintain on-going public communication and education of the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board.

- Conduct yearly open houses to solicit public input and create awareness of recreation opportunities and achievements;
- Review park and recreation goals and objectives on an annual basis;
- Identify educational opportunities, seminars, etc that can be attended by the Board in order to generate new ideas for improvement or maintenance of facilities;

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- Develop a method for tracking and recognizing donated efforts for park and recreation facilities; and
 - Investigate the merits of establishing a regional parks and recreation authority under P.A. 321 of 2000.

ACTION PLAN

The following recommendations are made for the future acquisition, development and renovation of park facilities and the provision of recreational opportunities in the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District, and the townships of Thetford and Vienna. These recommendations are based on the planning process and the goals and objectives of the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board and its member communities.

A. Trails:

The network of non-motorized trails that exist within the City of Clio and Vienna Township are one of the greatest recreational assets in the area generally running east to west along the Pine Run Creek and north and south along the CSX Railroad and the Benjamin Run Creek. These hard-surfaced trails are part of a regional network of trails that radiate from the Clio City Park into Vienna Township north to Willard Road and Saginaw County, south to Wilson Road, east to Neff Road, and West to Jennings Road and along M-57.

It is a priority of the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board to expand on this network of trails and create links extending north to the Village of Birch Run and Saginaw County and south to the City of Mount Morris as well as extend the M-57 Bike Path west into Montrose Township and east into Thetford Township to the Buell Lake County Park and the Ligon Outdoor Educational Center and north to the City of Frankenmuth. These priorities are identified in the *Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan, 2014* with the link extending south to the City of Mount Morris identified as a Tier 1 Short Term Priority (see Exhibit 11, below).

Community Survey Results Summary

Results

GOVNET collected each map from the meeting to further review the results. In the meantime, GOVNET collected all of the comments to design, relative funding, desired land, and build, as well as for future facility planning. The results were categorized into 3 maps. The 3 priorities were derived from the final step of the consultation meeting. GOVNET collected the results and met with local participants and staff groups in order to adjust priority requests where necessary. 10 groups submitted more complete and added local interest. The 3 priorities were derived from step 3 of the consultation meeting and adjusted as necessary to reflect the local municipal support. The 3 priorities were derived from the remaining half after the consultation meeting.

Map 1: Short Term Priorities (1-10 years)

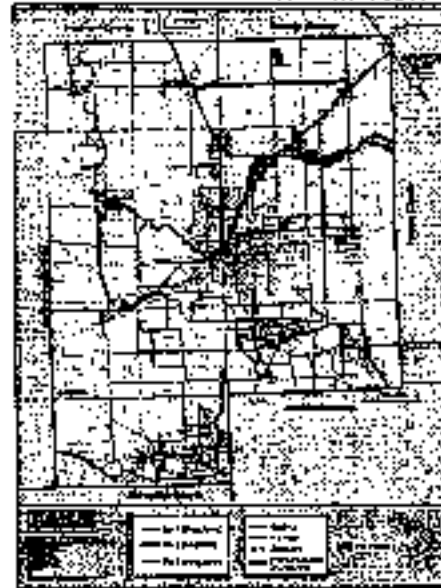
These parks represent those which have strong public support and highest priority for development.

Map 2: Mid-Term Priorities (11-20 years)

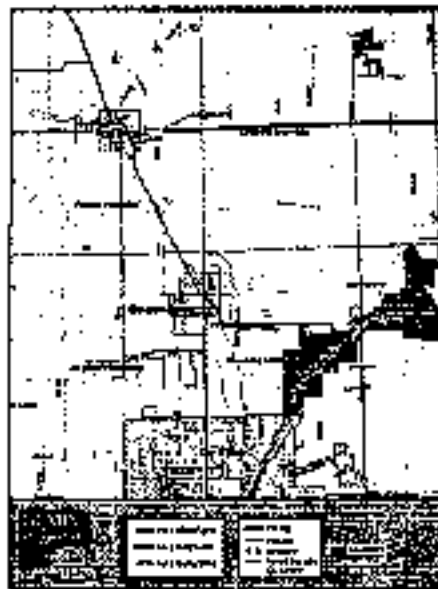
These represent parks with public support and potential connections to be developed between 11-20 years.

Map 3: Long Term Priorities (Beyond 20 years)

These represent long-term priorities beyond 20 years.



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(Listed Alphabetically)

Roller Line Trail (Clio to Mt. West)

The existing Roller Line Trail ends at Wilson Road. An extension has been identified as a Tier 1 priority from Wilson Road to downtown Mt. West. The proposed route continues south along the railway to Rosewell Avenue, then east to Volkel then South returning to the railway. Approximately 3.5 miles proposed.

The Board also endorses efforts to improve the current network of trails to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, install lighting.

8. Clio City Park:

The Clio City Park is a community park that provides a range of recreational facilities and areas capable of supporting programs and activities not suitable in smaller parks, but it is an older Park in need of attention.

1. Improved accessibility and parking.

- a. Developed along the Pine Run Creek, the City Park lies in a floodplain and is difficult to access for seniors and people with disabilities without the use of a motorized vehicle; however, motorized vehicular parking is also limited due to the popularity of this Park. Therefore, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the expansion and reconstruction of the Parks vehicular parking facilities in a manner to best accommodate the popularity of this Park and improve accessibility to the public.

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- b. The Board also proposes making all facilities in the City Park barrier-free. This includes developing barrier-free play structures with safe fall zones, the construction or installation of new restrooms and the extension of paths to all Park facilities.
 - c. The Board further proposes the redevelopment of the pedestrian access to the City Park at the corner of Rogers Lodge Drive and Vienna Street to improve public access to the Park.
 - d. The Board finally proposes improving links between the Clio City Park and the City's traditional downtown to better facilitate active living, promote community and facilitate economic development.
2. Improve drainage and remove debris from the Pine Run Creek.

Use of the Clio City Park is limited by the lack of proper drainage. In addition, the accumulation of sediment and debris in the Pine Run Creek detracts from this calming natural feature. It is for these reasons that the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the installation of drains and the clearing of the Pine Run Creek.

3. Improve lighting and security.

The lack of improved lighting and other security measures has limited the use of the Clio City Park to daylight hours and made it susceptible to petty vandalism. To increase the use of the Park during evening hours and deter petty vandalism, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the installation of improved lighting and the selective use of security cameras throughout the Park.

4. Update play equipment and structures.

Some of the older play equipment and structures in the Clio City Park are no longer considered safe. Therefore, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the identification and replacement of this play equipment and structures with playground equipment that meets current safety standards and are provided the appropriate fall safe zone.

D. Clio Sports Complex:

The Clio Sports Complex will continue to be a heavily programmed facility. Efforts will continue to increase accessibility and use with the installation of lighting and the extension of an internal network of hard surfaced paths to provide universal access to all play fields and pavilions.

D. Thetford Township Hall Park Development:

The Thetford Township Hall is a municipal complex that includes a pavilion and sufficient room for the development of a park. Currently, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board is financing the development of a sledding hill at this location, but this may be followed with other improvements. For this reason, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the installation of additional parking for motorized vehicles and bicycles. In addition, the Board also recommends the inclusion of a basketball court, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, disc golf, a small play structure, and a walking trail with exercise stations at this location. Finally, the Board also proposes the installation of lighting to extend the use of this new park in to the evening hours and improve security.

E. Tufford Park Development:

The City of Clio and Vienna Township own the land along the Pina Run Creek floodplain north of Vienna Street (M-57) west to Jennings Road. The City of Clio has developed the Clio City Park from its portion of this land and Vienna Township is considering the development of a linear park from its portion of this land. It is for this reason that the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board supports the development of a Tufford Park Master Plan to guide the future development of this land for park and recreational use.

F. Outdoor swimming pool or spray park:

The Clio area is not served by any outdoor active water recreation facility such as a pool or spray park. Therefore the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the development of an outdoor pool or spray park for public use.

G. Land Acquisition:

The Clio area is underserved by the number and variety of public parks. Consequently, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the acquisition of available land suitable for park and recreation use that is located to best serve the needs of the public by its member communities.

H. Community Center:

The Clio area is not immediately served by any indoor recreational facility. To encourage active living, promote community and facilitate economic development the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board proposes the development of a Community Center to serve the population of the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District and the townships of Thetford and Vienna.

I. Parks and Recreation Authority:

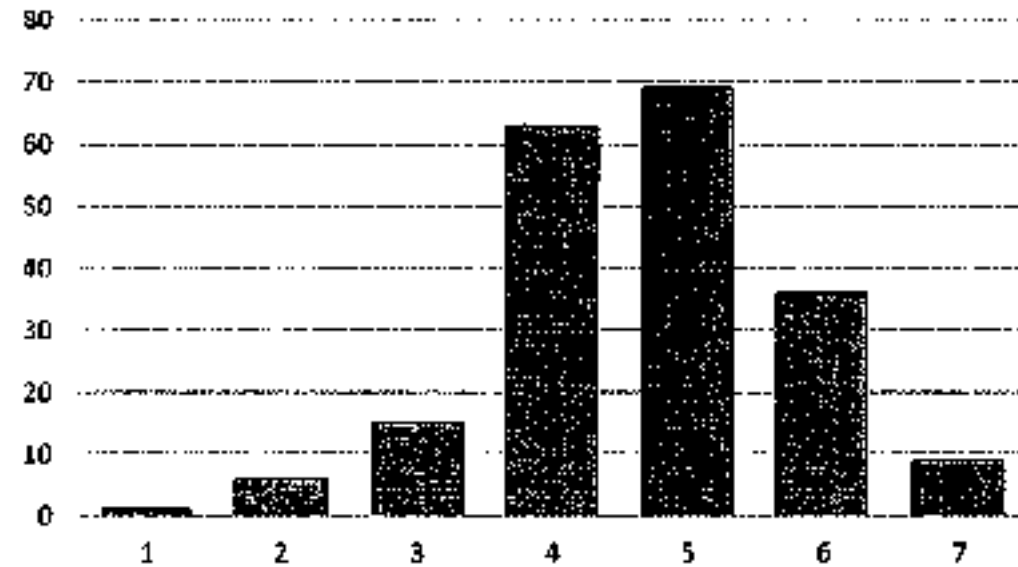
The Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board wishes to investigate the creation of a parks and recreation authority pursuant to Public Act 312 of 1929 or Public Act 321 of 2000 to evaluate its merits.

Are you familiar with the Clio City Park?

	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	227
No	0.00%	0

Answered 227

On a scale of one star (poor) to seven stars (excellent), is the Clio City Park well maintained?



☆	Percent	Count
1	0.50%	1
2	3.02%	6
3	7.54%	15
4	31.66%	63
5	34.67%	69
6	18.09%	36
7	4.52%	9

Weighted Average of 4.69 stars.

Answered 199

Please comment on the maintenance of the Clio City Park.

- 1) grass areas are maintained well, but playground equipment is often in need of repair and the restroom facilities are poor at best
- 2) Overall it's ok considering th volume of people that come
- 3) Usually broken items throughout the park. The walkway has plenty of broken spots in it.
- 4) I take my granddaughter often. Grass could be groomed more often. Cut, trimmed, pick up pet mess. Etc
- 5) cleaner bathrooms
- 6) They just need more help. Bathrooms, mowing, etc...
- 7) The playground area is filthy with trash and cigarette butts everywhere. The fence has also been broken for a few years
- 8) The gates around kids area have been broken for years, it fixed and if doing that, they should close off one of entrances leaving just one entrance/exist for safety.
- 9) It was well maintained in the 1990s, and has been a little less maintained each year since.
- 10) Always clean and presentable.
- 11) The sidewalks are hard to run on as I am afraid that I am going to twist an ankle. The mosquitos in the summer keep me off the paths.
- 12) Only been there a few times. Grass needed to be cut and a lot of water in areas. It was after a storm so I can understand that. A couple of the play areas were in need of a little repair.
- 13) Playground, pavilions in good shape, could use improved parking areas
- 14) Areas in repair seem to be roped off for long periods of time with no real progress being made...the concrete on the walking paths is quite warped due to the frost and thaw.
- 15) The Alice Boyse memorial flower garden is over grown.
- 16) keep up good
- 17) The walking/bike path is in desperate need of repair
- 18) it's good
- 19) Unfortunately many people don't take care of their trash or paint graffiti around the park.
- 20) Bathrooms are just a step above porta Johns, and not open year round

- 21) Play structure fence is missing planks. Walking path has tree down across/on power line. Path is not well maintained. Bathrooms are never open and are in poor condition.
- 22) Play structures broken frequently during our visits. Trash cans have been overflowing.
- 23) Broken fences, bathrooms are always locked. Other than that, pretty clean 😊
- 24) The grounds are always clean, graffiti is taken care of quickly. The bathrooms are gross. No toilet seats or paper.
- 25) Broken playground equipment and there are several parts of the path which are rough.
- 26) The only issues I've seen are with maintaining the pathways, especially by the pine creek apartments where flooding is an issue.
- 27) The sidewalk from the corner of vianna and the road the school is on gets really bad with rain and becomes very slick. Park is clean for the most part.
- 28) I often walk the path in summer and it is always mowed nicely. There are some areas the sidewalk needs some repair in the park however.
- 29) Overall kept up good. The path has some raised spots and cracks that could use attention.
- 30) The bathrooms are dirty without working doors. The park had multiple grade issues causing standing water in play areas and on the drive. The fence around the play area is cheap and missing rungs. Making it easy for little ones to slip in and out of.
- 31) During the 4th of July myself and my husband had a horrible time going up the stairs on the west side of the park behind the pavilion. Many upgrades are needed throughout the park in my opinion.
- 32) Good
- 33) There is broken stuff and graffiti often. Always a ton of mosquitos a certain time of year.
- 34) A lot of trip hazards on the sidewalks and parking lots
- 35) The cleanliness could be better
- 36) Needs some work, but overall it's well maintained.
- 37) The bathrooms are terrible
- 38) I think the maintenance of the park is alright. Could be better. But it's alright
- 39) Lots of trash laying around. But the DPW can only do what they can with 3 people
- 40) It's always flooded making it very hard to do anything. Bathrooms aren't always pleasant.

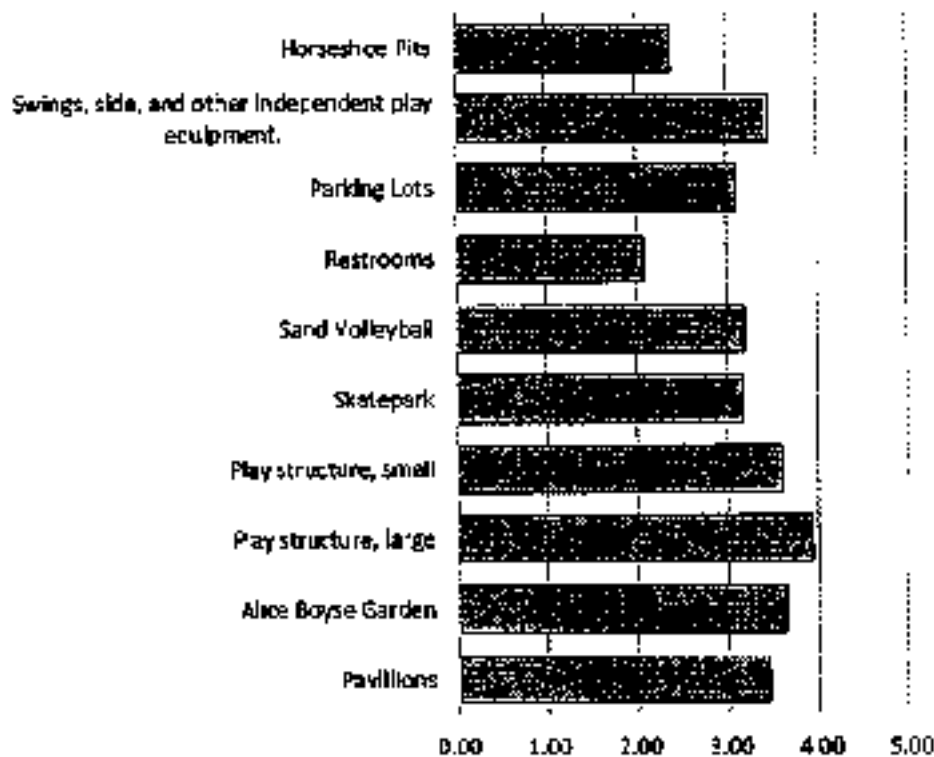
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- 41) Bathrooms are closed a lot of the times, and water is often standing on slides for a long time after rains. Bees are also a problem on the playground equipment every year.
 - 42) they keep it clean for the most part
 - 43) In good, clean condition on every visit
 - 44) Some pavilions in poor condition, non plastic equipment is poorly maintained
 - 45) We have seen trash that has needed to be picked up
 - 46) Its gotten a lot better in the last year or two.
 - 47) I have never noticed any maintenance issues, I think it is pretty well maintained.
 - 48) Facilities should be nicer and kept up more frequently.
 - 49) The restrooms need better hand dryers and privacy doors
 - 50) They Keep The Park Well Maintained I Feel It Just Needs Some Updates
 - 51) The maintenance crew do a great job! They park appears to be taken care of well.
 - 52) Seems to be kept up nicely
 - 53) Rest rooms need work
 - 54) Bathrooms could be a little cleaner/nicer
 - 55) The last time I went there, I was disappointed in the maintenance of the park. Usually it isn't that bad. I had heard a few of my friends complaining about it too.
 - 56) always clean and patrolled by police , very safe
 - 57) The fence by the big play structure has a lot of slats missing.
 - 58) I believe it's maintained for being clean and well groomed, but some of the facilities are outdated and need some repairs.
 - 59) Broken fence was not fixed in a timely manner. Run down toys and bathrooms need updating.
 - 60) Sometimes the pavilion areas have broken glass.....and there are piles of brush not taken care of, but it's mowed well.
 - 61) White fence around playground needs gaps closed. Sometimes there is garbage.
 - 62) Pretty well kept cleaned
 - 63) Maintenance is good. Sidewalks are kind of rough.
 - 64) Always appears to be clean.
 - 65) It's a shame the graffiti that is present and portions of the fence around the playground are broken.

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- 66) The creek could be cleaned up from debris and trash. There are several holes in the grass one big one is by the bridge.
 - 67) Some of the fence pieces are missing around the jungle gym. Bathrooms are not well maintained.
 - 68) The bathrooms are about the only thing I would complain about
 - 69) Lawn is always mowed, rubbish is picked up and disposed of.
 - 70) Sometimes the trashies are supper full but it's pretty good
 - 71) The bathroom facilities could be better maintained. Some of the activity spots get flooded easily and are inaccessible.
 - 72) Flooding/mud, trail concrete, falling apart, parking lot in shambles
 - 73) Broken spindles in the fence area bordering the playscape.
 - 74) Clean always
 - 75) The bathrooms are nasty.
 - 76) Abe park is nice and clean
 - 77) Trash in bins and on the grounds
 - 78) I've seen the trash can knocked over a couple times just outside the playscape, but other than a few pieces of trash here and there, overall it's taken care of.
 - 79) Very clean
 - 80) Needs maintenance and updating and clean up
 - 81) Grass is always well maintained, I believe the company North and South cuts, and they are always courteous to me as I am either on trail or up by bathrooms.
 - 82) My nephew likes to swing. He is an adult with autism. Mentally he is about 4 with the body of a man. We were told he could not swing in the park, none of the swings were made for adults? The park manager refused to help. Terrible
 - 83) Worry about the flooding
 - 84) Cleaning up the playground area more, with painting and cleaning the bathrooms
 - 85) Cracks in the sidewalk
 - 86) Some of the sidewalks by bridge are dangerous
 - 87) bathrooms are rough
 - 88) I am over all happy with the park, but there is an issue with trash in the river creek whatever the water areas
 - 89) lack of maintenance to the pavilions, as well as not enough attention to appearance of park

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- 90) It's pretty decent
 - 91) The fencing around the playground is in need of repairs.
 - 92) Fair
 - 93) I believe it is fairly well maintained, however it seemed to take a long time for the swings to get fixed although they did get fixed. And the fencing around the playscape is still broken in many parts.
 - 94) The play ground always has trash laying around in it
 - 95) The fencing around the south play area is in disrepair
 - 96) Overall it's pretty good. But there is still a huge pile of brush that a community group cut down months ago, just sitting there...
 - 97) People need to do a better job of picking up after their dogs.
 - 98) Park is generally clean, I see a lot of maintenance workers during my morning run. The bathrooms are a joke though, at least the men's room.
 - 99) Certain areas of the sidewalk in the summer time develop standing water which grows algae making it slippery. I've fallen once and don't regularly walk the park anymore because of it
 - 100) Better than the city.
 - 101) Wasn't there this summer so I can't say now but used to be really nice
 - 102) It's pretty nice
 - 103) Fence around park always broken, there is often trash throughout the park.
 - 104) Toilets don't have seats— the fence around the kids equipment is often broken
 - 105) The bathrooms are always disgusting. Doors don't even lock anymore, sub par facilities. The trails don't seem to be maintained like they used to. Fallen trees, broken cement, and water draining across the same areas so much that it's become slick like ice.
 - 106) Broken fence pieces usually
 - 107) Bathrooms could use some attention
 - 108) Everything is just okay.....nothing special there.
 - 109) Very nice
 - 110) Generally good.
 - 111) The bathrooms are functional but not great at all. No toilet seats?
 - 112) There is usually graffiti.
 - 113) Pavilions need upgrading

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- 114) Need trash containers along bike path
 - 115) Always nicely mowed and clean
 - 116) Ok just needs more grooming and fertilizer.
 - 117) Dead bushes
 - 118) It is great but the misquotes are horrible.
 - 119) The park is pretty well maintained.
 - 120) Somewhat rundown
 - 121) Its fair
 - 122) Clean
 - 123) Occasionally some trash on ground. Fence was pretty beat up recently but I believe it has been fixed.
 - 124) Garbage everywhere...
 - 125) Average
 - 126) Wish the bathrooms were in better condition.
 - 127) The bathrooms need to be updated.
 - 128) pretty good
 - 129) Always clean and maintained
 - 130) Side walk/ bike path could use some attention. Some areas are lifted. The area by the flower garden near Vienna Rd can get very slippery. Low spots near in the grass that are always wet need drainage issue fixed.
 - 131) Drainage. Vegetative growth along near Pavilion 4. Trash around skatepark. Sand volleyball court not well maintained.

On a scale of one star (poor) to five stars (excellent), rate the Clif City Park facilities identified below. You will need to rate each facility, however, should you not know one or more facility simply mark, "Don't know/ Not familiar."



	Weighted Average ☆
Pavilions	3.44
Alice Boyse Garden	3.64
Play structure, large	3.94
Play structure, small	3.61
Skatepark	3.17
Sand Volleyball	3.19
Restrooms	2.08
Parking Lots	3.10
Swings, slide, and other independent play equipment	3.47
Horseshoe Pits	2.39
Answered	184

Comment on the Clio City Park facilities.

- 1) many need repair and upkeep. some problems with graffiti
- 2) Not familiar with where there are horseshoe pits.
- 3) Bathrooms and pavilions are very run down. I wasn't even aware that there were sand volleyball or horseshoe pits, I have never even seen them
- 4) Haven't used before
- 5) All of the park's facilities have fallen below what is acceptable. Proposal of a park millage is an option?
- 6) The park facilities are nice compared to some parks I have been to.
- 7) Clio does not have the money like other cities with nicer parks. It's there and we use it. Thank you for that
- 8) Seems to be something for everyone.
- 9) Good variety for small park
- 10) We love that we have a park so close to home! Enjoyed it a lot this summer
- 11) rest room could use some work
- 12) Skate park could use a facelift
- 13) We don't use the facilities. We just go to sit in the car and eat ice cream
- 14) See previous comments
- 15) Often the play equipment is broken. The restrooms are usually filthy when I've used them.
- 16) Some swings are missing. The bathrooms are nasty. The road leading to the main parking lot needs work.
- 17) My children love the play areas and it's a nice place to enjoy nature.
- 18) There are no playground elements for my small toddler. No baby swings or anything for smaller children.
- 19) The roads could use some work. Park could use so smaller set ups for the little kids 2-4
- 20) They seem to be kept nicely if not all used often
- 21) I feel like most of the park needs fresher up maybe some paint on pavilions and play equipment as well as restrooms.
- 22) While I'd personally like to see fund raising efforts for a splash pad to be added to the park, I feel there's too many other issues that need to be addressed before something like that might come to our park.

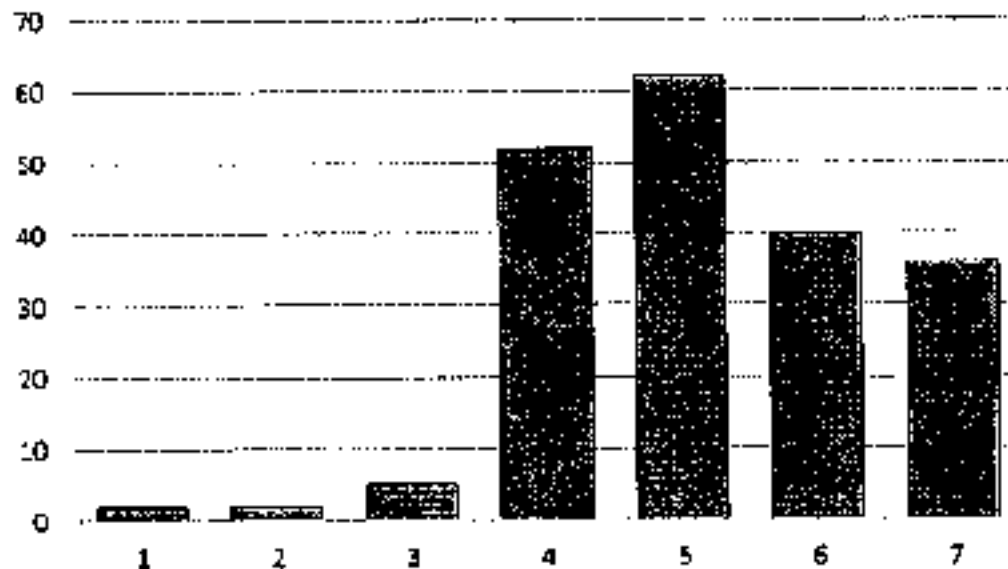
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- 23) The bathrooms are always gross and the doors dont shut. There is never a toilet seat. Hardly paper towels.
 - 24) Most are alright just not bathrooms
 - 25) Some play equipment is rusty. Pavilions seem to look old. A fresh coat of paint and some other small upgrades would be a plus. Bathrooms are ok sometimes and not others
 - 26) A great place to take my kids to play in the park, take great scenic photos, and also love attending the fireworks show.
 - 27) Building materials seem to be aged. Should not be old or outdated.
 - 28) I think the restrooms need attention
 - 29) The Alice Boyce Garden is Very Over Grown it needs to be Thined Out A lot The Horse shoe pits need To Be Redone Tge Side Of The Park With The Horse Shoe Pits Needs Updated Badly I Don't Recall Seeing A Volleyball Area It Is A Very Nice Park And I Feel If They Updated It That They Wluld Attract A lot More People
 - 30) They could be updated.
 - 31) Better/ cleaner bathrooms, more pavilions
 - 32) I feel the small playground should have some sort of fencing also more swings at the end by the playscape for all children. (Babies and special need swings especially)
 - 33) the play areas are nice . Restrooms need lots of work! Pavilions could be better.
 - 34) easy access
 - 35) I'd like to see a fence around the small plastic play structure. I'd also love the fence around the large structure to be re-slatted where slats are missing. Ideally I'd like to see the entrance on the middle school side closed off so there's a single point of entry off the parking lot. When I bring both of my small children, it can be difficult to always keep sight lines on both of them. Knowing my child can't get out through a hole in the fence or the side entrance without my knowledge would be awesome
 - 36) Need updating. Especially bathrooms.
 - 37) There is often standing water around the play structures. Graffiti in the tunnels is a problem. Litter around the skate park is horrible, especially behind the fence.
 - 38) Could use some updating
 - 39) Awesome
 - 40) I wish there were better bathrooms especially with young children.
 - 41) Needs some updating maybe the high school arts could do some colorful painting to brighten it up

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- 42) Bathrooms need updating big time.
 - 43) Need more benches
 - 44) Pavilions need new paint
 - 45) More structures
 - 46) The restrooms have had graffiti on them or inappropriate notes left in women's restrooms
 - 47) Lights running the bike trail and allowing use of the trail after 11PM for night walking would be nice, especially for the summer months.
 - 48) Horseshoe pit should be removed and replaced with a community garden.
 - 49) Some system for flooding runoff should be addressed to avoid flooding and turning the larger green areas into swamp.
 - 50) Placing stalls in the bathroom for additional privacy, using the restroom in the park is a pain and is better to go back home.
 - 51) A centralized spray paint wall may stop vandalism if it's still an issue.
 - 52) The Skate Park and Volleyball area could have an additional pavilion.
 - 53) Extending the trail from the west wooden staircase entrance to the southern entrance or the west side of the creek or demolishing that entrance entirely.
 - 54) Mini-pavilions/gazebo throughout the bike trail to encourage walking/picnics, like at trailheads or open areas.
 - 55) Educational Wildlife Signs.
 - 56) Refencing the southern part of the amphitheater for 24/7 access to the memorial benches and gazebo.
 - 57) Initiative to clean the creek by clearing out fallen trees, debris, and litter.
 - 58) Consider camping areas on city park property with permit
 - 59) Tattered picnic benches, Alice Boyse garden infested with weeds, broken spindles in the fencing around the big playscape.
 - 60) Abundance of trash underneath the skate ramps and adjacent to the skate park the last time I visited gave it a low rating today.
 - 61) Poor
 - 62) I hate that skate park. Them kids that hang in there are out of control with their mouths and actions. its like or space for kids to hang and do and deal drugs yes I said it hate that places
 - 63) Overall I like our park. Restrooms a plus!

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- 64) I think everything is pretty decent. I would like to see a few swings within the large play structure area because my son likes to play in there but my daughter only wants to swing.
 - 65) needs maintenance and upkeep
 - 66) Would like to see some more porta-johns , especially after bathrooms are winterized. But even during summer months would be nice at trail heads.
 - 67) They have no toilet seats. No soap they are gross
 - 68) Big play equipment is in need of repair and the small one needs more for the younger kids and would be great if that one was fenced in as well
 - 69) they need attention
 - 70) Skate park is often locked during hours its supposed to be open.
 - 71) Pavilions could use some paint.
 - 72) Bathrooms look like they are in need of repairs.
 - 73) Parking lot is in need of repairs.
 - 74) Fencing around the large playground needs to be repaired.
 - 75) Bikes need to be allowed in the skate park
 - 76) Fair
 - 77) Nice place for family activities
 - 78) Some is great, some is rough... a new Volleyball Net is desperately needed
 - 79) Nice
 - 80) I think there are a lot of great resources for people to enjoy. I've been using the skatepark since I was a kid and I enjoy running and biking on the trails. Again, the bathrooms are a total joke though.
 - 81) Bathrooms need a lot of work and to be maintained.
 - 82) Didn't know they had horseshoe pits Bikes should be allowed in the skatepark.
 - 83) Need more info centers
 - 84) nice area for relaxing but am cautious of lingering individuals.
 - 85) Ok
 - 86) Old equipment should be replaced with new. Updated structures including bathrooms. More community events in parks for kids like summer lunch meet up and such.
 - 87) I think it a ok park

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- 88) The restrooms are decent. The play places both big and small are great. The skatepark could be bigger. The tunnels around the water could be better.
- 89) I like to use city of clats bike trails but the mosquitoes and safety are my biggest issues.
- 90) Enjoy park, maybe more patrolling
- 91) Its fair
- 92) The restrooms are very out of date.
- 93) More Parking needed at times. The police department threatening tickets during Prom is very discouraging. Our students and families will go elsewhere. Great way to discourage visits and run people out. Its one day a year. Otherwise the police wouldn't visit the park. (Maybe a drive through without getting out of their vehicles).
- 94) Bathrooms could use some work
- 95) Bathrooms need work
- 96) I like the swings
- 97) Bathrooms are nasty
- 98) Does anyone even use the horseshoe pits?

On a scale of one star (poor) to seven stars (excellent), the Clio City Park is a comfortable environment for me?



★	Percent	Count
1	1.01%	2
2	1.01%	2
3	2.51%	5
4	26.13%	52
5	31.16%	62
6	20.10%	40
7	18.09%	36

Weighted Average of 5.18 stars.

Answered 199

Please comment on your comfort in the Clio City Park.

- 1) safe, adequate number of picnic tables, but the pavillons need repair/replacement. Some grills need repairing
- 2) Moderately comfortable.
- 3) I would be more comfortable if I didn't have to worry about my 1 year old eating cigarette butts
- 4) Bathrooms dont always seem safe.

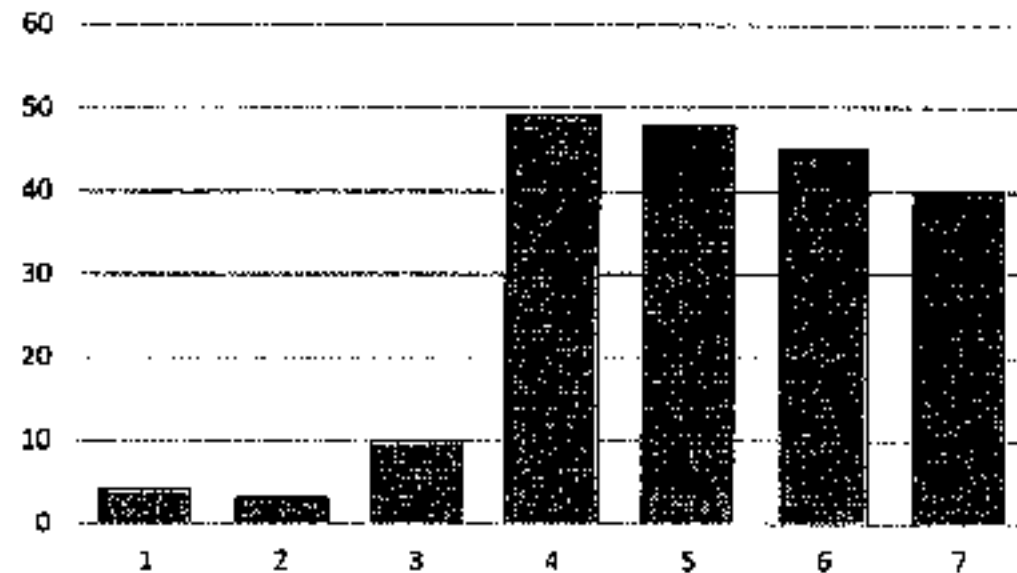
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- 5) The pavilions need more than a coating of brown paint, they need to be replaced. The park sits very low in the Saginaw Valley, EPA should test lead, mercury, dioxin level. The bike path that runs through it is falling apart and is a liability. It's very drab, some flower beds that are maintained would offer more comfort, the Alice Boyse memorial garden was nice for a few years before the city stopped maintaining it.
 - 6) It would be nice if they had more benches to sit on maybe along the creek.
 - 7) It's not the Greatest, it's not the Worst. Been to nicer parks.
 - 8) Good family place.
 - 9) Peaceful, like creek running through, feel safe
 - 10) Parks in general are a bit of a breeding ground for creepers as a woman I struggle going alone with my children. I feel better going with my partner or a friend.
 - 11) family friendly
 - 12) Nice place to visit
 - 13) I won't go alone. Lots of people who appear to be trouble.
 - 14) It is a beautiful park with a great walking path (but needs some repairs)
 - 15) We love walking and playing outdoors. Love local parks. It's what's available but not utilized or maintained well. Other communities host art shows, movie nights, and different festivals in their local parks. Ojo has the space but don't
 - 16) Small city park, no threats
 - 17) We take our children (5&6) bike riding on the trails. We have never felt threatened or in danger.
 - 18) Overall it is fairly safe, I have seen police officers on carts while on the bike path
 - 19) I've grown up here my whole life and the park has improved tremendously in my lifetime.
 - 20) Think is great in the center of town next to the school. The trails can be scary alone in them but other than that very comfortable
 - 21) Could use a bit more seating for adults
 - 22) I love how the creek is right there and how the trails take you through nature, very peaceful.
 - 23) Here seems to be many unattended to children running around. Teens in large groups sitting in pavilions smoking and cursing in front of smaller children.
 - 24) Comfortable
 - 25) Safe
 - 26) Bathrooms

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- 27) I think it's comfortable when you're with other people! But when you're not I don't feel safe
- 28) Nice to get out and enjoy the nice summer days. Always see police in the area of the center of the park. The skate park on the other hand is a much different story
- 29) Bathrooms need work.
- 30) We have gone to each lunch and it was nice
- 31) Great!!
- 32) Nice playground area
- 33) You never know who could be lurking on the trail.
- 34) I don't like to go alone with my daughter, I usually go with a friend.
- 35) I love the park
- 36) It is a very relaxing place
- 37) I love the Clio park and so do my grandkids but like I said they need to do updates
- 38) I'm generally using the path. I'm not comfortable walking/jogging alone there.
- 39) More benches along trail
- 40) The grass wasn't mowed. The restrooms were very disgusting. There were no toilet seats. Just didn't want the little ones going in there. It did feel very safe. Playscape was very nice.
- 41) we walk our dogs there and if we need a break there is always a bench not too far away
- 42) I have had no issues with comfort at the park
- 43) More benches throughout.
- 44) Even though kids need more unbroken fixtures the surroundings are arm and never make me feel unsafe.
- 45) Awsome
- 46) Some parts are kind of sketchy, like some of the bike path.
- 47) I see trouble hanging around the park. I do not use the park.
- 48) Needs more benches away from the pavilions and play ground
- 49) Live the atmosphere
- 50) During the morning and afternoon I feel safe being at the park. Later in the day I have seen unruly teens there, so no longer go late afternoon or evening.
- 51) I'm always a little sketchy when in parks.

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- 52) Always feel safe and welcomed
 - 53) Old tattered picnic tables and broken sidewalks.
 - 54) Safe
 - 55) Could use a couple more benches.. path and skate park
 - 56) I like to take my kids but would like the walk the walking/run the path as well but don't feel comfortable doing it alone
 - 57) I like that it's enclosed
 - 58) Very family oriented
 - 59) Doesn't feel like a safe family environment due to the type of people that I have seen hanging around.
 - 60) Still lots of teenage loitering and marijuana smoking , would like to see policed more regularly.
 - 61) When talking to the city about my nephew they did not even ask if my nephew was ok when I reported he fell and a swing was broken. So sad
 - 62) Bathrooms are in awful condition. Need replaced
 - 63) It is a relaxing place to ride your bike
 - 64) more police presence would make me feel more comfortable
 - 65) More lighting
 - 66) Good place to take grandchildren to play.
 - 67) The park yes, the trails part not so much.
 - 68) Good
 - 69) I love the park, I always feel comfortable and welcome.
 - 70) Excellent.
 - 71) My family feels comfortable while there
 - 72) It is a nice place. Normally nice people, families, etc.
 - 73) It's pretty nice
 - 74) I like it but some of the lonely stretches can make me nervous . There isn't a park around that wouldn't make me nervous if I was alone .
 - 75) Safe and comfortable
 - 76) pleasant environment
 - 77) i feel pretty comfortable being there
 - 78) i have been catcalled while jogging in this park before.

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- 79) Paint
 - 80) It's ok
 - 81) The doors I. The bathroom are always open, it's very awkward when there are other people in the restroom. If the doors opened the opposite way, away from the entrance, that would be great.
 - 82) It is nice and open-It's clean
 - 83) My family has often get togethers here because we feel so comfortable.
 - 84) Its fair
 - 85) Pleasant
 - 86) Fine
 - 87) Comfortable
 - 88) Feel safe. Never had any issues.
 - 89) Big giant teens hang out and smoke and leave cigarette butts in the park for kids to pick up.
 - 90) I wish they had bathrooms year round
 - 91) It just isn't all that inviting
 - 92) Seems a little worn/ tired.

On a scale of one star (poor) to seven stars (excellent), how safe do you feel in the Clio City Park?



★	Percent	Count
1	2.01%	4
2	1.51%	3
3	5.03%	10
4	24.62%	49
5	24.12%	48
6	22.61%	45
7	20.10%	40

Weighted Average of 5.16 stars.

Please comment on your safety in the Clio City Park.

- 1) Often see police patrols in the park. Lots of people using the park helps keep it safe
- 2) I feel safe.
- 3) Sometimes see suspicious vehicles parked.
- 4) Idk the whole world is getting scarier
- 5) Other than random teenagers being rude, I feel safe
- 6) in park area I feel fine, except bathrooms, I stay on the paths close to park when by myself.

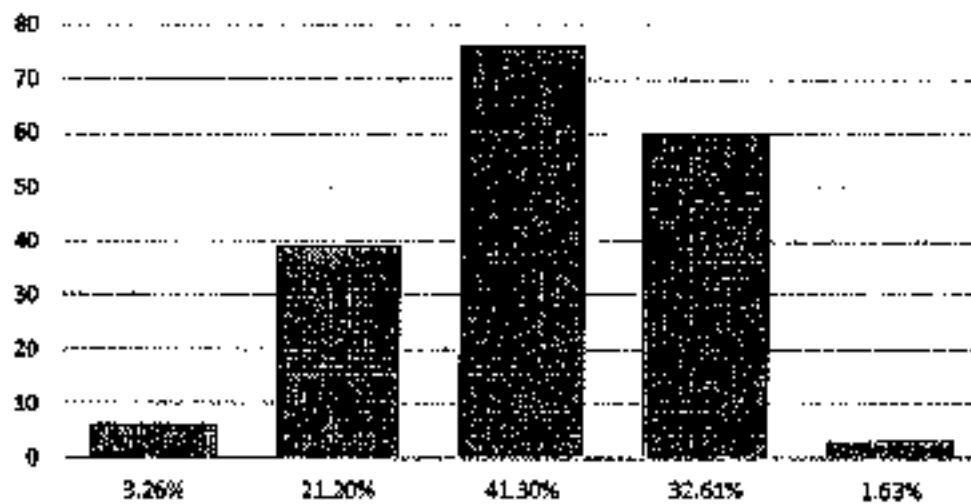
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- 7) Vagrants, homeless, thugs walk the bike path in the park. IV drug use in the restrooms. Drug paraphernalia tumbling around the park. Mentally ill people fighting residents of Clio in the pavilions over pop can deposit. For this-
 - 8) If I walk too far on the bike path I get a little nervous, but in the park I feel completely safe.
 - 9) It's Clio... Not New York
 - 10) It seems to be a safe place. A lot of open areas. But parents do need to keep a eye on younger children.
 - 11) no concerns
 - 12) I have never felt uneasy personally but I have heard of bad things happening along the bike paths. Therefore I always stay alert and travel with mace.
 - 13) seem pretty safe
 - 14) Never feel unsafe there
 - 15) Wouldn't go alone.
 - 16) Get nervous walking
 - 17) I have frequently seen kids, teens as well as adults using drugs at the park. I don't feel comfortable having my 7 year old around that.
 - 18) Always feel safe there. Never even witnessed raised voices. The only reason I didn't give max stars is that I have never seen security or phone to use if there ever was danger
 - 19) Sometimes there people just hanging around that don't seem to fit in, but other than that it seems safe.
 - 20) The only places that are a bit creepy are the bends way out in the woods where lights and people are few and far between.
 - 21) Safe cuz it's right in town. By the school
 - 22) Safety has never been a concern
 - 23) I feel safe, but feel like there could be better lengths of security, like maybe a city worker driving the path a few times a day or just more police presence.
 - 24) I have never had a time where I hadn't felt safe in the park.
 - 25) Feel safe
 - 26) Safe for the kids
 - 27) Lots of woods but nothing to do there
 - 28) When I'm with people

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- 29) Always people walking on the path or in other area of the park. Very rarely is the park ever empty
 - 30) On the trails sometimes I feel unsafe.
 - 31) I felt safe.
 - 32) Never had a safety issue
 - 33) If something happens on the trail no one will know.
 - 34) Sadly there isn't a true 'safe' place anymore. The equipment is safe, but I wouldn't let my daughter go too far out of sight!
 - 35) I'm not threatened
 - 36) I feel safe at the park. Young people or women may not by their self
 - 37) I feel it's safe except in the playscape area I don't think they need 2 entrances or exits they need to put up a gate for the entrance that faces the middle school drive
 - 38) Not always comfortable
 - 39) It is my home town, so I feel very safe there.
 - 40) There was a crazy lady there giving us a hard time and she called the police on us. But no big deal nothing came of it.
 - 41) police randomly patrolling on bikes make it nice and safe
 - 42) I have not had any safety concerns in the park, but I've also only ever visited during the daytime. I probably wouldn't go in the evening/dark.
 - 43) Although not a bad area, I still would not venture alone.
 - 44) For most part I feel safe with my family in the park. There have been a couple of times due to certain people in immediate area that made me feel unsure of safety for my children.
 - 45) Usually feel safe.
 - 46) Good
 - 47) Some of the park is more secluded and kind of sketchy.
 - 48) Never had a problem and I see a sheriff riding his bike in the path that makes me feel safer.
 - 49) No where is ever safe enough. I would not let my daughter go to it without me
 - 50) Later in day I do not feel safe.
 - 51) See previous
 - 52) I have seen police cars patrolling and have in the past seen police officers riding bicycles on the bike path.

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- 53) Great
 - 54) I don't walk the path alone just me ? Area are wooded
 - 55) Please see comment in #4. I see kids (teens) hiding in woods and smell substances at times
 - 56) I've never had any issues or seen issues while there.
 - 57) Never had issues
 - 58) Unsavory looking people hanging around
 - 59) Feel safe
 - 60) The city doesn't care.
 - 61) As safe as you can now days
 - 62) Nothing never happen to me. Stuff has happen at the clio park so I always stay alarmed and never go by myself
 - 63) More lighting secretary
 - 64) Usually safe. Sometimes large groups in pavilion can be a little roust, but not often
 - 65) The park yes, the trails not so much
 - 66) OK
 - 67) I personally feel okay about my own safety in the park, it might be different if I was a more vulnerable person, Not a whole lot of security or resources for an emergency situation tho.
 - 68) At night it can be a little underlit. With recent abductions and human trafficking I feel more lights along the paths would make a difference in helping people remain aware of their surroundings
 - 69) Safe.
 - 70) it's often patrolled by police – the walking path would be a lower rated safety
 - 71) Very safe. Clio has amazing people and there officers are equally great.
 - 72) Clio is a pretty safe town
 - 73) Ok
 - 74) Pretty remote down there.
 - 75) Very safe
 - 76) have never had a problem but many time young adults feel they have to walk their huge pitfalls close to others.
 - 77) I haven't seen any creepers around

- 78) I feel better in a group.
- 79) Ok
- 80) I don't feel safe by myself
- 81) I have heard stories about the bike path not being safe. But the park itself seems pretty safe.
- 82) I feel safe depending on the time of day
- 83) Sometimes kind of creepy
- 84) Overall safe
- 85) Police could patrol the park more, or park rangers.
- 86) Not much crime in cllo.
- 87) There are usually other people there which makes it pretty safe
- 88) Seems safe.

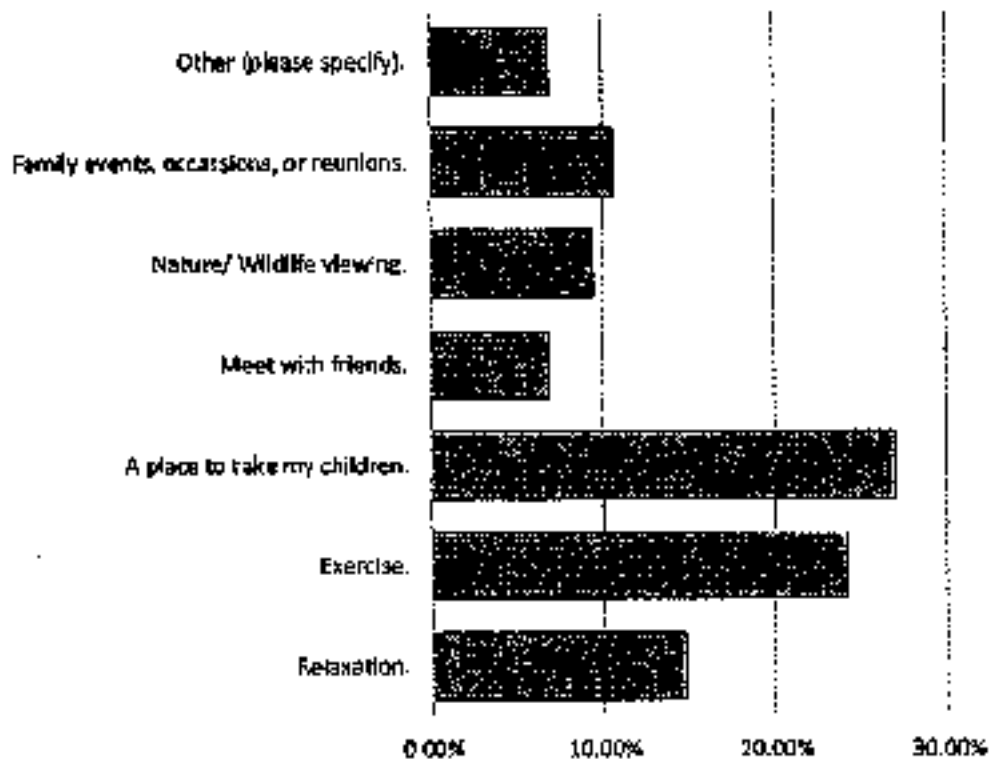
How often do you visit the Cllo City Park during the fair weather (non-winter) months?



	Percent	Count
Daily.	3.26%	6
A few times a week, but less than daily.	21.20%	39
A few times a month, but less than a few times a week.	41.30%	76
A few time a season, but less than a few times a month.	32.61%	60
Never.	1.63%	3

Answered 184

Why do you visit the Clio City Park?



	Percent	Count
Relaxation.	14.78%	64
Exercise.	24.25%	105
A place to take my children.	27.02%	117
Meet with friends.	6.93%	30
Nature/ Wildlife viewing.	9.47%	41
Family events, occasions, or reunions.	10.62%	46
Other (please specify).	6.93%	30

Answered 433

Other:

- 1) Walking the dog.
- 2) something to do listen to music
- 3) Dog walks
- 4) Church sponsored movie nights
- 5) Eat our ice cream from Dairy Queen
- 6) Finding and collecting edible foliage

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- 7) Walking
 - 8) Walk home
 - 9) Walking the dog
 - 10) I like taking pictures of my family in the park. I like scenery
 - 11) Me and my grandchildren love searching for the painted rocks it's fun hiding and finding them
 - 12) dog walking and yes we carry pooper bags
 - 13) Photography sessions
 - 14) Play with grandson
 - 15) Walking with dogs
 - 16) Stop while biking or walking the dog.
 - 17) Bike riding
 - 18) It is a more pleasant walk than down the street.
 - 19) Looking for painted rocks
 - 20) Pokémon Go
 - 21) My nephew swings daily in all weather
 - 22) Walk the dog
 - 23) I don't have many reasons to go, no kids, big backyard at my home
 - 24) Walk my dog, with my kids.
 - 25) 4th of July
 - 26) Dog walk
 - 27) We ride through it as part of the bike trail.
 - 28) Work events
 - 29) Walking dog
 - 30) A place to take my grandchildren.

Does the Clio City Park meet your leisure and recreational needs?

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	Percent	Count
Yes	86.03%	154
No	13.97%	25
Answered		179

How might the Clio City Park best be improved to meet, or better meet, your leisure and recreation needs?

- 1) Water available to drink on the path
- 2) parts of the bike path need repair, graffiti control, marked parking areas behind amphitheater, new bathrooms, garden maintenance, bike racks
- 3) Kayaking
- 4) Meets needs
- 5) Clean it up and make it safer for children
- 6) Safer kids area, splash pad
- 7) Update existing facilities to modern standards. Employ individuals to take care of it, not just a Clio City employees- actual Clio Park Employees. Buy the City it's own commercial lawn mowers explicitly for the Clio Park, it will be far less expensive than subcontracting the job of mowing.
- 8) Need more swings and bench seats.
- 9) nicer sidewalks, Pool, more activities to do there. I used to go to the Clio 4th of July in the park back in the 80's and 90's. Tons of people... Went last year, hardly anyone. Something has to change to make it more fun. My son is 7, we go there to swing, play on the structure and walk the trails (cannot in summer due to mosquitos). Other than that, it's boring. The concerts are boring!
- 10) For myself nothing needs to change.
- 11) Might be nice to have some sort of security patrol and a Facebook page for calander of events to meet other parents and kids in the area within the same age groups.
- 12) really dont know
- 13) Benches closer to the creek to sit and watch the water
- 14) More monitoring of behaviors.
- 15) N/a
- 16) Mileage signs that are accessible and readable. Map out the trails.

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- 17) Please maintain the bike path better as well as the play equipment. Installation of a splash pad for kids of all sizes would be an excellent addition to the park.
 - 18) Bathrooms need work, no seats and usually out of paper. The road floods. Swings need to be replaced. Maybe some shade closer to the playscapes for parents who want to be closer to the kids than in a pavilion
 - 19) Possible safety phones placed every so often linked directly to the police. Make sure to maintain the walkways especially after winter.
 - 20) Better/cleaner rest rooms
 - 21) A section of the playground for smaller kids or at least a safe baby swing.
 - 22) The roads fixed up some. Sidewalk relieved few more benches around the park looking at the play area. The wood steps leading the the bank could use some tic
 - 23) I would enjoy a dog park area. Nicely fenced for dog interactions. Maybe with a small dog obstacle course.
 - 24) It would be cool to have spots along the whole trail where you could stop and picnic.
 - 25) The addition is a splash pad would be wonderful.
 - 26) The play areas need to be cleaned more
 - 27) I would really like to see a basketball court put in. They are needed in Clio and it would appeal to all ages not just younger kids.
 - 28) Make the bathrooms better
 - 29) Cleaned up better and some of the path is in need of repair
 - 30) Just a good sprucing up would be nice. Some of the equipment is well loved and could use a fresh paint or replacement all together
 - 31) I like it the way it is.
 - 32) Grade parking area so water runs off better. Upgrade play equipment, possibly better access to the creek for safer nature viewing
 - 33) Better landscaping. Buildings should have older materials replaced with new stuff
 - 34) Allowing bikes in the skate park and better restrooms
 - 35) Updated play equipment in the Horse shoe side of the park
 - 36) Better bathrooms
 - 37) Get rid of the pebbles under playscape and put some sort of soft turf under. There is trash and who knows what else in the pebbles that is not safe for children
 - 38) Big ruts in the dirt around the pavilion, we hung a sign and wanted to take pictures but couldn't stand there as a group comfortably because the ground was such a mess with big holes.

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- 39) It's fine as it is
 - 40) I'm not sure if there are tennis courts, but if there were that would be cool. I also doubt anyone else wants a pool (indoor or outdoor) but I'm still bummed the high school pool was closed. Also an ice skating rink would be neat!
 - 41) More play area for younger children...2-4 year olds.
 - 42) Doesn't feel safe or clean
 - 43) More updated and better maintained play equipment and bathrooms. More parking by smaller play area so not to park on grass due to getting a ticket.
 - 44) Updated with more benches and more kid friendly equipment.
 - 45) Improve there swings area
 - 46) Even out the sidewalks
 - 47) More modern facilities, splash pad,
 - 48) Have more park events.
 - 49) Better bathroom facilities. Places to dispose of doggie bags.
 - 50) Additional restrooms closer to the pavilions on other side of water and far one.
 - 51) More benches
 - 52) Updated bathrooms
 - 53) Painted pavilions
 - 54) More gardens
 - 55) Pool
 - 56) A splash pad would be a great addition
 - 57) Allow scooters and possibly pedal bikes in the skate park
 - 58) See previous
 - 59) Fix the cracked cement squares along the bike path, trim the noxious weeds, and clean up debris from dead trees.
 - 60) More events at the amphitheater. Perhaps food vendors allowed to rent space from the city.
 - 61) The lake needs cleaning
 - 62) I think we need a splash pad like some of other parks have. Give parents a reason to bring their little ones
 - 63) More play structures and a couple more benches
 - 64) The walking paths needs repairs a lot of uneven parts hard to push strollers

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- 65) To have swings within the big play structure area.
 - 66) More working swings, more seating area.
 - 67) More activities aimed at families more security and cleaner
 - 68) Trails are in horrible condition, need to be fixed, re-asphalt, and then quit driving trucks on them.
 - 69) Have swings for adults and bigger people with disabilities.
 - 70) Redo the bathrooms
 - 71) Clean up water way
 - 72) repair bad sections of bikepath
 - 73) Bathrooms could be updated. More patrols of some kind after the middle school kids get out of school.
 - 74) Bigger play ground
 - 75) Fix the fencing around the larger playscape where it's needed. Place fencing around the river/creek in both sides so children can't have direct access to falling into the water.
 - 76) More play equipment. More foot patrol on the bike path
 - 77) More parking. Less mud in the spring for dance pictures, etc
 - 78) Touch up the rusty spots on the playground, repair the broken ones (such as the rocking animals)
 - 79) Improve bathrooms, and spray for bugs on the trail. It's overwhelming when running on a summer evening.
 - 80) Not sure
 - 81) Better amendities -- rubber mulch -- areas not so far apart --
 - 82) Bathrooms upgraded and maintained. Trails maintained.
 - 83) Bikes should be allowed in the skatepark
 - 84) I love the pavilion in Flushing Park with a stone fireplace. I think our pavilions could be upgraded
 - 85) I would like to see the Clio Police occasionally go through the park and interact with residents. Visibility for the lingering element
 - 86) More restrooms...more information signs
 - 87) It needs updated badly.
 - 88) Lights, more grooming

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- 89) Fix bike trails with severe cracks for roller blading jogging etc.
 - 90) I wish my kids could use the skate park for roller skating
 - 91) It is a standard park. Would love to see a more updated/modern park. Maybe a splash pad.
 - 92) spray for mosquitoes. Have a bike cop monitor the area.
 - 93) Better lighting.
 - 94) More pavilions.
 - 95) More swings
 - 96) More patrolling
 - 97) Capital improvements
 - 98) I do worry about drug paraphernalia in the rocks around the large playground. (Needles and syringes) I don't really know why just a fear.
 - 99) Some areas could be updated
 - 100) Safety and bathroom improvements
 - 101) Year round bathrooms
 - 102) Work with the township and get the bike path improved. Go check out other paths in the area. Southern Links trail, St. Charles trail, Flushing trail they are all in much better condition than Clio. The best part of Clio's trail is the section running to Willard Rd.

Is the Clio City Park accessible to you (i.e. can you freely access and move about the Park without Difficulty?

	Percent	Count
Yes	97.18%	172
No	2.82%	5

Answered 177

How might access to/ from, and about, the Clio City Park be improved?

- 1) repair or replace (or eliminate) stairs on southwest corner (from pnc bank). They're hazardous
- 2) Better maintained walkways.
- 3) More entrances to bike path
- 4) Better pavement on paths
- 5) The Park's access is fine. The only improvement I would recommend is revamp the stairs on the west side of the park by the bank.
- 6) Although there are many areas that hold water after a good rain. Maybe needs better drainage.
- 7) I don't see a need for any changes.
- 8) Improved parking area and sidewalks for wheelchair and handcart ease of movement
- 9) N/A
- 10) It is fine
- 11) N/A
- 12) The road leading to the parking lot has potholes and floods
- 13) Pave the drive from the entrance to the parking lot. fix the broken or misplaced parts of the path every year.
- 14) It's okay few rough spots
- 15) I would like to see more parking for the trails that connect to the park.
- 16) Seems just fine the way it is.
- 17) Another entrance off either Vienna or by Rodgers Lodge
- 18) Need the parking lot fixed for those of us in wheelchairs

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- 19) There are quite a few spots in the sidewalk that are rough for a stroller. There is also a drain going over the sidewalk and it makes the side walk very slippery. My daughter fell this past summer. A lot of fallen down trees. No baby changing station
 - 20) Idk
 - 21) Not sure anything could happen. Very limited due to location.
 - 22) The parking lot could be redone. It's kind of hard to get in and out safely
 - 23) No
 - 24) Its good
 - 25) I feel the access is fine
 - 26) Need a few more handicap/special need access
 - 27) It is fine.
 - 28) don't know
 - 29) A path inside the large play structure that's wide enough for a stroller on all sides would be great! It can be hard to get a stroller over the gravel in some spots.
 - 30) Parking for my van is difficult especially by the smaller play area. This make it hard to not park on grass which is a violation.
 - 31) Better parking
 - 32) Steps on the southwest entrance are awful and dangerous.
 - 33) Something to address the flooding at times
 - 34) [-
 - 35) Some of the sidewalks and trails need to be addressed.
 - 36) Seems fine
 - 37) Stairs replaced by PNC bank.
 - 38) Better parking
 - 39) More parking
 - 40) More access to public water sources. Both water fountains have been removed but you can get water from the bathroom sink if open. Coke vending machine had been removed. It would be nice to have these conveniences again.
 - 41) For local Pokémon Go players and people who like night walking or night nature seeking having times after park close for people to still visit the park after hours or make exceptions for special events or groups per request.
 - 42) Nothing

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- 43) Good
 - 44) It'd be nice to have more parking on the northeast side near the pavilion and swings
 - 45) Improve condition of sideways
 - 46) Paved trail head parking
 - 47) more paved parking
 - 48) ?????
 - 49) The sidewalks are bowing in places
 - 50) I have no issues
 - 51) It's fine
 - 52) More drainage so it doesn't flood so much
 - 53) During 4th of July and you have to park up the hill there is no safe way down the hill without going around out of the way. Need stairs
 - 54) not sure
 - 55) Paths on other side of creek..more alternative routes
 - 56) Needs access south of M-57 and west of Clio Rd. Tunnel or bridge.
 - 57) It's ok
 - 58) I think it's good
 - 59) Ok
 - 60) The parking could be better.
 - 61) It's ok
 - 62) Its fair
 - 63) Ma
 - 64) I don't know
 - 65) I don't see any issues
 - 66) Would appreciate more benches; places to sit and rest.

Universal design is a broader concept than accessible, or accessibility: It is the design of environments to be usable by all people, to the fullest extent possible. Sidewalks with curb cuts and doors that automatically open when a person moves near them are examples of universally designed products. Universal design benefits people with disabilities, parents with baby strollers, delivery workers, and others. Human characteristics considered in universal designs may include age, gender, stature, race/ethnicity, culture, native language and learning preference.

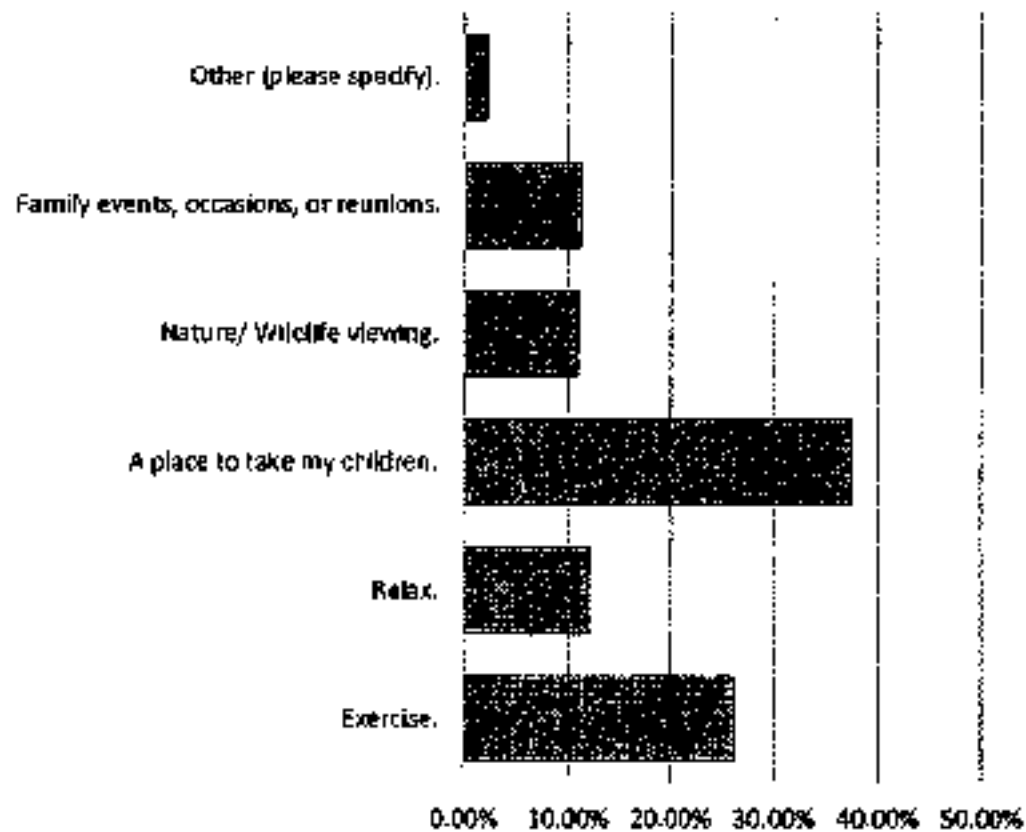
How might the Clio City Park be made more universally accessible?

- 1) Sidewalks from the parking lot to the pavilions and playscape
- 2) Most of it is currently okay, except the sidewalks leading up to the restrooms are pretty steep.
- 3) More curb cuts.
- 4) The rocks in the play areas are not conducive to pushing a stroller through them.
- 5) Path for strollers or wheelchairs within kids area.
- 6) Access to the bike path at the South end of the park by Vienna Rd.
- 7) I can't think of anything at this time
- 8) I have never been in this situation. I cannot comment on this.
- 9) I have not noticed any issues that would need any change. A swing for people or young children that are in a wheelchair would be a nice addition.
- 10) no comment
- 11) The sidewalks are in bad shape. Stairs are narrow and steep and a toddler play area would be a nice feature as sometimes bigger kids are a bit more rough and tough when there playing in the same area accidents can happen quite easily.. also a splash pad or some
- 12) Sort of water feature would be a big hit!
- 13) Smoother transition from parking lot to grass for wheelchairs
- 14) N/a
- 15) A path from parking areas to the sidewalk would be nice
- 16) Have the paths down to the park paved.
- 17) Automatic door.
- 18) Unsure
- 19) I think it's fairly accessible for all now.
- 20) More repairs and updates for handicapped kids

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- 21) Fix sidewalks
 - 22) Interesting thought but I'm not totally sure. Maybe motion parking lights.
 - 23) Have accessible play equipment for all abilities and handicaps.
 - 24) Recycled rubbermatting instead of wood chips so handicap people can reach equipment better
 - 25) The play equipment could be updated to be more accessible
 - 26) It would be nice if they had some of the wheelchair accessible swings or bigger swings, and some walkways for wheelchairs
 - 27) braille for blind patrons
 - 28) It would be nice to get one of those "mommy and me" swings, ideally near the large play structure.
 - 29) Better parking
 - 30) if there was a straight, flat entry to it would be appreciated.
 - 31) I don't know
 - 32) Make the playground more wheelchair accessible
 - 33) More sidewalks that are broken. Trails to additional areas.
 - 34) Maybe summer yoga classes or something for the community
 - 35) Supported see saw or swings
 - 36) Better parking. Easy turnaround. Another exit/entrance
 - 37) Improve sidewalks and handicap parking
 - 38) Handicap access is still a very steep hill on both the north and south entrances. Hill to skate park is in shambles.
 - 39) Art walk wall to promote art and social events.
 - 40) Decriminalize marijuana use to civil infraction to focus on harder drugs and illegal activity.
 - 41) Perhaps invite artists to paint the bike trail to liven up the park and promote art.
 - 42) Remove restrictions from closing bike trail at a specific time.
 - 43) I don't know
 - 44) play equipment designed for kids with disabilities and better walkways
 - 45) As stated, paved parking.
 - 46) I think it's fine
 - 47) Better parking lot

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- 48) upgrade bathrooms drinking fountains
 - 49) ??????
 - 50) Sidewalks need repair, steps into the playground areas can be a problem for some,
 - 51) Fix bumps in the sidewalks
 - 52) More parking by the swings. Fix the drainage, flooding issue to prevent mud throughout the grass area.
 - 53) Wider sidewalks
 - 54) Maintain the walks already in place.
 - 55) not sure
 - 56) Another entrance
 - 57) Side walk improvement
 - 58) Play grounds that are wheelchair friendly. And special needs swings for all ages and not Little's.
 - 59) I think it is
 - 60) Better sidewalks, bathrooms could be better for strollers
 - 61) Even, flat sidewalks, paths. Sidewalks to get down to the paths around the creek for the physically challenged, wheelchair bound or amputee guests.
 - 62) Not sure
 - 63) Its fair
 - 64) It's fine
 - 65) Many parks now have handicap capable swings and play structures
 - 66) Fix the path so they are easier to walk, push strollers, wheelchairs on,
 - 67) Wish they had a section for a dog park
 - 68) More benches for people to rest. ADA picnic tables. Rubberized play surfaces. Sidewalks to activity centers or features.

Why do you most often frequent a park (check no more than two choices)?



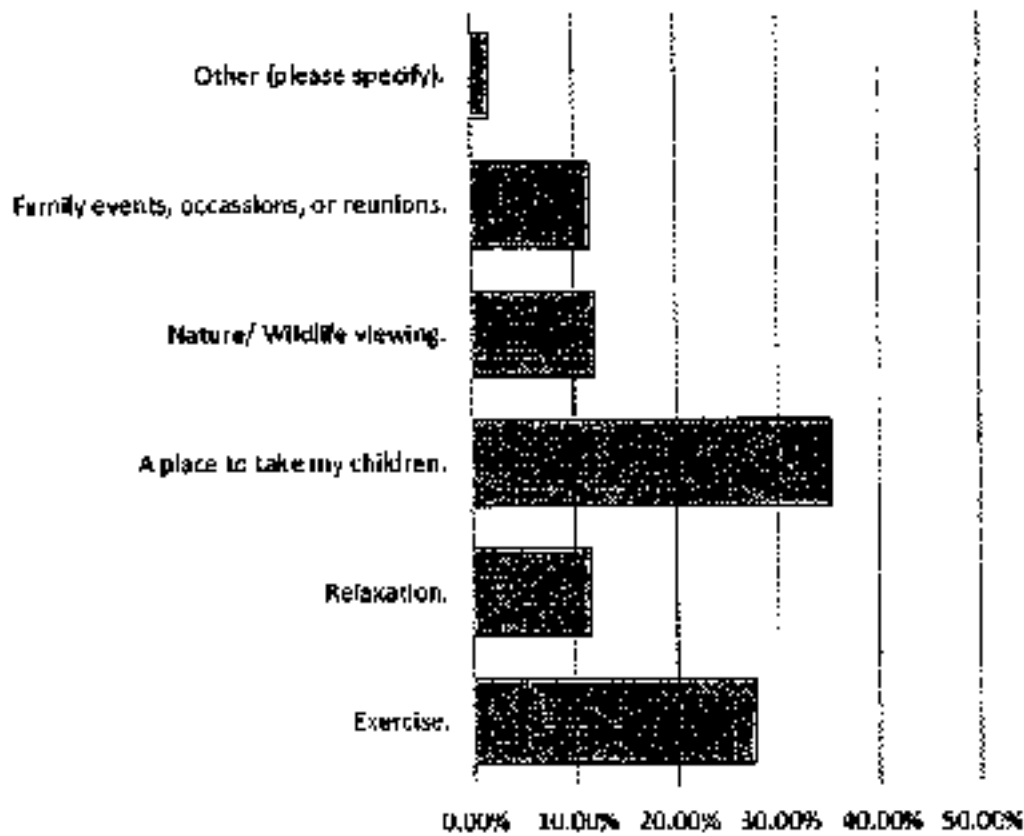
	Percent	Count
Exercise.	26.25%	63
Relax.	12.08%	29
A place to take my children.	37.50%	90
Nature/ Wildlife viewing.	10.83%	26
Family events, occasions, or reunions.	11.25%	27
Other (please specify).	2.08%	5

Answered 240

Other:

- 1) walking our dogs
- 2) Dogs
- 3) A place to meet my friends
- 4) Take grandchildren
- 5) Walking dog

What do you most enjoy doing at a park (check no more than two choices)?



	Percent	Count
Exercise.	27.80%	67
Relaxation.	11.62%	28
A place to take my children.	35.27%	85
Nature/ Wildlife viewing.	12.03%	29
Family events, occasions, or reunions.	11.62%	28
Other (please specify).	1.66%	4

Answered 241

Other:

- 1) Holiday events and summer programs
- 2) walking our dogs
- 3) Walking dogs
- 4) Sit in grass, read a book, take pictures

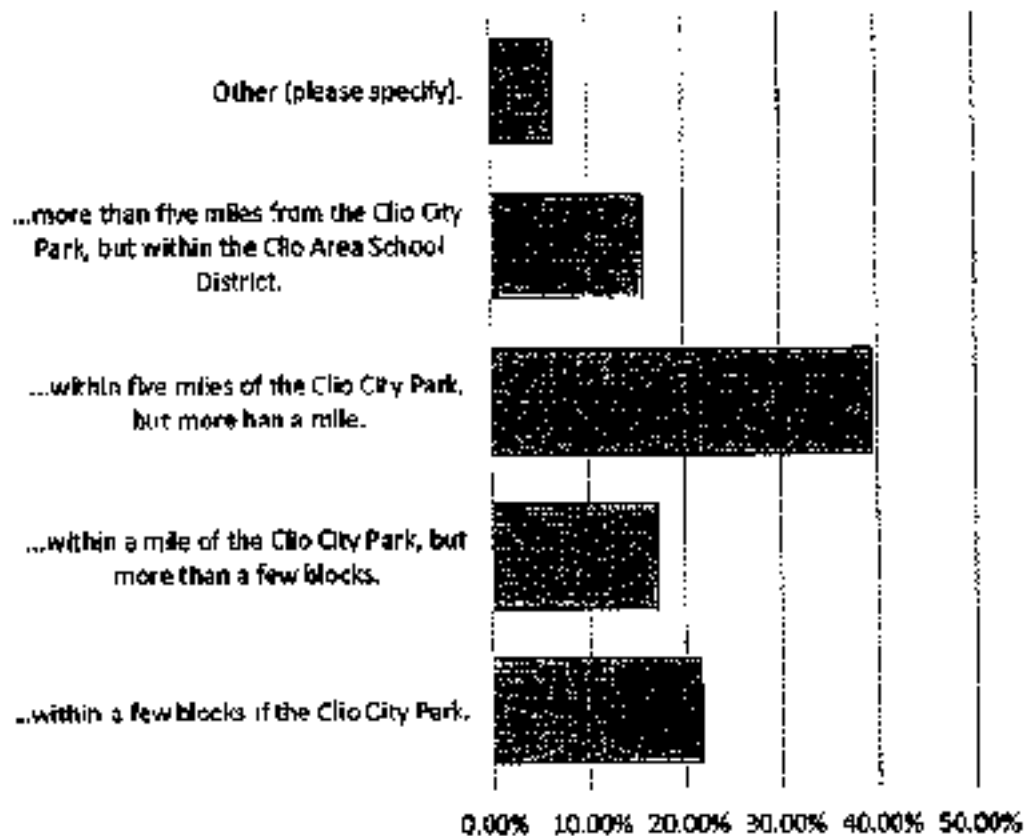
How do you most enjoy spending your leisure time?

- 1) walking outdoors
- 2) With my family doing fun activities
- 3) Walking the dog.
- 4) Riding bikes
- 5) Running and walking and spending time with my kids
- 6) At my property on Wilson Rd, a much nicer park built by my family after they built the Clio City Park-
- 7) Walking
- 8) Spending time with my family
- 9) Fishing.
- 10) With my family
- 11) Walking the path.
- 12) Walking
- 13) Playing with my child and watching him interact with others.
- 14) Reading, watching my kids play, riding bikes as a family
- 15) Reading or gardening.
- 16) Walking or bike riding on the trail. Using the large play structure.
- 17) Watching my kids play or walking the park
- 18) Walking my dogs
- 19) Outdoors
- 20) With my kids
- 21) With family outdoors
- 22) Playing with the kids
- 23) Relaxing
- 24) Boating
- 25) Spending time with my children and reading.
- 26) Relaxing
- 27) Enjoying nice weather and being outdoors as much as I can
- 28) Bike riding

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- 29) Watching the kids play
 - 30) I enjoy walking and enjoy scenic views.
 - 31) Spending time and having fun with my daughter.
 - 32) Walking along the bike path
 - 33) Playing with my young kids
 - 34) Walking
 - 35) Going for walks
 - 36) With family.
 - 37) fishing but sadly you have no place for it
 - 38) Outside with a book
 - 39) Sitting watching my kids play!!
 - 40) Hanging out with family
 - 41) Bike
 - 42) bike riding, being outdoors
 - 43) Walking riding bicycles and relaxing
 - 44) Biking
 - 45) Taking grandchildren to the park
 - 46) Pokémon Go
 - 47) Walking
 - 48) Walking/Running/Children playing
 - 49) Watching my kids play and finding new places to play to get their energy out.
 - 50) Outdoors
 - 51) Nature.
 - 52) Family , dogs, baking
 - 53) Riding bikes on the paths
 - 54) Watching my children and enjoying nature
 - 55) With my family
 - 56) walking in the park
 - 57) Walking and watching my kids play
 - 58) Reading and relaxing, watching my children play and enjoy themselves

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- 59) With my child
 - 60) Reading
 - 61) Playing music
 - 62) Photography.
 - 63) Biking, reading
 - 64) Walking
 - 65) Walking the dog with my children, seeing the wildlife. Kids playing.
 - 66) Playing with my kids
 - 67) Walking
 - 68) out in the environment as long as it's safe.
 - 69) People watching, walking, nature viewing
 - 70) Outside
 - 71) Reading
 - 72) Sitting in the grass reading a book
 - 73) Spending time with family
 - 74) Walking the park paths
 - 75) Relaxing on bench watching nature
 - 76) Walking the path
 - 77) Playing with my kid
 - 78) Hiking, biking
 - 79) Taking my dog for a walk
 - 80) Staying at home. Walking.

Please complete the following statement: I live...



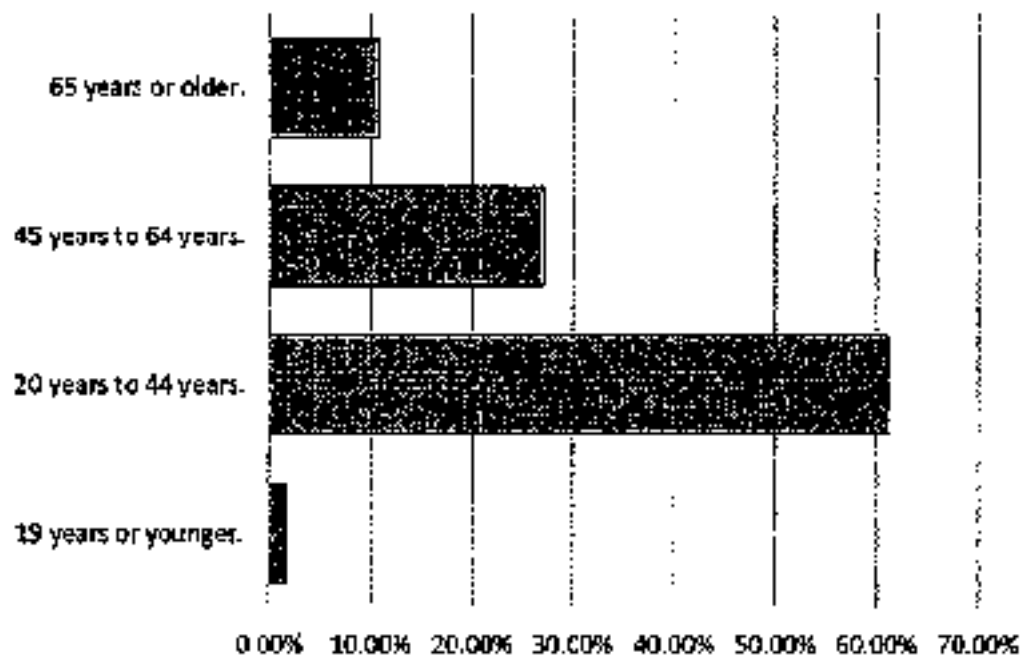
	Percent	Count
...within a few blocks of the Clio City Park.	21.43%	30
...within a mile of the Clio City Park, but more than a few blocks.	17.14%	24
...within five miles of the Clio City Park, but more than a mile.	39.29%	55
...more than five miles from the Clio City Park, but within the Clio Area School District.	15.71%	22
Other (please specify).	6.43%	9

Answered 140

Other:

- 1) Clio native ...family is still there.
- 2) outside of Clio in Therford township about 7 miles
- 3) Otisville
- 4) Mount Morris
- 5) Out of state but am from Clio and visit often.
- 6) Grew up in Clio, I now live in Flushing.
- 7) 30 miles away
- 8) Mt Morris
- 9) Not in Clio, but still use the park

Please identify your age range:



	Percent	Count
19 years or younger.	1.42%	2
20 years to 44 years.	60.99%	86
45 years to 64 years.	26.95%	38
65 years or older.	10.64%	15

Answered 141

What is your sex?

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Count</u>
Yes	59.89%	106
No	19.21%	34
Answered	140	

Are you a Thetford Township resident?

	Percent	Count
Yes	94.26%	115
No	5.74%	7

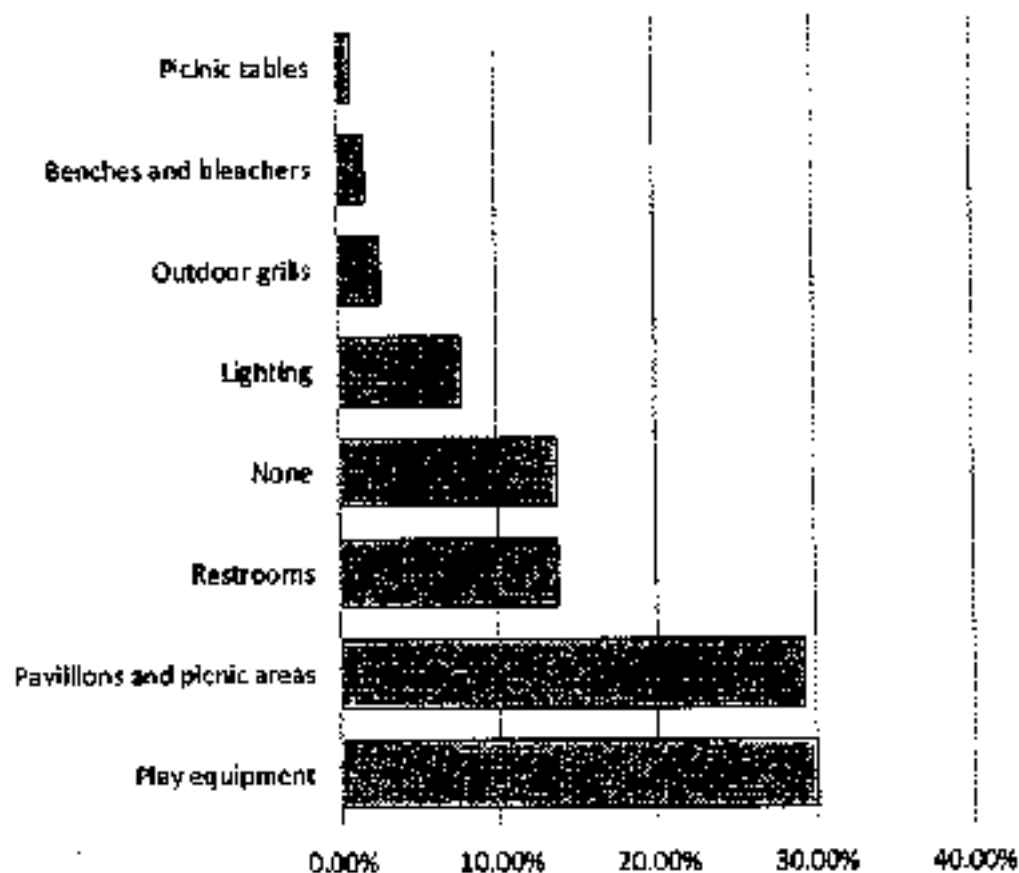
Answered 122

As a resident of Thetford Township, would you attend any events held at the Township Hall including car shows, picnics, or Holiday events?

	Percent	Count
Yes	81.15%	99
No	12.30%	15

Answered 114

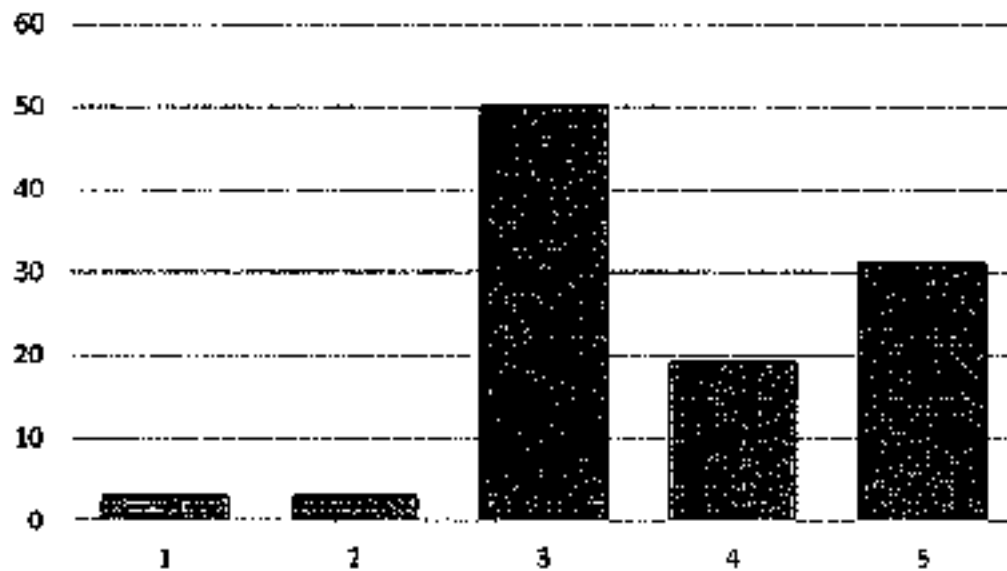
In regard to facilities in Thetford Township, what do you believe we need (mark only one)?



	Percent	Count
Play equipment	30.17%	35
Pavilions and picnic areas	29.31%	34
Restrooms	13.79%	16
None	13.79%	16
Lighting	7.76%	9
Outdoor grills	2.59%	3
Benches and bleachers	1.72%	2
Picnic tables	0.86%	1

Answered 116

On a scale of one star (poor) to five stars (good), rate the accessibility of the Thetford Township senior center.

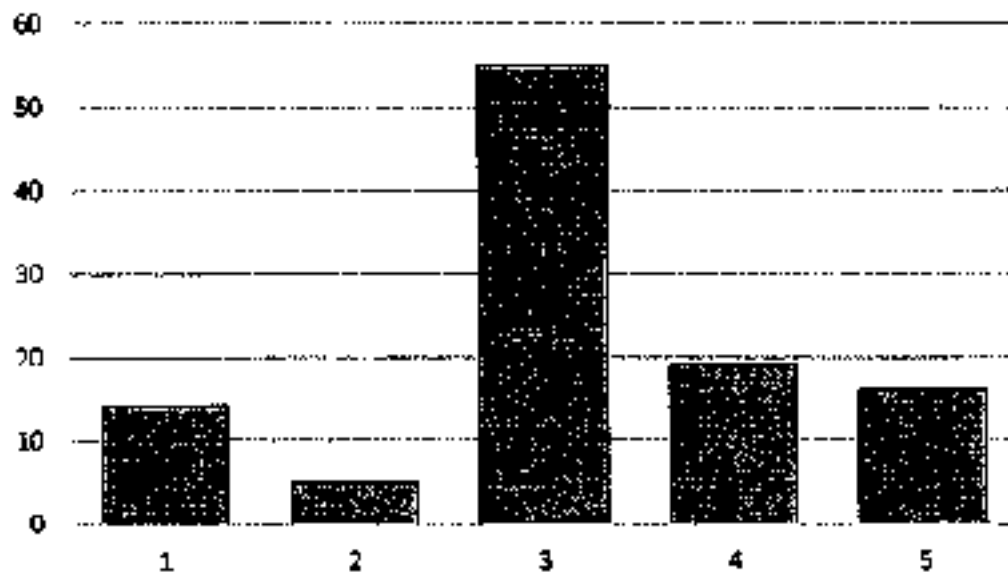


☆	Percent	Count
1	2.83%	3
2	2.83%	3
3	47.17%	50
4	17.92%	19
5	29.25%	31

Weighted Average of 3.68 stars.

Answered 106

On a scale of one star (poor) to five stars (good), rate the condition of the Thetford Township Hall.

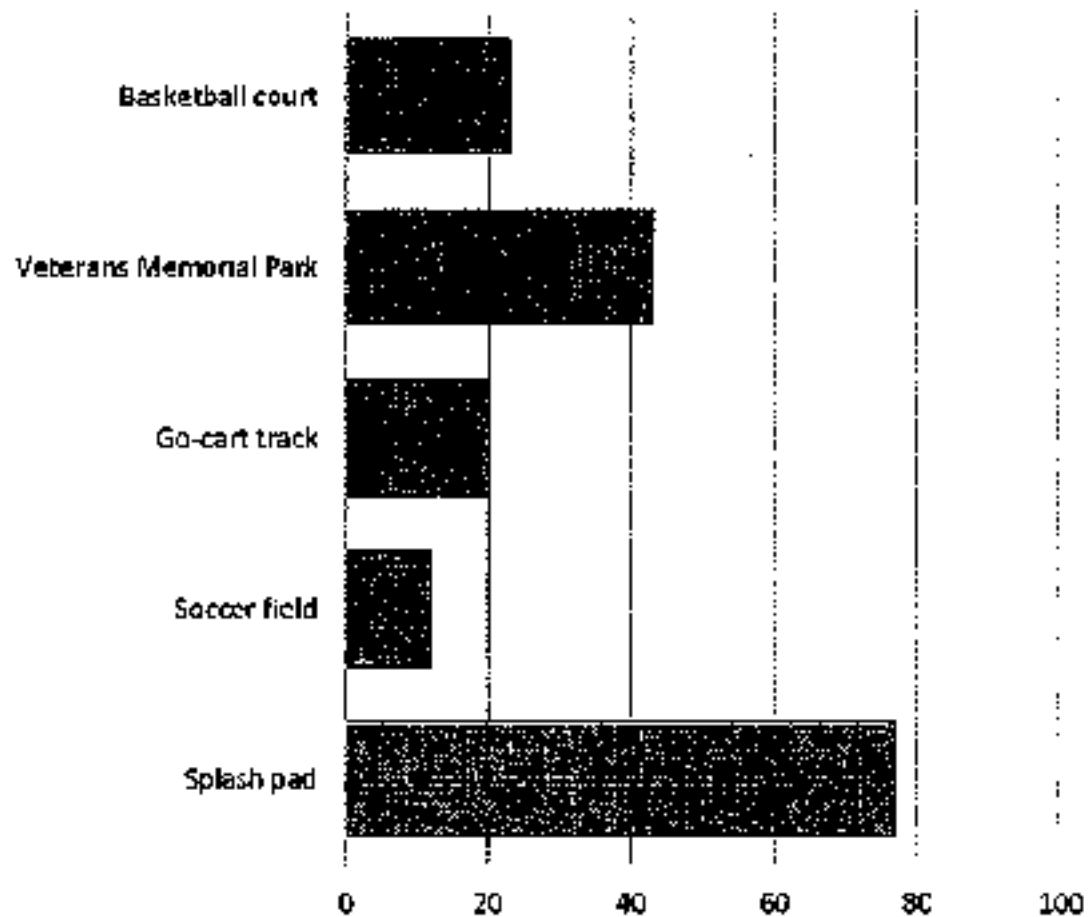


☆	Percent	Count
1	12.84%	14
2	4.59%	5
3	50.46%	55
4	17.43%	19
5	14.68%	16

Weighted Average of 3.17 stars.

Answered 109

What recreational facilities would you like to see in Thetford Township (limit two choices)?



	Count
Splash pad	77
Soccer field	12
Go-cart track	20
Veterans Memorial Park	43
Basketball court	23

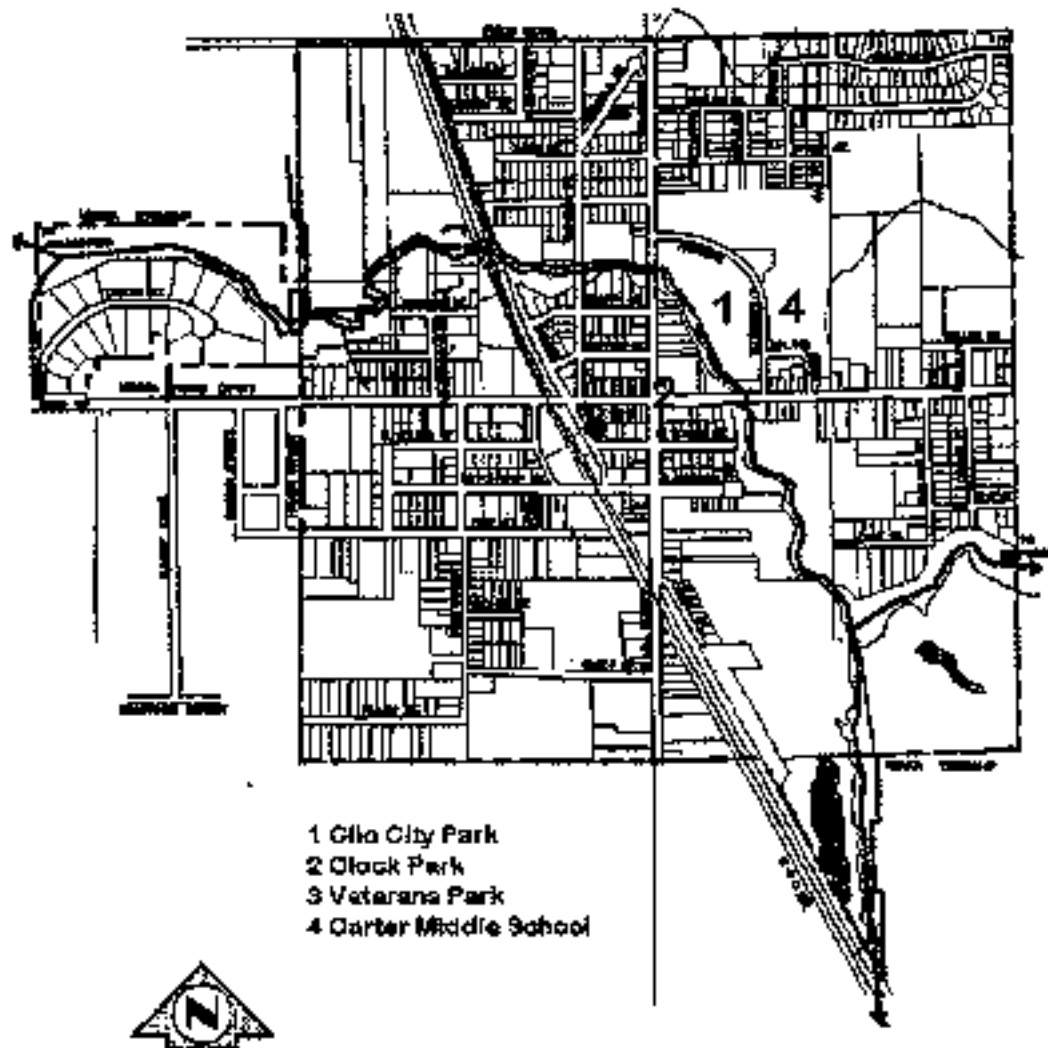
Answered 175

- 1) Dog park
- 2) Would love to see disk golf in the park to utilize the park..
- 3) Walking and bike path
- 4) play area for kids
- 5) A public pool with water aerobics, swim lessons, adult only time, late night hours...etc
- 6) I would love to see the community come together in some type of family activity. For example: A wintry lighting ceremony around the Township Hall with a tree to decorate and carolers, hot chocolate and a little campfire to keep warm. I'm willing to be a part of getting something like this started!
- 7) a New board would be good start. You will not have any of this with the current board or the people that want change that continue to vote for the same people
- 8) There is nothing for a family to do so why do we pay for parks and rec when we have nothing here. To use township hall is way to expensive for residents as we already pay for it then to rent it is another 350 or so.....should be like 50 for residents
- 9) Pickleball courts in Thetford Township
- 10) I have lived here for 30 years, never knew we had one. Not important to me I guess.
- 11) This survey is stupid and does not address the actual needs of the township!!
- 12) Would love to see a honest board for the township. Until then we will never have anything in the township.
- 13) Well, I'm kind of sad that we don't have any Christmas lights.
- 14) Horse trails
- 15) More usable space to engage residents.
- 16) A park area where you can picnic area, rest room and play ground equipment for kids.
- 17) I would LOVE to see a basketball court go in The sports complex will be taking there hoops down and there isn't any other good places to play. I see kids up there all the time. We NEED a basketball court! The outside hoops at the schools the pavement is uneven. Let's give our basketball loving kids in our town a place to play.
- 18) Recreational opportunities for kids fun
- 19) I think a Clio community splash pad or swimming pool would benefit the whole community. I don't think it needs to be "Thetford" Township!
- 20) We wanted to donate beautiful blocks to build 2 Welcome To Thetford signs. Communication would be the best advice i can give !!
- 21) Anything geared for kids would be great, Since we don't live in a neighborhood. it's hard for my kids to make new friends that are close.

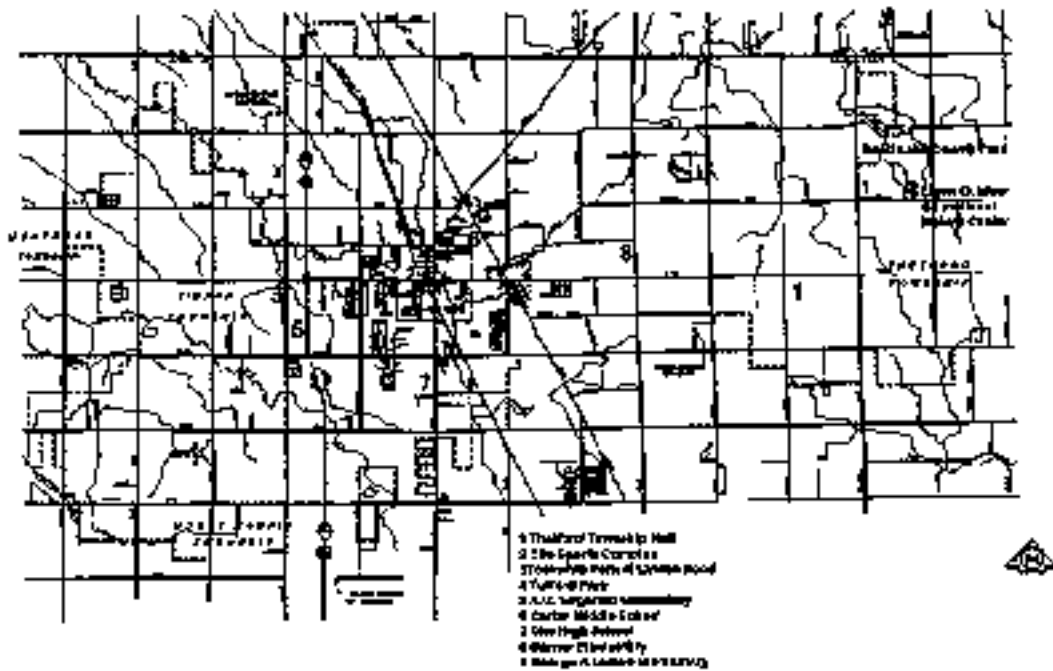
- 22) "A job well done Thank you.
- 23) Maybe start with no corruption then everything else will fall into place
- 24) A new supervisor
- 25) Continued improvement around our pavilion to make it "family friendly" for those with small children. Playscapes and outdoor sports areas.
- 26) "I'd love to see a bigger okay area for kids. A splash pad would be amazing as well. We lack in activities like that for the kids. I would very much support and be willing to help in fund raising efforts for a veteran memorial. My grandfather that built our home here in Thetford was WWII Vet. It would mean a great deal to me and my family to honor him. "
- 27) For events at hall, additional parking would be nice.
- 28) Definitely something for kids to utilize like basketball courts and/or a splash pad would be a great thing.
- 29) Disc golf
- 30) "Communication and for the board to work together and build our community, our township has become divided and no one is doing anything out of fear of picking sides, The only thing working to help our community is senior center. "
- 31) I would like to see a outside pickleball court.
- 32) We don't really "need" anything that's going to have to have liability insurance such as a splash pad or go cart track. That's just a lawsuit waiting to happen. Maybe a roadside park or something neutral or rural.
- 33) Parking lots for the township redone.

Appendix A: Facility Locations

Clio Area Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory – City of Clio



City of New Orleans and Jefferson Parish Sewer Inventory - Thibodaux Sewerage District

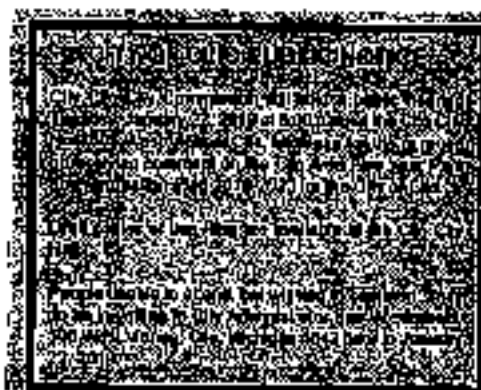


Appendix B: Adoption Documentation

MT. MORFISALIC HERALD

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.
County of Cass

TO: City of Clio
505 W. Vienna Street, Clio, MI 48420



Warrington, being first duly sworn, says that he is the THE MT. MORRIS/CLO HERALD a newspaper published in language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news of a general character and legal news, which is a daily paper, and that annexed hereto is a copy of a certain order of newspaper, in which the order was published.

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Michael J. Harrington

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of
December A.D. 2018

Marcine Ja Keeler
 Marcine Ja Keeler Notary Public, Genesee County, Michigan
 Acting in Genesee County

My Commission Expires February 25, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 19-01

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CLIO AREA FIVE YEAR PARKS AND
RECREATION PLAN 2018-2023

Moved by Commissioner Garcia, supported by Commissioners Fejedelen, to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clio has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the Clio Area School District and the townships of Tipton and Vienna; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Clio were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resources conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the final public comment session was held on January 22, 2019 at the Clio City Hall, 505 West Vienna Clio, Michigan to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board has developed the plan as a guideline to improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Clio and all other residents of the planning area; and

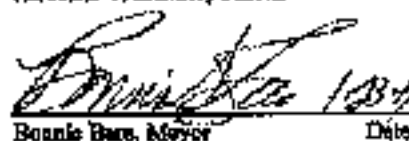
WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Clio City Commission voted to adopt said recreation and natural resources conservation plan.

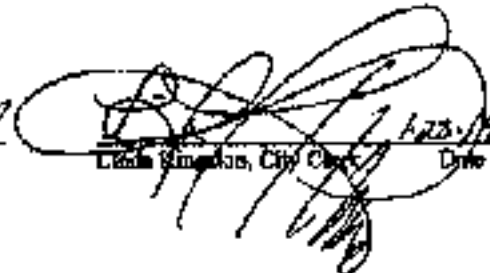
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Clio, State of Michigan, hereby adopts the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2023.

Voting Yes: Mesher, Fejedelen, Vance, Garcia, Barr

Voting No: None

Absent: Williams, Smith

 123-17
Bonnie Barr, Mayor Date

 123-17
Linda Simons, City Clerk Date

CITY OF CILIO
Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Clio City Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Bero at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:
Commissioner Denise Mosher
Commissioner David Rejudek
Commissioner Reuben Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Doug Vance
Mayor Dennis Bero

Staff Present:
City Administrator, Eric Wiederhold
City Clerk, Linda Kingston
Union Police Chief, Sam Urbino
City Treasurer, Donald Dowell
DPS Superintendent, Arnold Brown
City Attorney, Chris Stout
Rocks Engineer, Dean Opacka

ABSENT: Commissioner DJ Williams, Commissioner Robert Smith

2. A. Public Comment - none

B. Public Hearing - Clio Area Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2018-2023

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Vance, second by Commissioner Garcia to open the public hearing at 6:01 pm.

Voice Vote

Voting Yes: Mosher, Rejudek, Garcia, Vance, Bero

Voting No: None

Absent: Williams, Smith

Motion Carried

Mayor Bero City Clerk Administrator, Eric Wiederhold for all his work on the 5-year plan. Additionally, Mayor Bero liked using survey monkey for community input, it can make a difference. Wiederhold presented the Commission with the Clio Area Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2018-2023. Wiederhold reported that the plan in front of them is without appendices.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Vance second by Commissioner Mosher to close the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

Voice Vote

Voting Yes: Mosher, Rejudek, Garcia, Vance, Bero

Voting No: None

Absent: Williams, Smith

Motion Carried

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1 3. Approval of Agenda
2 Motion by Commissioner Mosher, second by Commissioner Fajedelson to approve the agenda
3 adding N.J. PT Pension and N.J. City Hall Utility customers' fixed contract, credit card Resolution
4 Voice Vote
5 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fajedelson, Garcia, Vance, Bero
6 Voting No: None
7 Absent: Williams, Smith
8 Motion Carried
9
10 4. Approval of Minutes
11 Motion by Commissioner Garcia, second by Commissioner Mosher to approve the
12 January 7, 2019 regular Commission meeting minutes
13 Voice Vote
14 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fajedelson, Garcia, Vance, Bero
15 Voting No: None
16 Absent: Williams, Smith
17 Motion Carried
18
19 5. Approval of Bills
20 Motion by Commissioner Mosher, second by Commissioner Garcia to approve the bills in the
21 amount of \$327,713.94
22 Roll Call
23 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fajedelson, Garcia, Vance, Bero
24 Voting No: None
25 Absent: Williams, Smith
26 Motion Carried
27
28 6. Unfinished Business - none
29
30 7. New Business
31 A. Resolution 19-01 Clito Area Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2018-2023
32 Motion by Commissioner Garcia, second by Commissioner Fajedelson to approve Resolution
33 19-01 Clito Area Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2018-2023
34 Voice Vote
35 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fajedelson, Garcia, Vance, Bero
36 Voting No: None
37 Absent: Williams, Smith
38 Motion Carried
39
40 B. Resolution 19-02 David Fajedelson as alternate appointment to Parks & Rec Board
41 Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Vance, second by Commissioner Mosher to approve Resolution
42 19-02 David Fajedelson as alternate appointment to Parks & Rec Board
43 Voice Vote
44 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fajedelson, Garcia, Vance, Bero
45 Voting No: None
46 Absent: Williams, Smith
47 Motion Carried
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1 C. Clock Park - Benita Borden memorial
 2 Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Vance, second by Commissioner Mosher to approve Clock Park -
 3 Benita Borden memorial
 4 Voice Vote
 5 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedelen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 6 Voting No: None
 7 Absent: Williams, Smith
 8 Motion Carried
 9
 10 D. Amphitheater 2019 concert program/trifida/tennis game bid proposal to Craig Media
 11 Associates
 12 Motion by Commissioner Fejedelen, second by Commissioner Garcia to approve accepting
 13 Craig Media Associates bid proposal for the Amphitheater 2019 concert program, trifida, and
 14 tennis parties
 15 Roll Call
 16 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedelen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 17 Voting No: None
 18 Absent: Williams, Smith
 19 Motion Carried
 20
 21 E. Amphitheater Annual Report
 22 The Commissioners received the 2018 Amphitheater Annual Report for their review
 23
 24 F. DDA Annual Report
 25 The Commissioners received the 2018 Downtown Development Authority for their review
 26
 27 G. Resolution 19-03 first reading of Recreational Marijuana Ordinance
 28 Motion by Commissioner Mosher, second by Commissioner Garcia to approve Resolution 19-
 29 03 first reading of Recreational Marijuana Ordinance
 30 Voice Vote
 31 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedelen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 32 Voting No: None
 33 Absent: Williams, Smith
 34 Motion Carried
 35
 36 H. 2nd quarter Investment Report
 37 The Commissioners received the 2nd quarter Investment Report for their review
 38
 39 I. 2nd quarter Variance Report
 40 The Commissioners received the 2nd quarter Variance Report for their review
 41
 42 J. Resolution 19-04 2nd quarter budget amendments
 43 Motion by Commissioner Mosher, second by Commissioner Fejedelen to approve Resolution
 44 19-04 2nd quarter budget amendments
 45 Voice Vote
 46 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedelen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 47 Voting No: None
 48 Absent: Williams, Smith
 49 Motion Carried
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1 K. Resolution 19-05 2nd quarter revenue and expenditure guide for administrative staff
 2 Motion by Commissioner Garcia, second by Commissioner Fejedalen to approve Resolution
 3 19-05 2nd quarter revenue and expenditure guide for administrative staff
 4 Voice Vote
 5 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedalen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 6 Voting No: None
 7 Absent: Williams, Smith
 8 Motion Carried
 9
 10 L. Glaser Device claim - \$40,269.44
 11 Motion by Commissioner Mosher, second by Commissioner Garcia to approve settling the
 12 Glaser Device claim for \$40,269.44
 13 Roll Call
 14 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedalen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 15 Voting No: None
 16 Absent: Williams, Smith
 17 Motion Carried
 18
 19 M. MERS Decision - Part time officers
 20 Motion by Mayor Barr, second by Mayor Pro Tem Vance to suspend City of Cllo's Personnel
 21 Policy 8.130 complaint resolution to City Administrator, Eric Wiederhold in address and resolve
 22 the MERS part time employee issues
 23 Voice Vote
 24 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedalen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 25 Voting No: None
 26 Absent: Williams, Smith
 27 Motion Carried
 28
 29 N. Resolution 19-06 to approve charging utility customers a credit card fee at the front
 30 counter
 31 Motion by Commissioner Mosher, second by Commissioner Fejedalen to approve Resolution
 32 19-06 charging utility customers a credit card fee at the front counter
 33 Voice Vote
 34 Voting Yes: Mosher, Fejedalen, Garcia, Vance, Barr
 35 Voting No: None
 36 Absent: Williams, Smith
 37 Motion Carried
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 39 R. Staff Reports
 40 City Administrator - Wiederhold had a birthday last week; he will be taking some time off.
 41 Wiederhold report on the Open House that was hosted by the city; one couple attended.
 42 Additionally, he reported that the bids that were scheduled for January will be delayed for both
 43 the Trailhead and the road project. Doves has an outstanding punch list. It probably will not get
 44 done until the Spring.
 45 City Attorney - reported that he has no court until January 31, 2019. He has been working on the
 46 Ballot City Charter language.
 47 City Treasurer - reported that he would like a signed copy of Resolution 19-06 charging utility
 48 customers a credit card fee at the front counter as soon as possible.

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Chief of Police – Interim Chief, Sam Urbina reported that Chief Rick Wilham is out unexpectedly early, with a detached retina. After the retina heals, he will then have to reschedule his knee surgery.
 City Engineer – no report
 DPS Superintendent – reported that after checking and receiving approval with the Fire Chief regarding burning wood chips, he will be cleaning up burnt piles when the weather is conducive. Additionally, Brown reported that the price of salt from Cotopaxi will go up \$6 a ton next year. He inquired why the road salt is not purchased from Genesee County Road Commission, MI deal program. The salt distribution remote location for pick up is in Missouri.
 Clerk – Kingston reported that she is working on year end reports, W2's, W3, and 1099's.

9. **Commissioner comments/Committee reports**

Commissioner Wojcikowski – no report

Commissioner Mosher – attended Genesee County Metro Alliance and reported on the safety targets and trends that are faced by the county. The Genesee County Metro Alliance must meet trend projections; otherwise they would risk losing funding. They spoke of roundabouts being much safer and less expensive than traffic lights.

Commissioner Smith – absent

Mayor Pro Tem Vanzo – Planning Commission is scheduled for tomorrow evening, light agenda. Vanzo attended 911 Consortium and the topic of discussion was reprogramming the police fire radios. The Fire Authority issued their 2018 Annual Report and it reflects a solid Authority, the cost of the new fire truck has been paid down substantially. The Amphitheater discussed adding more events. Additionally, they donated 10 season tickets to the Chamber.

Commissioner Garza – the Rotary has been busy putting together educational programs. The Chamber will be hosting a Roast dinner for Vienna Township Supervisor, Joe Risk. This event will be held at the Clio Area Senior Center on Friday, February 28, 2019. Tickets will be \$23.00 per person and will include a Prime Rib dinner, door prizes and an entertaining evening. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, dinner to start at 6:00.

Commissioner Williams – absent

Mayor Sara – Small Cities took place in a historical building that was 118 years old. The Ayntod Grange, City of Davison where they elected the Small Cities 2019 officers. Those elected were Bonnie Bate, Clerk, Colleen Brown, Vice Chair, Carl Hammond, Treasurer, and Tracy Myers, Secretary. The Program sponsor was Tyler Rosenbuscher, Director of Economic Development - Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce Tyler went over a power point presentation on the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce and their commitment to provide local businesses with the tools they need to thrive and encouraging new business growth and development. The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce is the region's premier business membership organization. Three things they focus on include Market the County, Support Local Businesses and Manage Projects. The Economic Development team at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce promotes job creation, investment, and increased revenues in our region. More information can be found on their website at www.flintandgenesee.org/economic-development.

The Clio Library book sale is scheduled for February 2, 2019. If you have books to donate, leave them in the Library elevator. The Library continues to work on their Maker Space.

Parks & Rec installed and filled the ice rink, finally. They will not advertise until the weather freezes. Then Morgan with The Herald promised to put something in the newspaper.

IDA had their meeting where they discussed the proposed streetscape. They received a lot of negative feedback regarding the removal of the bump-outs, snow removal lanes, and additional costs to the business owners.

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- 1 10. Excuse Absent Members - Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Williams
2 Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Vance, second by Commissioner Meeker to excuse Commissioner
3 Smith and Commissioner Williams from the January 22, 2019 Commission meeting
4 Yeas Yuts
5 Voting Yea: Member, Vance, Fajedison, Garcia, Hara
6 Voting No: None
7 Absent: Smith, Williams
8 Motion Carried
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10 11. Mayor Hara adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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	2-5-19		2-5-2019
Bonnie Hara, Mayor	Date	Linda Hargrave, Clerk	Date

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January 18, 2019

GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission
1101 Beach Street
Room 223
Flint, Michigan 48502-1470

RE: *Clio Area Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2023*

Please accept this letter transmitting adoption of the enclosed *Clio Area Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2023* by the Clio City Commission on January 22, 2019 to the County Planning Agency and Regional Planning Agency.

Respectfully,



Eric Wiederhold
City Administrator

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Habitat Management
COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Act of April 19, 2003 and 210 of Act 497, P.A. 4994, as amended, submission of this submission is required for eligibility to apply for grants.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and be qualified in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through DNRGrants with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) authorizing the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

GENERAL INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: Clio Area Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2023		
List the community name(s) (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Clio	Clio	January 2018

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to verify that the listed information is included in the final plan.</p> <p>X 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</p> <p>X 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organization(s) Chart</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations</p> <p>Recreation Authorities or Advisory Commissions Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Department(s) of Participating Communities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation</p> <p>X 3. RECREATION INVENTORY</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (see Development plans recommended but not required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</p> <p>X 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p>

X 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

X Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

X Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice December 12, 2018

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Clio City Hall, 304 W. Vienna St.

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (must be at least 30 days) 31

X Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice December 12, 2018

Name of Newspaper Nt Morris/ Clio Herald

Date of Meeting January 22, 2019

X Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

X 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**X 8. ACTION PROGRAM****X 9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)****F. AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT**

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- X 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 22, 2019
- ☐ 2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____
- X 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 28, 2019
- X 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 28, 2019

G. OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Clio

(Name of Local Government)

above and as set forth by the DWR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/22/19
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.



City of Davison

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City of Davison

Resolution 2023-25

GENESEE COUNTY 5 YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAYS PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Davison continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Davison will continue to operate under the approved Davison Area Recreation Plan 2020 – 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for the City of Davison in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Davison City Council authorizes to include the City of Davison in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Motion by: Kalisz

Supported by: Perry

Ayes: Bishop, Clark, Emery, Hinkley, Kalisz, Perry, Simpson

Nays: _____

Andrea L. Schroeder, City Clerk

Adopted: August 24, 2023

**CITY OF FLUSHING
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-11a**

**A Resolution Opting into the Genesee County 5 Year Parks, Recreation, Open
Space and Greenways Plan**

Councilmember Sullivan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Flushing City Council continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resources and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flushing will continue to operate under the approved Flushing Area Recreation Plan 2018-2023 and the Flushing Area Recreation Plan 2023-2028 which is currently in the approval process; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include the recreation action plan items for the City of Flushing in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for and encourage future opportunities and cooperation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Flushing City Council authorizes inclusion of the City of Flushing Action Plan in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Second by Councilmember Smith. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.


Joseph Karliczek, Mayor


Monica M. Zofchak, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the Clerk of the City of Flushing and that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Flushing City Council held on the 11th day of September, 2023 and that the meeting was noticed in conformance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 et seq.


Monica M. Zofchak, City Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2023-03

GENESEE COUNTY 5 YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND
GREENWAYS PLAN

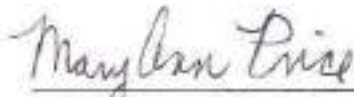
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Forest Township continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Township will continue to operate under the approved Forest Township Parks and Master Plan 2007 - 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for the Forest Township in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Township Board of Trustees authorizes include of the Forest Township in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Motion by:



Mary Ann Price

Supported by:

Supervisor

Ayes: 5



Lisa Margrif

Nays: 0

Clerk

ADOPTED: September 14, 2023



CITY OF GRAND BLANC

RESOLUTION # 23-0901

GENESEE COUNTY 5 YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND
GREENWAYS PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc will continue to operate under the approved City of Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022 - 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for the City of Grand Blanc in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc City Council authorizes inclusion of the City of Grand Blanc in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Motion by:

Susan Soderstrom

Supported by:

Mayor

Ayes:

Mary Hopkins

Nays:

Clerk

ADOPTED: September 13, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-30

GENESEE COUNTY 5 YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAYS PLAN

WHEREAS, the Township of Grand Blanc continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township will continue to operate under the approved Grand Blanc Township Parks Master Plan 2022-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for Grand Blanc Township in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Blanc Township Board authorizes include of Grand Blanc Township in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal to the State of Michigan.

YEAS: ROBERTSON, HUGO, WHITE, FELCK, ROBERTSON, BARNETT

NAYS: None

ABSENT: KILMER

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


David Robertson, Clerk
Township of Grand Blanc

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) SS

COUNTY OF GENESEE)

I, David Robertson, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Grand Blanc, Genesee County, Michigan (the "Township") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a meeting held on September 19, 2023 the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature on September 19, 2023.


David Robertson, Clerk
Township of Grand Blanc



Grand Blanc Township

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2022 - 2026



Acknowledgements

Township Board

Scott Bennett, Supervisor

Dave Robertson, Clerk

Mark Kilmer, Treasurer

Joel Feick, Trustee

Sarah Hugo, Trustee

Jude Rariden, Trustee

Paul White, Trustee

Parks and Recreation Department

Patrick Linihan, Director

Senja Liimatta, Assistant Director

Marisa Stein, Clerical

Chris Hester, Crew Leader

Riley Hayes, Maintenance Tech

Misty Moen, Senior Center Coordinator

Brittney Hancock, Senior Center Program Assistant

Debrah Chimovitz, Senior Center Administrative Assistant

Planning Consultant

ROWE Professional Services Company

Assisted By:

Douglas Schultz, PLA

Plan Adopted On:

May 25, 2022

Plan Expires On:

December 31, 2026

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Chapter 1: Introduction



A Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan is a valuable tool for many reasons. A plan provides participating communities with an opportunity to identify recreational need and determine its long-range parks and recreation goals. When a community's adopted plan is approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the community becomes eligible to participate in grant development project. Applications for the grants are due April 1st of each year. While Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grants are extremely competitive, they do provide an opportunity for communities with only limited funds available, to improve their parks systems.

The Charter Township of Grand Blanc prepared this Parks and Recreation Plan to:

- Create an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities in and around Grand Blanc Township.
- Gain community input on parks and recreation strengths and weaknesses.
- Guide future parks and recreation programs, services, facilities, development, operations, and maintenance for the five-year term of the plan.

This plan will address parks and recreation located within the Grand Blanc Community. All aspects of recreation have been evaluated through the planning process.

Chapter 2: Community Description



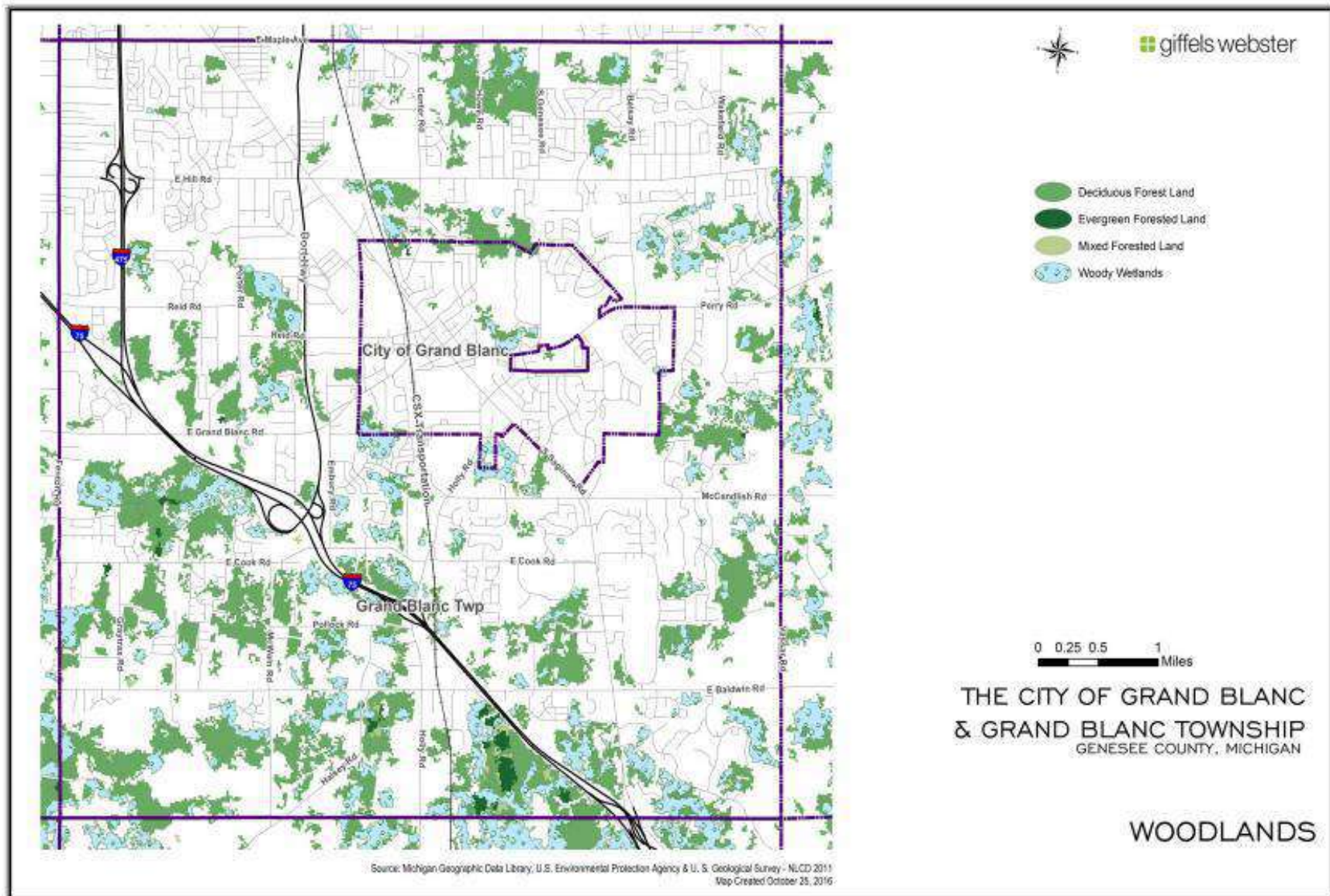
Location

Grand Blanc Township is located in southeastern Genesee County, just north of Oakland County. Access to the region is provided by I-75 and I-47 running north-south, and through the Township's major roads of Grand Blanc Road, Hill Road, and Saginaw Road.

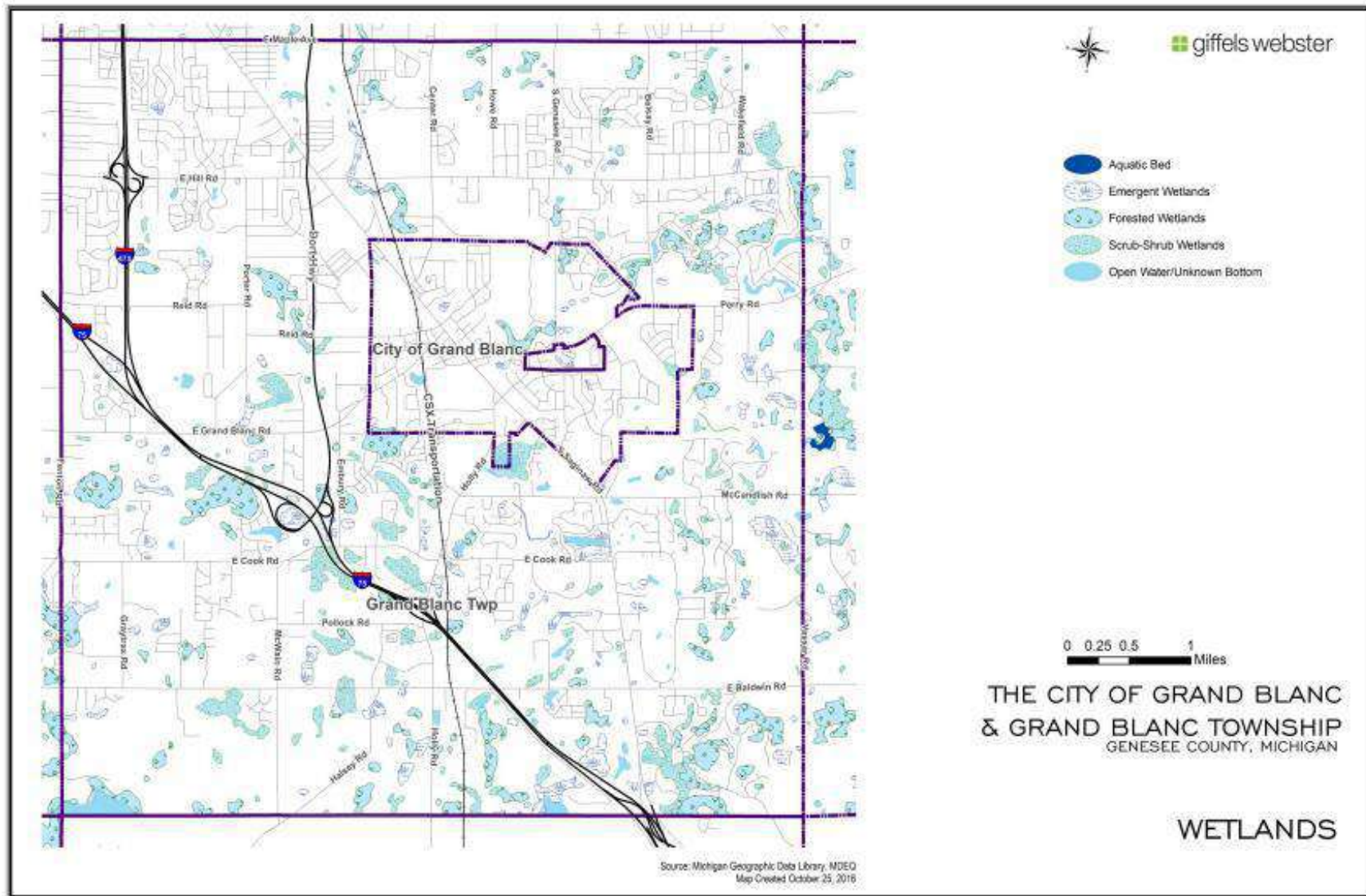
Grand Blanc Township is bordered by the City of Burton to the north, Atlas Township and the Village of Goodrich to the east, the Village of Holly, Fenton Township, and Holly Township to the south, and Mundy Township to the west. The Township also fully surrounds the City of Grand Blanc with a small area located in the center of the city connected by Perry Road.

A series of maps are provided below that identify the natural resources within the Township which provide opportunities and constraints related to providing recreation facilities.

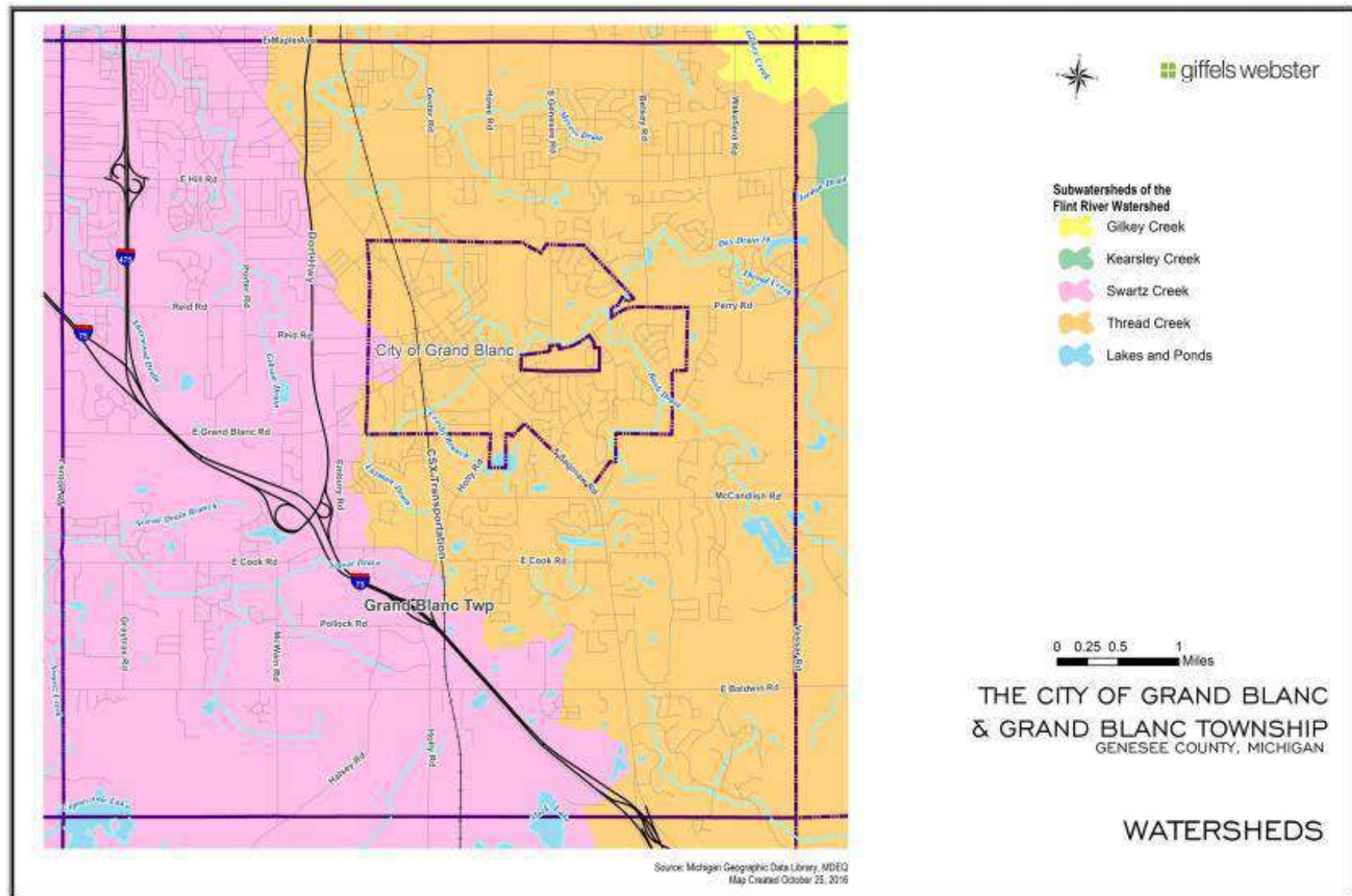
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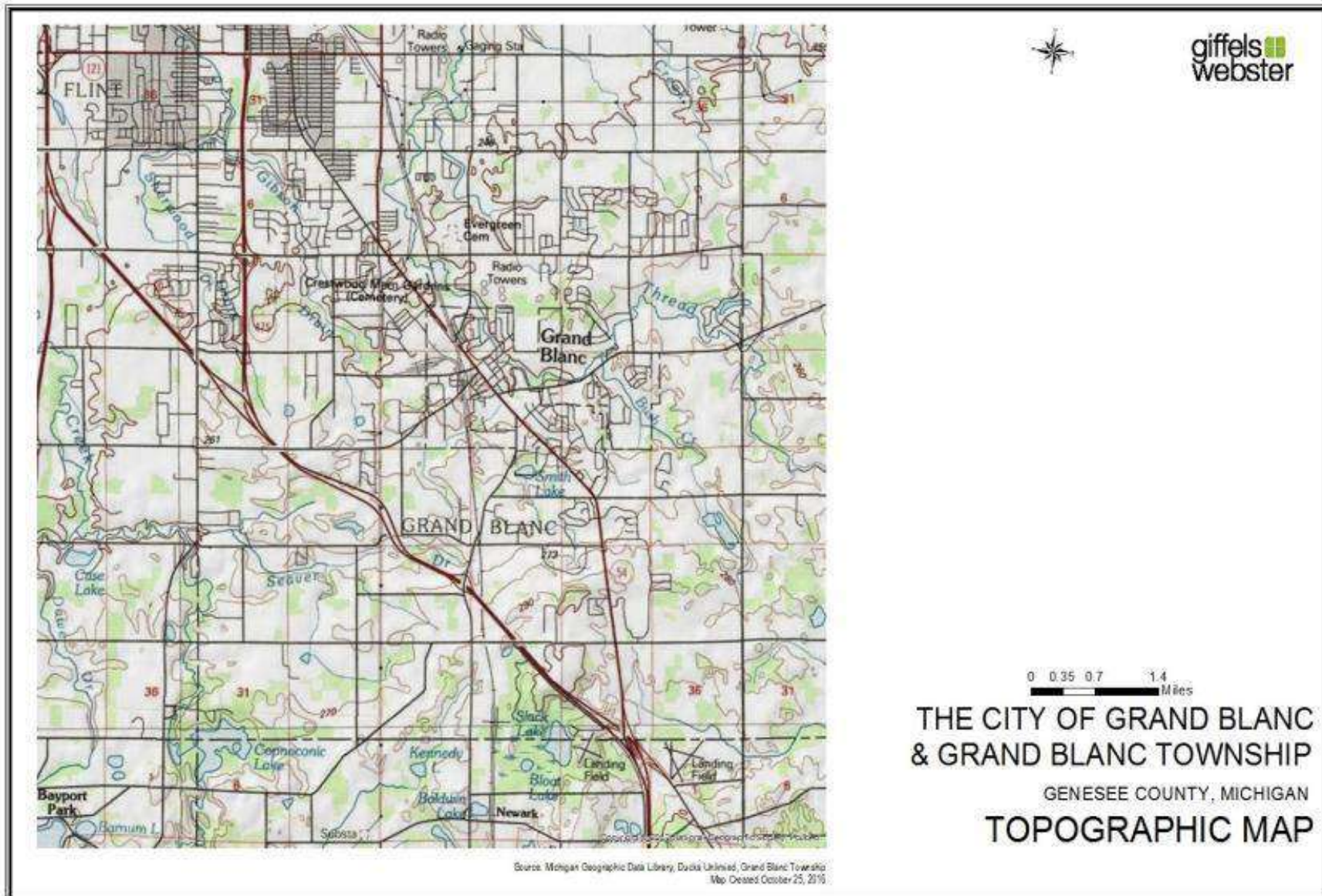
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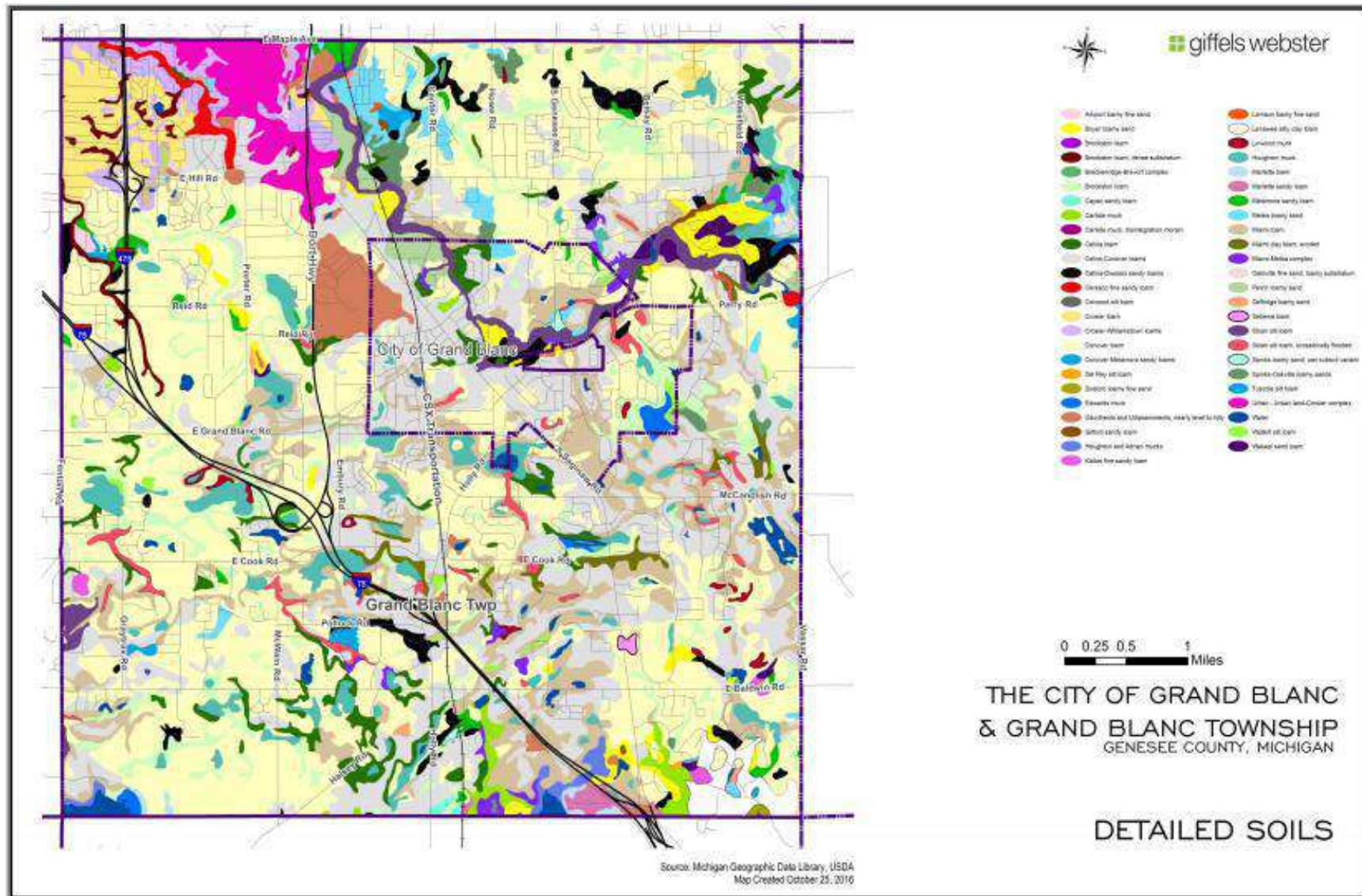
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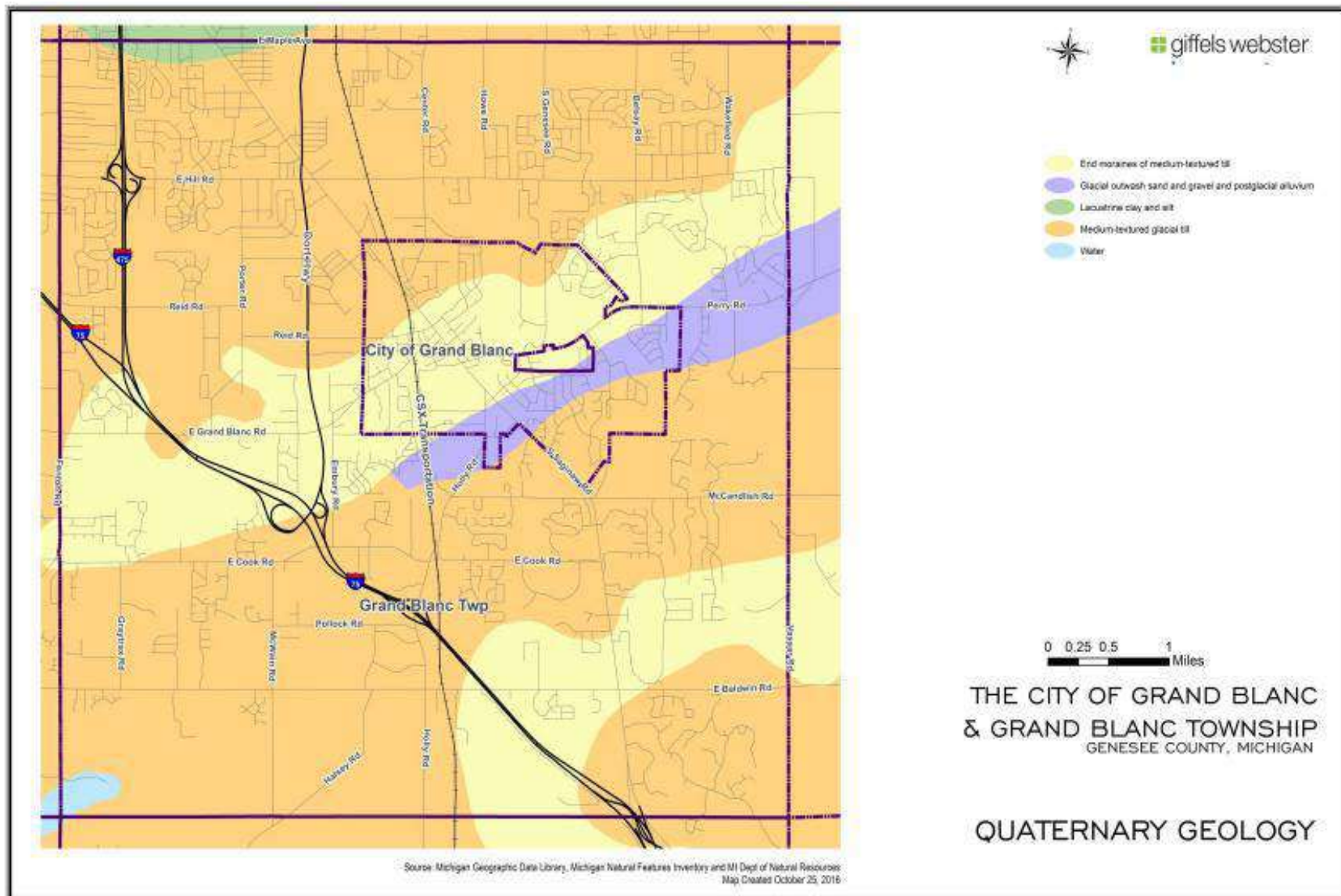
Map 4: Topography Map



Map 5: Soils Map



Map 6: Geology Map

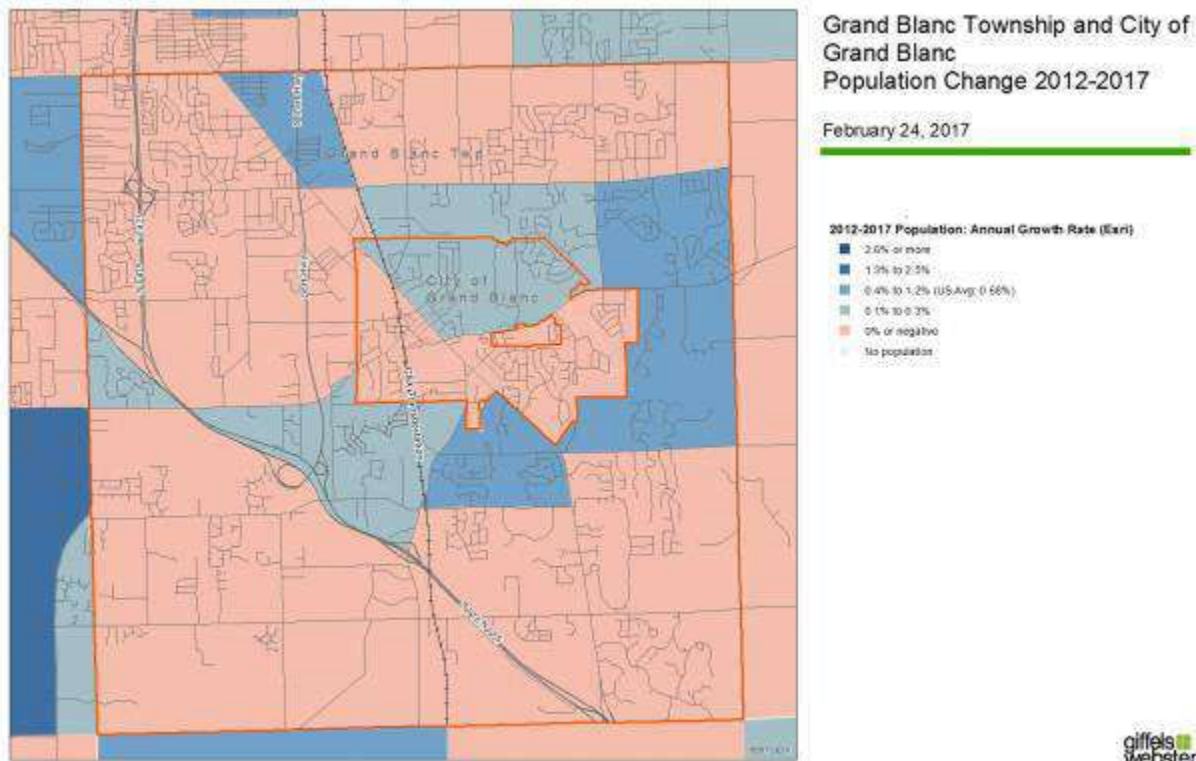


Population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Decennial Census, the Township has an estimated population of 39,846 a 6.2 percent increase from the 2010 population of 37,508. The 2015-2019 Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) forecast was for the Township's population to grow to 39,963 by 2045. Actual growth was more for both the county and Township than expected; the current Township Comprehensive Plan projects limited population growth in the future.

Geographical distribution at the block group level indicates population growth for the majority of the community is within neighborhoods located just outside the City of Grand Blanc east and south boundaries (see Map 7: Grand Blanc Township Population Change 2012-2017).

Map 7: Grand Blanc Township Population Change 2012-2017



According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, the average household size in the Township is 2.44 people, slightly higher than the Genesee County average of 2.40, but slightly down from the Township's 2015 estimate of 2.52 people. The Township has slightly more females (52%) than males.

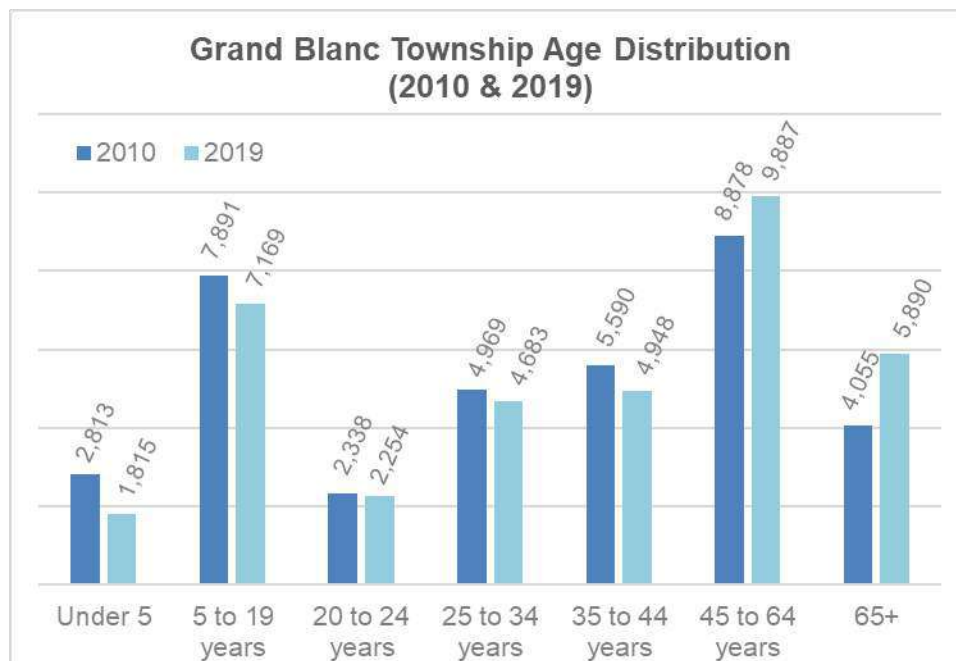
Median household income for Grand Blanc Township is \$66,743. In comparison, Genesee County has a median household income of \$48,588, and the State of Michigan has a median household income of \$57,144.

The Township's balance of population based on age is shifting as well. Similar to national trends, the city and Township are experiencing an increase in their older adult population, and a decrease in youth populations. The share of Grand Blanc Township's population aged 65 and over was 16.1 percent in 2019, a 24 percent increase from 2010 at 13 percent. At the same time, the population under 5 years has decreased by 54 percent from 7.7 percent of the

Township in 2010 to 5.0 percent in 2019. This reflects an overall trend of an aging population in Grand Blanc Township.

At a median age of 39.5 years, Grand Blanc Township is slightly younger than the median age of Genesee County of 40.5 years. Figure A displays the age characteristics for the population in Grand Blanc Township and how it has fluctuated over the course of the past 10-year period. Since 2010, the median age has increased by 1.6 years, from 38.1 years in 2010 to 39.7 years in 2019. This is in part due to a significant increase in the 45 to 64 and 65+ age groups, while those 19 years of age and younger have decreased by 16 percent since 2010.

Figure A: Age Distribution – Grand Blanc Township 2010 & 2019



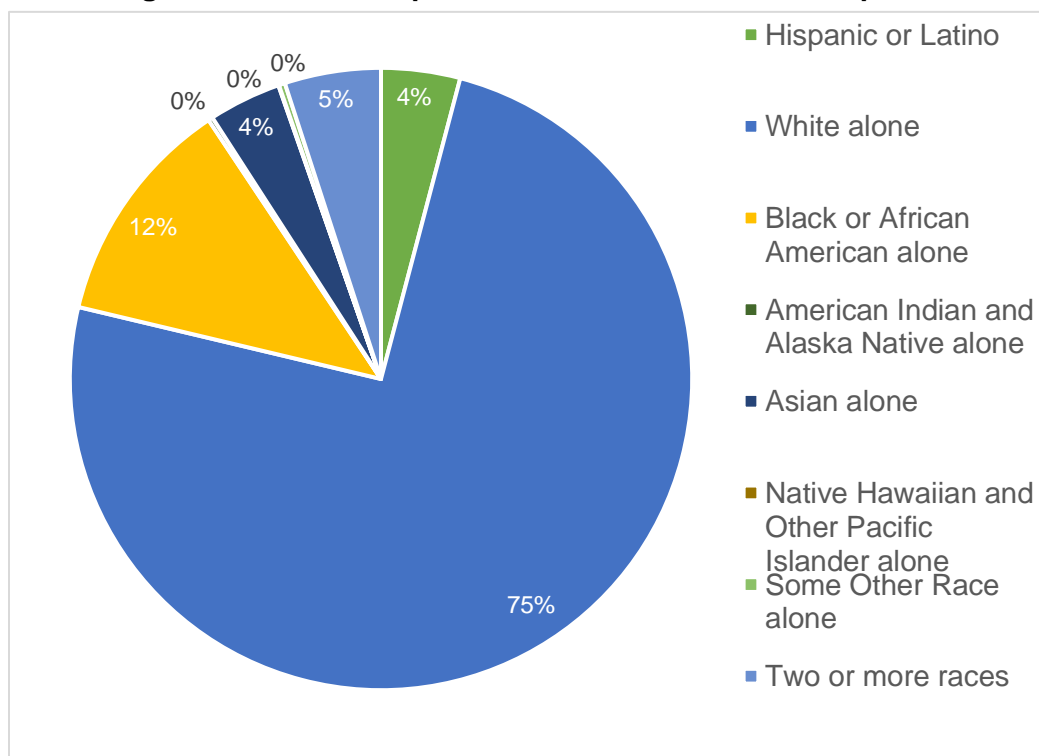
Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

This increase in median age and change in age distribution is indicative of county, state, and national population trends. Grand Blanc Township is consistent with Genesee and Oakland Counties in terms of the percentage of households with children. In Grand Blanc Township, 27.4 percent of households have their own children under 18 at home, compared with 26.4 percent and 26.5 percent in Genesee and Oakland counties, respectively.

Table 1: Age and Household Characteristics – Grand Blanc Township and Surrounding Communities 2019

	Grand Blanc Township	Fenton Township	Holly Township	Rose Township	Groveland Township	Holly Village	Fenton City	Genesee County	Oakland County
Total Population	36,646	15,452	11,622	6,448	5,644	6,174	11,375	407,875	1,253,185
Median Age (years)	39.5	46.6	42.7	48.5	44.2	42.1	38.9	40.5	40.9
% Under 5	5.0	6.5	4.1	4.9	5.0	3.6	5.2	5.9	5.4
% Under 18	22.6	22.5	22.5	20.8	21.3	19.4	21.8	22.7	21.2
% 65 and Older	16.1	21.2	15.9	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.0	16.4
Total Households	14,924	6,051	4,644	2,450	1,917	2,773	5,051	167,902	504,585
% Households with Children	27.4	28.6	27.5	25.5	27.3	23.3	26.4	26.4	26.5

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure B: Racial Composition – Grand Blanc Township 2020

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

Regarding racial composition, Grand Blanc Township's population is 74.6 percent white, compared to Oakland County's, where 68.9 percent of the population is white, and Genesee County as a whole, where 69.8 percent of the population is white. Grand Blanc Township has become slightly more diverse since the last Census, with the percent of the population

identifying as white alone decreasing from 80.5 percent in 2010 to 74.6 percent in 2020. The largest change was the increase in the number of residents identifying as two or more races, which more than doubled from 1.9 percent in 2010 to 5.0 percent in 2020.

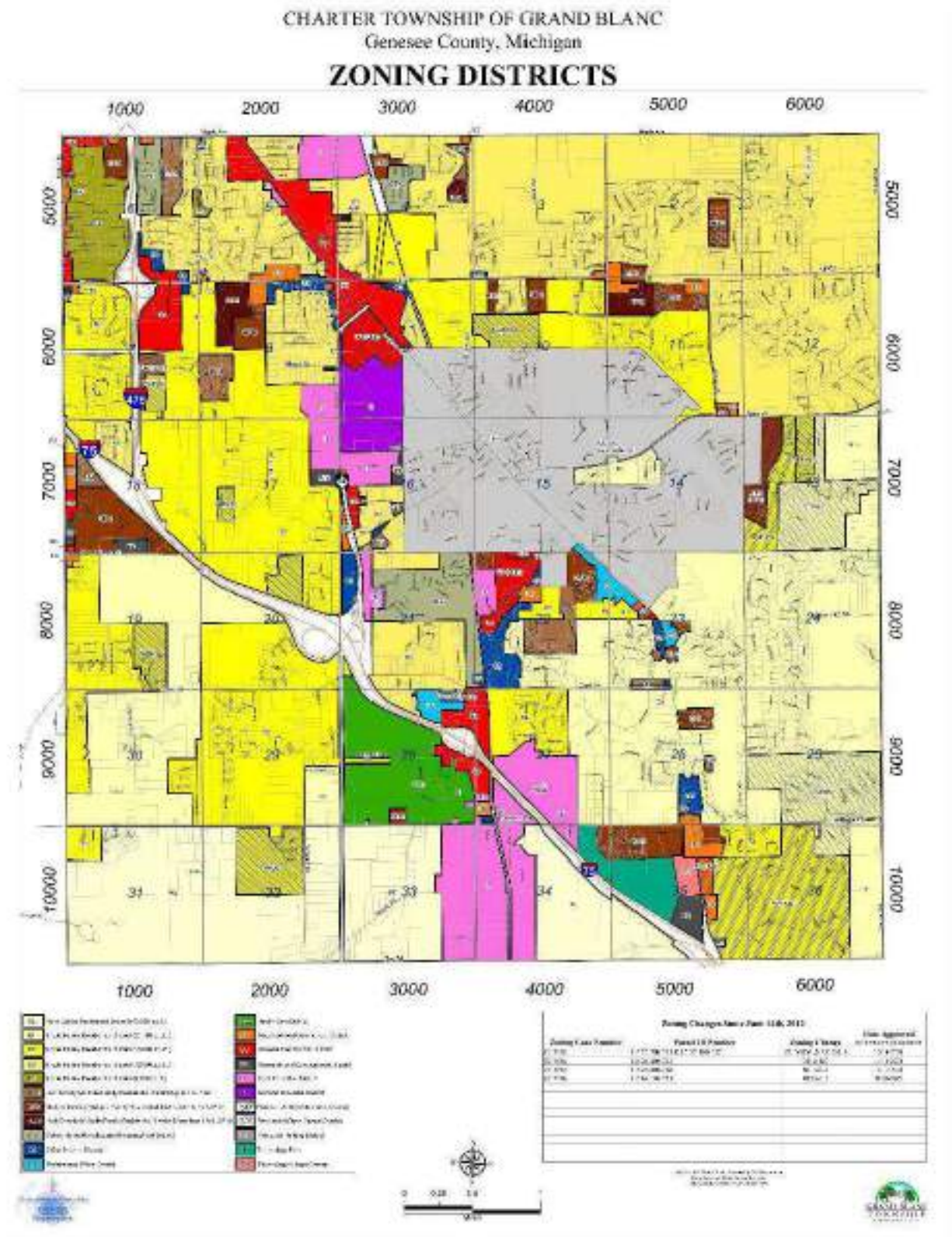
Zoning, Land Use, and Neighborhood Characteristics

The arrangement of existing land uses and zoning districts (see Map 8: Grand Blanc Township Zoning Map), along with future development, will determine where and to what extent recreational facilities and programs will be needed.

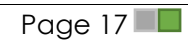
As can be seen from the Grand Blanc Township Zoning Map, there is a large amount of single-family residential area, with the potential to generate recreational demand. Coupled with the growth projections by the GCMCP, the implications on this growth pattern on recreation are significant.

Another way to understand the demographics of the Grand Blanc community is by correlating consumer spending data with census socio-economic and demographic data. For the purpose of this plan, this information has been integrated to provide a matrix of specific attributes based on recreational interests for each neighborhood in the community (see Map 8 and Map 9).

Map 8: Grand Blanc Township Zoning Map



Neighborhood Characteristics Map



Chapter 3: Parks and Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory is a review of both parks and contains information on their size, facilities, and a review of their accessibility.

The barrier-free/accessibility assessment is used to address the accessibility of the Township's parks and recreation facilities. This assessment factors the American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). In general, all construction since 1991 is required to comply with these guidelines.

A general ranking of each park determined through site visits are as follows:

1 = The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

2 = The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

3 = The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

4 = The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

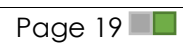
5 = The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

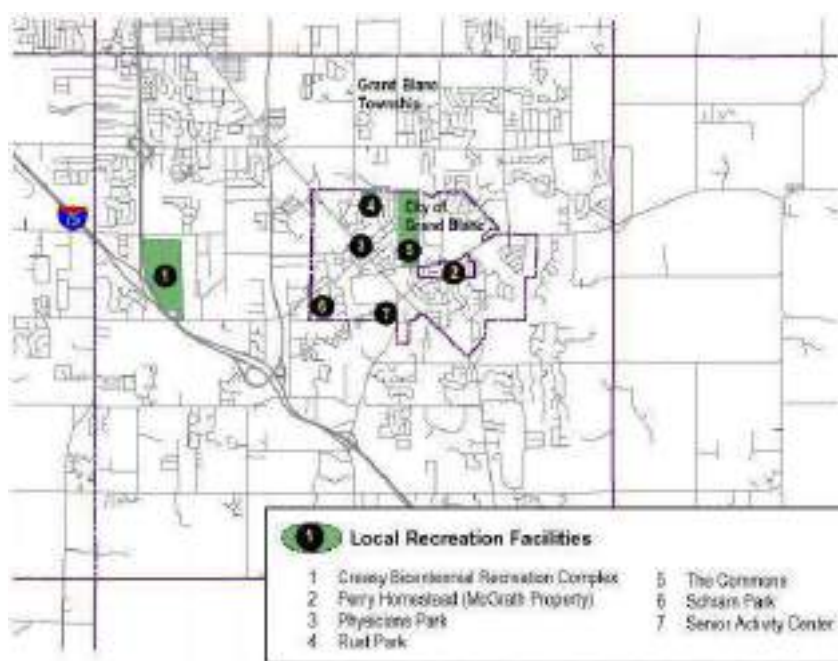
The Grand Blanc Township has three public park facilities, including the following (see Map 11: Local Recreation Facilities Inventory):

- Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex
- Perry McGrath Historical Park
- Senior Activity Center (jointly owned with the City of Grand Blanc)

A list of Township park programs and facility rentals is provided in Appendix C for the past three years. From 2019 to 2021, 6,739 participants used Township programs, there were 512 facility rentals, and 2,087 seniors utilized the senior center.

Grand Blanc Township Proximity to Parks and Schools



Map 11: Local Recreation Facilities Inventory

Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex		
Type	Community Park	
Size	202 acres	
Accessibility Rating	3	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playgrounds • Pavilions • Modern restrooms • Nature/hiking trails • Adult/youth softball and baseball fields • Concession facilities • Football fields • Soccer fields • Fitness area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature study area • Lake/waterfront area • Horseshoes • Bicycling • Basketball courts • Sand volleyball courts • Sledding hill • Splash pad • In-line skating area • Dog park

Senior Activity Center	
Type	Special Use Recreation Facility (Senior Center)
Size	8,821 square feet
Accessibility Rating	4
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community/meeting rooms • Senior programs and events • Emergency center

Perry Homestead and Nature Trail	
Type	Special Use Facility and Trails
Size	19.55 acres
Accessibility Rating	2
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature trails • Historical site • Seasonal events

Iron Belle Trail Connector and Dort Highway Trailhead	
Type	Special Use Facility and Trails
Size	N/A
Accessibility Rating	5
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved multi-purpose non-motorized trail • Benches, trash receptacle, bike racks

Private

The Captain's Club at Woodfield

"Captain's Club" is an 18-hole daily fee golf course in Grand Blanc Township that is partially within Holly Township. The course was designed by former-PGA golfer Raymond Floyd and was opened in 1993.

Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club

Warwick is an 18-hole golf course in Grand Blanc Township. The course was opened in 1957. This is a members-only facility.

Ascension Genesys Health Club

Ascension Genesys Health Club (AGHC) has over 75 cardiovascular machines, strength training equipment, and free weights, as well as three pools and a splash pad, golf facilities, indoor gymnasiums, indoor/outdoor tracks, and ball courts. This is a members-only facility.

Flint Bowman Club

The Flint Bowman Club has 30 acres of woodland with 4 field tip and 2 broad head courses. There is also a playground and picnic area. This is a members-only facility.

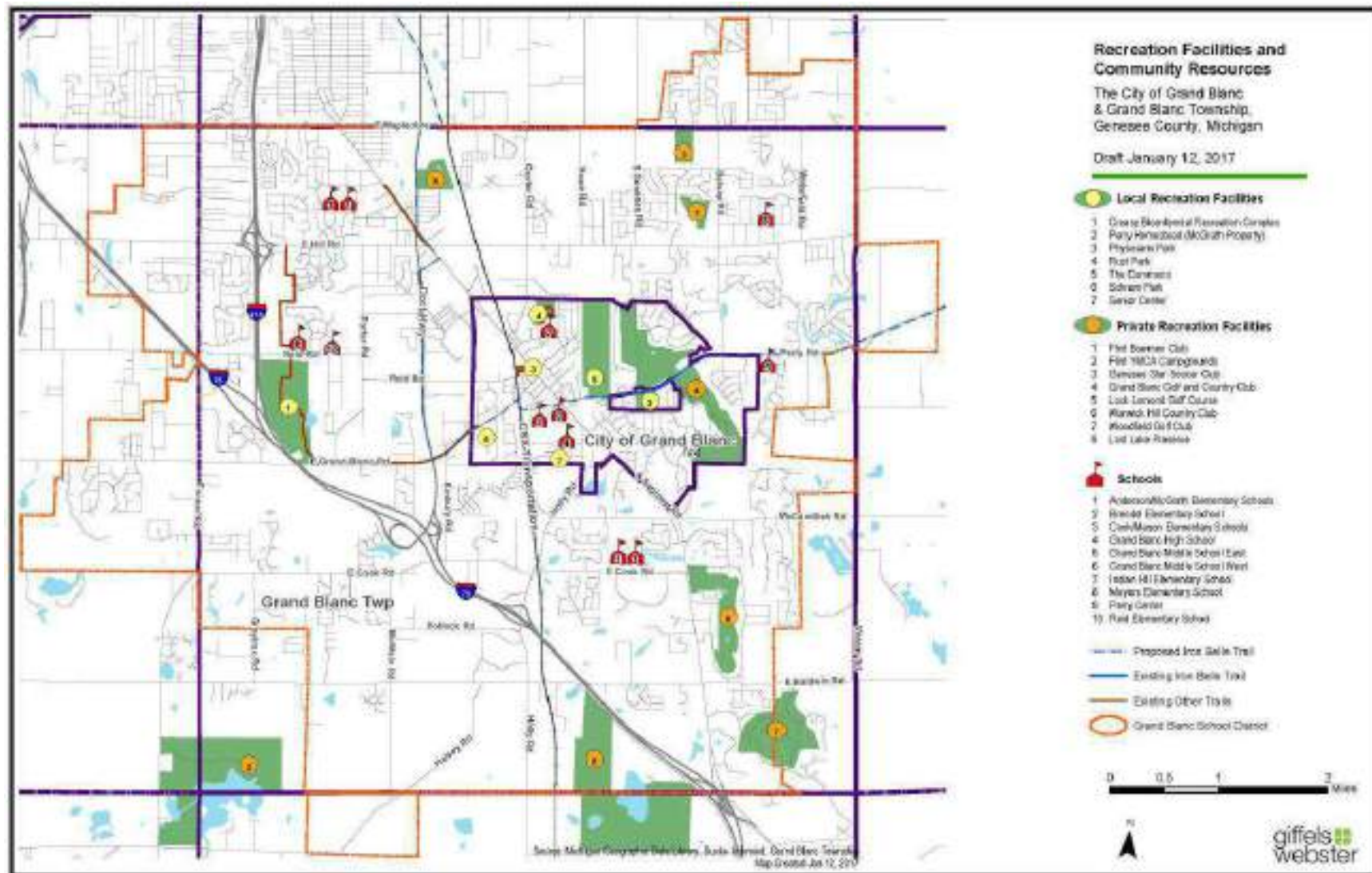
Flint YMCA Campgrounds

The YMCA Campgrounds has over 700 acres with cabins, obstacle courses, horse barns, a lake, and much more. Overnight and day camps are held as well as group and seasonal events. This facility is only for people signed up for a camp or event.

Richard Hartker Soccer Complex

The Richard Hartker Soccer Complex has about 28 acres and 9 soccer fields. These are only for team use.

Map 12: Recreation Facilities and Community Resources Inventory



Regional Recreation Resources

Regional recreation facilities and opportunities operated by the state or county are available to residents of the Grand Blanc community. These parks are generally multi-purpose facilities offering a variety of recreation experiences on large tracts of land. Natural features such as lakes, wooded areas, or fragile ecosystems are the focal point of many of these locations. Each regional recreation area indicated on the map is a part of the State of Michigan park system or the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. An inventory of facilities and activities offered by each recreation area is detailed below. The size and type of these facilities may vary but are generally greater than 200 acres.

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

- Lost Lake Nature Preserve
 - Located in Grand Blanc Township in Genesee County and Holly Township in Oakland County, the preserve has over 538 acres and is available for passive recreation— such as hiking, bird watching, scenic viewing, and demonstration sites.

Genesee County Parks

- Atlas County Park
 - The 150-acre natural area has hiking paths, wooded areas, and the Kearsley Creek located in Goodrich.
- Buell Lake Park
 - Buell Lake is in Clio and has 213 acres. Amenities include ball diamonds, pavilions, picnic areas/playground, fishing, snowmobile area, boat launch, and a radio-controlled model airplane field.
- Davison Roadside Park
 - Davison is a four-acre park located in Burton with a beginner's sledding hill and picnic area.
- Flushing Park
 - Flushing Park, located in Flushing, has over 105 acres and includes amenities such as ball diamonds, cross country ski trails, pavilions, tennis courts, picnic areas, and playground.
- Linden Park
 - Linden Park is 135 acres in Linden. Services include ball diamonds, beach, sledding and toboggan hill, pavilions, picnic areas, playground, snowmobile area, and tennis courts.
- For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum
 - The 380-acre For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum is in Burton and includes a visitor center, bird collection, and nature trails.
- Genesee Recreation Area
 - The Genesee Recreation Area has over 4,500 acres and includes Richfield Park and Mott Lake. It is in the center of Genesee County. Amenities include ball diamonds, BMX track, canoe launch, cross country ski trails, pavilions, picnic areas, playgrounds, snowmobile area, tennis courts, and beach.
- Crossroads Village
 - Crossroads Village provides a glimpse into Michigan's past, with over 30 historic structures, the Huckleberry Railroad, and Genesee Belle, a paddle wheel riverboat. Special events are programmed throughout the year.

- Mundy Miracle Commons – In Progress
 - Mundy Miracle Commons has 99 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and 1.8 miles of paved pathway. This park is currently still in progress but will eventually contain a sledding hill, universally accessible ballfield, performing arts space, Farmer's Market, butterfly garden, and more.

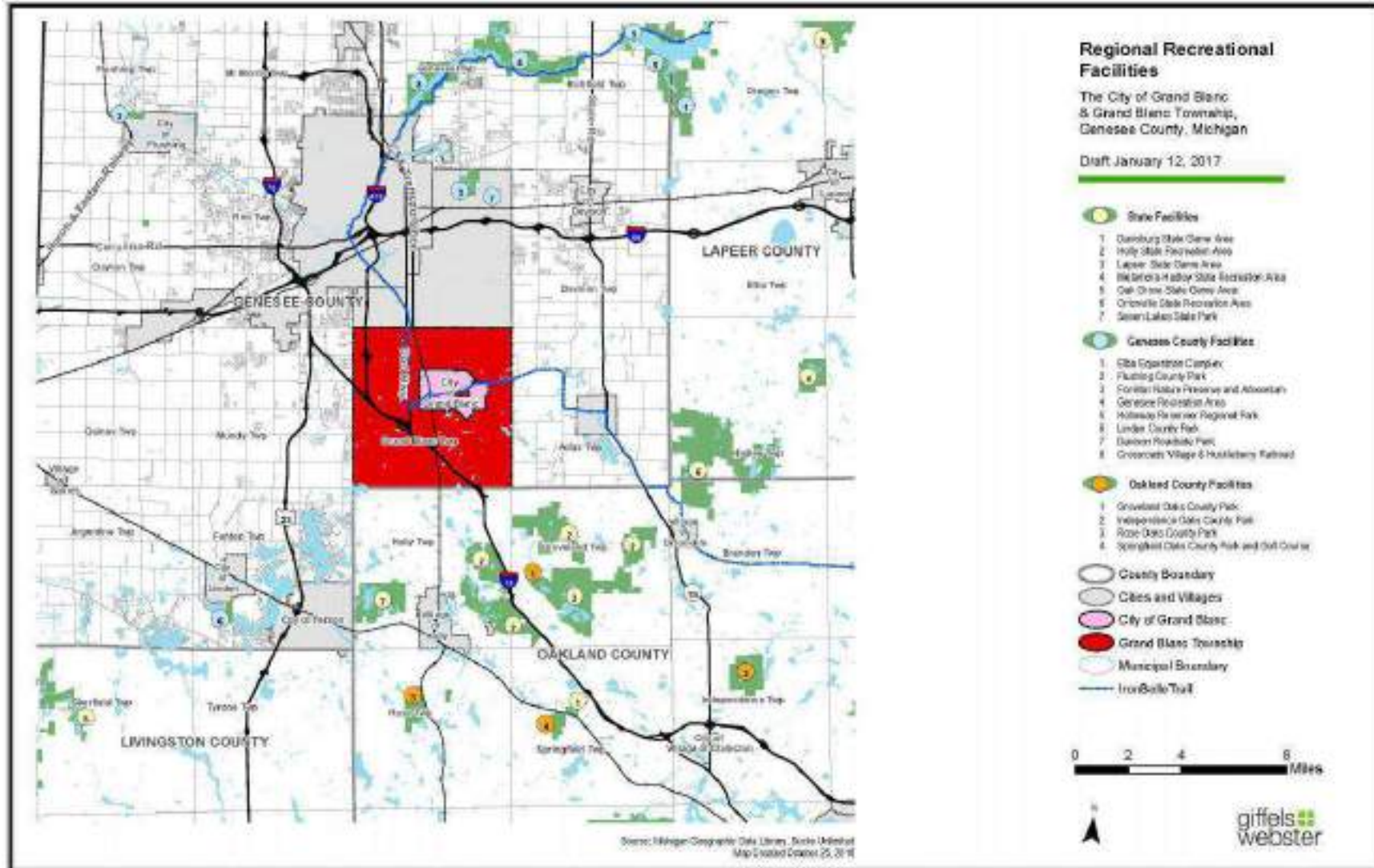
State of Michigan Parks

- Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
 - Bald Mountain has over 4,600 acres in northeast Oakland County. Facilities and activities offered by the recreation area include a beach, a bathhouse with concessions, picnic sites and shelters, boat launch, paddle boat and canoe rentals, skeet and trap fields, archery range, rifle and pistol ranges, hunting area, fishing docks, hiking trails, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, sledding, tobogganing, and rustic cabins for overnight stays.
- Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area (Minnewanna)
 - The Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area, located in Lapeer County, 8 miles south of Lapeer, has over 700 acres surrounding Lake Minnewanna. Amenities include modern campsites, mini cabins, boating, fishing, hiking trails, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and hunting.
- Ortonville Recreation Area
 - Ortonville Recreation Area has 5,400 acres and provides opportunities for swimming, hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, picnicking, and equestrian camping.
- Holly Recreation Area
 - Holly Recreation Area, located in northern Oakland County has over 7,800 acres of land providing areas for camping, boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, cross-country skiing, and fishing.

Trails

- Iron Belle Trail
 - The biking portion of the Iron Belle Trail from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood on the Wisconsin border, runs through Grand Blanc Township along Perry Road east and then north along the CSX Railroad. This 791-mile-long biking route showcases Michigan's spectacular cultural and natural resources.
- Dort Highway Trail – In Progress
 - A non-motorized, shared use path that runs along South Dort Highway and connects Baldwin Road to Cook Road. There is also a path head parking lot.
- Perry Road Trail
 - A non-motorized, shared use separated path that runs along the south side of Perry Road to Grand Blanc Middle school and east to the township limits; future planning to extend to Atlas.
- Grand Blanc Road Trail
 - A non-motorized, shared use separated path that runs along the north side of Grand Blanc Road from Bicentennial Park into the City of Grand Blanc.
- Bicentennial Park Trail
 - A non-motorized, shared use separated path that connects Bicentennial Park to Grand Blanc West Middle School from Reid Road to Hill Road.

Map 13: Regional Recreation Facilities Inventory



School Facilities

In addition to the public and private park facilities in and around Grand Blanc Township, the schools provide indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities year-round. When not in use by the school, the outdoor athletic fields and courts are available to the public, and Grand Blanc High School's indoor swimming pool is available to the public during designated times. Table 2: School Facilities shows the different amenities provided by each school:

Table 2: School Facilities

Name	Location	Accessibility Rank
Elementary Schools: play structures, basketball courts, gymnasiums, soccer fields, and outdoor painted court games		
Anderson/McGrath Elementary School	Township	4
Cook/Mason Elementary School	Township	4
Indian Hill Elementary School	City	4
Myers Elementary School	Township	4
Reid Elementary School	Township	4
Middle Schools: field events/outdoor tracks, football fields, ballfields, and gymnasiums		
Middle School - East	Township	4
Middle School - West	Township	4
Central School Complex: tennis courts, baseball fields, practice ballfields, football field, playground equipment, basketball courts, softball field, track, soccer field, gymnasiums, and pools		
Grand Blanc High School East Campus	City	4
Grand Blanc High School West Campus	City	4
Brendel Elementary School	City	4
Administration	City	4
Perry Center	City	4

Chapter 4: Description of the Planning Process

The update to the plan was developed with significant input from a broad cross-section of the Grand Blanc community. Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation, stakeholders, staff, and public were all valuable resources during the planning process in guiding and shaping of this plan.

The planning process began with an inventory of all Grand Blanc community recreational facilities and a kick-off meeting with the director. In recognizing that there were quite a few new community leaders in their respective stakeholder roles, an initial stakeholder meeting was held to gain a better understanding of their views on development of parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Following this, a public survey was developed and posted on-line. Of the 396 respondents, public input indicated a committed local involvement in parks and recreation programming with over half currently participating in youth sports. This input, along with trends in recreation opportunities, the desire to expand existing trails system, and development of specific types of facilities, such as a disc golf course followed by foot golf, were opportunities that the township considered.

Using the inventory and the results of the 2021 survey findings, this plan identifies strengths and opportunities of the current parks facilities, along with goals and objectives for the future. The draft plan, along with a five-year action program of priority projects, was reviewed by the township at the April 5th, 2022 meeting.

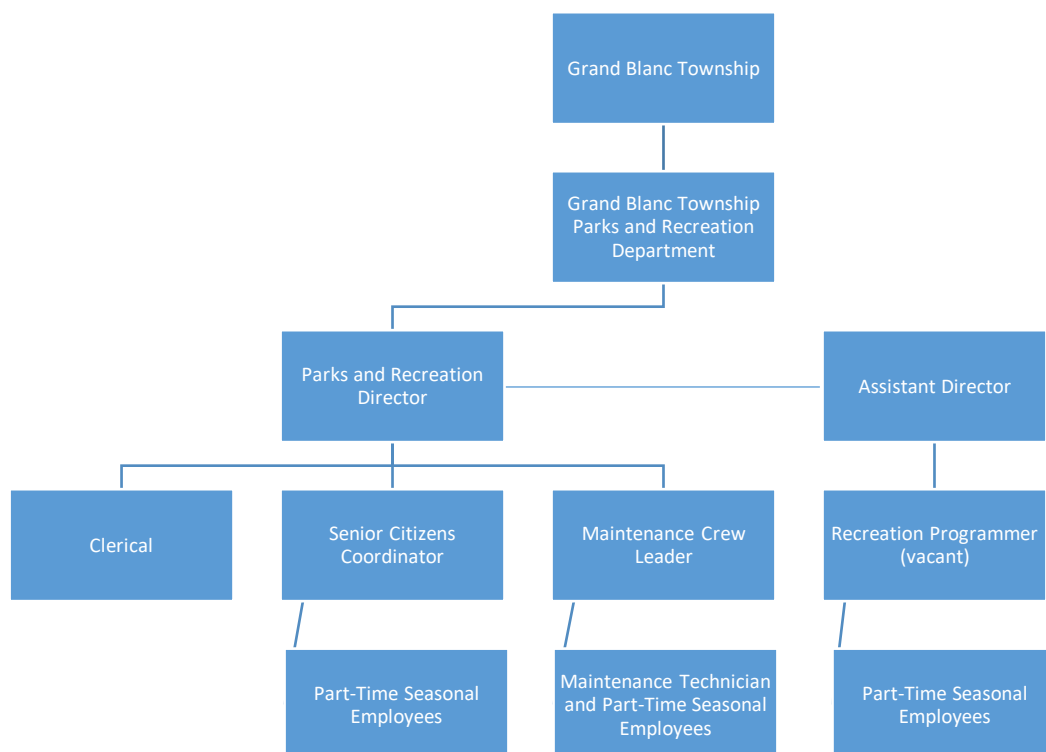
Chapter 5: Administrative Structure

Roles and Organization

The Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department falls directly under the Township as a staffed organization, and consists of a Director, who oversees the Assistant Director, Senior Citizens Coordinator, Maintenance Crew Leader, Recreation Programmer, and clerical staff. The Assistant Director oversees the Recreation Division; the Senior Citizens Coordinator oversees the Senior Services Division, and the Maintenance Crew Leader oversees the Maintenance Division. Seasonal part-time employees assist the Senior, recreation and maintenance division (see Figure C). Overall, the Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for several tasks, including:

- Programming activities, special events, and organized sports offered by the Township including facilitating enrollment and coordinating time and program locations.
- Coordinating use of multiple recreation facilities.
- Aiding volunteer sport organizations.
- Recommending land, facility, and pathway expansions and additional needs to the Township.
- Overseeing maintenance of facilities.
- Overseeing and administering the Parks and Recreation budget.
- Developing and forming relationships with outside sources.
- Grant writing and procurement and sponsorship solicitation.
- Developing and implementing special events.

Figure C: Administrative Structure



Funding/Budget

The Township's parks and recreation activities are financed primarily by program fees, special events, rentals, sponsorships, and fund raisers. A parks and recreation millage, which in 2020 brought in approximately \$314,000, is used for facility improvements. The Parks and Recreation budget includes five funding sources:

- Parks and Recreation Millage
- General Fund
- Rental Income
- CDBG
- Senior Services Millage

For 2020, the Parks and Recreation Fund was worth \$1.5 million, primarily in cash and in receivables, and special revenue funds.

Grant History

Table 3 identifies grant projects that were funded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as reported by MDNR Grants Management. This list does not reflect other grant sources that have been used for recreation such as the 2-mile non-motorized path constructed in 2011-2012 with a \$1 million grant that provides connection through the Township and connecting to Creasey Bicentennial Park. This was a SAFETEA-LU grant submitted by the Genesee County Road Commission with support by Grand Blanc Township.

Table 3: Grant History

Park	Year	Grant Amount	Project Description
Creasey Bicentennial Park	2008	\$75,000	Develop soccer fields, pathways, parking, pavilion
Bicentennial Park	1997	\$155,000	Acquisition of 59 acres to expand park north (withdrawn)
Bicentennial Park	1989	\$30,000	Develop little league baseball fields and parking lot lights
Bicentennial Park	1977	\$114,840	Develop access road, parking, fencing, tennis courts, ball fields
Bicentennial Park	1976	\$70,834	Acquire 147 acres

Roles of Volunteers

The township parks and recreation department has been fortunate to partner with numerous groups in the area to assist in active living and leisure programming. The Friends of the Bicentennial Dog Park and Friends of Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation have been available at functions and to coordinate clean-up events. Other community volunteer groups include Grand Blanc Lacrosse, Genesee County AYSO, Detroit City Football Club, Grand Blanc High School National Honor Society, Swartz Creek High School National Honor Society, Powers Catholic High School National Honor Society, Citizens Police Academy, Grand Blanc Community Schools and Grand Blanc Grid.

Chapter 6: Public Engagement

The public input process began on July 14th with a series of stakeholder meetings. The groups that were represented were:

- Little League
- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Recreation
- Dog Park
- Park Maintenance
- Pathways and Trails
- Senior Services
- Township Board
- Historic District

A copy of the questions and summary of the comments from these meetings are included in Appendix A. Although the groups represented their individual interest, there was a theme of identifying the need for maintenance and shared improvements to best utilize available funding over the development of special interest projects.

Community Input Survey

Questions for the on-line survey were reviewed by Grand Blanc Township Parks staff. The survey was issued concurrent with the stakeholder meetings and was held open through the planning process. Results are included in Appendix B. A summary of the survey input is as follows:

- 85% support acquisition of addtional park property as somewhat to extremely important.
- Over 70% support a local millage of programming and operations.
- 80% find it somewhat to extremely important that the Township operates a community center.
- 75% are satisfied with the accessibility of Township parks.
- 80% are satisfied with maintenance of facilities.
- Nearly 90% support expanding park facilities to provide more activity space and equipment.
- 90% say it is somewhat to extremely important to provide year-round activities; nearly 50% say it's extremely important.
- Only 52% participate in recreation programs; 75% do not desire additional programs. 85% use programs for health and fitness, 80% to be outdoors, and 65% for social opportunities.
- Nearly 70% visit Creasey Bicentennial Park more than six times each year.
- 70% use the Township's trail system; only 35% want additional features yet 80% want the trail system expanded. 90% agree or strongly agree for trails to connect local parks to neighborhoods and the construction of other community destinations.
- 80% agree that Grand Blanc Township should work with neighboring communities and regional partners to construct trails that connect to regional parks.
- 65% support a local milage to build new trails in Grand Blanc Township; the same would support a countywide trail millage.

- 70% support a formal planning process to update the Grand Blanc Township Pathways Master Plan.
- 75% support a free dog park.

Master Plan Open House

On July 14, 2021, Grand Blanc Township Parks and consultants from ROWE Professional Services Company held an open house. At the event, various boards were set up outlining different aspects of the plan, including the details of the process, the proposed goals and objectives, and a board for visitors to write comments, questions, and concerns.

In addition to the boards, Grand Blanc Township Parks distributed survey forms for residents to write and submit their own thoughts and concerns for the parks.

Chapter 7: Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to identify needs and establish priorities for implementation. The overall goal is to guide decisions on future investments to ensure the recreation system is improved and continues to be an asset to the community. As a result of the planning process during this plan, the following specific goals have been established for the next five years. They have been organized to clearly align with the action plan and to illustrate how they address one or more of the following categories:

- Natural Resources/Facilities Management
- Recreation Opportunities/Development
- Education/Interpretive Opportunities

Goal 1: Build on the strengths and opportunities within existing facilities to provide quality of life benefits for the Grand Blanc community.

Objective: Develop future recreation facilities (all at Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex) with sound fiscal policy.

Strategies

- Add an additional shelter/field house to directly serve the soccer field complex to accommodate larger groups, administration, concessions, equipment storage, and additional restroom facilities. Parking improvements and landscaping will also be part of this addition.
- Add and/or extend electricity, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure to meet the needs of the additional facilities.
- Additional dog park upgrades.
- Modify the existing little league restroom and storage facility to add a new concessions area.
- Install security camera system throughout park.
- Replacement of south pavilion.
- Replace aging fencing and bleachers at the adult softball fields to provide additional accessibility for spectators.
- Install field lighting.
- Create an ongoing maintenance schedule to address road grading efforts in key areas or pavement as appropriate. Look to partners to share in cost, considering increased use by tournament traffic.
- Work to make facilities more accessible.
- Replace the splash pad.
- Work with developers to create recreational space as part of projects.
- Work towards having a recreational space within 10-minute walk or ¼ mile of all township residences

Objective: Monitor programs and services; develop an approach to evaluate the addition, deletion, or modification of programs and services.

Strategies

- Continue to involve the increasing adult population in activities and events. Maintain and expand senior programming as resources allow.
- Provide a range of programs and facilities to accommodate the interests and age groups of as many children as possible. Programs should be somewhat structured and directly supervised by younger adults that can better relate to youths.

Objective: Encourage the continued development at the senior center to provide for social interaction of various age groups/residents of all ages.

Strategies

- Measure participation, costs, and revenues for programs at Senior Activity Center based on recent improvements to understand how to improve programming and/or facilities.

Objective: Encourage creative staffing, education, and maintenance minded design of recreation facilities, landscaping, and equipment to reduce annual maintenance costs.

Strategies

- Qualify adopt-a-park or friends of the park programs; for additional maintenance assistance while managing administrative demands.

Objective: Develop a management plan for each park that identifies annual, seasonal, monthly, and weekly maintenance needs. This plan should include the human and financial resources required for adequate park management.

Strategies

- Develop a management plan for each park to assist with dedication of staffing the labor to be dedicated to each park. It should identify how this varies throughout the season and peak effort for special events. The management plans can also address education and certification needs for staff and other topics that impact service.
- Maintain paved trail and sporting field facilities within park on an annual basis.

Objective: Design sustainable and attractive recreation facilities that contribute to community character.

Strategies

- Identify improvements such as seating areas and landscaping to preserve character.

Objective: Define a mission statement that describes the purpose of each park and share it with the community; (e.g., Creasy Bicentennial Park is primarily intended to provide for active recreation, while the Perry Homestead provides a sense of history and offers passive recreation opportunities).

Goal 2: Pursue a variety of funding sources and partnerships to better serve the community's recreational needs within the limited human and financial resources currently available to Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation.

Objective: Continue to seek partnerships with other recreation providers, agencies, and neighboring communities to share ideas and provide complementary programs and facilities. Examples include but are not limited to civic groups, community groups, places of worship, scouts, user groups etc.

Objective: Analyze and develop a revenue development plan for park facilities and programs.

Objective: Apply for grants, seek gifts, endowments, and/or sponsorships for maintenance and development of facilities that support the vision of Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation.

Objective: Continue coordination with school district on shared use of facilities.

Objective: Evaluate demand and financial feasibility of providing additional community facilities.

Strategies

- Explore development of a community center to encompass parks and recreation.

Objective: Continue coordination with school district on shared use of facilities. Clearly define facility and programming needs that could be addressed by volunteers and user groups to accomplish more within the limited resources available. Create volunteer programs that clearly define roles and responsibilities, allow for an increase in civic involvement, and recognize volunteer efforts on an annual basis.

Objective: Monitor and adjust user fees as appropriate to cover costs while remaining affordable for the community.

Goal 3: Increase awareness/use of park facilities and programs.

Objective: Continue promoting the active and passive use of park facilities, especially Creasey Bicentennial Park, for a variety of organizations (athletic, social, business community, civic, service clubs, etc.)

Strategies

- Create an integrated marketing plan using social media, print, etc.

Objective: Enhance internal wayfinding and mile markers in park trail systems, maps, smart-phone links, and on-line maps.

Strategies

- Install additional park wayfinding signage at Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex. This system should include non-motorized traffic accessing the park as well as those in vehicles.

Objective: Install monument signs at visitor entrance to parks.

Strategies

- Install a new entry sign at the Reid Road access of Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex.
- Install sign at Perry/McGrath Historic Park

Objective: Enhance website and use of a variety of advertising and social media tools for promotion of events and programs.

Objective: Explore use of park facilities by vendors for short- and long-term contracts to widen programs and services offered without a direct burden on staffing.

Goal 4: Support green initiative, active living, and accessibility to recreation.

Objective: Advocate for non-motorized master plans developed by Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Organization and Grand Blanc Township.

Strategies

- Creation of a new Trail and Pathway Master Plan.

Objective: Provide support structure for non-motorized connections at parks through bike racks, maps, or bike-share/rental opportunities.

Objective: Use Park facilities to educate on issues such as stewardship, natural systems, and healthy/active living.

Strategies

- Explore recreation opportunities along the non-motorized path including viewing amenities and educational opportunities to sensitive natural features. These could be serviced by hiking and biking trails that connect with the existing path.
- Develop accessible parking and other improvements in the Perry Homestead for various community events. Develop additional small sections of paved path to allow increased access into the site as well.
- Develop boardwalks and pathways to allow for use the larger area of the park, including outdoor classroom opportunities.

Objective: Develop a recycling program within Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Objective: Monitor new technology and energy-saving methods and apply when applicable to park facilities and operations.

Strategies

- Continue to explore energy reduction opportunities at the Senior Center.

Objective: Work with volunteer groups on invasive species control and best management practices of vegetation.

Objective: Work with local stakeholders to create shared space trailheads.

Chapter 8: Action Plan

Grand Blanc Township Parks will focus on improving operations, maintenance, and facilities at their existing park locations as a priority. Their improvement will center on providing active recreation, improving maintenance, and maximizing access to natural resources. This allows development of regional non-motorized facilities and passive recreation for other local providers (supporting Goal 1). Increased effort at maintenance of facilities will be made, responding to community input survey question 6.

In response to Covid-19, the park department has continuously adjusted programs and operations to provide a safe opportunity for recreation. It will continue to react to future developments with safety in mind, recognizing the value and need for a healthy outdoor recreation facility for the community (supporting Goals 1, 3, and 4).

Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex

Development of paved accessible parking lots based on community input survey questions 1 and 5 (supporting Goal 1).

Development of an additional shelter/field house to directly serve the soccer field complex to accommodate larger groups, administration, concessions, equipment storage, and additional restroom facilities based on community input survey question 7 (supporting Goal 1).

Development of a new splash pad and connecting maintenance/entry house based on community input survey questions 5 and 6 (supporting Goal 1).

Expand trail and interpretive signs based on community input survey questions 12 and 13 (supporting Goal 3).

Development of a recycling program based on community input survey question 6 (supporting Goal 4).

Development of lighting throughout park to allow for night events based on community input survey question 25 (supporting Goals 1 and 3).

Perry McGrath Historical Park

Continue restoration of the site and surrounding land based on community input survey question 6 (supporting Goal 1).

Expand trail and interpretive signs based on community input survey questions 12 and 13 (supporting Goal 3).

Develop additional accessible parking based on community input survey question 5 (supporting Goal 4).

Senior Activity Center

Continue to develop and provide activities and programs for the community based on community input survey questions 6, 8, and 21 (supporting Goal 1).

Continue to explore energy reduction opportunities based on community input survey question 6 (supporting Goal 4).

Appendix A: Stakeholder Meeting Agenda, Comments

Stakeholder Meetings July 14, 2021

Hosted by:
Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department
 Assisted by
ROWE Professional Services

Welcome! Thank you for your participation. We would like your ideas and suggestions for the future of our parks.

We are currently updating our 5 Year Recreation Plan (required for various grant funding opportunities). Your input will be used to establish goals and priorities within the plan.

Items for your consideration:

- Existing Facilities
See our current park locations and aerial maps noting proximity to
- Survey
Review questions from our on-line survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBTwpParksRecPlan> OR
- Park Development
Are there specific improvements that should be made at existing parks?
- Miscellaneous
Any additional thoughts for how we can work together and partner to get things done?



Stakeholder Group Comments	Name

Thanks again for your input!

The following summary includes comments from the stakeholder meetings.

Group 1:

12:00 – 1:00

Ben Ruppel – Little League

Chris L. – LAX (absent)

Rob Nuckolls – Soccer

Senja Liimatta – Recreation

- Parking is a big issue
 - Close to capacity during tournaments
 - Need paved parking
 - Could Park at West Middle School and shuttle to park (during large events)
- Property north of multipurpose field
 - Conflicting demand (tennis/pickleball/etc.)
- Baseball fields
 - Need proper drainage, does not hold up against weather
 - Need fields with proper measurements
 - Need more fields (not just baseball)
 - Lights for fields
 - Could have night games, double games on schedule
- New building
 - House concessions/storage/bathrooms/etc.
 - Currently paying for storage elsewhere

Group 2:

1:00 – 2:00

Joanie Towarnicky – Trails and Pathways

Chris Hester – Park maintenance

Kris Johns – dog park (on call)

- Dog Park
 - Property behind, possible expansion
 - Water feature (swimming area, sprinklers, drinking fountain)
 - Possible replacement of obstacles (recycled plastic)
- Maintenance
 - Possible hotline
 - Report issues on pathways, in park, etc.
- Splash pad
 - New
 - Get off well, use for irrigation for fields
 - Reduce water waste
 - Pay for splash pad: 2-hour blocks, party rentals, etc.
- Bathrooms
 - More indoor bathrooms throughout park

Group 3:

2:00 – 3:00

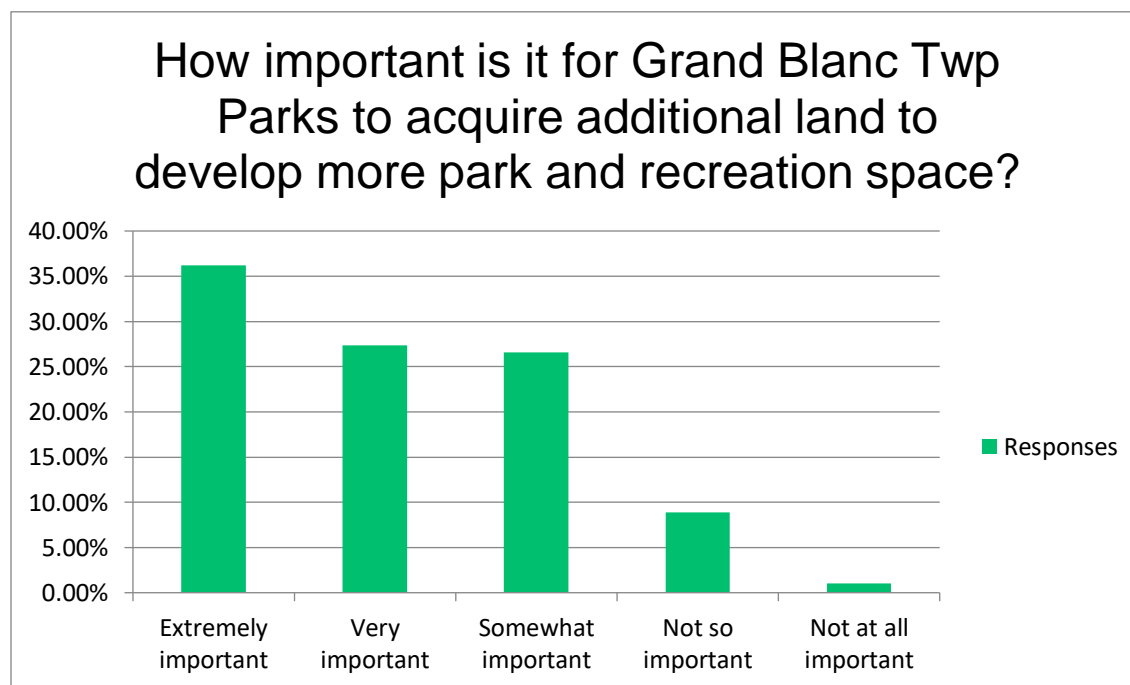
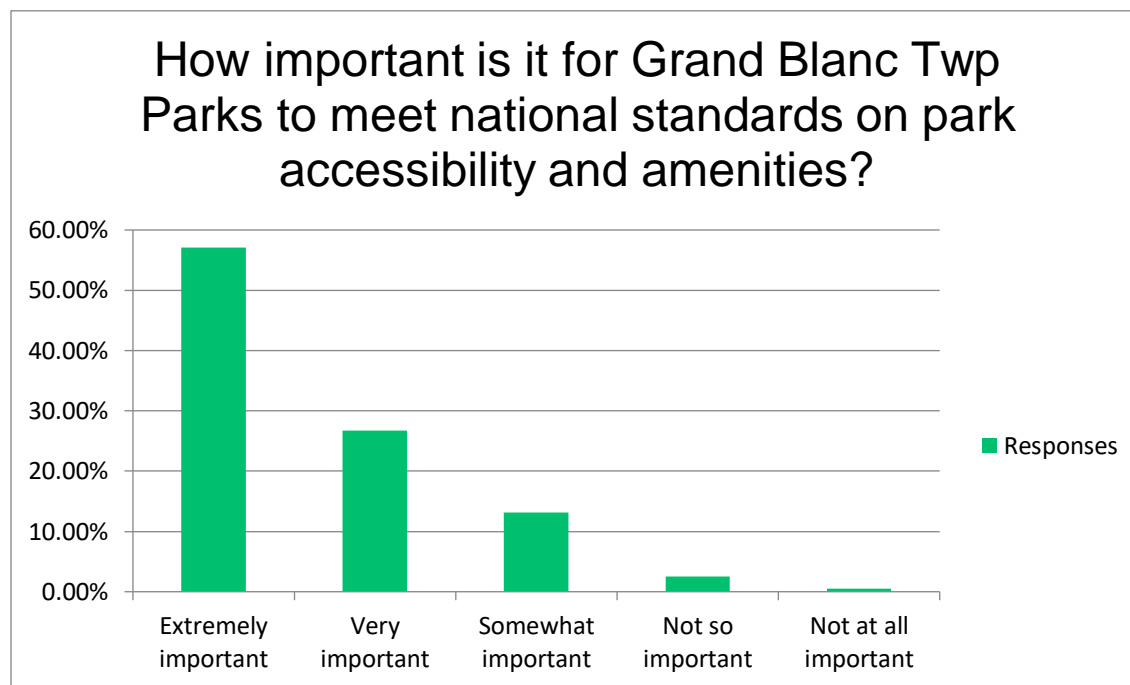
Misty Moen – Senior Services

Scott Bennett – Township Board

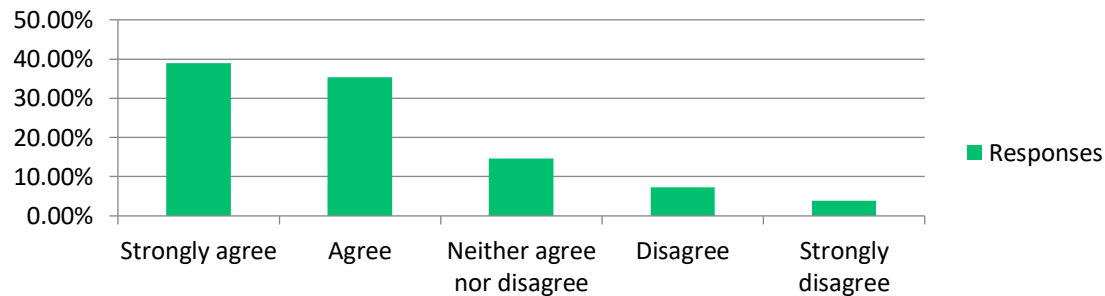
Debbie Honea – Historic District

- Want to utilize Perry House more
 - Rentals (weddings, baby showers, etc.)
 - More educational experiences for all ages
 - Connect 2 trails for easier use
- Wayfinding
 - Signs for trails at Bicentennial, Perry House, etc.
 - Increase awareness of trails
- Develop small parks throughout township
 - Small park for Mildred Doran (female pilot lost at sea), location of landing strip
 - Field by police station
 - Small area by Dort Hwy
- Support older features in town
 - Not just maintain but improve
- Add lighting along drive at Bicentennial
- Update website
 - What to do in town and nearby
 - Restaurants, recreational activities, entertainment, etc.

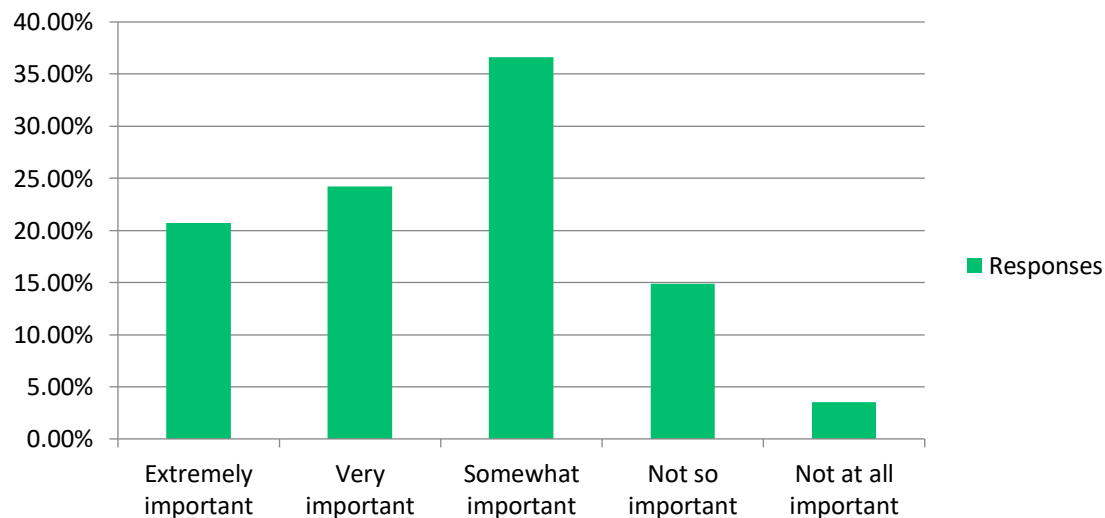
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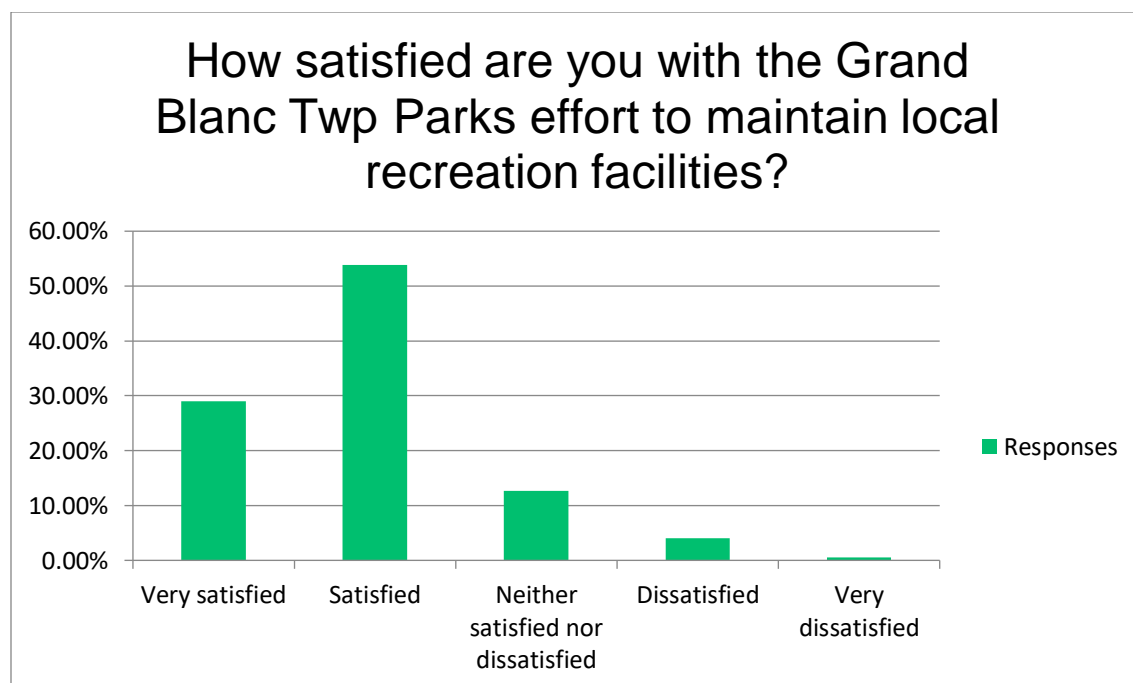
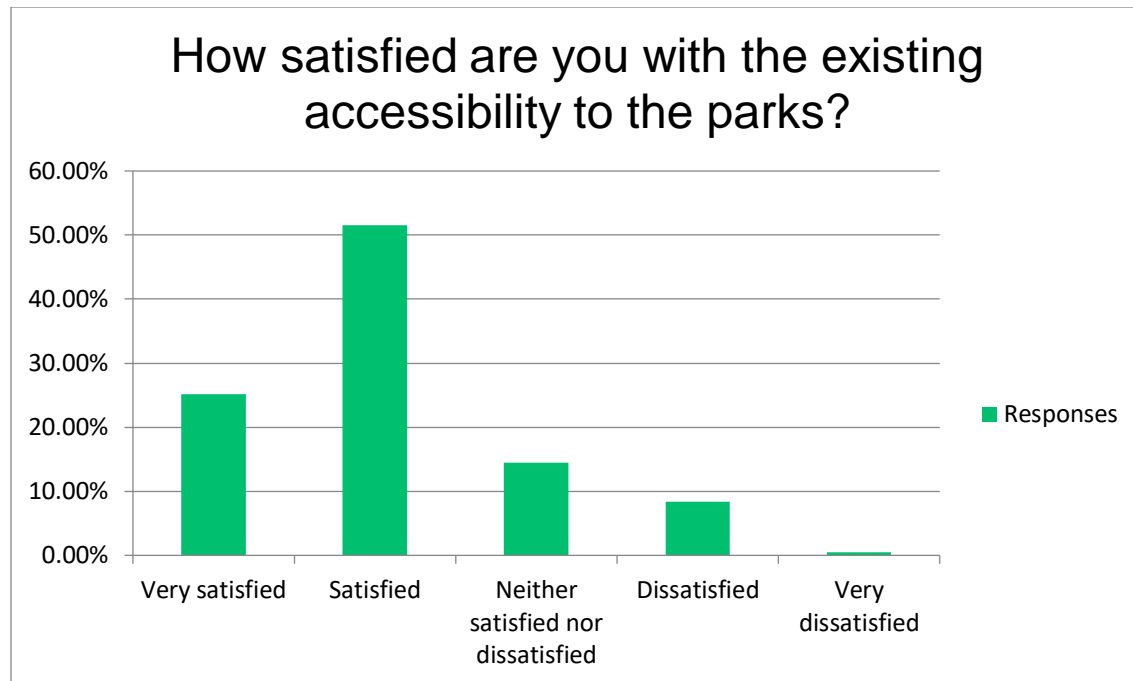


Parks and recreation programs and operations are primarily funded from program fees, rentals, sponsorships, donations, and grants limiting growth. I would support a local millage to support programming and operations in Grand...

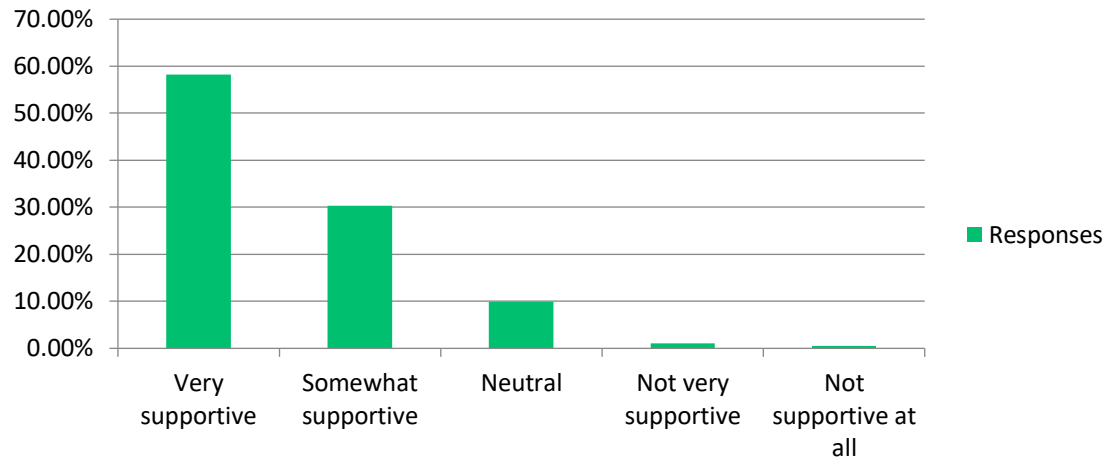


How important is it to you that the township operates a community center?

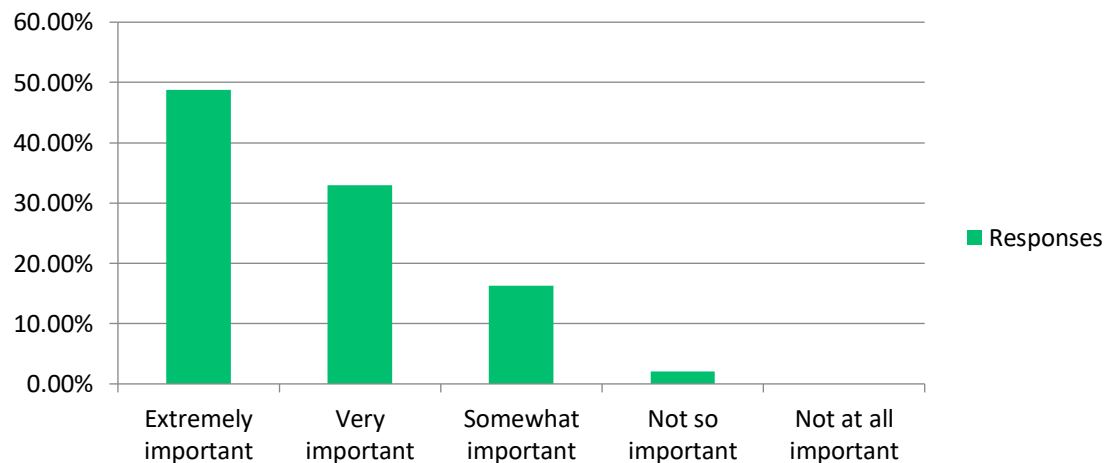




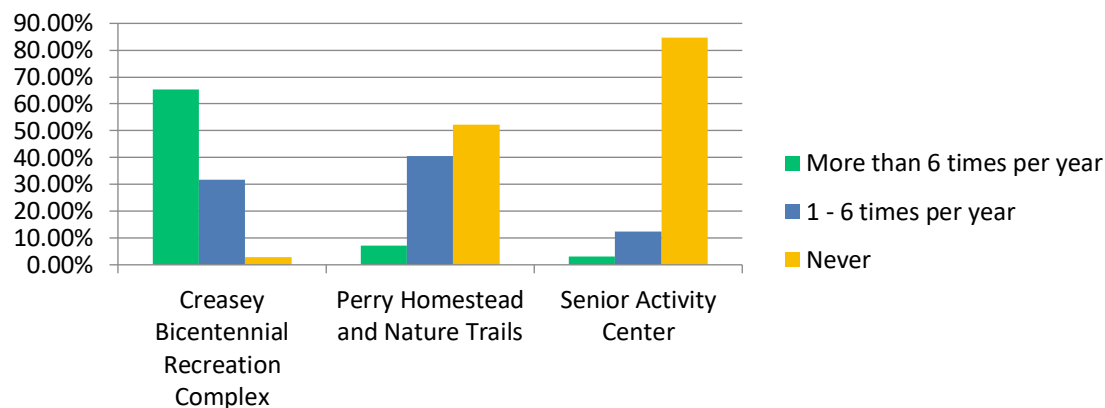
How supportive are you of expanding public park facilities to provide more activity space and equipment?



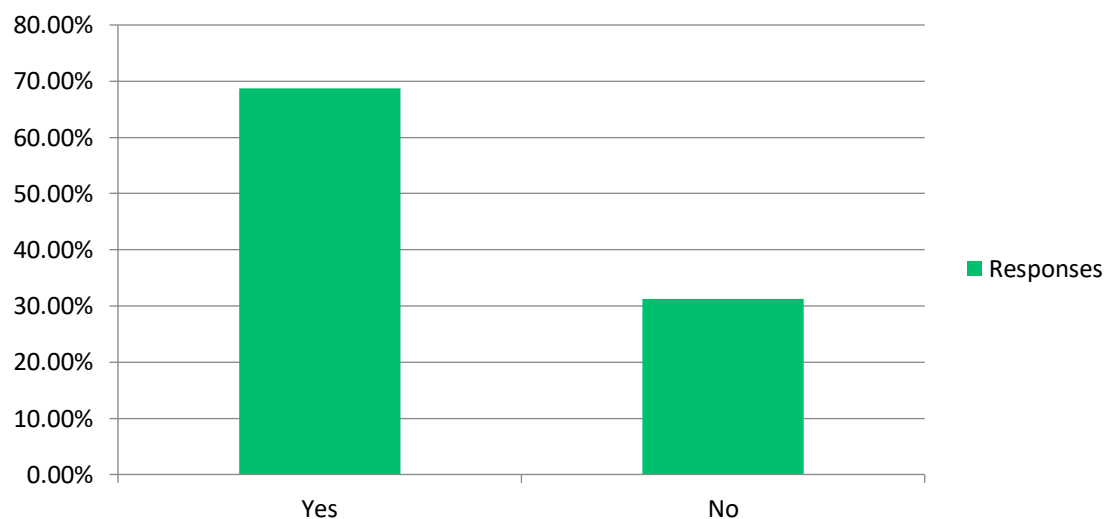
How important is it to provide year-round activities and spaces to use at Grand Blanc Twp Parks?

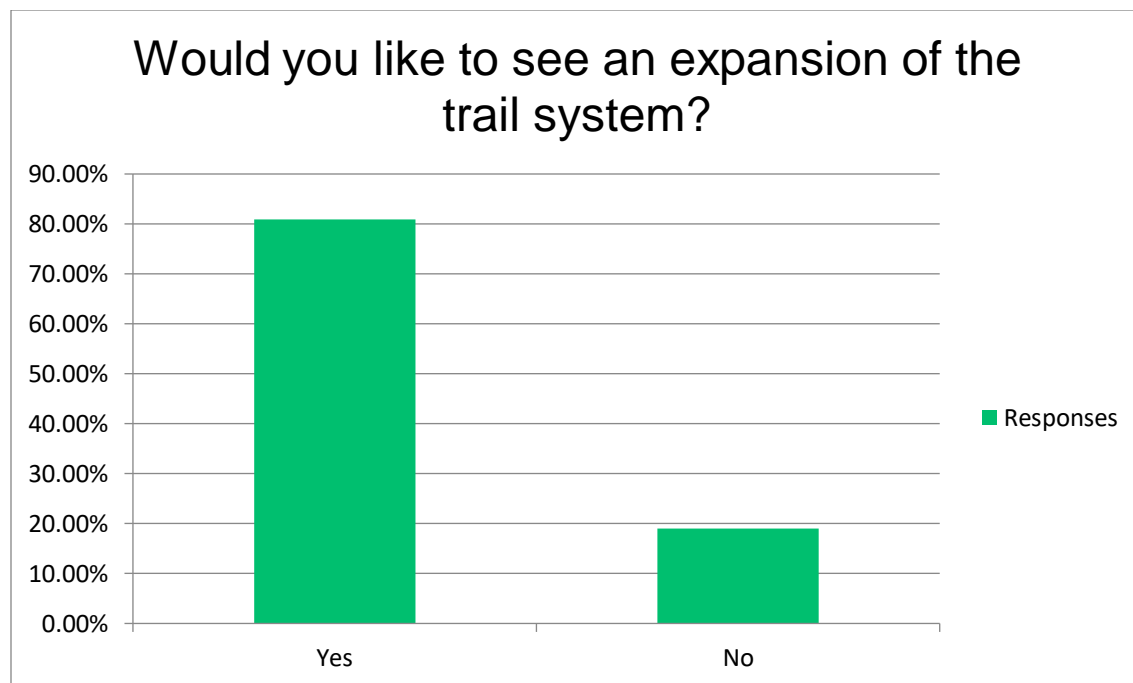
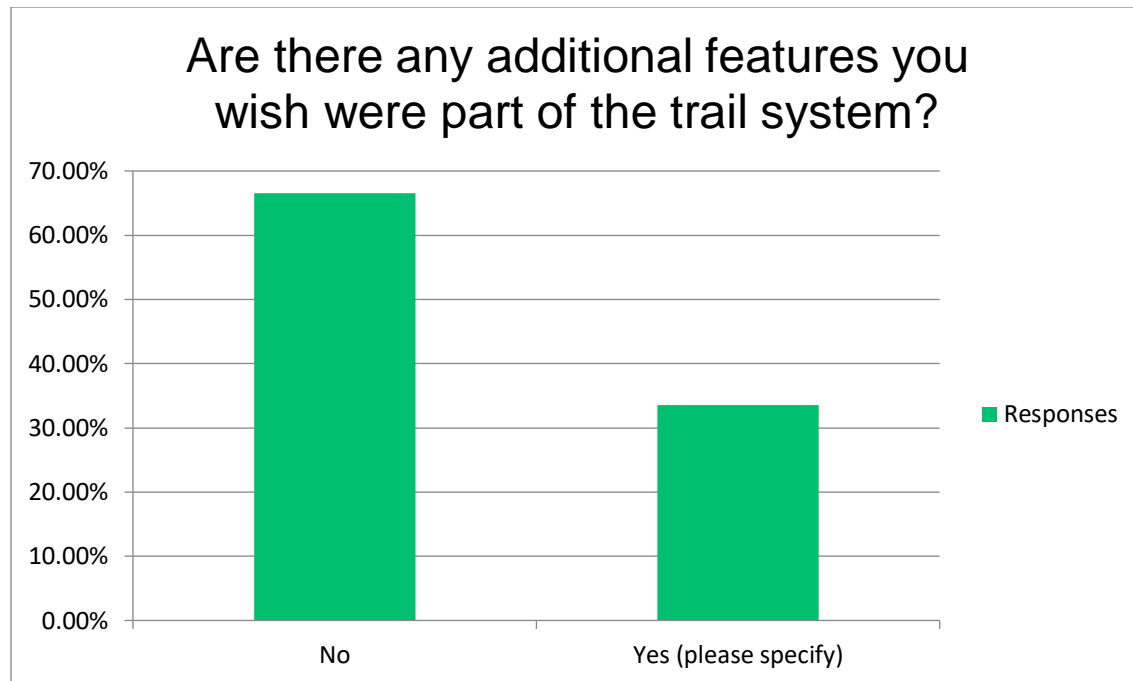


How often do you visit the following local recreation facilities? (1-6 times per year, more than 6 times per year, never (options)

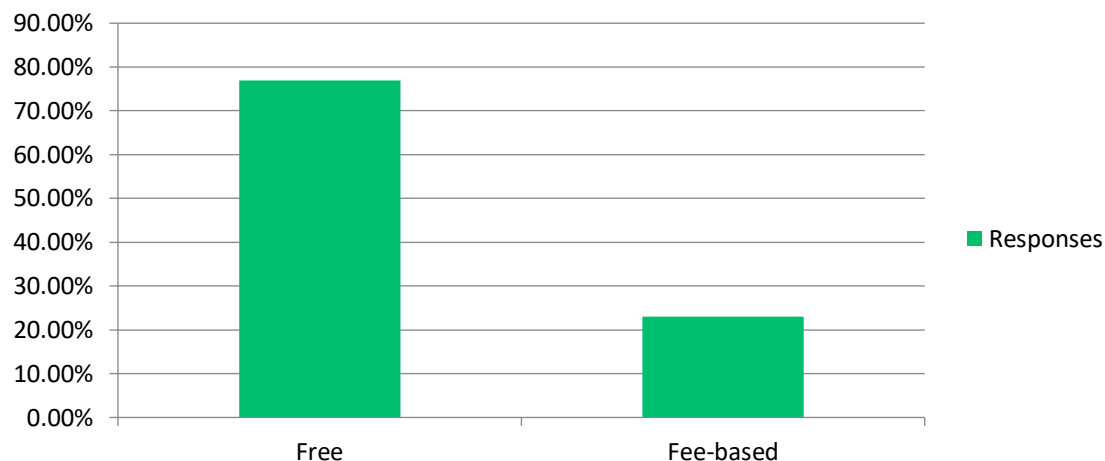


Do you use Grand Blanc Township's existing trail system?

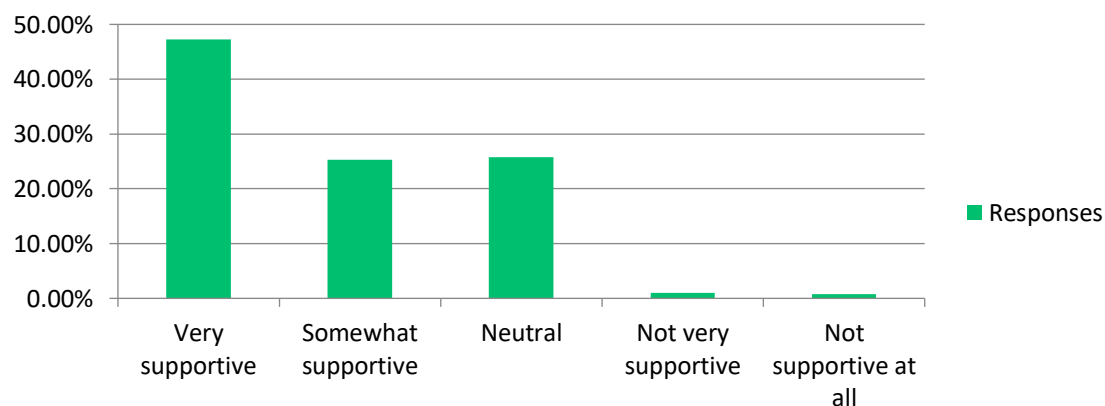




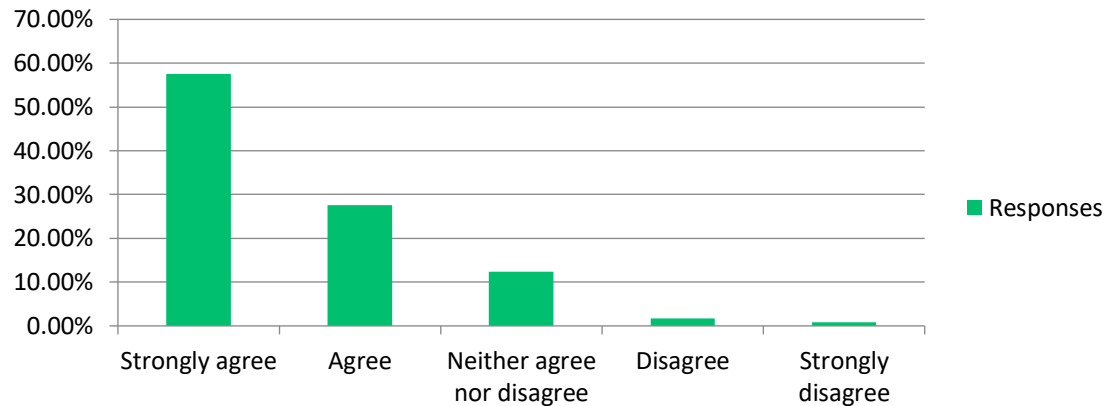
Do you support the current dog park being free to use or would you rather the fee-based system be put back in place?



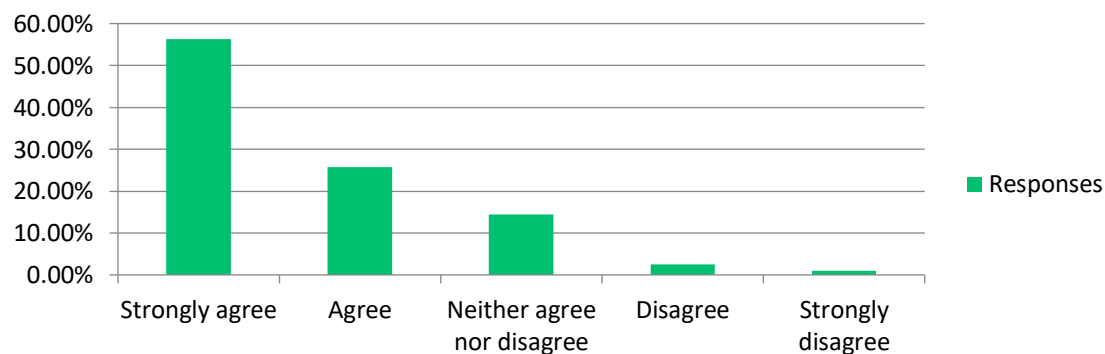
How supportive are you of a formal planning process to update the 2012 Grand Blanc Township Pathways Master Plan?



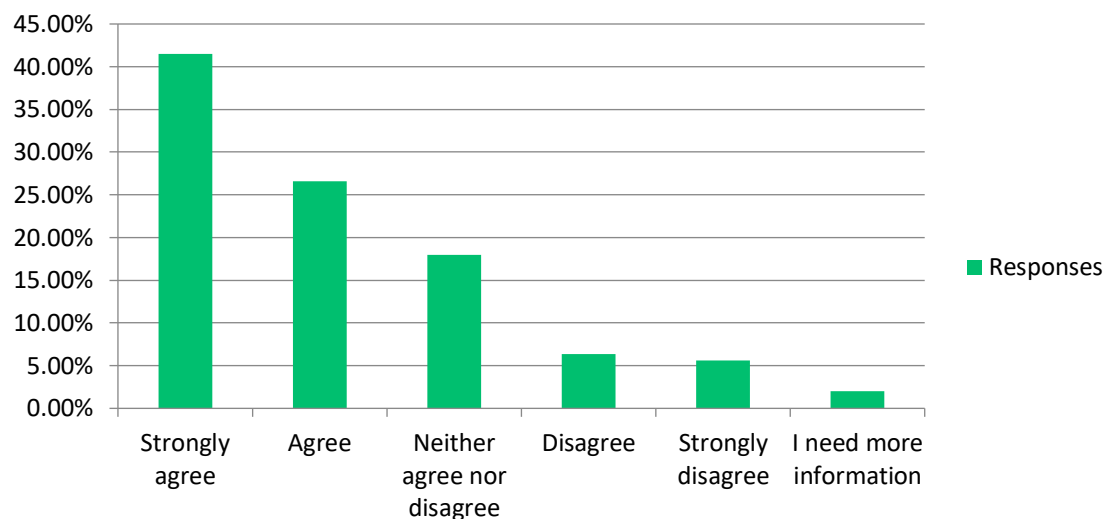
More trails (non-motorized) connecting local parks to neighborhoods and other community destinations should be constructed.



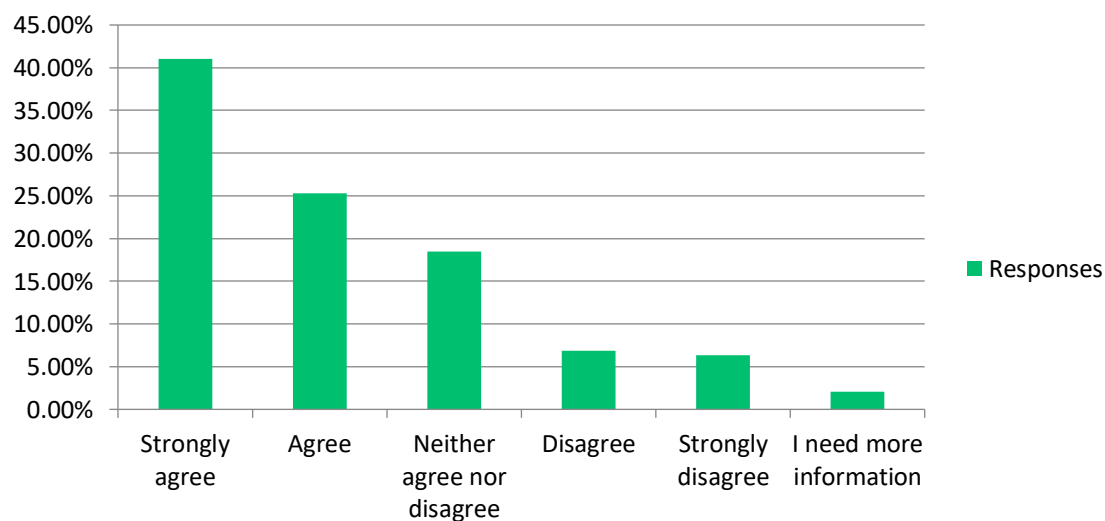
Grand Blanc Township should work with neighboring communities and regional partners to construct more trails that connect Grand Blanc Twp. with regional parks.

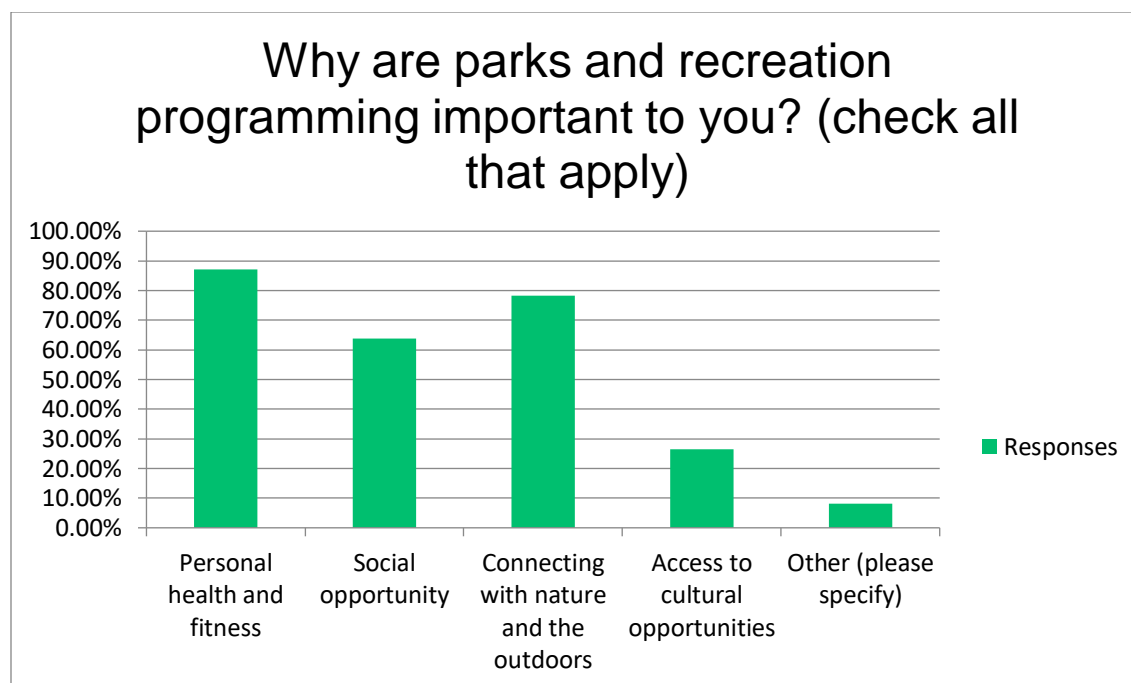
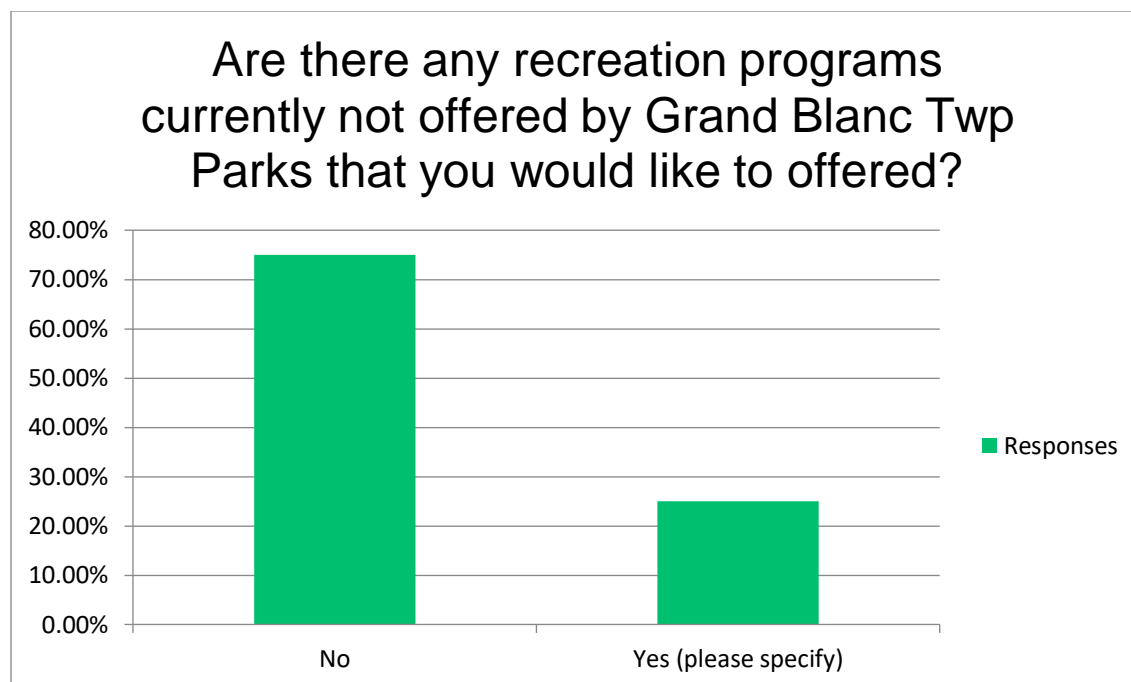


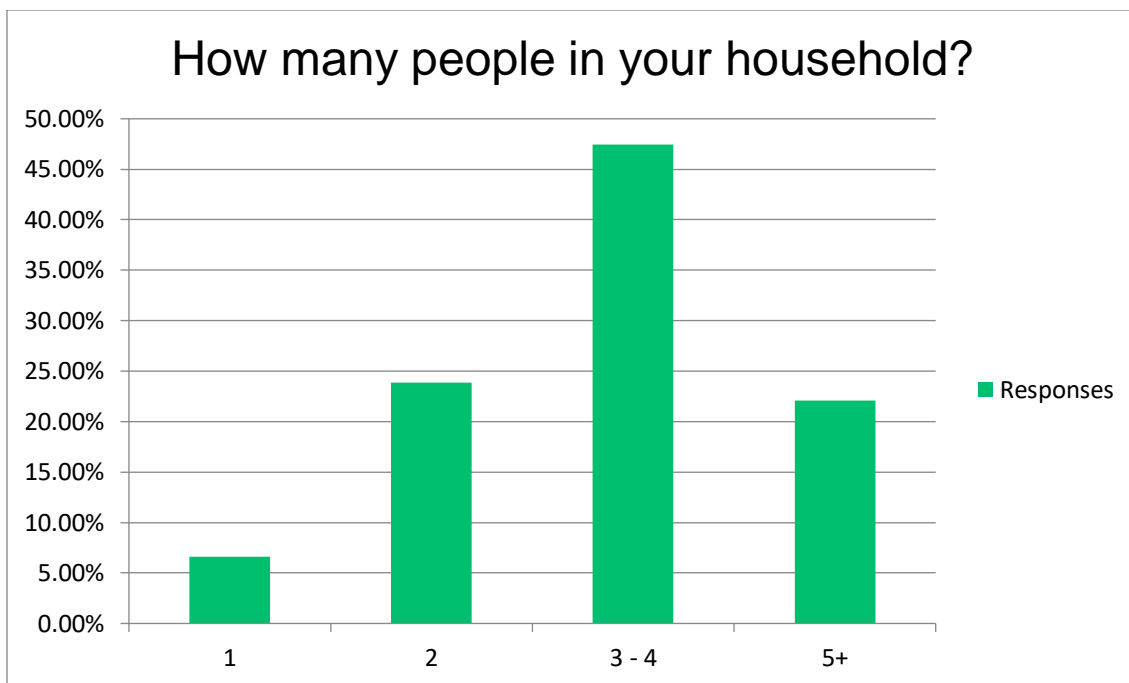
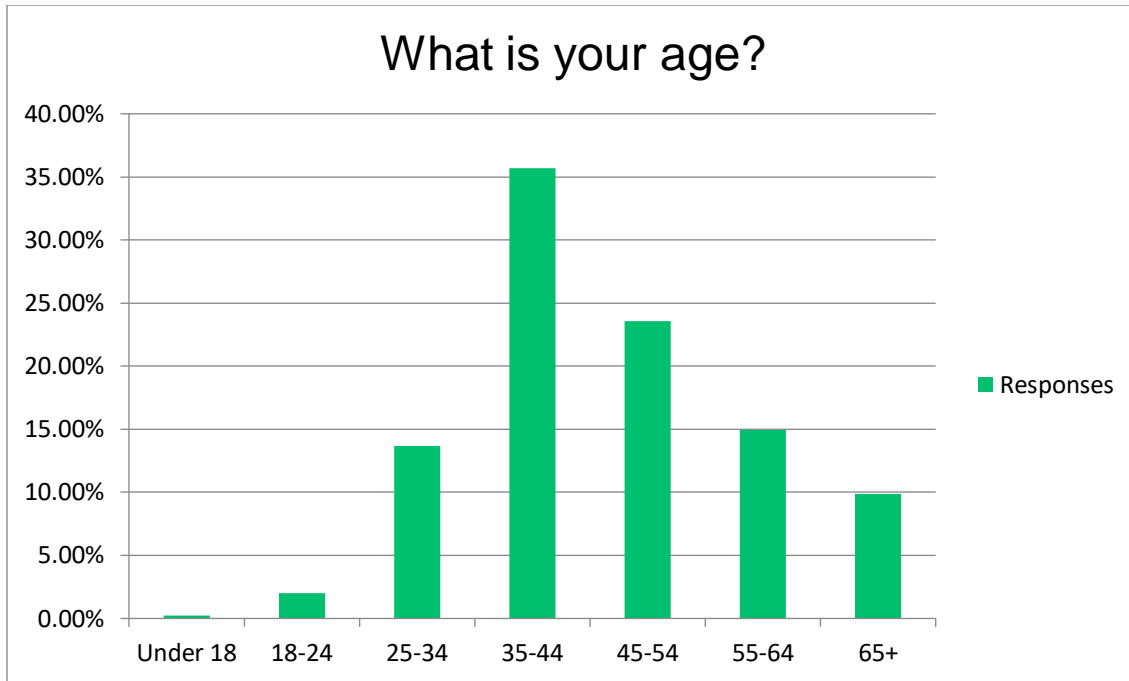
I would support a local millage to build new trails in Grand Blanc Twp.

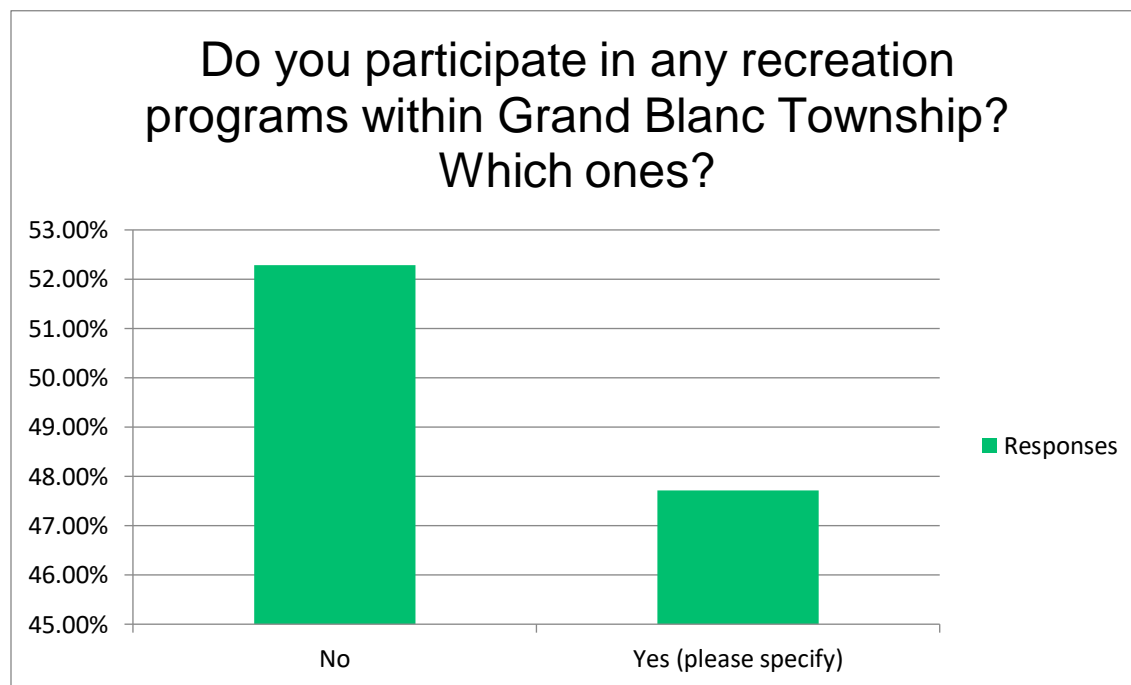
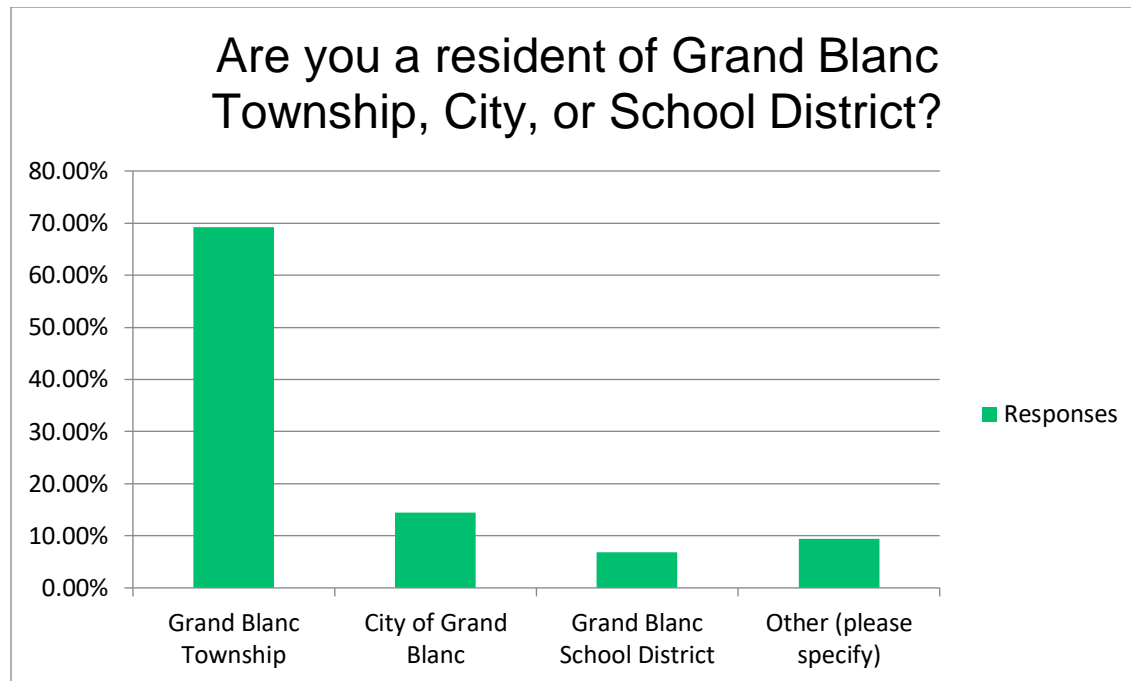


I would support a countywide trail millage for new trails in the county.









Appendix C: Program/Senior Center Use and Facility Rental

Program Participation Parks & Recreation		
2019		
Township	1,741	62%
Other Municipalities	639	23%
City of Grand Blanc	429	15%
	2,809	
2020		
Township	1,073	58%
Other Municipalities	477	26%
City of Grand Blanc	288	16%
	1,838	
2021		
Township (Thru June 2021)	1,094	52%
Other Municipalities	653	31%
City of Grand Blanc	345	16%
	2,092	
Total	6,739	

Senior Center Participation		
*Non-Duplicated Number		
2019		
Township	588	56%
Other Municipalities	159	15%
City of Grand Blanc	306	29%
	1,053	
2020		
Township	361	55%
Other Municipalities	100	15%
City of Grand Blanc	195	30%
	656	
2021		
Township (Thru July 7, 2021)	195	52%
Other Municipalities	56	15%
City of Grand Blanc	127	33%
	378	
Total	2,087	

Facility Rentals		
2019		
Township	58	45%
Other Municipalities	57	44%
City of Grand Blanc	15	17%
	130	
2020		
Township	58	44%
Other Municipalities	65	49%
City of Grand Blanc	10	8%
	133	
2021		
Township (*As of 10/01/2021)	105	42%
Other Municipalities	128	51%
City of Grand Blanc	16	6%
	249	
Total	512	

Appendix D: MDNR Self-Completion Checklist

Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Technical Report



GeneSEE the Future: Mobility 2040



Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan

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Executive Summary

The Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan provides a framework for creating an interconnected system of trailways throughout Genesee County.

The goals of this plan and initiative are: trail connectivity, alternative transportation, safety for all users, recreational opportunities, and providing resources for implementation and education.

Trails provide many benefits to the community including an improved transportation system, health and safety, environmental preservation and economic vitality for the community. Trailways are an important component of creating a livable community and attracting a talented workforce to Genesee County.

There are over 81 miles of non-motorized pathways in Genesee County, yet they are not interconnected. In this plan you will discover potential trail connections identified with help from local communities, trail advocates, transportation planners, educational institutions, and public input. Every area of the county has some potential trail connections outlined in this plan.

Design standards and guidelines for good trail development have been outlined. Funding and implementation strategies are also included.

A trail way finding system for Genesee County is incorporated into this plan with informational signage that provides distance, direction and destination information. The signage standards described herein bring uniformity to the trail network while also allowing for personalization for each trail and local community.

Resources for new trail development are included and contact information on new initiatives locally and statewide that can benefit Genesee County's non-motorized planning efforts.

The Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan includes priority tiers for trail development and recommendations for next steps to continue the development of non-motorized pathways in Genesee County.

See you on the trails!

Regional Non-Motorized Priority Tiers

Executive Summary



Tier 1: Short Term Priorities (1-10 years)

These trails represent those which have strong public support and higher priority for development in the near future.

Tier 2: Mid Term Priorities (11-20 years)

These represent trails with public support and important connections to be developed along with or after tier 1 trails.

Tier 3; Long Term Priorities (Beyond 20 years)

The remaining potential trails are categorized as tier 3 priorities. These represent our long term priorities beyond 20 years.

Introducing the Genesee County Portion of the Pure Michigan Experience!



Gov. Rick Snyder signs bills designating Pure Michigan Trail Network

Snyder signs legislation creating the Pure Michigan Trail Network. He is joined by Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director Keith Creagh (second from left), bill sponsor state Rep. Dave Pagel (center), Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance Executive Director Nancy Krupiarz (far right) and representatives from the DNR and Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Introduction

In a state becoming known as the “Trail State” there is a county actively pursuing and advocating for non-motorized developments: Genesee County!

Genesee County welcomes growth of its non-motorized system as well as potential connections to the Governor's Showcase Trail.

If not the trail capital of the trail state, Genesee County is and can further develop, into a prime destination among the larger Pure Michigan Trail Network.

Imagine...

Imagine if all the residents and visitors of Genesee County had hiking, biking, and walking trails connecting our cities and villages.

Imagine if you were able to walk to work, school, or the store through a safe and inviting trail system.

Imagine if residents had opportunities to really enjoy and experience their natural environment without having to drive hours up north.

What If...

What if we brought together all the communities of Genesee County to form a shared vision for an interconnected trail system?

Linking communities to each other,



Linking people to their community and their environment?



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Purpose & Process



Chapter 1: Purpose and Process

Project Overview

In response to the growing support, a regional trail plan was created in 2007. Since its inception support has continued to grow and local municipalities have continued building and advocating for trails.

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) functions as staff to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Flint-Genesee County area. GCMPC provides staff resources, technical support and services to assist Genesee County municipalities with the needs and demands of a rapidly urbanizing county.

GCMPC has provided technical assistance to local trail groups on a project by project basis, helping to build trails one trail at a time. Since the first Regional Trail Plan of 2007 Genesee County has received \$7.5 million in funding for trails and has an additional \$3.5 million awarded as of 2014.

Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee (LRTPSC)

The Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee (LRTPSC) is a sub-committee of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) for the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The sub-committee provides guidance to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) staff on the

development of the LRTP. Members of the LRTPSC include representatives from MDOT, Flint-MTA, Bishop International Airport, and various municipalities. The LRTPSC ultimately provides recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the GCMA for the approval of the individual technical reports and LRTP as a whole.

Planning Process

The first Non-Motorized Plan, the 2007 Genesee County Regional Trail Plan was developed over a six month period with the Genesee County Regional Trail Council (an informal stakeholder group) as the steering committee. The project brought together various trail groups from across Genesee County and local government officials interested in building trail connections in their community. The plan built on park and recreation plans and individual trail plans, bringing all of these together into a comprehensive trail plan. For the 2014 update GCMPC consulted with local trail advocates, trail groups, and local municipalities. Funding and staff time for this plan has been provided by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.



Plan Development

As part of the 2040 Genesee County Long-Range Transportation Plan, Staff reviewed current parks and recreation plans for additional trails and composed a series of maps consisting of existing trails, proposed trails, and regional connections. This information was compiled into a Geographic Information System.

The purpose of this plan is to:

- Provide the tools necessary to enable local units of government and trail advocates to plan for, design, fund and implement non-motorized trails throughout Genesee County.
- Unite a diverse group of stakeholders in the community to draft a vision of interconnected non-motorized trails linking communities, cultural and educational destinations and natural areas throughout Genesee County.
- Educate the public on the benefits of non-motorized trails and their importance in creating livable communities.
- Create the framework for building a safe, convenient, and attractive Regional Trail System, connecting throughout Genesee County and into the surrounding counties.

How to use this plan

The Genesee County Non-Motorized Plan is a guide for planning and developing non-motorized pathways in Genesee County. It clarifies the regional linkages needed to connect individual non-motorized plans of our cities, townships and villages.

This plan lends support and justification for funding requests by local units of government, collaborative partnerships and transportation agencies. In nearly all sources of funding from state and federal programs to foundations and philanthropic organizations, trail projects that are part of a regional trail network and in an adopted regional plan are looked upon in a favorable light. Municipalities and trail advocates should utilize this plan to seek funding support and other assistance in their trail development and improvement efforts.

This plan is also a guide on where to locate information and resources needed to build trails and help answer questions on implementation, funding and maintenance so that our regional trail system is equitable and sustainable.

This plan is a living document that represents the current non-motorized transportation needs in Genesee County. This plan is updated periodically as sections of trails are built, other potential trail connections are found, or the needs of the community change.

Definition of Trails

For purposes of this document “trail” will be defined as a non-motorized transportation route including:

- On-road facilities such as bike-lanes (facilities defined as bike-lanes will be labeled as such in the plan),
- multi-use non-motorized paths in the road right of way,
- multi-use non-motorized paths in utility corridors or abandoned railroad corridors,
- foot-trails or walking trails (areas defined as walking trails will be labeled as such in the plan),
- Sidewalks (areas defined as sidewalks will be labeled as such in the plan).

Where trail connections are sought and sidewalks or walking paths exist, the sidewalks or walking paths are included in the trail plan as a connector and a starting point to further upgrade at a future date into a multi-use trail. This plan does not intend to be a comprehensive inventory of sidewalks.



Definition of Water Trails

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) defines a “Water Trail” (also known as “Blue Trail”) as a signed water route with or without portages for non-motorized watercraft.

Water trails often include: route markers; maps and promotion of water routes; facilities for parking, boat ramps or docks, and places to camp and picnic. Specific information related to water trails is provided in Chapter 6.

Vision Statement

Non-Motorized Vision for Genesee County

The Genesee County Regional Trail System will provide to a diverse range of residents and visitors well maintained, countywide, multi-use, water and paved trail system that enables non-motorized users to safely access communities, natural areas, and waterways within and outside of the county.

Goals, Objectives, and Measures of Effectiveness

Connectivity

Alternative Transportation

Safety

Recreational Opportunities

Implementation Resources

Education

Goal: Connectivity

To facilitate the development of an interconnected regional trail system in Genesee County comprised of accessible sidewalk systems, bike lanes and non-motorized multi-use paths

Objectives:

- To combine different types of non-motorized routes such as rail-trails, road right-of-way, utility corridors, river and other natural corridors through easements, right-of-way and purchase into an interconnected non-motorized system
- To provide accessible and convenient non-motorized routes to destinations throughout the county such as schools, commercial areas, recreational facilities, community and cultural centers and other areas
- To improve existing facilities and make them more useable, well maintained, accessible to the disabled and easy to find
- To improve signage for trails through a clear and concise unified signage in Genesee County
- To link existing trails and provide return routes.
- To ensure that new facilities are built to American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design

standards and are accessible to those with mobility challenges

- To create trail heads, turnouts, viewing stations, and interpretive signs along trails
- To connect non-motorized multi-use trails into the fixed route bus system in Genesee County where feasible

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Current trails are extended into neighboring cities, villages and townships
- Missing linkages in existing trails are built
- Access for persons with mobility issues is improved on existing trails and sidewalks
- Accessible bus stops interconnecting with the trail system are planned for and built
- A countywide trail way finding system is adopted and constructed



Goal: Alternative Transportation

To create safe, accessible, and convenient routes to schools and places of work in Genesee County that promote walking and biking as an alternative form of transportation and that integrate into other existing transportation systems.

Objectives:

- To promote a Safe Routes to School program in area schools
- To promote bicycling and walking to work
- To encourage alternative transportation for short trips (under 2 miles)
- To incorporate bicycle and pedestrian friendly and design and considerations into transportation improvement projects
- To encourage local businesses to provide bicycle racks interconnected sidewalks, and employee incentives to choose alternative forms of transportation.

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Increased use of trailways as a transportation alternative for commuting to work
- Increased participation from local schools in the Safe Routes to School program
- Increased use of trailways as a transportation alternative for short trips (under 2 miles)



Goal: Safety

To have the ability to safely travel to community destinations, transit, and recreational facilities without the use of a motor vehicle.

Objectives:

- To minimize conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles while accommodation each type of travel
- To eliminate obstacles to non-motorized travel for all users
- To improve the safety of the existing non-motorized system
- To provide signs and/or signals for at grade street crossings



Measures of Effectiveness:

- All trailways and road crossings at-grade are properly signed and marked
- Increased awareness of bicyclists and pedestrians as valid users of the transportation system
- Decrease in the number of vehicle-bicycle crashes in Genesee County
- Decrease in the number of vehicle-pedestrian crashes in Genesee County
- Safety improvements made to the transportation system in Genesee County for pedestrians and bicyclists

Goal: Recreational Opportunities

To increase access to recreational opportunities for people of all ages, ethnicities, and levels of mobility

Objectives:

- To provide access to parks and natural areas via trail connections
- To Preserve wildlife habitat along trail corridors
- To promote active living
- To improve opportunities to exercise for Genesee County residents
- To encourage use of parks and natural areas in Genesee County



Measures of Effectiveness:

- Increased use of trails in Genesee County for recreational purposes
- Increased use of park and recreation areas in Genesee County
- Increased use of trailways in Genesee County for organized fitness, training, and running programs.
- Increased use and awareness of Water Trails in Genesee County.



Goal: Implementation Resources

To provide local trail groups and municipalities with the resource knowledge needed to implement the regional trail plan

Objectives:

- To peruse state, federal, and private grants to help local units of government to construct non-motorized trails
- To help build relationships between local units of government and foster multi-jurisdictional planning for trails and sharing of resources for recreation and transportation means
- To identify long term maintenance solutions for existing trails
- To prioritize sections of trail for funding in an equitable manor
- To use existing right-of-way, public lands, utility and rail corridors where possible to minimize cost and implementation



Measures of Effectiveness:

- Creation of a regional trail system in Genesee County
- Multi-jurisdictional efforts to build interconnected trails in Genesee County
- Increase in funding for trailways within Genesee County from local, state, federal, non-profit, and private funding sources.



Goal: Education

To build public support and awareness of trails in Genesee County

Objectives:

- To inform the public about the benefits of using trails
- To teach bicycle and pedestrian safety to trail users and motorists
- To show people where trails exist in Genesee County
- To establish outdoor classrooms and signage along trails that teach historical, environmental, and natural sciences
- To educate elected and government officials on the importance of trails for healthily living, economic development, and quality of life for the residents of their community
- To develop promotional materials, maps, web pages, and education packets that highlight trails and the benefits of trails to the community
- To promote volunteerism and environmental stewardship by having the public help maintain trails through an adopt a trail program or friends of the trail group

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Increased awareness and use of trailways in Genesee County
- Development of trailways map for Genesee County of existing trails
- Increased public demand for trailways as a part of an interconnected, multi-modal transportation system in Genesee County
- Availability and distribution of useful educational materials on current trailways, their benefits, bicycles and pedestrian safety, and trail development resources



Benefits of Building a Non-motorized System



Benefits to the Community

Trails are part of creating a livable community. Trailways connect adjacent cities and also create social connections between different groups of people. They provide beautiful public spaces for people to enjoy, and can be used to enhance existing infrastructure and community facilities, such as parks, schools, libraries, downtowns and cultural centers.

Transportation Benefits

Non-motorized trails provide an alternative form of transportation to the automobile. Trails also help to relieve congestion on our roads by getting people out of their cars and off of the streets for their trips.

Health

Trail users have an extra opportunity for increased physical fitness. As the national obesity epidemic is quickly becoming one of the largest health problems we are currently facing, trails provide one inexpensive means to get exercise and can be part of a healthy lifestyle. Trails provide students a healthy alternative to get to and from school.

Safety

Trails create a safe way for hikers and bikers to get to their destinations without having to use busy streets. They can also provide children with a safe route to school. Most of our community schools were designed to be walked to by students. Despite this being the case, it is an all too common scene these days to see congested streets around schools as parents pick-up and drop-off their kids. Our school parking lots become a hazardous zone with so many people arriving and departing at the same time.

Environmental

Trailways help connect people to their physical environment and foster an appreciation for nature. Non-motorized trails are a wise use of our dwindling resources as they re-use urban land and preserve open space along river corridors and wetlands. They help to improve air quality by taking vehicles off the road and lessening our carbon output



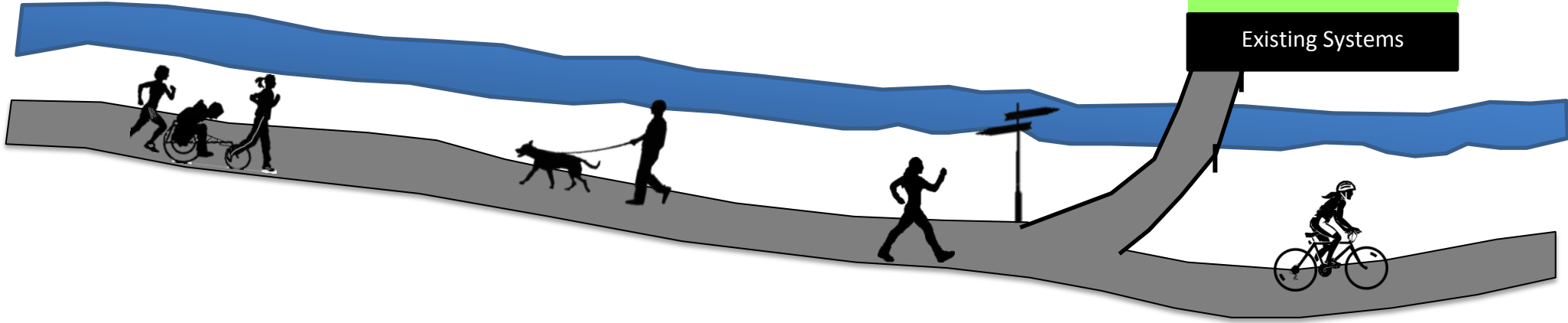
Economic

Trails bring economic opportunity to our county. Trail users spend money in the cities and towns they travel through along the way. New businesses open up to take advantage of the increased foot traffic along the way. Businesses looking to relocate are drawn to the types of communities that provide the best quality of life for their employees and an interconnected non-motorized trail system does just that. For the consumer, trails have a great economic benefit; they save money spent on gas and the cost of car maintenance. With the cost of fuel rising every year, many more of us will be looking for alternative forms of transportation.



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Existing Systems



Introduction

There are over 81 miles of non-motorized pathways in Genesee County. This chapter identifies Genesee County's existing trail infrastructures. The proposed trail system for Genesee County will link these trails and add future amenities.

Flint River Trail

The Flint River Trail is a multi-use trail that follows the complete path of the Flint River that flows within the city limits. It begins at Ballenger Hwy in the City of Flint and has two terminus in the Genesee Recreation Area, Bluebell Beach and Stepping Stone Falls. The trail is approximately 15 miles in length and includes a loop through Kearsley Park. The trail is paved and is suitable for biking, jogging or walking. Every Sunday from May through October the Friends of the Flint River Trail ride at 2:00 p.m. starting at the former Flint Farmers' Market in downtown Flint.



George Atkin Jr. Recreational Trail and Pine Run Creek Bike Path

The George Atkin Jr. Recreational Trail and Pine Run Creek Bike Path are multi-use trails located along Pine Run Creek in the City of Clio and Vienna Township. The trails can be accessed from parking lots which are located off Jennings, Wilson and Neff Road, as well as in the Clio City Park. The trail is suitable for biking, running, walking and roller-sport activities. It winds through woodlands, parks and residential and commercial areas, and is approximately five and one-half miles long. A unique feature of this trail is the series of tunnels and bridges that offer the user an uninterrupted travel path through the local infrastructure. This trail also connects to the Trolley Line trail.



Trolley Line Trail

The Trolley Line trail runs north to the Genesee County Line from Field Road to Willard Road, in Vienna Township. The Trolley Line Trail completes a 3-mile extension of the 6-mile Clio Area Trail Network bringing the total of this system to 9 miles and the second largest trail network in Genesee County. There are currently plans to construct a 1.7 mile connection from Willard Road in Birch Run Township (the end of the trolley line trail) to the Birch Run Premium Outlets in the village of Birch Run.



Out-of-County Connection



Flushing Riverview Trail

The Flushing Riverview Trail goes from the downtown Flushing Main Street Bridge to the Flushing County Park and is approximately 1.4 miles long. The trail has rest area bump-outs with benches and tables that were hewn out of the trees logged from the actual trail route. The route includes a 72' span bridge over Cole Creek and a 200' bridge over the Flint River. The trail is suitable for walking, biking, roller-sports or any other non-motorized mode of transportation. It has a fishing pier and pedestrian bridge that provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible fishing opportunities.



Flushing Bike Lane

The City of Flushing has striped a bike lane on McKinley Road from the northern city limits to downtown Flushing.



Coutant St. Bike Lane

In the City of Flushing, from McKinley to Elms Road, along Coutant St are striped and marked bike lanes on both sides of the street approximately 2 miles in length. These bike lanes connect Flushing Early Childhood Center, Central Elementary School, and Mutton Park.

Grand Blanc Bike Path & Bicentennial Park Trail

This bike path follows Grand Blanc Road for 2 miles connecting to the Bicentennial Park Trail which extends approximately 3 additional miles. These pathways combine go from the western city limits of Grand Blanc through Bicentennial Park to Hill Road in Grand Blanc Township. It is suitable for walking, jogging, roller-sport activities and biking.



Jewett Trail, Grand Blanc

Along the road named "Jewett Trail" is now an actual non-motorized trail! It starts at Holly road next to the high school and connects into the sidewalk system at Davis St which leads to the bike lanes on Grand Blanc Road just a few blocks over. The trail is approximately 1 mile long.

Genesee Road Trail, Grand Blanc

A 10-ft non-motorized path runs along the western edge of Genesee Road in the City of Grand Blanc from ½ mile south of Hill Road to Perry Road. There are plans to eventually extend the trail to Hill Road in Grand Blanc Township. This pathway links into the City of Grand Blanc sidewalk system at Perry Road heading westward. The trail is approximately ¾ of a mile.

Swartz Creek Bike Lanes

The Swartz Creek Bike lane extends along Miller Road from Seymour Road to Elms Road and Along Morrish Road from Miller to I-69 within the city limits. The bike lane has proper signage and lane markings. At the end of the bike lanes on Miller Road near Elms Road there is a portion of trail that continues north on Elms Road to Elms Park. Combine the bike lanes and trail is approximately 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles long.



Shiawassee River Walk

This multi-use trail is located in the City of Fenton and is approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles long. It extends from O'Donnell Park located on the Fenton Mill Pond to Caroline Street. The River Walk, which follows the pond, has benches and is close to playground equipment and the community center.



Linden Bike Lane

This bike lane is located in the City of Linden, and extends from Rolston Road to Silver Lake Road. It is approximately 3 ½ miles long. The bike lane has proper signage and lane markings. It extends from the west city limits to the east city limits along Broad Street (Silver Lake Road). The bike lane also follows bridge Street (Linden Road) from Broad Street to the north city limits. It then continues along Rolston Road from Bridge Street to the east city limits.

Linden County Park Trail

Located at the Linden County Park is a paved pathway approximately 1 ½ miles long connecting to the sidewalks along Bridge Street.



Goodrich Area Bike Path

The bike path follows Hegel Road from the intersection of Gale Rad in Atlas Township to Oak tree Elementary in the Village of Goodrich. It also extends along M-15 (State Road) within the village limits. The bike path is approximately 2 miles long.



Genesee Valley Trail

The Genesee Valley Trail is a 10 ft asphalt non-motorized pathway that runs alongside M-21 and the old CN Railroad Line in Flint Township from the City of Flint City Limit to Linden Road along Genesee Valley Mall. The Genesee Valley Trail is approximately 2 ¼ miles long.



M-21 Non-Motorized Path

This ten-foot-wide paved non-motorized path is located in Flint Township and follows the north side of M-21 (Corunna Road) from Dye Road to I-75. The path is approximately 1 ½ miles long.



Court Street Bike Lane

This bike lane is located within the City of Burton and follows Court Street from Belsay Road to Vassar Road. The bike lane is approximately 1 ½ miles long and has access to Bentley Middle and High Schools.

M-15 Heritage Route

In 2013 a 1.8 mile section of the M-15 Heritage Route was completed. It extends from M-15 east on Lapeer Road, down Russell Alger Drive, to the high school, then west to Clark Road, ending on Main Street. Portions of the trail have been constructed in the Village of Goodrich along M-15.



Black Creek Nature Trail &

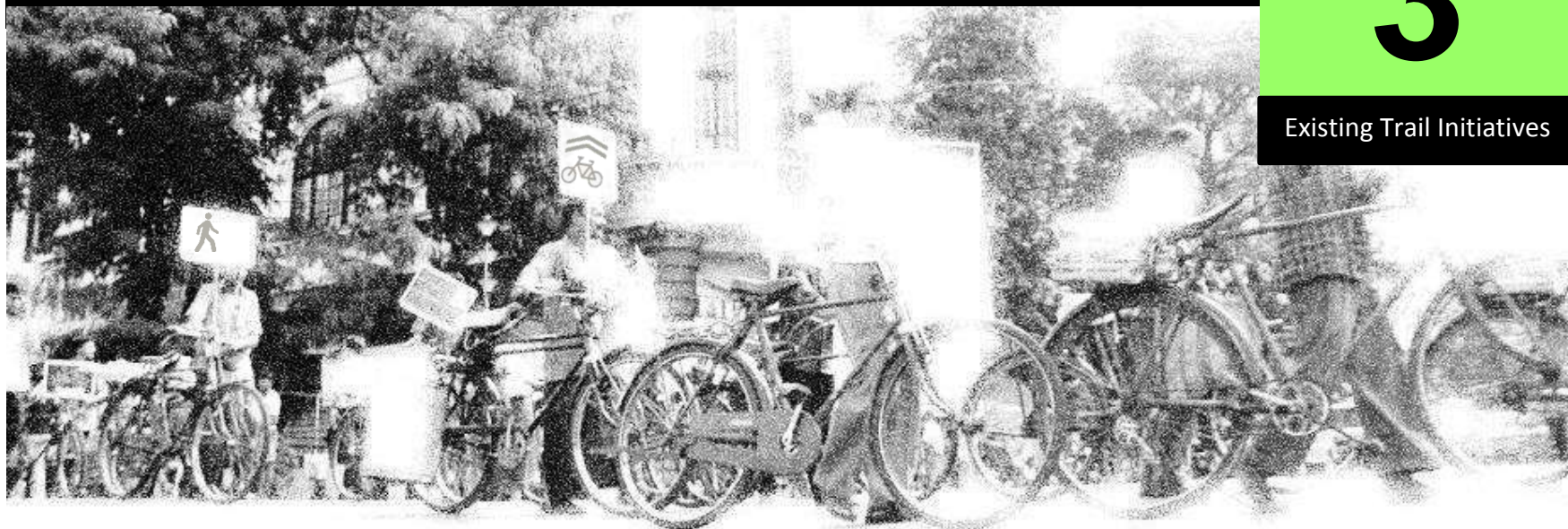
Abernathy Park Trail

The Black Creek Nature Trail is a 1.6 mile long, non-motorized trail that runs east along Black Creek and joins the Abernathy Park trail in the City of Davison. The trail head begins at the northeast corner of the Davison Township Municipal Center parking lot. Parking is also available in Abernathy Park and at the newest connection on Gale Road. The Abernathy Park Trail is just shy of 2 miles long.



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Existing Trail Initiatives



The Genesee County Non-Motorized Plan builds on the work of many trail initiatives that have been working to build trails in their area. This chapter introduces these groups and their projects.

Trolley Line Trail

The Clio Area Trolley Line Trail group worked to develop a trail along the historic Clio Trolley Line. The Clio Trolley Line is the name for the old inter-urban railway line that used to run from Saginaw through Flint to Detroit. The trail currently runs from Wilson Rd northerly to the county line connecting to a new trailhead to be constructed leading to the Birch Run Premium Outlets.



M-15 Recreational Heritage Route

The M-15 Recreational Heritage Route was Michigan's first Recreational Heritage Route. It extends from Ortonville in Northern Oakland County to the northern terminus of M-15 east of downtown Bay City, approximately 90 miles. It covers 19 communities in Oakland, Genesee, Tuscola and Bay Counties. The Route offers summer festivals, shopping, restaurants and activities such as camping, fishing, biking, hiking and horseback riding. For more information visit their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/M-15-Recreational-Heritage-Route/118185254909628>



Friends of the Flint River Trail



The Friends of Flint River Trail (FFRT) are an active group of trail advocates whose purpose is to promote greater use of the trail through improved safety, maintenance and publicity; to improve facilities along the trail; and to extend the trail's length and move toward a city/county trail system. The FFRT host weekly bike rides along the Flint River Trail every Sunday, May through October at 2:00 p.m. beginning at the former Flint Farmers Market (rain or shine). They also work to keep the trail clean with an annual clean-up the last weekend in April. The FFRT have a website for more info or to join the group or go to:

<http://flintriver.org/blog/chapters/friends-of-the-flint-river-trail/>

Linden-Argentine-Fenton (LAF) Area Trails Coalition

The LAF Area Trails Coalition is a grassroots movement advocating for multiuse pathways in South-East Genesee County.

www.facebook.com/SouthernLakesTrailCoalition



Grand Blanc Walk / Bike Group

A small group of residents have started a grassroots effort to put more bike trails in Grand Blanc Township.

The group wants to see bike and walking trails similar to the ones on Perry and Grand Blanc roads.

University of Michigan-Flint Walk and Bike Work Group

The UM-Flint Walk and Bike Work Group encourage active living and smart commuting on campus and throughout the Greater Flint area.

Mission

To establish a walking and bicycling friendly culture at the University of Michigan-Flint that fosters the support of safe, non-motorized transportation initiatives, policies, and infrastructures across the campus and through the greater Flint area. Increased walking and bicycling will lead to reduced congestion on campus, enhanced local and regional transportation options for current students, staff, and faculty, aid in attracting future students, and ultimately lead to a safer and healthier community for everyone in Flint, Michigan.

www.facebook.com/umflintwalkandbikeworkgroup

Walk, Bike, Run Atlas Township

This group consists of residents and local officials working towards expanding off of the current trail along Hegel Rd and M-15. Long range goals include creating a loop by extending the current trail on Hegel Rd north to Perry, East along Perry Rd, and South on M-15 completing the loop. They also would like to connect to Davison and Grand Blanc Township.

www.facebook.com/Walkbikerunatlastownship



Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone

SAGE is a collaborative of local advocates, non-profit, private and government organizations working together to advocate for and support active living initiatives that promote safe opportunities for people to be physically active throughout Genesee County.

www.activegenesee.org



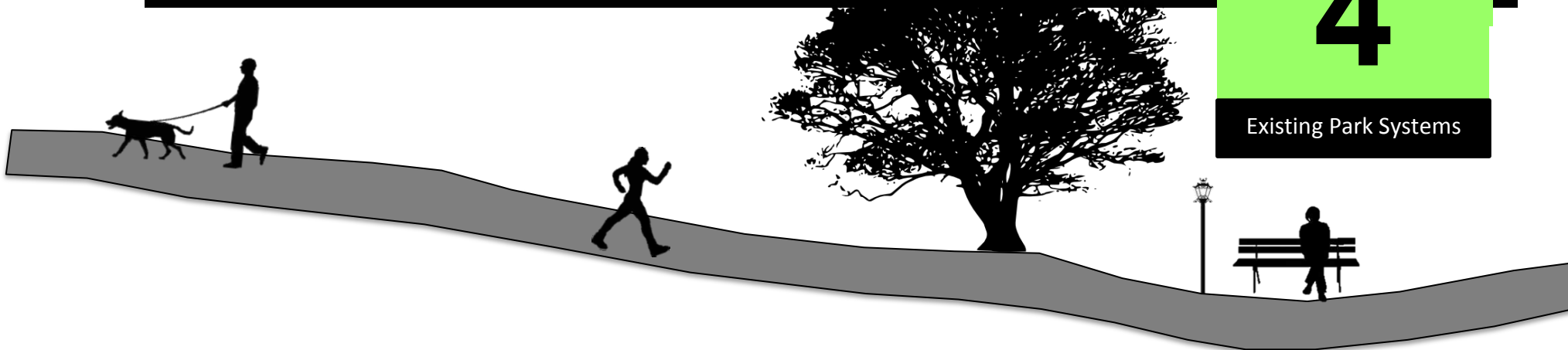
Southern Links Trailway

The Southern Links Trailway is located on an old railroad bed and passes through portions of three counties: Genesee, Tuscola and Lapeer. This linear park spans approximately 10 miles, passing through the Village of Columbiaville, Marathon Township, the Village of Otter Lake, Forest Township, Millington Township, the Village of Millington, Vassar Township and the City of Vassar. The Friends of the Southern Links Trailway is a group of concerned trail enthusiasts who promote and support the trail's development. The Friends promote the trail to local residents, organizations and businesses. They also raise funds and provide volunteer labor for the trail. Long range goals include extending the trailway north to Reese, as well as to the Polly Ann Trail in Lapeer County and to the M-15 Heritage Route. For additional information go to their website at: www.southernlinkstrailway.com.



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Existing Park Systems



County Parks

Many of the non-motorized trails in Genesee County are within one of our beautiful parks. This chapter lists and describes parks that have non-motorized trails. This chapter is not meant to be a full description of all of the amenities these parks have to offer.

Linden County Park

Linden County Park is located on Linden Road, south of Silver Lake Road in Fenton Township. It has a designated walking area with distances marked for convenience. The trail is approximately 1 ½ miles long, and is marked at the ¼ mile, ½ mile, ¾ mile, 1 mile, 1 ¼ mile and 1 ½ mile points. The trail has access to restroom facilities.



For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum

The For-Mar Nature Preserve is located on North Genesee Road in the City of Burton, between Davison Road and Potter Road. The Preserve has designated walking trails with distances marked for convenience. There are eight named trails to choose from, along with the Maple Walk, the Lilac Walk and grass trails. The Preserve has a total of seven miles of trails, however, no biking or jogging is allowed.



Genesee Recreation Area

The Genesee Recreation Area is located in Genesee and Richfield Townships and offers several trails, such as the Bluegill Boat Launch Trail. This trail is located at Coldwater Road and Genesee Road. It is a 1 ½ mile long paved trail, and is marked at the 1/8 mile, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, 3/4 mile, 1 mile, 1 ¼ mile and 1 ½ mile points. Restroom facilities are available on this trail, as well as access to Mott Lake and free parking. The Bluebell Beach Trail is approximately 5/8 of a mile long, and is marked at the 1/8 mile, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and 5/8 mile points. It is located off Bray Road north of Carpenter Road in Genesee Township. The trail includes restroom facilities and has access to the Splash Pad Playscape, the beach and Mott Lake. Also, a portion of the Flint River Trail (4/5 mile long paved trail) links Carpenter Road and Bluebell Beach.



Flushing County Park

Flushing County Park is located on North McKinley Road and has Carpenter Road as its northern border. The park's one-mile trail is marked at the 1/8 mile, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, 3/4 mile and one mile points. The trail has access to a playscape and links to the Flushing Riverview Trail.



Other Parks with Trails

Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park

Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park is located on Frank Boyce Parkway, off Dayton Street and Harvey Drive in the City of Davison. Trail offerings of the park include an 18 station fitness trail, the Black Creek Trail, and a 1.7 mile ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible trailway.



Davison Area Dog Park

The Davison Area Environmental Team in conjunction with area volunteers and community businesses provided an off-leash dog park for the Davison and surrounding areas. The park is located adjacent to the Black Creek Nature Trail at 1285 N. Gale Road between Davison Road and Court Street, just south of the railroad tracks. People can be seen enjoying the park year round!



Ligon Outdoor Center

Ligon Outdoor Center is located on East Farrand Road in Thetford Township. Ligon provides teachers and students in the Genesee and Lapeer Intermediate School Districts with a natural setting for learning and teaching. Ligon may also be used by any recognized organization in Genesee County for retreats, conferences, field trips and special events. Ligon includes 6.5 miles of hiking trails, including an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible trailway, an Esker Trail and a Boardwalk



Kearsley Park- City of Flint

Kearsley Park is located in the City of Flint off Kearsley Boulevard north of Robert T. Longway Boulevard. A portion of the Flint River Trail goes through Kearsley Park, and connects just south of Hamilton. This multi-use trail goes from Longway Boulevard near Applewood through the park, under I-475 then through Dayton Park back to the trail.



Flushing Township Nature Park

Flushing Township Nature Park is located on McKinley Road north of Mt. Morris Rd. The park offers trails for biking, walking, jogging and horse back riding. There is a boardwalk extending over wetlands, a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile trail adjacent to the Flint River and a scenic observation tower.



Dauner-Martin Nature Sanctuary

Dauner-Martin Nature Sanctuary is a 150-acre park in the City of Fenton. It is located just east of Leroy Street and north of Dauner Rd. This nature area is closed to biking and is for foot traffic only. There are approximately 4.3 miles of unpaved hiking trails, with parking and entrances off of both Leroy Street and Dauner Road.



Kelly Lake Park

Kelly Lake Park is located in the City of Burton just south of I-69 and east of Genesee Road. This 40-acre park has nature trails, a pavilion, a bike path and Kelly Lake.

Flint Township Nature Park

Flint Township Park and Trails opened in 2006. It is located at 5200 Norko Drive between Dye and Linden Roads. It includes an 3,500-ft long asphalt handicapped accessible non-motorized trail with a series of shorter wood chip trails, along the way are rest stops and picnic stations as well as a number of plaques with brief messages – mostly about local history. There is also a covered pavilion with picnic tables for public use and a small playground area.



The Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center

The Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center includes the Davison Historical Museum, an art museum, and 1.26 miles of walking trails made of limestone.





Preferred Corridors

This section identifies potential trail connections, referred to as a preferred corridors, for each area of the county. Subsequently the regional priority trail segments are identified.

Argentine Township

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

A 10-ft wide non-motorized pathway is proposed for the right-of-way along Silver Lake Road in Argentine Township, from the City of Linden and Fenton Township to Burns Township in Shiawassee County. As an alternate route, the trail could run down Lobdell Road behind the Linden High School, Middle School and Central Elementary, and then meet back up with Silver Lake Road at the Linden City Limits. This connection would link Argentine with the Linden Community Schools, as well as provide a potential link to Byron in the future.

Seymour Road connects Argentine Township to the City of Swartz Creek to the north and south into Livingston County. A 10-ft wide paved trail along Seymour Road, through the entire length of the township, would provide a regional north-south linkage in this rural portion of the county. It could be constructed in mile long segments in conjunction with the reconstruction of Seymour Road by the Genesee County Road Commission.

Trail heads

Linden Community Schools and the Market in Argentine could both serve as excellent trailheads for this area.

Further Issues and Considerations

A Consumer's Energy line exists (running east/west) in Livingston County approximately 2 miles south of the county line. This line could serve as a trail corridor and would need to be developed by Livingston County, although no current considerations for this trail connection exist. It could also connect with the Oak Grove State Game Area in Livingston County



Market in Argentine on Silver Lake Road

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

The M-15 Recreational Heritage Route traverses through Atlas Township and the Village of Goodrich. Inside the village limits sidewalks allow for pedestrian access from Mill Pointe Drive to Hufstader Road traversing nearly the entire village. This is the only section of the Heritage Route currently built in the Atlas Township and Goodrich area.

A newly formed group named Walk, Bike, Run Atlas Township is advocating for the planning and development of a trail connecting to the existing trail on Hegel Road. The new trail would extend north to Perry Rd. From Perry Rd the trail would extend both East and West. The western portion would connect to Grand Blanc Township's sidewalk system. The eastern portion would connect to M-15 and head southward to connect to the existing trail.

The Trolley Line Trail - South is a Consumer's Energy corridor that connects the City of Burton, through Atlas to the Village of Goodrich. This trail is part of the old interurban trolley line that once ran through Genesee County. In many sections near the Village of Goodrich the land is privately held. It would take considerable effort to reconstruct this line. In order to be built, the trail would need an easement from five property owners

A Consumer's Energy corridor runs westward from M-15 south of Horton Road and turns southward just before Gale Road. This corridor connects into Oakland County and Holly Recreation Area State Park. This corridor has also been identified by Oakland County Planning and Development Commission and Headwaters Trails Inc. as a regional connection with Genesee County.

Hegel Road east of M-15 connects the Atlas Township and Goodrich area with Ortonville Recreation Area in Lapeer County. A 10-ft non-motorized path leading into the park area would connect this park to the Genesee County trail system.

The Baldwin Road and Gale Road bike lanes connect with the proposed bike lane along Baldwin Road in Grand Blanc Township. The bike lane will also serve the students of Goodrich Area Schools.

The Thread Creek Trailway is another potential connection/preservation corridor running through both Grand Blanc Township and Atlas Township along Thread Creek. A branch also extends into the Goodrich Area Schools complex on Gale Road. This corridor would involve easements through private property for most of its length, but would be a picturesque trail corridor.

Trailheads

A trailhead could be located at the Goodrich High School located on Hegel Road, where ample parking is available. Another potential trailhead is the Goodrich Village offices on M-15 at the northern edge of the village



City of Burton

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

The City of Burton is bisected by a system of Consumers Energy corridors that have been identified for trail development. The feasibility of using these corridors, stretching south from I-69 to the southeast corner of the city, for trail development is promising. There are a few locations where portions of the corridor have been sold to private landowners and easements would need to be acquired to complete the connection. The development of this Consumers corridor could link the City of Burton with Atlas Township, the Village of Goodrich, and potentially Oakland County.

The abandoned CSX Railroad runs through the southwest portion of Burton potentially connecting to the Grand Traverse Greenway in the City of Flint, Grand Blanc Township and the City of Grand Blanc.

A route along Davison Road leading from the east side of the City of Flint to the City of Davison has been proposed.

Local Connectors

City of Burton could connect Kelly Lake Park to the broader trail network. The trail presently runs along I-69 from Genesee Road to Kelly Lake. The extension of this trail south on Munson Road to Lapeer Road then west to the Consumers Energy corridor is feasible.

Also within the City of Burton, Court Street and Genesee Road have been identified as potential routes for trail development. The identified Genesee Road connection extends from Court Street within the City of Burton north to M-57 in Thetford Township.

Also identified is a bike route to For-Mar Nature Preserve that runs through the northern corner of Burton connecting it to the Flint River Trail and Kearsley Park.

Trailheads

Kelly Lake Park, located just south of I-69, may be a possible location for a trailhead. Access to the park is available on Lapeer Road and parking is available at the site



Preferred Corridors



A photograph of a residential street. On the left side of the road, there is a wide gravel shoulder. A white car is driving away from the camera in the center of the road. The road is lined with trees and houses. A utility pole is visible on the right side of the road. The sky is clear and blue.

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Regional Corridors

A proposed bike lane along Seymour Road would connect Flushing Township in the north and Gaines Township and the City of Swartz Creek to the south

Clayton Township also has an east-west utility corridor that belongs to Consumers Energy. If used for trails, this path could connect to Shiawassee County to the west and also intersect the potential Seymour Road bike lane

On the western boarder of Clayton Township, a bike lane is also proposed for the M-13 corridor from Saginaw County to Lansing Hwy/Miller Road

A proposed pathway on Lansing Hwy/Miller Road would follow the southern border of Clayton Township from the City of Swartz Creek to Shiawassee County and eventually to Durand

Another potential east-west trail or bike route would be along Grand Blanc Road or Baldwin Road, from Grand Blanc and Mundy Townships to Seymour Road

Trailheads

Trailhead locations and amenities may need to be identified for the potential trail on Seymour Road

Further Issues and Considerations

Approximately one mile west of Clayton Township, in Shiawassee County, is a Consumer's Energy corridor that runs nearly the full length of the township. This corridor could be pursued for trail development in partnership with Shiawassee County

Davison Township & City of Davison

Preferred Corridors



Abernathy Park Trail

Regional Corridors

The M-15 Recreational Heritage Route, which is planned to extend along M-15 the entire length of the county, runs through Davison Township and the City of Davison. Currently there are several portions built. The existing portions of the M-15 route begin on Lapeer Rd and head east to Russel Alger Dr, north to Clark Rd, east along Clark St. connecting to bike lanes headed north on Main St.

The Davison Road Corridor has been identified as a regional connection linking the City of Davison to the City of Burton and providing pedestrian and bicycling access to For-Mar Nature Preserve for Davison Area residents. In the City of Davison and in Davison Township, between Vassar Road and Irish Road, the trail exists as sidewalks along both sides of Davison Road. There is a missing section between Irish Road and the City of Davison.

As an alternative route between the City of Davison and For- Mar Nature Preserve the trail could extend from the Black Creek Trail in Davison by following Irish Road north ½ mile to Davison Road to meet up with the sidewalk system on Davison Road.

Local Connectors

A local route navigates through Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park and connects up with the regional trail system by either going into the City of Davison and up to Davison Road or by extending westward to Irish Road from the trail behind Davison Township Hall.

Trailheads

The trailhead begins at the northeast corner of the Davison Township Municipal Center parking lot. Parking is also available in Abernathy Park and at the newest connection on Gale Road.

A trailhead also exists at Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park. It includes a playscape-style playground, skate park, pavilions, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, horseshoe pits, softball fields, concession stand, and nature trails.

Another trailhead is located at the Davison Township Hall where the Black Creek Trail begins westward eventually connecting to the Abernathy Park Trail.

City of Fenton, Linden & Fenton Township

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

Fenton Road provides a link from the City of Fenton to northern Genesee County and into Burton and Flint. This is a heavily traveled corridor and any non-motorized facilities should be located as far off of the roadway as possible to minimize conflicts between pedestrians or bicyclists and motorists.

Petts Road, off of Fenton Road, just north of the City of Fenton connects to Seven Lakes State Park. This provides a regional linkage into Oakland County. A utility line runs from the park north into Grand Blanc Township and could provide a route into Grand Blanc from Fenton. Oakland County and the Headwaters Trails group have also identified this as a potential linkage between Oakland and Genesee Counties.

Silver Lake Road connects the City of Fenton to the City of Linden and continues further westward into Argentine Township. This connection could provide a linkage for residents of the Linden Area to access the shopping areas near Silver Parkway and Silver Lake Beach in the City of Fenton.

The Jennings Road corridor provides a link to Lake Fenton High School, as well as north into Mundy Township.

Local Connectors

These routes provide access to various destinations in the Fenton and Linden area and connect to the regional corridors:

Dauner- Martin Nature Sanctuary
Lahring Road
Linden Road
Lobdell Road
North Road
North Long Lake Road
Owen Road
Poplar Street
Ripley Road
Rolston Road
Silver Parkway
Shiawassee River Walk
Shiawassee Avenue
South Long Lake Road
Torrey Road
Whitaker Road

Trailheads

The Fenton Community Center has parking for the Shiawassee River Walk and serves as a trailhead. The Linden County Park provides parking for the Linden County Park Trail and can serve as the trailhead for a larger trail system.

Further Issues and Considerations

No connections to Livingston County have been identified yet. The potential exists to connect in with the Consumers Energy corridor running east and west about two miles south of the county line in Tyrone Township.

City of Flint and Surrounding Areas



Downtown City of Flint



Regional Corridors

The Flint River Trail

The City of Flint has a wonderful asset in the current Flint River Trail. This extensive 15 mile trail system provides non-motorized options to a large majority of City of Flint residents. This trail is completed in entirety with only one area identified to improve connectivity.

James P Cole Ave @ Hamilton Ave

At this point, the Flint River Trail currently continues on the street. There is an abandoned parking lot at the corner of these two streets owned by the General Motors Corporation. From there, running to the north, there exists a Consumers Energy Substation along the river. These two pieces of property should be examined for trail development.

Grand Traverse Greenway

Another regional corridor within the City of Flint is the abandoned CSX Railroad which is currently being developed as the Grand Traverse Greenway. The Grand Traverse Greenway runs approximately 3 miles from the City of Burton north to the downtown Flint area. Along this abandoned line, there are refreshing natural areas including Spring Grove and a brownfield redevelopment site in the Grand Traverse Neighborhood.

The Genesee Valley Trail

Following the abandoned Canadian National (CN) Railroad is a missing connection from the city of Flint to the Existing Genesee Valley Trail in Flint Township. The City of Flint also has plans to extend this railway on the Chevy Commons as it is remediated and developed.

Fenton Road / Ann Arbor St

Fenton Road provides a link from the City of Flint to southern Genesee County. For portions that are heavily traveled the non-motorized facilities should be located as far off of the roadway as possible to minimize conflicts between pedestrians or bicyclists and motorists.

Local Connectors

A potential neighborhood bike route has been identified from Kearsley Park to For-Mar Nature Preserve:

- Missouri EB to Meade
- Meade NB to Davison
- Davison EB to Curry
- Curry NB to Risedorph
- Risedorph EB to Blackthorn
- Blackthorn NB to Thorntree
- Thorntree EB to Genesee @ For-Mar Entrance

On the northern tier of the City of Flint, the Friends of the Flint River Trail (FFRT) have identified a small route for trail development. This trail would connect into Forest Park and a small trail portion identified in the City of Flint Parks and Recreation Plan with the proposed route:

- Along Dupont NB to Thackery
- Along Thackery & Wager EB to Selby
- Bike Lane SB on Selby, NB on Andrew
- Bike Lane from Stewart to James P. Cole
- Bike Lane from James P. Cole to Massachusetts
- Massachusetts through industrial park to Pasadena

Downtown Bike Lanes

As a part of a public review meeting members of the public and stakeholder organizations added recommendations for bike lane development in the downtown Flint area:

- Second Street: from U of M campus, Flint Cultural Center, and Mott Community College
- Beach/Garland Street: from 5th Ave. to I-69
- Clio Rd from Welch to Stewart Ave.
- Stewart from the Western city limits to the Flint River Trail
- Saginaw Street from downtown to northern city limits
- Carpenter Rd from western city limits to Saginaw St

Flint Township

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

Flint Township serves as a link between the City of Flint and the City of Swartz Creek. The Genesee Valley Trail connects the city of Flint along an old rail line to the north side of the Genesee Valley Mall and then connects with Linden Road next to the north entrance of the mall across from Norko Dr. It is recommended that this trail is extended to connect to Swartz Creek along the eastern portion of Dye Rd down to Miller Rd.

Another possible connection could be to extend the M-21 pathway to the Consumers Energy utility corridor and follow it south to Swartz Creek.

Flint Township also serves as a link between the City of Flint and the City of Flushing. Connecting these three jurisdictions is the Flint River. A proposed trail corridor along the Flint River, connecting these jurisdictions, has been identified and seems feasible. Neither side of the river has been identified as better than the other, but there exists a large amount of private property on each side, and a number of easements would need to be secured.

To serve as a link between the City of Flushing and the City of Swartz Creek, a Consumers Energy utility corridor has been identified. This utility line runs north/south along the west edge of Flint Twp., as well as along Mud Creek. The development of this corridor has only been identified

between the City of Swartz Creek on the south end, and the Flint River on the north.

Local Connectors

The M-21 Non-Motorized Pathway was extended in 2007 along the north side of M-21 from Maxwell Street to Dye Road, adding about one mile to the current path from I-75 westward.

Connecting to the M-21 Non-Motorized pathway is the Genesee Valley Trail.

A loop of trails currently exists behind the Flint Township Police Station, opened in 2006, off of Norko Drive and Fleckstein Drive. There are plans to include paved shoulders when reconstructed to provide a connection from these trails to the Genesee Valley Trail.

Further Issues and Consideration

A critical need exists for a pathway along Miller Road in Flint Township. With Miller Road being the highest concentration of commercial development in Genesee County, it is the source of a large amount of destinations for county residents. This entire corridor is lacking any type of travel method for non-motorized travelers, creating a serious safety hazard. The bus route along Miller Road is heavily used, yet there are no sidewalks to get to a bus stop or from a bus stop to a destination.

Flushing Township & City of Flushing

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

The Riverview Trail in the City of Flushing provides a link between downtown Flushing and Flushing County Park. This trail along the Flint River could eventually connect to the Flushing Township Nature Park and to the City of Montrose by way of a trail along McKinley Road. This connection could also lead further northward into Saginaw County by way of the proposed trail following the Flint River.

The Riverview Trail could also be extended upstream along the Flint River into Flint Township and eventually connect with the existing Flint River Trail in the City of Flint. This would be a very scenic connection, but would involve acquiring easements from many property owners along the river.

A series of bike lanes are also proposed for Flushing Township. A bike lane along M-13 running from Saginaw County to Lansing Hwy/Miller Road just south of Clayton Township with a connector to the City of Flushing via Pierson Road is proposed. Another bike lane along Seymour Road in the City of Flushing, south to the City of Swartz Creek, is also proposed.

Local Connectors

Bike lanes current exist along Coutant from McKinley to Elms Rd connecting local neighborhoods, an Early Childhood Education Center, and Elementary Schools, and Local park.

McKinley Rd also includes bike lanes from the Carpenter Td to Main Street connecting local neighborhoods to downtown.

Trailheads

Potential trailhead locations for the identified trail on McKinley Road are Flushing County Park and Flushing Township Nature Center.

There is a trailhead located at the entrance to the Flushing Riverview Trail next to Bueche's Food Center on Main Street in Flushing and also parking for the trail in Riverview Park.



Forest Township, Village of Otisville and Village of Otter Lake

Preferred Corridors



Forest Township Regional Corridors

M-15 passes through Forest Township and is part of the M-15 Heritage Route. The M-15 potential bike path would travel north-south through the entire eastern section of Genesee County, and connect with Oakland County to the south and Tuscola County to the north.

M-57 (Vienna Road) begins at M-15 in Forest Township and has been identified as a potential bike lane. This connection would head west to meet with neighboring sections of M-57 that have already been identified in an approved plan. Eventually, the whole stretch of M-57 in Genesee County would be connected as a non-motorized path. A section of wide shoulders along M-57 currently exist from Belsay Road west to Saginaw Road. Striping and signing this route as a bike lane is suggested.

An abandoned railroad bed runs through the township from Otter Lake through Otisville and into Richfield Township to the south. This abandoned railroad bed has been identified as a potential trail connection. It would connect the Southern Links Trailway to the M-15 potential trail and could join the potential trail near Mott Lake in the Genesee County Parks system. The connection from Otisville to Otter Lake along this corridor is privately owned. Easement or land acquisition from various individuals would be needed to build this trail.

The Southern Links Trailway from Columbiaville to Millington runs through Genesee County at Otter Lake.

Forest Township Local Connectors

There is also a trail system identified in an approved plan that would loop through Pettit Park in the Village of Otisville for approximately 2/3 of a mile. Potential connections to link the village trail with Forest Township trails are also a possibility.

Trailheads

Trailhead locations and amenities may need to be identified for the potential trail on M-57 (Vienna Road), the M-15 Heritage Route Trail, and the abandoned railroad trail

Gaines Township and City of Swartz Creek

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

The Swartz Creek Trail runs along the creek from Seymour Road in the City of Swartz Creek to Elms Road where it heads north and passes through Elms Park. This trail has the potential to connect to the Genesee Valley Trail in Flint Township and into the City of Flint. There is one section of railroad corridor between Linden Road and the City of Swartz Creek that is still active. An alternative route exists by continuing the trail on Miller road to Dye Rd by conducting a road diet to include bike lanes or by including an off-street pathway to Dye Rd then northward on the eastern side of Dye road.

Miller Road and Lansing Highway provide a regional connection into Shiawassee County from Swartz Creek. This provides an important link to the Ionia-to-Owosso Trail. If the Ionia-to-Owosso Trail, after completion, is extended to Durand then this connection along Lansing Highway will allow residents of Genesee County to bike or hike all the way through four counties.

Seymour Road provides a connection through Gaines Township into Argentine Township and links up with the pathway along Silver Lake Road and into the Cities of Linden and Fenton.

Bike Lanes

Swartz Creek has existing bike lanes on Miller Road from Elms Road to Seymour Road that serves the downtown and commercial area of the city.

A bike lane is also proposed for M-13 from Saginaw County to Miller Road/Lansing Highway in Gaines Township.

Trailheads

Elms Park and Winshall Park could both serve as excellent trailheads for this area.

Further Issues and Considerations

A Consumer's Power corridor exists about one mile west of the Genesee County line in Shiawassee County. The corridor extends from the Montrose area all the way to the Gaines area. This could provide a north-south link for both Shiawassee and Genesee County residents to utilize. Residents from Gaines could connect to this line easily to provide access for their community.

An abandoned railroad line exists between the communities of Durand and Byron in Shiawassee County. If this corridor was pursued by Shiawassee County, then Genesee County could connect to it from Swartz Creek and from Argentine to create a regional linkage

Genesee Township

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

Resting to the northeast of the City of Flint is Genesee Township; also a proud owner of part of the Flint River Trail. This portion of the trail has two missing links that are currently identified for trail development by the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. Along the north shore of Mott Lake, the identified connection runs parallel to Huckleberry Railroad. Along the south shore the identified connection runs from Stepping Stone Falls to the section of trail north of Coldwater Rd. These potential connections would complete the Flint River Trail from Genesee Road at Mott Lake into downtown Flint on both sides of the river. Other potential connections to the Flint River Trail have also been identified to the east of Genesee Road. Trailways running on both sides of Mott Lake to the east into Richfield Township have been identified which could potentially connect to the Southern Links Trail in Lapeer County.

Another potential regional connection identified is Genesee Road. Trail development along the identified corridor would link the City of Burton, For-Mar Nature Preserve, Buell Lake County Park, Ligon Nature Center, Genesee Township, and Thetford Township.

The abandoned railroad line linking Genesee Recreation Area and the Villages of Otisville and Otter Lake begins in Genesee Township and heads northeast.

Local Connectors

A local connector is proposed linking the Flint River Trail extension along the north side of Mott Lake to a planned trail south of the City of Mt. Morris. This potential connection follows a Consumers Energy corridor in the middle of Genesee Township and would eventually connect to the Trolley Line Trail in Clio.



Flint River Trail

City of Grand Blanc & Grand Blanc Township

Preferred Corridors



Bicentennial Park Trail



Jewett Trail

Regional Corridors

Grand Blanc Road has an existing pathway from Hill Road to the Bicentennial Park and westward along Grand Blanc Road leading to the City of Grand Blanc. A connection can be made to trails at the Genesys Regional Medical Center by following the proposed route south on Embury Rd and then along the proposed Dort Highway Extension to Baldwin Road.

The Thread Creek Trailway was identified through the GLS Greenlinks project as a nature preservation/trail corridor. It runs through Grand Blanc and Atlas Townships, as well as the City of Grand Blanc through mostly private property along the wooded creek. This would be a very scenic trail, although a considerable effort would be needed to acquire the right-of-way for this trail corridor.

Saginaw Street is an identified corridor in the Grand Blanc Township Master Pathways Plan. This links into an existing sidewalk system in the Cities of Burton and Grand Blanc. This corridor has gaps in the sidewalk system within the township, even though the corridor is a MTA fixed bus route and commercially developed. Access to businesses along this stretch is difficult for pedestrian users, especially the handicapped, where no sidewalks exist.

Other areas within Grand Blanc provide great opportunity for pedestrians to travel via sidewalk to the

downtown area along the sidewalks on Perry Road. This sidewalk network connects the Jewett trail and the Genesee road trail. The sidewalks extends to the East Middle School.

The Consumer's Energy corridor, running east and west, parallel to and just south of Hill Road connects into the Trolley Line South trail from Burton to Goodrich and creates a large regional linkage. This trail crosses Saginaw Street and continues on and can link into Bicentennial Park.

Another Consumer's Energy corridor runs south from Cook Road under I-75 and links into Oakland County and eventually into Seven Lakes State Park. This trail could then connect through Seven Lakes State Park into the City of Fenton. Although just outside Genesee County, this would be a safe and easy connection between these two growing communities. These trails also create connections that facilitate a regional trail system:

- Dort Highway
- Embury Road
- Holly Road
- Hill Road
- Perry Road

Bike Lanes

- Baldwin Road (regional corridor)
- Cook Road
- Reid Road

Local Connectors

- Bella Vista Drive
- Bicentennial Park Pathways
- Bush Street
- Center Road
- Genesee Road Pathway to Hill Road
- Davis Street
- Genesys Regional Medical Center Nature Trails
- Pathway behind McFarland Library
- Perry Road
- Reid Road/Church Street
- Maple Road

Trailheads

A trailhead could be located at Creasey Bicentennial Park on Grand Blanc Road just east of I-75. This is the largest park in the area and has an existing trail leading to it from the City of Grand Blanc

Genesys Regional Medical Center could also serve as a trailhead. There is already a system of looped trails on the Genesys grounds

Mc Farland Library on Perry Road could be used as a trailhead for the Thread Creek Trailway, which is proposed to run behind the library.

Further Issues and Considerations

Grand Blanc Township and the City of Grand Blanc have proposed an extensive system of pathways for their area. In order to build these projects more efficiently, the community may wish to prioritize which areas to build first to create this trail system.



Trails at Genesys Regional Medical Center

Montrose Township & City of Montrose

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

M-57 (Vienna Road) through the City of Montrose and Montrose Township has been identified as a potential bike lane, extending into Vienna Township and eventually to Otisville. The M-57 bike lane would also connect to a proposed bike lane on M-13, which has been identified as a potential bike lane from Saginaw County to Miller Road/ Lansing Hwy.

McKinley Road south of M-57 has been identified as a connection to the City of Flushing. Another potential trail route could be along the Flint River connecting to Saginaw County and Flushing Township.

North of the City of Montrose is a Consumer's Energy corridor that could be utilized as a potential trail connection from the Montrose area to the Clio area connecting into the Trolley Line Trail just north of the City of Clio.

Montrose has also identified the railroad line as a potential trail. Although the railroad is still active, there are relatively few trains that use this stretch of tracks. The potential exists to build a trail along the corridor and to have a rail-with-trail extending into Saginaw County.

Local Connectors

Montrose Township Community Park has an existing trail that loops around the soccer fields and along the Flint River. This trail could be connected to the proposed pathway along the Flint River or McKinley Road and link up with the M-57 bike lane. There are currently plans to develop a pathway from existing trails at the Barber Memorial Park north on Seymour Rd to the Schools Campus on Allen Drive. This pathway would also connect westward to the existing sidewalks leading to downtown Montrose.

In the City of Montrose a pathway looping around the city has been identified that connects the downtown area with the school complex. The northern boundary of the City of Montrose (North Street) will be part of the proposed path and will connect to the railroad line, heading south adjacent to the railroad line to connect to the existing township park and pedestrian pathway. This link will also connect to the potential M-57 bike lane.

Trailheads

Potential trailheads have been identified at the Hill-McCloy High School and Barber Memorial Park.

Mt. Morris Township & City of Mt. Morris

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

Along the Consumers Energy right-of-way in Mt. Morris Township and the City of Mt. Morris, a planned regional corridor has been identified linking these local units to the Trolley Line Trail in Clio.

Local Connectors

Within Mt. Morris Township, the Beecher Area Schools have identified a trail system linking a number of schools in the area. This project is part of the Safe Routes to Schools Initiative. Beecher Schools have a unique situation, as there are no school buses serving the school district. These pathways are proposed to connect to the regional trail system from Saginaw Road into the City of Flint and to the Genesee Recreation Area from Carpenter Road on the Genesee Township and City of Flint boarder.

Within the City of Mt. Morris, an extensive system of routes has been identified and is planned for in the City of Mt. Morris Community Recreation Plan. This system includes future non-motorized trails, future bike lanes, and the use of existing sidewalks



Trolley Line Potential Site

Mundy Township

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

Grand Blanc Road links Mundy Township and Rankin to the parks and shopping areas of Grand Blanc. West of Linden Road, on Grand Blanc Road, the roadway becomes rural and is a link to the Gaines Township Seymour Road Route. In the township there are numerous subdivisions that are located off Grand Blanc Road. Due to the high traffic volume on Grand Blanc Road, it is recommended that the pathway be as far off of the road as possible. Bike lanes would not be suggested for this corridor. Another pathway option is to use Baldwin Road and connect to the trails at Genesys Regional Medical Center.

Jennings Road and the Consumer's Energy corridor combined provide a route from Swartz Creek to Rankin and into Fenton Township. Jennings Road is suggested as the preferred route because of its low traffic volume.

The Baldwin Road bike lane runs from Mundy Township at Jennings Road all the way through Grand Blanc Township and into Atlas Township.

Fenton Road is a highly traveled corridor from Fenton Township to the City of Flint. It is preferred that any facilitates built are located off the roadway as far as possible to help ensure safety of trail users. Further analysis is needed to determine which side of the road the Fenton Road pathway should be located on.

Sidewalks or pathways along Hill Road in Mundy Township have also been identified that would connect into the planned pathway along Hill Road in Grand Blanc Township.

Local Connectors

Linden Road from Maple Road, 1.5 miles south to the Consumer's Energy corridor, provides a linkage to Leonard Morris Elementary School.

Grand Blanc Road from Sharp Road, 0.6 miles east to Pepper Mill Drive, provides a connection for local subdivision residents.

Sharp Road and Cook Road provide linkages to the regional trail system for residents along these local roads.

A walking path is also proposed near Rankin Elementary School on township property.

Trailheads

Rankin Elementary School or Mundy Township Hall could serve as a trailhead for this area

Richfield Township

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

M-15 passes through Richfield Township and is part of the M-15 Heritage Route. M-15 is also part of a trail identified in an approved plan. This M-15 potential bike path would travel north-south through the entire eastern section of Genesee County, and connect with Oakland County to the south and Tuscola County to the north

Trail connections that follow the Holloway Reservoir in the Holloway Reservoir Regional Park have been identified. These trail connections ultimately lead to the Southern Links Trailway in Lapeer County.

Local Connectors

Part of the Genesee County Park system is located in Richfield Township. Potential trail connections that would follow the Flint River through the park system have been identified

Part of an abandoned railroad bed runs through the township's upper left corner (in Section 6) from Forest Township to Genesee Township. This abandoned railroad bed has been identified as a potential trail connection.

Trailheads

Trailhead locations and amenities may need to be identified for the potential trails in Richfield Township that will follow the Flint River through the Genesee Recreation Area.



Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

Thetford Township is home to a segment of M-57 (Vienna Road). Part of this segment (from the west township line to Genesee Road) is a trail identified in an approved plan. The other part of the segment (from Genesee Road to the east township line) has been identified as a potential bike lane. These trail connections would help complete a major east- west trail for the county. Wide paved shoulders currently exist on M-57 from Belsay to Saginaw Rd. Signage and striping are all that would be needed to make it a bike lane.

Local Connectors

Genesee Road north of M-57 is already a trail identified in an approved plan. The Ligon Outdoor Center, which has 6 ½ miles of hiking trails, is located on Farrand Road. A potential trail has been identified to connect the Center with Genesee Road. Genesee Road in Thetford Township, south of M-57 has been identified as a potential trail, which would connect through Genesee Township and the Cities of Burton and Flint.

There are plans to connect the existing City of Clio pedestrian trail with Buell Lake County Park in Thetford Township.

Trailheads

Trailhead locations and amenities may need to be identified for the potential trail on M-57 (Vienna Road) and the potential trail on Genesee Road

Vienna Township & City of Clio

Preferred Corridors



Regional Corridors

The M-57 bike lane traverses through Vienna Township. A section of M-57, from east of Linden Road to east of Jennings Road, is already part of an existing trail. This trail continues through Vienna Township and into the City of Clio.

There are approved plans to connect the Clio Bike Path going into Mt. Morris to the south. The northern portion ending at the Northern County Line is completed. There are plans to extend this connect this trail to the Birch Run Outlet Stores.

The City of Clio contains a segment of M-57 (Vienna Road). Part of this segment (western city limits to railroad tracks) has an existing bike lane. Another part of the segment (from Clio Bike Path to eastern city limits) is a trail identified in an approved plan. Along M-57 from Saginaw Road to Belsay Road, wide paved shoulders already exist along both sides of the roadway; these would simply need striping and signage to become bike lanes.

There are plans to connect the existing City of Clio pedestrian trail with the Clio Sports Complex and Buell Lake County Park in Thetford Township. Also planned is a bike trail extension from the Senior Center to the Clio Sports Complex, with a recommended pedestrian crossing either over or under Saginaw Road.

Local Connectors

Tufford Park in Vienna Township serves as the entryway for a one and a half mile bike and pedestrian trail. This trail runs from I-75 and connects with a City of Clio trail.

Trailheads

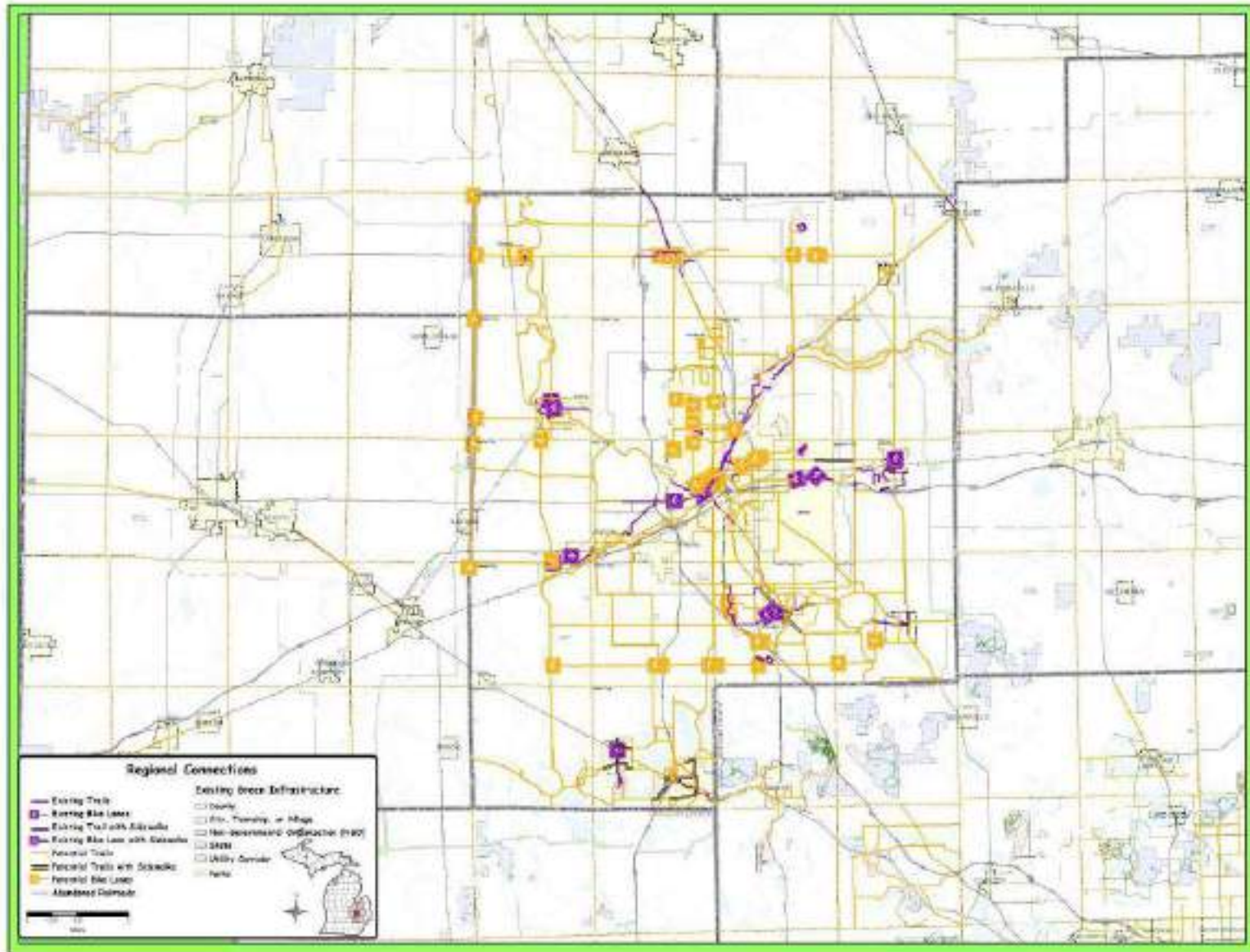
Trailhead locations and amenities may need to be identified for the potential trail on M-57 (Vienna Road), and for the identified trail heading to Saginaw County.

Preferred Corridors



Regional Connections

Preferred
Corridors



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Every trail identified in this plan is an important connection to the overall non-motorized system in Genesee County. The first goal of this plan is connectivity: development of an interconnected regional trail system in Genesee County.

Prioritization was conducted through public input at two meetings and subsequent meetings with various municipalities. The first public meeting; the “Regional Trail Review Workshop” focused on the potential trails and any revisions that may be necessary. The second public meeting; “Regional Trail Prioritization Meeting” focused on identifying trail segments and their priority.

Regional Trail Review Workshop

The purpose of the Regional Trail Review Workshop was to discuss the trail network with specific focus on any trails missing or needing revision. This meeting brought together representatives of local units of government, trail groups, stakeholders, and members of the public.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

Prioritization Meeting

The prioritization meeting brought together local officials, stakeholders, trail groups, and public members interested in trails in order to prioritize them for future funding. The prioritization activity was divided into 5 steps.

During the Prioritization meeting the Linden-Argentine-Fenton (LAF) Area Trails Coalition presented GCMPC staff with over 500 letters of support from local residents.



Step 1

Each participant was given 10 stickers to place on any trails they felt should be a priority.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred Corridors

Step 2

Each group was instructed to identify segments for prioritization by marking them at the start and finish according to the sticker placement.



Step 3

Each group discussed the trail segments identified and narrowed the selection down to their top 5 priority segments



Step 4

Each group discussed their top 5 selection and identified their top 3 priorities.



Step 5

After the group activity was completed each group assigned a speaker to share their group's map and explain their reasoning for their group's priorities.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

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Corridors

Results

GCMPC staff collected each map from the meeting to further review the results. In the realization that trails take lots of time and effort to design, receive funding, acquire land, and build, as well as for future flexibility in funding, the results were categorized into 3 tiers. Tier 1 priorities were derived from the final step at the prioritization meeting. GCMPC analyzed the results and met with local municipalities and trail groups in order to adjust priority segments where necessary to ensure segments were complete and reflect local interests. Tier 2 priorities were derived from step 3 at the prioritization meeting and adjusted as necessary to reflect the local municipal support. Tier 3 priorities were derived from the remaining trails after the prioritization meeting.

Tier 1: Short Term Priorities (1-10 years)

These trails represent those which have strong public support and highest priority for development.

Tier 2: Mid-Term Priorities (11-20 years)

These represent trails with public support and important connections to be developed between 11-20 years.

Tier 3: Long Term Priorities (Beyond 20 years)

These represent our long term priorities beyond 20 years.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Atlas Township Trails

Three priority segments have been identified in Atlas Township and have been further prioritized and listed accordingly.

1. Gale Road from existing trail northward to Perry Rd. Approximately 1 ¼ miles.
2. Perry Road from Gale to M-15. Approximately 1 ½ miles.
3. Hegel Road from the existing trail along a consumer's energy corridor North West to Gale Road near Perry Road. Approximately 2 ½ miles.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Flint River Trail - North Extension

A proposed connection from Genesee Road southwest to connect into the Bluebell Beach recreation area (located along Bray Road) has been identified as a Tier 1 priority.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Flushing Area – Seymour Road Pathway

A connection from the existing Flushing Riverview Trail system at the Cole Creek Bridge west to Seymour Road and south to Pierson Road has been identified as a Tier 1 priority. The project includes boring a pedestrian tunnel under the existing railroad tracks and a boardwalk at the at-grade crossing at Seymour road. This proposed pathway will provide safer access to the Flushing Riverview Trail and relieve long-term congestion.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Genesee Valley Trail

A connection from the existing Genesee Valley Trail and Proposed Paved Shoulders on Norko Drive to the bike lanes on Miller Road has been identified as a Tier 1 priority. The preferred route would make the connection along Dye and Miller Road although an alternative could be along Dye and Bristol Road. Approximately 2 miles proposed



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Grand Traverse Greenway

The Grand Traverse Greenway, funded and expected to be completed by 2017, ends at the City of Flint and City of Burton boundary. A proposed extension South has been identified as a Tier 1 priority, extending the Grand Traverse Greenway along the former railroad southeast to Dort highway leading into Grand Blanc Township and ending at the sidewalks on Saginaw Road until future connections can be made. Approximately 3 miles proposed.

Dort Highway Extension

A non-motorized path has been included as part of the proposed Dort Highway Extension. The path would follow Dort Highway from Baldwin Road north to Cook road. It would then continue north on Embury road connecting the current Grand Blanc Road Path to the trails at Genesys Regional Medical Center. Approximately 2 ¼ miles proposed.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Silver Lake Road

2 segments have been identified in the Southern Lakes Area. Both segments run along Silver Lake Road. The first segment (approximately 3 miles) connects the City of Fenton to the City of Linden. The second segment (approximately 3 ¾ miles) connects the City of Linden to Argentine Township.



Genesee County Priority Trail Segments

Preferred
Corridors

(Listed Alphabetically)

Trolley Line Trail (Clio to Mt. Morris)

The existing Trolley Line Trail ends at Wilson Road. An extension has been identified as a Tier 1 priority from Wilson Road to downtown Mt. Morris. The proposed route continues south along the railway to Roosevelt Avenue, then east to Walter then South returning to the railway. Approximately 3 ½ miles proposed.



Water Trails

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Water Trails



What is a Water Trail?

The National Water Trails System defines water trails (also known as “Blue Trails”) as recreational routes on waterways with a network of public access points supported by broad-based community partnerships providing both conservation and recreational opportunities.

<http://www.nps.gov/WaterTrails/>

Why are Water Trails Important?

According to the American Rivers Blue Trails, three out of every four Americans participate in active outdoor recreation each year and paddle sports are among the fastest growing segments of the industry.

Economic

Water trails have a significant economic impact on their local community, as they are compatible with other types of water recreation such as fishing, boating, etc. further contributing to outdoor recreational opportunities. In Michigan alone outdoor recreation generates \$1.4 billion in state and local tax revenue and 194,000 direct Michigan jobs, according to the Outdoor Recreation Industry Association's Outdoor Recreation Economy Report for Michigan.



www.outdoorindustry.org/recreationaleconomy

Education

“Heritage” Water Trails foster an interactive and educational experience by providing information of the local heritage via historical markers and educational signs that may include scientific and historic information relating to the local history of the waterway and community.

Ecological

As water trails attract more users of local waterways it also increases awareness of the natural beauty and importance of conservation efforts and water quality standards.

Human Health

According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Annual County Health Rankings, Genesee County is the second worst county in Michigan for overall health.

Quality of Life	Genesee County	Michigan
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Poor Mental Health Days*	4.2 days	3.7 days
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Health Behaviors

Adult Obesity	36%	32%
Physical Inactivity	30%	24%

*Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days

<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

Water trails are a great way to combat these health conditions as they provide several health benefits.

One of the most commonly mentioned benefits of using a water trail is the reduction of stress. According to a study conducted by the University of Michigan titled: "The Cognitive Benefits of Interacting with Nature",

simple and brief interactions with nature can produce marked increases in cognitive control.

The study can be viewed at:

http://www-personal.umich.edu/~jjonides/pdf/2008_2.pdf



Another benefit of water trails is weight loss and muscle toning. While paddling along the water trail your body uses your back, shoulders, arms, hands, abdomen, chest, and your heart! According to Harvard Health Publications, a person who weighs 125 pounds burns an average of 150 calories during 30 minutes of kayaking. A person who weighs 185 pounds, meanwhile, burns 222 calories during a 30-minute kayaking workout.

Water Trails in Genesee County

Genesee County only has one trail with a designation as a water trail; the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail. Aside from the Shiawassee River there is only one other major waterway that is a potential water trail; the Flint River.

Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail

The Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail, begins in Oakland County and enters the southeastern border of Genesee County. Thanks to funding from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network, portions of the river have various bridge markings, mile markers, and Informational signs. The informational signs are located at Holly Waterworks Park (Oakland County), Fenton Bush Park, Fenton, Strom Park, and at the Linden Mill Pond. An additional sign is planned for a launch on McCasslin Lake Rd in Argentine Township. There are also plans to develop a new launch in Fenton Township with parking, restrooms, and camping, off of Rolston Road. The University of Michigan-Flint's University Outreach has partnered with Keepers of the Shiawassee and several other organizations to promote the Shiawassee River's long-term protection. Thanks to a generous grant from the Fenton Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint a water trail guide was developed.

Flint River Water Trail

The Flint River provides beautiful scenery throughout the county and is mostly navigable with minimal portaging needed. The Flint River possesses over 14 access points and is recommended for Water Trail designation.



Water Trail Planning

On July 1, 2014 GCMPC staff organized a water trail discussion which brought together local watershed coalitions, river stewardship organizations, and interested members of local governments and the public. At the meeting, the group discussed what the current needs are for water trails in Genesee County. Water Trail development should also be coordinated with local zoning, conservations efforts, water quality improvements, and actions of non-profit conservation entities. The following are components identified at the water trail discussion:

ACCESS POINTS

Although several access points have been identified along the Flint and Shiawassee River, not all are considered official sites. Several of the sites are located within a residential neighborhood and do not provide necessary parking, identification, or facilities for individuals wanting to launch. The quality of these sites should be improved to provide parking, proper markings, disability access, and the necessary facilities allowing the site to be easily accessible and identified. Emergency access points should also be identified for local law enforcement and rescue. If access is limited in certain areas it is important that land be acquired. This can be funded by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

FACILITIES

As users paddle along the water trail it is important that the trail encourages the journey by providing restrooms and facilities to secure their belongings.

Kayak lockers provide paddlers the opportunity to secure their kayak, explore the area, use the restrooms, or simply take a break. Other considerations should be given to bicycle facilities for those wanting to bicycle back to their vehicle or into town.



SIGNAGE

Although water trails can be very inexpensive, there is a need for informative signage. Design standards should be drafted in future plans for water trail signs in Genesee County similar to the design standards set for paved trails.



A variety of signs may be necessary such as:

- **Directional Signs / Mile Markers:** allowing users to track distances and see distances to the next destination. Some of these signs can be located on bridges also identifying the name of nearby streets.
- **Warning Signs:** for areas where paddling and landing is restricted or where hazards are present such as low wires, swift water, etc. Portaging locations should also be clearly identified.
- **Informational Signs:** showing a map of the overall route, travel times, destinations, and other useful information about the route itself and its development. Destinations along the route other than access points such as local businesses or community spaces should also be identified.
- **Educational Signs:** addressing topics such as trees and plants along the route, geology, biology of the river (such as the invasive species found in the river), and water quality measures.
- **Heritage Signs:** providing information regarding the history of the community and significance of specific places along the trail.

AWARENESS

In order to encourage the use of water trails the public must be educated on water quality and how they can “complete the loop” when using a water trail. Users need to be informed of how they can return to the location from which they started whether it is by bicycling, walking, or public transit. Maps should be provided at access points that show options for a return route.

Awareness can be accomplished in a variety of methods such as social media, water trail websites, informative brochures, and public school presentations to list some.

DESIGNATION

Water Trail designation allows waterways to receive recognition on a much larger scale, both state-wide and nation-wide. This recognition can encourage individuals to visit our water trails and as a result bring an economic benefit.



National Trails System

The National Water Trails System is a grassroots effort that relies on local management of the designated water trails. The National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) is the primary administrator that works in partnership with a collaborative interagency group. RTCA staff serves as a clearinghouse for information sharing and national water trail networking efforts. Agencies may nominate individual water trail designations, work in collaboration with community organizations seeking designation, help strengthen the network of water trail managers, and build the community of practice for water trails.

Benefits of Designation:

- Designation by the Secretary of the Interior, including a letter and certificate announcing the designation as a national water trail.
- National promotion and visibility, including use by the management entity of use the National Water Trails System logo in appropriate settings and trail publications.
- Mutual support and knowledge sharing as part of a national network.
- Opportunities to obtain technical assistance and funding for planning and implementing water trail projects.

As a result of designation, national water trails may gain:

- Positive economic impact from increased tourism.
- Assistance with stewardship and sustainability projects.
- Increased protection for outdoor recreation and water resources.
- Contribution to public health and quality of life from maintaining and restoring watershed resources.
- Access to networking and training opportunities.
- Assistance with recognition and special events highlighting the trail.

All national water trails will be included in the online searchable database of trails and have a page on the national water trails systems website to share trail information including water trail descriptions, maps, photographs, water trail manager contact information, links to applicable websites, and best management strategies and practices.

Michigan Great Lakes Water Trails Working Group

The Michigan Great Lakes Water Trails Working Group includes volunteers from Michigan Sea Grant, the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Parks Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the

U.S. National Park Service, Pure Michigan, Western Michigan University, the East Michigan Council of Governments, the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission, the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission, the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, and paddling enthusiasts.

The Working Group has a website providing great resources for local residents or tourists to discover what attractions and activities are available near them.

<http://www.michiganwatertrails.org/>



Maintenance

A very critical component for water trails is maintenance of access sites, facilities, as well as the waterway. Currently, several organizations organize river cleanups for the Shiawassee and Flint River. It is also imperative that new volunteers are sought to assist these organizations in order to keep interest in the endeavor and not to over burden the same volunteers of past. It is also important for local municipalities to assist in maintenance in order for the efforts to go beyond those of only volunteers. The American Rivers Blue Trails provide recommendations of maintenance to be performed regularly:

Inspections should occur regularly depending on the amount of use, type of use, and location. Inspections should be documented to include the condition of launches, campsites, picnic areas, signs, and other facilities.

Sweeping the water trail for debris such as fallen logs and other hazards is one of the most important aspects of water trail maintenance, helping ensure user safety.

Trash removal is important from a safety and aesthetic viewpoint. Trash removal should take place on a regularly scheduled basis, the frequency of which will depend on trail use and location.

Several woody debris removal practices must be undertaken multiple times each year in order to keep the river open. It is important that this does not ignore the competing interest of promoting fish habitat. Involving the MDNR through the planning process will ensure that the appropriate actions are taken and considerations made.

More information on managing and maintaining water trails is available at:

<http://www.bluetrailsguide.org/build/manage/>



Photo courtesy of Flint River Watershed Coalition

Current Initiatives and Interested Groups

Flint River Paddlers

This group of paddle sport enthusiasts from the Flint, Michigan, shares a common goal of paddling and conservation on the Flint River. The group works closely with the Flint River Watershed Coalition (FRWC) to help promote river conservation, stewardship and the recreational aspects and opportunities present in the Flint River Watershed. The "Flint River Paddlers" is a grass-root FRWC sponsored organization.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Flint-River-Paddlers/91349862889>

Flint River Watershed Coalition

The Flint River Watershed Coalition (FRWC) was formed in the fall of 1997 and is collaboration between educational institutions, local government, local business, environmental groups, and concerned citizens who feel strongly that the Flint River and its tributaries are a vital resource we all need to protect. The FRWC organizes annual river cleanup events.

www.flintriver.org/

Flint River Corridor Alliance

The Flint River Corridor Alliance (FRCA) is a community based organization of government, non-profit, and private sector stakeholders organized to initiate, support, and sustain projects in the Flint River Corridor that revitalize the river as a community asset while enriching the quality of life for the area's residents, businesses, and visitors.

Their priority areas are:

- Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization
- Recreation and Culture
- Environmental Quality and Infrastructure

<http://www.fralliance.org>

Genesee County Parks

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing all the residents of Genesee County with affordable, quality, recreational, and educational facilities. Genesee County Parks is Michigan's largest county park system with 11,000 acres of woods, rivers, lakes, trails, beaches and campgrounds.

<http://www.geneseecountyparks.org/>

Southern Lakes Park and Recreation (SLPR)

The Southern Lakes Park and Recreation's vision is to offer park, recreational facility, & program opportunities that enhance the education, physical health, personal well-being & social interactions within the community. SLPR supports the efforts of the volunteer group Keepers of the Shiawassee.

<http://www.slpr.net>

Keepers of Shiawassee

Keepers of Shiawassee is a group of volunteers that organizes kayaking events on the Shiawassee River and cares for the Shiawassee river.

Friends of the Shiawassee

The mission of Friends of the Shiawassee River is to Care, by maintaining and improving the health of the river; Share, by enhancing the community's appreciation and knowledge of the river; and Enjoy, by increasing recreational access and responsible use of the river. The Friends of the Shiawassee River organize annual river clean-ups and river work days with a specific focus on the removal of invasive species.

<http://www.shiawasseeiver.org>

Headwaters Trails Inc.

Headwaters Trails Inc. is a non-profit 501(c3) group whose mission is to facilitate and promote the cooperation of local governments in Southeast Michigan with specific emphasis on Holly, Rose, Groveland, Springfield, Fenton and Argentine Townships, the Village of Holly, the City of Fenton, and the City of Linden to create new recreational opportunities including the creation of a network of trails for the area residents and visitors. Headwaters trails Inc. organize river cleanups every spring, summer, and fall using the DNR's Best Practice Methods. The work involves cutting trees and brush with loppers, hand saws, and chain saws, and pulling trash from the river.

<http://headwaterstrailsinc.org/>

Water Trail Funding Sources

The following are funding sources that will fund components of water trails. Although effort has been given to identify these funding sources it does not serve as an exhaustive list. As awareness for water trails grows and funding sources are made aware and available this information should be updated and provided on the GCMPC website.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The DNR has several grants that can be applied for water trails. Below is a list of potential grants that may be applicable to some component of a water trail. For more information visit: www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

- Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund
- Recreation Passport Grant Program
- Waterways Grant Program
- Recreational Trails Program Grants
- Marine Safety Grants to Counties

Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF)

The Community Foundation's grant making priorities give focus to its mission of serving the common good. CFGF

informs its grant making process by being steeped in community knowledge, relying on the contributions of foundation staff and trustees, and a broad and diverse group of community volunteers. Each year, the foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations from its discretionary funds through a competitive grant making process. Grants may come from CFGF's Community Impact Fund (also known as unrestricted funds), Field-of-Interest Funds, Community Funds or Youth Initiative Program Funds.

<https://www.cfgf.org/cfgf/Home/tabid/326/Default.aspx>

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)

WIN welcomes proposals that advance the search for sustainable solutions to current watershed and community challenges. WIN is responsive to new ideas, new research and new approaches, recognizing that such innovation is necessary to move the concept of sustainability forward in the Saginaw Bay watershed. The sustainability approach integrates economic goals with environmental and social goals and is based on the premise that meeting human needs for all people today should not impair the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

<http://www.saginawbaywin.org/grants/>

L.L.Bean - Club Fostered Stewardship Grant

L.L. Bean and the American Canoe Association have teamed up to sponsor funding to local and regional paddling clubs and organizations that undertake the stewardship projects on waterways in their area.

Eligible projects include: cleaning up waterways, clearing in-stream safety hazards, maintaining access areas, erecting signs and controlling erosion, establishing and maintaining paddle trails, acquiring threatened access points, and providing sanitary facilities. Grant amounts range from \$100-\$1,000.

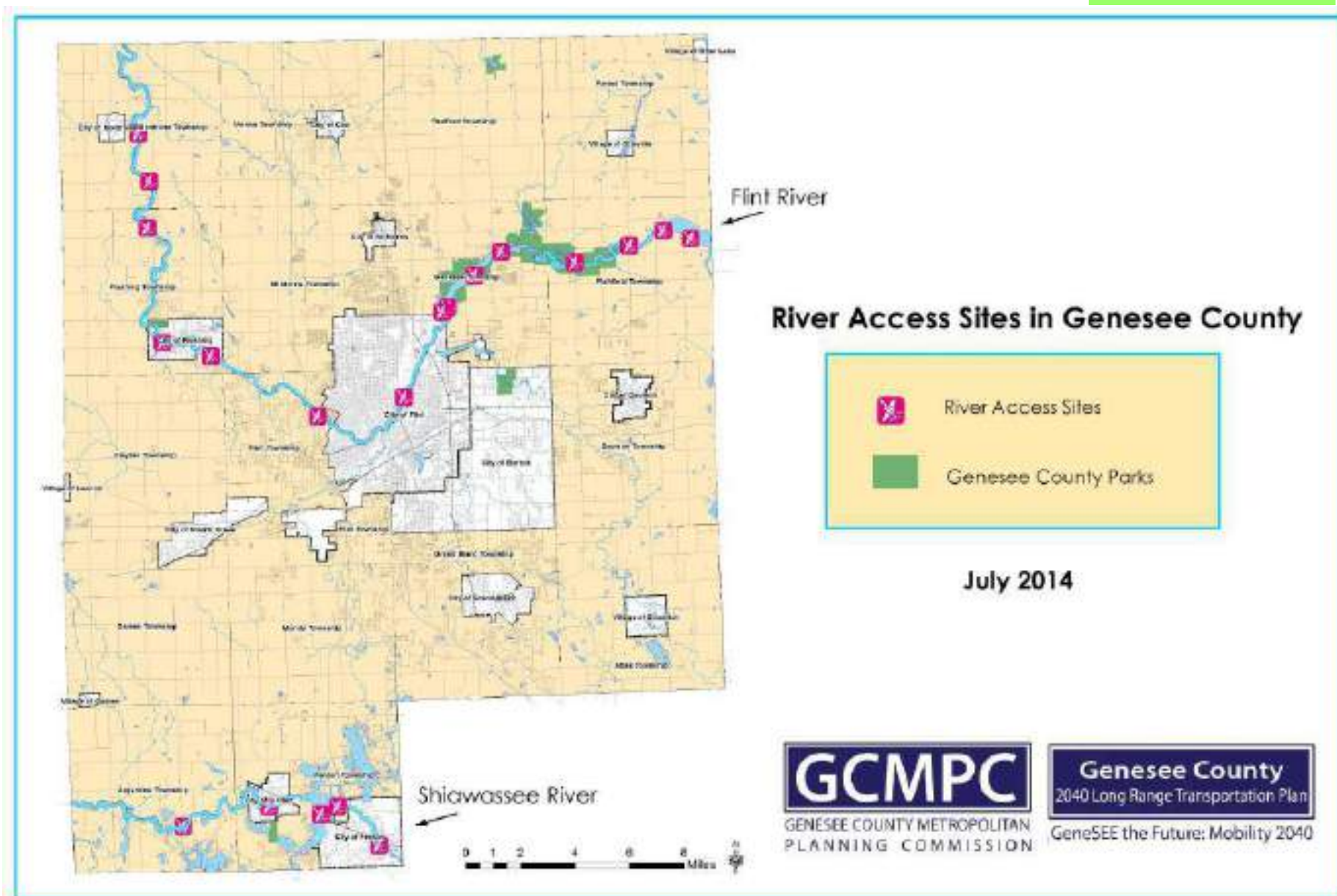
<http://www.americancanoe.org/>

Consumers Energy Foundation Grants

The Consumers Energy Foundation is committed to helping nonprofits create sustainable communities by awarding grants in these five focus areas:

- Social Welfare
- Community and Civic Development
- Education
- Michigan Growth and Environmental Enhancement
- Culture and Arts

<https://www.consumersenergy.com/content.aspx?ID=4328>



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Design Considerations



Developing a trail system means bringing people together. A successful system not only accommodates multiple modes of non-motorized transportation, but also accommodates multiple types of people, including those of all ages as well as people with disabilities. In order to effectively accommodate all possible users of the trail system, all users should be involved in the planning and design of that system from the beginning. This will help ensure that the resulting trail system proves accessible to all those who desire to use it. With the vast majority of routes in Genesee County likely being multi-use, it is important to realize all possible user types. Users of multi-purpose routes may include pedestrians, bicyclists, in-line skaters, cross-country skiers, as well as those in wheelchairs.

Working through the development stages of a trail system can become very complicated. There are many different agencies that must reach consensus prior to action. Local governments, citizen advocacy groups, local businesses, and possible users should all be allowed to share their thoughts to effectively resolve any differences of opinions. This section will provide guidelines for these stakeholders to use when planning and designing their non-motorized routes. It is important to understand that these are only guidelines, often adapted from the Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) among other agencies, and should be tailored to the specific situations occurring throughout Genesee County.

General Design Guidelines

The advantage of a set of guidelines is that they are flexible and accommodating. The following guidelines set forth in this plan are meant to “guide” decision making and are not by any means an exhaustive list. Although communities and agencies using this plan are encouraged to use innovative approaches to best fit their individual conditions, they are also expected to follow any mandated standards, named separate from this document, that are required for construction.

Although there are many different types of trails and non-motorized paths, this plan only references those types one would generally find located in the Genesee County region. Those pathways include on-road bike lanes, systems separate from the roadway, but still located within the right-of-way, bike routes and shared-use paths.

Bike Lanes

Bike lanes offer the most convenient type of pathway for communities to create within their area. This is due to the presence of the roadway, which requires no land acquisition or clearing. Often times, the roadway may be wide enough to simply draw in an on-road bike lane. This practice is called re-striping. Communities planning the restoration of old roadways or the construction of new roadways should attempt to include bike lanes wherever possible. Both lane restriping and shoulder

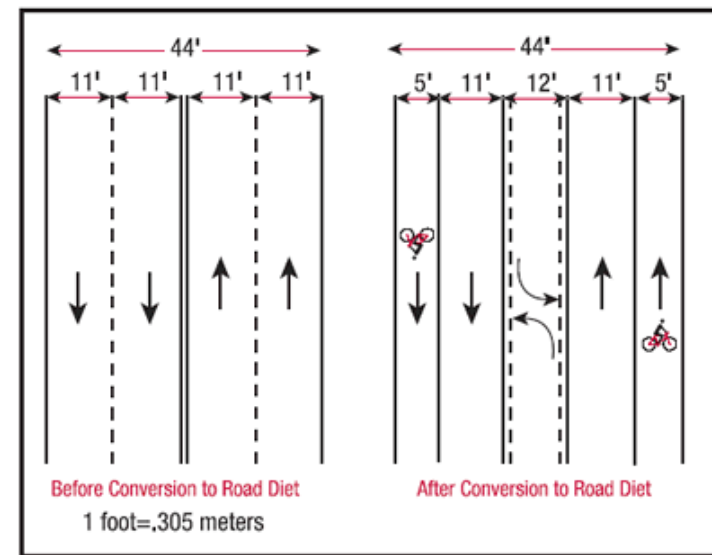
paving are common approaches for producing on-road bike routes.

Paved Shoulders

Paved road shoulders offer a suitable way to provide non-motorized routes to bicyclists. While paving of the shoulder provides bikers with a smooth path to travel upon, this increased road width also preserves the edges of the pavement.

Road Diets

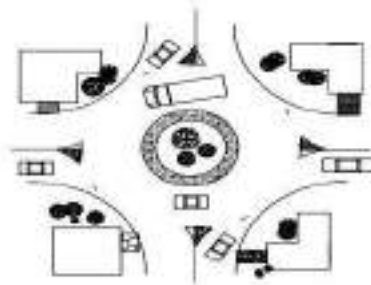
Road Diets are often conversions of four lane undivided roads into 3 lanes (two through lanes and a center turn lane). The fourth lane may be converted to bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and/or on-street parking.



Traffic Calming

Wherever trails and roadways intersect, there is a potential safety hazard. Slower speeds produce better reaction times and a safer environment. The practice of traffic calming utilizes innovative design methods to slow traffic in certain areas. The Institute of Traffic Engineers has defined traffic calming as, "the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users." Traffic circles, chicanes, narrowed streets, and speed humps are only a few of the methods used to calm traffic, and provide a safer more enjoyable experience for non-motorized travelers.

Roundabout / Traffic Circle



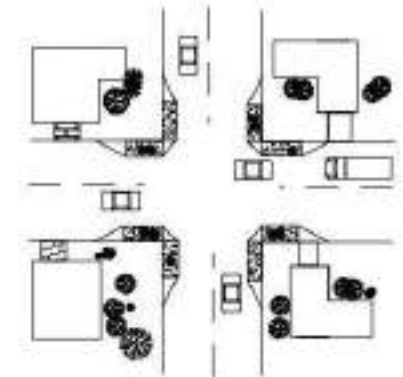
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Guidelines for Traffic Calming

Speed Hump



Source: City of Sparks –
Guidelines for Traffic Calming

Street Narrowing



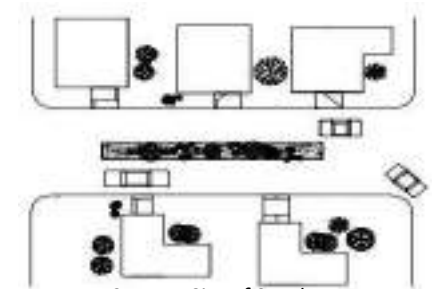
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Guidelines for Traffic Calming

Chicane



Source: City of Sparks –
Guidelines for Traffic Calming

Island



Source: City of Sparks –
Guidelines for Traffic Calming

Bike Routes

A bike route is another alternative to bike lanes for areas in Genesee County where striping a bike lane may not be feasible, but the need for accommodating bicycle activity is evident. A bike route is a suggested route through a city or a neighborhood most likely using residential streets, although it may simply indicate the safest route through a congested area. The route would be designated by bike route signs but would not involve any special road construction or other markings.

Path in Right-of-Way

Aside from providing routes within roadways, paths are often found adjacent to the roadway, yet still in the right-of-way. Communities are often inclined to construct this type of path because land acquisition is not usually necessary and there are many destinations already located on the route. This brand of pathway can safely support most types of trail user; however, it still presents possible vulnerabilities and should be designed to prevent safety hazards. The AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 1999 edition, offers plenty of suggestions:

- Paths adjacent to a roadway should utilize wide buffers separating the path and the roadway to show a distinct separation between the two.

- When wide buffers cannot be utilized, a physical barrier, such as a fence or railing, should be constructed.
- Give drivers and trail users alike ample sight distances, especially near intersections of pathways and roads.

Recommended Dimensions For Non-Motorized Trails and Paths

Trail/Pathway Element	Recommended Dimensions	Comments
RECREATION TRAILS		
Paved Pedestrian-Only Trail Width	5 ft minimum 6 ft desirable	These trails are for exclusive use by pedestrians
Unpaved Pedestrian-Only Trail Width	2 ft minimum 4-6 ft desirable	Best as limited purpose facility in rural or semi-primitive areas; can provide interim solution (see Figure 35); minimum width
Unpaved Shared Use Trail Width	6 ft minimum 8-10 ft desirable	Only suggested as an interim solution and not appropriate for high use trails; best in
Vertical Clearance	8 ft minimum 10 ft desirable	Additional clearance improves visibility. Ten feet is minimum when equestrian use is expected.
SHARED USE PATHS NON MOTORIZED SYSTEM		
Shared Use Path Width	10 ft minimum 12 ft desirable 14 ft optimum	Minimum width should only be used where volumes are low and sight distances are good; width should be based on relative speed of users; higher speed users (bicyclists and
Roadway Separation	5 ft minimum	Minimum separation for parallel, adjacent path; a physical barrier should be installed
Shoulders	1 ft minimum (peds. only) 2 ft minimum (shared use)	Shoulders provide pull-off/ resting and passing space; should be graded to the same slope as the path; minimum shoulder
Clear Zones	1 ft minimum* 2 ft desirable*	Clear zones are additional lateral clearance on each side of the path beyond the shoulders. All obstructions (e.g. trees,
Vertical Clearance	8 ft minimum 10 ft desirable	Additional clearance improves visibility.

** If less than 1.2 m (4 ft) total lateral clearance is provided (including shoulder) between the edge of trail, and there is a vertical grade drop greater than 0.8 m (30 in), steeper than 2:1, railing may be required.*

Source: Georgia Department of Transportation Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide

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Funding & Implementation



The Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan is a visionary document seeking to assist in the development of a safe, accessible and interconnected trail system within and beyond the county boundaries. The implementation of its contents depends entirely on active regional collaboration. In order for many of the important linkages proposed in this plan to materialize, it is essential for local agencies to come together on a grander scale.

While this document is not the final word on trail development in Genesee County, it is meant to provide local units and the region as a whole, with the guidance and know how to move in the right direction. This strategy is a fluid one, and is meant to be reviewed and updated as conditions and opportunities change.

Potential Funding Sources

There are a number of agencies and organizations that offer funding for the development of non-motorized trail systems. The Federal Government, Michigan State Government, nonprofit organizations and corporations are all great places to look for trail funding. The following are a few common funding resources, but it is important to note that this list is not exhaustive and trail advocates should try to keep up on new possible sources of funding.

Additional opportunities for funding and implementation of non-motorized resources may exist within your local

community. Please contact your city, township, or village offices for additional funding and implementation resources or plans.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

The TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. www.michigan.gov/mdot.

Genesee County receives a small allocation of TAP funds annually to administer. Projects are selected with the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) call for projects. For more information please contact the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission at (810) 257-3010 or visit www.gcmpc.org.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Since 1976, the MNRTF has been providing financial assistance to local governments and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase land (or rights in land) for public recreation or protection because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty. Amounts ranging from \$15,000 to \$500,000 are available. Any person, organization, or unit of government can submit a land acquisition proposal; however, development proposals are only accepted from state and local governments. State and local units applying for these grants must include a minimum local match of 25% of the total project cost. For more information please contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Program at 517-373-9125 or visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The National Park Service operates the Land and Water Conservation Funds, which administers federal funding to state and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Grant applications are available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources until July 1st of the application year and require a 50% local funding match. For more information please contact

the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Program at (517)373-9125 or visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Community Development Block Grants

The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities for people of low and moderate income. CDBG funds can also be used as local match funds for federal and state grants such as Enhancement Grants.

All activities carried out under the Community Development Block Grant program must meet one of the three national objectives:

- Benefiting low to moderate income persons
- Aids in the elimination or prevention of slum or blight
- Addressing an urgent community need

Communities in Genesee County are encouraged to apply for CDBG for trail development as long as the trail will meet one of the objectives. For more information, please contact the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission at (810) 257-3010 or visit www.gcmpc.org.

Ruth Mott Foundation

Ruth Mott Foundation's mission is to advocate, stimulate, and support community vitality. The Foundation supports the beautification of the community, in order to enhance neighborhoods and quality of life in the greater Flint area for its residents and visitors. Through a broad array of approaches, Ruth Mott Foundation seeks to engage the community in beautifying the environment, ranging from the creation of public art and architectural excellence to watershed enhancement, tree planting, community gardening, and removal of weeds, trash and blight. In the past the Ruth Mott Foundation has supported trail development in Genesee County and plans to extend that support on into the future. For more information, please call (810) 233-0170

DALMAC Fund

Since 1975, the DALMAC fund has been supporting bicyclists and bicycle trail development throughout the State of Michigan. Administered through the Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA), this grant program is open to any entities performing bike safety and educational efforts, involved in the development of bike trails, or engaged in route mapping. For more information please call the TCBA at (517) 882-3700 or visit www.biketcba.org.

People for Bikes

PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. Requests must support a specific project or program; we do not grant funds for general operating costs.

PeopleForBikes accepts requests for funding of up to \$10,000.

peopleforbikes.org

Recreation Passport Grants

PA 32 of 2010 created the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport which replaces the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) - or window sticker - for state park entrance. The passport is required for entry to state parks, recreation areas and boating access sites. The first \$12,730,000.00 will be distributed to replace lost revenue from the elimination of the motor vehicle permit and boating access site permits, as well as to pay for administration by the Secretary of State. Ten percent of remaining revenue will be used to fund the Recreation Passport local grant program.

The grant program may only be used for local development projects. The program is focused on renovating and improving existing parks, but the development of new parks is eligible.

Michigan.gov/dnr

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program was established by ISTEA of 1991. The CMAQ program provides a flexible funding source to State and local governments for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter-nonattainment areas-and for areas that were out of compliance but have now met the standards-maintenance areas. Eligible projects include non-recreational bicycle transportation and pedestrian improvements that provide a reduction in single-occupant vehicle travel.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) STP funds the same projects as the TAP program.

Agency Policies and Contacts

Throughout the development of this plan there were a number of governmental bodies, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and citizen advocates involved in the process. These agencies will have a substantial influence on the development of a regional trail system in Genesee County.

Consumers Energy

Consumers Energy is a major provider of electricity and natural gas in Genesee County. There are many corridors throughout the county where trail development could potentially occur. Consumers is mindful of trail projects and employs a set of policies and procedures to deal with requests to use their land. An application must be submitted, which is then reviewed by Consumers staff, which ultimately makes a decision on whether or not the proposed project is feasible. The reviewer is mainly concerned with maintaining access to Consumers infrastructure. To get an application, and/or learn more about this process, please call (517) 745-5973.

Genesee County Road Commission

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) maintains more than 1813 miles of road and streets and over 250 signalized intersections. The GCRC does allow for trail development within the county road right-of-ways and there is an application process to gain this access. For more information please call (810) 767-4920, or visit www.gcrc.org.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

MDOT has provided considerable support for trail development in Genesee County. They have awarded numerous TAP grants for the development of trail projects in Genesee County and regularly attend the meetings of County trail groups. MDOT has actively pursued the development of non-motorized facilities on MDOT properties, such as providing wide shoulders on state roads and trails in the right-of-way. For more information please visit www.michigan.gov/mdot.

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (GCPRC)

The GCPRC owns and operates a number of trails in and around county parks throughout Genesee County. The linkage of these trails to others within and beyond county boundaries is a positive step toward a regional trail system. The GCPRC has been involved in past trail projects, with particular interest in potential trail connections in and around county parks. To contact the GCPRC, please call (810) 736-7100 or visit www.geneseecountyparks.org.

Genesee County Drain Commission

The Genesee County Drain Commissioner is responsible for maintaining all drains in Genesee County, dealing specifically with issues such as soil erosion and sedimentation, wastewater treatment and storm water treatment. The construction of trails can adversely affect a number of aspects of drain maintenance and the Drain Commissioner's office should be contacted any time an issue may arise. To contact the Drain Commissioner, please call (810) 732-7870 or visit www.gcdcwws.com.

Recommendations for Implementation

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) will continue to assist communities with trail development, including updates to the GIS layers, databases and maps. The County will gladly meet and discuss possible route connections with local units and agencies seeking the development of a regional trail system within their community. GCMPC looks forward to the continued development of trailways in Genesee County and continued collaboration with the many entities engaged in trail development.

The following actions will assist in furthering implementation efforts of an interconnected trail system within Genesee County and the surrounding region

- Local governing documents, such as master plans, parks and recreation plans, and land use and transportation plans should be amended to include content consistent with this plan.
- Communities should encourage local developers to incorporate non-motorized connections into their site design. Try to ensure that these smaller trail systems are linked with the larger regional system, or at least have the potential to connect. Connectivity within the

development, as well as with adjacent land uses, should be recommended. The inclusion of these trailways in local developments throughout Genesee County will generate a more connected trail system.

- Collaboration is vital to the success of a regional trail system. Effort should be made to cooperate and coordinate non-motorized goals, not only with neighboring communities, but also with GCMPC, the Genesee County Road Commission, and the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- A map of potential trail connections and proposed corridors should be updated on a regular basis and made available to all trail planning bodies. Also, the trail plan should be reviewed and updated accordingly.
- Gaining grant funding for local trails should remain upon the top of the to-do list. Lack of funding is often the largest barrier impeding trail development. Trail planners should be actively seeking grant funding from those programs listed in this document, but also

searching for alternative sources.

- Trail maintenance should be a top priority as systems are being developed. This will help ensure a healthy trail environment and encourage more users to utilize trailways in Genesee County.

Road Construction Projects

Many proposed trailways identified in this plan are over, under, in, or along road right-of-ways. Collaboration with MDOT and the Genesee County Road Commission should frequently occur to discuss the possibility of utilizing these areas for trail development. These two organizations oversee the construction and maintenance of the majority of roadways in Genesee County.

All transportation projects receiving federal funding in Genesee County are identified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is posted and updated on the GCMPC website (www.gcmnpc.org). This document represents transportation projects receiving federal funding for the identified fiscal years. Non-motorized facilities should be incorporated into TIP road projects where appropriate as outlined in the Genesee County LRTP Complete Streets Policy. Coordination with road projects will make trail development more efficient.

For more information on complete streets you may reference the 2040 LRTP Complete Streets Technical Report at www.gcmnpc.org.



Trail Associations

Trail Associations are a great addition to a regional trail system. Committed associations are geared toward providing the best possible experience to trail users. They typically perform a number of different activities including trail promotion, public events, trail maintenance, clean-up projects, and attendance at public meetings and lobbying for trail improvements. Most trail associations select a small trail system or a particular segment to support. Citizens are encouraged to join and create trail associations as the regional system develops.



Cost Estimates

The implementation of a trail plan requires a number of important decisions. A major consideration that will influence these decisions is cost. Cost will influence decisions from the beginning of a project to the end, ranging from material types and construction to the funding sources targeted.

	Estimated Cost Per Mile
Striping a Bike Lane and Markings on Existing Shoulder	\$1,000 - \$11,000
Retrofitting bicycles lanes by restriping pavement marking, using techniques such as lane diets or road diets	\$5,000 - \$50,000

Source: Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System" U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

Cost for Non-Motorized Facilities

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit
Path	Boardwalk	\$1,957,040	\$2,219,470	\$789,390	\$4,288,520	Mile
Path	Multi-Use Trail-Paved	\$261,000	\$481,140	\$64,710	\$4,288,520	Mile
Path	Multi-Use Trail - Unpaved	\$83,870	\$121,390	\$29,520	\$412,720	Mile
Pavement Marking Symbol	Pedestrian Crossing	\$310	\$360	\$240	\$1,240	Each
Pavement Marking Symbol	Shared Lane/Bicycle Marking	\$160	\$180	\$22	\$600	Each
Pavement Marking Symbol	School Crossing	\$520	\$470	\$100	\$1,150	Each

Source: "Costs for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Infrastructure Improvements" UNC Highway Safety Research Center

Applying For Funding

The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy is an excellent resource for any agency thinking about trail development. Here are some quick tips they offer for fund raising and grant writing:

- **Develop a fund raising plan for your projects:** Begin with your estimated project cost and set funding goals from key sources. This is a valuable resource because foundations often require you to show percentages of funding anticipated from each source.
- **Identify key components of your project that can be tailored to specific funding sources:** Without compromising your project, try to develop a list of mini projects tailored to the interests of a number of different funding sources.
- **Complete all planning elements prior to submitting funding requests:** Seeking funding prematurely is not advisable as you often only get one chance to make a positive impression on a potential funder.
- **Start by writing a two-page summary letter:** This helps to succinctly define your project and your request for support. Many funding sources provide guidelines for the initial "inquiry" letter. Make sure you follow their guidelines
- **Create a credible team prior to seeking funding:** Funders are interested in not only the quality of your project, but the quality of your organization or team as well.
- **Establish strong partnerships and demonstrate coordination:** Funders are interested in strong partnerships and coordination among agencies. They especially like to see public and private sectors working together to leverage funds.
- **Establish broad community support prior to seeking funding:** At a minimum, all project partners should provide "lead" funding, both cash and in-kind services, where feasible. If you do not have "lead" funding, attach support letters from individuals, local businesses, civic groups and others to your request.
- **Submit proposals:** Once the research is completed, partners are in place, backed by a solid plan, submit proposals to your target list of funders. Make sure to follow any and all guidelines set forth by potential funders.
- **Complete all follow-up documentation; thank and recognize donors:** Make sure you send thank-you letters recognizing receipt of donations and complete any required follow-up documentation

Trail Maintenance

Trail maintenance is an indispensable aspect of trail planning. A clean, safe trail will promote further use by residents. The implementation of a good maintenance strategy not only helps to sustain a safer trail environment, but can also instill a sense of community pride in local citizens.

There are a number of different activities associated with trail maintenance:

- Sign replacement
- Repaint pavement markings
- Trim vegetation to maintain sight distance
- Remove fallen trees
- Patch pavement holes and cracks
- Clean drainage systems
- Sweep to remove debris
- Mow shoulders and other areas
- Pick up trash, empty trash cans
- Maintain trail furniture and other support facilities
- Clean & repair restroom facilities as needed
- Remove any graffiti

The removal of snow and ice is an important concern when dealing with trail maintenance in Genesee County. Trail owners must decide whether or not their trail will be open during the winter months. If it is decided to keep it open, snow and ice must be cleared from the trailway



Maintenance Agreements

While almost every trail planning body will agree that trail maintenance is a very important concern, an agreement on whose responsible for that maintenance is not always easy. Many grant programs require a detailed trail maintenance plan be in place for agencies to be eligible for funding. Governmental units are encouraged to make written agreements with each other to maintain different trail segments. Often times, townships will not have sufficient staff or the proper equipment to perform trail maintenance activities, in which case they may need to contract with a city or county department. In the unfortunate case that government units cannot agree, a private consultant may need to be hired to perform the needed maintenance activities. See Appendix B for a sample maintenance agreement.

Adopt-A-Trail

The Adopt-a-Trail program is an excellent way to help maintain a trail. This program works on a volunteer basis, with common participants being neighborhood organizations, businesses, service clubs, churches or even families. Usually a formal agreement is reached between the trail owner and the volunteer organization. This program is comparable to the Adopt-a-Highway program. Volunteers usually perform the usual clean-up and debris removal, but also perform enhancement projects such as fundraising and landscaping.

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Trail Signage





This plan promotes a trail and bike path way finding system that is consistent throughout Genesee County and is customizable to individual trails.

This signage system was developed for the City of Chicago, and the template for Genesee County.

Each sign should incorporate the three D's

- Distance
- Direction
- Destination

This system fits in with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards.

This signage system is upgradeable and expandable because as a new destination is needed you can simply add it to the sign without printing an entire new sign.

It can be used on streets as well as non-motorized trails.

Trail & Bike Route Signs

Route Sign Placement

- Place every ¼ mile along the trail
- Place after every turn
- Place after every signalized intersection



Trail & Bike Destination Signs

Destination Sign Placement

- Placed at intersecting routes and decision points



Local trail Sign Personalization

Logos for trail or organization can be added above the route marker. This helps with branding the trail and gives recognition to ownership of the trail

Route Sign



Trail names, logos and organizations should be separated from the route and destination signs, but on the same post

Destination Signs



Share the Road Signs

There are locations throughout Genesee County where bike lanes and trails do not exist and the road is used for bicycle travel. Many avid bicyclists will tell you that motorists need to be reminded that cyclists are legitimate users of the road. Being alerted to their presence at high conflict locations can save lives. One easy, quick, and inexpensive way to improve traffic conditions for bicyclists and motorists is a "Share the Road" sign. These are well suited for the beginning and ending points of bike lanes or trails, popular bike routes, or any place where there is conflict between bicyclists and motor vehicles.

"Sharing the road" means that motorists and bicyclists work together to improve our individual and collective on-the-road behavior, in terms of courtesy, cooperation and safety. "Share the Road" signs are just one step in a larger plan to educate motorists and bicyclists on safe and effective ways to coexist, leading ultimately to greater safety for all





Michigan Comprehensive Trail Plan

The Michigan Comprehensive Trail Plan is intended to meet the planning requirements of Public Acts 45 and 46 of 2010, but more importantly, acknowledge Michigan's position as the nation's Trail State. Michigan has an incredible array of trails, developed and maintained by an extensive collaboration among state and local governments, non-profits, foundations and volunteers. This plan provides recommendations on how to improve this system and to ensure the continued benefits of national prominence. While much has been accomplished there are significant opportunities left to address. The coalition that has created and is managing this spectacular trail system must together continue to plan, manage and maintain the system while recognizing the challenges presented by existing funding constraints.

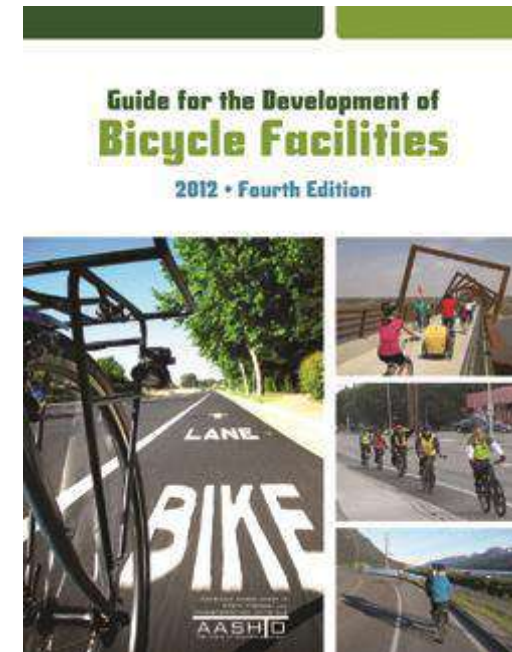


Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 4th edition

This guide provides information on how to accommodate bicycle travel and operations in most riding environments. It is intended to present sound guidelines that result in facilities that meet the needs of bicyclists and other highway users. Sufficient flexibility is permitted to encourage designs that are sensitive to local context and incorporate the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. However, in some sections of this guide, suggested minimum dimensions are provided. These are recommended only where further deviation from desirable values could increase crash frequency or severity.

This guide has been updated from the previous guide referred to as the green book which was published in 1999. The fact that new guidance is presented herein does not imply that existing bicycle facilities are inadequate or unsafe, nor does it mandate the initiation of improvement projects. The intent of this document is to provide guidance to designers and planners by referencing a recommended range of design values and describing alternative design approaches.

Available at AASHTO website www.transportation.org



Michigan Trails Finder

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance is a non-profit organization that fosters and facilitates the creation of an interconnected statewide system of trails and greenways for environmental/cultural preservation purposes. MTGA works at both the state and local levels by assisting public and private interests in trail and greenway planning, funding, development and maintenance. Their website provides a toolkit for trail builders and a trail finder for those interested in locating trails within their region.

www.michigantrails.org



Bay Region Road and Trail Bicycling Guide

The Michigan Department of Transportation and its partners have created a series of multi-county regional maps showing road surface type, traffic volume ranges, paved/unpaved trails with regional significance, recreational facilities, points of interest, plus other facilities and amenities which help make cycling across Michigan an enjoyable tourism experience. Of specific interest to Genesee County is the Bay Region Road and Bicycling Guide.

<http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/>



Online Trail Building Tool-kit

The Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) provides a comprehensive resource center online for trail building, addressing common questions and issues. This searchable tool-kit allows you to view an online library of source documents and fact sheets produced by the RTC, sign up to receive abandonment notices of railroad corridors, connect with trail advocates across the country, view a blog with the latest and greatest in trail development around the world, and contact RTC staff.

More information at: www.railstotrails.org



National Trails Training Partnership

American Trails is a non-profit organization working on behalf of all trail interests in the United States. For over 25 years, American Trails has been a collective voice for a diverse coalition of enthusiasts, professionals, advocates, land managers, conservationists, and friends of the outdoors and livable cities. On their website they provide resources on a variety of trail concepts including trail building, planning, management, advocacy, and more. For more information visit their website at

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/>





Costs for Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements

This report is intended to be a resource for researchers, engineers, planners, and the general public. The report thoroughly examines costs of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements and why bicycle infrastructure is needed. This report was prepared for the Federal Highway Administration and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its Active Living Research program.

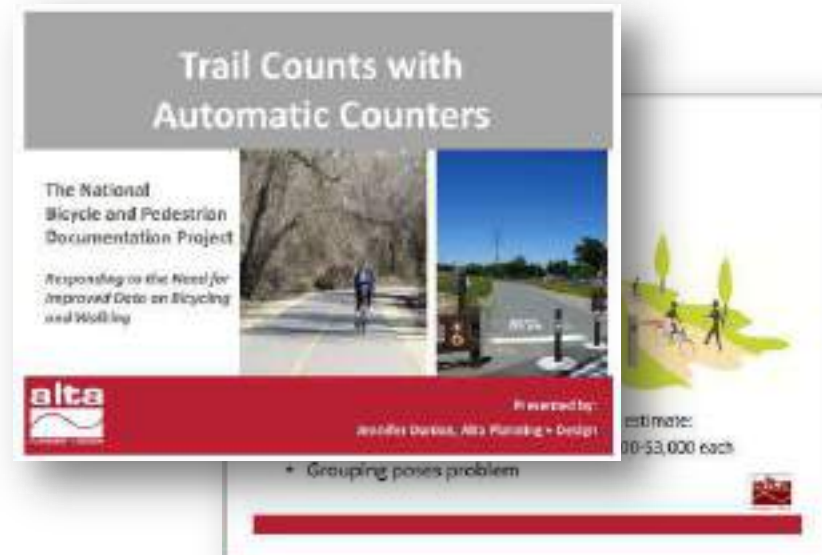
Available at: www.pedbikinfo.org

Trail Counts and Automatic Counters

As a part of the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, Alta planning has created a great resource by providing information about a variety of counting technologies and reasons for tracking trail usage.

More information available at:

<http://bikepeddocumentation.org/>



Smart Growth¹

In communities across the nation, there is a growing concern that current development patterns -- dominated by what some call "sprawl" -- are no longer in the long-term interest of our cities, existing suburbs, small towns, rural communities or wilderness areas. Though supportive of growth, communities are questioning the economic costs of abandoning infrastructure in the city, only to rebuild it further out. Spurring the smart growth movement are demographic shifts, a strong environmental ethic, increased fiscal concerns and more nuanced views of growth. Smart growth also means ensuring connectivity between pedestrian, bike, transit and road facilities.



Ten Principles of Smart Growth

1. Mix land uses
2. Take advantage of compact building design
3. Create range of housing opportunities and choices
4. Create walkable neighborhoods
5. Foster distinctive attractive communities with a strong sense of place
6. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas
7. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices (including non-motorized)
9. Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective
10. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration

¹Smart Growth Online www.smartgrowth.org

Safe Routes to School²

Safe Routes to School is an international movement to make it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for good health. Safe Routes to School initiatives also help ease traffic jams and air pollution, unite neighborhoods and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

Each participating school forms a local team consisting of school administrators, teachers, parents, student leaders, law enforcement officers and other community members who are interested in children's health and safety.

- Today's children are driven to nearly all their activities. In 2009, 13% of children 5 to 14 years of age walked or bicycled to school compared to 48% in 1969.
- 25% of morning traffic is parents driving their students to school creating hazardous conditions in the school yards and increased congestion on our roadways.

Schools in Genesee County currently participating:

Grand Blanc East Middle School, Washington Elementary School, Williams Elementary, Durant Tuuri Mott Elementary School, West Shore Elementary School, Torrey Hill Middle School, and the University of Michigan- Flint (Safe Routes to School and Work)

²Michigan's Safe Routes to School

www.saferoutesmichigan.org



Context Sensitive Solutions

"Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. CSS is an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist."

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

In 2003, former Governor Granholm issued an Executive Directive that requires MDOT to incorporate Context Sensitive Solutions into transportation projects whenever possible. Under CSS, MDOT solicits dialogue with local governments, road commissions, industry groups, land use advocates and state agencies early in a project's planning phase. This dialogue helps to ensure that bridges, interchanges, bike paths and other transportation projects "fit" into their communities. The CSS approach results in projects that respect a community's scenic, aesthetic, historic, economic and environmental character.

Principles of Context Sensitive Solutions:

- Incorporate early and continuous public involvement, consistent with project scope
- Utilize effective decision making
- Reflect community values
- Achieve environmental sensitivity and stewardship
- Ensure safe and feasible integrated solutions; and
- Protect scenic resources and achieve aesthetically pleasing solutions

Michigan Department of Transportation, Context Sensitive Solutions (www.michigan.gov/mdot)

Connecting Michigan: A Statewide Trailways

Vision and Action Plan⁵

Connecting Michigan is a proactive and broad-based initiative to identify and address the critical issues that are impeding Michigan's progress on developing a statewide interconnected system of trailways and greenways. The Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance (MGTA) has lead this effort. They are a non-profit organization that fosters and facilitates the creation of an interconnected statewide system of trails and greenways for recreation, health, transportation, economic development and environmental/cultural preservation purposes. Connecting Michigan has engaged stakeholders at national, state, regional, and local levels in a process to investigate and define the critical issues, develop goals, and formulate action plans to improve state and local policies and programs



for supporting trailways. Connecting Michigan includes a history of trailways in Michigan, studies and action plans, implementation strategies and information resources. Connecting Michigan Action Plans focus on the following:

- Trailway Funding
- Database and Website
- Property Issues
- Trails Usage
- On-Road Connections
- Building Trailways Support
- Overcoming Boundaries
- Coordinating Resources
- Multi-Use Trails and Design
- Trails in a Statewide Context

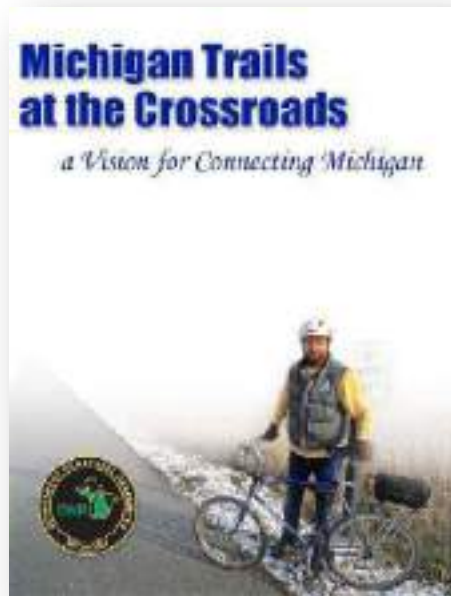
Michigan Trails at the Crossroads: A Vision for Connecting Michigan

"The future I see for Michigan is one where access to trails and recreation is available for everyone."

--Governor

Jennifer M.
Granholm

On July 18, 2006, former Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the state will work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust fund to link Michigan's trail system by building new trails and upgrading existing trails throughout the state. This initiative, to achieve an interconnected statewide system of trails, will take the coordination of many state agencies and local trail partners. Michigan Trails at the Crossroads outlines some of the partnerships and funding mechanisms that can help create a vibrant statewide trail system.



A copy of the document can be obtained at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/DNR_Trail_Report2-6-07_188399_7.pdf

Trails for the Twenty-First Century: Planning, Design, and Management Manual for Multi-Use Trails

A must-have for any trail planner, Comprehensive Guide to Building Trails provides a wealth of information from identifying stakeholders, land ownership issues, economic development factors, site considerations, environmental issues, design standards, funding, signage and much more. It is available from the Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) and can be purchased from their website at www.railstrails.org.



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Next Steps



Source: www.seattletimes.com

Further Trail Research

The information provided in Chapter 3 of this plan gives a general view of the future trail system in Genesee County. In order to move from trails marked on a map to trails on the ground, further research will be needed into the potential trail connections.



Trail Usage

Trail usage is an important component that is currently not being tracked or counted in Genesee County. According to the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project there are many reasons to count trail users and various technologies available:

- Evaluate need for new trails and trail upgrades
- Evaluate community demand
- Explain trail value to community, elected officials, grant agencies
- Justify resource allocation
- Forecast demand
- Support grant applications

Count Technologies

Passive Infrared	Detects change in thermal contrast
Active Infrared	Detects obstruction in beam
Video Imaging	Analyzes pixel changes or Data is played by and analyzed by a person
In-Pavement Magnetic Loop	Sense change in magnetic field as metal passes over
Slab Sensor	Detects change in pressure to measure footsteps

Source: The National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project



Site Visits and Field Study

Each trail will need site visits to determine site specific issues and design elements. Some of the elements to consider in site visits and initial design phases are outlined below:

- Type of users
- Surface type
- Grade/elevation changes
- Rivers, creeks or drain crossings
- Road/driveway crossings
- Scenic view areas
- Wetlands
- Environmental Hazards
- Historical Sites
- Trailheads and Parking Areas
- Restrooms
- Benches
- Shelters and Picnic Areas
- Wildlife habitat areas
- Landscaping
- Adjacent land uses
- Lighting

Field study becomes the background for a feasibility study.

Feasibility Study

Feasibility studies are done to provide detailed information on the applicability of a trail to be built and provide information necessary to complete a project application for funding from state or federal sources. Feasibility studies include an analysis of the route, and inventory of land use/ ownership along the route, issues and concerns, detailed maps, as well as recommendations.

Title Searches and Right-of-Ways

In projects that involve privately held property, especially abandoned railroads, title searches are necessary to determine land ownership. There are title search companies in the area that can do a title search on railroad property or other properties.

Application for Funding

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission could provide assistance in putting together applications for funding from state, federal and local sources. The applicant must be a local road agency or municipality.

Environmental Issues

In trail projects that involve former industrial land or railroad property, a phase I environmental site assessment is needed. If the site is found to have a high risk of contamination, a phase II environmental site assessment is recommended. If after the phase II contamination is found to exist, site remediation of the contamination is required to make the property safe for public use. Brownfield redevelopment grants and loans are available to help with the costs of this process. The Genesee County Land Bank Authority can be of assistance to local trail groups interested in working on these types of projects.

If the proposed trail crosses a wetland, a wetlands permit may be needed and consultation is necessary with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Trails may be feasible in wetlands by putting in a boardwalk or bridge

Public Involvement

Trail planners and advocates will need to meet with adjacent landowners early on in the process to explain the project and listen to landowners concerns. Other key stakeholders should also be informed of the project.



GCMPC Outreach and Education

- Develop and distribute educational materials (maps, brochures, trail safety info, benefits of trails) for display at community events and trail meetings
- Provide technical support for local trail projects in planning, educating residents, outlining steps to a successful trail project, attending public meetings to gain support for a trail project.
- Promotion of trails through local media outlets (TV, newspaper, events).
- Collaborate with other similar initiatives (Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance-Statewide trail Planning Partnership, national Parks Service Technical Assistance Program and GLS greenlinks) to share resources and build on each other's experience to implement each program's strategies concurrently.

Transit and Trailways

- Incorporate fixed route transit stops into the trail network wherever feasible.

Trail Priority Implementation

- Follow up with trail groups regularly on their progress.
- Attend city and township meetings, as needed, for local support on projects and provide

presentations on trail implementation plans as need.

- Provide necessary link between local jurisdictions working on a priority trail project and state departments, bringing state and federal resources to the projects.
- Door to door informational assistance to residents and property owners along a potential trail to educate them and build support for the project.

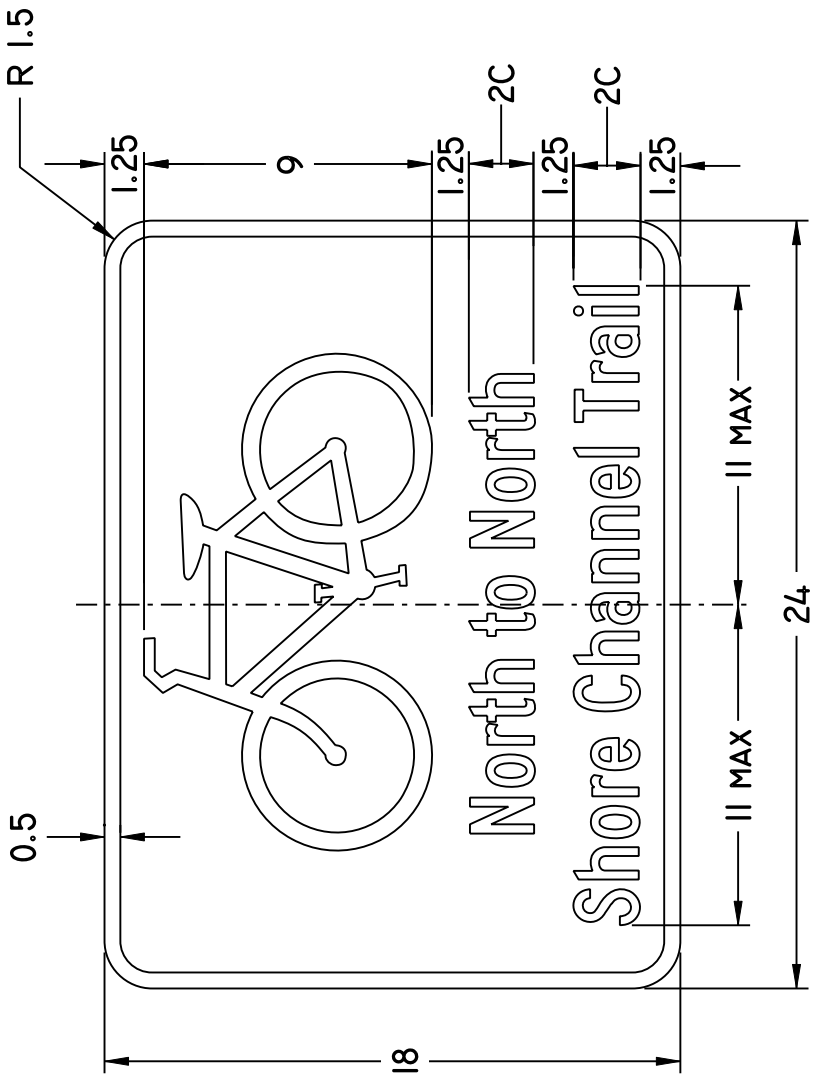
Policy Changes

- Work towards the adoption of a comprehensive non-motorized policy for Genesee County.
- 2014 Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan adopted by local units of government and local transit and road agencies.

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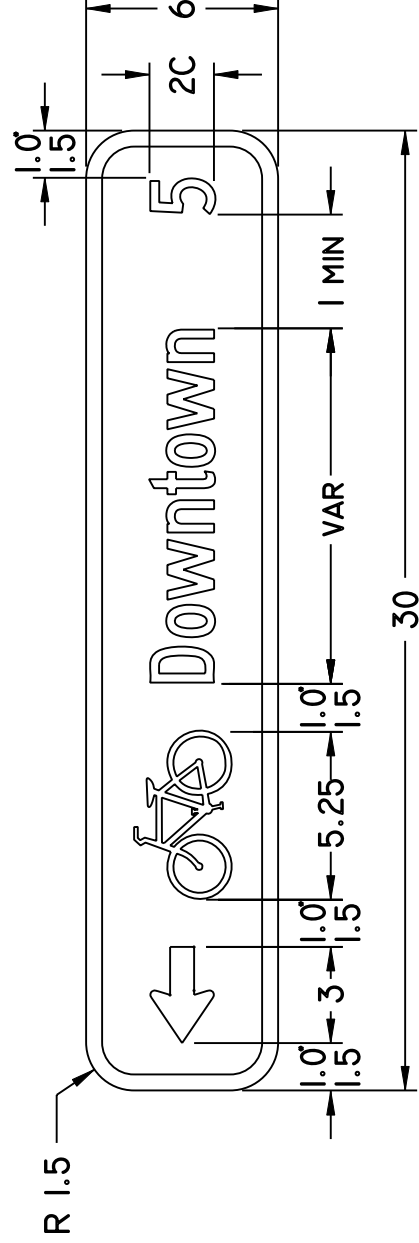
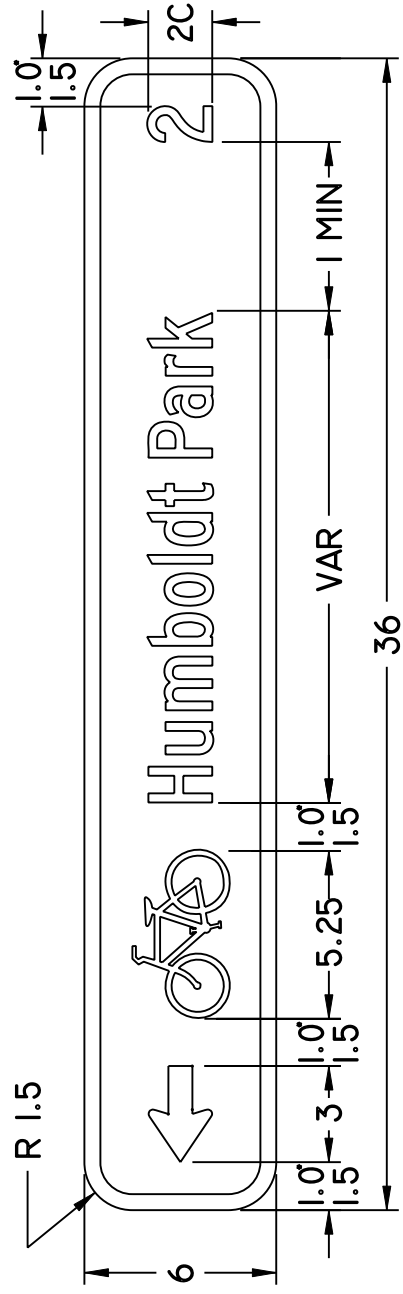
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Sample Maintenance Agreement

Sample Maintenance Agreement:

AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING
LONG-TERM CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS IN GREENE COUNTY, OHIO

This agreement, made the 15 day of November, 2001 between the City of Xenia, City of Beavercreek, Beavercreek Township, Greene County Park District, City of Fairborn, Village of Yellow Springs, Village of Cedarville, Greene County Engineer (hereinafter "participants") and the Board of Greene County Commissioners through the Greene County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Arts Department, as agent for the Board of Greene County Commissioners and trail management agency (hereinafter "the County"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Section 307.15 of the Ohio Revised Code states, in part....

"The board of county commissioners may enter into an agreement with the legislative authority of any municipal corporation, township, ... park district ..., or authorities may enter into agreements with the board, whereby such board undertakes and is authorized by the contracting subdivision to exercise any power, perform any function or render any service, on behalf of the contracting subdivision or its legislative authority..." and

WHEREAS, a Trail Management Agreement was entered into to facilitate the maintenance, management and improvement of the trails in Greene County, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the County has established a special fund to receive moneys for the maintenance and management of the trails, and

WHEREAS, the trails contain occupations of public utilities, communications and various other occupations for which fees may be paid.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE RECITALS AND IN SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT CONSIDERATION OF THE PROMISES SET FORTH BELOW, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Participant agrees to deposit all current and future moneys derived from rents and/or occupations into the fund established by the Greene County Auditor and Administered by the Board of Greene County Commissioners to provide for the long-term care and maintenance of the trails.
2. Participants will sign necessary consent legislation as required to permit the Board of Greene County Commissioners to utilize these funds for the long-term care and maintenance of the trails.
3. Long-term care and maintenance shall be defined as replacement of trees, shrubs, signs and other trail amenities, planting of additional trees and shrubs, the addition of supplemental signage and fencing, sealcoating, repaving and restriping and other maintenance and amenities that provide for the safety, enjoyment and benefit of trail users.
4. The Trail Manager, as agent for the County, will provide cost estimates to participants, in advance of any proposed expenditure, along with a benefit analysis by jurisdiction of the work to be performed. Proposed projects for improvements or maintenance will be submitted to the management committee for approval in advance of the work being performed. The trail manager will develop bid specifications and contracts as required for the conduct of all work under the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code for such work. Expenditures from the Trail Management Fund will be approved annually by the Trail Management Committee and the Greene County Board of Commissioners.
5. Specific infrastructure repairs and requests for additional services, not covered by this agreement are the responsibility of the local jurisdiction, unless agreed to unanimously by all other participants.
6. This Agreement is contingent upon approval and authorization by all parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Xenia, City of Beaver creek, City of Fairborn, Village of Yellow Springs, Village of Cedarville, Beaver creek Township, Greene County Engineer, Greene County Park District, Board of Park District Commissioners and Board of County Commissioners of Greene County, Ohio enter into this Agreement for the Long- Term Care and Maintenance of Trails within Greene County, Ohio.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
for
GREENE COUNTY GREENEWAYS

WHEREAS, the following jurisdictions have participated in ownerships, planning and developing of recreational trails in Greene County, Ohio, hereafter known as GreeneWays, and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Arts Department has taken the responsibility and lead in the construction and management of the trails as an agent of the Greene County Commission, and

WHEREAS, the initiating agreement organizing and maintaining the GreeneWays expires on September 14, 2000

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the City of Beavercreek, City of Fairborn, City of Xenia, Beavercreek Township, Village of Cedarville, Village of Yellow Springs, and the Greene County Park District and Greene County enter into this five-year renewable agreement for management of 50.78 miles of trail (Greene Ways) corridors, plus connecting spurs, as documented September 1999 with the county-wide Trails Maps and any approved additions by the Greene County Commissioners and the GCRPCA; effective September 15, 2000 through September 14, 2005 with annual renewal beyond the termination date being automatic unless acted upon otherwise by the parties listed.

Any jurisdictions who violate either the management agreement or the policies of Greene County GreeneWays may be subject to fines for recovery of damages to the trails and/or loss of voting status on the Management Committee.

Prior agreements entered into for the planning and development of trails between the Greene County Park District and The Federal Highway Administration remain in effect and on file with the Greene County Parks office.

Prior management agreements among jurisdiction nullified by this agreement, and this agreement supersedes all previous agreements for the administration, management, maintenance and patrol of trails.

I. Administration

- A. Administration of the GreeneWays corridors will be the responsibility of the Board of Greene County Commissioners using their agents: Greene County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Department; and the Greene County Park District.
- B. A Management Committee of representatives from the participating jurisdictions shall discuss and decide future use of the corridors, including utilities and occupations, and will establish policies affecting the trails. This Committee will meet on a quarterly basis at minimum. Special meetings may be called as needed. Actions concerning Greene County GreeneWays will be regulated by a separate policy handbook, which will be the responsibility of the Management Committee.
- C. The Management Committee consists of the following representatives:
Greene County Administrator
Greene County Board of Park District Commissioners, President
Greene County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Department, Director
Greene County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Department, Trail Manager
City of Xenia, City Manager
City of Beavercreek, City Manager
City of Fairborn, City Manager
Beavercreek Township Trustees
Village of Yellow Springs, Village Manager
Village of Cedarville, Mayor
These individuals or their designees shall serve and meet as indicated.
- D. Business may be enacted by a majority vote of members present at a regularly called meeting or special meeting.
- E. Future jurisdictions, or additional acquisitions for proposed trail corridors, wishing to participate in GreeneWays and be included on the committee must petition for membership and receive a majority vote of the Management Committee.
- F. Regular Operations of the GreeneWays shall be governed by the Policy Manual.

II. Maintenance

A. Maintenance of GreeneWays shall be the responsibility of the Greene County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Department.

Greene Ways Corridors within the agreement include:

<u>Trail/Bikeway</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Creekside Trail	City of Xenia	6.728
	City of Beavercreek	4.891
	Greene County	.50
	Beavercreek Township	<u>2.520</u>
	TOTAL CREEKSIDE TRAIL	14.639
Little Miami Scenic Trail	City of Xenia	3.74
	Greene County Park District	3.87
	Village of Yellow Springs	<u>3.95</u>
	TOTAL LMST	11.56
Ohio to Erie Trail	City of Xenia	4.213
	Greene County Park District	1.825
	Village of Cedarville	<u>3.088</u>
	TOTAL OET	9.128
Kauffman Avenue Bikeway	Greene County	.77
	City of Fairborn	<u>3.62</u>
	TOTAL KAB	4.39
Jamestown Connector	City of Xenia (unpaved)	3.45
	Greene County (unpaved)	6.04
	Greene County (paved)	<u>1.57</u>
	TOTAL JAMESTOWN-CON	11.06

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Appendix

Public Input

Genesee County Regional Trails Review Workshop

Genesee County Regional Trails Review Workshop

Tuesday
May 13, 2014

Agenda

- 2:30 - 2:40 Introduction
- 2:40 - 2:50 Overview of
Inventory Map
- 2:50 - 3:40 Group Activity
- 3:40 - 4:00 Groups Report
- 4:00 - 4:30 Conclusions

Workshop Purpose

Although great strides have been made to ensure the accuracy of our trail network inventory, workshop attendees will be asked to review maps of existing and proposed trails, noting any existing trails that have been missed, and making suggestions regarding potential trails.

Workshop Activity

We realize that regional trail priorities for potential trail locations may have changed since the last regional trail plan was developed; therefore participants will work in groups of 4-8 people to discuss and review the potential trail network. This activity will specifically focus on potential revisions, additions, and/or deletions to the proposed trail network.

Please RSVP Online or by Phone by May 9th:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y8QXP8Z>

(810) 257-3010



Location

**MTA Transportation
Authority**
1401 S. Dort Highway
Flint, MI 48503

Next Steps

Once we have a clearly defined existing, potential, and proposed trail network inventory the next step will be to prioritize these trails. On May 22nd a Regional Trail Prioritization will take place at the MTA Transportation Authority in order to guide development and funding for the future.



Genesee County Regional Trails Review Workshop

Sign In

Tuesday
May 13, 2014

2:30 - 4:30

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	Baughen, Corle	Disability Network
	Bontroger, Conrad	Goodwill Industries Of Mid-Michigan Inc
X	Burger, Jennifer	Crim Fitness Foundation
A	Cale, Robert	Argentine Township
X	Dietz, Kelley	
X	Dunfield, Denny	Southern Lakes Trail Group/Al Serra Chev
	Dunn, Jim	
	Elbing, Lauri	
✓	Fedio, Kid Black	
	Fleury, Louis	ROWE

✓	Fuller, Dale	Friends of the Southern Link Trailway
X	Holaty-Zembo, Laureen	Crim Fitness Foundation
X	Johnson, Paulette	Walk, Bike, Run Committee
X	June, Barry	Genesee County Parks & Rec
X	Kautman-Jones, Shirley	Atlas Township
X	Kidd, Gary	Disability Network
✓	Klocak, Ron	Friends of Southern Link Trailway
	Lossing, David	City of Linden
X	McMillian, Amy	Genesee County Parks & Rec
	Mathis, Bonnie	Tenton Township
X	Miller, Karen	Davison Township
X	Perkins, Patti	Grand Traverse District Trail Assoc
X	Phaneuf, Heidi	Genesee County Land Bank
X	Ralston, Linda	

X	Ralston, Tom	
X	Rash, Joel	Red Ink Flint/No Child Left On-Line youth group
X	Roach, Theresa	Crim Fitness Foundation
X	Ross, Charlie	City of Linden
	Rybarczyk, Greg	UM-Flint
X	Say, Wayne	
✓	Behaffer, Jim Chaffer	Friends of Southern Link Trailway
✓	Schroeder, Kevin Vincent Stacey	City of Flint
✓	Schultz, Doug	Consultant
✓	Severn, Sondra	Flint River Watershed Coalition
✓	Skutt, Jennifer	Mass Transportation Authority
✓	Slattery, Bob <i>Bob Slattery</i>	Friends of Trolley Line Trail/GCRC
✓	Stick, Ron	Cyclefit Sport/Fenton Community Fund

	Steere, Skye	Kettering University
	Strozler, Blake	ROWE
✓	Virklor, Glingor	
✓	Virkler, Klm	
✓	Waltes, Mark	Genesee County Master Gardners Trolley Line
✓ 25	Walker, Ann	Southern Lakes Trail Coalition/B king Bunch from Loose SC
	West, Karen	Keep Genesee County Beautiful
	Wheatley, Jack	ROWE PSC
✓	Wiederhold, Eric	City of Clio
✓	Wyatt, Tom	Genesee Habitat for Humanity
✓	Fortney, Dimer	GCMPC
✓	Mauer, Jacob	GCMPC
✓	Bradshaw Paul	GCMPC

	Name	Organization
✓	LUKASATZ, Victor	Southwest Lake Hills Coalition
✓	Whalen, Mark	
✓	Lindy Smith	
✓	Cade Sosa	U-M - Flint
✓	Dwain Dunford	

Genesee County Regional Trails Review Workshop Pictures

May 13, 2014



Genesee County Regional Trails Prioritization Meeting

Genesee County Regional Trail Prioritization Meeting

Thursday
May 22, 2014

Agenda

- 2:30 - 2:40 Introductions
- 2:40 - 2:50 Presentation – GCMPC
- 2:50 - 3:00 Signage Presentation – SAGE
- 3:00 - 4:00 Prioritization Activity
- 4:00 - 4:30 Conclusions

Location

MTA Transportation Authority
1401 S. Dort Highway
Flint, MI 48503



Genesee County Regional Trail Prioritization Meeting

Thursday
May 22, 2014

Sign In

2:30 - 4:30

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✓	Assenmacher, Matt	inspiration:shelby
	Baughen, Carrie	Disability Network
✓	Bolen, Jan	Atlas trip
	Bontrager, Conrad	Goodwill Industries Of Mid-Michigan Inc
X	Burger, Jennifer	Crim Fitness Foundation
	Cole, Robert	Argentine Township
X	Dietz, Kelley	
X	Dunfield, Denny	Southern Lakes Trail Group/Al Serra Chev
	Dunn, Jim	
	Elbing, Lauri	

	McMillian, Amy	Genesee County Parks & Rec
	Mathis, Bonnie	Fenton Township
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	Wiederhold, Eric	City of Clio
	Wyatt, Tom	Genesee Habitat for Humanity
✓	Victor LUKASVITZ	Southern Lakes Trail Coalition
✓	Dennis [unclear]	Southern Lakes Trail Coalition
✓	Linda Lubanski	Southern Lakes C.
✓	JOHN STANLEY	MILLINGTON M.
✓	Susan Calandra	
✓	Tom Broecker	Fenton Twp.
✓	Daniel Loring	City of Clio
	Tom Broecker	
	Tom Broecker	

✓ Doug McAbey

✓ Ben Cox

FENTON

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X	Lassing, David	City of Linden

	Schronce, Kevin	City of Flint
	Schultz, Doug	Consultant
	Severn, Sandra	Flint River Watershed Coalition
	Seymour, Cheryl	mother of 5 student
	Skutt, Jennifer	Mass Transportation Authority
✓	Slattery, Bob	Friends of Trolley Line Trail/GCRC
✓	Stack, Rebecca	SLTC
✓	Stack, Ron	Cyclefit Sport/Fenton Community Fund
	Steere, Skye	Kettering University
	Strozier, Blake	ROWE
	Virkler, Ginger	
✗	Virkler, Kim	
	Waites, Mark	Genesee County Master Gardners Trolley Line

Susan ~~Spaw~~ CYCLEFIT/Genesee

✓	Phillips Rose	SOUTHERN LAKES TRAIL
✓	Shelly Hulscout	
✓	Cory Stange	
✓	Tracey Dawson	Southern Lakes Trail
✓	Shelley Berry	Southern Lakes Trail
✓	Theresa Beach	Crim
✓	Pat Lockwood	Fenton
✓	Pati Zieske	Southern Lakes Trail

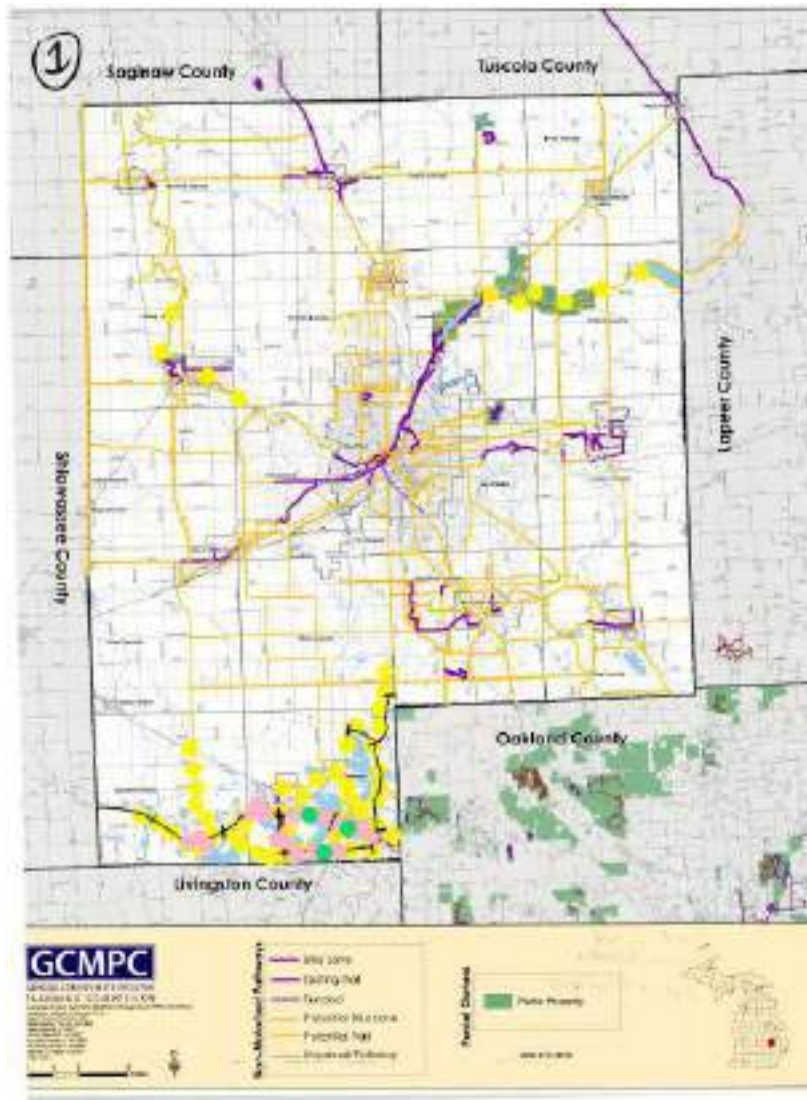
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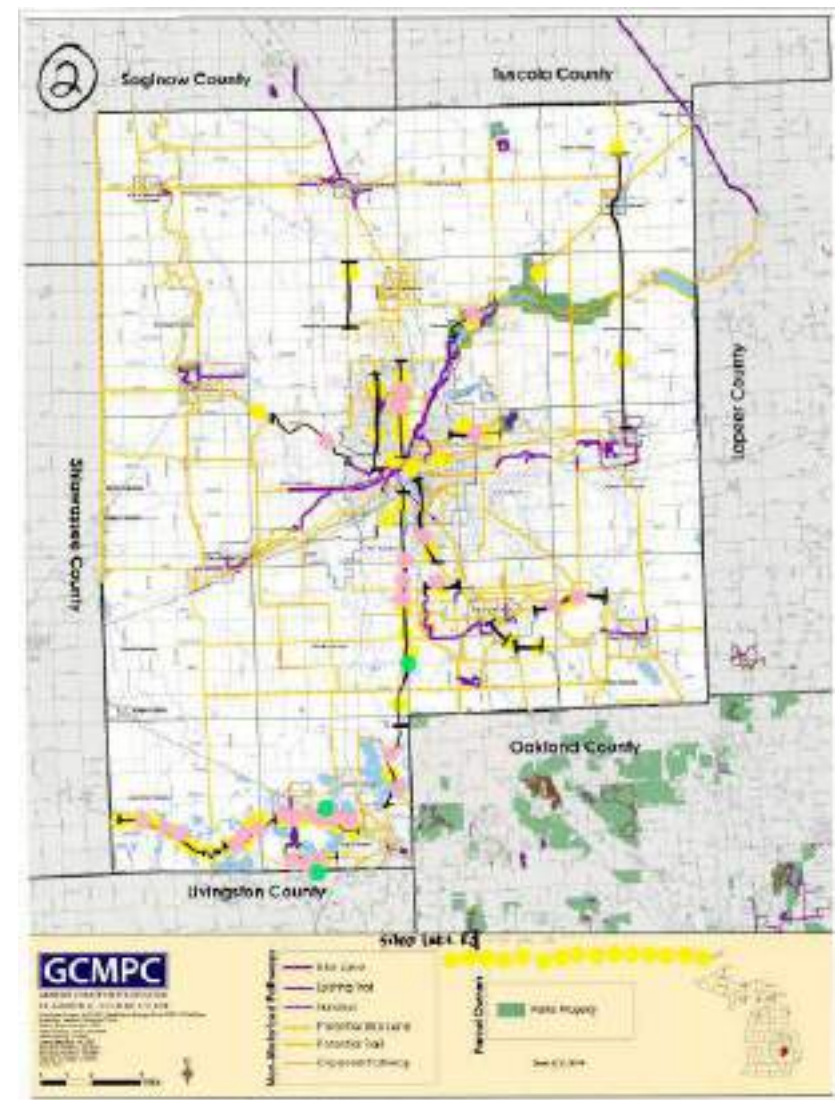
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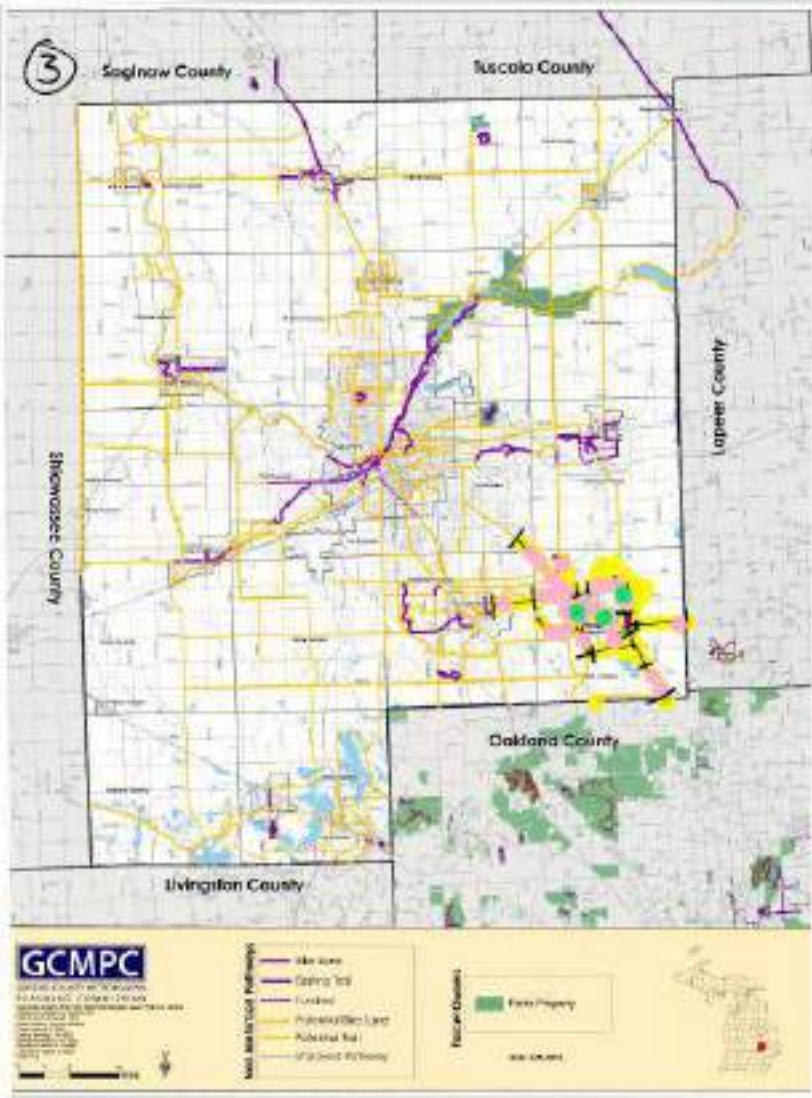
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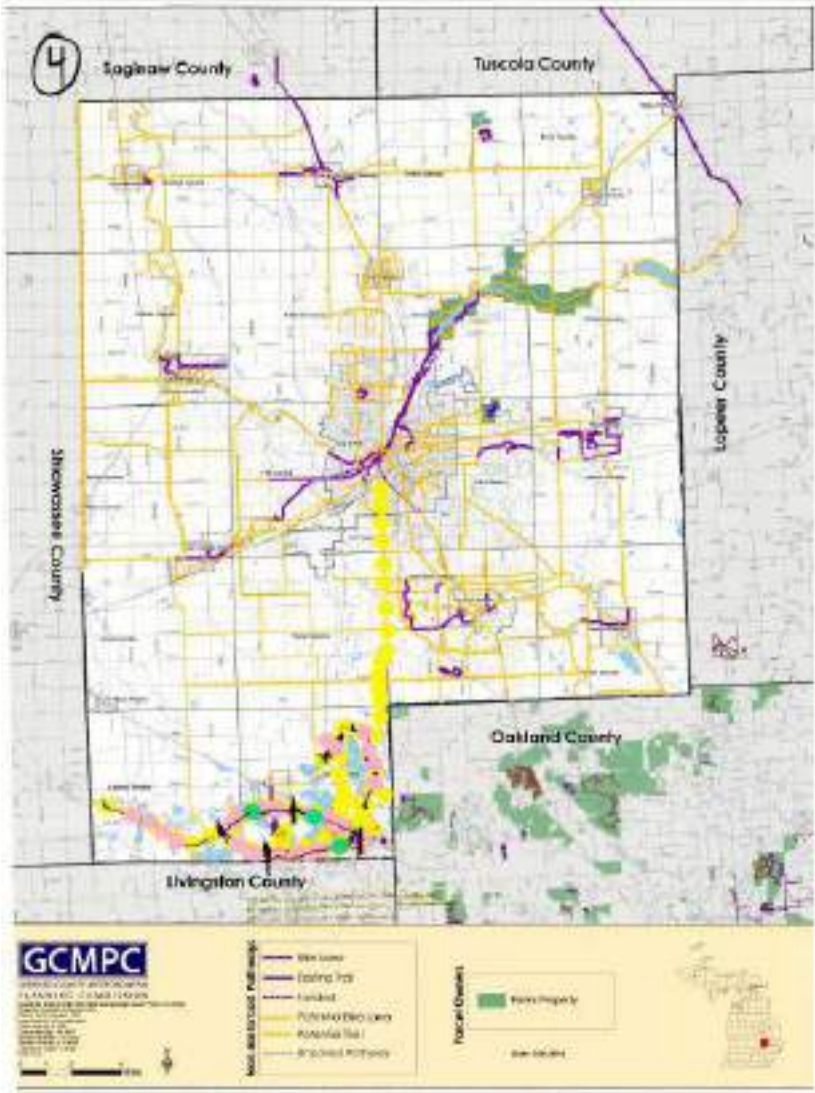
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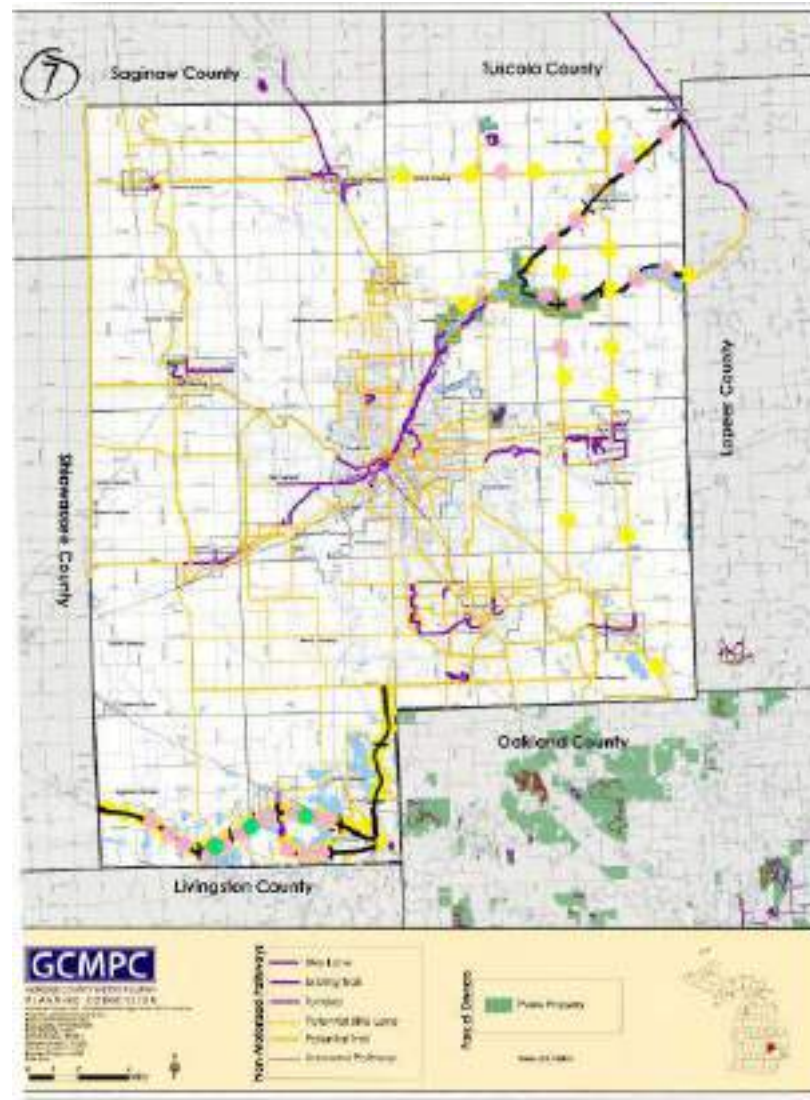
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Group 4



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Genesee County Regional Trail Prioritization Meeting Pictures

May 22, 2014



Water Trail Discussion

Water Trail Discussion July 1, 2014

Name	Organization
SUSAN JULIAN	HEADWATERS TRAILS
Bob	ARKENTINE
Maggie Gorman	Keepers of Shinn
KELLY DIETZ	Keepers of Shinn
Derek Bradshaw	GCMPC
ANN McMillan	G.C. Parks
Rebecca Fedewa	FRWC
Lynn Markland	City of Fenton
Brad Jacob	city of fenton
Dan Lossing	City of Linden
PAUL NOTENWAY	FRIENDS OF THE SHANNASSEE RIVER

Water Trail Discussion July 1, 2014

Name	Organization
Jacob Maurer	GCMPC
Nancy Muffley	Shuttle Lake Parks & Recreation
Vince Paris	" " " "
Robin Baker	SLPR



Water Trail Discussion

July 1, 2014



Long Range Transportation Plan Approval



ROOM 223 - 1101 BEACH STREET

FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502-1470

TELEPHONE (810) 257-3010 FAX (810) 257-3165

January 23, 2015

Ms. Pamela Boyd, Supervisor
Statewide Planning Section
P.O. Box 30050
Lansing, MI 48909

SUBJECT: 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Ms. Boyd:

At a duly constituted meeting held on January 21, 2015 the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance, in its capacity as the Policy Committee for the Flint-Genesee County Urbanized Area, took the following action regarding the proposed 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Action taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, supported by Mr. Johnson, to approve the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan by a Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (810) 257-3010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Nordberg", written over a horizontal line.

Jason Nordberg, Principal Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

cc: Andrea Dewey

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GENESEE COUNTY 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) is the designated policy committee and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Flint-Genesee County Transportation Planning Study Area, and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan which is required by both the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan has been developed pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303, and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan has been developed pursuant to the current federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan must be updated at least every four years to confirm its validity and consistency with current and forecast trends, and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan has a planning horizon of at least 20 years, and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan includes a fiscal analysis that identifies sources of anticipated revenue and demonstrates how the transportation system will be operated and maintained and how identified projects will be funded and thus is financially constrained, and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan was developed with the opportunity for public input and comment as specified in the Genesee County Public Participation Plan, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approves the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan on January 21, 2015.



Robert Johnson, Chairperson
Metropolitan Alliance

DATE: 1-22-15

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Appendix

Comments

Kelley, Shane

From: Burchell, Linda (MDOT) <BurchellL@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 4:01 PM
To: Kelley, Shane
Subject: RE: non motorized comment

Comments regarding draft non-motorized plan – in particular any proposed (preferred) associated with the freeways and/or limited access

- Burton
 - o There is an existing pedestrian structure crossing I-69 east of Red Bay Road.
 - o An additional freeway crossing one mile west at Genesee Road is not likely – consolidate with Flint and Davison Township
 - o Trails adjacent to freeway (i.e. I-69) tend to have difficulty maintaining by Locals (limited access right of way). Not recommended. Existing??
- Clayton Township and Lennon
 - o The M-13 crossing at I-69 should not be a preferred crossing location – all of the ramp movements associated with the interchange makes for a difficult/dangerous place to incorporate pedestrians and bicyclists
 - The proposed Seymour Road crossing of I-69 is far more practical than the M-13 location.
 - Nichols Road could be another option instead of Seymour Road– which would give more separation from Swartz Creek's proposed Elms Road crossing and bring it closer to M-13 (for in lieu of).
 - o Two I-69 crossings in Clayton Township is not realistic.
- Davison Township and Davison
 - o There is already the I-69 crossing at Irish Road.
 - o Additional crossings at Lapeer Road and M-15 are not practical
 - Consider something further east -- Oak Rd? Could tie back into M-15 south of the freeway via Lippincott and/or Montague.
 - o Where is the meandering proposed trail to the west going? I-69 limited access right of way? Why not connect with Burton via Court St?
- Fenton, Linden & Fenton Township
 - o US-23 crossings at Lahring Road (interchange), Torrey Road, Silver Lake Road (interchange), and Owen Road (interchange)???? Highly unlikely
 - Too many
 - Interchanges traffic with ramp movements make for a non-desirable place for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - Reduce and consider different non-interchange crossing locations.
- Flint
 - o Maps are too busy to see preferred corridors
 - o Specify I-475 and I-69 preferences.
- Flint Township
 - o Flint River crossing at I-75 could be a hydraulic/flood plain concern. Might want to consider Flushing Road or Beecher Road
- Gainer Township and Swartz Creek
 - o See comments from Clayton Township regarding M-13/I-69 crossing
 - o Must consolidate proposed Swartz Creek I-69 crossings
 - Seymour Road, Elms Road, Miller Road, and West Branch of Swartz Creek completely not realistic
- Genesee Township

- o Carpenter Road/I-475 crossing may need adjustment in coordination with unreadable Flint plan
- Grand Blanc and Grand Blanc Township
 - o Trails adjacent to freeway (i.e. I-75, I-475) tend to have difficulty maintaining by Locals (limited access right of way). Not recommended.
 - o I-75 crossings at Fenton Road, Grand Blanc Road, Cook Road, Holly Road (interchange), and Baldwin Road??? Highly unlikely.
 - Too many
 - Interchanges traffic with ramp movements make for a non-desirable place for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - Reduce and consider different non-interchange crossing locations.
 - o I-475 crossings at Maple Road, Hill Road (interchange) and Reid Road??? Highly unlikely.
 - Too many
 - Interchanges traffic with ramp movements make for a non-desirable place for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - Reduce and consider different non-interchange crossing locations.
- Mt Morris & Mt Morris Township
 - o In 2016, MDOT will be removing the existing pedestrian structure over I-475 between Detroit Street and Saginaw Road
 - Mitigation will include sidewalk crossing under I-475 at Detroit Street – preferred option over crossing at Saginaw Street interchange
 - Public meeting was on June 2, 2014
 - o Trails adjacent to freeway (i.e. I-475) tend to have difficulty maintaining by Locals (limited access right of way). Not recommended.
- Mundy Township
 - o I-75 crossings at Hill Road, Fenton Road, and Grand Blanc Road??? Highly unlikely.
 - Too many. Reduce.
 - Coordinate consolidating I-75 crossings with Grand Blanc Township
 - o US-23 crossings at Hill Road (interchange), Grand Blanc Road (interchange), and Baldwin Road??? Highly unlikely.
 - Too many
 - Interchanges traffic with ramp movements make for a non-desirable place for pedestrians and bicyclists
 - Reduce and consider different non-interchange crossing locations
 - Coordinate consolidating US-23 crossings with Fenton Township
- Vienna Township
 - o What is the crossing of I-75 between Lake Road and Farrand Road?

Linda

From: Kelley, Shane [mailto:SKelley@co.genesee.mi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 8:06 AM
To: Burchell, Linda (MDOT)
Subject: RE: non motorized comment

Linda,

Thank you for bringing that to my attention.

All the best,

Shane Kelley, Partner
 Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
 1101 Beach Street, Room 223

Flint MI 48502
Phone: (810) 766-6572
Fax: (810) 257-3185

From: Burchell, Linda (MDOT) [<mailto:BurchellL@miichigan.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 5:31 PM
To: Kelley, Shane
Subject: non motorized comment

On page 58 of the draft NM plan, the Irish Road path shows as potential. It has been constructed. It ties into the existing trail that runs adjacent to Irish Road under I-69 and continues north to just south of the railroad tracks at the Davison Township Offices where it ties into the trail at the back of their property that heads toward the east.

Linda Burchell, P.E.
MDOT - Davison TSC Manager
Office: (810) 653-7470
Cell: (989) 737-5715

From: [Administration](#)
To: [Maurer, Jacob](#)
Cc: [Brad](#); [Dennis Bow](#)
Subject: TRAIL EXPANSION
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:17:27 PM

Greetings Jacob,

During our conversation today, you indicated that the Genesee County Planning Commission is considering upgrading a pedestrian trail in Flushing on the project list. This project, that I understand to be referred to as the Cole Creek trail expansion, has been a desired development for several years. It is my understanding that the previous city manager had worked diligently in efforts to obtain property and easement rights for the project. Although we don't have any funding currently allocated, I know this community is highly supportive of our current trail, and would support an expansion to any extent possible. I would therefore endorse having this project moved to a higher priority level.

Regards,

Mark R. Hoornstra
Police Chief/Interim City Manager
City of Flushing



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APPENDIX L: POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

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GRANT TYPE:
(Please select one)

☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE

☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

☐ RECREATION PASSPORT

☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01686

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Creasey Bicentennial Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop soccer fields, pathways, pavilion and parking

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)

Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation

Contact Person

Patrick Linihan

Title

Director

Address

5371 S. Saginaw Street

Telephone

810-424-2774

City, State, ZIP

Grand Blanc, Michigan

Email

linihan@gbtgov.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

No change to the current facilities.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

All projects must comply with 2012-12-15-2012. These rules determine the rules and regulations for the City of Grand Blanc. Please see the rules and regulations for the City of Grand Blanc. 2012-12-15-2012.

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Facilities are checked daily, cleaned and any repairs done as warranted.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Pavilions and sports fields are available for rental. When not rented they are available first come, first serve. See below.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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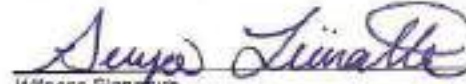
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☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT NUMBER: TF97-209 **PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Bicentennial Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 59 additional acres of property

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation	Contact Person Patrick Linihan	Title Director
Address 5371 S. Saginaw Street	Telephone 810-424-2774	
City, State, ZIP Grand Blanc, Michigan	Email linihan@gbtgov.com	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). ☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.
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☐ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Pavilions and sports fields are available for rental. When not rented they are available first come, first serve. See below.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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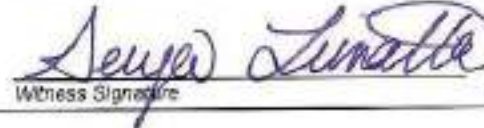
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☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-059 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bicentennial Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop little league baseball fields and parking lot lighting.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation	Contact Person Patrick Linihan	Title Director
Address 5371 S. Saginaw Street	Telephone 810-424-2774	
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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please describe change(s).

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.
Facilities are checked daily, cleaned and any repairs done as warranted.

☒ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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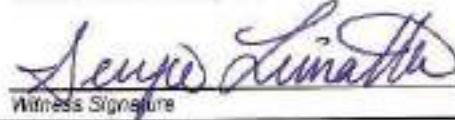
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GRANTEE: Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00872 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bicentennial Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop access road, parking fence, tennis courts, and ballfields.

Name of Agency (Grantee) Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation	Contact Person Patrick Linihan	Title Director
Address 5371 S. Saginaw Street	Telephone 810-424-2774	
City, State, ZIP Grand Blanc, Michigan	Email linihan@gbtgov.com	

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). ☒ Yes ☐ No

^a The Tenthus department had been restructured from a multi-department that included individual pre-reformations/library, & their names and email addresses have been added.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Call where lower insulator mounted 20-25-40 5 000. Tapset was submitted not to be a complete parallel (air) system. Italian. Please see above in correspondence with the Ito. Cerebellum (vol. 4/11/2002)

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

*Double-Clutch transmission was a new option and replaced with a six-speed manual transmission. See dealer for details and restrictions.

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.
Facilities are checked daily, cleaned and any repairs done as warranted.

☒ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
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☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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8AM-Sunset

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☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00748

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Bicentennial Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 147 acres of property in Grand Blanc Twp.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation	Contact Person Patrick Linihan	Title Director
Address 5371 S. Saginaw Street	Telephone 810-424-2774	
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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
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☒ Yes ☐ No

All areas under a 100'

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cell phone tower installation proposed 10-10-02. Tower was demolished and is in compliance per DNR Cell Tower Review. No cell tower at this location after 10-10-02. Tower demolished 11-11-02.

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.
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☒ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL

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☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

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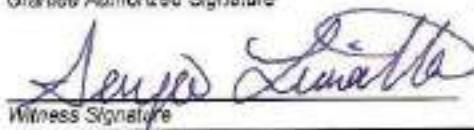
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APPENDIX I: COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022 - 2026

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

☒ 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)

☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart

☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

☒ Current Funding Sources

☒ Role of Volunteers

☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:

☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities

☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ 3. RECREATION INVENTORY

☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)

☒ Accessibility Assessment

☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

☐ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☐ 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

☒ 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- ☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
- ☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice March 3, 2022

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Grand Blanc Township Gov. Center

March 3, - April 3,

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 2022

- ☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice March 3, 2022

Name of Newspaper Grand Blanc View

Date of Meeting April 5, 2022

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: May 25, 2022

- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Township Commission or Board,
recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: May 25, 2022

- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: May 31, 2022

- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: May 31, 2022

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Grand Blanc Township

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated



Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

6-1-2022

Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

Appendix E: Public Notices and Adoption Documentation (Resolution, Meeting Minutes)

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION 22-7
FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2022 - 2026
FOR
GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has made investigations of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with a prioritized list of capital improvements for the next five year; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific action programs for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, said plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making Grand Blanc Township eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Grand Blanc Township held a public hearing on the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to provide an opportunity for citizen comments and subsequently adopted said Recreation Plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby adopt the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for Grand Blanc Township.

AYES: FIECK, WHITE, KILMER, ROBERTSON, BENNETT

NAYS:

ABSENT: HUGO, RAZDOR

Adopted: 5/25/2022


David Robertson, Clerk

ATTESTED


Witness:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC
PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
&
30 DAY RECREATION PLAN REVIEW**

The Charter Township of Grand Blanc Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Hearing will be held at 5371 S. Saginaw Street, P. O. Box 1833, Grand Blanc, MI 48480.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public to solicit comments on the 5 Year Recreation Plan. This is the final comment opportunity before adoption and submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The public hearing will be at April 5th 2022 at 7pm in the Grand Blanc Township Hall.

The plan is available for review in the Parks and Recreation Department at the Grand Blanc Township Government Center during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. or on the Township website at <http://parks.gbtgov.com>, located at the bottom of the page in News Flash. Written comments may be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department by 5:00 p.m. on April 8th, 2022 in person or at parks@gbtgov.com.

Dave Robertson, Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC
Township Board of Trustees
Minutes for Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance: I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

2. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Hugo, Scott Bennett, Joel Feick, Paul White, Jude Rariden, David Robertson, Mark Kilmer

Absent: None

Excused: None

Staff Present: Superintendent Liimatta, Attorney David Lattie, Executive Coordinator Melissa Roberts, Police Chief Ron Wiles, Fire Chief Bob Burdette, DPS Director Jeff Sears, Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Linihan

3. Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was initiated by Rariden and seconded by Hugo. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Rariden, Hugo, White, Feick, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

4. Public Comments

Genell Reeves, 6054 Steeplechase Drive, addressed the Board, inquiring about the opportunity to pay her property taxes in advance. Mr. Liimatta indicated that he would direct a member of the staff to get in touch with her to explain the proper procedures.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was initiated by Feick and seconded by White. MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Feick, White, Hugo, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

a. **Approval of the Minutes - March 22, 2022**

b. **The Board will consider a Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Financial Activity Recap for a grand total of \$900,367.03.**

6. Public Hearing

a. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing**

Supervisor Bennett opened the Public Hearing for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan at 7:08 pm. Superintendent Llimatta made the introductory remarks regarding the plan. Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Linihan made further presentation to the Board on the specifics of the plan. The 5 year plan is required by law. It is also required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) as a pre-condition for the pursuit of various grants from the Department.

Mike Yancho Sr., 16040 Halsey Rd., spoke in favor of the Master Plan. He spoke about a number of positive aspects of the plan.

The Public Hearing concluded at 7:11 p.m.

7. Old Business

a. **Strategic Plan Update - Pension and OPEB Funding**

Superintendent Llimatta spoke about the legacy costs associated with the pension fund and the costs of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). Llimatta outlined the history of the issue. He also posed the question of millage options and timetables.

b. **Strategic Plan Update - Public Services Facility and Fire Station**

Superintendent Llimatta updated the Board on the progress of the Fire Station and Public Services Facility. He noted that six Requests for Quotes (RFQ) had been received, and that due to supply chain issues and material costs, the costs will be somewhat more than original estimates three years ago. Discussion ensued among the Board members.

8. New Business

a. **The Board will consider Resolution 22-3 to opt in to the Pay as You Stay (PAYS) Program.**

The motion to approve Resolution 22-3 to opt in to the Pay as You Stay (PAYS) program was initiated by Robertson and seconded by Hugo. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: White, Rariden, Feick, Hugo, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

b. **The Board will consider a Motion to approve the 2022 GBT Local Road Improvement Plan and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute all agreements.**

The motion to approve the 2022 GBT Local Road Improvement Plan and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute all agreements was initiated by Hugo and seconded by Feick. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Hugo, Feick, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: White

Abstain: None

- c. **The Board will consider a Motion to purchase two 2022 Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicles.**

The motion to approve the purchase of two(2) 2022 Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicles was initiated by White and seconded by Feick. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Rariden, Hugo, White, Feick, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

- d. **The Board will consider a Motion to purchase AXON Redaction Assistant Software**

The motion to approve the purchase of AXON Redaction Assistant Software was initiated by Hugo and seconded by Rariden. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Feick, White, Hugo, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

- e. **The Board will consider a Motion to approve updated documents pertaining to FOIA requests.**

The motion to approve updated documents pertaining to FOIA requests was initiated by Robertson and seconded by Hugo. MOTION CARRIED

Yes: White, Rariden, Feick, Hugo, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

- f. **The Board will consider a Motion to approve Waldorf and Sons, as the lowest qualified bidder, for the replacement of the pedestrian trail bridge at Creasey Bicentennial Park and have the Township Superintendent sign and execute all documents.**

The motion to approve Waldorf & Sons as the lowest qualified bidder, for the replacement of the pedestrian trail bridge at Creasey Bicentennial Park and have the Township Superintendent sign and execute all documents was initiated by White and seconded by Robertson. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Hugo, Feick, Rariden, White, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

9. **Future Agenda Items**

Supervisor suggested a Township-wide Clean up Day utilizing volunteers for litter pick up. Specifics will be forthcoming at next Board meeting.

10. **Board Reports**

a. **Planning Commission - Sarah Hugo**

The next meeting is Thursday, April 7, 2022.

b. Zoning Board of Appeals - Paul White

The meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

c. Metro Alliance - Joel Feick

None.

d. Police Committee - Jude Rariden

None.

e. Treasurer Mark Kilmer

None.

f. Clerk David Robertson

None.

g. Supervisor Scott Bennett

None.

h. Attorney David Lattie

None.

i. Superintendent Dennis Lilmatta

Superintendent Lilmatta spoke briefly about the Strategic Plan Rental Housing discussion.

j. Department Reports - Information Only

1) Fire Chief and Fire Marshal End of Month report

11. Closed Session if needed

The motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss strategy regarding upcoming labor negotiations under Section 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act was initiated by Bennett and seconded by Kilmer. MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Feick, White, Hugo, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

The Board entered into Closed session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:17 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The motion to Adjourn was initiated by Rariden and seconded by Feick. Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully approved,



Clerk David B. Robertson



Supervisor Scott Bennett



June 3, 2022

Mr. Derek Bradshaw, Director
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
1101 Beach Street, Room 223
Flint, MI 48502 - 1470

RE: Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022 - 2027
Grand Blanc Township

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The Township Board is submitting a final document to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for acceptance. The plan was developed with our assistance and under the direction of the township, which also included various methods of public input.

Please contact Patrick Linihan, Director at (810) 694-0101 or me at (810) 341-7500 with any questions.

Sincerely,
ROWE Professional Services Company

Blake D. Strozler
Graduate Landscape Architect

Attachment

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June 3, 2022

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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



DANIEL EICHINGER
DIRECTOR

April 11, 2022

Patrick Linihan, Director
Grand Blanc Township
5371 South Saginaw St.
Grand Blanc, MI 48507

SUBJECT: Grand Blanc Township - Cell Tower Review
Bicentennial Park: 26-00872, 26-00748, BF89-059

Dear Mr. Linihan,

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Section has reviewed the installation of a cell tower at Bicentennial Park in detail. Grand Blanc Township has received past grants at Bicentennial Park and the park boundary is encumbered under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (26-00872, 26-00748) and the Recreation Bond Fund grant program (BF89-059).

A conversion occurs when rights in the encumbered land are sold or transferred or if a portion of the park is not available for public outdoor recreation. Based on a detailed review of the cell tower and supporting documentation provided by the Township, it is determined that the cell tower is not considered a conversion. This determination aligns with the criteria in *SOP – 01: Determine if a cell tower (or other related structures) within an encumbered boundary is considered a conversion*. The National Park Service has been notified of the State's determination and recommendation. It's important to note that the NPS has full authority over the LWCF grant requirements.

Cell Tower Review:

- Bicentennial Park: 205.26 acres
- Cell tower area: .057 acres (includes utility easement) (.028%)
- Lease revenue goes to the parks and recreation budget.
 - Determined by parks and recreation revenue account documentation listing the rental income with a designated account line item.
 - Current lease amount is \$27,600 (increases by 15% every five years)

If you have any questions regarding this determination or if any of the details listed above regarding the cell tower change, please contact Erin Campbell, MDNR Conversion Officer at campbelle6@michigan.gov or 269-300-9698.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Erin Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Erin Campbell
Conversion Officer
Michigan Department of
Natural Resources

CC: Michael Chuff, MDNR
Jon Mayes, MDNR
Christie Bayus, MDNR

Resolution No. 27-23

GENESEE COUNTY 5 YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAYS PLAN

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Gilbert, and supported by HW.

WHEREAS, the City of Linden continues to see collaboration in providing recreation resource and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden will continue to operate under the approved City of Linden Parks and Master Plan 2023-2033; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for the City of Linden in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Linden City Council authorizes include of the City of Linden in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal of the State of Michigan.

AYES: Gilbert, Armstrong, Austin, MacFarland, Howardick, Simms
NAYS: None


Danielle N. Cusson, Mayor


Tessa Sweeney, Clerk

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
CITY COUNCIL
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION #23-0911-06**

**RESOLUTION TO OPT-IN TO THE GENESEE COUNTY FIVE YEAR PARKS,
RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAYS PLAN**

Resolution No. 230911-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker
Second by Councilmember Cramer

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek continues to seek collaboration in providing recreation resources and meeting future needs for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek will continue to operate under the approved City of Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Plan of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has offered to include recreation action plan items for the City of Swartz Creek in its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan to allow for any future opportunities and cooperation.

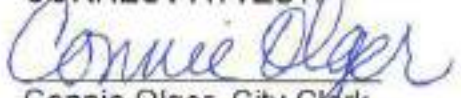
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Swartz Creek City Council authorizes inclusion of the City of Swartz Creek Park Plan in the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, for submittal to the State of Michigan.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Henry, Cramer, Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Knickerbocker.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

I, Connie Olger, City Clerk in and for the City of Swartz Creek, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Swartz Creek City Council at its regular meeting held Monday, September 11, 2023.

CORRECT ATTEST:


Connie Olger, City Clerk
City of Swartz Creek, Michigan



CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK

FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

2023-2027



Prepared by **ROWE Professional Services Company**

540 S. Saginaw Street Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502 | (810) 341-7500



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BACKGROUND

This Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan was prepared by ROWE Professional Services Company with guidance from the City of Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consisting of:

James Barclay - Chairman
Sandi Brill
Mark Gonyea
Connie Olger
Samantha Fountain – Vice Chairman

Rae Lynn Hicks
George Hicks
Krystle Lynch
Trudy Plumb

Adam Zettel (City Manager) and Robert Bincsik (Director of Public and Community Services) served as the liaisons to the city. The Recreation Advisory Board provides the evaluation and recommendations for future park improvements, development, land acquisition, or other issues regarding recreation opportunities.

This plan is an update of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Plan and is in accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements as stated in the “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans”. This document will allow for the pursuit of MDNR grants, as well as establish a basis for other funding opportunities. This plan is valid for five years from the date of resolution of adoption.

Successful projects that have been accomplished include:

- Securing a \$45,000 Recreation Passport Grant from the MDNR for improvements to the Elms Park bathrooms, addition of an internal pathway, accessible parking, and exercise stations
- Maintenance and staining of the Elms Park play structure
- Addition of new playground equipment at Elms Park
- Update to the non-motorized transportation plan
- Extensive clean up and beautification by volunteers
- New Disc Golf Course at Otterburn Park
- New Tot-Lot playground at Elms Park
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Partnership to repair sidewalk access throughout the city
- New Dog Park in Elms Park
- Rehabilitation of vintage swings for Tot Lot playground at Abrams Park

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Physical Characteristics

Location

The City of Swartz Creek is in Genesee County, which is in the southeastern section of Lower Peninsula. The City of Swartz Creek lies approximately 5 miles southwest of Flint.

Transportation

The city is divided in half by Interstate 69 which runs east and west. I-75, one of the nation's major north-south interstate highways, intersects I-69 approximately 2 miles east of the city. Bishop International Airport is in the City of Flint, approximately 1.1 mile east of Swartz Creek. The nearest passenger rail stops are in Durand and Flint. The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) also operates a regional bus system.

Soils

The Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Genesee County indicates that most soil in the City of Swartz Creek are nearly level to gently sloping, consisting of poorly drained and somewhat poorly drained loams with a clay loam subsoil. The major concern of these soil types is their wetness. Due to this factor, these soils may limit building development. The soil characteristics of a site should determine to a significant extent the type of recreational activities that would be appropriate, as well as cost effective (USDA, Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey for Genesee County, 1972).

Topography

The topography of the city ranges from nearly level to gently sloping, rising to low hills in places and includes floodplains.

Water Resources

The primary body of water in the area is the Swartz Creek, which flows into the city from the west and flows east and northeast through the city until it reaches the Flint River.

Vegetation, Fish, and Wildlife

Tree species native to the city include elm, ash, sugar maple, oak, tamarack, and aspen. Native wildlife includes open-land wildlife such as sparrows, hawks, rabbits, woodchucks, and field mice. Woodland wildlife includes owls, woodpeckers, squirrels, raccoons, and white-tailed deer. Wetland wildlife includes ducks, geese, and killdeer. Wildlife is limited, and few native woodlots remain within the city limits due to development.

Climate

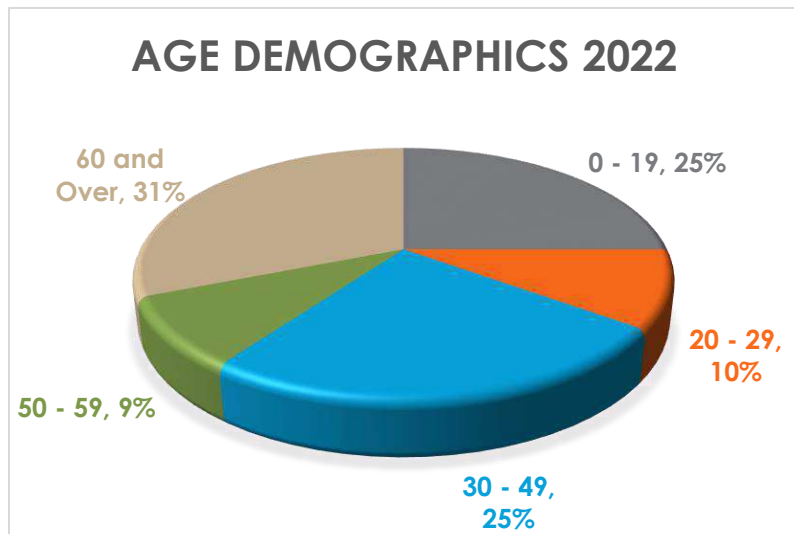
Genesee County is in southeastern Michigan, where the lake effect is not as great as it is in most other sections of the state. The data shows the temperature was 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below an average of six days in winter and 90 degrees Fahrenheit or higher an average of 14 days in summer. Average annual precipitation was 29.58 inches. Snowfall averaged 40.5 inches per year but varied considerably from year to year. There was an average of 39 days

per year with snow cover, the average depth of the snow on days with snow cover being 5.0 inches.

Socioeconomic Characteristics

Population, Growth, and Income

Between 1980 and 1990, the City of Swartz Creek as well as Genesee County experienced a decrease in population which is somewhat consistent with the slowing growth trend within the state. During this time frame, there was a migration shift from the more urban areas to the surrounding rural townships. However, between 1990 and 2000, Swartz Creek showed a population rebound to pass the 1980s population. From 2000 to 2010, the city grew by 656 and from 2010 to 2020, the population increased by 139. Its current population is estimated at 5,897. The median household income and home value is slightly behind the state average (\$52,669). There is a well-balanced age diversity which indicates a need for all age groups in the community. The median age of residents in Swartz Creek is 40.7; the state average is 39.8 and the Flint Metropolitan Area is 40.5.



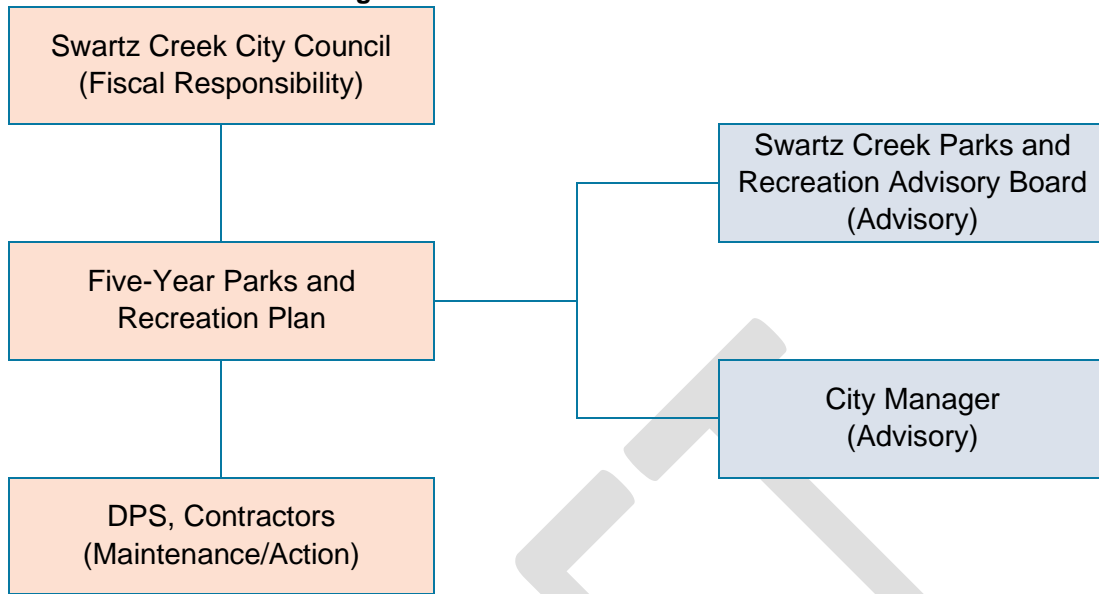
Population Trends for Swartz Creek 2000 - 2020		
Census	Population	Population %
2000	5,102	+5.2%
2010	5,758	+12.9%
2020	5,897	+2.4%

Administrative Structure

The Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for developing the Parks and Recreation Plan and spearheading recreational projects. Expenditures are approved by City Council with recommendations from both the advisory board and the City Manager. The Department of Public and Community Services (DPCS) is responsible for maintenance of city parks.

The City of Swartz Creek budgeted approximately \$195,315 for parks and recreation improvements and maintenance in the 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Year. A detailed line-item budget for each park is included in Appendix B.

Figure 1: Administrative Flow Chart



Recreation Inventory

The following is a summary of local recreational facilities available to the residents of Swartz Creek and surrounding area.

The only publicly owned and operated parks in the City of Swartz Creek are Elms Park, Abrams Park, Otterburn Park and Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park (see Map 1: Park Location Map) and are shown in **bold type** in Table 1. The Pajtas Amphitheater and Veterans Memorial are on city property but are managed by non-profits. All other recreation opportunities in the city are provided either by the school district, private facilities, or semi-public facilities.

Table 1: Swartz Creek Recreation Inventory

<i>Name</i>	<i>Facilities Available</i>	<i>Total Acreage</i>
Mary Crapo Grounds	1 Ball Diamond used for Youth Baseball	5
Pajtas Amphitheater	1 Enclosed Bandshell Lawn Seating for 1,200	2
Senior Citizen Center	Seating for 120 w/ Full Kitchen & Restrooms	0.7
St. Mary's Church	2 Baseball Fields 1 Playground 1/2 Basketball Court	3
Sport Creek Racetrack (not operating; for sale)	1,950 Seats - General Admission 408 Seats - Club House	107.7
Genesee Valley Meadows	18 Holes	192
Elms Road Elementary School	3 Softball Diamond (1 for adults) 1/2 Basketball Court Playground	7

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	1 Multi-Purpose Room w/ Stage	
Elms Park	5 Pavilions	35
	2 Playgrounds	
	28 Picnic Tables	
	2 Soccer Fields	
	2 Tennis Courts	
	2 Basketball Courts	
	1 Sledding Hill	
	1 Ball Field	
	1 Volleyball Field	
	8 Grills	
	Restrooms	
Morrish Elementary School	2 Ball Diamonds	3
	1 Soccer Field	
	Playground	
	½ Basketball Court	
	1 Multi-Purpose Room	
Gaines Elementary	2 - ½ Basketball Courts	3
	1 Soccer Field/Softball Field	
	1 Soccer Field	
	Playground	
	Multi-Purpose Room	
Pine Hill Park (Village of Gaines)	1 Pavilion	20
	22 Picnic Tables	
	2 Ball Diamonds	
	1 Tractor Pull Area	
First Baptist Church	1 Soccer Field	2
	1 Ball Diamond	
	½ Basketball Court	
Syring Elementary School	2 Ball Diamond	3
	Playground	
	1 Multi-Purpose Room	
Abrams Park	9 Station Fitness Course	12
	Playground	
	4 Pavilions	
	Restrooms	
	21 Picnic Tables	
	6 Grills	
	1 Ball Diamond	
	2 Tennis Courts	
	½ Basketball Court	
	1 Sledding Hill	
	1 Tot Lot	
Messiah Lutheran Church	1 Ball Diamond	½
Swartz Creek Middle School	2 Ball Diamonds	9
	4 Soccer Fields	
	1 Varsity Baseball Diamond	
	1 Pool	
	8 Tennis Courts	

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Swartz Creek High School	1 Track & Field Event Area 1 Football Field 1 Set of Restrooms Gymnasium 1 Soccer Field	9
Dieck Elementary School	Playground 3 - ½ Basketball Courts 1 Ball Diamond	3
Calvary Church of Christ	1 Ball Diamond	½
United Methodist Church	1 Pavilion 1 BBQ Pit 20 Picnic Tables 1 Ball Diamond 1 Soccer Field 1 Croquet Court	3
Cornerstone Baptist Church	1 Ball Diamond	2
Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park	1 Pavilion	1
Otterburn Park	Disc Golf (Under Construction)	20
Veterans Memorial	Public Plaza	¼
Cage Fieldhouse (Swartz Creek Schools)	Indoor Sport Complex	5

Status of Grant Funded Facilities

In 1971, Elms Park was awarded a \$36,300 MDNR grant (#26-00258) to acquire 24 acres to develop baseball, football fields, access road and parking, and a playground. These improvements are currently in use. In 1976, a \$34,700 MDNR Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant (#26-00707) was used to provide six tennis courts. These courts are in use and provide multi-use function for other recreation in addition to tennis.

In 1975, Abrams Park (formally known as Winshall Park) received a \$16,585 LWCF grant (#26-00556) to provide a picnic shelter and restroom facility. The city made upgrades to this, and it is currently in use. In 1977, an additional grant (26-00904) of \$33,588 was used to develop two tennis courts and parking at Winshall and two picnic shelters and additional access at Elms Park. These improvements are still in use.

In 2015, the city was awarded a Recreation Passport Grant of \$45,000 (RP15-0003) for upgrades and barrier-free improvements to the restrooms at Elms Park. A second phase which is currently being completed includes an accessible pathway, exercise stations, and accessible parking connecting to a pavilion within the park. As part of this grant process, a property exchange was made within the park for the existing cell tower.

In 2020, the city was awarded a joint Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant and a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant (TF20-0068) for \$300,000 for the development of a trail connection that will extend through the entire City of Swartz Creek and connect to the Genesee Valley Trail. This trail will provide non-motorized access to the City of Flint and the Iron Belle Trail.

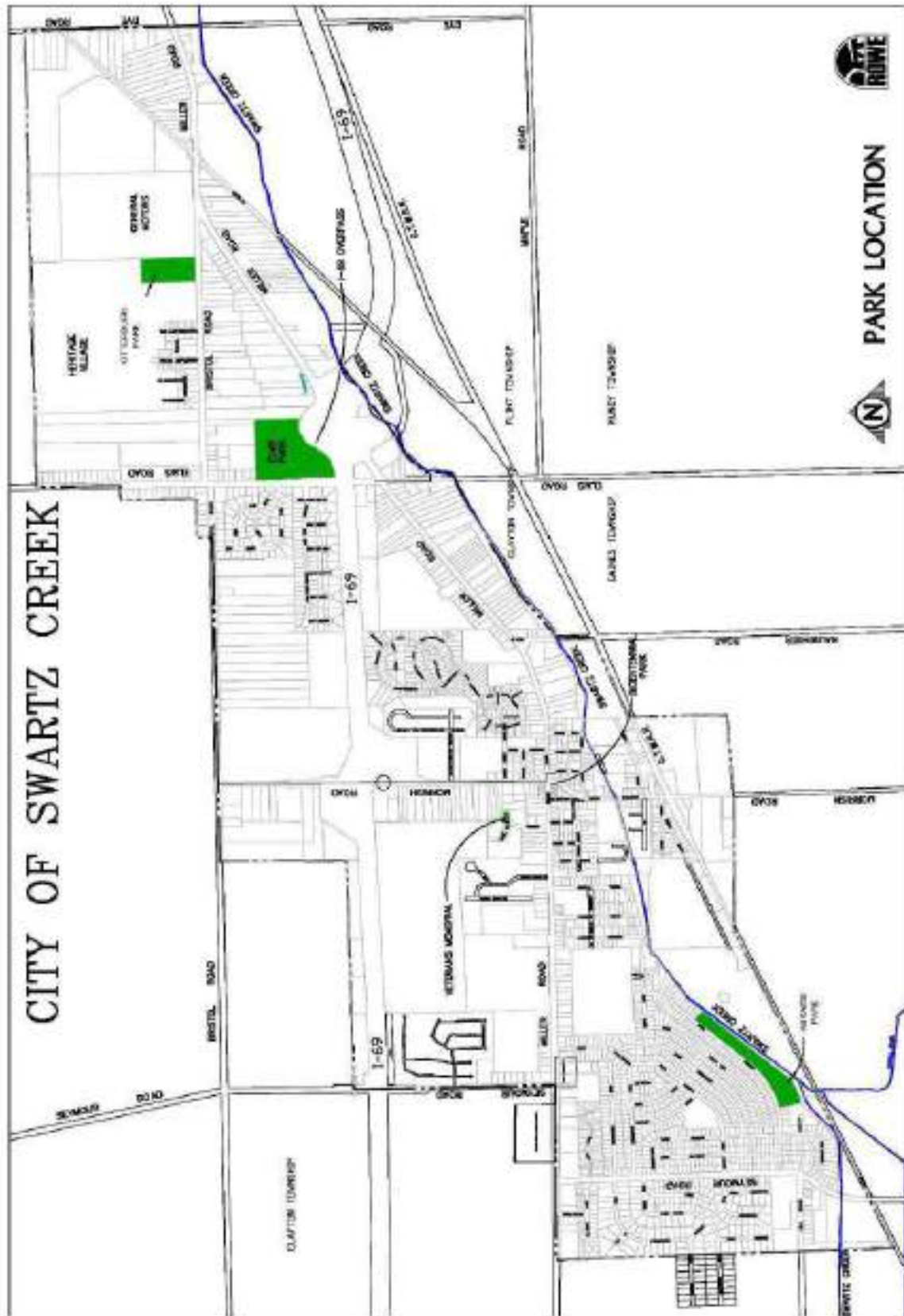
Non-Motorized Plan

As part of an effort promoted by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the city refined the previous non-motorized plan that has been in place since 2000. Through this effort, three phases were identified that include 4.7 miles of trail. It provides for connection into the regional Genesee County Trail network and indirectly linking to the Iron Belle statewide trail. The three phases include:

- Phase 1 Elms Road to South Dye Road
- Phase 2 Morrish Road along west branch of Swartz Creek to Elms Road, north to Miller Road
- Phase 3 Abrams Park along west branch of the Swartz Creek to Morrish Road

The overall construction cost opinion for the projects is approximately \$1.8 million, not including engineering or any easement costs. Preliminary engineering drawings were provided as a basis for grant applications to seek funding for the projects.

Map 1: Park Location Map



Map 2: Trail Master Plan Map



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There are a wide range of recreational opportunities available throughout the area. However, it must be noted that accessibility to these facilities is generally a function of having access to an automobile.

Table 2: Regional Recreational Facilities

<i>Recreation Facility</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Use</i>
Seven Lakes State Parks	1,378	Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Holly State Park	7,470	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Highland State Park	5,524	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Ortonville State Park	3,205	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Pontiac Lake State Park	3,700	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Brighton State Park	4,913	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Dodge No. 4 State Park	139	Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Island Lake State Park	3,466	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Metamora Hadley State Park	683	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Proud Lake State Park	3,614	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Bald Mountain State Park	4,637	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Kensington State Park	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Marshbank State Park	N/A	Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground
Timberwolf Genesee County Campground	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing

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Wolverine Genesee County Campground	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Groveland Oaks Oakland County Campground	N/A	Campground, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Addison Oaks Oakland County Campground	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Lapeer State Game and Wildlife Area	9,000	Hunting-Wildlife Area, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Flushing County Park	105	Playground, Picnic Areas, Pavilions, Basketball Courts, Softball Diamonds, Tennis Courts, 2-Mile X-Country Ski Trails
Linden County Parks	135	Swimming, Picnic Area, Playground, Tennis Courts, Ball Diamonds, Bike/Hike Trail
Chevy Commons	60	Bike/Hike Trails, Fishing, Flint River Access, Boat Launch

Barrier-Free Compliance and Park Conditions

The following summaries address the accessibility of city parks and recreation facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). In general, all construction since 1991 was required to comply with these guidelines. Recent improvements in parks have greatly increased accessibility.

A general ranking for each park was determined through site visits as follows.

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Elms Park (2)

Elms Park is located off Elms Road; between I-69 and Bristol Road.

Evaluation of Existing Facilities:

Elms Park is made accessible to pedestrians by a 8-foot-wide sidewalk along the east side of Elms Road, running adjacent to the park for its entire frontage along Elms Road.

Elms Park is a multi-use area with many recreational facilities scattered throughout. There are several parking areas located throughout the park with access to park amenities. However, barrier-free accessibility tends to be an issue due to a lack of pedestrian paths linking facilities directly to the parking lots.

There is a total of five existing pavilions in the park. All have been constructed with a foundation that is flush with the ground, enabling wheelchairs or people with severe mobility limitations to enter without difficulty. One of the largest pavilions has hard-surfaced paths providing access into the structure; a paved path and a route to nearby accessible parking was completed along with the addition of accessible exercise stations. Future extension of this internal path will provide accessible routes to other park elements. The barbeque grills at the two large pavilions are built into the pavement, and there are additional grills without hard-surfaced paths.

The tennis courts and basketball courts are located near a gravel parking lot. Access can be improved with the addition of a paved sidewalk and barrier-free parking spaces.

The existing ball field, soccer field, and small playground area are also without hard-surfaced paths leading to each facility. The horseshoe pits have been removed at Elms Park. The city has addressed these concerns by improving the system of wood chip paths leading from parking areas to facilities within the park.

The playscape area in the northwest portion of the park is an example of the recent efforts the City of Swartz Creek has made toward improving accessibility. The parking lot near the playscape has three marked handicap parking spaces located near the playscape and pavilion. A 6-foot-wide concrete path leads from the parking area into the playscape and the pavilion adjacent to the playscape. This makes it possible for people with disabilities to utilize both the playscape and pavilion.

The playscape is of barrier-free design. The surface of the play area is engineered wood chip, installed in 2022. The play structures are designed to provide play opportunities for both those with and without accessibility limitations.

The pavilion is relatively large, suitable for picnics, meetings, parties, or simply informal use. The pavilion includes a large fireplace/barbeque, many picnic tables, and a barrier-free restroom that was improved in 2016.

Residents have mentioned the need for maintenance and renovations to the restroom facility on-site and further improvements with the existing hard surface courts (basketball and tennis).

The small playground area in the northwest corner of the park is comprised of tot lot playground equipment which is of barrier-free design. The city previously has focused its efforts on providing a barrier-free children's play area in the playscape on the other side of the drive. A hard-surfaced path system will also be developed within the play area.

Transition and Implementation Plan

The City of Swartz Creek intends to improve accessibility to Elms Park facilities by developing a



barrier-free aggregate pedestrian trail throughout the park. Trailheads will link the trail with each parking area. The trail will be designed to loop throughout the park and link facilities. Engineered wood chip paths will be spurred off the main trail, providing barrier-free access to all facilities. Future facilities will be linked to the trail as they are developed.

Signage identifying the locations of facilities will be provided along the trail where appropriate and all future recreational facilities will be of barrier-free design.

Abrams Park (2)

Abrams Park is located across the street from a single-family neighborhood. The park backs up to the Swartz Creek.

Evaluation of Existing Facilities

As with Elms Park, Abrams Park provides a wide range of recreational opportunities. However, the facilities are scattered throughout the park without a barrier-free connection to many of the facilities.

There is an existing 4-foot-wide sidewalk along Winshall Drive, across the street from the park, and there is no sidewalk along Winshall Drive within the park. A trail with exercise stations runs roughly around the perimeter of the park; however, the surface of the trail is grass and is not barrier-free.

There is a fenced tot lot area, including a large play structure located in the northeast area of the park. Barrier-free access is provided to the tot lot by a 3-foot-wide concrete sidewalk leading from Winshall Drive, as well as a 4-foot-wide wood chip path leading from the parking lot and pavilion. The play structure is of barrier-free design. The play surface of the tot lot is engineered wood chips under all the play structures, and grass in other areas. There is no path leading to each play structure within the play area, which means that barrier-free access is limited to those areas directly connected to the engineered wood chip path. Linking the structures with a wood chip surface is a maintenance issue. Most of the play equipment along the perimeter of the tot lot appears to be barrier-free; however, some of the equipment is inaccessible to children with mobility limitations. Future equipment developed within the play area should be of barrier-free design per Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

The pavilion near the play area is linked to the parking lot by a 4-foot-wide engineered wood chip path. All pavilions in the park have been constructed with foundations that are flush with the ground.

The tennis courts have entrances designed to keep out bicycles. Unfortunately, these entrances also keep out wheelchairs. A barrier-free entrance should be added to the tennis court facility. The tennis courts, ball field, and basketball court lack barrier-free paths leading to each facility. The tennis courts need to be resurfaced or repaired.

As part of the replacement of the restroom building, all accessibility requirements were met, including a concrete sidewalk to the gravel parking lot. Continual cosmetic improvements are always encouraged (i.e. trash collection, interior repairs).



The existing water fountain near the ball field is of barrier-free design. A path has been developed to link the fountain to the pavilion and parking area.

There are sidewalks along both sides of Whitney Court that end at the park boundary line. The city intends to connect to at least one of these sidewalks, thereby improving accessibility into the park for neighborhood residents. Presently, the lack of sidewalks into the park and the existing curb around the Whitney Court cul-de-sac creates accessibility limitations.

Transition and Implementation Plan

The City of Swartz Creek intends to improve accessibility to Abrams Park facilities by developing a barrier-free aggregate pedestrian river walkway following the Swartz Creek, along the entire length of the park. Barrier-free connections will be provided to the walkway from each parking area as well as to appropriate areas on Winshall Drive and Whitney Court. Future trail improvements will be designed to provide barrier-free access to the Swartz Creek as well as link facilities throughout the park to each other. As with Elms Park, engineered wood chip paths will be spurred off the paved trail, providing barrier-free access to all facilities within the park.

Signage identifying the locations of facilities will be provided where appropriate. Future facilities will be linked to the trail as they are developed. All future recreational facilities will be of barrier-free design.

Poured-In-Place rubber surfacing has been discussed around the “tot-lot” playground equipment to encourage additional ADA accessibility to park amenities.

Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park (3)

Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park is a small pocket park located along Morrish Road, just south of Miller Road.

Evaluation of Existing Facilities

There is a small pavilion located in the park. There is a marked handicap parking space immediately adjacent to the pavilion. There is a relatively complete system of 5-foot-wide sidewalks linking the downtown area and the surrounding residential area to the park. However, the pavilion is surrounded entirely by grass. The lack of a hard-surfaced path leading into the pavilion poses an accessibility limitation.



Transition and Implementation Plan

Future improvements to the park should include the development of a barrier-free hard-surfaced path leading from the sidewalk near the handicap parking space, to the pavilion.

Veterans Memorial Park (4)

This site was completed in the last few years and was designed to meet current accessibility requirements.

Otterburn Disc Golf Park (1)

Evaluation of Existing Facilities

The city has begun work on developing Otterburn for use as a disc golf course. Currently, the disc golf baskets and routes have been developed and a sledding hill currently exists north of Bristol Road. Future improvements include the construction of a pavilion, gravel parking with ADA accessible parking spaces, 8-foot vehicular access path around the perimeter of the park, small pavilion with porta-john location, and a bike pavilion station.

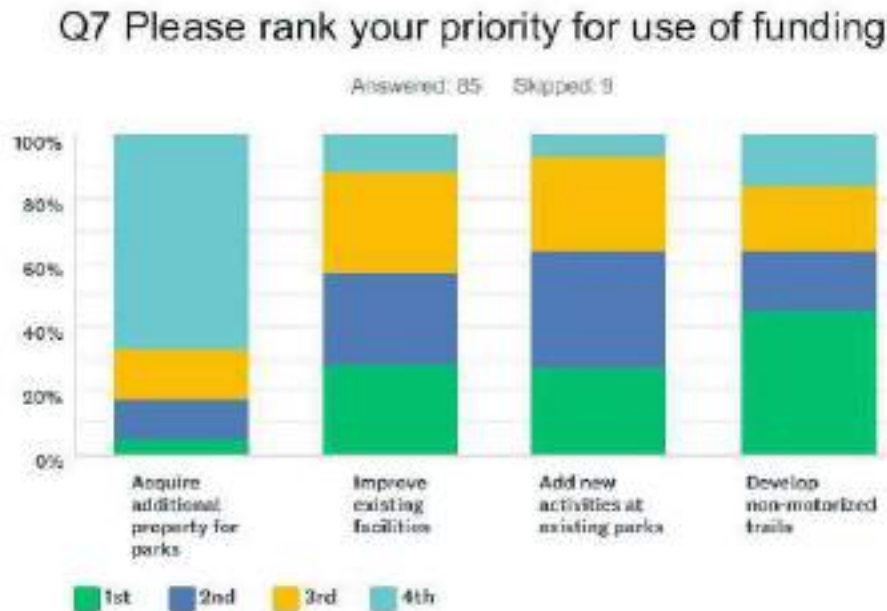


Volunteers have been maintaining the site and installing the disc golf baskets along the routes.

Transition and Implementation Plan

The intent of the park construction is to ensure that all routes from the parking lot provide accessible routes for disc golf.

Description of Planning Process



ROWE Professional Services Company was hired to assist the city with the update to the recreation plan. In August 2022, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board began discussions on the update of the recreation plan. The board reviewed current goals, objectives, and action plan items at its July meeting.

In June, the board approved a survey to be conducted of the residents and park patrons. Over 150 respondents gave comments towards the current condition of park properties and suggestions for future improvements. A copy of the questions and summary of results is included in [Appendix A](#) and is summarized as follows.

The Parks and Recreation Board also recommended having a focus group interview to review the previous goals and objectives from the previous parks and recreation plan. The focus group was convened on September 15, 2022. Information and agendas are included in [Appendix E](#).

The park board reviewed the plan with ROWE Professional Services Company on November 15th during their regularly scheduled meeting.

The draft plan was presented in a public hearing on _____ and recommended for adoption by city council following the hearing. The plan was approved by city council on _____. Copies of the public hearing notice, meeting minutes, and resolution have been included in [Appendix E](#).

A final copy of the plan was uploaded to the MDNR MiRecGrants website with a transmittal letter noting that a copy has been sent to the local planning agency for acceptance. Post completion forms and completed checklist for the recreation plan process was also included.

Goals and Objectives

The following are goals and objectives as summarized by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board based on broad community input (through a community survey and focus group meeting). These goals represent a flexible tool that will guide the focus of resources for park and recreation

maintenance and development. This format will allow decisions to be made based on changing conditions and take advantage of opportunities as they are presented to the community.

The goals focus primarily as a guide to educate the public on the value of its park system and to leverage development and maintenance efforts by pursuing partnerships, outside funding and volunteerism.

Goal 1: Pursue grants and develop partnerships and advocates to serve park needs

Continue to seek partnerships with other recreational providers and agencies and with neighboring communities to share ideas and provide non-competing programs and facilities. (Examples include but are not limited to civic groups, schools, community groups and partnerships, etc.)

- Be proactive: establish a coordinated list of projects for civic groups to build, fund, etc. versus reacting to individual requests.
- Apply for grants to develop park facilities maximizing in-kind or leveraged grant match due to limited city funding.
- Develop a stronger partnership with the county parks system to provide community recreational opportunities to the residents of Swartz Creek.
- Collaborate with the DDA on the development of a market/special event space (Holland Square) that can be used as a staging area for bike/foot races, etc. that could link to parks and trail facilities.
- Develop programming within the city through additional staff or partnering with neighboring municipalities for recreational programming.

Goal 2: Enhance use of existing park facilities and programs

- Replace tree cover throughout city and at key parks due to impact of Emerald Ash Borer and proliferation of cottonwood trees.
- Conduct tree inventory for health of urban forest.
- Renovate restrooms so they are inviting, accessible, and more maintenance friendly.
- Explore adding small features in parks to increase all-season use.
- Consider interpretive signs that engage users by offering information on local history, environment, and culture.
- Install companion seating at park locations and additional park features (i.e., benches, water fountains, picnic tables)

Goal 3: Pursue non-motorized trail system

- Utilize and expand on existing sidewalks and bike lanes to provide linkages to parks, schools, neighborhoods, and retail destinations.
- Maintain routes as appropriate for all-season use.
- Coordinate construction with other local projects as appropriate for efficiency.
- Implement connection to the Genesee Valley Trail/Genesee County trail system through the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Goal 4: Regularly review maintenance practices and policies for park facilities and update when necessary

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board to review procedures on an annual basis (upon meeting of new members in February) and provide recommendations to city staff and/or council.
- Be proactive with volunteer groups to complete maintenance efforts in coordinated effort with each other and city staff; better communication between Department of Public Works (DPW), city services, and volunteer groups.
- Review Park properties to determine current usage.
- Establish a maintenance schedule and budget for recreation items such as phases of re-staining of the wood playground in Elms Park to complete a comprehensive process for upkeep of this facility.
- Coordinate with the school district to improve the properties that provide increased access to natural features and education on forestry, water, and land stewardship.

Action Plan

The following is a description of the projects the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has determined are recreational priorities for the city. Justification is provided for each project. A list of potential funding sources is also included.

Short-Term Projects

- Replace backstop in Elms Park. Work on maintenance around the park as well with the playground equipment.
- Develop checklist for routine asset maintenance.
- Remove and replace the cottonwood trees in Abrams Park with something new (i.e. swamp oak, elm trees).
- Annual maintenance to play equipment, including staining of sections of Elms Park play structure in a more organized, thorough manner rather than tackling the entire structure at one time.
- Depending on grants and other match funding, development of the non-motorized trail may be timely with improved bid pricing due to local road projects by the city.
- Additional security measures to protect parks from vandals.
- Add parking on the east side of Elms Park while maintain green space and the separation between the parking area and park amenities.
- Bike racks downtown at Holland Square

Elms Park Internal Trail

- City proposes that an aggregate non-motorized trail system be developed throughout the park which would establish a pedestrian trail of high priority for the city.
- Trail users will be able to enter the park from the sidewalk along Elms Road without having to share the entry drive with vehicles. Trail would be of barrier-free design, 8 to 10 feet in width and would allow for a wide range of walkers, runners, people in wheelchairs/walkers or bikers to use the trail safely and efficiently.

- Trailhead location would also be developed to have seating, water fountains and bike racks. Signage and wayfinding would also be installed along trail to provide direction and places of interest in the park.

Extend Non-Motorized Trail to Elms Road Elementary School

There is an existing easement (owned by Consumers Energy) that connects Elms Road Elementary to the park. The trail connection would provide the school with an opportunity to utilize the facility for recreational activities such as gym classes and cross-country running events. Trail will also provide a pedestrian connection from the school to the residential neighborhoods to the south.

Mid-Term Projects

- Remove exercise stations in Abrams Park and continue to improve restrooms.
- Repurpose tennis courts at Abrams Park
- Continue to make improvements at all park properties to ensure accessibility to all park amenities (i.e. playground equipment, field access, parking accommodations).
- Work with the school district to develop the southwest corner of Cappy and Fairchild to include forestry education, community garden, play equipment, and creek observation deck.
- Work with Swartz Creek Community Schools to plan the reuse of the Mary Crapo site. This site could provide additional property for future sports fields for the school district. A cooperative effort with the school might be sought as both the city and schools have limited budgets.
- Converting softball fields to baseball fields is still a viable option. Most of the softball fields could be converted since most of the groups that would use the field would be little league teams.
- Development of a non-motorized trail along Swartz Creek through Abrams Park would be an attractive location for a trail system.

Paved or aggregate trail system that would provide public access to the waterway and act as a pedestrian link between park facilities. Trail users would be able to enter the park from the sidewalk along Winshall Drive. Barrier-free design, constructed on paved or aggregate surface, striped and 8 to 10 feet in width; proposed length to be 1,300 feet (or ¼ mile).

Maintain open space and providing light in those spaces to prevent vandalism and promote usage of space for recreational activities.

Long-Term Projects

- Complete work at Otterburn Park.
- Construction of pavilion, bike station, 8-foot accessible paths through the site, parking, signage, restrooms, forestry, and sledding hill.
- Extend Non-Motorized Trail to Swartz Creek Middle School
- Develop trail connection to Swartz Creek Middle School by extending the existing trail from the park to the school along the Genesee County drain easement.

Develop Non-Motorized Trail Regional Connections

Work with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (where necessary) to complete trail sections around Swartz Creek

Continued improvements on Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park and potential partnership with the Swartz Creek DDA (i.e., Hometown Days Committee).

Develop partnerships with groups like Swartz Creek Schools, Mundy Township, Genesee County Parks and youth athletic groups in the area for recreational programming and volunteerism.

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Capital Improvement Plan

The following schedule is a summary of the action plan that includes key maintenance and development projects in an approximated timeline for completion pending available funding:

Funding Key:

MNRTF – MDNR Trust Fund

Passport – MDNR Recreation Passport

SPARK – MDNR Spark Grant

TAP – MDOT Transportation Alternative Program

GF – General Fund

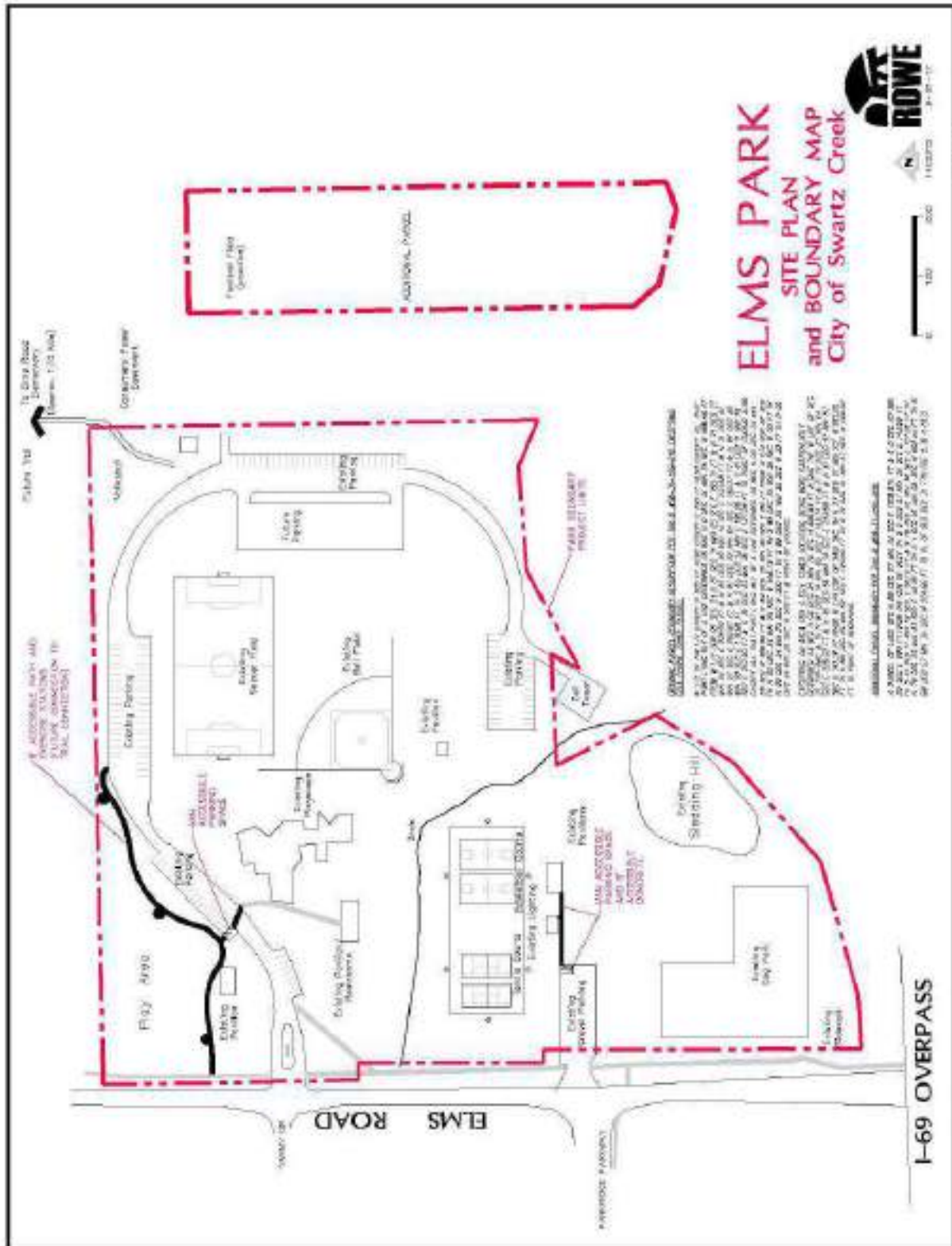
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Capital Improvement Plan			
Year	Project	Cost	Funding
Years 0-5	Abrams Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tree replacement (on-going)	\$15,000	CE, Private GF, Passport
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual maintenance (\$40,000 per year x 5)	\$200,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Renovate restroom facilities, remove exercise stations – Minor renovations have already occurred (doors and fixtures)	\$25,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional Seating (Benches)	\$5,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refurbish basketball courts (2023)	\$200,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bike Racks	\$1,500	
	Total	\$451,500	
	Elms Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace backstops (2023)	\$5,000	GF, Passport, Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drainage improvements, extend internal path (2023)	\$20,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional Seating (Benches)	\$5,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual maintenance (\$50,000 per year x 5)	\$250,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parking Issues	T.B.D.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bike Racks	\$1,500	
	Total	\$286,500	
	Otterburn Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pavilions	\$200,000	GF, Passport, MNRTF, SPARK, Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gravel parking and ADA accessible parking spaces	\$80,700	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8’ aggregate path	\$35,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Site preparation/grading	\$215,700	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Site amenities (i.e. trash receptacles, benches)	\$2,500	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pedestrian bridge	\$104,000	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bike pavilion station (including bike racks)	\$20,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	
	Total	\$662,900	
	Non-Motorized		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construct Phase 1 of regional trail system – currently out for bids	\$150,000	TAP, MNRTF, GF, Private
	Total	\$150,000	
	Total for 0-5 Years	\$1,550,900	
Years 5-10	Abrams Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual maintenance (\$50,000 per year x 5)	\$250,000	Private, GF, Passport
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbish or repurpose tennis courts	\$225,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal Trails	\$50,000	
	Total	\$524,000	
	Elms Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual maintenance (\$60,000 per year x 5)	\$300,000	GF, Passport, Private
	Total	\$300,000	
	Otterburn Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual maintenance (\$60,000 per year x 5)	\$300,000	
	Total	\$300,000	
	Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove or enhance pavilion with new features	\$150,000	MNRTF, GF, Private, DDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New benches	\$3,000	
	Total	\$153,000	
	Non-Motorized		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construct Phases 2 and 3 of regional trail system	\$350,000	TAP, MNRTF, GF, Private
	Total	\$350,000	
		Total for 5-10 Years	\$1,627,000

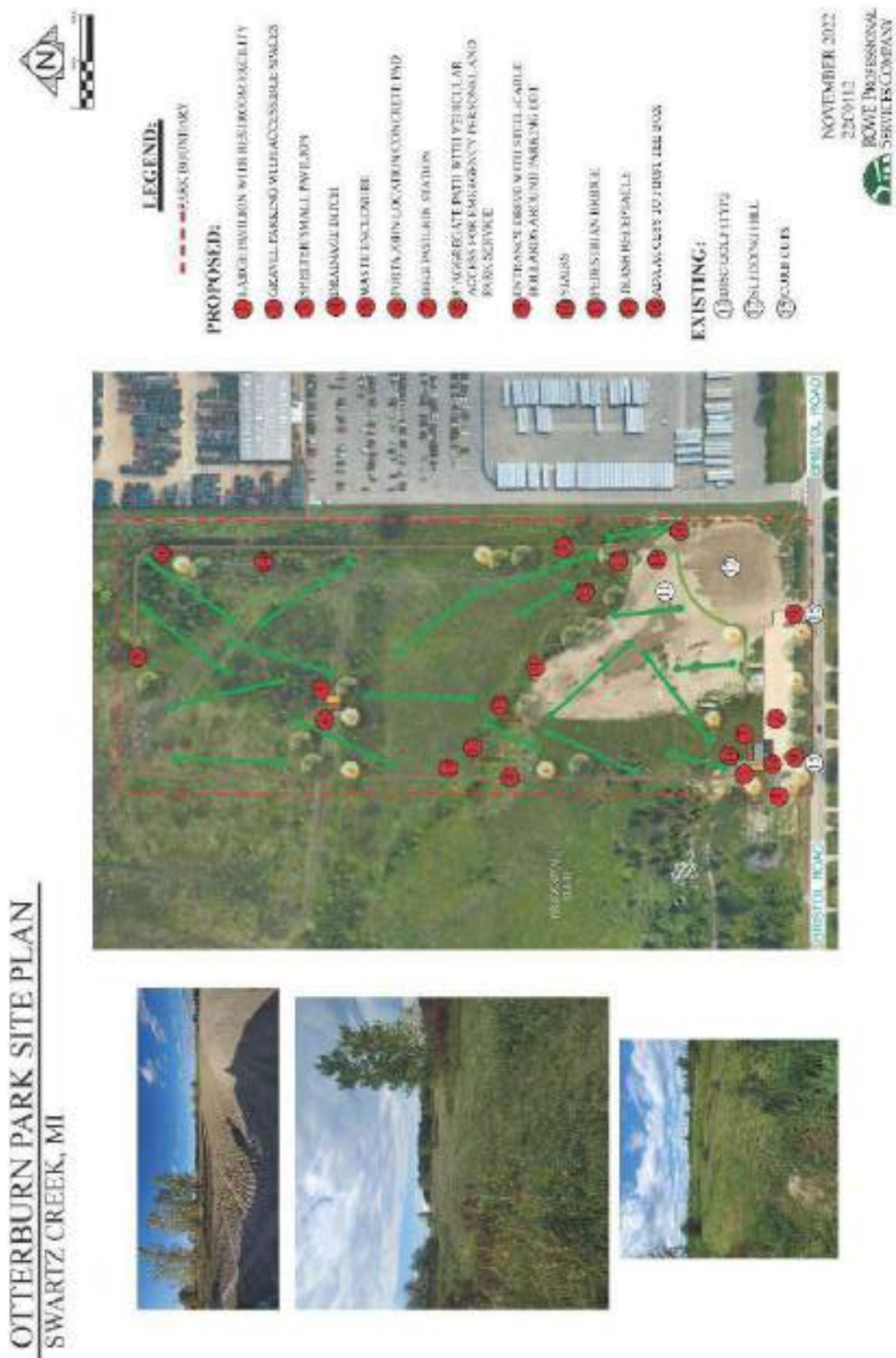
Map 3: Elms Park Drawing



Map 4: Abrams Park Drawing



Map 5: Otterburn Park Drawing



Potential Grant Sources

<i>Potential Grant Source</i>	<i>Maximum Request Amount</i>	<i>Minimum Local Match</i>	<i>Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Eligible Projects</i>
LWCF Grant	\$300,000 (Pending federal funding)	50%	April 1 MDNR	May be applicable to development of sports fields or trails that link or provide access to recreational resources
MNRTF Grant – Acquisition Project	No Limit	25%	April 1 MDNR	Purchase of land intended to provide outdoor recreation or protection of Michigan significant natural resources
MNRTF Grant – Development Project	\$300,000	25%	April 1 MDNR	Development of lands to provide outdoor recreation or protection of Michigan significant natural resources
MDNR – Spark Grant	\$1,000,000	NONE	December 2022 TBD 2023 TBD 2024	Projects that enhance features in neighborhoods and renovate or revitalize recreational programming/activities in communities.
Recreation Passport	\$75,000	25%	April 1 MDNR	Redevelopment of existing park and recreation facilities
Transportation Alternative Program	No Limit	20%	No deadline MDOT	Purchase and development regarding non-motorized, related to transportation. Program emphasis is more on providing connections than recreation opportunities

LWCF – Land and Water Conservation Fund

MNRTF – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

MDNR – Michigan Department of Natural Resources

MDOT – Michigan Department of Transportation

Federal and State Grants

There are a variety of funding sources available to local governments for park development. The MDNR Recreation Division administers the LCWF and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). Special initiatives are identified each year by the MDNR that receive special consideration for grants. These should be monitored yearly, and potential projects investigated. Current initiatives relate to acquisition of land for trailways, hunting, or buffer areas for habitat and development of shooting ranges.

- *Michigan Natural Resources Tree Planting Grants*

Through the MDNR, there are three tree-planting, grant programs that will assist in funding landscape enhancements at the park and reforestation projects. Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project cost.

Other funding is also available through other divisions that can be used as match, supplemental, or backup funding. EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) Department for the State of Michigan has other programs such as the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) for water and coastline area and erosion control. Other types of funding go to support existing projects that can be paired with other projects in the community. For example, the pending Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for Phase 1 of the trail system could be used as match to other funding and complete additional phases. The Federal Transportation Enhancement grant program can be used for the construction of non-motorized facilities such as multi-use paths connecting parks. Other grants include the Forest Management Division MDNR Community Forestry grant program that could help fund a tree-planting program for the parks.

Another potential funding source would be through the Urban Community Forestry program through the USDA Forest Services. This organization makes funds available to local units of government and non-profit organizations for street and park tree replacement, Arbor Day celebrations, and tree plantings.

Other Local Funds

Placing special assessments on private property owners for construction of a bike/hike trail abutting their property, for example, could be another funding strategy. Special assessments are often set up to finance sidewalks, sewer, or street projects. The same could be done for sections of the trail system, if needed.

Appropriations from the city's general fund are possible when a prompt commitment of funds is necessary, and the funds are available. Special assessments are levied against the owners of the property and this income is pledged to the repayment of the bonds. Such bonds usually carry a higher rate of interest than general obligation bonds but have the advantage of not being charged against the city debt limit.

Other Sources of Funding

Additional sources of funding will be investigated. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, special millages, bonds, user fees, and holding fund raising events are methods to raise funds for the development of recreational facilities.

The track record for community involvement in the city for a variety of projects has been impressive. Community organizations, businesses, and individuals have stepped up time and time again to lend their time, talent, and financial support to worthwhile community projects. While this kind of community support cannot always be measured, it should never be overlooked.

- *Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)*

Projects eligible for **CDBG** funding must be in a low- to moderate-income service area and/or provide access to the disabled to qualify. Investments using CDBG funds must provide a documented benefit to low- to moderate-income households. Projects eligible for funding include public infrastructure improvements and those that provide ADA accessibility.

Partnering/Advocates

A regional partnership with other communities could be useful in providing recreational programming and amenities to the area.

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Appendix

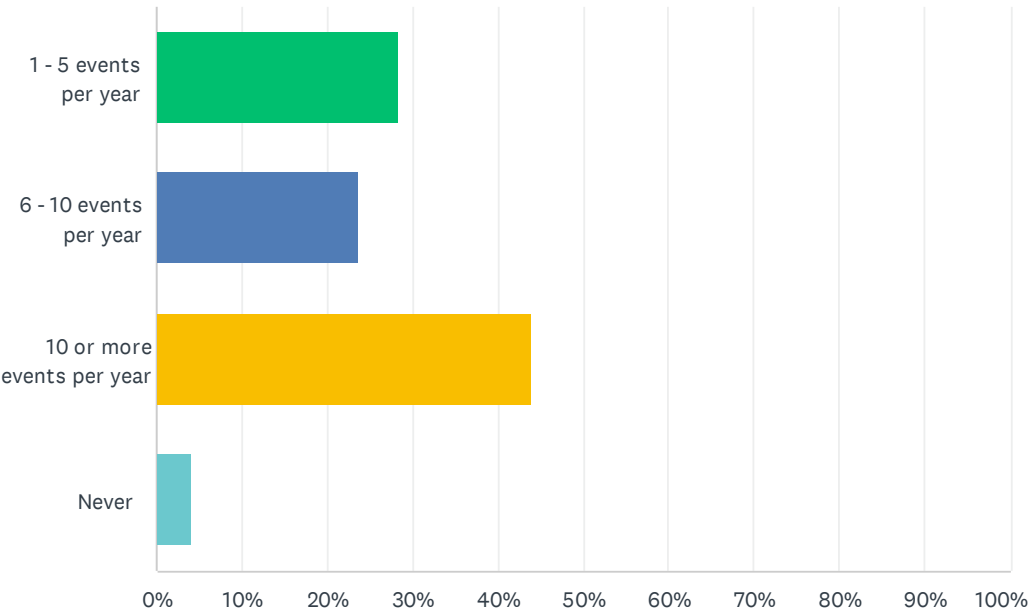
- Survey Responses
- Budget
- City Park Reservation Maps
- Post Completion Forms
- Public Notices, Meeting Minutes, Resolution
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Appendix A: Survey Responses

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Q1 How often do you or your family visit the parks in Swartz Creek?

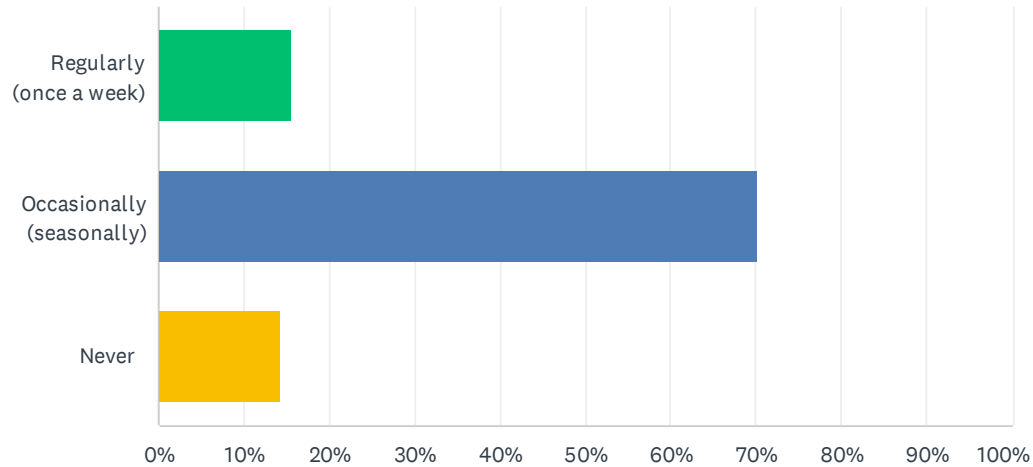
Answered: 148 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - 5 events per year	28.38%	42
6 - 10 events per year	23.65%	35
10 or more events per year	43.92%	65
Never	4.05%	6
TOTAL		148

Q2 How often do you participate in organized activities in parks within Swartz Creek?

Answered: 147 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly (once a week)	15.65%	23
Occasionally (seasonally)	70.07%	103
Never	14.29%	21
TOTAL		147

Q3 Are there any specific park activities or equipment that you would suggest be added?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 33

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Elms Park	83.62%	97
Abrams Park	50.00%	58
Bicentennial Park	15.52%	18

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Are there any specific park activities or equipment that you would suggest be added?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Elms Park	83.62%	97
Abrams Park	50.00%	58
Bicentennial Park	15.52%	18
Answered		116
Skipped		33

Respondent ID	Response Date	Elms Park	Abrams Park	Bicentennial Park
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	Volleyball court	Splash pad,another bathroom esp.by to,ddler play area	
114073472106	Jul 14 2022 05:13 PM	Splash pad		
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	Splash Pad		
114073167059	Jul 14 2022 11:08 AM	Skate park	Skate park	Skate park
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	Splash Pad	Splash Pad	Splash Pad
114072722258	Jul 13 2022 10:22 PM	Support youth football more	Parking	Where is this park?
114072675867	Jul 13 2022 08:50 PM	Walking trails	Walking trials	
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Splash pad		
114072503444	Jul 13 2022 04:25 PM	Splash pad, upgrades to play equipment	Upgrades to play equipment	
114072475133	Jul 13 2022 03:48 PM	Splash pad		
114072380108	Jul 13 2022 01:55 PM	Splash pad, paved walking paths	Paved walking paths, splash pad	
114072364276	Jul 13 2022 01:35 PM	Splash pad		
114072192068	Jul 13 2022 10:46 AM	extend roadway to connect both parking lots		
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Splash pad, hiking trail surrounding, more parking options	Splash pad, hiking trail along the creek side of park, double up baseball field and basketball court.	
114071885785	Jul 13 2022 03:30 AM	Splash Pad		
114071603023	Jul 12 2022 10:58 PM		More electricity	
114071585816	Jul 12 2022 10:21 PM	Splash pad/waterpark	Splash pad/waterpark	

114071580384	Jul 12 2022 10:11 PM	Splash pad	Hammock stands that hold many at a time	
114071460663	Jul 12 2022 06:14 PM	Splash pad		
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	Splash pad		
114071369753	Jul 12 2022 03:54 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114071308640	Jul 12 2022 02:32 PM		More sand toys, the digger in the sandbox is not working for the little ones. The metal slide near the lady bug could use a guard rail at the top.	
114071279548	Jul 12 2022 01:55 PM	Parking and pavilions, food truck night		
114071270728	Jul 12 2022 01:44 PM	Splash pad, pool, ice rink, volley ball court		
114071213995	Jul 12 2022 12:31 PM	Additional small children swing in the smaller children area		Swings!
114071207817	Jul 12 2022 12:23 PM	Water at dog park area. And make a driveway to the park for handicap access. It is a long walk on uneven ground		
114071196271	Jul 12 2022 12:08 PM	water features!		
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	A splash pad	A splash pad	
114071146785	Jul 12 2022 11:15 AM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114071141757	Jul 12 2022 11:09 AM	Splash pad		
114071080050	Jul 12 2022 10:00 AM	Splash pad, slip n slide, snow tubing		
114071066956	Jul 12 2022 09:45 AM	Splash Pad		
114071049816	Jul 12 2022 09:29 AM	Community pool, Splash pad or similar		
114071038467	Jul 12 2022 09:20 AM	Splash Pad	Updated playscape, clean tennis courts	
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM		Splash Pad!	
114070962864	Jul 12 2022 07:36 AM	Splash pad		
114070922808	Jul 12 2022 06:11 AM	Splashpad		

114070863505	Jul 12 2022 03:54 AM	Splash Pad			
114070837955	Jul 12 2022 02:52 AM	Splash Pad	Updated basketball hoods/court, play equipment for older children		
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Splash pad, more infant/toddler related items			
114070788879	Jul 12 2022 12:13 AM	Splash Pad			
114070788623	Jul 12 2022 12:12 AM	Splash pad			
114070783955	Jul 11 2022 11:56 PM	Splash pad			
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM		Splash Pad		
114070767831	Jul 11 2022 11:05 PM	Trees in dog park			Pool
114070763922	Jul 11 2022 10:54 PM	Splash pad			
114070760534	Jul 11 2022 10:45 PM		Splash pad		
114070748261	Jul 11 2022 10:13 PM	Community pool			
114070740318	Jul 11 2022 09:53 PM	Splash pad			
114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	Splash pad			
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	More dual swings for toddler and parent	More dual swings for toddler and parent		
114070728503	Jul 11 2022 09:24 PM	Splash pad			
114070725959	Jul 11 2022 09:18 PM	Splash pad			
114070725275	Jul 11 2022 09:16 PM		Splash Pad		
114070724849	Jul 11 2022 09:15 PM	Upgrade...the mulch, repairs, paint			
114070715640	Jul 11 2022 08:54 PM	Splash pad	Fishing pond		
114070715322	Jul 11 2022 08:53 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad		
114070710403	Jul 11 2022 08:42 PM	Equipment for exercise and walking path and stuff for teenager	Toddler play place things for teenager		Walking path
114070707329	Jul 11 2022 08:35 PM	Pool	Pool		Pool, disk golf, 7' basketball hoop for younger kids
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad		Splash pad

114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	Pond for fishing and ice skating, a splash pad, more pavilions in the back, a revamped baseball diamond for use by the public & youth baseball, or a whiffleball stadium, more trees.	Dog park in old tennis court, a bathroom near the newer play area	I don't even know where this is
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM		Lawn bowling, something new to try	
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	Splash pad
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM		Splash pad	
114070695198	Jul 11 2022 08:10 PM	Splash pad		
114070694660	Jul 11 2022 08:09 PM	Splash pad		
114070693212	Jul 11 2022 08:06 PM	Splash pad		
114070691747	Jul 11 2022 08:03 PM	Splash pad!	Splash pad!	Splash pad!
114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114070686686	Jul 11 2022 07:52 PM	Splashpad		
114070683877	Jul 11 2022 07:46 PM	Splash pad		
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	Splash pad		
114070681283	Jul 11 2022 07:41 PM	Updated baseball fields	Updated baseball fields	
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Splash pad	Splashpad	
114070673046	Jul 11 2022 07:25 PM	Splash pad		
114070672261	Jul 11 2022 07:24 PM	Splash Pad	Splash Pad	
114070668769	Jul 11 2022 07:18 PM	Splash Pad		
114070666450	Jul 11 2022 07:14 PM	Cameras to deter crime. A larger sledding hill.		
114070661421	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	Splash pad		
114070661573	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	Ice rink (official one) and splash pad for the littles.	More basketball courts	
114070658102	Jul 11 2022 07:00 PM	Water splash area for kids/ teens		
114070652674	Jul 11 2022 06:51 PM		Splash pad	
114070651861	Jul 11 2022 06:50 PM	Splash pad!		
114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	Splash pad
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad	More toys age specific towards toddlers	
114070648891	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM			Didn't know this existed?
114070647200	Jul 11 2022 06:42 PM	Splash pad		

114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM		Pool and splash pad remove the tennis	
114070634965	Jul 11 2022 06:23 PM	Splash pad		
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Splash pad!		
114070616886	Jul 11 2022 05:58 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	Splash pad or water area of some sort		
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	Out door Roller blading or roller skating	Out door roller blading or roller skating	
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Add another bathroom; canopy bench at dog park	Add another bathroom with baby changer by tot lot; landscape with trails	Pavilion with fireplace; landscape
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Pickle ball courts		
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	Splash pad for kids!		
114067711436	Jul 06 2022 07:34 PM	Fishing pond	New playground	Isn't that in Grand Blanc
114066768462	Jul 05 2022 02:47 PM		Need to keep the magnificent trees in the park	
114064948708	Jul 01 2022 06:56 PM	Cops in the park		
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM		Change the name back to winshall	
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	improve ball field		More picnic tables under the pavilion
114063610118	Jun 30 2022 06:19 AM		Update old fitness track and maintain tennis courts	
114063332589	Jun 29 2022 08:23 PM	Inclusive park access and structures	Inclusive park access and structures	Inclusive playground
114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	Add additional pavillions. Possibly invite food trucks for special events.	Upgrades to equipment for older kids. There are older swings, but a lot of the play equipment is for young children. More programmed events would be great!	
114062569268	Jun 28 2022 11:05 PM	Pool		
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM		Updated playground equipment by softball field	

114062537486	Jun 28 2022 09:47 PM		Walking path along the creek.	
114062457433	Jun 28 2022 07:12 PM		Please fix tennis courts	
114062456923	Jun 28 2022 07:11 PM	Trash cans		
114062423509	Jun 28 2022 06:08 PM	Pool	Splash pad	
114062386030	Jun 28 2022 05:04 PM		Restrooms	
114062379938	Jun 28 2022 04:54 PM	Splash pad		
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM		Trail	Firepit
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	Pickleball courts		
		Skating/ice/roller benches for ice		
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	skating, maybe more advertising for winter activities	Tennis courts fixed	

Q4 What do you like most about the facilities in the parks?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 61

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What do you like most about the facilities in the parks?

Answered 88

Skipped 61

Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	Clean
114073472106	Jul 14 2022 05:13 PM	Clean
114073445704	Jul 14 2022 04:36 PM	Playgrounds and tennis courts
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	The playgrounds
114073167059	Jul 14 2022 11:08 AM	Cleanliness
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	My kids enjoy them! A splash pad would make it even better.
114072722258	Jul 13 2022 10:22 PM	Lots of room
114072712065	Jul 13 2022 10:00 PM	Toddler play space.
114072675867	Jul 13 2022 08:50 PM	Play areas for young kids
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Clean place for kids to play. Safe place to walk.
114072503444	Jul 13 2022 04:25 PM	Making memories with family in our home town. More activities to do would always be awesome for the kids
114072380108	Jul 13 2022 01:55 PM	I love the covered Pavillions, real bathroom facilities, and that the parks are well kept and safe.
114072192068	Jul 13 2022 10:46 AM	Pokemon stops/gyms
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Everything is always clean
114071885785	Jul 13 2022 03:30 AM	Most are maintained well. Open, safe.
114071580384	Jul 12 2022 10:11 PM	Green space, lots of choices for different people, and love the new walking trail at Elms.
114071460663	Jul 12 2022 06:14 PM	Quality of equipment
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	Most of them are clean, and the equipment is well taken care of

114071308640	Jul 12 2022 02:32 PM	Abrams park is perfect for my toddlers. It's so calm and peaceful with the beautiful shade trees. I also like that the playground is completely fenced in.
114071279548	Jul 12 2022 01:55 PM	Well maintained
114071270728	Jul 12 2022 01:44 PM	Creaminess, family oriented.
114071213995	Jul 12 2022 12:31 PM	My daughter likes to swing
114071207817	Jul 12 2022 12:23 PM	The dog park area
114071196271	Jul 12 2022 12:08 PM	accessibility to bathrooms and safety
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	No comment
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	I love that it engages our children to be outside, having conversations with friends, and engaged in the community
114071080050	Jul 12 2022 10:00 AM	The area is huge
114071049816	Jul 12 2022 09:29 AM	Centrally located in community
114071038467	Jul 12 2022 09:20 AM	Large play areas nice update kids playground at elms park bathhouse if needed
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM	They're clean, they're well maintained, they are fun.
114070962864	Jul 12 2022 07:36 AM	Close by and free
114070863505	Jul 12 2022 03:54 AM	Events at Elms Park
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Just the fact that we have them.
114070788879	Jul 12 2022 12:13 AM	Clean
114070783955	Jul 11 2022 11:56 PM	Playground
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM	Cleanliness
114070767831	Jul 11 2022 11:05 PM	Dog parks
114070760534	Jul 11 2022 10:45 PM	Clean
114070748261	Jul 11 2022 10:13 PM	Lots of shade, walking path is very nice, ballfield, tennis courts, basketball hoops, playground, and pavilions are lol very nice!
114070740318	Jul 11 2022 09:53 PM	We love the play area and splash pad at Bicentennial Park.
114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	The many things to do in the parks makes a great day for the family.
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	Mostly enclosed and easy to keep children in play area

114070725275	Jul 11 2022 09:16 PM	We love the equipment at Elms Park, but it gets HOT for little ones playing outside! A splash pad would be a great addition to any one of the parks.
114070724849	Jul 11 2022 09:15 PM	Elms play scape, pavilions, available restrooms (need cleaning and soap to wash hands)
114070715640	Jul 11 2022 08:54 PM	New equipment
114070715322	Jul 11 2022 08:53 PM	Wish there was a splash pad splash pad in creek, park where crapo building is when it is torn down would be great. A splash pad there would be convenient to walk to restaurants
114070707329	Jul 11 2022 08:35 PM	Lots of amenities and for all age groups
114070705654	Jul 11 2022 08:31 PM	I like the dog run at elms but I mainly use Winshall. Wish we had one as well.
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	I like the size and different heights. My son enjoys all the parks. I would Love do not have to use the gas to go to ground blank for a splash pad.
114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	I love the big shade trees at Elms Park, the new path that was just installed, and the pavilions.
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	trees and walk on those sidewalks, picnics, for reunion and etc
114070696621	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	Verity of things to do, good amount of room.
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Playgrounds
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Clean and safe
114070695198	Jul 11 2022 08:10 PM	Sledding hill
114070694660	Jul 11 2022 08:09 PM	Nice open areas to take my kids to play and walk my dog.
114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	They are clean.
114070686686	Jul 11 2022 07:52 PM	Shady areas and nice playground
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	Both of the fenced in play areas at elms are fun for most kids
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Very clean and usable for the children.
114070672261	Jul 11 2022 07:24 PM	Clean
114070666450	Jul 11 2022 07:14 PM	My kids used to use the playscape regularly.

114070661573	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	They are up to date and cleaned regularly. I would like to see more regular checks on Elms since it seems to have a higher attendance for cleanup.
114070661421	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	How clean they stay and how every gets along. Kids never get bored there no matter how long we stay. We also feel safe at all times.
114070658102	Jul 11 2022 07:00 PM	I like the playground, basketball court and pavilion at Elms Park
114070651861	Jul 11 2022 06:50 PM	Usually a good amount of parking spots
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Convenient
114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Clean, well maintained, large
114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM	Kept up and peaceful family setting
114070634965	Jul 11 2022 06:23 PM	Lots of trees, country settings.
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Up kept equipment
114070616886	Jul 11 2022 05:58 PM	Fun place to take my grandson
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	Elms park is nicely shaded all summer
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	The fact we have a safe place to enjoy the company of friends and family.
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Gathering of family; walking
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Clean and kept up well
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	Great for the kids.
114067711436	Jul 06 2022 07:34 PM	Close to Home
114066768462	Jul 05 2022 02:47 PM	The coolness of the shade provided by the trees at Abrams.
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM	Well kept Expect elms bathroom
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	open space
114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	for the most part, I like that there are numerous amenities in the parks. This means that they are not used solely for a singular purpose.
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM	Kid friendly and good for family functions and community activities.
114062456923	Jun 28 2022 07:11 PM	Well maintained, close bathrooms,

114062379938	Jun 28 2022 04:54 PM	It's a large park. Spread out
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM	Trees and nature
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	The pavilions
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	Tennis courts
		Smooth parking lots for roller skating

Q5 What do you feel needs the most improvement in the parks? Please be specific as to which park.

Answered: 85 Skipped: 64

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What do you feel needs the most improvement in the parks? Please be specific as to which

Answered 85

Skipped 64

Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	ABRAMS needs tennis courts replaced or repaired. Volleyball ball court with sand would be nice
114073472106	Jul 14 2022 05:13 PM	Splash pad Swings at Abrams squeak
114073445704	Jul 14 2022 04:36 PM	Tennis courts at Abrams resurface
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	Keeping them cleaned up
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	Just keeping up on mowing and cleaning!
114072722258	Jul 13 2022 10:22 PM	Pave Elms park parking lot
114072712065	Jul 13 2022 10:00 PM	Elm's Park - Sandbox Play Area, up keep.
114072675867	Jul 13 2022 08:50 PM	Not enough places in Swartz Creek to walk in the park
114072674703	Jul 13 2022 08:48 PM	Add a splash pad
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Safety
114072364276	Jul 13 2022 01:35 PM	Splash pad please!
114072192068	Jul 13 2022 10:46 AM	Elms needs to connect drive to other parking lot so you can drive all the way through.
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Abrams is very outdated , another restroom should be added to side with childrens park Don't know the name of it. The one in the neighborhood kind if behind the high school. When
114071885785	Jul 13 2022 03:30 AM	I went by there a couple weeks ago it was very unkempt. Tennis courts looked terrible, tall grass. Old.

114071580384	Jul 12 2022 10:11 PM	Basketball and tennis courts at Elms
114071460663	Jul 12 2022 06:14 PM	We need a splash pad!
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	The bathrooms af elms park are always disgusting, and smell horrible
114071270728	Jul 12 2022 01:44 PM	Park Monitors, more garbage cans, restrooms
114071213995	Jul 12 2022 12:31 PM	Elms park Lots of garbage in the larger kids play area and could use more walking paths
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	No comment
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	I feel that Abrams park (which I live close to) is completely run down. The basketball court is broken, there are hardly anything for the big kids to play on. Elms road needs some type of supervision and trash pick up for the weekends. We see a lot of put
114071146785	Jul 12 2022 11:15 AM	if town kids enjoying our park, and it gets roudy (more than just kids playing) and a lot of trash gets left behind
114071080050	Jul 12 2022 10:00 AM	Elms Rd Park needs daily maintenance, there's always trash everywhere
114071049816	Jul 12 2022 09:29 AM	Abrams park- long grass, mosquitoes and ticks
114071038467	Jul 12 2022 09:20 AM	Elms Rd Park water issues near the hill or dog park hard to use services most of the wet season. Abrams park playscape and slides need updates as well as tennis courts need a major overhaul
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM	The clientele sometimes is concerning.
114070962864	Jul 12 2022 07:36 AM	Clean up crews. So much trash. My kids and I try to clean as much as possible when we visit.

114070863505	Jul 12 2022 03:54 AM	Working with people to clean up the park. We have gone several times as a family to clean up. We are willing to help organize days to help with all of the parks. ⁹
114070837955	Jul 12 2022 02:52 AM	Abrams Park needs to update the basketball courts, or at the very least update the basketball hoops. The backboards with a spray painted square in them are not very appealing. Abrams Park would also benefit from adding playground equipment for older children as well. The equipment for smaller children is great, but older children are left out.
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Elms road park sometimes doesn't unlock the restrooms which is unfortunate
114070788623	Jul 12 2022 12:12 AM	Splash pad
114070783955	Jul 11 2022 11:56 PM	More things to do.
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM	More equipment for little ones, or add a splash pad to Abrams Park
114070767831	Jul 11 2022 11:05 PM	Elms - dog park lots of potential but just not on par with others in the area
114070763922	Jul 11 2022 10:54 PM	Improve parking at elms. I would suggest paving the driveway and expanding parking with lines to alleviate parking issue. Additional parking would also be appreciated
114070755127	Jul 11 2022 10:30 PM	Elms Rd park doesn't feel safe! Due to a safety concern this year, my teenager isn't allowed to go there.
114070748261	Jul 11 2022 10:13 PM	Cost to rent a pavilion needs to be implemented! Residents of Swartz Creek can't hardly ever use them
114070740318	Jul 11 2022 09:53 PM	Would love to see a handicap accessible playground at Elms rd.

114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	The roads in Elma park Need paved or just graded more often.
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	Possibly more security. I've found condom wrappers at both Abrams and Elms parks this year.
114070715640	Jul 11 2022 08:54 PM	Elms park - new bathrooms
114070715322	Jul 11 2022 08:53 PM	Elms-splash pad, park where crapo building is
114070710403	Jul 11 2022 08:42 PM	Bathrooms Water for kids
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	The city of Schwartz Creek has so many children and truly needs a splash pad The potholes at Elms Park are usually pretty terrible. Also, adding a second entrance (or dedicated exit and one way traffic) to the park would be pretty awesome...especially during football practices. I would also love to see more parks develop throughout the city. Perhaps a sports plex with ayso fields and multiple baseball diamonds.
114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	none at this time
114070696621	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	Abrams needs updates. tennis courts need some work. Basketball courts need some nets. Looks bad. Maybe paint the equipment
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Updates to volleyball courts, possibly spray for bugs and bees more
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	More kid friendly equipment
114070694660	Jul 11 2022 08:09 PM	Elms rd park would be nice to add a splash pad and update some of the playground equipment and sandboxes. Would be nice to see some new playground equipment added at Abrams park for older kids instead of just the toddler area and old playground there.
114070691868	Jul 11 2022 08:03 PM	Elms park needs some security at times

114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	Both Abrams and elms road need maintenance at least once monthly fixing things such as wooden posts broken swings
114070686686	Jul 11 2022 07:52 PM	Something to keep them cool at Elms. Like a splashpad!
114070683877	Jul 11 2022 07:46 PM	Abrams park needs more love! It is a great space and would be a great asset to the community if given more attention.
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	There is often a lot of trash at elms park and bathrooms are not always clean. The tennis court pavement could use repair
114070681283	Jul 11 2022 07:41 PM	Update baseball fields and have them groomed and taken care of.
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Abrams park needs more play on equipment.
114070672261	Jul 11 2022 07:24 PM	Cameras
114070668769	Jul 11 2022 07:18 PM	Parking lot and wood play scape at elms road.
114070658102	Jul 11 2022 07:00 PM	Elms park needs improved restrooms, something for summer time such as a water splash area and the basketball court lines redone.
114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad Abrams needs an update and could use more playscapes. Specifically towards toddlers so the playscapes would be lower to the ground and soft ground.
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	I'd like to see a splash pad at elms park and also in the winter, an ice rink possibly with boards and more up keep.
114070647200	Jul 11 2022 06:42 PM	People throwing trash everywhere all the time
114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM	Abrams park needs a pool and splash pad
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Garbage pick up in Elms

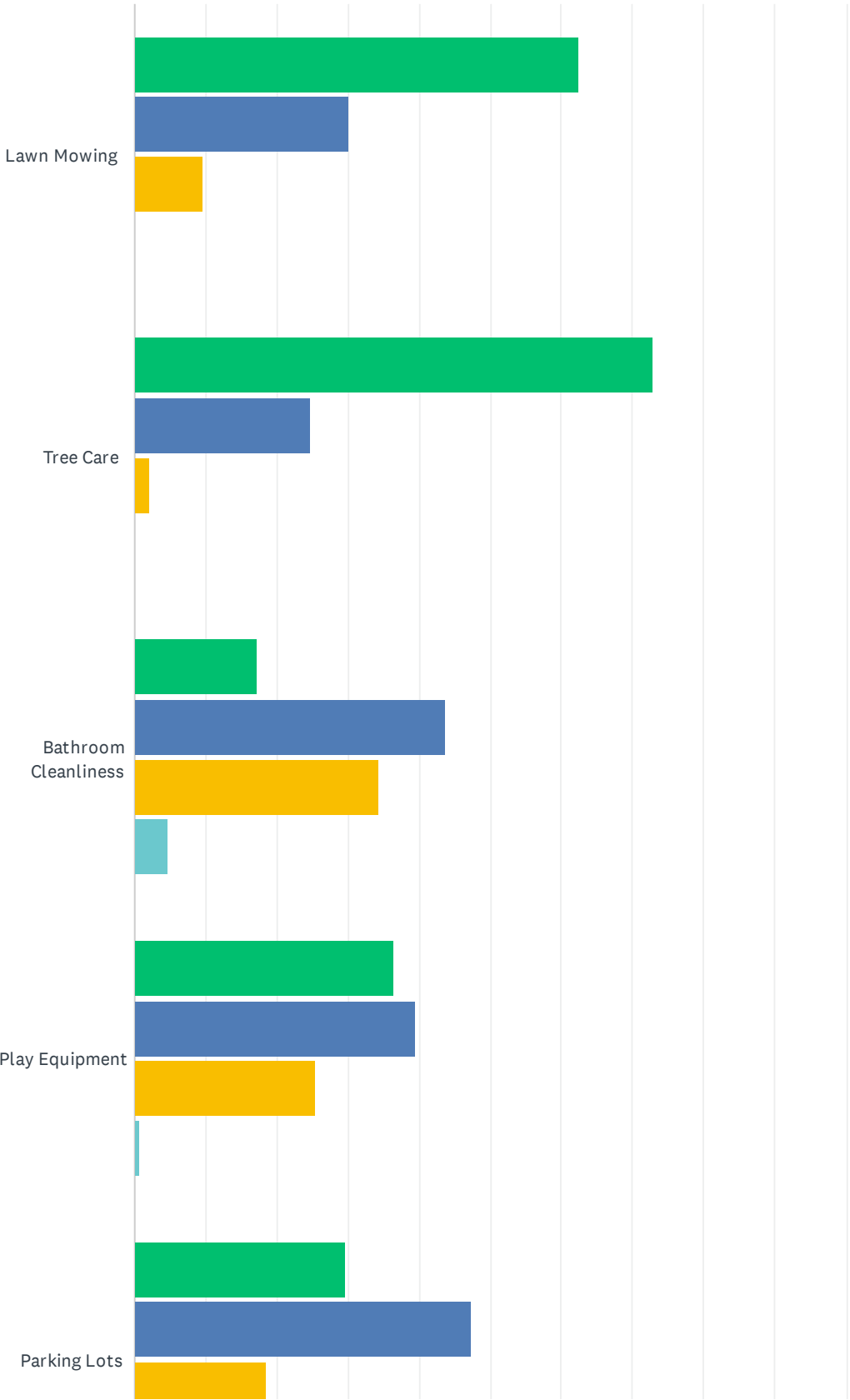
114070619420	Jul 11 2022 06:01 PM	I would love to see a splash pad at one of the parks. My kids are grown and gone, but I could still enjoy that with grand kids someday. Also, I would love it if Swartz Creek had hiking trails. I would do that regularly!
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	We need a splash pad or water area of some sort. Grand blanc one is nice but one on creek would get so much use!
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	Bicentennial park needs cleaned up. The city does pull weeds or trim the trees and plants. Roses look awful.
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Bathrooms (Elms and Abrams); landscaping and walking pathways (Abrams)
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Abrams. Tennis court
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	I don't not recall any at this time.
114064948708	Jul 01 2022 06:56 PM	Bathrooms are awful
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM	Abram's shouldn't have been changed names
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	electricity in Abrams park pavilions
114063332589	Jun 29 2022 08:23 PM	Mowing! Especially at Elms Rd Park and Abrams

114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	I would love to see more programmed activities in all the parks. Could the park partner with For-Mar on the road or other groups to bring educational and fun programming? The Food Bank and GCCARD also have summer lunch programs in parks. These are things beyond planned athletic activities. I really want to see the trail system expansion continue between the parks. I would love to see some natural area enhancements in Abrams park, such as informational signage about the creek and wildlife, etc. Also with Abrams Park, add seating in the more woodsy areas. The creek is a cool asset to Abrams park and is underutilized. Additional seating throughout Elms Park would be nice too.
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM	Playground equipment at Abrams Park by ball diamond. It's very old and in poor condition.
114062537486	Jun 28 2022 09:47 PM	Something needs to be done with the tennis court at Abrams.
114062456923	Jun 28 2022 07:11 PM	Parental supervision! Younger kids are over run by preteens!
114062423509	Jun 28 2022 06:08 PM	Lighting. More seating.
114062409085	Jun 28 2022 05:43 PM	There needs to be another exit/entrance to elms road park. Maybe if that isn't possible a sign that lets people know that you can exit out the back. It gets crazy when youth football is going on .
114062379938	Jun 28 2022 04:54 PM	The play escape area. Lots of blind spots for parents. Can loose track of kids quickly.
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM	Designed poorly Trash collection

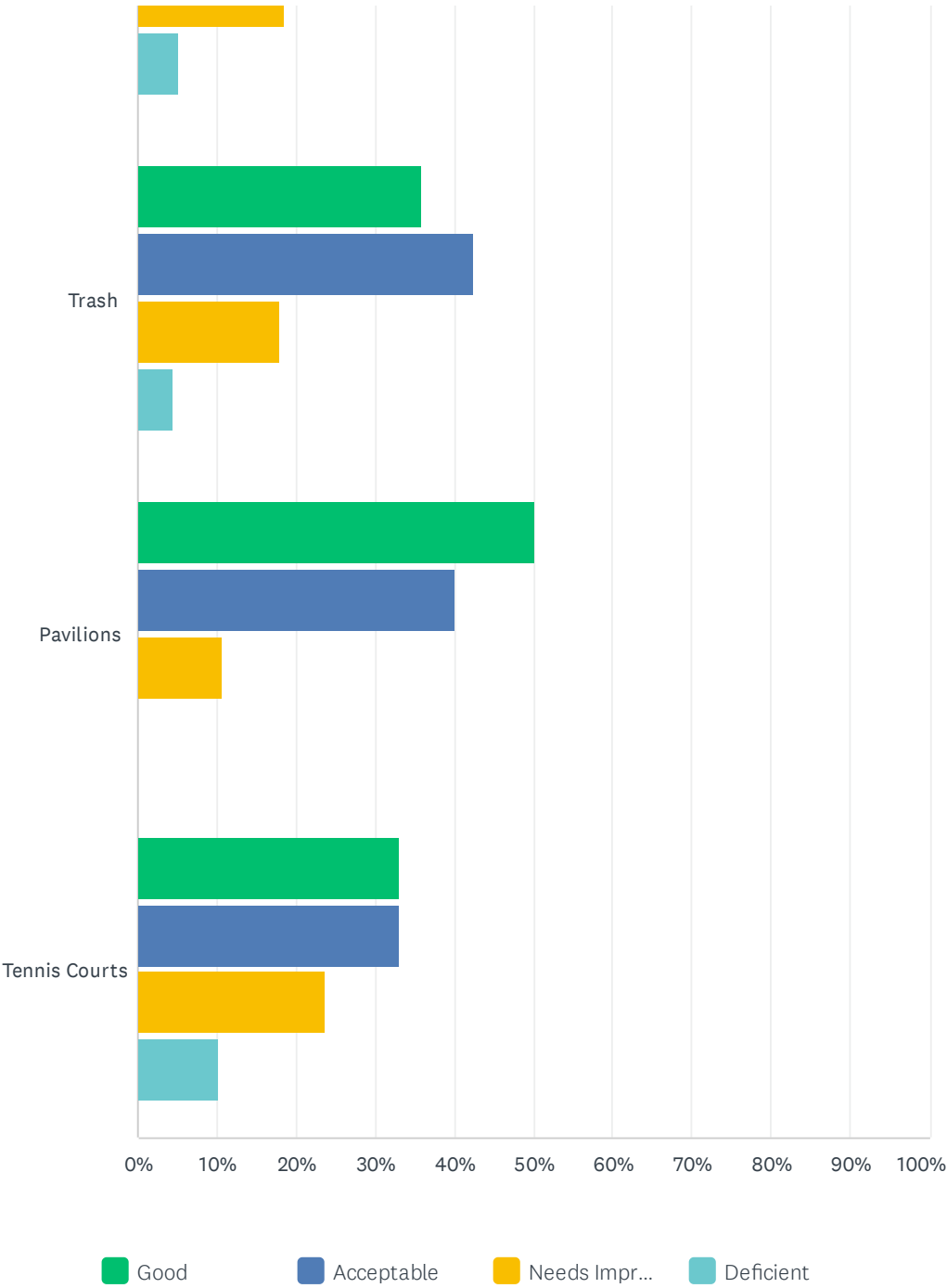
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	Elms park tennis courts need repairs
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	More planned events by the city

Q6 Do you feel there are any problems with the maintenance of the parks?

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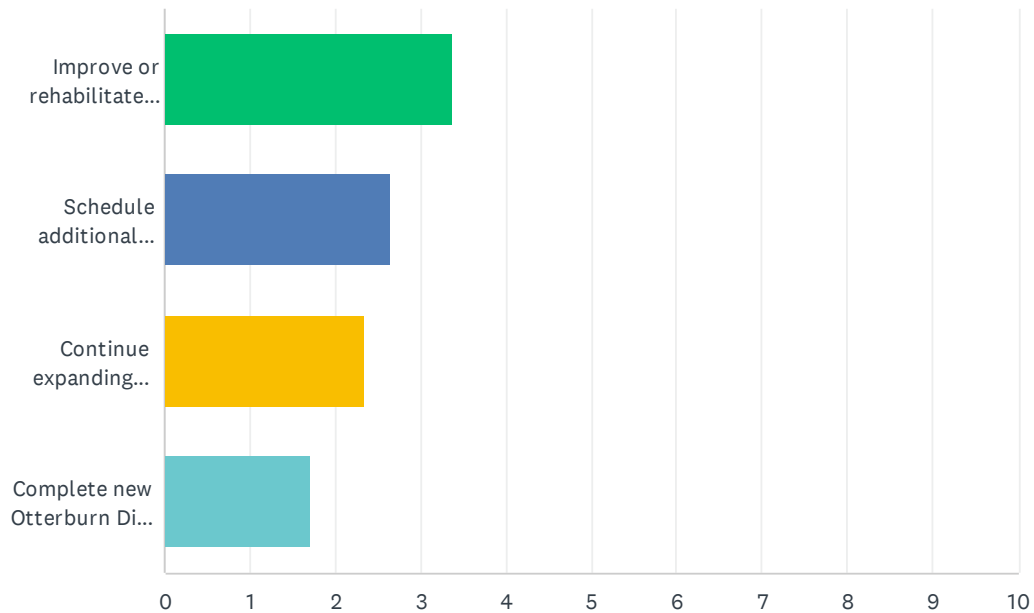


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	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	DEFICIENT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Lawn Mowing	62.50% 85	30.15% 41	9.56% 13	0.00% 0	136
Tree Care	72.99% 100	24.82% 34	2.19% 3	0.00% 0	137
Bathroom Cleanliness	17.19% 22	43.75% 56	34.38% 44	4.69% 6	128
Play Equipment	36.57% 49	39.55% 53	25.37% 34	0.75% 1	134
Parking Lots	29.63% 40	47.41% 64	18.52% 25	5.19% 7	135
Trash	35.82% 48	42.54% 57	17.91% 24	4.48% 6	134
Pavilions	50.00% 66	40.15% 53	10.61% 14	0.00% 0	132
Tennis Courts	33.05% 39	33.05% 39	23.73% 28	10.17% 12	118

Q7 Rank your priority for use of budgeted funding, from 1 being the highest priority to 4 being the lowest priority.

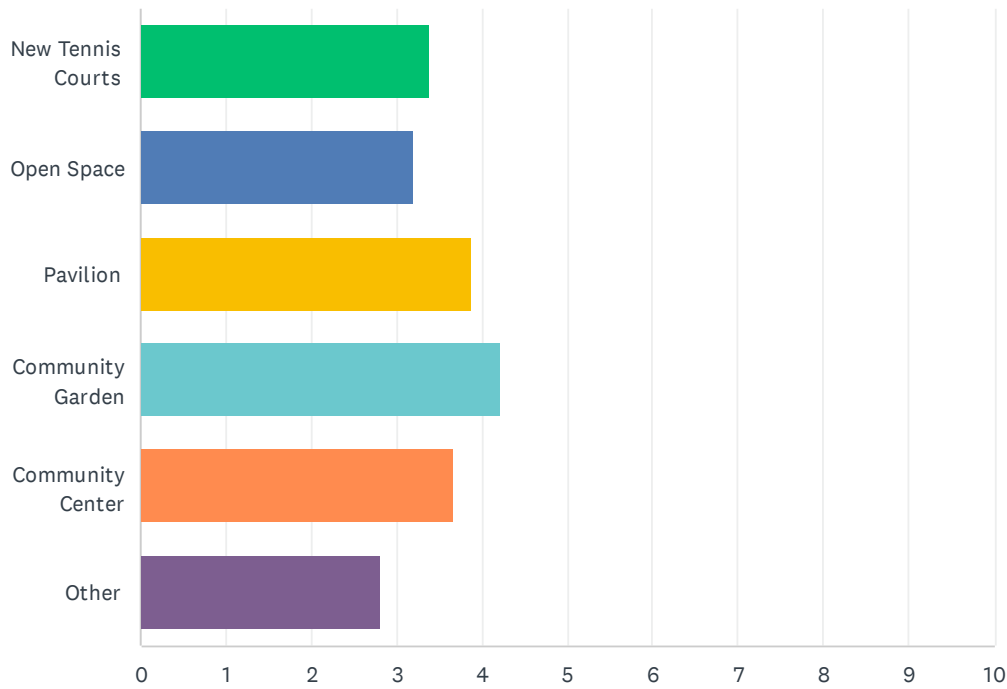
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	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Improve or rehabilitate existing facilities	54.81% 74	28.89% 39	13.33% 18	2.96% 4	135	3.36
Schedule additional activities at existing parks	21.32% 29	38.24% 52	24.26% 33	16.18% 22	136	2.65
Continue expanding non-motorized trail system	16.79% 23	20.44% 28	43.07% 59	19.71% 27	137	2.34
Complete new Otterburn Disc Golf Park (new Park on Bristol Road)	9.35% 13	12.23% 17	18.71% 26	59.71% 83	139	1.71

Q8 Rank the following suggested uses for the current tennis courts in Abrams Park, from 1 being most desirable to 6 being least desirable.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 21



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
New Tennis Courts	20.97% 26	12.10% 15	11.29% 14	16.94% 21	17.74% 22	20.97% 26	124	3.39
Open Space	4.13% 5	14.05% 17	23.14% 28	23.97% 29	24.79% 30	9.92% 12	121	3.19
Pavilion	13.11% 16	19.67% 24	25.41% 31	27.87% 34	10.66% 13	3.28% 4	122	3.87
Community Garden	21.43% 27	27.78% 35	23.02% 29	12.70% 16	10.32% 13	4.76% 6	126	4.23
Community Center	17.60% 22	23.20% 29	12.00% 15	14.40% 18	21.60% 27	11.20% 14	125	3.67
Other	26.32% 30	3.51% 4	5.26% 6	4.39% 5	12.28% 14	48.25% 55	114	2.82

Q9 If you chose "other" for question 8, what are some suggestions for the use of the existing tennis court?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 87

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If you chose "other" for question 8, what are some suggestions for the use of the existing tennis court?

Answered

62

Skipped

87

Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	Volleyball courts
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	Splash pad
114073167059	Jul 14 2022 11:08 AM	Skate park for skate boarding, Rollerblade,scooters,etc.
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	Splash Pad
114072712065	Jul 13 2022 10:00 PM	Outdoor activities - Pickleball.
114072674703	Jul 13 2022 08:48 PM	Splash pad
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Not familiar with Abrams Park
114072503444	Jul 13 2022 04:25 PM	Soccer, gymnastics, splash pad, community garden
114072380108	Jul 13 2022 01:55 PM	Splash pad area
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Splash pad/small water park
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	Splash pad
114071369753	Jul 12 2022 03:54 PM	Splash pad
114071333735	Jul 12 2022 03:04 PM	Splash pad
114071308640	Jul 12 2022 02:32 PM	A splash pad for the summer would be great.
114071279548	Jul 12 2022 01:55 PM	Volleyball court
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	Splash pad
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	If not a tennis court, I would love to see a splash pad there!
114071146785	Jul 12 2022 11:15 AM	Splash pad
114071141757	Jul 12 2022 11:09 AM	Splash pad
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM	Splash Pad
114070837955	Jul 12 2022 02:52 AM	Splash Pad

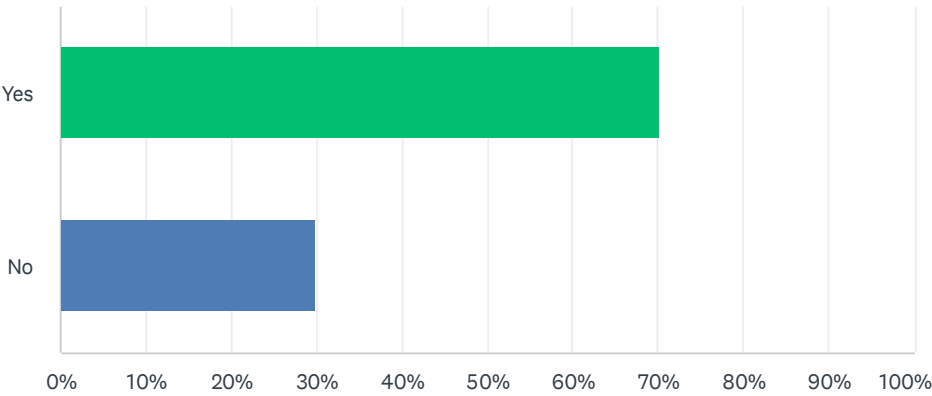
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Splash pad
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM	Splash Pad! Please
114070760534	Jul 11 2022 10:45 PM	Splash pad
114070751195	Jul 11 2022 10:21 PM	Splash pad
114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	Roller hockey with nets and side boards
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	Splash pad would be nice
114070725275	Jul 11 2022 09:16 PM	Splash pad
114070707329	Jul 11 2022 08:35 PM	Community pool or splash pad
114070704952	Jul 11 2022 08:30 PM	Splash pad
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	Splash pad!!!
114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	I think it would make a great dog park. It's already enclosed, away from the play areas, and would be a great asset to that area of town. Plus it would be easily expandable if needed.
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	no comment
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Splash pad water park
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Splash pad
114070693212	Jul 11 2022 08:06 PM	Splash pad
114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	Splash pad or rollerblading hockey rink
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	Fix tennis courts and add splash pad somewhere.
114070681283	Jul 11 2022 07:41 PM	Baseball fields
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Splash pad!!!!
114070666450	Jul 11 2022 07:14 PM	Splash pad

114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad, I don't see tennis courts being used very often. I think a splash pad would be more popular
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad
114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM	Pool and splash pad
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Splash pad
114070619420	Jul 11 2022 06:01 PM	Possibly an area for skating (like roller skating).
114070616886	Jul 11 2022 05:58 PM	Splash pad for the kids
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	Water area or splash pad at any park please :)
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	Add roller balding or roller skating area
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Large gazebo for events
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Pickle ball courts not use tennis courts.
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	Splash pad for kids!
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM	Change the name back and maybe people will use the park again
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	Child ride around area. City to drive on. Teach about stop, yield , right turn. Safety
114063332589	Jun 29 2022 08:23 PM	Other kinds of sport courts
114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	Skate Park
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM	Splash pad area or skateboard park.
114062537486	Jun 28 2022 09:47 PM	Splash pad was mentioned recently on Winchester Village's Facebook page. That might be a good possibility.

114062423509	Jun 28 2022 06:08 PM	Other could be Gaga put. Horseshoe pits. Cornhole area
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM	Skatepark
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	Pickleball. Put 4 courts in next to tennis courts at Elms Park. You can put up 6' fences around then M and maybe a net between the courts end to end
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	Skating park

Q10 Would you like to see pocket parks (small lot, single purpose lots for gardens, gazebos, and reflection areas) developed in Swartz Creek?

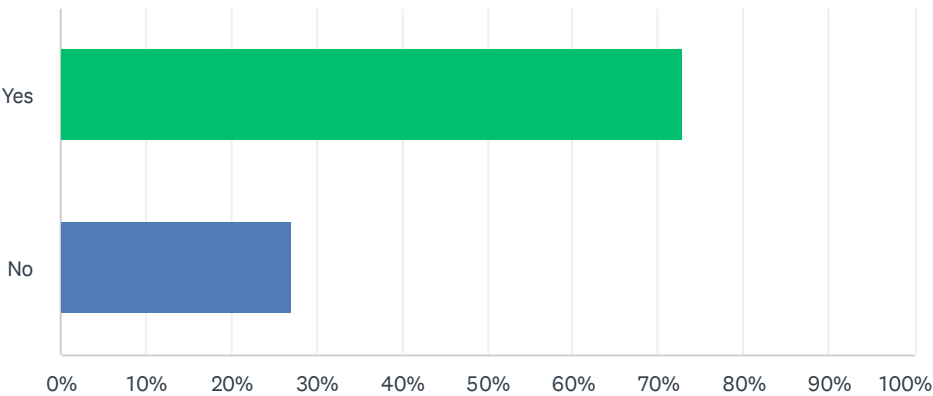
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.14%	101
No	29.86%	43
TOTAL		144

Q11 Are you a resident within the City of Swartz Creek?

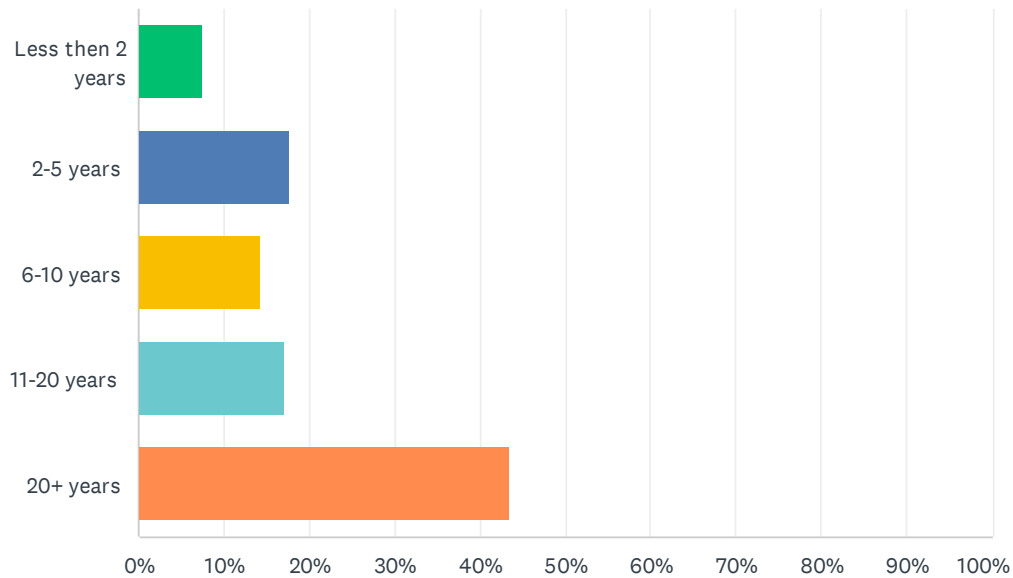
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.97%	108
No	27.03%	40
TOTAL		148

Q12 How long have you lived in the Swartz Creek area?

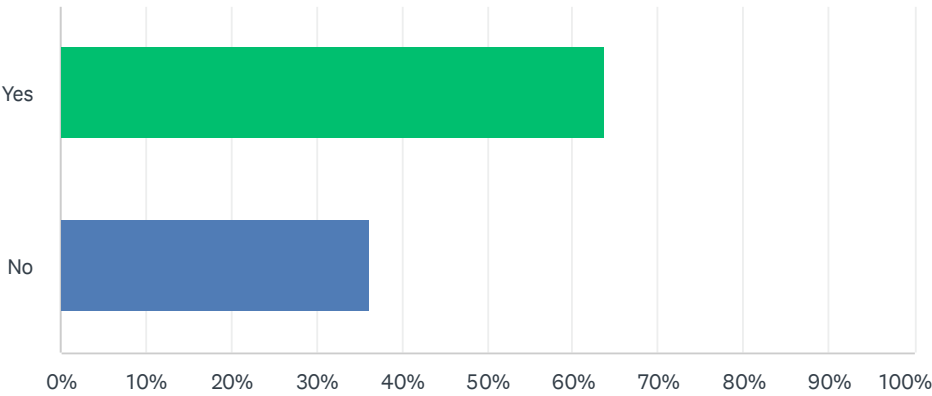
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	7.48%	11
2-5 years	17.69%	26
6-10 years	14.29%	21
11-20 years	17.01%	25
20+ years	43.54%	64
TOTAL		147

Q13 Do you have children that attend Swartz Creek Community Schools?

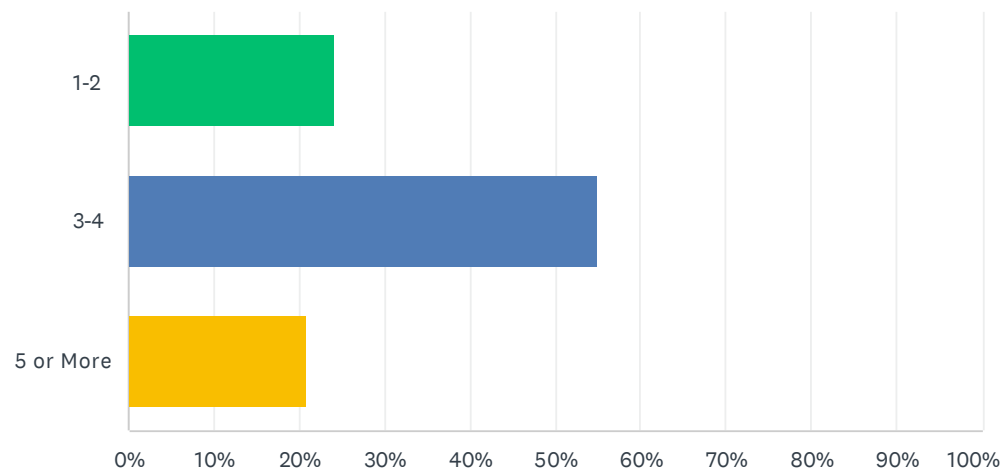
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.76%	95
No	36.24%	54
TOTAL		149

Q14 How many people are in your household?

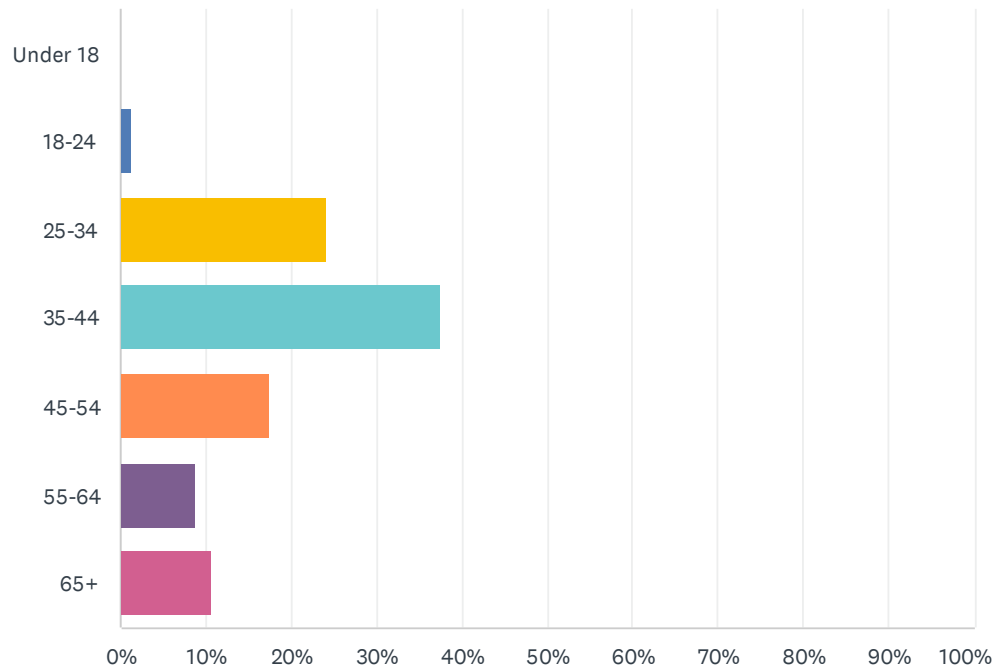
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-2	24.16%	36
3-4	55.03%	82
5 or More	20.81%	31
TOTAL		149

Q15 What is your age?

Answered: 149 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.34%	2
25-34	24.16%	36
35-44	37.58%	56
45-54	17.45%	26
55-64	8.72%	13
65+	10.74%	16
TOTAL		149

Appendix B: Budget

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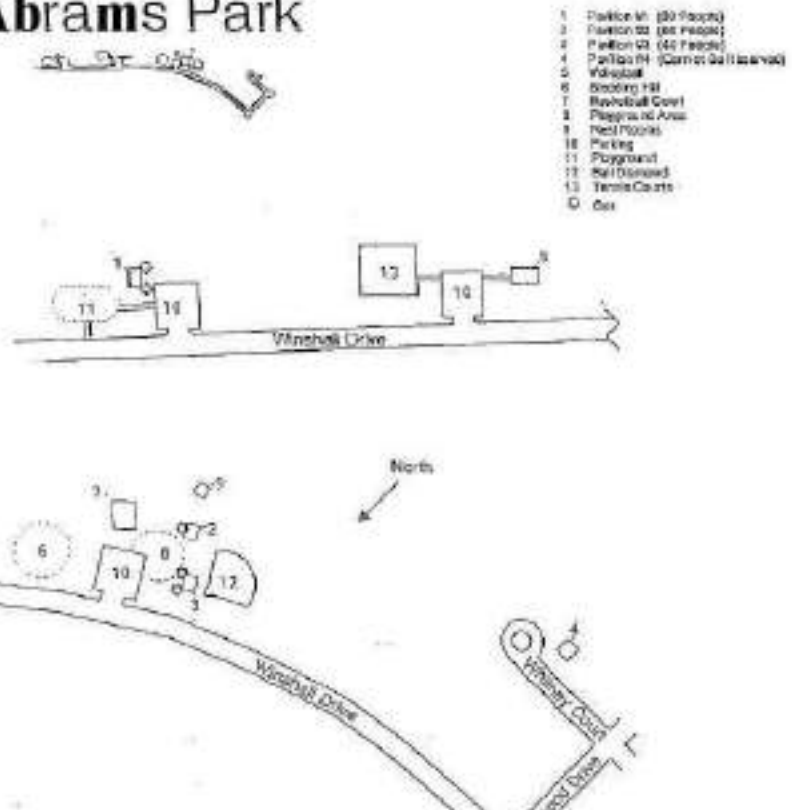
PARKS & PROMOTIONS 101 (780,780.5,781,782,783,784,786,787,788,794)

SERVICE DESCRIPTION		OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022			
<p>* Provide for operations, maintenance, and repair of city parks (Abrams, Elms, Bicentennial, Otterburn Disc Golf, Veterans Memorial, Pajtas Amphitheater)</p> <p>* Provide support for community events and activities related to parks and festivals (parade support & holiday decorating)</p> <p>* Provide shared services for maintenance to Mundy Townships park</p>		<p>* Complete trail phase one with grant support</p> <p>* Continue forestry in Abrams Park</p>			
		CAPITAL OUTLAY			
			<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
		Trail	\$824,200	\$0	\$0
		Abrams Park	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Total			834,200	10,000	0
STAFFING SUMMARY					
<p>* Staffing for this function consists of the equivalent of 1.525 full time employees (FTE).</p> <p>* 0.09 of the FTE's are composed of salaried staff, including the director of public works.</p> <p>* 1.435 of the FTE's are composed of hourly staff, primarily from the DPW.</p> <p>* Primary contractors for this service include Lawn Kings (mowing)</p>					
BUDGET SUMMARY					
	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2019-2020</u>		<u>AMENDED</u> <u>2020-2021</u>		<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>2021-2022</u>
Total Exp	183,250		215,976		195,315

Appendix C: City Park Reservation Maps



Abrams Park



Appendix D: Post Completion Forms

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Appendix E: Public Notices, Meeting Minutes, and Resolution

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City of Swartz Creek Recreation Plan Meeting Agenda Park Advisory Committee

May 4, 2022

1. Introductions
2. Review accomplishments since last plan. What's left?
3. Review of prior Goals and Objectives and Action Plan
-Mark up and revise as basis for presenting a draft at future public engagement
4. Public Engagement
 - A. Survey. Confirm questions. Issue asap. Suggest being consistent (city, community, etc). Open ended vs directed. How did responses from last survey direct action?
 1. What do you like most about recreation facilities in the Swartz Creek community?
 2. What do you like least about recreation facilities or opportunities in Swartz Creek?
 3. What changes would most improve recreation in the City of Swartz Creek?
 4. How often do you participate in activities in Swartz Creek parks?
 5. Let us know what you think about maintenance at Swartz Creek parks
-lawn mowing, tree care, bathrooms, play equipment, parking lots, trash, pavilions (acceptable or not)
 6. Do you believe that the parks add to quality of life and tourism / economy of a community?
 7. Please rank your priority for use of funding

- acquire additional property for parks, improve existing facilities, add new activities at existing parks, develop non-motorized trails

8. What is your age?

9. Are you a resident of the City of Swartz Creek?

10. **NEW** Name Bicentennial Park? Open ended or options? Prize/recognition for the winner? Promote for completing survey?

B. Focus Groups. Use to clarify key questions or items. Time and location, prior to Advisory Meeting?

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Winshall Neighborhood	
Pathway Committee	
Lions Club	
Others?	

C. Town Hall Meeting. Discuss findings from focus groups and survey. Part of a council meeting? Part of issuing plan for 30 day review?

D. Other events our public engagement opportunities?

6. Items needed from city: budget, post completion forms, admin structure changes?

7. Comments, next steps

Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Focus Group Agenda

September 15, 2022

1. Introductions
2. Purpose of Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Submission End of 2022
3. Results from Survey
4. Review Goals and Objectives from Previous Plan (2018)
5. Discuss Improvements and Renovations to Existing Park Properties that are not addressed in previous plan
6. Next steps

Notes:

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers of City Hall
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER;
2. ROLL CALL: James Barclay, Sandi Brill, Connie Olger,
Samantha Fountain, Mark Gonyea, George Hicks, Rae Lynn
Hicks, Krystle Lynch, Trudy Plumb
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES :
5. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:
6. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD:
 - A. October 18, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Staff Letter
 - C. Draft Park Plan
7. REPORTS:
 - A. DPW Director & City Manager
 - B.
8. BUSINESS:
 - A. Park Plan Update
 - B.
9. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:
10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
11. ADJOURNMENT:

Appendix F: Transmittal Letters

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Appendix G: Certification Checklist

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BMX RACING SITE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT EXTENSION

This Partnership Agreement Extension is between Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission whose principal place of business is located at 5045 E Stanley Rd, Flint, MI 48506 (the "Commission"), and the Greater Genesee County Area BMX Parents Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, whose principal place of business is located at 6399 Oxbow Lane, Flint, MI 48506 (the "Corporation") (the Corporation and the Commission together, the "Parties").


WHEREAS, the Parties executed a Partnership Agreement effective March 28, 2002 (the "Agreement"), pursuant to which the Corporation would be granted use of certain lands within Richfield County Park, which agreement has been extended and is now expired ; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to extend the Partnership Agreement.
Extension Term: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2027; and

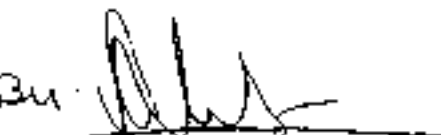
NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Contract Extension effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2027; and
2. The remaining terms of the agreement remain unchanged and in full effect.

GREATER GENESEE COUNTY AREA
BMX PARENTS ASSOCIATION

By: 
Dennis Ybarra
Track Operator

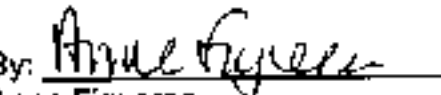
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By: 
Austin Kelly
Track Operator
6/8/23

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS &
RECREATION COMMISSION

By: 
Joe Krapohl
President

Date: 6/8/23

By: 
Anne Figueroa
Secretary

Date: 6/8/23

AGREEMENT FOR BMX RACING SITE

This Agreement made this 28th day of March, 2002, between the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, whose address is G-5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506, hereinafter "Commission", and the Greater Flint B. M. X. Parents Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, whose address is 9280 Hills Cove, Dearborn, MI, hereinafter referred to as "Corporation".

The parties wish to provide written evidence of their agreement to allow the operation of a BMX racing event on lands owned by the County of Genesee, under the control of the Commission, and

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2003.

ARTICLE II

GRANT

1. The Corporation is granted the exclusive use of the racing site described on the attached Exhibit A, on such dates as races are scheduled. Such exclusive use shall be and is hereby extended to such reasonable number of days prior to each race as shall be required to prepare the site for use. Such Grant shall be subject at all times to the following:

a. Corporation shall submit to the Commission for its approval on or about March 1st of each year, dates for which races are to be scheduled. Such requests shall include dates prior to each race that the Corporation deems necessary for site preparation. The Commission agrees to consider these dates and approve them should it feel that these dates do not conflict with the other uses of the site, the adjacent lands, and are otherwise appropriate.

b. The Corporation may seek to perform improvements on the site. If it seeks to do so, the Corporation will first submit for consideration and approval a site plan

describing the Improvement sought, will present any contracts between it and a contractor for the performance of this work and will not perform any of the improvements until the plan is approved by the Commission. The Commission may require that the Corporation obtain necessary permits, secure insurance or such other conditions as the Commission may deem appropriate as a condition of granting such approval. All improvements shall become the property of the Commission upon the expiration or termination of this agreement. The Commission reserves the right to make such improvements on the site as it deems appropriate.

2. During its period of use, the Corporation will provide proper maintenance and security service of grounds, parking area and of events, programs and activities under its control. The Corporation further agrees that it will keep the premises in good condition at the expiration of its use and deliver the same in like condition as when taken.

3. The Commission reserves the right to use and or allow the use of the racing site on such days as are not otherwise reserved to the Corporation.

4. The Commission reserves the right cancel or otherwise the site to use when in its judgment, the health and welfare of the participants and/or general public will require such action. It is agreed that such action shall not be taken, except in cases of emergency, without consultation with the Corporation. The right to close this site to use by the Corporation shall be in the sole discretion of the Commission and shall not create any cause of action or other claim by the Corporation for damages against the Commission arising out of said closure.

5. The Commission reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, when, in its judgment, the operation of the site is inconsistent with its policies, its Recreational Plan, or, in its sole discretion the operation of the site by the Corporation is not in harmony with the recreational purposes contemplated by the Commission.

6. The Corporation shall procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement the following Insurance written by a reputable insurer authorized to do business in Michigan:

- a. Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the laws of the State of Michigan.
- b. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, including bodily injury and property damage caused by automobiles or other vehicles (including BMX

bicycles and other recreational vehicles) with limits of \$500,000.00 for injury or death of any one person; \$1,000,000.00 for injury or death of two or more persons, and \$500,000.00 for property damage. If a vehicle (as previously described) is used as part of the operation of the site, Michigan No-Fault Automobile insurance coverage with minimal limits of \$500,000 per person, per accident and \$1,000,000 aggregate is required. Said policy of insurance must include coverage for activities under this Agreement and the Corporation's contractual obligations to the Commission hereunder. Contractual liability coverage shall specifically insure the hold harmless provisions of this Agreement.

- c. Corporation shall name the Commission and the County of Genesee as additional insureds on the Comprehensive General Liability Insurance coverage required by this Agreement. Such insurance policies shall provide that 30 days written notice be given to the Commission before a policy is canceled, materially altered or not renewed.
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- e. The Corporation shall provide the Commission with a Certificate of Insurance for each of the above coverages prior to the commencement of its activities.

ARTICLE III

RIGHTS RETAINED

7. The Commission retains the following rights with respect to the operation of this site pursuant to this Agreement:

- a. The Commission retains the right to operate food concessions on race dates.
- b. The Commission reserves the right to use and/or allow use of the racing site on such days as are not otherwise reserved to the Corporation as is herein set forth.
- c. The Corporation shall be bound by all Park rules and regulations then in effect and/or local and state laws governing such events as are sponsored by the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

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ADVERTISING

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INDEMNIFICATION

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ARTICLE VII

ASSIGNMENT

16. The grant described in this Agreement is personal to the Corporation and no portion of the rights given under this Agreement can be assigned or transferred to any other person, company, or corporation without the prior written consent of the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII

NOTICES

17. All notices to the Commission or to the Corporation shall be given at the address first above given, or such other addresses as the Commission or Corporation shall designate in writing from time to time.

ARTICLE VIX

MISCELLANEOUS

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21. The parties hereto agree this Agreement forms the entire agreement between them. This Agreement shall not be modified, discharged or extended except by written instrument duly executed by the Commission and Corporation. The parties agree that no representations or warranties shall be binding upon the Commission or Corporation unless expressed in writing.

WITNESSES:

**GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION**

Jessie M. Blaine

By: *Donald E. Becker*
DONALD E. BECKER
Its: VICE PRESIDENT

**GREATER FLINT B. M. X. PARENTS
ASSOCIATION, A MICHIGAN NON-
PROFIT CORPORATION**

By: *[Signature]*
Its: TRACK DIRECTOR

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25. Hardenbrook Park
26. Hasselbring Park
27. Iroquois Park
28. J. Dallas Dort Park
29. Kearsley Park
30. Kellar Park
31. Longway Greenway
32. Longway Park
33. Mann Hall Park
34. Martin Park
35. McCallum Park
36. McClellan Park
37. McFarlan Veteran Memorial Park
38. Metawanenee Park

39. Mobley Park
40. Mott Park Recreation Area
41. Mott Park
42. Oak Park
43. Ogema Triangle
44. Ophelia Bonner Park
45. Pierce Park
46. Polk Park
47. Ramona Park
48. Rollingwood Park
49. Sarginson Park
50. Sarvis Park
51. Whaley Park
52. Wilkins Park
53. William Durant Park
54. Windlate Park
55. Woodlawn park

Collectively, 1-55 are hereinafter referred to as "Neighborhood Parks"

The Neighborhood Parks limited maintenance efforts are in conjunction with efforts of Keep Genesee County Beautiful (KGCB), a program of the Commission.

4. **Parks As-Is:** The City is providing the use of the Parks and Neighborhood Parks AS IS, with all faults, and makes no representations regarding the condition of the Parks or usability for any purpose. The Commission shall inspect Parks and make all determinations as to their usability for any purpose prior to use of the Parks.
5. **Compliance with Laws, Regulations, and Park Rules: Enforcement:** The Parties agree to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and permitting requirements in the performance of this Agreement. The Commission will apply rules consistent with those of non-City parks operated by the Commission, and Commission Park Rangers will have the authority to enforce these rules at the Parks. Notwithstanding, this Agreement shall not in any manner limit law enforcement authority of the Flint Police Department within the Parks. Commission representatives will meet with City of Flint Police representatives regularly to develop and coordinate plan to patrol the Parks and review law enforcement activities within the Parks, as agreed upon by the Parties. This Agreement does not include patrol of Neighborhood Parks.
6. **Parks Reservations and Special Events:** The Commission will coordinate facility reservations and special events at the Parks utilizing a permit process and fee schedule annually by the Commission. The Commission will not coordinate facility reservations and special events for Neighborhood Parks.
7. **Employment of Flint Residents:** To the extent practicable, the Commission will seek to employ individuals who are residents of the City of Flint. All employees of the Commission are solely employees of Genesee County and are subject to Genesee County employment rules.
8. **Marketing and Promotion:** The Parties will work collectively to design all signage that is placed

on agreement properties as well as all marketing for the properties listed in this agreement.

9. **Coordination.** The Staff of the Commission and City will meet periodically to review the status of Parks and Neighborhood Parks operations and all other issues arising under this Agreement. Additionally, the City may form and manage a Citizen Advisory Committee, which the Commission agrees to meet with bi- annually to receive input therefrom, to address issues specifically related to the Parks.
10. **Deliverables:** The Commission shall provide an annual report to the City on the status of programs, projects, and partnerships related to the Parks. These reports shall include a full accounting of the revenue generated pursuant to this Agreement.
11. **Temporary Suspension:** The Commission acknowledges that this Agreement and the rights granted hereunder are subordinate to the necessity of the City to serve its residents due to acts of God or other emergencies; and, in such an event, the Commission agrees to surrender, immediately upon demand, the use of the Parks or Neighborhood Parks (or any individual park) to the City for the purpose of managing such events for the pendency of such events. Determination of such events shall be made by the Chief of Police of the Flint Police Department.
12. **Liability:** Each party to this Agreement will remain responsible for any claims arising out of that party's performance of this Agreement, as provided for in this Agreement or by law. This Agreement is not intended to either increase or decrease either party's liability to or immunity from tort claims. This Agreement is not intended to give, nor will it be interpreted as giving, either party a right of indemnification either by contract or at law for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
13. **Cost:** For the services set forth herein, the City shall pay the Commission. The Commission will analyze expenses and with consideration for inflation submit a cost proposal to the City for the following budget year, by the second Wednesday of May for consideration by the City. Cost analysis will include staff wages, equipment and vehicles, fuel, grounds, contract services, trash services, and equipment repair.
14. **Term:** This Agreement shall be for a three (3) year term, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, to determine the feasibility and costs between the Parties.

General Terms and Conditions: This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereto, and supersedes all prior agreements, conversations, and understandings with respect hereto. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Parties. Failure of the City to require performance of any provision herein shall not affect the City's right to require performance of any provision thereafter, nor shall such a waiver constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as though the invalid or unenforceable provision had never been included. This Agreement is valid and enforceable with electronic or facsimile signatures, and may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which together shall form one agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Parties have executed this Agreement by affixing their signatures below:

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION;

CITY OF FLINT:

DocuSigned by:
BY: Dominique Clemens
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ITS: 3/30/2023 on
DATE: _____

BY: Clyde D. Edwards
Clyde D. Edwards (Ext. 6, 3022 1-139 587)
ITS: City Administrator
DATE: 02/08/22

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Date: February 2, 2022

Agenda Item Title:

Park Partnership Agreement between the City of Flint and the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission to provide for the maintenance of City of Flint Parks

Prepared by: Planning and Development - Parks

Author: Roy Lash

Requestor: Suzanne Wilcox

Background/Summary of Proposed Action:

Resolution #220037, approved on January 24, 2022, authorizes the City to enter into the Park Partnership Agreement with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Administration. This Partnership Agreement will allow for the transfer of funds granted by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to the Commission, under an expanded agreement in the amount of \$500,000.00. The Agreement has a three-year term, starting 10/01/21 and ending 09/30/2024, and will be amended when more funding is awarded by the CS Mott Foundation in upcoming years (currently committed to providing funding at \$500,000 per year for 3 years).

This increase in funding will allow for all work covered under earlier agreements, and will expand to include waste pickup, removal, and general maintenance to ALL Community Parks within the City not previously covered under the partnership. This expanded agreement helps to address inequity/disparity between parks in the City, and provides for services not currently offered in City parks due to budget constraints.

Financial Implications:

There are no known financial implications.

Budgeted Expenditure? Yes ☐ No ☐ Please explain if no:

<u>Account No.</u>	Revenue: PCSM-PARKS21 296-704.807-581.300	\$500,000.00
	Expense: PCSM-PARKS21 296-704.807-801.000	\$500,000.00

Pre-encumbered? Yes ☐ No ☒ **Requisition #:**

The Chart of Accounts is being edited by BSA software. Until changes are complete, new account numbers can't be entered. Upon notification complete, a \$500,000 requisition will be entered.

Accounting Approval: Carissa Dotson

Date: 2/7/2022

Other Implications (i.e., collective bargaining):

There are no known implications

Supervisor Approval: Suzanne Wilcox

Date: 02/07/22

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution

Parks

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CITY OF FLINT MICHIGAN



**Genesee County Parks and
Recreation Commission
Park Partnership Agreement –
10/01/21 – 09/30/24
\$500,000.00 (Year 1)**

CONTRACTS



RESOLUTION NO.:

220037

PRESENTED:

JAN 19 2022

ADOPTED:

JAN 24 2022

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FLINT TO ENTER INTO A PARK
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION**

BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

WHEREAS, The City of Flint Master Plan has set goals to provide and maintain a balanced and equitable system of parks and recreation for all citizens of the City of Flint; and

WHEREAS, The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing affordable, quality recreational facilities and programs to all citizens of Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the mutual covenants contained in the Park Partnership Agreement adopted on June 27, 2014 and maintained since, the City of Flint and the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission seek to enter into a Park Partnership Agreement to transfer funds granted by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 220036 adopted 01/24/22, authorized the City of Flint to accept the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation award and appropriate funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 and establish a budget in PCSM-PARKS21 296-704.807-801.000 as outlined herein;

Dept.	Name of Account	Account Number	Grant Code	Amount
Parks	Professional Service	Expense: 296-704.807-801.000	PCSM-PARKS21	\$500,000.00

IT IS RESOLVED that the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to enter into a Park Partnership Agreement with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$500,000.00 using funds available in PCSM-PARKS21 296-704.807-801.000.

APPROVED AS TO FINANCE:

Robert J. F. Widigan

Robert Widigan, Chief Financial Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angela Wheeler

Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

ADMINISTRATION:

Clyde J. Edwards

Clyde J. Edwards, January 11, 2022 11:41 EST

Clyde Edwards, City Administrator

CITY COUNCIL:

Eric Mays

Eric Mays, City Council President



CITY OF FLINT

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW FORM

TODAY'S DATE: 12/20/21

BID/PROPOSAL: N/A

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FLINT TO ENTER INTO A PARK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PREPARED BY: Roy Lash, Planning and Development Dept., 810.766.7426 x3009

VENDOR NAME: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The first Park Partnership Agreement was executed on June 27, 2014 for Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (the Commission) to maintain Max Brandon Park, Flint Park Lake Park, Thread Lake Park, and McKinley Park. Then the First Amendment to the Park Partnership Agreement, effective May 10, 2016, gave the Commission authority and responsibility for seeking funds to construct and operate the Riverfront Restoration Project, which includes restoration to Chevy Commons, Riverbank Park, Vietnam Veteran's Park, Flint River Trail & Parkway, Lewis Street Park, West Boulevard Park, Riverside Park East, Riverside Forest Preserve, and Fabrl and Hamilton Dams. It was agreed that the term of the Park Partnership Agreement be extended for an additional five (5) year term, beginning on the date the initial two (2) year term expired.

The Second Amendment to the Agreement allowed the City to transfer funds granted by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to the Commission, in the amount of \$321,915.00, to ensure proper maintenance and staffing for the agreed parks for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Third Amendment to the Agreement allowed the City to transfer funds granted by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to the Commission again, in the amount of \$336,200, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Funds will be provided through a C. S. Mott Foundation grant, and delivers no impact to the City's General Fund nor the Parks Millage.

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE? YES ☒ NO ☐ IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

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CITY OF FLINT

			FY21/22 GRAND TOTAL	500,000.00

PRE-ENCUMBERED? YES ☐ NO ☒ REQUISITION NO:

ACCOUNTING APPROVAL: Mary Johnson Date: 12/22/21

FINANCE APPROVAL: ~~Thomas M. ...~~ Date: 12/22/21

WILL YOUR DEPARTMENT NEED A CONTRACT? YES ☒ NO ☐

This Park Partnership Agreement will include one year of funding from the CS Mott Foundation, but will be active for three years, amended as appropriate when allocations are made by the CS Mott Foundation (three years total expected).

WHEN APPLICABLE, IF MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, PLEASE ESTIMATE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR EACH BUDGET YEAR: (This will depend on the term of the bid proposal)

BUDGET YEAR 1 \$500,000.00

BUDGET YEAR 2

BUDGET YEAR 3

OTHER IMPLICATIONS (i.e., collective bargaining):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: (PLEASE SELECT): ☒ APPROVED ☐ NOT APPROVED

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: Suzanne Wilcox
Suzanne Wilcox, Director of Planning and Development

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30. Kellar Park
31. Longway Greenway
32. Longway Park
33. Mann Hall Park
34. Martin Park
35. McCallum Park
36. McClellan Park
37. McFarlan Veteran Memorial Park
38. Metawanenee Park

39. Mobley Park
40. Mott Park Recreation Area
41. Mott Park
42. Oak Park
43. Ogema Triangle
44. Ophelia Bonner Park
45. Pierce Park
46. Polk Park
47. Ramona Park
48. Rollingwood Park
49. Sarginson Park
50. Sarvis Park
51. Whaley Park
52. Wilkins Park
53. William Durant Park
54. Windiate Park
55. Woodlawn park

Collectively, 1-55 are hereinafter referred to as "Neighborhood Parks"

The Neighborhood Parks limited maintenance efforts are in conjunction with efforts of Keep Genesee County Beautiful (KGCB), a program of the Commission.

4. **Parks As-Is:** The City is providing the use of the Parks and Neighborhood Parks AS IS, with all faults, and makes no representations regarding the condition of the Parks or usability for any purpose. The Commission shall inspect Parks and make all determinations as to their usability for any purpose prior to use of the Parks.
5. **Compliance with Laws, Regulations, and Park Rules: Enforcement:** The Parties agree to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and permitting requirements in the performance of this Agreement. The Commission will apply rules consistent with those of non-City parks operated by the Commission, and Commission Park Rangers will have the authority to enforce these rules at the Parks. Notwithstanding, this Agreement shall not in any manner limit law enforcement authority of the Flint Police Department within the Parks. Commission representatives will meet with City of Flint Police representatives regularly to develop and coordinate plan to patrol the Parks and review law enforcement activities within the Parks, as agreed upon by the Parties. This Agreement does not include patrol of Neighborhood Parks.
6. **Parks Reservations and Special Events:** The Commission will coordinate facility reservations and special events at the Parks utilizing a permit process and fee schedule annually by the Commission. The Commission will not coordinate facility reservations and special events for Neighborhood Parks.
7. **Employment of Flint Residents:** To the extent practicable, the Commission will seek to employ individuals who are residents of the City of Flint. All employees of the Commission are solely employees of Genesee County and are subject to Genesee County employment rules.
8. **Marketing and Promotion:** The Parties will work collectively to design all signage that is placed

on agreement properties as well as all marketing for the properties listed in this agreement.

9. **Coordination:** The Staff of the Commission and City will meet periodically to review the status of Parks and Neighborhood Parks operations and all other issues arising under this Agreement. Additionally, the City may form and manage a Citizen Advisory Committee, which the Commission agrees to meet with bi- annually to receive input therefrom, to address issues specifically related to the Parks.
10. **Deliverables:** The Commission shall provide an annual report to the City on the status of programs, projects, and partnerships related to the Parks. These reports shall include a full accounting of the revenue generated pursuant to this Agreement.
11. **Temporary Suspension:** The Commission acknowledges that this Agreement and the rights granted hereunder are subordinate to the necessity of the City to serve its residents due to acts of God or other emergencies; and, in such an event, the Commission agrees to surrender, immediately upon demand, the use of the Parks or Neighborhood Parks (or any individual park) to the City for the purpose of managing such events for the pendency of such events. Determination of such events shall be made by the Chief of Police of the Flint Police Department.
12. **Liability:** Each party to this Agreement will remain responsible for any claims arising out of that party's performance of this Agreement, as provided for in this Agreement or by law. This Agreement is not intended to either increase or decrease either party's liability to or immunity from tort claims. This Agreement is not intended to give, nor will it be interpreted as giving, either party a right of indemnification either by contract or at law for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
13. **Cost:** For the services set forth herein, the City shall pay the Commission. The Commission will analyze expenses and with consideration for inflation submit a cost proposal to the City for the following budget year, by the second Wednesday of May for consideration by the City. Cost analysis will include staff wages, equipment and vehicles, fuel, grounds, contract services, trash services, and equipment repair.
14. **Term:** This Agreement shall be for a three (3) year term, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, to determine the feasibility and costs between the Parties.

General Terms and Conditions: This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereto, and supersedes all prior agreements, conversations, and understandings with respect hereto. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Parties. Failure of the City to require performance of any provision herein shall not affect the City's right to require performance of any provision thereafter, nor shall such a waiver constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as though the invalid or unenforceable provision had never been included. This Agreement is valid and enforceable with electronic or facsimile signatures, and may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which together shall form one agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Parties have executed this Agreement by affixing their signatures below:

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION:

DocuSigned by:
BY: *Dominique Clemons*
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ITS: Shirley Person
DATE: 02/08/22

CITY OF FLINT:

BY: *Clyde D. Edwards*
Clyde D. Edwards (Feb 8, 2022 11:19 EST)
ITS: City Administrator
DATE: 02/08/22



RESOLUTION NO.:

220036

PRESENTED:

JAN 19 2022

ADOPTED:

JAN 24 2022

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT \$500,000.00 GRANT FROM
CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CITY PARKS
IN FLINT**

BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

WHEREAS, the City was awarded grant funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in the amount of \$500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, grant #2019-05849 has been awarded to help maintain and secure City of Flint parks as outlined in the Partnership Agreement entered into between the City of Flint and Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the total grant amount to be accepted shall be Five Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$500,000.00) Dollars. The grant code and accounts have been established as follows:

Dept.	Name of Account	Account Number	Grant Code	Amount
Parks	Other Grant	Revenue: 296-704.807-581.300	PCSM-PARKS21	\$500,000.00
Parks	Professional Service	Expense: 296-704.807-801.000	PCSM-PARKS21	\$500,000.00

IT IS RESOLVED that the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to abide by the terms of C.S. Mott Grant #2019-05849 in the amount of \$500,000.00, to appropriate revenue and expenditure amounts using grant code PCSM-PARKS21, and to make the grant funds available in the current and any subsequent fiscal years that funding continues to remain available by the grantor.

APPROVED AS TO FINANCE:

Robert J. F. Widigan

Robert Widigan, Chief Financial Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angela Wheeler

Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

ADMINISTRATION:

Clyde Edwards

Clyde Edwards, City Administrator

CITY COUNCIL:

Eric Mays

Eric Mays, City Council President

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW FORM

BID/PROPOSAL# N/A

PREPARED BY: Roy Lash, Planning and Development Dept., 810.765.7426 x3009

VENDOR NAME:

The City of Flint applied for a grant from the CS Mott Foundation in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the purposes of maintaining and securing several City of Flint parks as outlined in the Partnership Agreement entered into between the City of Flint and the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. The City received its award letter and grant agreement from the CS Mott Foundation on November 17th, 2021. This Resolution will authorize the acceptance of the grant from the CS Mott Foundation.

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE? YES ☒ NO ☐ IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

Dept.	Name of Account	Account Number	Grant Code	Amount
Parks	Other Grant	Revenue: 296-704.807-581.300	PCSM-PARKS21	\$500,000.00
Parks	Professional Service	Expense: 296-704.807-801.000	PCSM-PARKS21	\$500,000.00
		FY20/21 GRAND TOTAL		\$500,000.00

PRE-ENCUMBERED? YES ☐ NO ☒ **REQUISITION NO:**

ACCOUNTING APPROVAL: Mary Jordan Date: 12/22/21

FINANCE APPROVAL: [Signature] Date: 10/20/2011

WILL YOUR DEPARTMENT NEED A CONTRACT? YES ☐ NO ☒
(if yes, please indicate how many years for the contract) YEARS



CITY OF FLINT

WHEN APPLICABLE, IF MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, PLEASE ESTIMATE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR EACH BUDGET YEAR: (This will depend on the term of the bid proposal)

BUDGET YEAR 1

BUDGET YEAR 2

BUDGET YEAR 3

OTHER IMPLICATIONS (i.e., collective bargaining):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: (PLEASE SELECT): ☒ **APPROVED** ☐ **NOT APPROVED**

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Wilcox", written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Wilcox, Director of Planning and Development



November 17, 2021

The Honorable Sheldon Neeley
Mayor
City of Flint
1101 S. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502-1420

Project: Maintenance of City Parks
(Grant No. 2019-05849)

Dear Mayor Neeley:

We are pleased to inform you that the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to the City of Flint for the above-referenced project for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Grant Payments

This grant will be paid upon receipt of your acceptance.

This letter or your proposal may set forth specific goals or objectives that your organization expects to achieve during the grant period. For accounting purposes, the Mott Foundation is not requiring that your organization achieve any specific goal or objective as a condition (or barrier) to your receipt and retention of the grant funds, except for the following:

- No conditions.

The Mott Foundation reserves the right to discontinue, modify, or withhold any payments that might otherwise be due under this grant or any other outstanding grant, to require a refund of any unexpended grant funds, or both, if, in the Mott Foundation's judgment, any of the following occur with respect to this grant or any other grant from the Mott Foundation to your organization:

1. Grant funds have been used for purposes other than those contemplated by this commitment letter.

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2. Such action is necessary to comply with the requirements of any law or regulation affecting either your organization's or the Mott Foundation's responsibilities under the grant.
3. Your organization ceases to conduct this project, or circumstances change such that it becomes impractical or impossible for you to carry out this project.
4. Your organization's performance under this grant has not been satisfactory, as determined by the Mott Foundation in its reasonable discretion. Although the Mott Foundation expects your organization to work toward achieving the goals and objectives described in your proposal, unless a specific condition (or barrier) is identified above, the failure to obtain any specific goal or objective will not, alone, be cause for the Mott Foundation to determine that your organization's performance has not been satisfactory, but may be relevant in determining whether your overall performance has (or has not) been satisfactory.
5. The Mott Foundation has not received and approved all reports due from your organization prior to the payment date.

The Mott Foundation's judgment on these matters will be final and binding.

Mott Foundation Contact Person and Resources

Please direct all correspondence and questions relating to this grant to Jennifer Acree, Program Officer.

For general information regarding Mott Foundation grant procedures and other grant related questions, we encourage you to visit the Grantee Resources section of our website at www.mott.org/grantee-resources.

Another resource available to grantees is the Grantee Portal. The Grantee Portal provides real-time information on your grant's reporting requirements and due dates. By using the Grantee Portal, you may view a copy of this commitment letter, download copies of forms, and upload required reports directly to the Mott Foundation. For more information about the Grantee Portal, contact your program officer or login at <https://mott.fluxx.io>. The grant's primary project contact, Lottie Ferguson, can login at <https://mott.fluxx.io> with their registered email address.

Use of Grant

Under United States law, Mott Foundation grant funds may be expended only for charitable, scientific, literary, religious, or educational purposes, as specified in section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. This grant is to be expended solely in support of the objectives detailed in your revised proposal submitted October 26, 2021.



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Your organization shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in, support or promote violence or terrorist activities.

Your organization confirms that this project is under its complete control. Your organization further confirms that it has and will exercise control over the process of selecting any consultant, that the decision made or that will be made on any such selection is completely independent of the Mott Foundation, and further, that there does not exist an agreement, written or oral, under which the Mott Foundation has caused or may cause the selection of a consultant.

Mott Foundation grant funds may not be used for lobbying expenditures.

Mott Foundation grant funds may not be used for re-granting to secondary organizations.

Your organization may charge this grant only for expenditures incurred or services performed during the grant period specified in this letter.

Your organization may charge this grant only for line item expenditures that were included in your approved budget as referenced in the "Reports" section of this letter. The addition of new line items must have the prior written approval of the Mott Foundation.

Grant Accounting

Your organization is required to maintain financial records for expenditures and receipts relating to this grant, retaining these records and other supporting documentation for five years after the grant's termination date.

Your organization is also required to permit the Mott Foundation to have reasonable access to your files, records and personnel during the term of this grant and for five years thereafter for the purpose of making financial audits, verifications, or program evaluations.

Unless a specific condition (or barrier) is listed in the "Grant Payments" section of this letter, the Mott Foundation does not intend, in its own financial statements, to treat this grant as a "conditional contribution" described under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08. Your organization should make its own determination as to how to account for this grant in your financial statements and is not required (under FASB ASU 2018-08) to adopt the same accounting treatment as the Mott Foundation.

Reports

The Mott Foundation requires the following report to be submitted for this grant:

Report Type:	For Period Ending:	Due on or Before:
Final Report	September 30, 2022	November 1, 2022



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The report must include the following parts, which must be submitted together:

1. A narrative report summarizing what was accomplished by the expenditure of funds during the reporting period. Your grant proposal indicated that your organization will work toward achieving certain goals and objectives during the grant period, and the narrative report should include a description of progress made toward achieving the following reporting objectives:
 - a. Provide adequate maintenance, equipment repair and debris removal in 70 parks and adjacent park properties.
 - b. Mow parks and properties as outlined in the partnership agreement as identified in your proposal.
 - c. Patrol parks and properties as outlined in the partnership agreement as identified in your proposal.
 - d. Explore additional partnerships and opportunities to maintain and program parks.
2. A financial report showing the approved budget, expenditures against each line item since the start of the grant, and balances remaining (or overruns) for each line item. For the final report, you must explain all overrun variances that exceed both one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and ten percent (10%) of the budgeted line item amount.

Your organization must report against the approved revised budget of \$500,000 submitted on October 28 2021 (which may be greater than the amount of the Mott Foundation grant). If the approved budget covers multiple years, each report should include cumulative expenditures since the beginning of the grant period. The report must also include a summary of all funding received for this project (listed by source and grant period)

Unless a specific condition (or barrier) is listed in the "Grant Payments" section of this letter, the Mott Foundation is not requiring that your organization achieve any of the reporting objectives listed above as a condition (or barrier) to your receipt and retention of the grant funds. Rather, the reporting objectives are meant to capture your progress in achieving the goals and objectives identified in your grant proposal.

Reports and other grant requirements should be submitted online via the Mott Foundation's Grantee Portal. A default portal account has been setup for the primary project contact. The project contact can login at <https://mott.fluxx.io> with their registered email address. Please contact your program officer if you need assistance or to change the project contact. Standard reporting templates and other forms are available for download via the Grantee Portal.



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Undisbursed Funds

Your organization is required to return any undisbursed project funds on a prorata basis to the Mott Foundation within two months after the end of this grant. The prorata refund is computed by multiplying the total undisbursed project funds by the ratio of Mott Foundation funding to total funding received for this project for the grant period. Any refund of less than \$100 will be waived.

Compliance with Laws

Your organization may not use any portion of the grant funds to undertake any activity for any purpose other than one specified in section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. Further, the Mott Foundation reserves the right to discontinue, modify, or withhold any payments that might otherwise be due under this grant or to require a refund of any unexpended grant funds if, in the Mott Foundation's judgment, such action is necessary to comply with the requirements of any law or regulation.

Public Information

The Mott Foundation will include information on this grant in its periodic public reports. The Mott Foundation also welcomes grantees to make announcements of grants upon return of this signed commitment letter. A copy of any release should be sent to the Mott Foundation's Communications Department prior to its dissemination. The department is available to provide assistance in your communications efforts.

Acceptance

This letter contains the entire agreement between your organization and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and there are no conditions or stipulations, oral or written, governing the use of the grant funds other than those contained in this letter.

If your organization agrees to the grant conditions as stated, please sign and return, via DocuSign, one complete copy of this letter with an electronic signature of an appropriate representative of your organization in the space provided. In countersigning this letter, this individual represents to the Mott Foundation that he/she has the authority to sign this letter on the organization's behalf.



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This grant may be withdrawn if the Mott Foundation has not received your acceptance within one month from the date of this letter.

On behalf of the Mott Foundation, I would like to extend our best wishes for the success of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Decoded by:

Mary A. Gailbreath

Mary A. Gailbreath

Vice President-Administration and Secretary/Treasurer

MAG:cm

Our organization acknowledges that appropriate personnel have read and understand this letter, that its terms and conditions are acceptable to us, and that we will comply with those terms and conditions.

Name of Grantee: City of Flint

Printed Name of Authorized Signer: Sheldon Neeley

Authorized Signature:

Sheldon Neeley

(This must be an original signature of an authorized representative of the organization.)

Title: Mayor, City of Flint

Date Signed: 12/1/2021





GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Barry June
Director

October 5, 2021

Bryant Nolden
County Commissioner

Gary Peppin
County Commissioner

Dominique Clemons
County Commissioner

Michael J. Keeler
Citizen Representative

Joe Krapohl
Citizen Representative

Michael Lynch
Citizen Representative

James Washington
Citizen Representative

Cloyce Dickerson
Ex-Officio

Gloria Nealy
Ex-Officio

Jeffrey Wright
Ex-Officio

A member of:

Michigan Recreation &
Park Association

National Recreation &
Park Association



GENESEE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Suzanne Wilcox, Director
Department of Planning and Development
City of Flint
1101 S. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48502

Subject: Parks Partnership Agreement, 2022

Dear Ms. Wilcox,

After recent discussions with your staff, other City officials, and the C.S. Mott Foundation, I am pleased to provide you with this updated proposal to maintain the City of Flint's parks outlined in the Parks Partnership Agreement for the upcoming year, 2022.

After reviewing the costs from the current budget year, the following is proposed for the 2021-2022 budget year.

Original Park Agreement Parks:

Equipment and Vehicle costs	\$87,100
Fuel	\$18,000
Grounds	\$21,000
Contract Services	\$5,000
Trash	\$6,500
Equipment Repair	\$10,500
Full Time maintenance cost	\$94,500
1 Seasonal Ranger Cost (7 days/8 hrs)	\$59,400
Seasonal Maintenance	\$60,650
TOTAL	\$362,650

Additional Neighborhood Parks:

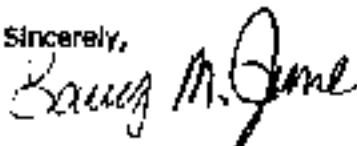
Equipment and Vehicle costs	\$12,600
Fuel	\$9,000
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$5,000
Contract Services	\$7,700
Trash	\$6,500
Full Time maintenance cost	\$63,000
Seasonal Maintenance	\$33,550
TOTAL	\$137,350

Total for Parks and Neighborhood Parks:

Equipment and Vehicle costs	\$99,700
Fuel	\$27,000
Grounds	\$21,000
Contract Services	\$12,700
Trash	\$13,000
Equipment Repair	\$10,500
Full Time maintenance cost	\$157,500
Seasonal Ranger Cost	\$59,400
Seasonal Maintenance	\$94,200
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$500,000

We appreciate your time and attention to this request. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission looks forward to providing quality recreational facilities and improving outdoor recreational opportunities for all citizens of Genesee County. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at 810.845.8306 or email bjune@gcparks.org.

Sincerely,



Barry M. June, Director
Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

CONTRACT REVIEW FORM

FROM: Ray Leach
DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development - Parks
Contractor: Genesee Co. Parks and Rec. Comm.

DATE June 15, 2023
CONTRACT# 22-0018
NO. _____
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CONTRACT SUBJECT MATTER:

Change Order #2 to the Park Partnership Agreement between the City of Flint and the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission in the amount of \$175,000.00 for additional mowing services.

Date In _____

1. CONTRACT REVIEW - LEAD PLANNER

The attached CONTRACT is approved by the Lead Planner in the Division. By signing the Lead Planner approves this CONTRACT/CHANGE ORDER to be processed for signature.

By: Emily Doen

Director, Department of Planning and Development

DATE

6/15/23

(Date)

Date in: _____

2. CONTRACT REVIEW - LAW DEPARTMENT

REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

DATE IN

DATE OUT

INITIALS

City Attorney

By: Bill Kim

City Attorney

William Kim (Jun 15, 2023 15:57 EDT)

DATE

06/15/2023

(Date)

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Date: June 15, 2023

Agenda Item Title:

Change Order #1 to the Park Partnership Agreement between the City of Flint and the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission in the amount of \$175,000.00 for additional mowing services.

Prepared by: Planning and Development - Parks

Author: Roy Lesh

Requester: Emily Doerr

Background/Summary of Proposed Action:

Resolution #220037, approved on January 24, 2022, authorizes the City to enter into the Park Partnership Agreement with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, and allowed for the transfer of funds granted by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to the Commission, under an expanded agreement in the amount of \$500,000.00. The Agreement has a three-year term, starting 10/01/21 and ending 09/30/24, and was meant to be amended as additional funding is awarded by the CS Mott Foundation in subsequent years (currently committed to providing funding of \$500,000 per year for 3 years).

Resolution #230065, approved March 13, 2023, authorized the City to enter into the first change order to the park partnership agreement, and to allocate year two funding for the agreement in the amount of \$500,000 to the Commission.

Change Order #1 allowed for the transfer of funding for year two of the agreement in the amount of \$500,000, as well as removed language related to properties that are now leased to and covered by the newly established State Park.

This Change Order #2 will allocate an additional \$175,000.00 to mow all other City of Flint Parks not currently mowed under the partnership agreement, for the fiscal year July 1 2023 - June 30, 2024.

Financial Implications:

There are no known financial implications.

Indirect Expenditures? Yes ☐ No ☐ Please explain if no:

Account No. Expense: Parks 201-752.102-001.000 \$175,000.00

Encumbrances? Yes ☐ No ☒ Requisition #: 240407429

P.O. #:

Will be encumbered upon approval of the FY24 budget.

Accounting Approval: Mary Garcia

Date: 06/15/23

Other Implications (i.e., collective bargaining):

There are no known implications.

Supervisor Approval:

Emily Doerr

Date: 6/15/23

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

Parks

22-001B

CITY OF FLINT MICHIGAN



**Genesee County Parks and
Recreation Commission
Park Partnership Agreement –
Change Order #2
\$175,000.00 for Additional Mowing
Services**

CONTRACTS



230113

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

PRESENTED: APR 19 2023

ADOPTED: APR 24 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE PARK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FLINT AND GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO INCLUDE MOWING SERVICES

BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

WHEREAS, the City of Flint Master Plan has set goals to provide and maintain a balanced and equitable system of parks and recreation for all citizens of the City of Flint; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing affordable, quality recreational facilities and programs to all citizens of Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flint is committed to improving services across the City's park system, and actively works to be responsive and inclusive with how park spaces are managed and maintained; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide greater equity and more consistent services, we recommend expanding the already robust Park Partnership Agreement with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission to include mowing services, provided through funding established as follows:

Dept.	Name of Account	Account Number	Grant Code	Amount
Parks	Professional Service	Expense: 208-752 102-801.000		\$175,000.00

IT IS RESOLVED that the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to complete a change order to the Park Partnership Agreement between the City of Flint and Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission to allocate \$175,000.00 to the Commission for the purposes of mowing City of Flint Parks.


APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William Kim April 14, 2023
William Kim, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FINANCE:


Jane Meger, Deputy CFO

ADMINISTRATION:


CLYDE D. EDWARDS
Clyde Edwards, City Administrator

CITY COUNCIL:


APR 24 2023



CITY OF FLINT

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW FORM

TODAY'S DATE: April 11, 2023

BID/PROPOSAL: N/A

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE PARK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FLINT AND GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO INCLUDE MOWING SERVICES

PREPARED BY: Roy Lash, Planning and Development Dept., 810.766.7426 x3009

VENDOR NAME: Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The first Park Partnership Agreement was executed in 2014 for Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (the Commission) to maintain Max Brandon Park, Flint Park Lake Park, Thread Lake Park, and McKinley Park. Then the First Amendment to the Park Partnership Agreement, effectuated in 2016, gave the Commission authority and responsibility for seeking funds to construct and operate the Riverfront Restoration Project, which includes restoration to Chevy Commons, Riverbank Park, Vietnam Veteran's Park, Flint River Trail & Parkway, Lewis Street Park, West Boulevard Park, Riverside Park East, Riverside Forest Preserve, and Fabri and Hamilton Dams.

The second and third amendments to the Agreement utilized grant funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to ensure proper maintenance and staffing for the agreed parks.

The Park Partnership Agreement further expanded in 2021 to include waste pickup, removal, and small-scale general maintenance to ALL Community Parks within the City not previously covered under the partnership. This expanded agreement was intended to address inequity/disparity between parks in the City and provided for services that were not previously offered by the City for City parks due to budget constraints.

This resolution would expand upon this already robust cooperative agreement to include mowing services for all City of Flint parks, with the ultimate goal of providing a similar user experience across the City's park system. This expansion would provide the following benefits: More frequent park mowing, consistent quality of mowing and greater accountability, centralizing maintenance within one organization which reduces time spent coordinating services, and stronger partnership with an organization that has the capacity and resources to tackle larger issues that may arise.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE? YES ☒ NO ☐ IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

This Second Amendment to Park Partnership Agreement (the "Second Amendment") is entered into as of _____, 2023 ("Effective Date"), between the City of Flint, a municipal corporation, 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502 (the "City") and Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (the "Commission"). City and Commission may be referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties" herein.

Recitals

A. The City and Commission previously entered into a Park Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement"), and previously modified the agreement by way of a First Amendment.

B. The City and Commission now wish to further modify the Agreement to expand mowing services to include all City of Flint Parks, for an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 as approved by way of resolution #230113, adopted April 24, 2023.

Agreement

The City and Commission agree as follows:

1. Mowing of Parks. The Agreement is modified to state "The Commission shall be responsible for the mowing of all City of Flint Parks, (the "Additional Services"). This expanded service includes mowing all parks designated as "Neighborhood Parks" as defined in the original Park Partnership Agreement, with the exception of park spaces omitted per the First Amendment.

2. Payment. The City will pay for these Additional Services an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.

3. Term. The Commission will provide these Additional Services for a term of one year from the effective date of this amendment. The commitment to provide these Additional Services shall expire effective June 30, 2024.

4. Continuing Effect. Except as expressly modified or amended by this Second Amendment, all terms and provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect. In the case of a conflict in meaning between the Agreement and this Second Amendment, this Second Amendment prevails.

5. Counterparts. This Second Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which combined shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile and/or electronic copies of the Parties' signatures shall be valid and treated the same as original signatures. Each Party warrants and represents that the signatory for each Party is fully authorized to execute this Second

City 6/14/23

Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Second Amendment to be effective as of the Effective Date.

Genesee County Parks and Recreation
Commission

City of Flint, a municipal corporation

BY:

Joe Knapoll
Anna Fyfe
President

BY:

Shirley A. King

ITS:

Secretary

ITS:

Mayor

DATE:

6/22/23

DATE:

6-20-2023

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William Kim Jun 15, 2023 15:52 EDT

William Kim, City Attorney

6/16/23

LICENSE – VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE

THIS LICENSE, made this 12 day of August, 2021, by and between the GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (hereinafter called the Licensor), whose principal office is located at 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, Michigan 48506, and VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE (hereinafter called the Licensee), whose principal office is located at 4605 Pine Street, Columbiaville, Michigan 48421.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Licensor has jurisdiction over certain lands (hereinafter called the "Premises") located in Lapeer County, Michigan, commonly known as Levi Cutting Park and Boat Access and Columbiaville Sports Complex, and more particularly described as:

A portion of Section 33, T9N R9E, Village of Columbiaville COM ON W line of MCR R/W at S line of Flint River; thence westerly along river to Second St; thence southeasterly along Second Street 175 Ft to point 63.7 Ft north of northwest corner of block 1, WM Peter's add; thence N 63 DEG 44' 15" E 282 Ft along spur track of MCRR to point of curve in same; thence along curve 177.1 Ft to the NW line of block 2 original plat; thence northeasterly along said plat 69.95 feet to MCRR R/W; thence northeasterly along said R/W about 175 Ft to beginning; and

Beginning at the East 1/4 post of Section 33, T9N R9E, Township of Marathon, County of Lapeer, State of Michigan; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 33, a distance of 1.086 feet; thence westerly and parallel to the E-W 1/4 line of said Section a distance of 700 feet; thence northerly and parallel to the East section line of Section 33 to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence easterly along said E-W 1/4 line to point of beginning. Excepting therefrom and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the East 1/4 post of said Section 33; thence southerly along East line of said section a distance of 186 feet; thence westerly at right angles a distance of 422 feet; thence northerly at right angles a distance of 186 feet to the center line of road known as LaValley Road; thence easterly a distance of 422 feet to point of beginning.

WHEREAS, the Licensee desires to develop the Premises as a public park and recreational areas for the use, benefit, and welfare of the general public; and

WHEREAS, an agreement for such authority was entered into effective March 23, 1978, and expiring on July 15, 2012 for the Columbiaville Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, an agreement for such authority was entered into effective May 1, 1997, and expiring on April 30, 2022 for Levi Cutting Park and Boat Access; and

WHEREAS, the Licensor wishes to cooperate with the Licensee and is willing to permit the Premises to be used by the Licensee upon the following terms and conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, In consideration of these Premises and the Covenants hereinafter contained, the Licensor hereby licenses the Premises to the Licensee, for the term of this License upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Term: The term of the License granted shall be for a period of twenty-five years commencing the 12 day of August, 2021 and terminating the 12 day of August, 2046 If, at the end of the period, the development, operation, and maintenance of the premises by the Licensee is

satisfactory to the Licensor, the Licensor will consider an application in writing by the Licensee for a renewal of this License.

2. Rental: In consideration of this License and as the entire rental of the Premises for the Term, the Licensee has paid to the Licensor the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in lawful money to the United State of America, receipt of which is hereby expressly acknowledged by the Licensor.
3. Use: The Licensee may use and occupy the Premises during the Term only as a public park and recreational area for the benefit and welfare of the general public and in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Licensor. (Appendices A & B)
4. Maintenance: During the Term of this License, the Licensee shall, at its sole expense maintain the entire improved premises in excellent appearance, which shall include, by way of example, the regular mowing of all grassy area, the pruning of trees and shrubs, the removal of weeds and other noxious plants, the regular removal of waste paper and other debris, the cleaning and painting of buildings, improvements and other facilities, the grading of the roads and parking areas, and the painting and replacement of signs. The Licensee shall, at its sole expense, maintain in good condition and repair all buildings, structures, improvements and other facilities constructed or installed upon or about the Premises.
5. Supervision: The Licensee shall, at its sole expense, provide all workmen, attendants, policemen, firemen, supervisors, and other personnel reasonably required for the proper protection and supervision of the Premises.
6. Insurance: The Licensee shall, at its own cost and expense, procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this agreement, minimum levels of Insurance coverage in the amounts, as detailed in this Agreement, as amended by the Licensor from time to time, and as further described in this Article.
 - a. Comprehensive General Liability. The Licensee shall procure and maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy, with a maximum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
The Licensee shall list Genesee County, 1101 Beach St, Flint, MI 48502, as the Certificate Holder of the policy, with a copy sent to ATTN: Director, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506.
 - b. Upon failure of Licensee to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, Licensor may obtain such insurance and charge Licensee the cost of the Insurance plus all appropriate administrative charges and any incidental expenses associated with the transaction.
The Licensee shall not violate the terms or prohibitions of insurance policies required to be furnished by the Licensee. The Licensee shall promptly notify the Licensor of any claim or loss under such insurance policies and certify that proper notice has been given to the appropriate insurance carrier.
 - c. Licensee shall be responsible for all employees and volunteers who enter the Premises on behalf of the Licensee. Licensee shall be further responsible for claims and coverages related to premises liability, personal injury, and Workers' Compensation.
7. Nonliability: NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS LICENSE, NEITHER THE LICENSOR NOR GENESEE COUNTY OR ANY OF THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE IN ANY MANNER OR TO ANY EXTENT TO THE LICENSEE, OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY, FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY

TO PERSON OR PROPERTY WHICH MAY OCCUR UPON OR ABOUT THE PREMISES, OR WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF ANY ACTIVITY UPON OR ABOUT THE PREMISES.

8. Taxes, Assessment and License Fees: The Licensee shall pay, as they become due during the Term,
- Any and all real property, personal property, sales, excise, F.I.C.A., employment, income or other taxes or duties of any kind whatsoever, and
 - Any and all license, inspection, permit, or other fees of any kind whatsoever, and
 - Any and all assessments or other charges of any kind whatsoever arising on account of the construction or improvement of roads, sidewalks, sewers or other public works upon, about or adjacent to the Premises.
9. Public Benefit: The Licensee shall ensure that at all times during the Term the Premises are held by the Licensee as a public park and recreational area for the use, benefit, and welfare of the public at large and the Licensee shall ensure that all persons regardless of their race, creed, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, shall be permitted freely to use and enjoy the Premises at all times during the Term of this License.
10. Easements for Public Improvements: Licensor, subject to review by the Licensee, reserves the right to grant easements for public improvements over subject land.
11. Termination: If the licensee fails, refuses, or neglects to perform fully any of its covenants or other obligations under this License, the Licensor may terminate this License by giving written notice to the Licensee not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of termination specified in such notice. Licensee shall have until the date of termination to correct its default.
- The Licensee may terminate this License by giving the Licensor a written notice specifying a date of termination not less than one hundred twenty (120) days after such written notice is given. Notwithstanding any termination of this License under the provisions of this paragraph or otherwise, such termination, including as an example, but not in limitation, any loss or damage arising out of any default in the performance of any of the covenants or other obligations under this License.
12. Assignment: The Licensee shall not, without the Licensor's prior written consent, assign or sublet any part of the Premises, delegate the operation of any facility, concession or other activity upon or about the Premises, to any concessionaire, manager, management company or other person, firm or corporation, or assign, convey, transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or encumber this License or any interest herein or any obligation hereunder.
13. Repossession: At the end of the Term or, in the event of termination of this License, upon the date of termination specified in the written notice, the Licensee shall quit, yield up, and surrender possession of the Premises and it shall be lawful for the Licensor, its attorneys, agents, successors, and/or assigns to re-enter and repossess the Premises and to evict the Licensee and each and every occupant of the Premises claiming under it.
14. Relationship of Parties: Nothing contained in this License shall be construed or deemed by the parties hereto or by any third party as creating a relationship of employment, agency, partnership, joint adventure, or any other relationship between the Licensor and the Licensee other than the relationship of Licensor and Licensee. Employees and volunteers of the Licensee are not employees or volunteers of the County and the Licensee will be responsible for claims and coverages related to premises liability, personal injury, and Workers' Compensation.

15. Modification: No present or future agreements, waivers, consents or approvals pertaining to the Premises or to the subject matter of this License shall be binding upon the Licensor unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized officer of the Licensor.
16. Severability and Survival: In the event that any provision of this License is deemed by any court of competent jurisdiction to be legally ineffective, such decision shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this License.
17. Interpretation: Each Party has had opportunity to have this License reviewed by legal counsel and has had equal opportunity to contribute to its contents. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this License, there shall be no presumption in favor of any interpretation solely because the form of this License was prepared by the County.
18. It is hereby agreed and understood by the parties that all of the terms contained herein, including all rights and responsibilities conferred herein, shall be and are subject to all rights of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, a Commission of Genesee County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION and VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE have each caused this License to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers, and their respective seals to be affixed, all on the day and year first written above.

VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE



BY: Thomas W. Wood

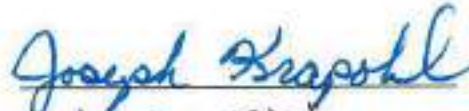
ITS: President



BY: Denise C. Baker

ITS: Clerk

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION



BY: Joe Krapohl

ITS: President



BY: Michael Lynch

ITS: Secretary

**GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

This Partnership Agreement is dated 6/8/23 between the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission (GCPRC), 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506, and G & M Telecom (GMT), 7160 S. State Rd., Goodrich, MI 48438. The term of this partnership agreement is one year from the date that it is signed.

This agreement is for site improvements to the Goldenrod Disc Golf Course, located at 6405 Irish Rd. Davison, MI 48423.

GMT agrees to:

1. Furnish all materials, labor, and equipment for the installation of new baskets
 - D Site preparation of each basket shall be inspected and deemed satisfactory by GCPRC staff prior to pouring cement.
2. Furnish all materials, labor, and equipment for the installation of new baskets and maps.
 - D The design and material used for all signage (permanent & temporary) must be approved by the Parks Communications Specialist.
3. Submit signage installation, and pin/basket migration to GCPRC Superintendent for approval. Each schedule must include deadlines to ensure minimal disruption to Park visitors.
4. Submit a list of all equipment to be used on Park Property and coordinate with GCPRC staff on the proper route(s) to be used for park access.
5. Coordinate with the Parks Communications, Event, and Brand Manager prior to any basket/pin migration to ensure all changes are accurately reflected on the course map and scorecard.
6. Coordinate with GCPRC maintenance staff and/or horticulturist prior to altering any tree greater than 6" in diameter. No tree or shrubbery further than 20 feet along the course of each hole shall be removed without prior GCPRC approval. Trees to be removed greater than 3" in diameter requires approval.
7. Contact GCPRC prior to any excavation. All such locations must be marked for underground utilities by GCPRC staff prior to the event.
8. Temporary signage and any barriers shall be approved by the Parks Communications, Event, and Brand Manager prior to the event and signage shall be removed at the completion of the event.
9. Provide a certificate showing proof of Public General Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 (per occurrence) / \$2,000,000 (aggregate) and Property Damage insurance in the amount of at least \$500,000 naming Genesee County as additional insureds, prior to any course maintenance or modifications.
10. Request approval of all subcontractors from GCPRC prior to hire and submit all required insurance.
11. Ensure all GMT employees and volunteers complete the GCPRC Volunteer Application process including a release of liability to Genesee County. The process must be complete prior to any work.
12. Notify GCPRC staff of any immediate maintenance concerns.

GCPRC agrees to:

1. Assist in coordination of all improvements to the Goldenrod Disc Golf Course previously identified; and to do so in a timely manner.
2. Provide the Park Superintendent and Deputy Director as GMT's points of contact.
3. Have the park gates open by 8:00 a.m. each day, unless coordinated in advance.
4. Continue to provide general maintenance of the Goldenrod property. Will notify GMT of any issues that may impact the proposed site improvements.
5. Discuss the possibility of future improvements to the Goldenrod Disc Golf Course, including but not limited to the construction of a new pavilion, installation of disc golf basket replacements, and additional trash receptacles.
6. Allow recognition of course sponsorships on new tee box signs.

G & M TELECOM

Date: 6/10/2023

Brent Guest
Brent Guest, President

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: 6/8/23

Joe Krapohl
Joe Krapohl, President

Anne Figueroa
Anne Figueroa, Secretary

LICENSE – SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS AND RECREATION

THIS LICENSE, made this 1st day of July, 2021, by and between the GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (hereinafter called the Licensor), whose principal office is located at 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, Michigan 48506, and SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS AND RECREATION (hereinafter called the Licensee), whose principal office is located at 150 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Licensor has jurisdiction over certain lands (hereinafter called the "Premises") located in Genesee County, Michigan and more particularly described as:

The west forty acres of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 Section 33 T5N R5E and S 15 rds. of government lot 4 also 15 rds. of E 23 1/2 rds. of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 29 T5N R5, Township of Fenton, County of Genesee; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee desires to develop the Premises as a public park and recreational areas for the use, benefit, and welfare of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Licensor wishes to cooperate with the Licensee and is willing to permit the Premises to be used by the Licensee upon the following terms and conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of these Premises and the Covenants hereinafter contained, the Licensor hereby licenses the Premises to the Licensee, for the term of this License upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Term: The term of the License granted shall be a rolling three years commencing the 1st day of July 2021. If, at the end of each year, the development, operation, and maintenance of the premises by the Licensee is satisfactory to the Licensor, the Licensor will automatically renew the license to add another year period to the lease, creating the rolling third year.
2. Rental: In consideration of this License and as the entire rental of the Premises for the Term, the Licensee has paid to the Licensor the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in lawful money to the United State of America, receipt of which is hereby expressly acknowledged by the Licensor.
3. Use: The Licensee may use and occupy the Premises during the Term only as a public park and recreational area for the benefit and welfare of the general public and in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Licensor, (Appendix A)
4. Maintenance: During the Term of this License, the Licensee shall, at its sole expense maintain the entire improved premises in excellent appearance, which shall include, by way of example, the regular mowing of all grassy areas, the pruning of trees and shrubs, the removal of weeds and other noxious plants, the regular removal of waste paper and other debris, the cleaning and painting of buildings, improvements and other facilities, the grading of the roads and parking areas, and the painting and replacement of signs. The Licensee shall, at its sole expense, maintain in good condition and repair all buildings, walls, structures, improvements and other facilities constructed or installed upon or about the Premises. The Licensee shall conduct and provide water testing results to Licensor in compliance with State and Local Health Department regulation.

5. Supervision: The Licensee shall, at its sole expense, provide all workmen, attendants, policemen, firemen, supervisors, and other personnel reasonably required for the proper protection and supervision of the Premises.
6. Insurance: The Licensee shall, at its own cost and expense, procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this agreement, minimum levels of insurance coverage in the amounts, as detailed in this Agreement, as amended by the Licensor from time to time, and as further described in this Article.
- a. Comprehensive General Liability. The Licensee shall procure and maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy, with a maximum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
The Licensee shall list Genesee County, 1101 Beach St, Flint, MI 48502, as the Certificate Holder of the policy, with a copy sent to ATTN: Director, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506.
 - b. Upon failure of Licensee to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, Licensor may obtain such insurance and charge Licensee the cost of the insurance plus all appropriate administrative charges and any incidental expenses associated with the transaction.
The Licensee shall not violate the terms or prohibitions of insurance policies required to be furnished by the Licensee. The Licensee shall promptly notify the Licensor of any claim or loss under such insurance policies and certify that proper notice has been given to the appropriate insurance carrier.
 - c. Licensee shall be responsible for all employees and volunteers who enter the Premises on behalf of the Licensee. Licensee shall be further responsible for claims and coverages related to premises liability, personal injury, and Workers' Compensation.
7. Nonliability: Notwithstanding any other provision of this License, neither the Licensor nor Genesee County or any of their officers, agents or employees shall be liable or responsible in any manner or to any extent to the Licensee, or to any other person, firm, corporation or other entity, for any loss, damage or injury to person or property which may occur upon or about the Premises, or which may arise out of any activity upon or about the Premises.
8. Improvements: Licensee may erect and/or construct improvements on or to the lands at its sole cost, provided that it obtains prior written approval of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. It is expressly understood by the parties that all such improvements shall become the property of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission upon termination of this license. All such improvements shall be in conformity with the Use Plan, for the Park area submitted to the Parks Commission.
Licensee may submit grant applications, accept awarded grants, and utilize awarded grant funds for approved improvements, provided that it obtains prior written approval of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.
9. Taxes, Assessment and License Fees: The Licensee shall pay, as they become due during the Term,
- a. Any and all real property, personal property, sales, excise, F.I.C.A., employment, income or other taxes or duties of any kind whatsoever, and
 - b. Any and all license, inspection, permit, or other fees of any kind whatsoever, and
 - c. Any and all assessments or other charges of any kind whatsoever arising on account of the construction or improvement of roads, sidewalks, sewers or other public works upon, about or adjacent to the Premises.

20. Public Benefit: The Licensee shall ensure that at all times during the Term the Premises are held by the Licensee as a public park and recreational area for the use, benefit, and welfare of the public at large and the Licensee shall ensure that all persons regardless of their race, creed, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, shall be permitted freely to use and enjoy the Premises at all times during the Term of this License.
21. Easements for Public Improvements: Licenser, subject to review by the Licensee, reserves the right to grant easements for public improvements over subject land.
22. Termination: If the Licensee fails, refuses, or neglects to perform fully any of its covenants or other obligations under this License, the Licenser may terminate this License by giving written notice to the Licensee not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of termination specified in such notice. Licensee shall have until the date of termination to correct its default.
- The Licensee may terminate this License by giving the Licenser a written notice specifying a date of termination not less than one hundred twenty (120) days after such written notice is given. Notwithstanding any termination of this License under the provisions of this paragraph or otherwise, such termination, including as an example, but not in limitation, any loss or damage arising out of any default in the performance of any of the covenants or other obligations under this License.
- The Licensee will terminate this License in the event that the Deer Run Soccer Park Sub-License Agreement ends or is terminated.
23. Assignment: Other than to the Deer Run Soccer Authority (DRSA), by terms agreed upon in the accepted Deer Run Soccer Park Sub-License Agreement, the Licensee shall not, without the Licenser's prior written consent, sublet any part of the Premises, delegate the operation of any facility, concession or other activity upon or about the Premises, to any concessionaire, manager, management company or other person, firm or corporation, or assign, convey, transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or encumber this License or any interest herein or any obligation hereunder. Requests for such assignments must be coordinated with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Director for inclusion at the subsequent meeting of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, for consideration.
24. Repossession: At the end of the Term or, in the event of termination of this License, upon the date of termination specified in the written notice, the Licensee shall quit, yield up, and surrender possession of the Premises and it shall be lawful for the Licenser, its attorneys, agents, successors, and/or assignees to re-enter and repossess the Premises and to evict the Licensee and each and every occupant of the Premises claiming under it.
25. Relationship of Parties: Nothing contained in this License shall be construed or deemed by the parties hereto or by any third party as creating a relationship of employment, agency, partnership, joint adventure, or any other relationship between the Licenser and the Licensee other than the relationship of Licenser and Licensee. Employees and volunteers of the Licensee are not employees or volunteers of the County and the Licensee will be responsible for claims and coverages related to premises liability, personal injury, and Workers' Compensation.
26. Modification: No present or future agreements, waivers, consents or approvals pertaining to the Premises or to the subject matter of this License shall be binding upon the Licenser unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized officer of the Licenser.
27. It is hereby agreed and understood by the parties that all of the terms contained herein,

including all rights and responsibilities conferred herein, shall be and are subject to all rights of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, a Commission of Genesee County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the GENESSEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION and SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS AND RECREATION have each caused this license to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers, and their respective seals to be affixed, all on the day and year first written above.

SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS AND RECREATION

Robert H. Johnson 5/23/2021
BY: *Chairman*
ITS:

CLK 5/23/2021
BY:
ITS: *Director*

GENESSEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION

Joe Krapohl 5-13-21
BY: JOE KRAPOHL
ITS: PRESIDENT

Michael Lynch
BY: MICHAEL LYNCH
ITS: SECRETARY

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Partnership Agreement is dated May 9th, 2023, and is between the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission ("County Parks"), located at 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, Michigan 48506, and the Township of Thetford ("Township"), located at 4014 E. Vienna Road, Clio, Michigan 48420.

Recitals

Whereas, the Township wishes to install a disc golf course, tentatively called the Buell Lake Disc Golf Course - Clio ("the Project") on land in the Township, which the County Parks owns;

Whereas, the County Parks is willing to permit development of the Project on the land it owns according to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES AND COVENANTS CONTAINED HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT:

1. The Township shall:

- (a) furnish all materials, labor, and equipment for the installation of new cement tee pads;
- (b) Furnish all materials, labor, and equipment for the installation of new tee signs and maps;
- (c) Submit a schedule for tee pad installation, signage installation, and pin/basket migration to the County Parks' Deputy Director for approval. Each schedule must include deadlines to ensure minimal disruption to Park visitors.
- (d) submit a list of all equipment to be used on Park Property and coordinate with County Park staff on the proper route(s) to be used for park access.
- (e) Coordinate with the County Parks Communications, Event, and Brand Manager prior to any basket/pin migration to ensure all changes are accurately reflected on the course map and scorecard.
- (f) Coordinate with County Parks' maintenance staff and/or horticulturist prior to altering any tree greater than 6" in diameter. No tree or shrubbery further than 20 feet along the course of each hole shall be removed without prior County Park's approval.
- (g) Contact the County Parks prior to any excavation. All such locations must be marked for underground utilities by County Park's staff prior to the event;

- (h) provide a certificate showing proof of Public General Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 (per occurrence) / \$2,000,000 (aggregate) and Property Damage Insurance in the amount of at least \$500,000 naming Genesee County as additional insureds, prior to any course maintenance or modifications.
- (i) Request approval of all subcontractors from the County Parks prior to hire and submit all required insurance.
- (j) Ensure all Township employees and volunteers complete the County Parks' Volunteer Application process including a release of liability to Genesee County. The process must be complete prior to any work.
- (k) Notify County Park staff of any immediate maintenance concerns.

2. The County Parks shall:

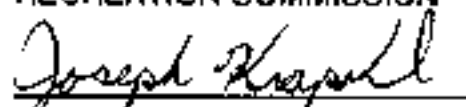
- (a) assist in coordination of all improvements to the course previously identified, and to do so in a timely manner.
- (b) Provide the Park Superintendent and Deputy Director as the Township's points of contact.
- (c) Have the park gates open by 8:00 a.m. each day, unless coordinated in advance.
- (d) provide general maintenance of the property.

Date: 5/10/2023

THETFORD TOWNSHIP

Rachel Stanke, Supervisor

Date: _____

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION

Joseph Krapohl, President


Anne Figueroa, Secretary

APPENDIX C



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

This information required under authority of Part 12, PA 451 of 1984, as amended,
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1966, 75 Stat 887 (1964); and Part 710, of PA 451 of 1984, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00222

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Buttercup Beach - Holloway Reservoir Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop 35 acres

1. IDENTIFY THE AGENCY OR AGENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

Name of Agency (ies): <u>Genesee County Parks</u>	Contact Person: <u>Don Walker</u>	Title: <u>Deputy Director</u>
Address: <u>3045 Stanley Rd.</u>	Telephone: <u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, ZIP: <u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	E-mail: <u>Walker@ccparks.org</u>	

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. SIGNATURE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Memorial day - Labor Day

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Memorial day - Labor Day 8:00 AM - SUNSET

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF YOUR SPACE IS LIMITED)

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CERTIFICATION

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Roy Walker
Please print

[Signature]
Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-14
Date

Barry June
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[Signature]
Witness Signature

1-22-14
Date

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: 26-00199PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Holloway Reservoir Regional ParkPROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 402 acres

FACILITY INFORMATION (Facility Name, Location, etc.):

Name of Agency (Facility)	Contact Person	Title
Genesee County Parks	Kon Walker	Deputy Director
Address	Telephone	
5045 Stanley Rd	810-236-7100	
City, State, Zip	E-mail	
Flint, MI 48506	Walker@ccparks.org	

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

STUDIES

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

(/Yes ☒ No

Un Developed Land

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Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, leagues only, bowlers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

All Season's 8:00 - Sunset

COMMITTEE (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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<u>Ron Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Betsy June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00235

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Stanley/Gray Rd Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 305 acres / Development of beach

SECTION 1: AGENCY INFORMATION

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker@ocparks.org</u>	

SECTION 2: FACILITY

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 - Sunset

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Ron Walker</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Authorized Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date
<u>Barry June</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00291

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Holloway Reservoir Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 734 acres For Park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, ZIP	E-mail	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker@cparks.org</u>	

STATUS REPORT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Signage

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

OTHER:

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, leagues only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF YOUR SPACE IS NEARLY FULL)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Bon Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Officer Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Brian June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: 26-00940 PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Holloway Reservoir Rip 2PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 89.5 Acres

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL

Name of Agency (Optional)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Ron Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address <u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	Telephone <u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip <u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	Email <u>RWalker@GC Parks.ORG</u>	

Site Description

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Signage

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

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Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (PLEASE ELABORATE WHERE APPROPRIATE) (MAX. 10% OF TOTAL)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Ron Walker</u> Representative	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date
<u>Randy June</u> Witness	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: 26-01060 M1 PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Holloway Reservoir Regional ParkPROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition 138 Acres

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT INFORMATION (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Ken Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>KWalker@dc Parks.org</u>	

STATE DEPARTMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE COMPLIANCE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:01 AM - Sunset

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, bowlers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 8:01 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACH APPROPRIATE PHOTOGRAPH(S) IF APPLICABLE)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
Project Title	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
<u>Barry June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
Project Title	Grantee Signature	Date

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01104-NR PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Holloway Reservoir

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 140 acres

1. CONTACT INFORMATION (Genesee County Parks Agency Grant)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-226-7100</u>	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>dwalker@ccparks.org</u>	

2. SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

3. SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - SUN SET

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, bowlers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Barry Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Barry June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: 26-01144PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Holloway Reservoir Land AcquisitionPROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition 171 acres

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ONLY IF AN AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>3045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-736-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>rwalker@genesee.org</u>	

B. FACILITY

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

C. FACILITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ron Walker
Please print

R. Walker
Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-19
Date

Carry June
Please print

Carry June
Witness Signature

1-22-19
Date

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GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: LP15-0084

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bluebell Beach - Barrier Free beach access

PROJECT SCOPE: Barrier Free beach access

CONTACT INFORMATION (Local Government Agency/Grantee)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
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SELF-CERTIFICATION

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

STANDARD

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Memorial Day - Labor Day

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:00 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE IF NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

<u>Ron Walker</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1-22-14</u> Date
<u>Dany June</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>1-22-14</u> Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☒ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: 12-414PROJECT TYPE: TrailPROJECT TITLE: Blum Bell Trail RenovationPROJECT SCOPE: Trailway Renovation

SECTION 1: LOCAL COOPERATION AND CERTIFICATION

Name of Agency (Company)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-786-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker.D@C PARKS.ORG</u>	

SECTION 2: FACILITY

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 3: SIGNAGE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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<u>Ken Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please Print</small>	<small>Official Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Barry June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please Print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF 16-0101PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Hazel Rd Land AcquisitionPROJECT SCOPE: Hazel Rd Land Acquisition

BIBLIOGRAPHY (Include Government Agency Name)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Genesee County Parks	Don Walker	Deputy Director
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City, State, Zip: Flint, MI 48506	Email: walker@ccparks.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

6.3.1.1

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, bowlers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Barry June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: BF 89-381

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Flushing County Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Resurface Tennis Courts & basketball court

FOR COMPLETION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ONLY

Name of Agency (Grantor)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Ron Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
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<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-736-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>RWalker@ccprk.org</u>	

5. POST-COMPLETION

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

6. OTHER

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

All year 8:00 AM - Sunset

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

All year 8:00 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-14</u>
<small>Please Print</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Brian June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-14</u>
<small>Please Print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: BF 89-382

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Genesee Recreation Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Access Road & Filling Dock

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Name of Agency (Optional)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-736-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker.D@CYPK.ONS</u>	

SECTION I: DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION II: QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

REMARKS:

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

24 hours a day all year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET TO MONITOR BOARD AS NECESSARY)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ron Walker
 Please Print

[Signature]
 Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-19
 Date

Betsy Ture
 Please Print

[Signature]
 Witness Signature

1-22-19
 Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: BF 91-154 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bluebell trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Construction of new pathhouse

THE GRANT RECIPIENT'S CONTACT INFORMATION (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Sam Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-786-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>walker@ocparks.org</u>	

5. TO GRANT OR NOT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). ☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. TO GRANT OR NOT

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - SUNSET

CONT'D

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF WORK SPACES EXCEED 10)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>LA Walker</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Project Lead</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Brian June</u>	<u>Brian June</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Witness print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: RF 92-069

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: FOR-MAN Visitors Center

PROJECT SCOPE: CONSTRUCT BUILDING FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY:

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>DWalker@OC Parks.org</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECURITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

REMARKS

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

COMPLETION DATE: 08-08-2011 (PRINT NAME AND SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON WHO COMPLETED THIS REPORT)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ron Walker
Please print

[Signature]
Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-19
Date

Benny June
Please print

[Signature]
Grantee Signature

1-22-19
Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF00-170PROJECT TYPE: DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Indian Park RenovationPROJECT SCOPE: Re development of Club Beach - Indian Park, 105 & Sidewalk

CONTACT INFORMATION OF AGENCY OR AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Genesee County Parks	Don Walker	Deputy Director
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5045 Stanley Rd	810-236-7100	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Flint, MI 48506	walker@dc.parks.org	

SPECIAL COMMENTS

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SIGNATURE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - SUNSET

G. Other

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boosters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 8:00 AM - SUNSET

CONTINUED (AN ADDITIONAL SHEET OF WORK SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ron Walker

Print name

[Signature]

Grantee Authority Signature

1-22-14

Date

Bruce June

Print name

[Signature]

Grantee Signature

1-22-14

Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: TF01-040 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Buell Lake Park Improvement

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct boat launch - picnic area & fishing area

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY GRANTEE

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
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City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>walker@ccparks.org</u>	

Site Development

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Site Quality

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boosters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE THAN 4 LINES)

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CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

<u>Ron Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Betsy June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 18, PA 451 of 1984, as amended,
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1960, 16 USC 467 (1964), and Part 710, of PA 451 of 1984, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: ☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF 621PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Holloway ReservoirPROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 50 acres

NAME OF AGENCY (Genesee)			County	Phone
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>			<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>			<u>810-736-7100</u>	
<u>Flint, MI 48906</u>			<u>Walker@ccparks.org</u>	

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

5. OTHER

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, bowlers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 8:00 AM - Sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACHMENT REQUIRED IF YOU DESIRE TO INCLUDE)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

<u>Ray Walker</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date
<u>Barry June</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF 707PROJECT TYPE: AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Genesee County Park ExtensionPROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 100 acres

TO: CONTACTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (if any)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>East MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker@ccparks.org</u>	

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

All year 8:00 AM - Sun Set

6.3.2

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boosters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

All year 8:00 AM - Sun Set

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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<u>Ken Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
Project Mgr	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
<u>Barry June</u>	<u>Barry June</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
Witness	Witness Signature	Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF 90-225PROJECT TYPE: DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Public Fishing access Fishing SitePROJECT SCOPE: Construction of Vauit Restroom & Parking Lot

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Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-735-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	E-mail	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker@dc.parks.org</u>	

POST-COMPLETION

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SIGNAGE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

COMMENTS

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 24 hours a day

COMMENTS (ATTN: COMMENTS ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE USER)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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Ron Walker

Please print

[Signature]

Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-14

Date

Barry June

Please print

[Signature]

Witness Signature

1-22-14

Date

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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GRANT TYPE: ☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks

PROJECT NUMBER: TF 93-122

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: High Field Park Land Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 26 acres of land

TABLE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOV. (NAME OF AGENCY/GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-736-7100</u>	
City, State, ZIP	E-mail	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker@GC Parks.org</u>	

SECTION 1: FACILITIES

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 2: MAINTENANCE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

7-10-2021

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, bowlers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

ALL YEAR 8:00 AM - SUNSET

Continuation of Form BSA-100-1 (Rev. 11/2010) (If Bond Fund Grant)

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<u>Ron Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please Print</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Barry Jure</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Please Print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF 94-177PROJECT TYPE: DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Stepping Stone Falls WalkwayPROJECT SCOPE: Construct paved walkways

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Tom Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-236-7100</u>	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>twalker@genesee.org</u>	

SITE EVALUATION

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SIGNATURE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Memorial Day - December 1st

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, leagues only, boosters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Memorial Day - December 1st

COMMENTS (ATTACH BELOW ATTACHED TO POST GRANT SELF-CERT)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Ken Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Project Lead</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Randy Jurek</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-19</u>
<small>Project Lead</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: TF 97-045 PROJECT TYPE: _____PROJECT TITLE: plusill bike path ExtensionPROJECT SCOPE: Extend existing bike path

Part B: General Information (to be completed by grantee)

Name of Agency/Contact	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>9045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-736-7100</u>	
City, State, Zip	E-mail	
<u>Eden, MI 48506</u>	<u>Walker@dc.parks.org</u>	

B-1. General Information

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

B-2. General Information

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - SUNSET

RECORDS

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 24 hour a day

COMMENTS (ONLY FOR BOND FUND GRANTS - SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Ron Walker</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-14</u>
<small>Grantee Official</small>	<small>Grantee Authorized Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>
<u>Randy June</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-22-14</u>
<small>Witness Print</small>	<small>Witness Signature</small>	<small>Date</small>

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☒ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Inds

PROJECT NUMBER: C-791-023

PROJECT TYPE: Deployment

PROJECT TITLE: Blues II fact hand Interventions

PROJECT SCOPE: Replicating T & B

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NOT BUREAU		
Name of Agency (County)	Contact Person	Title
Genesee County Parks	Ken Walker	Deputy Director
Address	Telephone	
3045 Stanley Rd	810-286-7100	
City, State, ZIP	E-mail	
Ellettsville, MI 48506	KWalker@ocparks.org	

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If so, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, specify the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

QUESTIONS

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boxers only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

attached

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

all year 24 hours a day

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

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Don Walker
Please print

Don Walker
Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-19
Date

Barry June
Please print

Barry June
Responsible Signature

1-22-19
Date

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Ron Walker
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Ron Walker
Grantee Authorized Signature

1-22-19
Date

Barry June
Please print

Barry June
Please Sign

1-22-19
Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: 6F93-127PROJECT TYPE: DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Walleye Restroom / ConcessionPROJECT SCOPE: Construction of modern restroom

B. CONTACT INFORMATION (LOCAL GOVERNMENT / GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantor)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>5045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>810-736-2100</u>	
City, State, Zip	Email	
<u>Flint MI 48506</u>	<u>DWalker@CCParks.org</u>	

SITE INFORMATION

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).☐ Yes ☒ NoHas any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SIGNAGE

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

all year 8:00 AM - SUNSET

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Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Attached

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

24 hours a day - All year.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

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CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>L.A. Walker</u>	<u>1-22-14</u>
Project Lead	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
<u>Brian June</u>	<u>Brian June</u>	<u>1-22-14</u>
Witness	Witness Signature	Date

Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
 GRANTS MANAGEMENT
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 PO BOX 30426
 LANSING MI 48206-7426



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Get away. Right away.

WALLE PIKE BOAT LAUNCH

Map



Map of Walle Pike Boat Launch showing location and surrounding areas.

Map of Walle Pike Boat Launch showing location and surrounding areas.



ADMISSION AND HOURS

There is no admission fee for this park. Hours of operation are from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

For more information, please contact the park office at (907) 486-1234.

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUNDGRANTEE: Genesee County ParksPROJECT NUMBER: BF 89-418 PROJECT TYPE: DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Walworth CampgroundPROJECT SCOPE: Construction of Modern Restroom & Shower

B. CONTACTS (LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY/GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantor)	Contact Person	Title
<u>Genesee County Parks</u>	<u>Don Walker</u>	<u>Deputy Director</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>3045 Stanley Rd</u>	<u>410-236-2100</u>	
City, State, Zip	E-mail	
<u>Flint, MI 48506</u>	<u>DWalker@CCParks.org</u>	

C. CHANGES

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

D. REQUIREMENTS

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Memorial Day - Labor Day 24 hours a day

GENERAL

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Attached

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Memorial Day - Labor Day 24 hours a day

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF YOUR SPACE IS LIMITED.)

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CERTIFICATION

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<u>Don Walker</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date
<u>Betsy June</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Signature	<u>1-22-19</u> Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 38425
LANSING MI 48209-7825**



WOLVERINE CAMPGROUND

PARK DIRECTORY

MAP

RESERVE ONLINE NOW

7698 N. Baxter Rd.

Columbiaville, MI 48421

Hours:

Registration Hours: 8am - 10pm daily

Check in: 3pm

Check out: 1pm

Memorial Day – Labor Day



***Campground is open May 22 – September 3, 2019.**

CAMPING RATES

ELECTRIC SITES	DAILY
Lakefront	\$29.00
<i>Requires minimum three-night stay</i>	
Non-Lakefront 20 or 30m amp	\$26.00
Pull-Through Sites (Sites 70-79)	\$31.00
<i>50amp electric and water/cement pads</i>	

Genesee County Resident Discount: \$2 per night

Senior Discount: \$2 per night

NON-ELECTRIC SITES	DAILY
Lakefront	\$23.00
<i>Requires minimum three-night stay</i>	
Non-Lakefront	\$20.00

Genesee County Resident Discount: \$2 per night

Senior Discount: \$2 per night

SENIOR CITIZEN RATES:

Senior citizen discounts are offered. Walk-in registration is offered 8:00 am - 10:00 pm on a space-available basis during operation dates. For senior rates you must call the reservation department at 800.648.7275, ext. 6 or 810.736.7100, ext. 6 Mon - Fri, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm before making your reservation. If you're calling about the campground after hours or on the weekend, please call 810.793.6613.

GROUP CAMPING:

If you are booking twenty-six (26) or more sites for two or more nights, you will qualify for certain group camping incentives. Lake front and pull-through/50 amp sites are not eligible for group rates. Please contact the reservation department at 800.648.7275, ext. 6 or 810.736.7100, ext. 6, Mon - Fri, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm to make your reservation. If you're calling about the campground after hours or on the weekend, please call 810.793.6613.

Group Rate Tier Pricing

*Lakefront and pull-thru sites are not eligible for Group Rates.

0 - 25 sites	Advertised rates
26 - 50 sites	\$21.00 per night
51 - 75 sites	\$19.00 per night
76 - 100 sites	\$17.00 per night
101 above sites	\$15.00 per night

RESERVATION FEE PER SITE:

For those who have camped with us before you may remember a reservation fee. This has been eliminated in 2018.

CANCELLATION FEE PER SITE:

\$10

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations made after processing the reservation, until 3 days (72 hours) prior to 3pm the day of arrival, will incur a \$10 cancellation fee. Cancellations made within 3 days (72 hours) of the 3pm check in time or later, including changes made to shorten your stay, will forfeit one night's camping fee in addition to the \$10 cancellation fee.

LAKEFRONT SITE RESERVATIONS:

Require Minimum 3-Night Stay

REGISTRATION HOURS

8:00 am – 10:00 pm Daily

CAMPGROUND CHECK-OUT TIME:

1:00 pm

CAMPGROUND CHECK-IN TIME:

3:00 pm

DAILY VISITOR VEHICLE FEES:

\$6.00 per vehicle. The purchase of a Visitor Pass is required for access to the campground.

SECOND VEHICLE:

\$6.00 per occurrence to change a vehicle registered to a campsite. Only 2 vehicles per site.

BOAT LAUNCH PERMIT:

The purchase of a boat launch vehicle permit is required for use of watercraft at Wolverine Campground. Season passes or daily passes corresponding to the number of days campers are staying at their site are necessary. Credit cards and debit cards are now accepted at all boat launches.

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA POLICY FOR ALL PARKS

No alcohol, marijuana or illegal substances are allowed. Violations will result in arrest.

RULES

Park Rangers enforce all laws including Federal, State, Marine and local ordinances. The Park Ranger Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week all year.

[Click here to download the park safety rules](#)

Menu

Rates & Rules

Reservations

KEEP EXPLORING

**BUELL LAKE COUNTY
PARK**

**DAVISON ROADSIDE
COUNTY PARK**

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks and Recreation

PROJECT NUMBER: TF16-0102

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Genesee County Iron Belle Trail Segment

PROJECT SCOPE: 2.2 mile of non-motorized trail from Genesee Road to Richfield County Park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Genesee County Parks and Recreation	Barry June	Director
Address	Telephone	
5045 E Stanley Road	810.736.7100	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Flint, MI 48506	bjune@gcparks.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

attached

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
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GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boosters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure ☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

24 hours a day, 365 days per year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Barry June

Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

1/22/24

Date

Melissa Gagne

Please print


Witness Signature

1/22/24

Date

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Trail head off at Parks Administration Building



MNRTF Plaque

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks and Recreation

PROJECT NUMBER: TF 16-0208 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

PROJECT TITLE: Genesee Valley Trail - Chevrolet Avenue to Stevenson Street

PROJECT SCOPE: .5 mile extension of Genesee Valley Trail through Chevy Commons

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Genesee County Parks and Recreation	Contact Person	Barry June	Title	Director
Address	5045 E Stanley Road		Telephone	810.736.7100	
City, State, ZIP	Flint, MI 48506		Email	bjune@gcparks.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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☒ Yes ☐ No

attached

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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GENERAL

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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. ☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

24 hours a day, 365 days per year

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Grantee Authorized Signature

1/22/24
Date

Melissa Gagne

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Witness Signature

1/22/24
Date

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Trail head off of Chevrolet Avenue



MNRTF Plaque

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks and Recreation

PROJECT NUMBER: TF 17-0132 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

PROJECT TITLE: Genesee County Iron Belle Trail Vassar to Irish Segment

PROJECT SCOPE: 1.3 mile section of non-motorized trail as part of the Iron Belle Trail

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE):

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Genesee County Parks and Recreation	Contact Person	Barry June	Title	Director
Address	5045 E Stanley Road		Telephone	810.736.7100	
City, State, ZIP	Flint, MI 48506		Email	bjune@gcparks.org	

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Grantee Authorized Signature

1/22/24
Date

Melissa Gagne

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Witness Signature

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GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks and Recreation

PROJECT NUMBER: TF18-0077 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron Belle Trail - Richfield County Park

PROJECT SCOPE: 1.36 mile section of non-motorized trail (IBT) through Richfield County Park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Genesee County Parks and Recreation	Contact Person	Barry June	Title	Director
Address	5045 E Stanley Road		Telephone	810.736.7100	
City, State, ZIP	Flint, MI 48506		Email	bjune@gcparks.org	

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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure ☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

8:00am - sunset, 24 hours when snowmobiling when conditions suit snowmobiling; 365 days

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Grantee Authorized Signature

Date

Melissa Gagne

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Witness Signature

Date

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Genesee County Parks and Recreation

PROJECT NUMBER: TF 19-0019 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bluebell Beach Iron Belle Trail Connection Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Installation of trail connection to IBT and installation of universally accessible kayak launch

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Genesee County Parks and Recreation	Contact Person	Barry June	Title	Director
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If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.
attached

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mow weekly, trash patrol weekly, surface inspection weekly, seal coating as necessary, brush mow to maintain clear sight c

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

8:00am - 8:00pm, 365 days; trail connection provides 24 hour access

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Barry June

Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

Date

1/22/24

Melissa Gagne

Please print


Witness Signature

Date

1/22/24

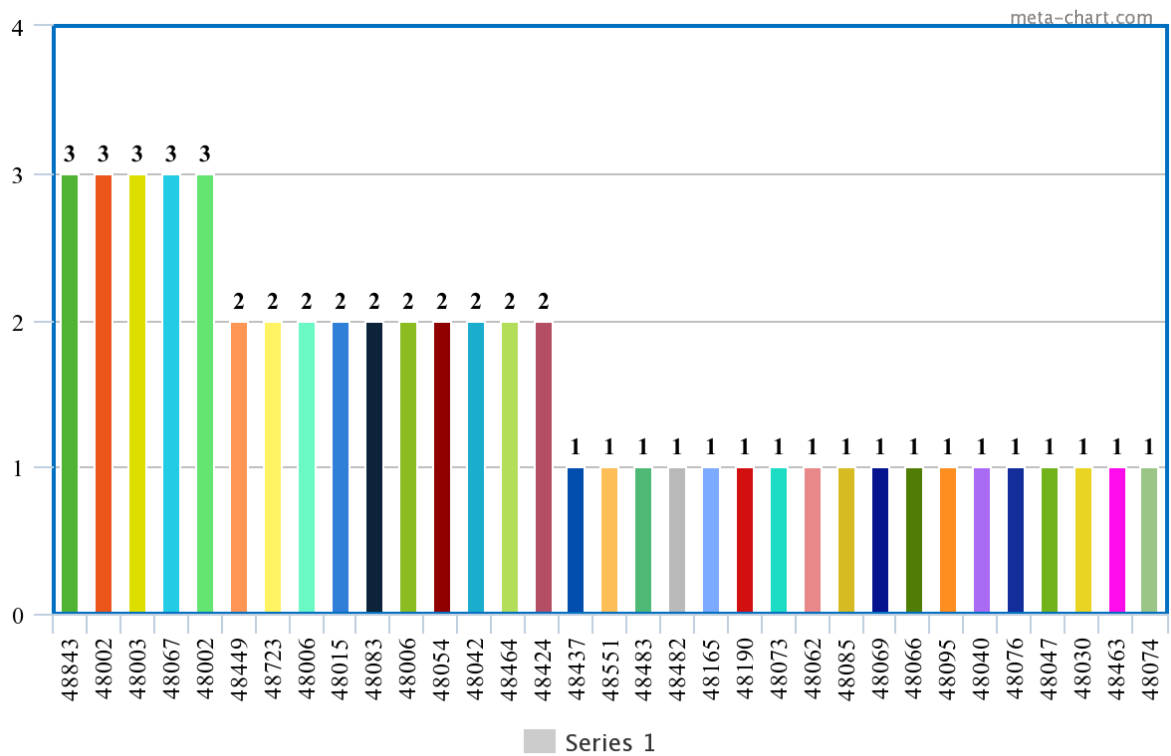
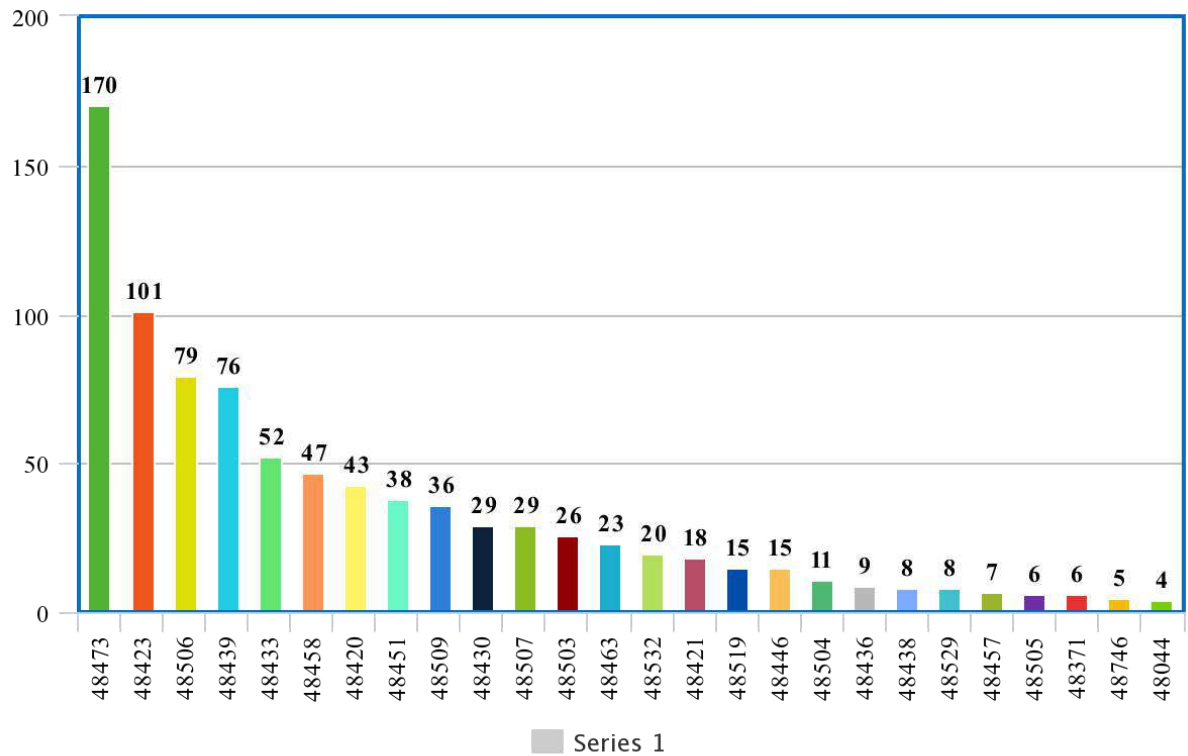
**Please be sure to upload the completed Post Completion Report and
plaque photographs to the 5-Year Recreation Plan in MiGrants.**



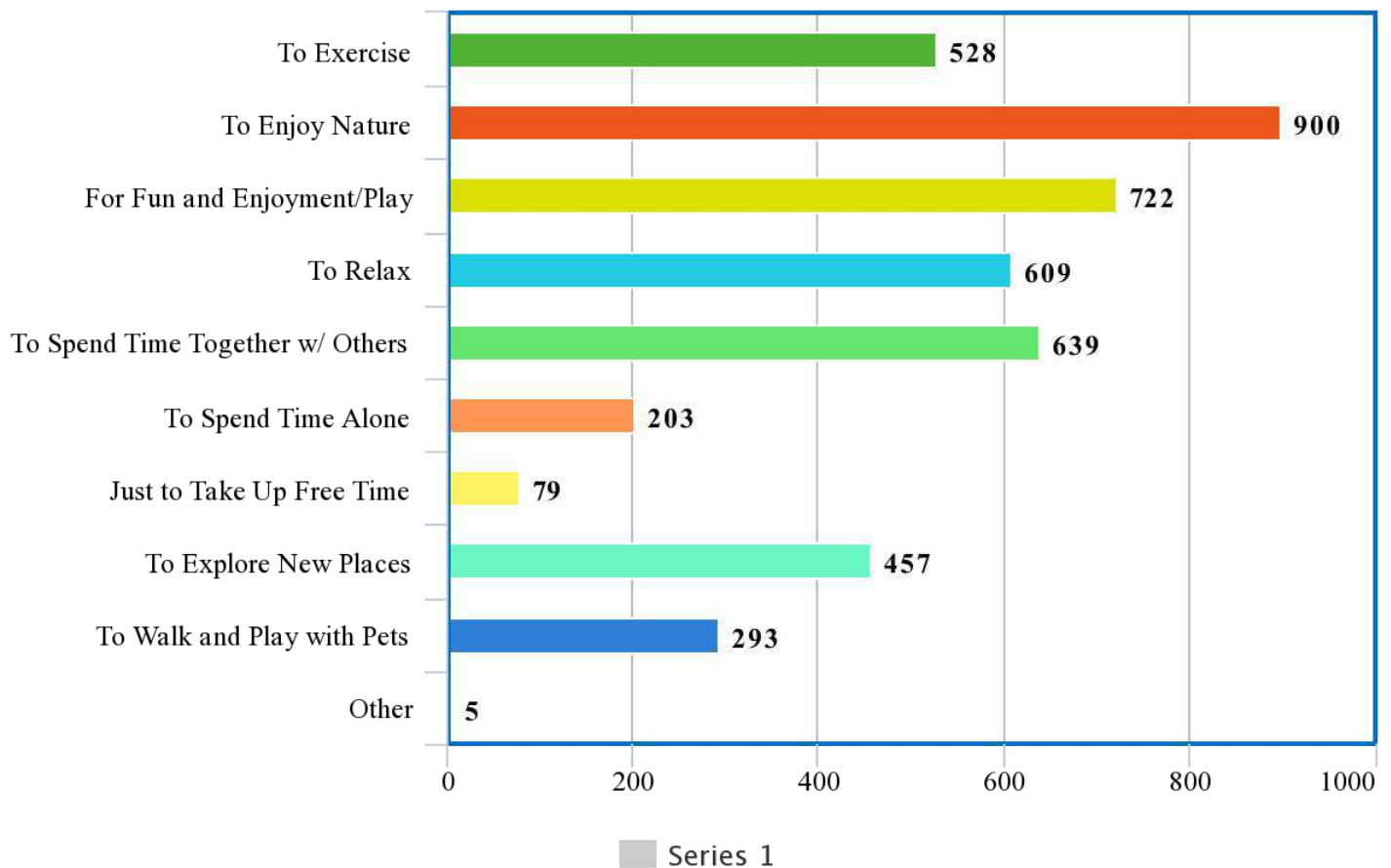
APPENDIX D

Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's
5 Year Plan

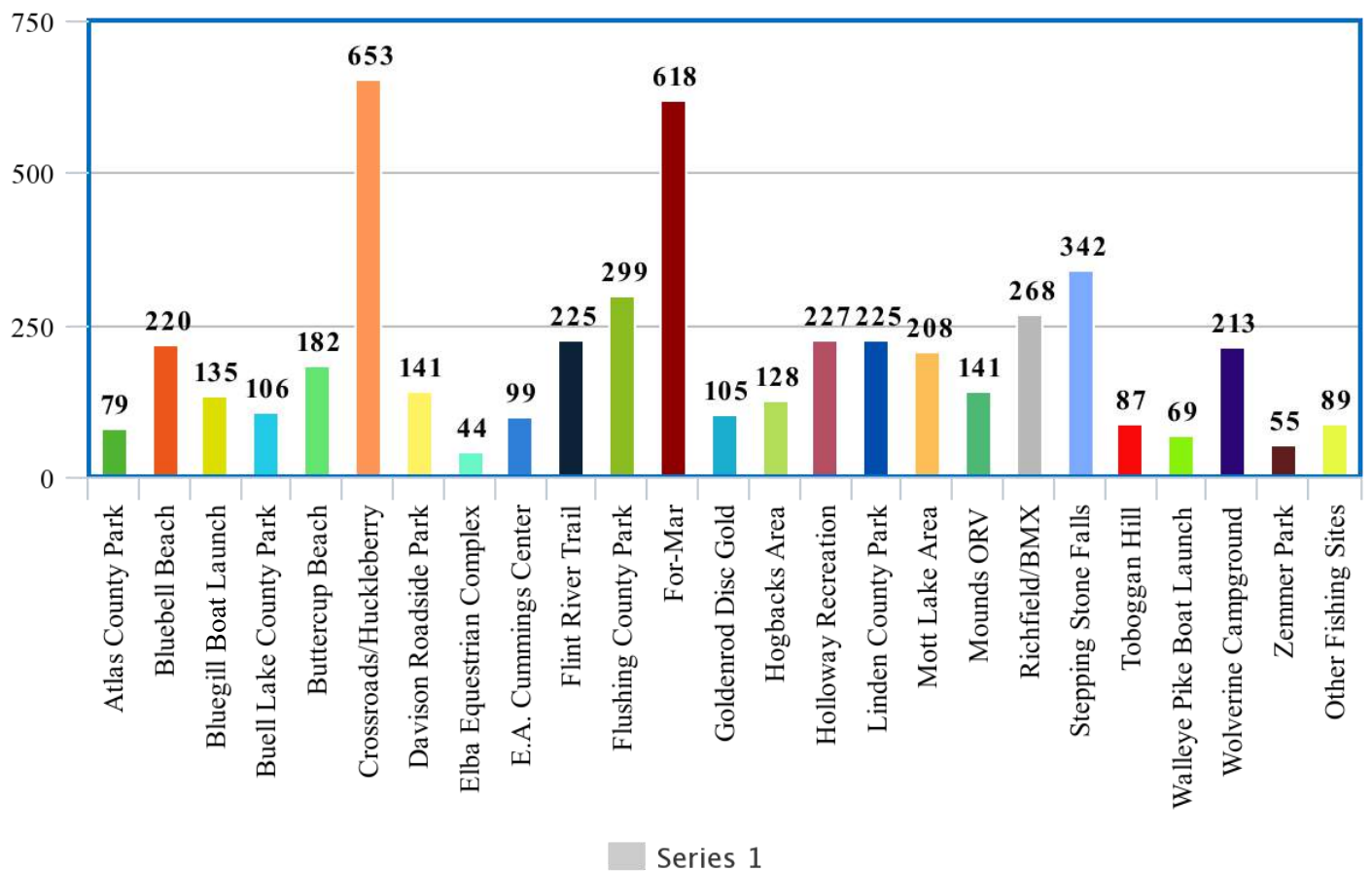
What is your zip code?



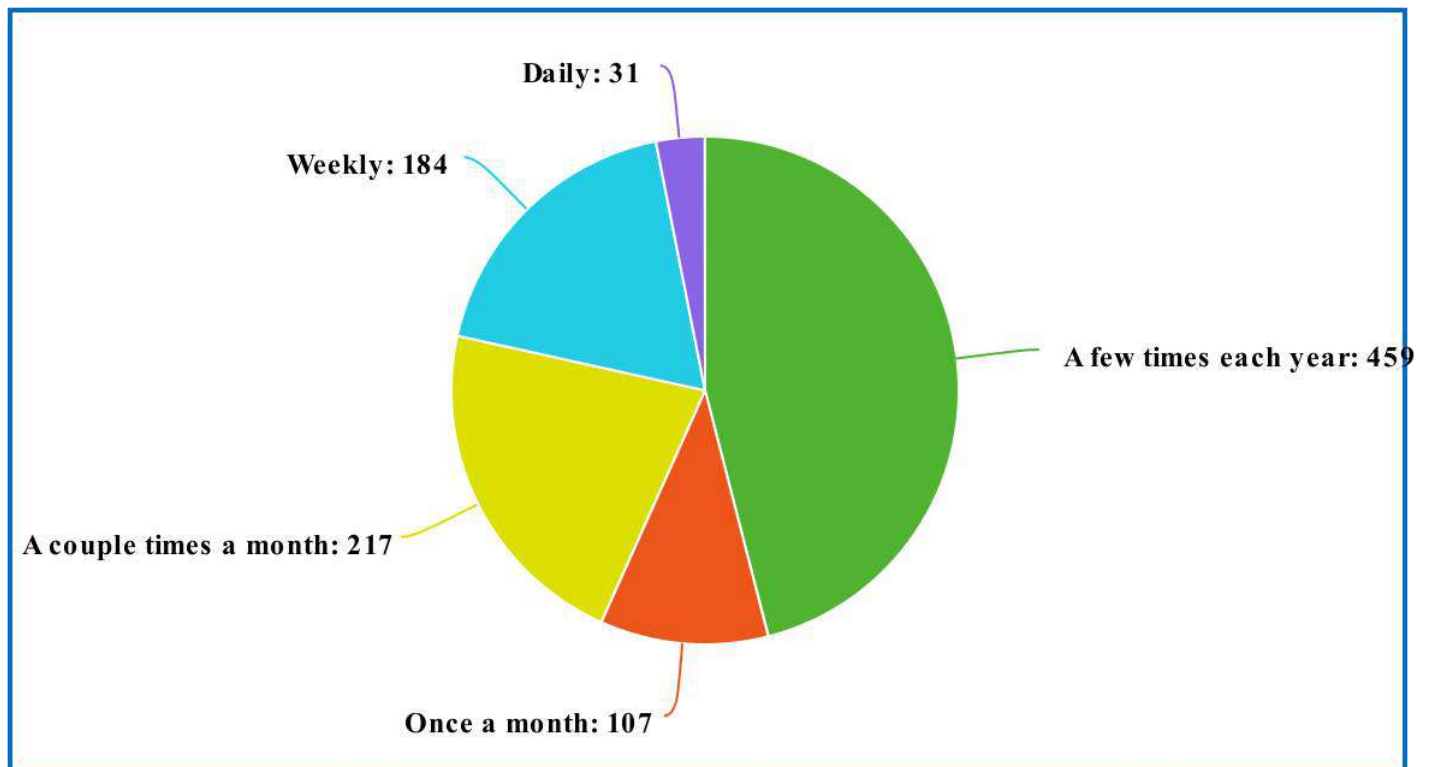
People spend time outdoors for a variety of reasons.
Why do you and/or your family spend recreational time
outdoors? Please select your top five (5).



Which Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks do you and/or your family visit? Check all that apply

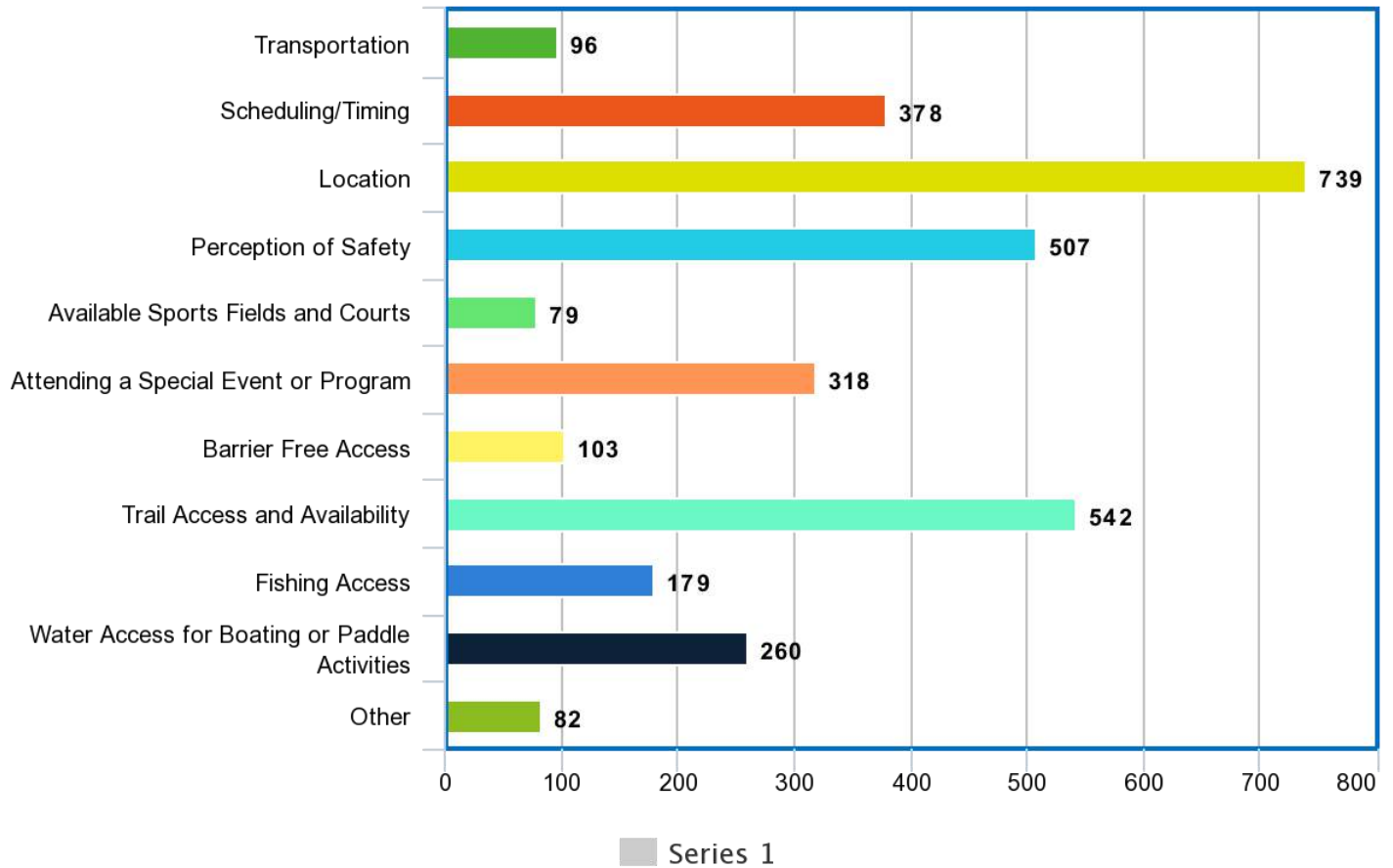


How often do you and your family visit Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission locations?

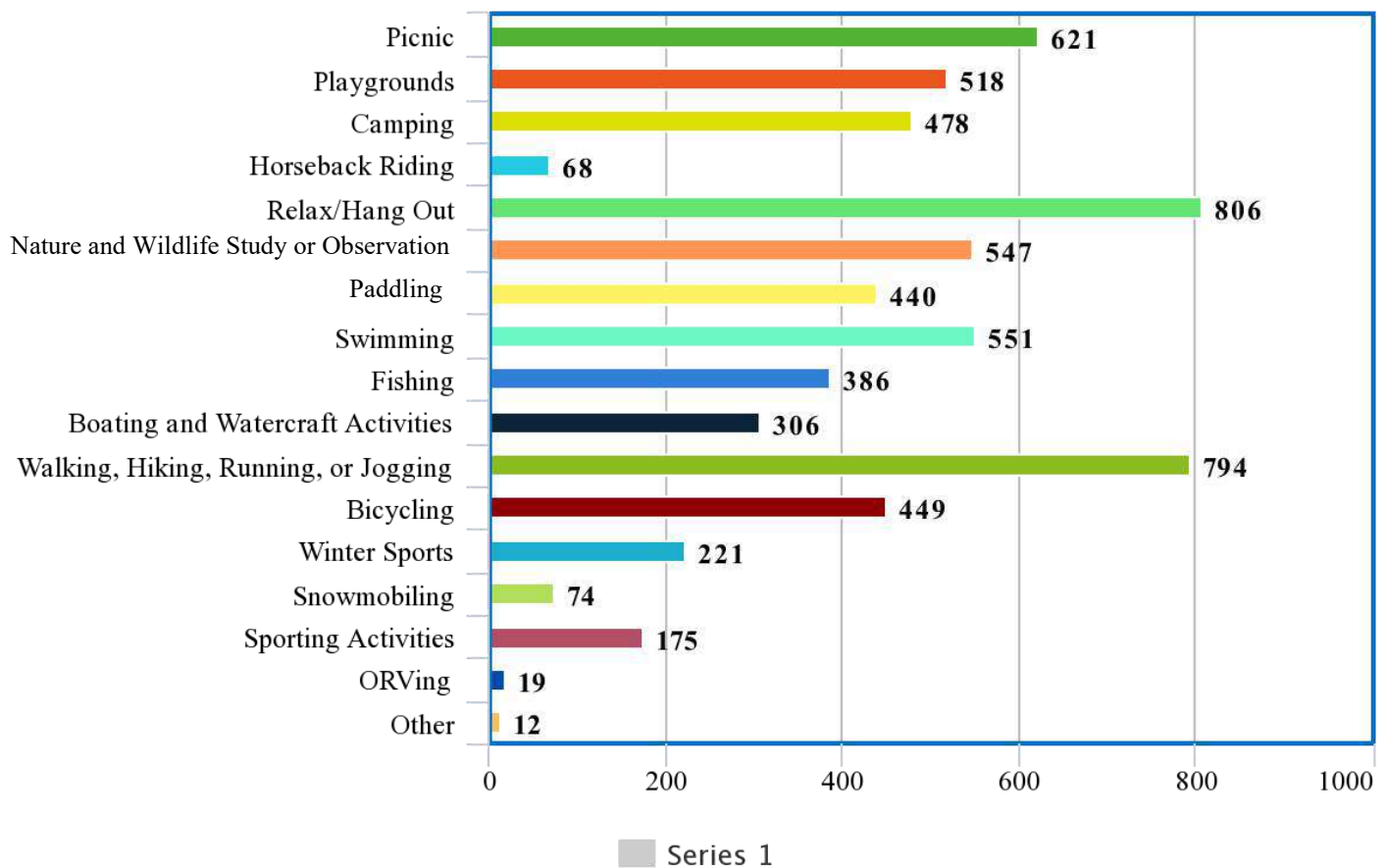


■ A few times each year ■ Once a month ■ A couple times a month ■ Weekly ■ Daily

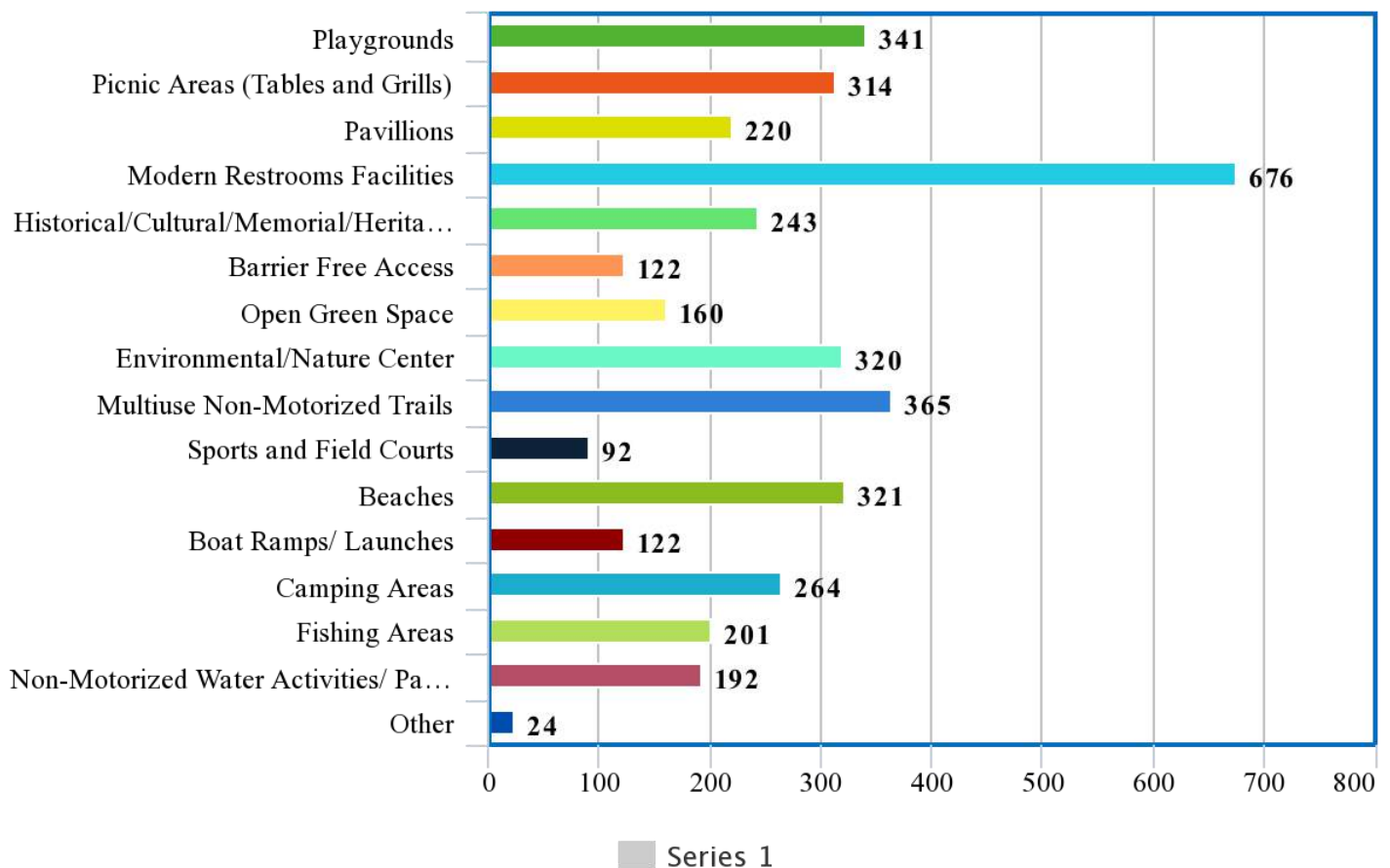
What factors are important to you when deciding whether to visit a Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission location? Please select all that apply.



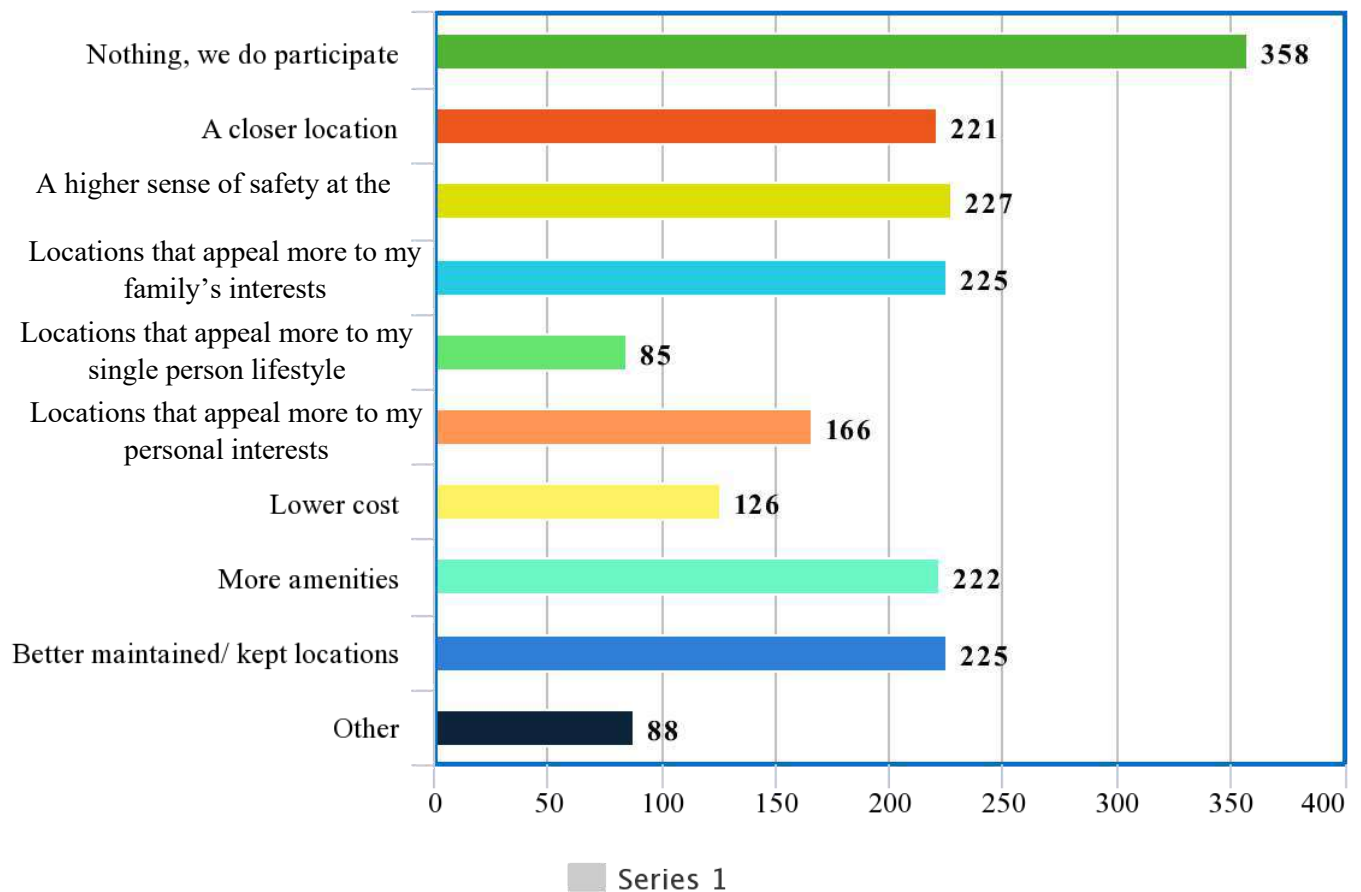
Please check all the outdoor activities that you or other members of your family have done in the past 12 months, including at your own home and other locations. Please select all that apply.



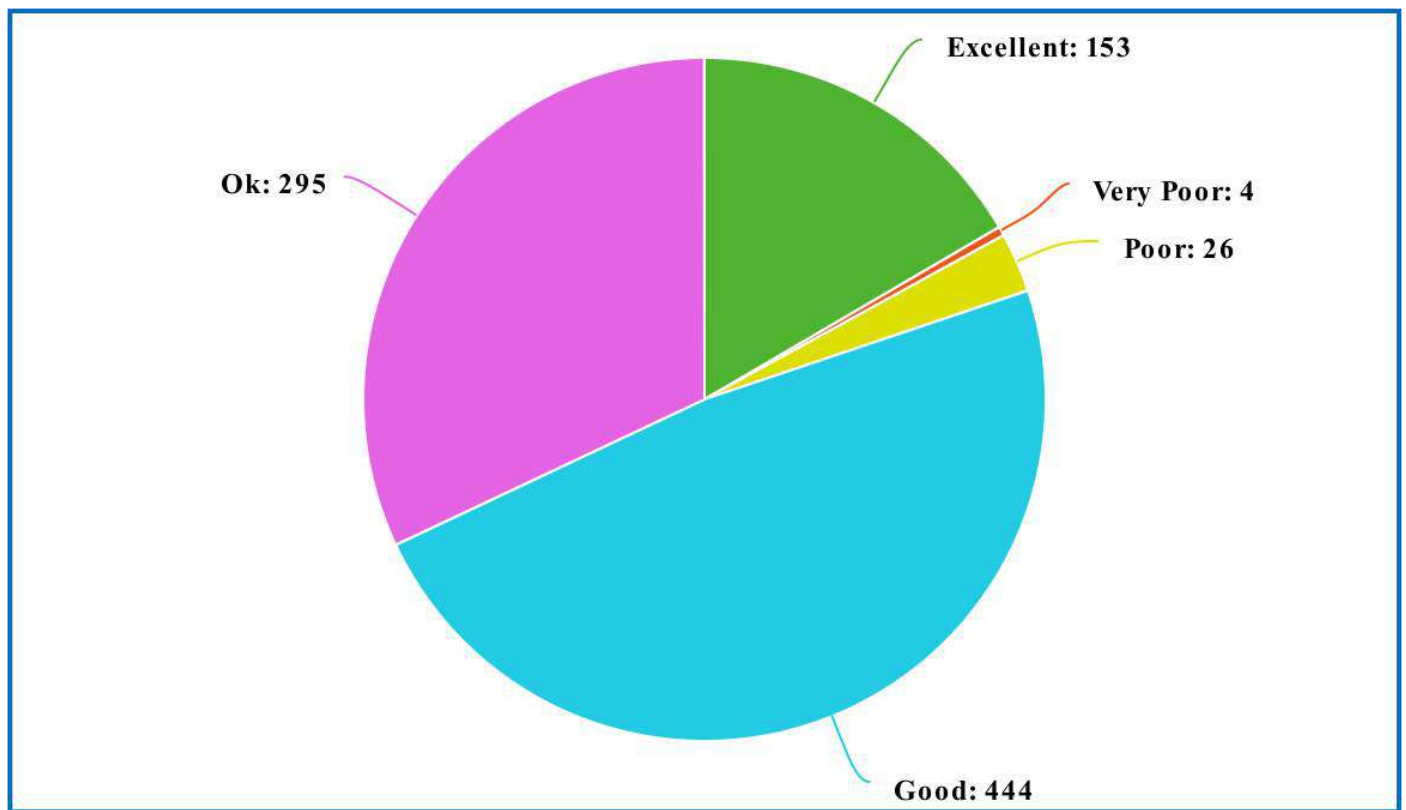
What would be your top priorities when choosing additions or improvements to existing Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission locations? Please select your top five (5) priorities



What would encourage you or members of your family to visit a
Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission location,
event, or program more frequently? Please select all that apply

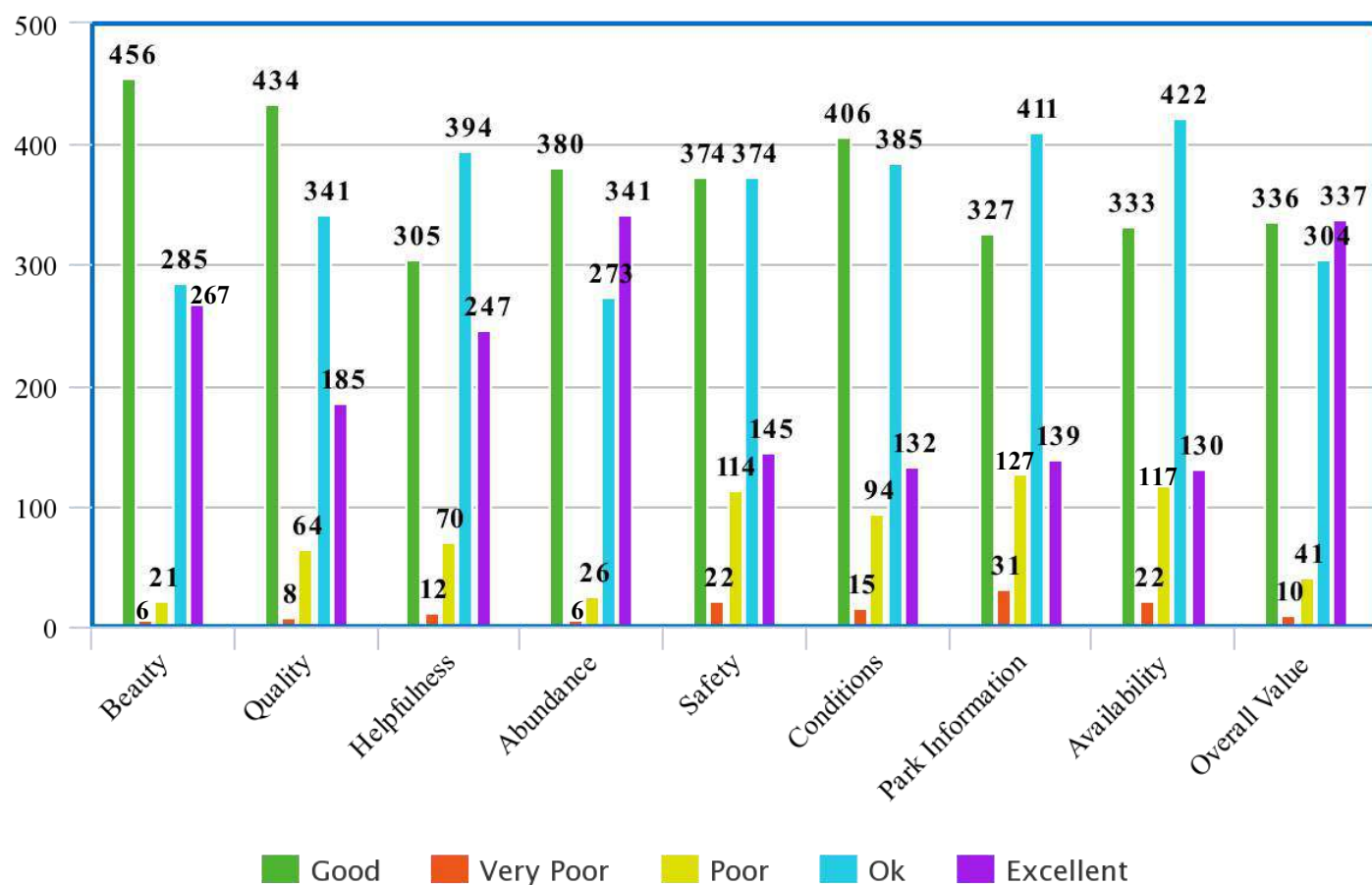


Please rate our barrier free access (i.e. handicap accessibility) within the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission park system.



Excellent Very Poor Poor Good Ok

Please rate the following characteristics of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission park system based on your knowledge of and experience with the parks. Please select one response for each characteristic.



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Beauty: Beauty of the Parks

Quality: Quality of Locations

Helpfulness: Helpfulness of Staff/Customer Service

Abundance: Abundance of Wildlife, Trees, and Nature

Safety: Sense of Safety and Security

Conditions: Condition of Park and Amenities

Park Information: Park information, Communication, Marketing, and Advertising

Availability: Availability of Programs and/or Events

Overall Value: Overall Value to the Community

Comments and Concerns

- Extend the channel at Wolverine. Adding sites just increases visitors and will limit boat access to the channel since it's not per site and it's first come first serve. The open field, most people do not utilize. We need more boating spaces.
- We need more dog friendly areas to take a walk with family
- Really wish there was fish cleaning stations available. I had mentioned to the president about turning the old concession stand at walleye boat launch into one, everything is already there, just need to make it happen .
- Please add a dirt bike motocross track to the mounds orv park it would be very appreciated by me and many others.
- I think at the camp grounds, you should have doggie bag to pick up poop.
- Mounds need to be revamped. Trails cleared, maybe one way trails so there's not a worry of blind corners with oncoming traffic
- Would love more trails for running!
- We love camping at wolverine. You're doing a great job . Although id fix the bump station hoses
- Trails extension from For-mar to Mott lake.
- In particular, would love to see another playground area added to wolverine campground. Where the boat trailers are parked maybe?
- Update the bathrooms on the electric/water side of Wolverine
- Access to For-mar from the Mott lake area. Connect trail down Genesee Rd. With a pedestrian bridge over Kearsley creek.
- Make the entire camping park full hookup.
- Tennis courts would be wonderful
- Extend the Flint River Trail through Swartz Creek.
- Genesee county parks needs a modern disc golf course, designed to the standards of a professional course, to keep up with demand and draw others to the county. Atlas County Park would be the perfect location for a professional level course that could draw thousands on an annual basis. .
- We need more dog parks throughout the county
- Beaches with wheelchair ramps to water, wheelchair play equipment, changing tables for older kids over 100lbs
- Please build a park with a barrier-free playground for those in wheelchairs
- Tennis courts at Richfield should be redone or removed.
- It would be nice to have water bottle refilling drinking fountains.
- Update the hand dryers in the bathrooms

- Make more boat parking at wolverine, extend the rest of the docks at walleye pike, add more docks at walleye pike.
- A clearer understanding of where trailheads are located and how to "start" with walking/hiking. Especially as a newer Genesee County resident.
- The tennis court at Linden is in terrible shape.
- Would like to see more dog designated areas. Would love to see some sculptures incorporated with the surroundings! Thanks
- Bike paths are great, we really need a solid mountain bike trail system in Genesee County.