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**January 30, 2019**

***Special Meeting***

***3:30pm***

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*A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees has  
been called by Supervisor Brenda Stumbo for the following items:*

## **AGENDA**

1. RESOLUTION 2019-02, ADOPTION OF THE 2019-2023 YPSILANTI CHARTER  
TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN  
(PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT THE JANUARY 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING)
2. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3. REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STUART M. COLLIS FROM THE  
YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 22, 2019



# Charter Township of Ypsilanti

## RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

### ADOPTION OF THE 2019-2023 YPSILANTI CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

At a Regular Meeting of the Ypsilanti Charter Township Board of Trustees, Washtenaw County, Michigan held at the Tilden R. Stumbo Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti, MI, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at 7:00pm

**WHEREAS**, Ypsilanti Charter Township 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 2019 through 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, Ypsilanti Charter Township began the process of developing a community recreation 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 Ypsilanti Township were provided a 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 resource conservation plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on January 15, 2019 at the Tilden R. Stumbo Civic Center to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Ypsilanti Charter Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, Ypsilanti Charter Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conversation for the Township, and

***WHEREAS***, after the public hearing, the Board of Trustees voted to adopt said 2019-2023 Ypsilanti Charter Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** Ypsilanti Charter Township hereby adopts the 2019-2023 Ypsilanti Charter Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



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To: Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees

From: Megan Masson-Minick, Planner  
Chris Nordstrom, Landscape Architect, Planner

RE: List of Recreation Plan Updates

The following pages have been edited per the recommendations from the Township Board:

- Page 11: Changed from “Ypsilanti Township should consider partnering with a land authority or other environmental advocacy group...” to “Ypsilanti Township should partner with a land authority such as NAPP (see page 22) or other environmental advocacy group...”
- Page 17: Added, “The Township should pursue partnership opportunities with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation to preserve agricultural properties in Ypsilanti Township for demonstration and education purposes, similar to the Staebler Farms property under development in Superior Township.”
- Page 19: Added, “While the 2018 plan will not be available for review prior to completion of the Recreation Plan, it will be referenced detail in the Ypsilanti Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan which is planned for completion in late spring of 2019. Proposed projects along Washtenaw Avenue, mass transit access points, and sidewalk and trail development projects will be of particular interest.”
- Page 22: Added, “The Township should partner with NAPP where possible to preserve important properties that face development pressures.”
- Page 30: Remove reference to Greens Commission and Water Conservation Advisory Commission
- Pages 30, 32, 33: “Recreation Director” changed to “Recreation Services Manager”
- Page 31: Updated org chart as provided by B. Stumbo
- Page 34: Added Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, Michigan Mountain Bike Association, National Little League, Eastern Michigan University & Saline High School Crew Teams, Friends of the Iron Belle Trail
- Page 35: Changed, “However, in recent years, a good portion of the proceeds from this millage have gone toward sidewalks and roads” to “Historically, roughly a third of the proceeds from this millage have gone toward sidewalks and roads.”

- Page 38-40: Updated acreage, added key item for 430 S Harris, removed Grove Road Overlook – Harry Street entry
- Page 41: Revised Grove Road Overlooks to read, “Ypsilanti Township maintains an overlook on Ford Lake on the western edge of Loonfeather Point Park. While it is technically a part of a larger park, it has traditionally been treated as a separate facility. The site is adjacent to a sidewalk and bike lane which are considered part of the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail. Widening the sidewalk to 10’ has been discussed, but is not being considered at this time, as the sidewalks and matching bike lands were deemed sufficient. Should widening of the walk become a priority for the Township, WCPARC would need to incorporate it into their B2B plan.
- A second overlook near Grove & Harry Street was eliminated in part due to street improvements. Another overlook near the North Bay Park entrance on Grove Road is owned and maintained by YCUA.”
- Page 41: Add to Pine Park, “The property’s high water table also makes maintenance a challenge. “
- Page 43: Appleridge/Bud & Blossom: revised to indicate uses as separate facilities
- Page 48: corrected spelling of Oswego Road
- Page 51: Ford Lake, changed description to read “New play equipment was installed in late 2018”
- Page 53: Loonfeather, changed description to read “New play equipment was installed in late 2018”
- Page 54: North Bay, Added, “Home of the annual Rosie the Riveter Fest, the park offers potential to host other community events”, changed description to read “New play equipment was installed in late 2018” and removed “...a portion of the park is owned by the City of Ypsilanti but operated by the Township...”
- Page 55: North Hydro, added, “The site is regulated by FERC rules, which could ultimately limit the forms of development in the park.”
- Page 57: Huron River, added, “The park currently includes a Township-planted pollinator garden, and could serve as a butterfly sanctuary.”
- Page 58-59: Added 430 S Harris description
- Page 92: Under “For all community parks”, added “Develop winter maintenance and staffing schedule to allow parks to stay open throughout the year”
- Page 94: Ford Lake: Added “Upgrade gravel parking area to paved lot”
- Page 94: Loonfeather: Added Upgrade bathroom facilities, Upgrade walkways to meet ADA standards for accessibility
- Page 94: North Bay: Added Upgrade bathroom facilities
- Action Plan page 102: Moved “Work closely with neighborhood groups to gather input for designing and programming park facilities” to top of list (was formerly last item on list)
- Appleridge & Bud and Blossom: Changed “Create pathways through wooded area...” to “Consider creation of pathways through wooded area...”

- Page 104: Burns Park: Added “Upgrade tennis courts” and “Upgrade & maintain playground equipment”
- Page 108: Lakeview Park: Added “Evaluate opportunities for addition of small parking lot”
- Page 118: Hewen’s Creek: Revised from “Add trailhead on eastern portion of park” to “Add trailhead and parking off Hitchingham Road”; Added “Add fishing pier”
- Added Appendix G: Status of 2014 – 2018 Action Items

An aerial photograph of a park area, showing a winding path, trees, and a playground with a large structure. The image is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent filter.

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# Parks & Recreation Plan

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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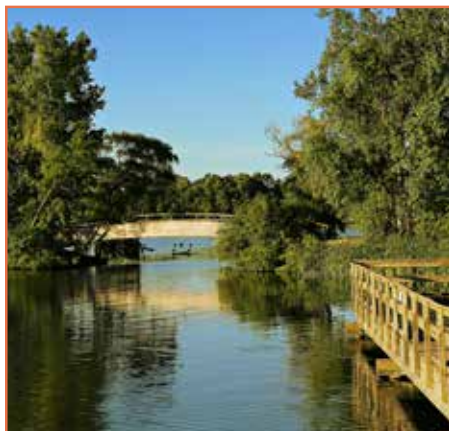
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# Introduction







# Introduction

The Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Plan articulates a vision for parks and recreation in Ypsilanti Township. The purpose of this Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the Township over the next five-year period. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation.

The revised and updated Plan is intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs. The plan was guided by the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee with input from the Park Commission, Township officials, staff, and community members.

## PLAN CONTENTS

The Ypsilanti Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR, 2018) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans.

- The Plan begins with a brief overview and a **Description** of the Planning Process used to develop the plan.
- A **Community Description** provides information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community.
- The **Administrative Structure** is described next, including information on funding and budget.
- A detailed **Recreation Inventory** describes the existing parks and recreational facilities of the community as well as those of the state and the region.
- The **Public Participation** portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents.
- The information gathered in the previous sections was then used to formulate the plan's **Goals and Objectives**.
- The **Action Program** provides an action plan and strategies for implementation.
- Finally, the Supporting Documents include detailed accounts of the public input received as well as the resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti's Board of Trustees.



## PLANNING PROCESS

The process used to generate the plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development.

**Background Studies.** This phase involved gathering and updating data from census data, existing documents, plans, and field observations. The information is organized into three chapters: community description (Appendix A), administrative structure, and recreation inventory.

**Evaluation.** The second phase in the planning process includes an evaluation and analysis of gathered data as well as community input to determine recreation facilities and program needs. A public input session was conducted to receive residents’ opinions, input, and ideas for the park and recreation system. Input from local officials and the members of the Park Board was also used.

**Plan Development.** The last phase in the process involves plan development and adoption. Based on the deficiencies and needs, goals and objectives were formulated and a specific action plan developed. Strategies to implement the plan are also discussed.

The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier.



# Community Description



# Community Description

## Description of the Planning Area

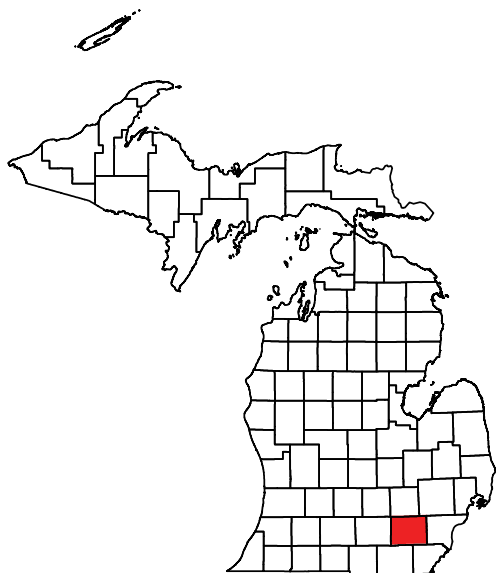


FIGURE 1: State of Michigan

Ypsilanti Township is located on the eastern edge of Washtenaw County, approximately 30 miles west of Detroit. The Township encompasses the City of Ypsilanti in the northwest quadrant, and lies slightly more than a mile east of the City of Ann Arbor. It is bordered by Pittsfield, York, and Ann Arbor townships to the west, August Township to the south, Sumpter, Van Buren, and Canton Townships in Wayne County to the west, and Superior Township to the north.

Washtenaw County is the sixth largest county in population in the State of Michigan. It is located in the west area of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) region. SEMCOG is the regional planning agency that conducts planning studies and maintains a comprehensive database of information about the following seven counties: St. Clair, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne, and Monroe. By percentage, Washtenaw had the fifth highest growth rate in Michigan between 2010 and 2014, and was the fastest growing county on the east side of the state.

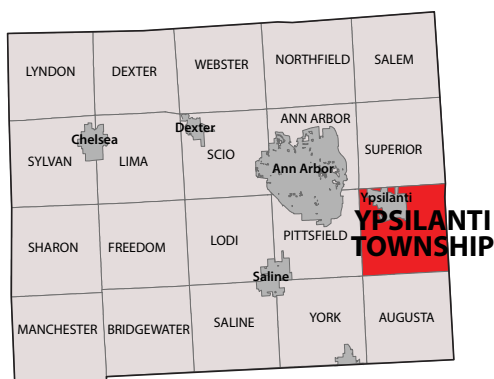


FIGURE 2: Washtenaw County

FIGURE 4: Population Trends - Southeast Michigan and Washtenaw County

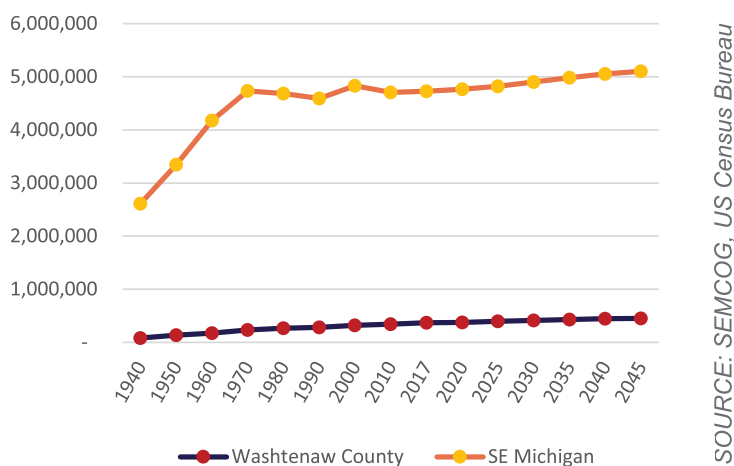


FIGURE 3: SEMCOG Region

FIGURE 5: Population Trends - Ypsilanti Township

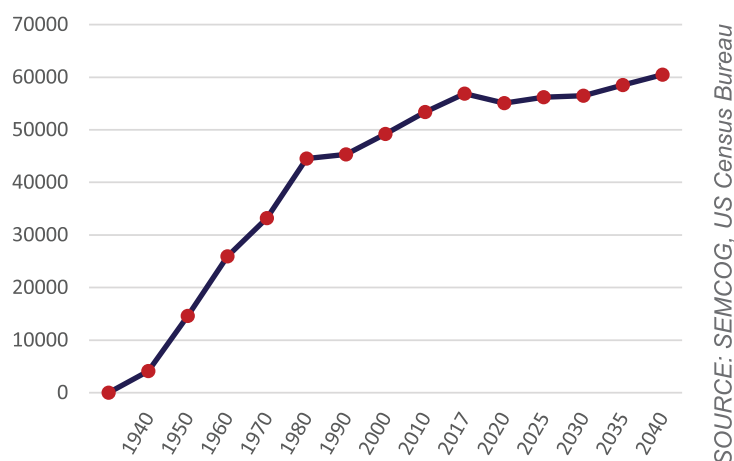


TABLE 1: Historical Population Data - Ypsilanti Township Region

## Population & Households

Ypsilanti Township, like Washtenaw County as a whole, has exhibited steady population growth through the years. Since 2000, the Township has experienced a 15.7% growth rate, climbing from 49,182 residents to 56,888 in 2017.

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) forecasts continued strong growth for the next three decades, with the population expected to reach over 61,000 residents by 2045. During that same period, the number of households is projected to increase from 20,194 to 25,607 occupied units, a 23% increase. Average household size, however, is projected to decrease from 2.49 in 2010 to 2.39 in 2045.

This trend towards smaller households is a natural result of populations aging in place. As the households grow older, household sizes naturally decrease. Average household sizes have dropped across the country, from 2.62 to 2.53 from 2000 to 2016. Michigan has experienced a larger drop, from 2.75 to 2.52, with local communities following suit.

	1990	2000	2010	2017	% Change 2010-17
Ypsilanti Twp	45,307	49,182	53,362	56,888	15.7%
Ann Arbor Twp	3,463	4,385	4,067	4,368	-0.4%
Augusta Twp	4,415	4,813	6,745	6,756	40.4%
Canton Twp	57,040	76,366	90,173	93,791	22.8%
Pittsfield Twp	17,650	30,167	34,663	39,730	31.7%
Sumpter Twp	10,891	11,856	9,549	8,107	-31.6%
Superior Twp	8,720	10,740	13,058	13,324	24.1%
Van Buren Twp	21,010	23,559	28,821	29,595	25.6%
York Twp	6,225	7,392	8,708	8,877	20.1%
Ypsilanti	24,846	22,237	19,435	21,091	-5.2%
Ann Arbor	109,608	114,024	113,934	122,011	7.0%
Belleville	3,270	3,997	3,991	4,037	1.0%
Washtenaw Cty	282,937	322,770	344,791	367,474	13.9%
SE Michigan	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,729,802	-2.1%

SOURCE: SEMCOG, US Census Bureau

TABLE 2: Population Projections - Ypsilanti Township Region

	2010	SEMCOG estimate 2017	SEMCOG estimate 2045	# Change 2017 - 45	% Change 2017 - 45
Ypsilanti Twp	53,362	56,888	61,233	4,345	7.6%
Ann Arbor Twp	4,067	4,368	8,625	4,257	97.5%
Augusta Twp	6,745	6,756	12,207	5,451	80.7%
Canton Twp	90,173	93,791	114,119	20,328	21.7%
Pittsfield Twp	34,663	39,730	56,331	16,601	41.8%
Sumpter Twp	9,549	8,107	8,641	534	6.6%
Superior Twp	13,058	13,324	19,598	6,274	47.1%
Van Buren Twp	28,821	29,595	35,966	6,371	21.5%
York Twp	8,708	8,877	17,334	8,457	95.3%
Ypsilanti	19,435	21,091	23,105	2,014	9.5%
Ann Arbor	113,934	122,011	132,325	10,314	8.5%
Belleville	3,991	4,037	3,787	(250)	-6.2%
Washtenaw Cty	344,791	367,474	452,791	85,317	23.2%
SE Michigan	4,704,809	4,729,802	5,104,922	375,120	7.9%

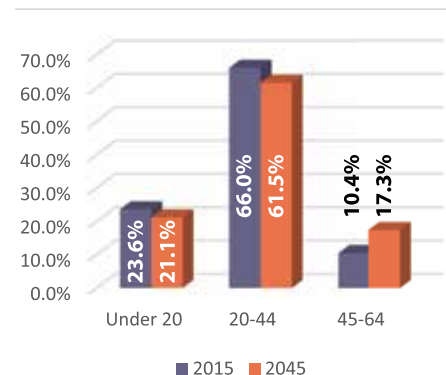
SOURCE: SEMCOG, US Census Bureau

## Children & Seniors

Based on SEMCOG's population forecast, the proportion of children compared to the total population in the Township will decrease while seniors will increase. In 2015, children under age 20 made up almost 24% of the total population in Ypsilanti Township, while the number of people 65 years and older was just over 10%. By 2045, SEMCOG projections indicate that both the number of children will decrease by 278, with this age group representing 21% of the 2045 population. On the other hand, the number of people 65 years and older will increase by 9,640, with this age group representing over 17% of the 2040 population. This would almost completely reverse the proportion of children and seniors in the Township.

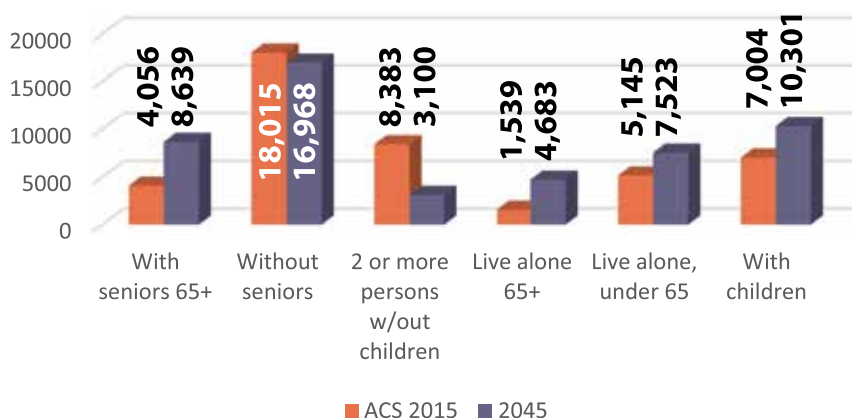
This aging trend is consistent with those seen in other communities across Michigan and the United States. Michigan's median increased from 35.5 to 38.9 years, while the US increased from 35.3 to 37.2 years. An aging population has significant implications for recreation planning. As seniors look to "age in place," they look for new programs and facilities which meet their needs. As Ypsilanti Township works to develop their recreation portfolio, they will need to carefully address the demands of an aging population while still working to attract young families to the area.

FIGURE 7: Household Age Group Percentages - 2015 & 2045



SOURCE: SEMCOG, ACS

FIGURE 6: Household Characteristics - 2015 & 2045

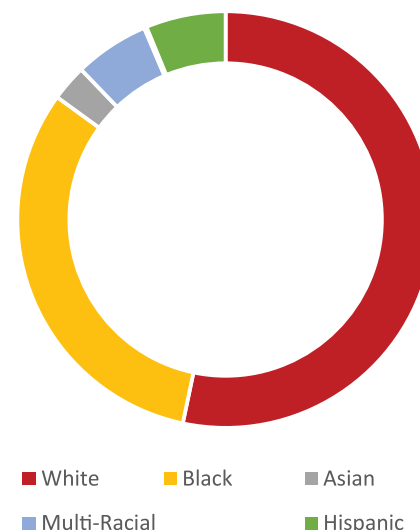


SOURCE: SEMCOG, ACS

## Diversity

Ypsilanti Township contains one of the most diverse population bases in southeast Michigan. In 2014, USA Today introduced the concept of a "diversity index". The paper used Census data to develop an index that would indicate the chance that any two random people in a community have a different race or ethnicity. The higher the score, the more diverse a community is. With a diversity index of 57.7, the Township ranks as the sixth most diverse community in the SEMCOG region, behind only Pontiac (67.9), Ecorse (66.0), River Rouge (64.2), Hamtramck (63.6), and Superior Township (58.0) (Detroit Free Press, 10/24/2014). From 2010 to 2015, the Township became somewhat more diverse, with the majority white and black populations decreasing by 3.6%, while persons from Asian, multi-racial, or Hispanic backgrounds increased by 4.1%.

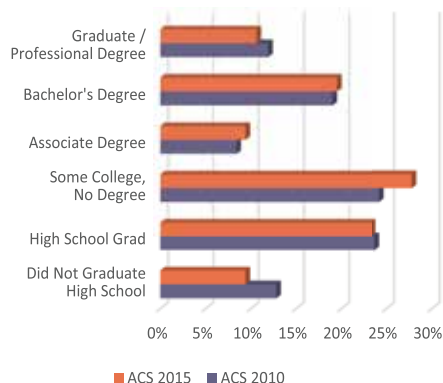
FIGURE 8: Ethnic Breakdown 2015



SOURCE: SEMCOG, ACS



FIGURE 9: Educational Achievement



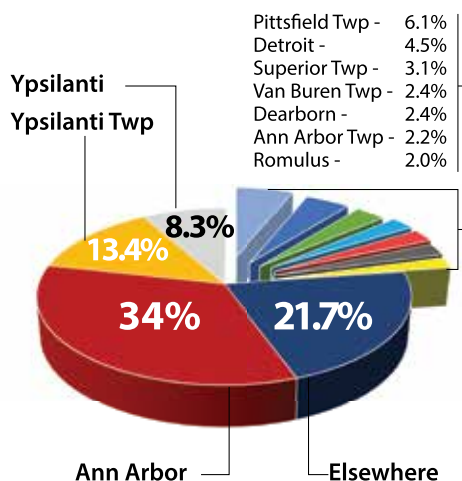
SOURCE: SEMCOG, ACS

FIGURE 10: Household Income



SOURCE: SEMCOG, ACS

FIGURE 11: Work Places



SOURCE: SEMCOG, US Census Bureau

## Educational Achievement

The educational background for Township residents is mixed. 39.5% of residents have an Associate Degree or higher, which is significantly lower than Washtenaw County (59.6%), but is similar to levels reported by the SEMCOG region as a whole (39.1%). From 2010 to 2015, the percentage of individuals receiving an Associate or Bachelor's Degree increased by 1.5%, but those receiving Graduate or Professional degrees dropped by 1.3%. The percentage of residents who had completed some college courses but had not received a degree rose by 3.7% during this time period.

## Income

Income levels in Ypsilanti Township show stark contrasts between households. The two largest income groups by percentage are households making \$10 - 15,000, and those earning \$75 - 100,000 (see Figure 10). The median household income in 2015 in Ypsilanti Township was \$45,517, a 12.4% decrease from 2010. The per capita income amounted to \$24,717, down 6.1% from 2010. These income levels are somewhat lower than those reported for Washtenaw County (\$61,003 median household, \$34,738 per capita) and the SEMCOG region (\$57,594 household, \$29,132 per capita). The American Community Survey reports an increase in the number of persons living at or below the poverty level (from 15.6 to 16.2%) and a similar increase in the number of households living in poverty (from 18.1 to 18.5%).

## Employment

A significant amount of Ypsilanti Township workers (34%) commute to Ann Arbor for their jobs. The largest employment sectors in the Township are Leisure & Hospitality, Retail Trade, and Healthcare Services. The Manufacturing sector was strong in 2010 but is expected to decrease by over 30% in the next 30 years. Administrative, Support, & Waste Services is expected to grow dramatically by 2045, as is Professional and Technical Services. Ypsilanti Township is predicted to see an 18.5% increase in jobs across all categories over the next 30 years.

TABLE 3: Forecasted Jobs By Industry Sector

	2015	SEMCOG estimate 2045	% Change
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	845	933	10.40%
Manufacturing	1,519	1,032	-32.10%
Wholesale Trade	711	831	16.90%
Retail Trade	1,776	2,053	15.60%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,041	1,176	13%
Information & Financial Activities	1,630	1,982	21.60%
Professional/Tech Services & Corporate HQ	1,201	1,731	44.10%
Administrative, Support, & Waste Services	1,432	2,468	72.30%
Education Services	1,186	1,383	16.60%
Healthcare Services	1,676	2,235	33.40%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,132	2,420	13.50%
Other Services	1,231	1,184	-3.80%
Public Administration	291	326	12%

SOURCE: SEMCOG, US Census Bureau

## **Ramification of Demographic Characteristics on Recreation**

While Ypsilanti Township's diversity is a characteristic to be celebrated, it can make park planning a challenge. Household incomes can be dramatically different from neighborhood to neighborhood; a neighborhood park in one section of the Township may be the only access to outdoor activities for some residents, while in other areas, playground equipment is considered redundant to the structures they have in their own back yards. For some residents, a park is a pleasant place to spend a sunny afternoon, while for others a park is a crucial gathering point for their community. The Township's population is aging, but recreation options that are attractive to young families are needed to help the area grow.

In short, a "one size fits all" approach to park planning will not adequately address the recreation needs of a community as diverse as Ypsilanti Township. The Park Commission will need to work closely with community members to determine how individual parks are used and what kind of features residents are looking for to ensure the best possible park system for the Township.



*Image Source: WEMU*

## Housing Characteristics

Growth in the local housing stock dropped dramatically during the 2008 - 2010 recession. While Washtenaw County weathered the recession better than most Michigan counties, it was still affected. New housing construction came to a virtual standstill from 2008 through 2012. The number of housing units increased by 2,680 units between 2000 and 2010, most of which were built prior to 2006. An additional 188 units were added between 2010 and 2018.

New housing permits have steadily increased since 2010, with an average of 41.5 new units constructed per year during that time period. The vast majority of new construction has taken the form of single-family homes, with a number of new subdivisions on the south side of Ford Lake. Single family homes (58%) and multi-unit apartments (33.5%) account for the majority of housing stock in the Township.

51% of housing units in the Township are owner occupied, with 41% renter occupied. 8% of units were vacant in 2015, an increase of 25 units (1.2%). Ypsilanti Township saw an increase of 664 housing units from 2010 to 2015, reaching 24,111 in total. The median home value dropped 31.2% from 2010 to 2015, falling from \$163,913 to \$112,700, but had rebounded to \$122,400 by 2016. Median gross rent saw similar trends, dropping from \$842 to \$832 per month (1.2%), but jumping to \$860 in 2016.

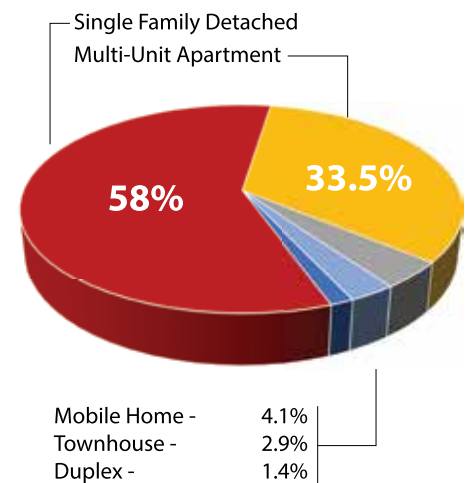
## Land Use Patterns and Development Trends

The pattern of development for Ypsilanti Township area reflects a mix of the industrial history of the Detroit metropolitan region and the Township's agricultural heritage. The region's auto-centric development patterns heavily influence the area, with I-94 forming a simultaneous link to downtown Detroit and a barrier between the two halves of the Township.

Highways act as the primary connectors to the Township. I-94 runs just north of Ford Lake, forming the southern boundary for the City of Ypsilanti. US-12 runs from the parallels I-94 before splitting north to connect to the Willow Run Airport. Ecorse Road and Michigan Avenue are the main east-west surface streets and form the largest commercial corridors for the Township. Industrial uses are clustered primarily on the east side of the Township, notably adjacent to Willow Run Airport. This area is slated to become the American Center for Mobility (ACM), a facility that will be dedicated to testing and research of autonomous vehicles.

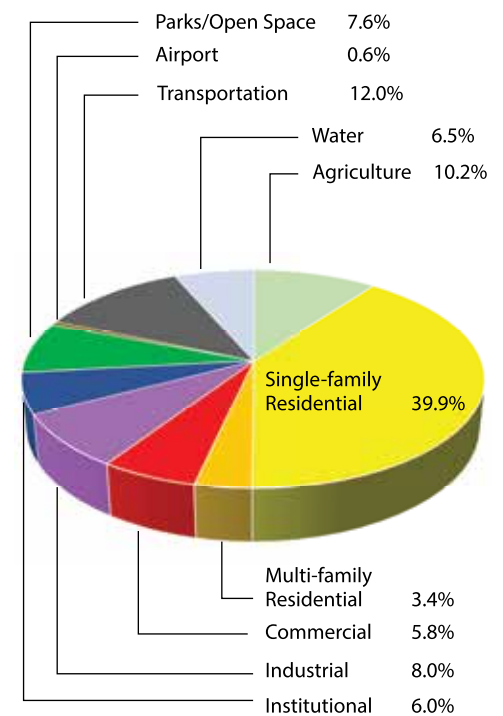
Single-family residential represents the largest land use category in the Township at roughly 40%. Parks and Open Space make up nearly 8% of the Township's total area, while water takes up another 6.5%. The second largest non-transportation related use is agricultural. Located in the southern half of the Township, agricultural land use faces significant pressure from subdivision development, and there is a significant risk of losing a number of historic, small scale farms as housing expansion continues. Ypsilanti Township should partner with a land authority such as NAPP (see page 22) or other environmental advocacy group to retain and lease farm properties to help preserve open space without further encumbering the Parks and Recreation Department with additional park properties.

FIGURE 12: Housing Types



SOURCE: SEMCOG, US Census Bureau

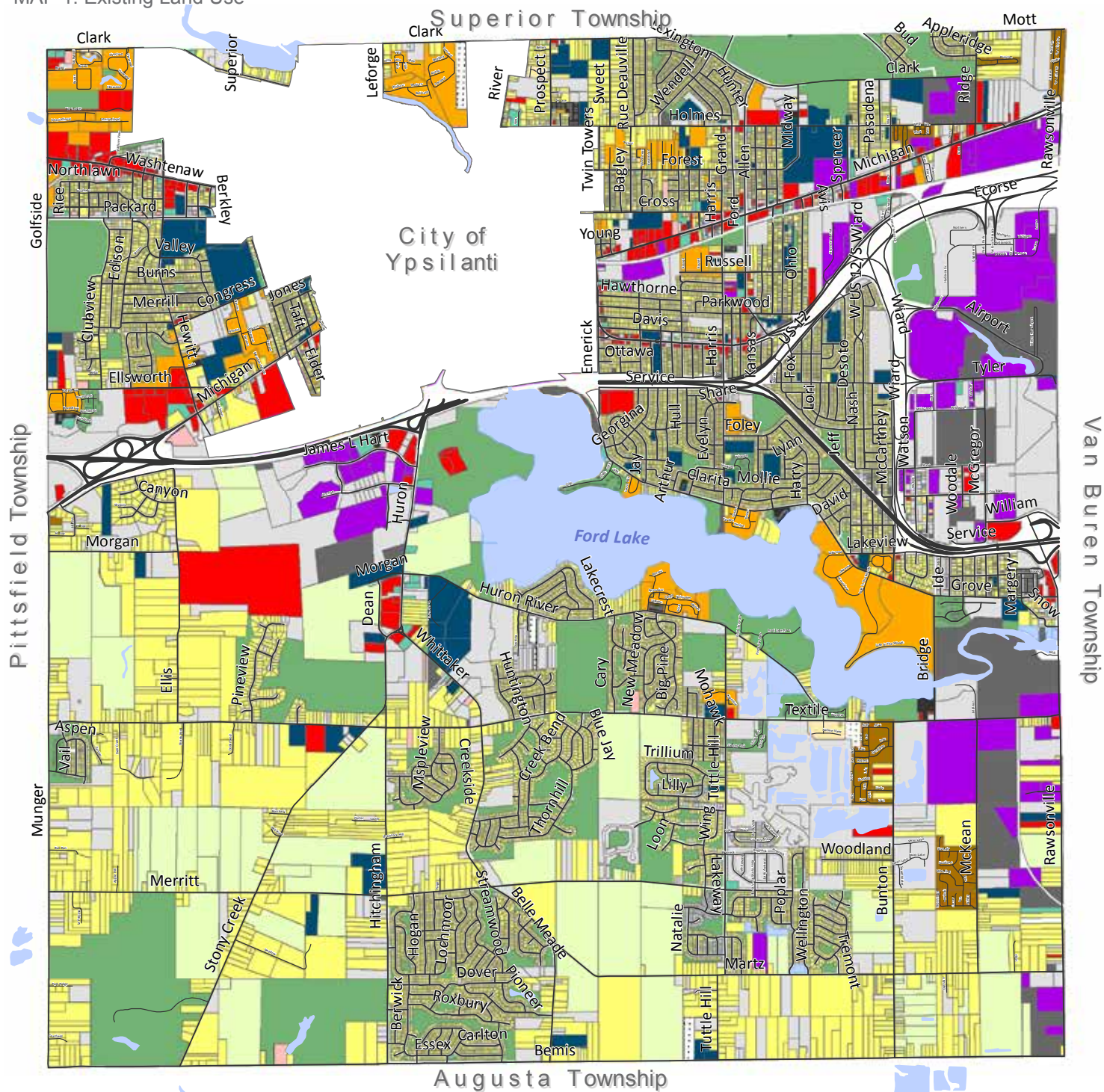
FIGURE 13: Existing Land Use %



SOURCE: SEMCOG, US Census Bureau



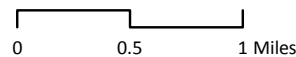
MAP 1: Existing Land Use



## EXISTING LAND USE

Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County

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|--|------------|
| Parks, Recreation, and Open Space      | Office     |
| Agricultural                           | Medical    |
| Single-Family Housing                  | Commercial |
| Attached Condo Housing                 | Industrial |
| Multiple-Family Housing                | Cemetery   |
| Mobile Home Park                       | Parking    |
| Institutional                          | Vacant     |
| Transportation, Communication, Utility | Water      |



Source: SEMCOG, MiGDL, Ypsilanti Township  
Carlisle/Wortman Associates  
October, 2018



## Natural Features

Relatively little of Ypsilanti Township's natural areas remains untouched. The Township's park system acts as a crucial link to the outdoors, providing some of the only opportunities residents have to reconnect to nature. The following sections highlight some of the natural features that have shaped and defined the Township.

### Geology, Topography, and Soils

Like much of Michigan's southern Lower Peninsula, the Ypsilanti Township's landscape was formed through glacial action. The movement of the glaciers shaped the topography and created many different types of soils. Plant communities, in turn, developed in response to soil conditions.

The glacial geology of the area resulted in topography that is nearly level across much of the community. Notable exceptions include the bluffs along Ford Lake, where the terrain falls 40 feet in places to the lake/river edge. Generally speaking, the terrain slopes south-southwest from a high point around 800 feet in the northwest corner to 650 feet near South Hydro Park.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides soil suitability ratings for development projects. The Service considers most of the Township's soils suitable for path, playground, and picnic facility development, with exceptions near local waterways. Where development options are described as "somewhat" or "very limited", the primary concern is flooding, ponding, and depth to saturation zone concerns. Notable areas of potential concern include the Huron River/Ford Lake corridor, the Paint Creek and Partridge Creek corridors, Washtenaw Sportsmen's Club/Pinewood area, and the Schooner Cove district.



## Climate

Ypsilanti Township receives an average annual rainfall of 39 inches, and 49 inches of snow. The area enjoys 178 sunny days each year, and 82 days with measurable precipitation. The average high temperature found in July is 83 degrees Fahrenheit, and average low in January is 17 degrees.

According to the Michigan Environmental Council, climate change may have a major impact on the state. Temperatures are expected to grow warmer, and precipitation is forecasted to increase. The majority of the rains will occur in the spring months, with prolonged drought periods likely in summer months. Rain events will be “flashy” with heavy downpours, and storm events will grow more severe. The Great Lakes, which act to moderate temperature extremes across the state, could face a significant decrease in water volume, further destabilizing weather events in the region.

## Water Resources

Water makes up the fourth largest land use category in the Township with 6.5% of total acreage. Ford Lake represents the vast majority of the category. The Huron River/Ford Lake and its system of creeks and drains are key natural resources in Ypsilanti Township. While this system contains some drains managed under the authority of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, many tributaries have over time reverted to more natural channels and slopes and now exhibit dense riparian vegetation. In addition to Ford Lake, some other notable water features include Paint Creek, which travels from the western edge of the Township just north of I-94 to the southern boundary between Tuttle Hill and Whittaker Roads, and Willow Run, which passes through the industrial area bearing its name before emptying into Ford Lake.



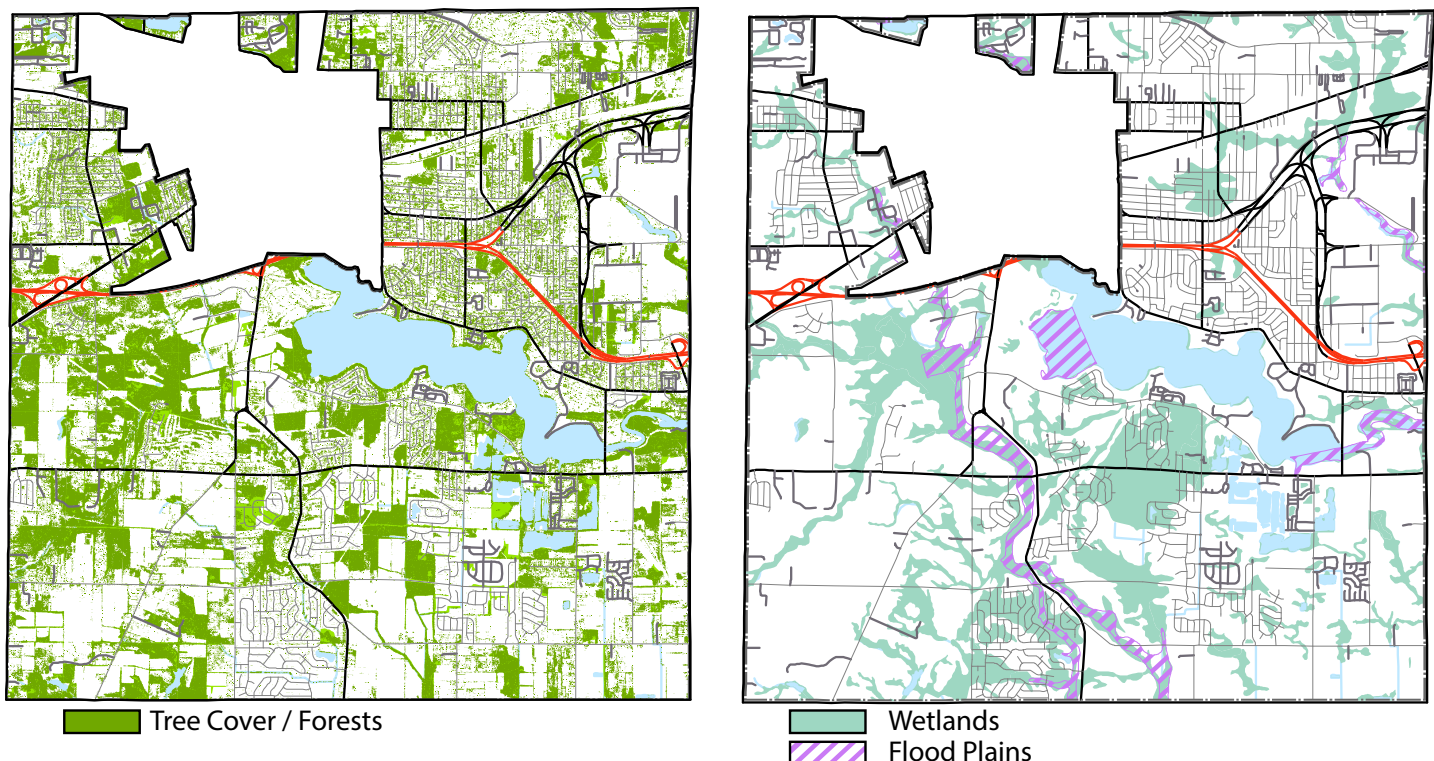
IMAGE SOURCE: MLive

Parks and Recreation has a strong presence on Ford Lake; of the lake's nearly 11 miles of shoreline, over 40% (roughly 4.6 miles) is park property. The lake is a tremendous asset to the Township, and Parks and Recreation should continue to look for ways to provide better resident access.

The Huron River is designated a Natural River under Michigan's Public Act 451 of 1994. The Huron River has become an important recreation destination, with canoeing, kayaking, and tubing becoming wildly popular. Several liveries have opened along the river's banks in neighboring communities. Fishing is similarly popular as anglers try to land bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and a variety of other species.

The Township also contains a few small lakes, ponds, and wetlands scattered across Township. There is also a series of large gravel pits near the southeast corner of Ford Lake which are currently inaccessible to the public. The Township's water bodies, both natural and man-made, provide a number of ecosystem services, including scenic and recreational opportunities.

MAPS 2a & 2b: Natural Features





## **Wetlands**

Wetlands are an important, though commonly overlooked, natural resource that provide both aesthetic and functional benefits. Wetlands serve as habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna; for example, over 60 species of birds frequent the wetlands along the Huron River. Wetlands also provide critical stormwater management mitigation functions. They act as giant sponges, retaining, slowing, and cleaning stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, and helping to minimize the effects of large storm events.

Through the years, over 70% of Michigan's wetlands have been destroyed by development and agricultural activities. The Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act (Michigan Public Act 203 of 1979) authorizes the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to preserve certain wetland areas. MDNR requires permits before altering regulated wetlands and may prohibit development in some locations.

MDNR defines wetlands as "land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does support, wetland vegetation or aquatic life and is commonly referred to as a bog, swamp, or marsh." It includes inland lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams more than five acres in size. The MDNR may afford protection to smaller wetland areas if it is determined that, "...the protection of the area is essential to the preservation of the natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment, or destruction".

In Ypsilanti Township, the majority of wetlands are identified as freshwater forested/shrub wetlands by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory. Significant wetlands are located in the southern side of the Township in the Pinewood/Sherman Oaks area, roughly bordered by Ellis, Textile, Huron, and I-94. They are also seen generally following the Paint Creek corridor and other connecting drains and streams. Freshwater emergent wetlands, also known as palustrine marshes, fen, swale and wet meadows, tend to contain more herbaceous species and are less common. Ypsilanti Township's wetlands are exhibited in Maps 2a & 2b.



## Floodplains

Generally, floodplains identified within Ypsilanti Township are associated with Paint Creek, portions of Willow Run, the Huron River corridor, and a small portion of Bull Run in section 30. They are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), with the 100-year floodplain generally recognized as unsuitable for development and fill activities. In order to minimize the risk of future flooding damage and increased flooding downstream from these tributaries, development within this 100-year floodplain areas is regulated.

## Woodlands

Large wooded areas are uncommon, and the areas that remain tend to be broken up by suburban development. The northern half of the Township demonstrates a fairly strong urban canopy, but contiguous wooded areas are limited to a few private properties in the northeast corner. The southern side of the Township is more heavily forested, with a few notable wooded areas along the western edge, south of I-94, and along the southern border of Ford Lake. Much of these wooded areas exist in association with wetlands that remained intact because those land areas held little agricultural value. Township parks protect some of the highest quality sites remaining in the Township. Hewen's Creek Park, in particular, provides exceptional wetland and forested habitat.

## Farmland

Few active farmlands are found in Ypsilanti Township, and those that remain are clustered in the southern portion of the community. The remaining agricultural properties generally fall within the 15 to 40-acre range, which limit the farmers' ability to produce commodity crops like corn or soybeans. Instead, farmers in the Township harvest small scale specialty crops, including fruits and vegetables which require a more significant time investment.

In recent years, some areas of farmland have been converted to residential uses, and the remaining areas are zoned for single-family residential development. These farms have historic value, with several having been in operation since the late 1800s. While the farms do not offer direct recreational benefits for the community, they do act as open space, provide stormwater management functions, and offer some relief from urban stressors. The Township should pursue partnership opportunities with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation to preserve agricultural properties in Ypsilanti Township for demonstration and education purposes, similar to the Staebler Farms property under development in Superior Township.



IMAGE SOURCE: Second Wave Media



## **Review of State Regulations**

There are several state acts and programs that regulate various aspects of development in and around natural features, which are summarized in the following:

- Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act, PA 203 of 1979, regulates filling, dredging, and construction in wetlands over five acres, contiguous to a lake or stream, or considered to be ecologically important. Activity in areas determined to be wetlands require MDNR permits or may be prohibited
- Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, PA 347 of 1972, regulates modification to the terrain within 500 feet of a lake or stream. The MDNR reviews requests to determine if a permit is required.
- Inland Lakes and Streams Act, PA 346 of 1972, regulates dredging, culverts, dock construction, and other activities. A permit for these activities must be received from the MDNR.
- Michigan Environmental Protection Act, PA 127 of 1970, is intended to prohibit pollution and activities that endanger lakes, streams, and wetlands. The act allows individuals and organizations to take their concerns about protecting the environment to court. Michigan courts have ruled that this act should be considered when making land use and zoning decisions.
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) gives MDNR the authority to regulate the discharge of wastes from point sources, such as pipes draining into a pond. However, non-point sources, such as fertilizers, septic system leakage, etc., are not strictly regulated.

## Related Planning Initiatives

### Ypsilanti Township Comprehensive Master Plan & Non-motorized Plan

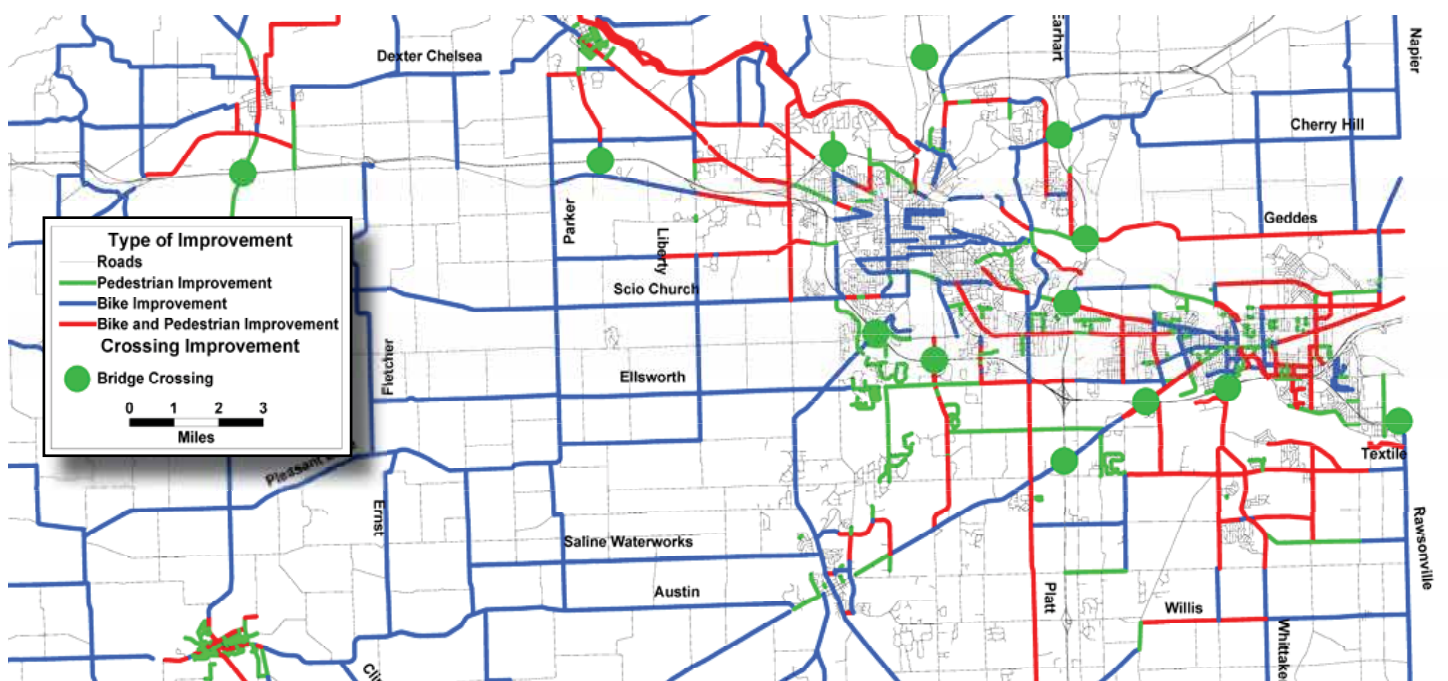
Ypsilanti Township is developing a new Comprehensive Master Plan and a Non-motorized Plan concurrently with the 2019 Recreation Plan. While these plans will not be available until after the Recreation Plan is completed, the data being gathered as part of the planning process has been invaluable for this Recreation Plan. The Township established a website to collect input from Township residents on a variety of topics, and held a series of meetings with Township officials and interested parties. Of particular interest was a four-day long charrette held in October of 2018. During the charrette, participants expressed an appreciation for the area parks, noting that they provide much needed access to open space. Access to water was viewed as lacking, with some residents expressing a desire for boat rentals or other amenities on Ford Lake. Trail development was frequent topic of discussion; charrette participants noted frustration with existing trail routes. While the Border-to-Border Trail was appreciated, many noted that it was not easily accessible by residents from the southern portion of the Township. Connections over I-94 at Huron Street was a particular problem for many residents, a viewpoint that was echoed in the Recreation Plan Open House. Formal comments received as part of the Comprehensive Plan Charrette are included in Appendix F.

### Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) developed a county-wide non-motorized transportation plan for Washtenaw County in 2006. The 2006 plan focused on facility inventory and future investments. The plan includes an inventory of existing walking and bicycling facilities and identifies non-motorized transportation deficiencies across the County. WATS identified approximately 75 miles of roadways that warranted bicycle or pedestrian improvements in Ypsilanti Township. The deficiencies were identified for only the major transportation corridors using the National Functional Classification (NFC) System as well as a set of policy guidelines.

A revised WATS plan is under development in 2018. The new plan will focus on identification of primary and secondary countywide transportation commuting corridors. While the 2018 plan will not be available for review prior to completion of the Recreation Plan, it will be referenced detail in the Ypsilanti Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan which is planned for completion in late spring of 2019. Proposed projects along Washtenaw Avenue, mass transit access points, and sidewalk and trail development projects will be of particular interest.

FIGURE 14: WATS Proposed Pedestrian & Bicycle Infrastructure (2006)





## SEMOG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan / 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan for Southeast Michigan

The 2040 Regional Transportation Plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The plan provides recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities across 10 regions and incorporating 60 different action items. SEMOG's larger regional focus places more emphasis on existing non-motorized transportation options, and details several larger trail efforts that overlap efforts in the DLGI plan.

SEMOG's 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan highlights two primary regional corridors crossing the Township; the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) and the US-12/ Michigan Avenue corridor. The B2B already acts as an important connector to the Cities of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, and a dedicated non-motorized connection along Michigan Avenue could serve a similar role for Saline and Detroit. The plan also identifies a number of existing secondary routes, including Whittaker Road/Huron Street, Huron River Drive, Hitchingham Road, and Wiard Road among others. These proposed routes are consistent with routes suggested by residents during the planning process, and will be incorporated in Ypsilanti Township Non-Motorized Plan.

FIGURE 15a: SEMOG Regional Non-motorized Corridors & Gaps Detail

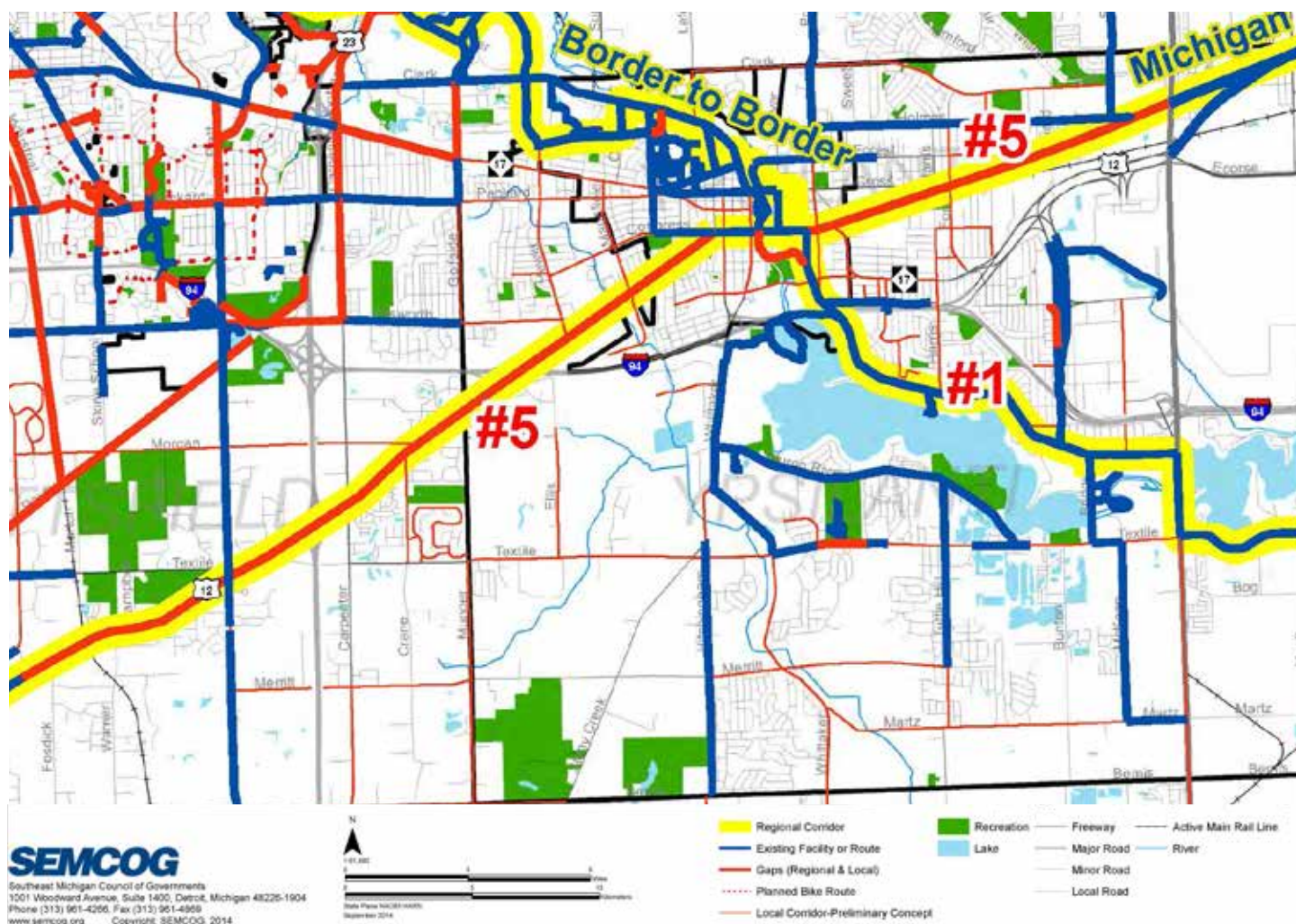
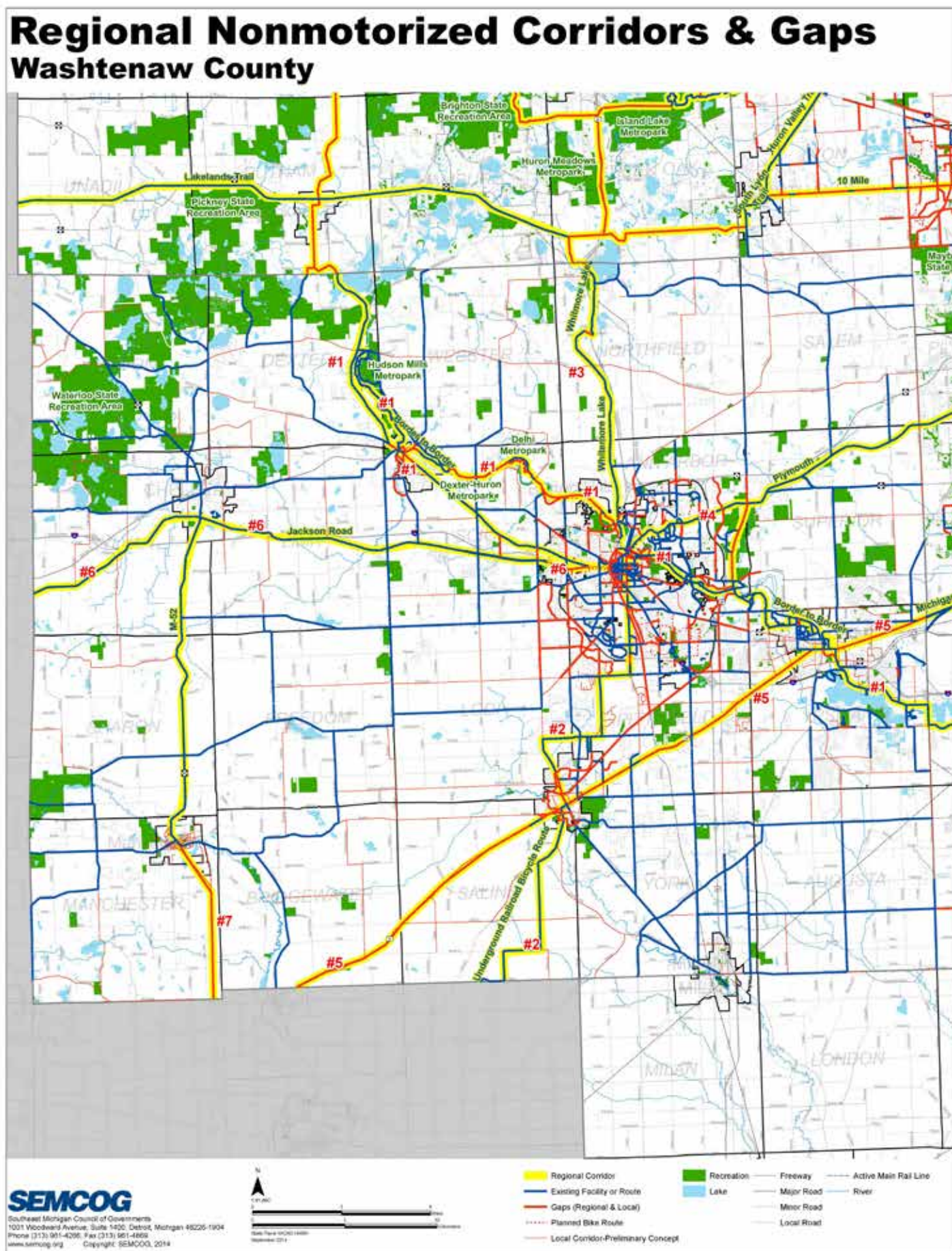




FIGURE 15b: SEMCOG Regional Non-motorized Corridors & Gaps



## **2004 Washtenaw County Comprehensive Plan**

Washtenaw County identified a clear and compelling vision for its future and developed a comprehensive set of goals and actions to reach that vision. One such goal is to provide adequate and accessible parks and recreation for all County residents and to develop a regional open space system and county-wide greenway and trail system that preserve important natural features and provide non-motorized transportation opportunities.

The objectives and recommendations set to achieve this goal include:

- Encourage the provision of parks and recreational opportunities in close proximity to County residents
- Leverage the resources of parks and recreation providers in developing regional open space systems and a county-wide greenway and trail system
- Build off established natural resource protection programs, such as the County's Natural Areas Protection Program and local open space initiatives to preserve important natural resources

These goals and objectives correspond well with Mission Statement of the Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Commission, and were used as a broad guideline for this Recreation Plan.

### **Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program**

Washtenaw County's Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP), a subunit of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, was established in 2000 by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. The goal of the program is to identify, acquire, and manage properties which:

- Preserve the natural and ecological diversity of the County; and
- Complement existing publicly and privately protected lands.

Voters renewed the County-wide, ¼ mill tax that funds the program in 2010; funding will be available through 2021. NAPP is managed by WCPRC, and frequently partners with other land preservation organizations. Since 2001, NAPP has acquired, owns conservation easements on, or has contributed money towards acquisition by conservation partners on a total of 7,460 acres.

NAPP currently does not own any properties in Ypsilanti Township due to the built-out nature of the community. As high quality natural properties become available, NAPP may be able to provide guidance on acquisition and development options. The Township should partner with NAPP where possible to preserve important properties that face development pressures.

### **Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission**

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPRC) has made significant progress toward developing non-motorized transportation facilities in Washtenaw County. Their efforts have focused on the development of the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) along the Huron River connecting the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and as such they have become an important partner in recreation development in the Township.

When completed, the B2B will travel from the northwestern corner of Lyndon Township to the southeastern corner of Ypsilanti Township. For much of its length, the trail follows the Huron River and utilizes trails through several riverside parks, including the Waterloo and Pinckney Recreation Areas, the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail, the Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, and Delhi Metroparks, and several smaller municipal parks. It will connect the cities of Stockbridge, Pinckney, Chelsea, Dexter, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti as well as Ingham, Livingston, and Van Buren Counties. The B2B is a key component of the Iron Belle Trail network (see page 28).

Beginning in 2009, the WCPRC established the "Connecting Communities" initiative, which provides funds to assist local communities in constructing non-motorized trails. The program made over \$3 million available for 15 projects in 10 different communities between 2010 and 2014. Additional funds were made available again in 2017 through the Washtenaw County 4-year road millage. The millage will expire in 2020 unless renewed by voters.



FIGURE 16: Border-to-Border Trail Overview Plan

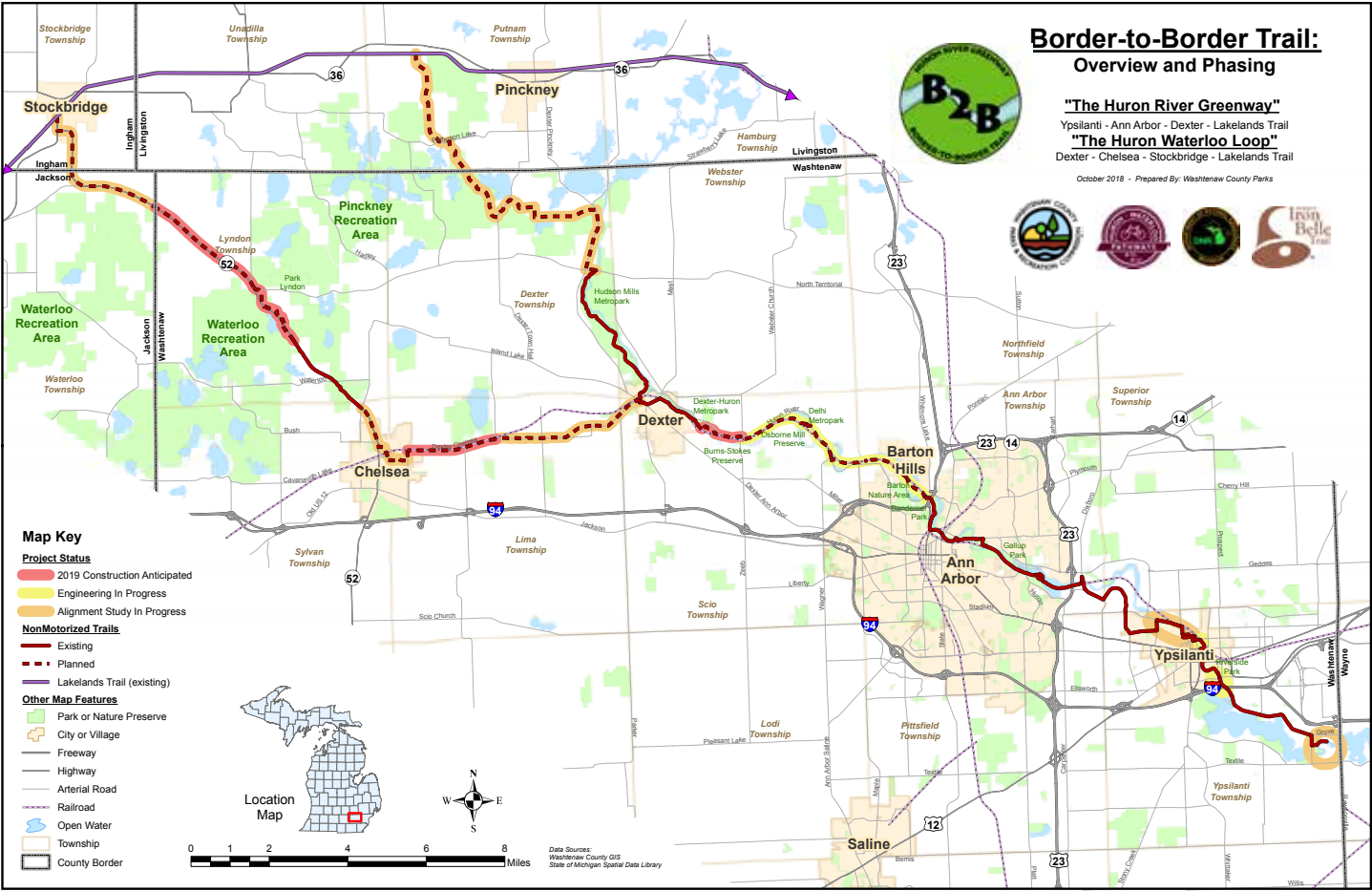
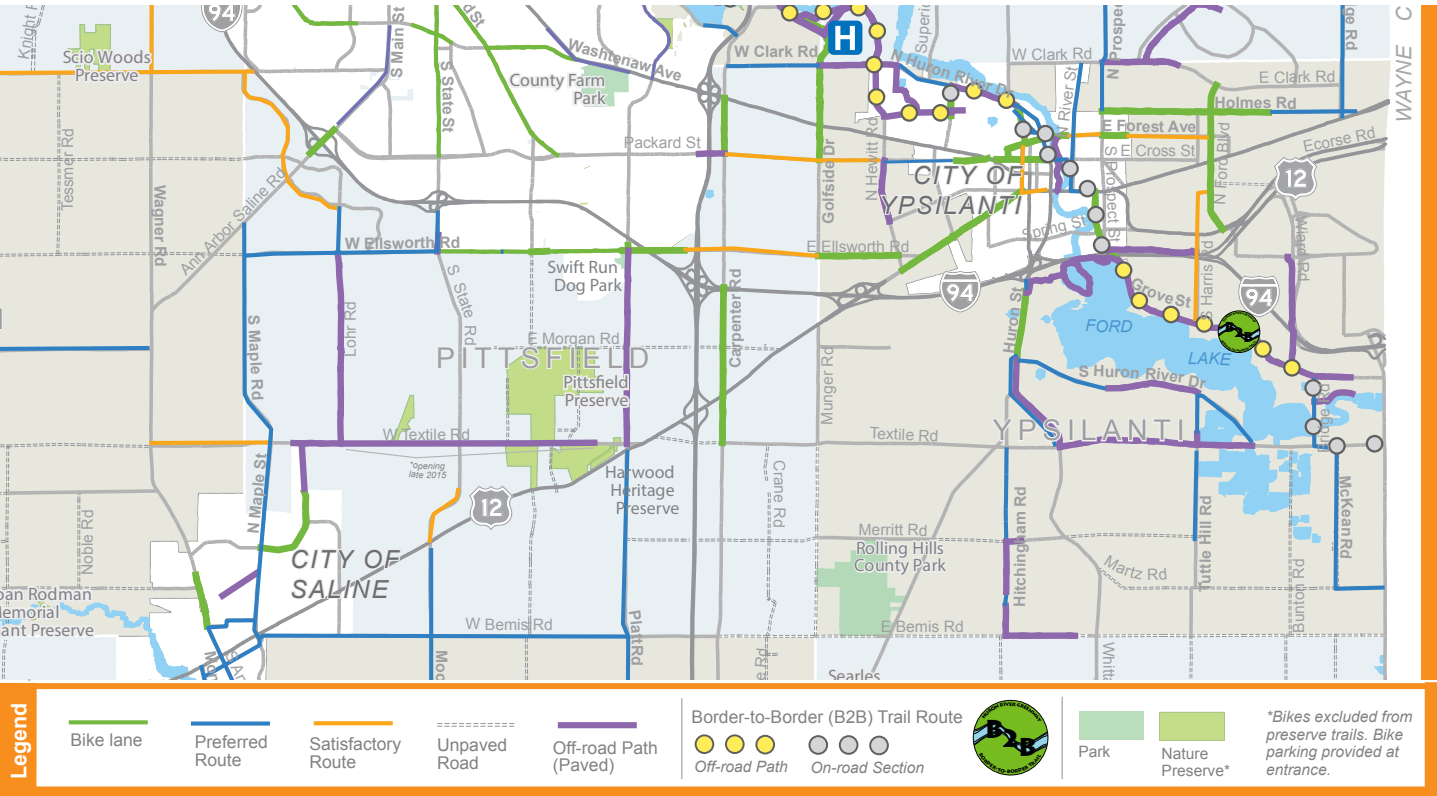


FIGURE 17: Washtenaw County Non-Motorized Trail Facilities

SOURCE: Washtenaw County Parks



SOURCE: Adapted from Washtenaw County Bike Map, Washtenaw County & City of Ann Arbor, 2015

FIGURES 18a & b: Iron Belle Trail Alignment



FIGURE 19: North Country National Scenic Trail





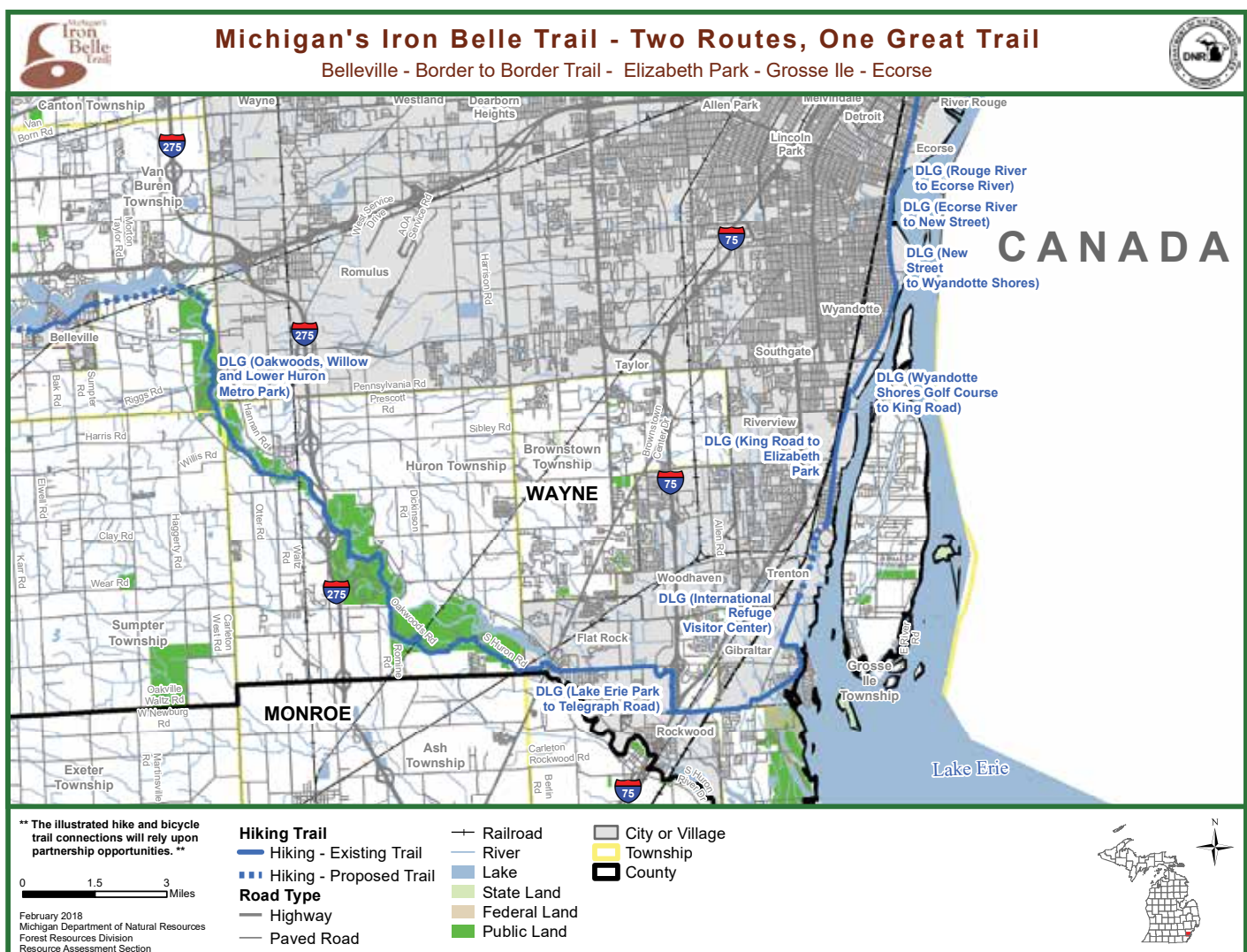
## State of Michigan Iron Belle Trail & North Country National Scenic Trail

The ambitious project by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) would connect a series of trails from Detroit's Belle Isle to Ironwood in the far west of the Upper Peninsula. The Iron Belle Trail (IBT) includes a 1,273 mile long hiking route which winds along the west side of the Lower Peninsula and borders Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. The 791 mile long biking trail uses existing multi-use trails on the east side of the state and follows US-2 in the Upper Peninsula. The IBT has had a tremendous impact on trail development in Michigan in recent years; since 2012, over \$68 million in grant and local funds and \$155 million in private donations have been collected. Over 200 miles of trails are scheduled to be completed in the next few years.

The IBT passes directly through Ypsilanti Township, taking advantage of the B2B route. Trail segments are operated and maintained by local communities and recreation authorities.

Once completed, the IBT will become the largest section of the even more ambitious North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) system, which will run from New Hampshire to North Dakota, making it one of the largest contiguous trail systems in the country. At approximately 4,600 miles, it is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails.

FIGURES 18a & b: Iron Belle Trail Alignment



## Underground Railroad Trail

The Underground Railroad Bicycle Route runs from Mobile, Alabama north to Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. The 2000+ mile route memorializes the routes used by freedom seekers looking to escape slavery in the south, with a number of important historical sites located along the way. The majority of the trail is on-road, utilizing bike lanes or wide shoulders.

FIGURE 20: Underground Railroad Trail Alignment



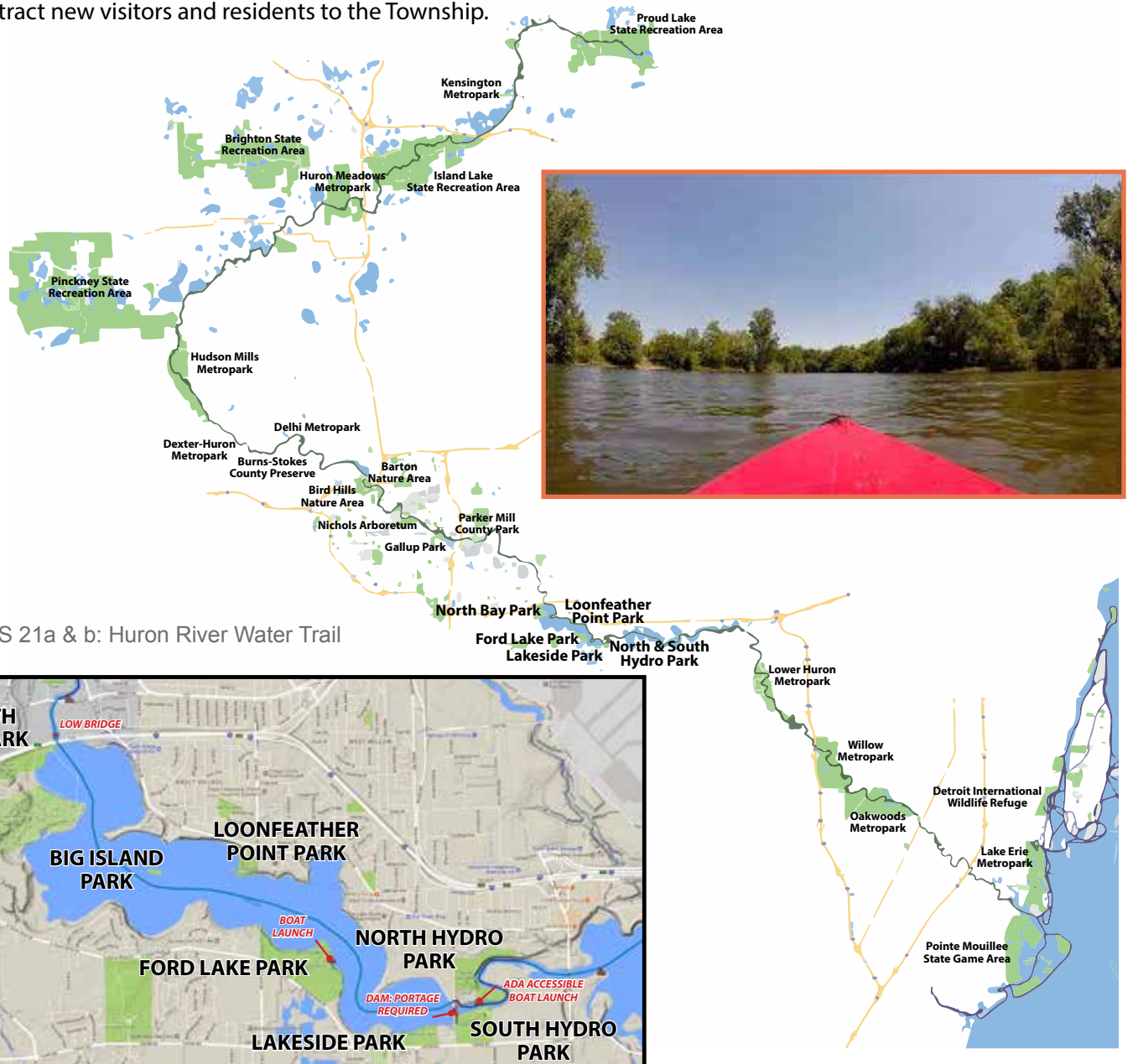


## Michigan Blueways & Water Trails

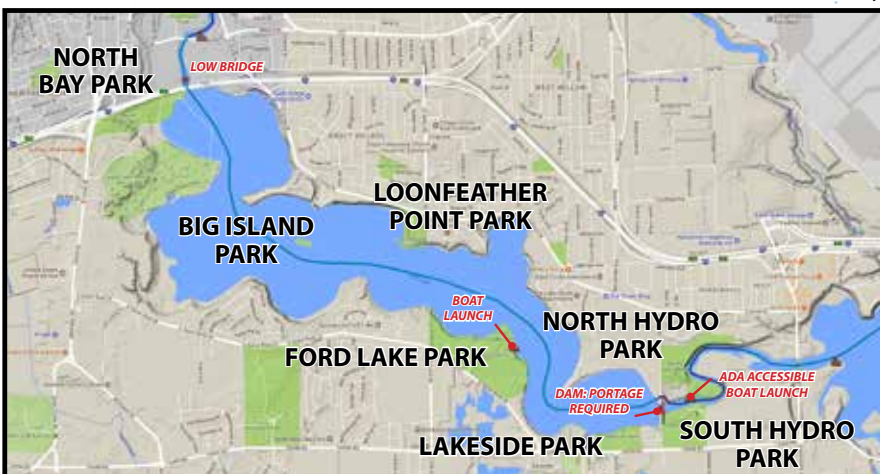
The State of Michigan currently boasts of more than 3,000 miles of water trails along the Great Lakes and inland lakes and rivers. Like traditional land-based trails, water trails bring visitors to the community and offer recreational and educational opportunities for residents. By improving the overall quality of life for residents, these trails make the community more desirable place to live, work, and play.

The Huron River Water Trail offers some of the best kayaking and canoeing opportunities in the state of Michigan. Traveling over 104 miles, the trail provides challenges for users of all abilities and passes through a wide variety of environments. The river winds through State, County, and numerous municipal parks, as well as eight HCMA Metroparks.

Ypsilanti Township currently has boat / kayak launches at North Hydro, Ford Lake, and Lakeside Parks. The Lakeside Park launch is operated by and reserved for use by the Eastern Michigan Rowing crew. Providing additional launch points and rental opportunities in Township-owned parks would greatly increase the visibility of the community and could attract new visitors and residents to the Township.



FIGURES 21a & b: Huron River Water Trail







# Administrative Structure





## Administrative Structure

The Township's park and recreation system and programs are governed and/or managed directly by three primary entities: Township Board of Trustees (Elected), Park Commission (Elected), and Township Administration (Hired). The current organizational structure of the parks and recreation program is shown in Figure 20.

### Board of Trustees

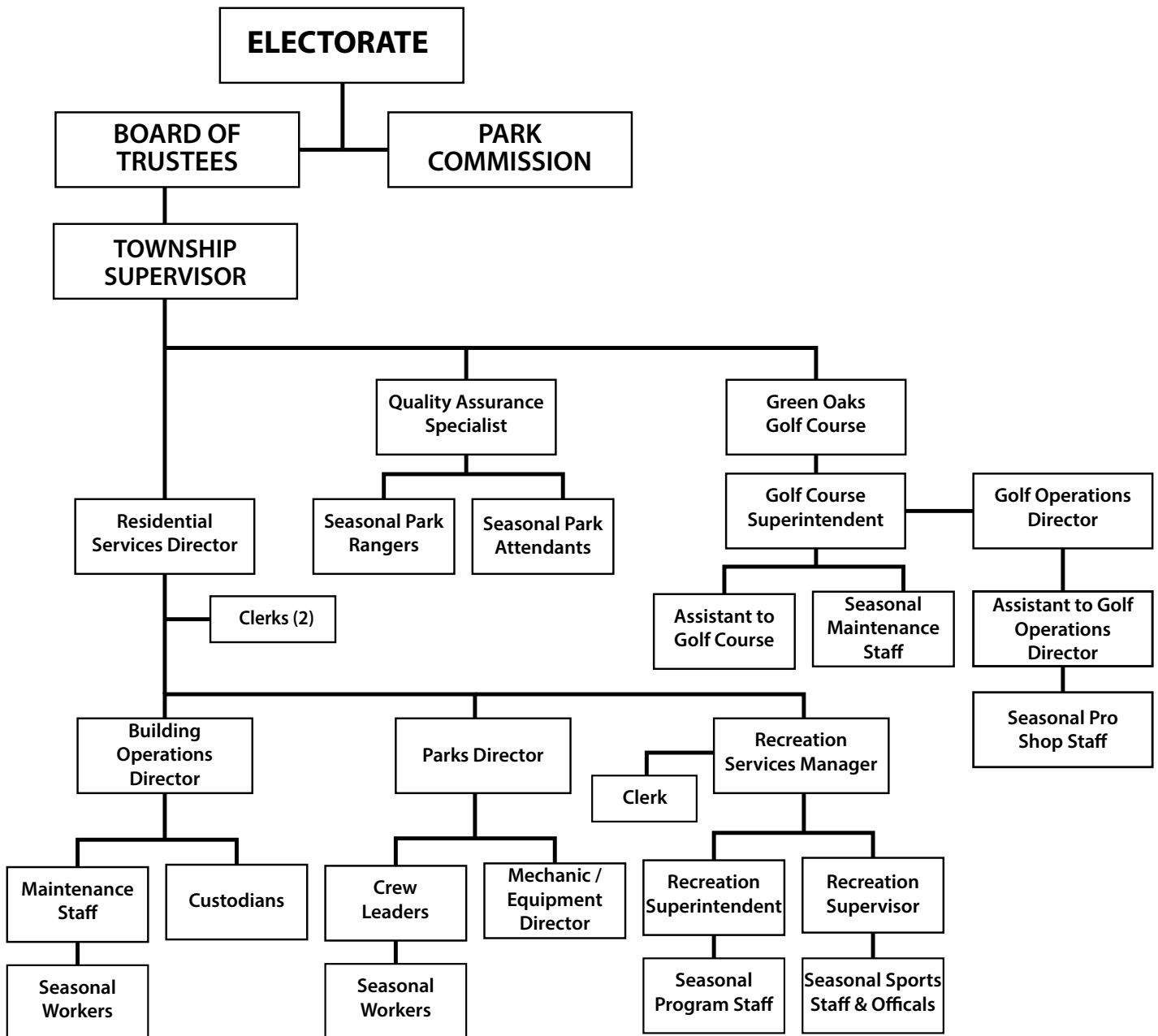
The Township Board of Trustees oversees the use of Annual Operating Budget allocations and Capital Improvement Funds for Ypsilanti Township parks. Although the Park Commission is an elected body with its own responsibilities, it depends on the approved budget of the Board of Trustees to accomplish its objectives. The Board of Trustees approves the submission of grant applications as well as adopts the parks and recreation master plan.

### Park Commission

Ypsilanti Charter Township Park Commission represents Ypsilanti Township residents in all matters pertaining to Township parks. The Park Commission is involved in development of policy pertaining to parks, while the staff of the Township has the responsibility to administer the policies. The Park Commissioners have input in determining priorities for capital outlay related to parks. These priority decisions are made based on the Township's Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan, which the Park Commission helps establish.

PA 157 of 1905, the enabling act for the creation of a Township Park Commission in Michigan, dictates the responsibilities of Park Commissions. Specifically, the scope of the Park Commission's advisory responsibilities includes the recommendation for parkland acquisition, development of parks, creation of park policies, maintenance of parks and associated facilities, solicitation of grants, donations, and general fund appropriations to enact their capital and operating program. The Recreation Services Manager contributes expertise, necessary guidance and background research to the Park Commission on these matters. The group meets monthly.

FIGURE 22: Parks & Recreation Administrative Structure



## Administration

### Residential Services Department

The Residential Services Department is responsible for all day to day operations pertaining to grounds, parks and recreational facilities, environmental services and building operations. The Parks and Grounds Division and the Recreation Department are grouped together with the Building Operations Division and the Public Services Division under the direction of the Residential Services Director. The Parks and Grounds Division, under the management of the Public Services Superintendent, has the primary responsibility for park maintenance. This position also maintains public grounds throughout the township. The Recreation Division, under the management of the Recreation Services Manager, is responsible for recreation programming, services, operation of the community center, staffing as well as the operation and planning of the parks and park facilities.

The **Residential Services Department** oversees four main Divisions related to community facility maintenance and programming. These divisions are Building Operations, Environmental Services, Parks and Grounds, and Recreation. The Parks and Ground Division and the Recreation Division are the two divisions within the Department that handle different aspects of parks and recreation in the township.

**Parks and Grounds:** Park facilities are cared for and maintained by the Parks and Grounds Division through the Public Services Superintendent who reports to the Residential Services Director. The parks division consists of two full-time staff, two building maintenance technicians, custodians and a large contingency of seasonal laborers working mid-March through mid-November. The Public Services Superintendent responds to the Park Commission and Residential Services Director in implementing capital improvements. The Public Services Superintendent and crew are responsible for park maintenance and repairs. The Parks and Grounds crew is also responsible for other maintenance tasks unrelated to parks such as public grounds and on occasion, roadside mowing on behalf of the county road commission.

The number of park properties and size of the parks presents a maintenance challenge for Parks and Grounds. At times, the two full-time staffers and their seasonal crew are spread extremely thin. They are able to accomplish basic necessary maintenance tasks and ensure the parks are in good condition. However, challenges arise when new park improvement projects are desired or more creative approaches are needed to fulfill a recreation need. Challenges also arise when other divisions within the Residential Services Department have unexpected projects requiring the assistance of the Parks and Ground Division employees. Currently, the parks and ground division maintains the Township's 27 parks with a total combined acreage of over 970 acres.

The location of maintenance operations and equipment are dispersed. The division primarily works out of the garage located by the Civic Center with some equipment located at Ford Lake Park. The division utilizes the maintenance garage at the Civic Center for vehicle and equipment maintenance. The township also utilizes the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority (YCUA) facilities and staff to help maintain equipment. These facilities are conveniently and strategically placed based on the highest volume of activity and work effort.

**Recreation Division:** Recreation programs are run through the Township Recreation Division under the management of a Recreation Services Manager. This department is directly responsive to the Residential Services Director. The Department also works with the elected Park Commission on park related issues and is the staff representative to the Park Commission. This division is more commonly referred to as the Recreation Department.

The Recreation Services Manager oversees all aspects of programming, planning, budgeting, staffing and the maintenance of the community center. The Recreation Services Manager also works on park maintenance, athletic field layout as well as other park improvements.

The Recreation Supervisor is responsible for youth and adult athletic, health, and fitness programs. Supporting the Recreation Supervisor are athletic program coordinators, instructors, sport officials, and volunteers.



### **Green Oaks Golf Course**

The township's golf course is managed separately from the Residential Services Department. This department includes a Golf Pro and Golf Pro Assistant to handle sales, golf lessons and organizing events. The Golf Course Superintendent supervises all aspects of golf course maintenance. Seasonal workers support the Golf Pro and Superintendent.

## Current Partnerships and Providers

The Recreation Department partners with a large variety of businesses, groups and organizations throughout the year in order to provide expanded recreational opportunities to the community. Partnerships have become a vital role in establishing a well-rounded program offering. Okinawan Karate, Jump-A-Rama and Zumba are a few of the businesses they have agreements with for providing health and wellness classes.

The Recreation Department also partners with organizations such as the Michigan Recreation & Park Association (MRPA), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Amateur Softball Association (MASA), National Little League, Start Smart, United States Tennis Association (USTA) and other sports groups. In addition, several partnerships with senior organizations, other parks & recreation departments within the region, public and charter schools, colleges and universities have been established at different levels. As partnership opportunities become available, the recreation department will continue to develop new partnerships and enhance current ones.

Some key partner organizations include:

- Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North
- Boy and Girl Scouts of America
- YMCA
- Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation
- Michigan Mountain Bike Association
- National Little League
- Eastern Michigan University & Saline High School Crew Teams
- Friends of the Iron Belle Trail

## Role of Volunteers

The role of volunteers has become very important towards the sustainability of the recreation and parks department. With the reduction of property taxes in recent years, the need for volunteers has grown. Literally hundreds of volunteers are used on an annual basis. All of the team sports offered use volunteer coaches. Local Honor Society and Key Club students are used to staff special events. Most of the programs and services offered through the “50 & Beyond” program use dozens of volunteers from its membership. The department also offers an “Adopt a Park” program with individual residents, service groups, businesses and organizations volunteering from time to time with park beautification and clean-up projects. Staff puts in hundreds of hours training and working with volunteers.

## Budgets and Funding

Sources of funding for parks and recreation in Ypsilanti Township include user and entrance fees, grants, and the Township’s general fund. The Township also levies a Recreation, Bike Path, Sidewalk, Roads, Parks, General Operations Millage of 1.0059 mills. Historically, roughly a third of the proceeds from this millage have gone toward sidewalks and roads.

Budgets for parks and recreation functions in Ypsilanti Township over the past several years are shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4: Parks & Recreation Budget, 2016 - 2018

	2017 Actual	2018 Original	2018 Amended
Total Expenses	732,467.97	821,469.00	858,023.00
Total Revenues	726,269.21	821,469.00	858,023.00





# Recreation Inventory





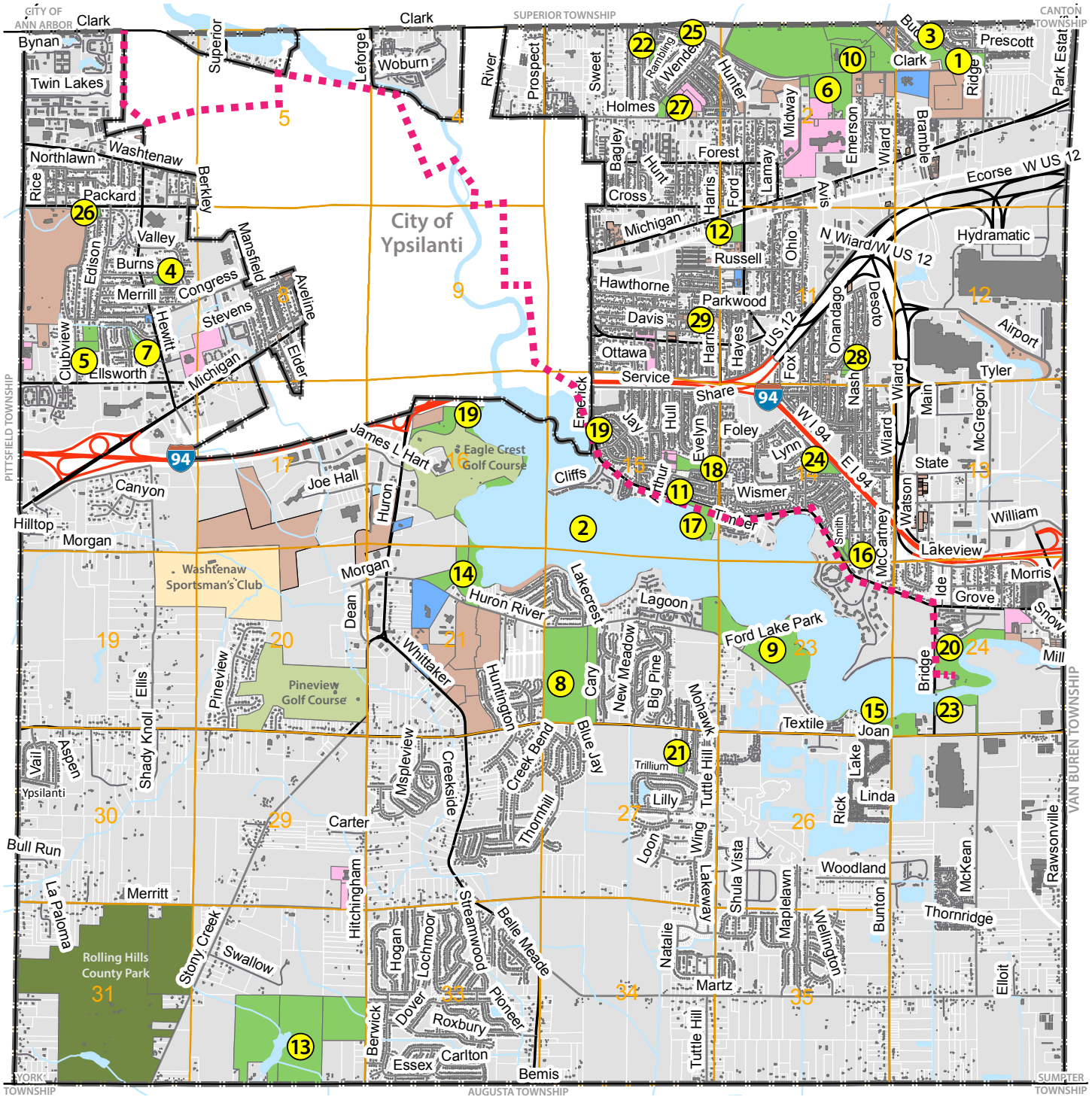
## Recreation Inventory

Developing a complete inventory of the Parks and Recreation facilities and programs is an essential component of a five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding what parks, facilities, and programs are available to Ypsilanti Township residents will assist decision-making in the future. The inventory covers the following components:

- Township Parks and Facilities
- Other Township-owned Recreation Properties
- Non-motorized Facilities
- County/Regional Parks and Facilities
- Facilities in Neighboring Communities
- Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities
- Programming
- Comparison to Recreation Standards
- Barrier Free Accessibility

Ypsilanti Township owns and maintains almost 980 acres of parkland spread out across twenty seven different facilities. School facilities, the City of Ypsilanti, subdivision parks, private facilities and a large Washtenaw County park also provide sources of recreation for township residents. Recreation facilities are scattered throughout the township with the highest concentration of parks located around Ford Lake and in the northeast portion of the township. In addition to the facilities provided, the township also offers an abundance of programs, classes and activities that serve a variety of interests and age groups. All of these elements contribute to a healthy quality of life and are important as the community grows and changes.

MAP 3: Ypsilanti Township Recreation Properties



## Parks & Recreation Properties Ypsilanti Charter Township

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. Appleridge Park (2899 E Clark)                | 11. Grove Road Overlooks (at Harry and Margarita Streets) | 21. Pines Park (6200 South Ivanhoe)             |
| 2. Big Island Park (Middle of Ford Lake)         | 12. Harris Park (99 Harris Road)                          | 22. Rambling Road Park (1150 Lexington Parkway) |
| 3. Bud & Blossom Park (1500 Bud Street)          | 13. Hewen's Creek Park (6515 Bemis Road)                  | 23. South Hydro Park (10499 Textile Road)       |
| 4. Burns Park (2001 Burns Street)                | 14. Huron River Park (7337 Huron River Drive)             | 24. Sugarbrook Park (1515 Andrea Street)        |
| 5. Clubview Park (39 S Clubview)                 | 15. Lakeside Park (9999 Textile Road)                     | 25. Tot Lot Park (1172 E Clark Road)            |
| 6. Community Center Park (2000 E Clark)          | 16. Lakeview Park (1999 S Grove Road)                     | 26. Watertower Park (2598 Verna Street)         |
| 7. Fairway Hills Park (199 Carriage Way)         | 17. Loonfeather Point Park (1340 S Grove Road)            | 27. Wendell Holmes Park (1201 Holmes Road)      |
| 8. Ford Heritage Park (8399 Textile Road)        | 18. Nancy Park (1201 Marcus Street)                       | 28. West Willow Park (2099 Tyler Road)          |
| 9. Ford Lake Park (9075 S Huron River Drive)     | 19. North Bay Park (1001 Huron Street)                    | 29. 430 S Harris Road (undeveloped)             |
| 10. Green Oaks & Community Center (2025 E Clark) | 20. North Hydro Park (2599 Bridge Road)                   |   |

## Township Parks and Facilities

Ypsilanti Township operates twenty-seven facilities providing a mix of active and passive uses. An inventory of the parks and facilities is presented on the following pages. These parks and facilities can be loosely broken into categories based on size and function; the categories are suggested by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The categories are meant to aid in determining the primary purpose and uses for each facility.

- **Mini-Parks:** Mini-parks serve the needs of the residents in the immediate area, approximately less than one-quarter mile away and are typically less than one acre in size. There are four mini-parks owned and operated by Ypsilanti Township. There are also several mini-parks within private developments; newer residential developments are required to have their own dedicated open space which is owned by the local homeowners association.
- **Neighborhood Parks:** Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities such as fields, playgrounds, picnicking, and trails. These parks are typically between five and ten acres in size and serve residents within one-half mile. There are twelve neighborhood parks in Ypsilanti Township, all but one of which are located north of Ford Lake.
- **Community Parks and Facilities:** Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents in the Township. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks. The focus of these parks is to meet community-based recreation needs, as well as preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are generally between 10 and 50 acres in size and serve residents within one-half to three miles of the park. Ypsilanti Township operates six community parks.
- **Nature Preserves & Specialty Parks:** Specialty parks provide a unique service and are generally intended to serve the entire community. Preserves, stand-alone splash pads or community centers, and dog parks could fall into this category. Ypsilanti Township's Community Center and four other parks would fall in this category.
- **Regional Parks:** Regional Parks may be 200 acres or more in size, and service an area up to one hour's drive away (typically 45 or 60 miles). These types of parks are usually operated by a larger governmental body, such as the county or state, or by another recreation authority. Rolling Hills County Park is considered a regional park.



## Mini-Parks

### GROVE ROAD OVERLOOKS

- Address: Grove Road & Margarita Street
- Total Acres: n/a (included in Loonfeather Point Park acreage)
- Primary Activities: Passive
- Amenities: Benches, Scenic Views, Border-to-Border Trail

Ypsilanti Township maintains an overlook on Ford Lake on the western edge of Loonfeather Point Park. While it is technically a part of a larger park, it has traditionally been treated as a separate facility. The site is adjacent to a sidewalk and bike lane which are considered part of the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail. Widening the sidewalk to 10' has been discussed, but is not being considered at this time, as the sidewalks and matching bike lands were deemed sufficient. Should widening of the walk become a priority for the Township, WCPARC would need to incorporate it into their B2B plan.



A second overlook near Grove and Harry Street was eliminated in part due to street improvements. Another overlook near the North Bay Park entrance on Grove Road is owned and maintained by YCUA.

### PINES PARK

- Address: 6200 South Ivanhoe
- Total Acres: 0.6 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive
- Amenities: Playground equipment, swings, open space

This park is situated in a power line easement in the Township's southeast quadrant. The play equipment is significantly outdated. Partly due to the park's proximity to a fairly new subdivision containing homes with relatively large yards, Pines Park receives few visitors. The property's high water table also makes maintenance a challenge. More creative use of the land, such as adding artwork or rain gardens, could make the property more appealing to nearby residents.



### TOT LOT PARK

- Address: 1172 East Clark Road
- Total Acres: 0.5 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive
- Amenities: Playground equipment, swings, open space

Tot Lot sits between the Clark Service Road and Lexington Parkway. Play equipment is outdated and the play surfacing is substandard. Amenities that appeal to older patrons, such as a community garden or a small pavilion, could make this park more of a draw for the surrounding neighborhood.



### WATERTOWER PARK

- Address: 2598 Verna Avenue
- Total Acres: 0.6 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive
- Amenities: Playground equipment, open space

South of busy Packard Street and north of Verna Avenue, Watertower Park gained its name from a watertower that has long since been removed. Playground equipment in the park is outdated. Similar to Tot Lot Park, a small seating pavilion and/or community gardens would better serve the neighborhood. As with all of the mini- and neighborhood parks, neighborhood input into design options will be critical.





## Neighborhood Parks

### APPLERIDGE / BUD & BLOSSOM PARKS

- Address: 2899 E. Clark Rd.
- Total Acres: 24.8
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: 0.5 mile asphalt running trail, softball diamond, horseshoe pits, picnic shelter, playground equipment & swings, asphalt parking area (17 spaces), two basketball courts, multiuse field, natural area

Appleridge and Bud & Blossom share a border along the Willow Run Drain, but serve two distinct neighborhoods. Appleridge provides active-use amenities including basketball, tennis courts, and playing fields, along with passive use playground equipment and running trails. Because of its parking lot, Appleridge tends to draw residents from a somewhat wider area than Bud & Blossom.



### BUD & BLOSSOM PARK

- Address: 1500 Bud Street
- Total Acres: 11.5
- Primary Activities: Passive Use
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic tables, open field, natural area

Bud & Blossom Park is a passive use park serving residents in the immediately surrounding area. New playground equipment and a large open field are the main attractions of the facility. The Willow Run Drain forms the eastern border of the park, and connects it directly to Appleridge Park.





### BURNS PARK

- Address: 2001 Burns Street
- Total Acres: 1.9
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment, picnic tables, tennis courts, sandbox, small open field, sidewalks

Serving the Hewitt Road area, Burns Park is a prototypical neighborhood park. Bordered by Burns to the north and Harding to the south, the park is a gathering point for neighborhood residents on pleasant summer days. Park amenities are aimed more at younger children and parents, although the tennis courts appeal to a variety of age ranges.



### CLUBVIEW PARK

- Address: 39 South Clubview Drive
- Total Acres: 10 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic shelter, tennis courts, crushed limestone path, large open field

Clubview Park contains relatively few programmed amenities. The park acts as a swale leading to a low point at the northern edge of the park, and the large open field offers valuable stormwater mitigation capability. Playground equipment is new, but the tennis courts are cracked and unplayable. The path is rutted and in need of amendment. Trees recently planted by the Rotary Club will make the park much more appealing in coming years.





### FAIRWAY HILLS PARK

- Address: 199 Carriage Way
- Total Acres: 5.5 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive Use
- Amenities: Asphalt multi-use path

One block east of Clubview Park, Fairway Hills is largely undeveloped. An asphalt trail running along the south side of the park leads visitors to South Hewitt and its existing bike lanes. The topography of the park is fairly steep (roughly 8% slopes) and leads to a small wetland on the adjoining apartment complex property to the southeast.



### LAKESIDE PARK

- Address: 9999 Textile Road
- Total Acres: 18.4 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, horseshoe pits, two picnic shelters & tables, restrooms, gravel parking, boat dock & boat house, ~0.7 mile asphalt path, open space

Lakeside Park is one facility with two distinct identities. Bordered by Textile Road to the south and Ford Lake to the north, the western side of the park feels like a traditional small neighborhood park, with picnic facilities, playground equipment, and horseshoe pits. The equipment and shelter is somewhat dated and needs repair.

The eastern side of the park, on the other hand, contains new amenities and has much more of a focus on Ford Lake. A boat house and launch, walking trails, and a picnic shelter, built in 2013, are in excellent condition. The boat facilities are leased by Eastern Michigan University and Saline High School rowing teams.





### LAKEVIEW PARK

- Address: 1999 South Grove Road
- Total Acres: 3.8 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic tables, softball diamond, large open field, sidewalks

Another excellent example of a neighborhood park, Lakeview Park is highly visible off of Grove Road and offers a mix of passive and active recreation options. The Border-to-Border trail lies on the south side of Grove Road, opposite the park, and is connected to the park via a crosswalk and pedestrian island near the playground equipment. An open field on the south side of the property, approximately 1.3 acres, offers potential for future development.



### NANCY PARK

- Address: 1201 Marcus Street
- Total Acres: 5.8 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, softball field, soccer field, asphalt walking path, wooded area

Adjacent to Erikson Elementary School in the Gault Village neighborhood, Nancy Park is well used by neighborhood residents. Part of the park's appeal is its position as a connector between the school and the neighborhood. A 200-foot long walkway brings residents from the north to the park and splits into two paths leading to the school and play equipment. The mix of uses is also attractive to different generations of park visitors.





## RAMBLING ROAD PARK

- Address: 1150 Lexington Parkway
- Total Acres: 3.2 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic tables, basketball court, crushed limestone walking path, large open field

Tucked behind bungalow-style homes, Rambling Road can be difficult to find. The park contains fairly new playground equipment in good condition, but a basketball court on the southern end of the park is cracked and unplayable. The park's odd layout makes it difficult to see into the facility, leading to concerns about safety and vandalism. The Township owns a small outlot on the south end of the property. This outlot is currently fenced off, restricting entrance and egress to the northern entrance.



## SUGARBROOK PARK

- Address: 1515 Andrea Street
- Total Acres: 4.0 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic tables, basketball court, softball field

Sitting on uncomfortably configured lot, the roughly triangular-shaped park is bordered by homes to the south, Andrea Street to the west, and the I-94 sound barrier to the northeast. A playground area and basketball court sit on the western edge of the park and are in good condition. A softball field takes up much of the northeastern portion of the park. Some residents expressed concerns about the southeastern corner of the park, which extends almost 700 feet from the street edge. Sugarbrook may represent an opportunity to divest at least a portion of the park for residential uses, and with the resulting funds used to finance improvements at this and other parks.



### WENDELL HOLMES PARK

- Address: 1201 Holmes Road
- Total Acres: 4.6 acres
- Primary Activities: Active Use
- Amenities: Softball field, soccer field, gravel parking area

Wendell Holmes Park is adjacent to Holmes Elementary School, and is easily mistaken for school property. The fields are in good condition, and are used frequently by adult sports leagues.



### WEST WILLOW PARK

- Address: 2099 Tyler Road
- Total Acres: 3.6 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic shelter & tables, two basketball courts, softball field, 0.3 mile crushed limestone walking path

The only park in the West Willow neighborhood, West Willow serves as an important gathering point for the community. The playground equipment is relatively new and in good condition. The picnic shelter, however, is dark and dated, and attracts unwanted activities. Three vacant parcels to the southwest of the park, owned by the Whitehead Memorial Church of God, could represent an opportunity for joint development and operation of the park with a revised layout and amenities. The park is accessible from Tyler and Oswego Roads.





## Community Parks

### COMMUNITY CENTER PARK

- Address: 2000 East Clark
- Total Acres: 31.6 acres
- Primary Activities: Primarily Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic shelter & tables, gazebo, six tennis courts, four baseball fields w/ bleachers & dugouts, sidewalks, 160-space gravel parking lot, wooded area

Located on the south side of Clark Road opposite from the golf course and Ypsilanti Township Community Center, this park hosts both adult and youth softball and baseball games. A six-acre wooded area in the southeast corner of the park includes some rustic hiking trails. The football stadium and track south of the baseball fields belongs to Ypsilanti Community Schools, and is not part of Community Center Park.





## FORD HERITAGE PARK

- Address: 8399 Textile Road
- Total Acres: 20.0 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Accessible playground equipment & swings, Accessible picnic tables, soccer fields, 3 baseball fields with bleachers & stands, ~1.5 mile asphalt multi-use path, ~0.3 mile rustic walking path, wooded area, two asphalt parking lots (250 spaces total)

Centrally located on the south side of the Township, Ford Heritage includes a variety of active use amenities, including multiple soccer and softball fields. The jewel of the park, however, is the community-built accessible playground and picnic facilities. The park includes roughly two miles of trails, including a paved multi-use trail that winds through a wooded area on the north side of the park.





## FORD LAKE PARK

- Address: 9075 South Huron River Drive
- Total Acres: 89.5 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Three sets of playground equipment, four picnic shelters, restrooms, soccer/baseball field, two sand volleyball courts, basketball court, three tennis courts, six pickleball courts, handball courts, boat launch, two asphalt parking lots (170 spaces), one gravel parking lot (~160 spaces), walking paths

Considered the “signature park” of the Ypsilanti Township park system, Ford Lake Park offers a diverse mix of active and passive use amenities. The park includes the only public boat launch in the Township park system, and the only dedicated outdoor pickleball facilities. New playground equipment was installed in late 2018. A fee is required for entrance to the park. Daily rates are identical for residents and non-residents, but season pass rates are higher for non-residents.





## HARRIS PARK

- Address: 99 Harris Road
- Total Acres: 6.6 acres
- Primary Activities: Active Use
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, picnic shelter & tables, restrooms, two baseball fields with bleachers & stands, batting cage, gravel parking areas (~45 spaces)

Harris Park is small enough to be categorized a neighborhood park, but its role as a Little League baseball facility pushes it into the community park category. Harris Park's fields are leased by Ypsilanti National Little League, which also owns two fields immediately west of the park. In addition to the ball fields, Harris includes playground equipment and a picnic shelter with restrooms.





## LOONFEATHER POINT PARK

- Address: 1340 South Grove Road
- Total Acres: 12.0 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive & Active Uses
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, two picnic shelters & tables, restrooms, soccer field, fishing pier, asphalt parking lot (112 spaces), 0.3 mile crushed limestone walking path

Loonfeather Point sits on a bluff overlooking Ford Lake, with paths leading down to a fishing pier on the shore. The award-winning picnic pavilions are popular summer destinations for residents, but are beginning to show signs of deterioration. New playground equipment was installed in late 2018. The Border-to-Border trail runs along the northern border of the park, and one of the Grove Road Overlooks is located immediately west of the park boundary. A fee is required for entrance to the park. Daily rates are identical for residents and non-residents, but season pass rates are higher for non-residents.





## NORTH BAY PARK

- Address: 1001 Huron Street; secondary entrance at the Grove Road & Service Drive intersection)
- Total Acres: 180.3 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive Use
- Amenities: Playground equipment & swings, two picnic shelters & tables, restrooms, two asphalt parking lots (82 spaces), ~1.0 miles boardwalk, ~1.0 miles exercise trail

North Bay Park is one of the most unique properties in the park system. The boundaries of North Bay Park are somewhat convoluted; the park surrounds the Eagle Crest Golf Course and Resort on three sides, and Ford Lake itself is included as part of the total area. Actual available land area is closer to 50 acres. This unusual configuration results in some of the most unique and dramatic views of Ford Lake. A boardwalk and a series of bridges connect a chain of small islands in the central lake area, with an observation tower found at the easternmost point. Trails equipped with exercise stations run from a parking area on Grove Road over the Huron River and up steep bluffs to the main entrance off of Huron Road. Picnic facilities and a playground are also found near the main entrance. New playground equipment was installed in late 2018. The potential exists to extend the boardwalks along the southeastern edge of Eagle Crest to connect with Huron River Park. A fee is required for entrance to the park. Daily rates are identical for residents and non-residents, but season pass rates are higher for non-residents. Home of the annual Rosie the Riveter Fest, the park offers potential to host other community events.





## NORTH HYDRO PARK

- Address: 2599 Bridge Road
- Total Acres: 49.5 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive Use
- Amenities: Picnic shelter & tables, restrooms, accessible kayak launch & fishing pier, canoe portage, gravel parking lot (~53 spaces), 1+ miles crushed limestone paths, ~0.7 miles of riverfront access

North Hydro provides access to the river via a new accessible kayak launch and a canoe portage site on the northern side of the park peninsula. Picnic tables and benches line a walkway looping around the peninsula, and the Border-to-Border trail connects to the park from Bridge Road. An ADA compliant parking pad is located near restroom and picnic facilities. A small amphitheater or concert stage could work well at the site; the property is surrounded primarily by industrial use facilities, with nearest residential use separated by a 1,200 foot wooded buffer. The site is regulated by FERC rules, which could ultimately limit the forms of development in the park.





### YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

- Address: 2025 East Clark Road
- Total Acres: ~6 acres  
(Building: ~40,000 square feet)
- Primary Activities: Programming
- Amenities: Arts & crafts room, pre-school room, racquetball/wallyball courts and gymnasium, aerobic & dance studio, meeting/class rooms, senior center, locker rooms, restrooms, parking lot (247 spots)

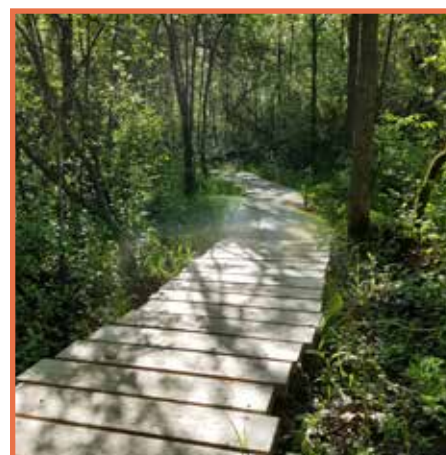
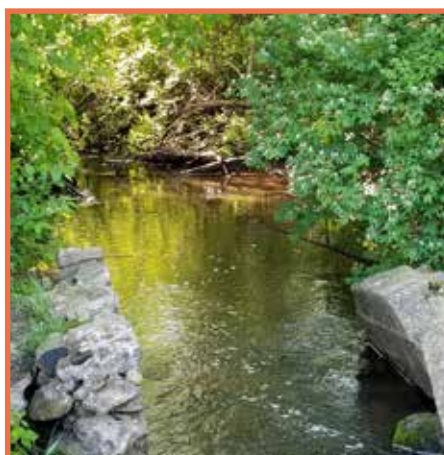
The Ypsilanti Township Community Center is the central meeting point for Parks programming. ESL classes, pre-school activities, arts courses, and a variety of “50 and Beyond” activities are all hosted at the Community Center. The Center is open from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 p.m. The parking area is shared with the Green Oaks Golf Course, which surrounds the building.



### HEWEN'S CREEK PARK

- Address: 6515 Bemis Road
- Total Acres: 193.2 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive Use
- Amenities: Rustic trails, gravel parking lot (5 spots)

Hewen's Creek offers access to one of the largest remaining wooded areas in Ypsilanti Township. Acquired in 1999, the park contains nearly five miles of trails used for hiking, dog walking, and mountain biking. A small pond on the western edge of the park is popular for bluegill fishing. The property is essentially flat, and consists of old farmland, wetlands, and lowland forests.



## HURON RIVER PARK

- Address: Huron River Drive east of Whittaker
- Total Acres: 53.0 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive use
- Amenities: Apiary, wooded areas

Ypsilanti Township's newest recreation property remains largely undeveloped. Huron River Park sits on Huron River Drive, opposite the Civic Center. The eastern edge of the park could potentially provide over 1,500 feet of lakefront access, and a connection to North Bay Park which sits immediately to the north. Steep bluffs between the down to the water's edge present a formidable barrier, however, and wetlands near the water's edge would necessitate a boardwalk to facilitate travel. The park currently includes a Township-planted pollinator garden, and could serve as a butterfly sanctuary.



## BIG ISLAND PARK

- Address: Middle of Ford Lake
- Total Acres: 2.0 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive use
- Amenities: Wooded island

Big Island Park lies in the middle of Ford Lake and is only accessible by boat. There are no official docks; visitors must anchor at the informal launch point on the southwest corner of the island.



## SOUTH HYDRO PARK

- Address: 10499 Textile Road
- Total Acres: 17.3 acres
- Primary Activities: Passive Use
- Amenities: ~0.3 miles riverfront access, wooded area

Unlike North Hydro, South Hydro Park is difficult to reach and basically undeveloped. It is currently only accessible by a steep asphalt trail on the west side of the property. An access drive off Textile (McKean Road) is barricaded, preventing public entry. Steep bluffs leading to the river edge make road development to the riverside problematic. If connections to Textile and/or North Hydro could be improved, the site could become an important asset to the Parks portfolio.



TABLE 5: Local Park Amenities

Type (M = mini, N = Neighborhood, C = Community, S = Specialty, O = Other)	Key	Name	ACTIVE-USE AMENITIES								PASSIVE-USE AMENITIES														
			Baseball / Softball Fields	Batting Cage	Basketball	Golf	Horseshoes / Shuffleboard	Sand Volleyball	Soccer / Multi-Use Field	Tennis / Pickleball	Benches	Playground Equipment & Swings	Community Center/ Indoor Fac.	Gymnasium	Open Space	Natural Areas / Scenic Views	Trails - Rustic	Trails - Asphalt or Limestone	Boat House / Boat Launch	Picnic Shelter / Tables	Restrooms	Parking - Gravel Lot	Parking - Paved Lot	Water Access	Fishing Pier
N	1	Appleridge Park	•		•		•		•				•	•		•		•				•			
S	2	Big Island Park													•								•		
N	3	Bud & Blossom Park								•	•			•	•										
N	4	Burns Park	•						•		•			•					•						
N	5	Clubview Park							•		•						•		•						
N	6	Community Center Park	•						•	•	•				•	•	•			•					
N	7	Fairway Hills Park											•			•									
C	8	Ford Heritage Park	•					•		•	•			•	•	•	•		•						
C	9	Ford Lake Park			•		•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
O	10	Green Oaks Golf Course & Ypsi Twp Community Center				•						•	•							•		•			
M	11	Grove Road Overlooks								•					•		•								
C	12	Harris Park	•	•							•								•	•	•				
S	13	Hewen’s Creek Park													•	•					•				
S	14	Huron River Park													•										
N	15	Lakeside Park					•			•	•			•			•	•		•	•	•	•		
N	16	Lakeview Park								•	•			•			•								
C	17	Loonfeather Point Park						•		•	•				•		•		•	•		•	•	•	
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C	19	North Bay Park						•		•	•			•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	
N	20	North Hydro Park								•				•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
M	21	Pines Park									•														
N	22	Rambling Road Park			•						•			•			•								
S	23	South Hydro Park												•	•								•	•	
N	24	Sugarbrook Park	•		•					•	•			•											
M	25	Tot Lot Park									•			•											
M	26	Watertower Park									•			•											
N	27	Wendell Holmes Park	•					•																	
N	28	West Willow Park	•		•					•	•														
N	29	430 S Harris Rd																							
O	-	Civic Center & Veterans’ Memorial										•							•			•			
O	-	Ypsilanti District Library										•							•			•			



## Other Township-owned Properties

### GREEN OAKS GOLF COURSE

- Address: 2025 East Clark Road
- Total Acres: 152 acres
- Amenities: 18-hole golf course, putting green, chipping area, pro shop, restrooms, parking lot (247 spots)

The Green Oaks Golf Course is owned by Ypsilanti Township but operated separately from Parks and Recreation. The course runs approximately 6,800 yards. Golfing fees are provided at a reduced rate for Ypsilanti Township residents and seniors.



### CIVIC CENTER & VETERANS' MEMORIAL

- Address: 7200 South Huron River Drive
- Total Acres: 26 acres
- Primary Activities: Governmental uses, memorial
- Amenities: Governmental offices, meeting space, open space

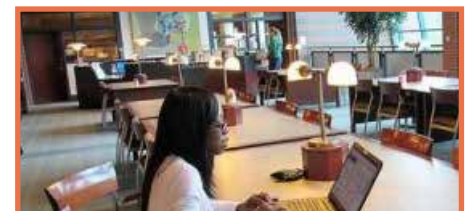
The Township Civic Center is primarily dedicated to municipal affairs, although the meeting rooms and council chambers are frequently used by neighborhood watch groups and other organizations. The Veterans' Memorial on the northwest side of the campus was recently re-landscaped and offers curbside parking for visitors.



### YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY

- Address: 7190 South Huron River Drive
- Total Acres: 152 acres
- Primary Activities: Library Services
- Amenities: Meeting rooms, wooded space

Like the Civic Center, The Ypsilanti District Library offers meeting rooms for public use. The library includes a 13-acre wooded area to the south, which in turn forms part of a 110-acre woodland owned by the Township. While these properties are not officially used as parks, they do offer the potential for passive recreation by residents in the nearby subdivisions and a potential connection to Ford Heritage Park.



### 430 S HARRIS ROAD

- Total Acres: 7.9 acres
- Currently undeveloped

430 South Harris is Park Department-owned land set aside to mitigate a recreation conversion issue at Ford Lake Park. The property has yet to be named or developed, and currently consists of mowed fields and rows of mature trees.





## Non-motorized Facilities

Ypsilanti Township is the southeast launching point for the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail. The B2B travels roughly 3 miles from North Hydro Park along South Grove Road before crossing into the City of Ypsilanti. Portions of the trail on South Grove utilize a combined sidewalk and bike lane configuration; long term plans indicate that the sidewalks will be converted to a standard 10-foot wide multi-use path to provide a safe off-road travel alternative. The final configuration of the trail near North Hydro and its connection with Van Buren Township are currently being negotiated, and a final design is expected to be completed in 2019.

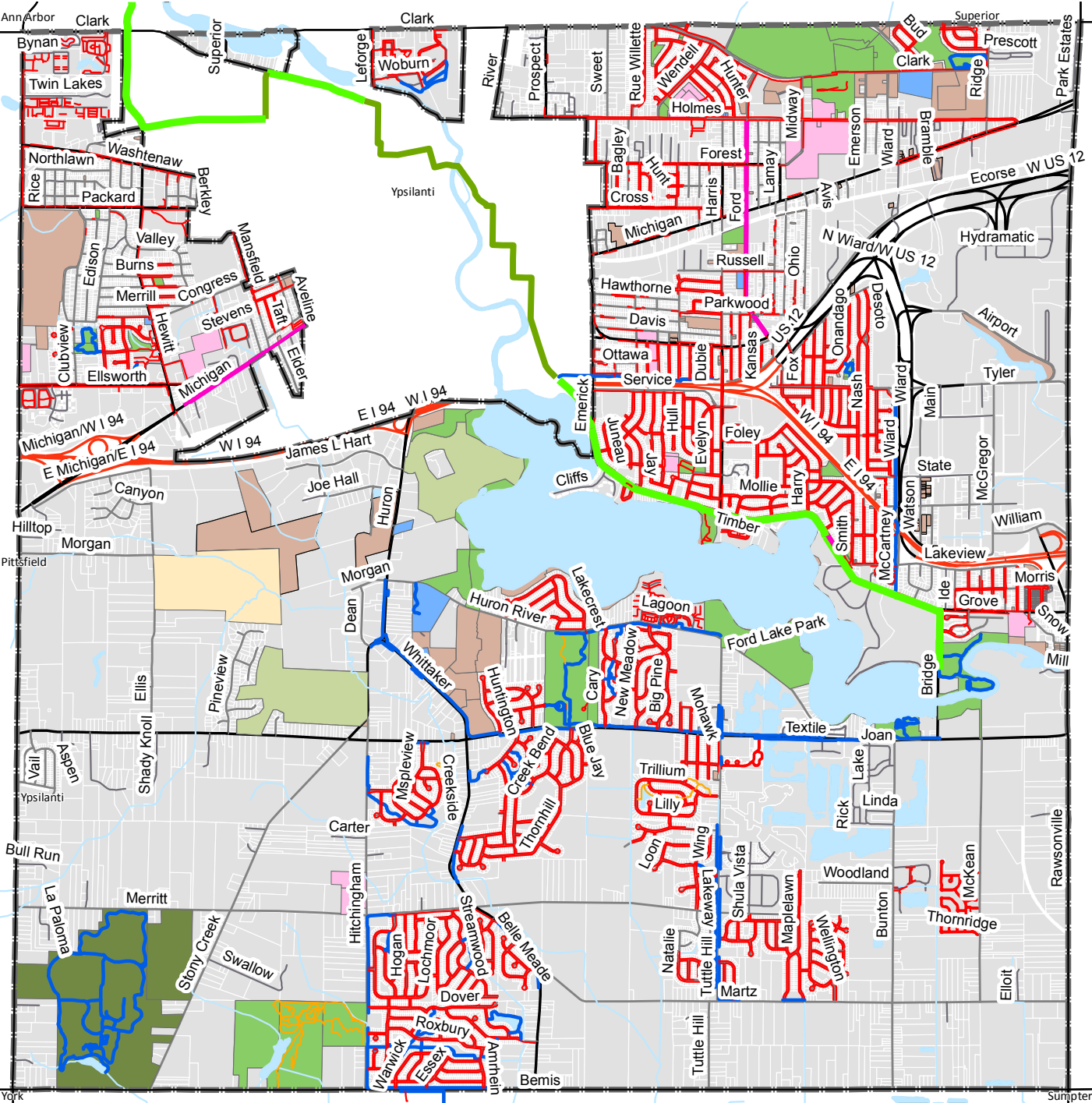
In addition to the B2B, a number of public and private non-motorized trails are scattered throughout the Township, with the longest contiguous stretch, roughly 2.7 miles, running from Bridge Road to Whittaker along Textile Road. All told, there are nearly 22 miles of multi-use trails, 8 miles of bike paths, and 110 miles of publicly maintained sidewalks.

Ford Lake and the Huron River are considered part of the Huron River Water Trail. Access to Ford Lake is limited to Ford Lake and Lakeside Parks, while Huron River access east of the Bridge Road dam is limited to North Hydro Park.

Ypsilanti Township is currently developing a Non-motorized Plan, with completion expected by early spring 2019. The plan will go in to further detail regarding non-motorized gaps, potential routes, and infrastructure improvements. The information gathered for the Recreation Plan will be carried over to the Non-motorized Plan to ensure the broadest possible spectrum of opinions are considered.



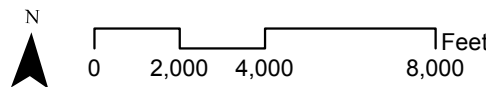
MAP 4: Non-Motorized Facilities



- B2B Off Road
- B2B On Road
- Bike Lanes
- Multi-Use Path
- Rustic Path
- Sidewalk
- Township Parks
- Schools
- Municipal Buildings
- County Parks
- Golf Courses
- Other Recreation Properties
- Township Owned Properties

## Non-Motorized Facilities

Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County



Source: SEMCOG, MIGDL, Ypsilanti Township  
Carlisle/Wortman Associates  
October, 2018





## County/Regional Parks and Facilities

### ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK

- Address: 7660 Stony Creek Road
- Total Acres: 439 acres
- Primary Activities: Active and Passive Uses
- Amenities: Water park, concession area, playground equipment, sports fields, picnic pavilions, tables & grills, 18-hole disc golf course, mountain bike trail, accessible hiking trails, accessible fishing pier & dock, lighted sledding hill, 3-mile cross country ski course, wooded areas

Rolling Hills offers access to a wide variety of activities regardless of the season. In summer months, Rolling Hills water park features a wave pool, spraygrounds, a lazy river, and several water slides. Winter months bring cross country skiing and sledding on a lighted hill. Spring and fall let visitors walk along the park's accessible woodland trails, or play soccer on the park's fields. Access to the park is free for pedestrians, but there is a parking fee for vehicles. There is an additional per person fee for the water park.



### Facilities in Neighboring Communities

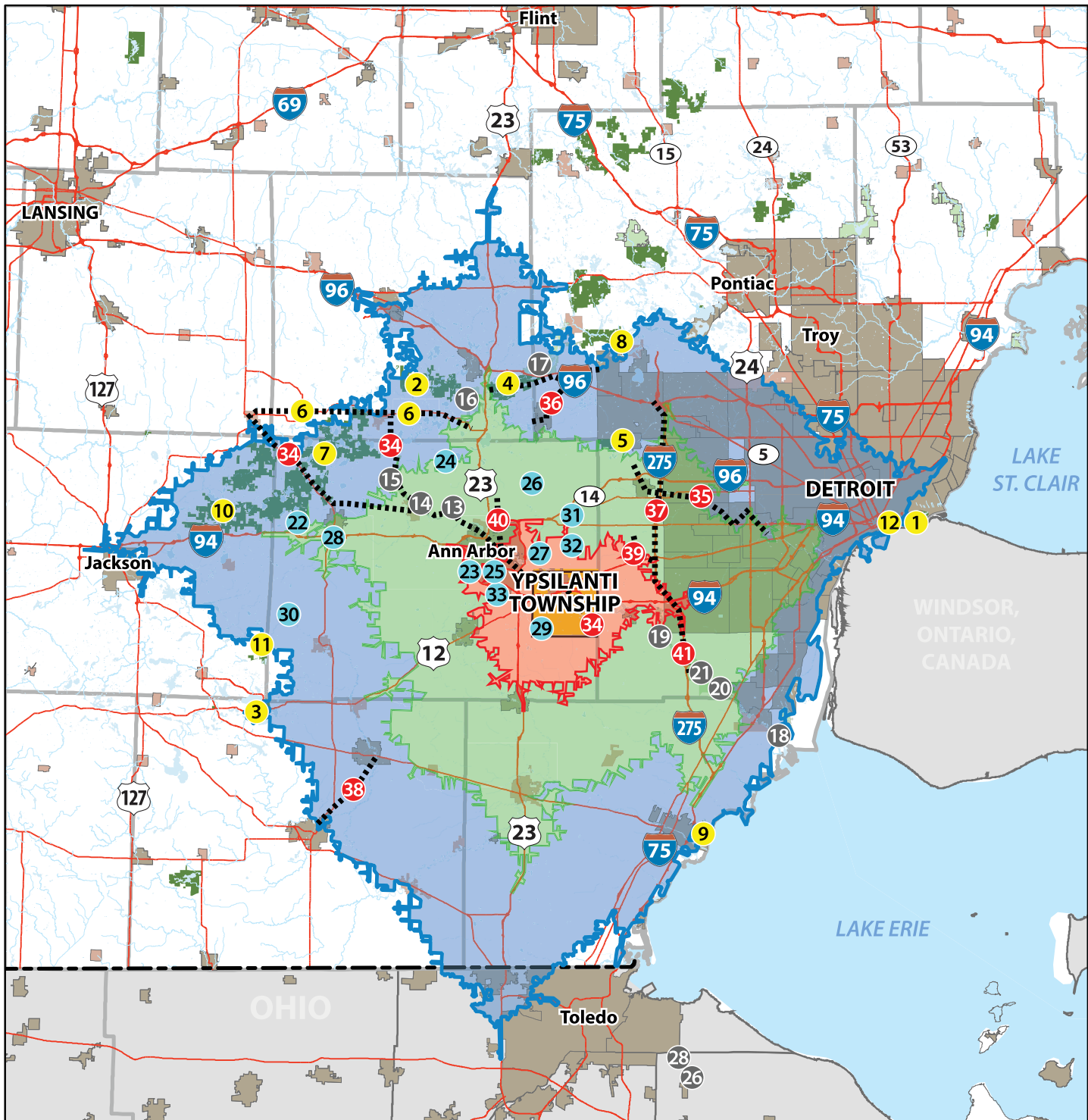
Ypsilanti Township residents have access to a dozens of regional-level recreation properties, including State of Michigan, Washtenaw County, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and significant regional trails, all within an hour drive from home. Dozens of municipal parks can be found in nearby communities such as the City of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, and Canton Township. A map of nearby facilities is shown on Map 3, and a table of amenities at these facilities is provided on the following pages.

The City of Ypsilanti has eight community parks and some are within a 3/4 mile radius of the township neighborhoods. These parks are easily accessible through motorized and non-motorized transportation. Future connections along the Huron River are planned to link the township and city pathways and parks. The City also operates Rutherford Pool, an outdoor pool to which the Township contributed financial support for renovation. Township residents do use this facility throughout the summer.





MAP 5: Regional Recreation Facilities



- | ● STATE PARKS                                 | ● METROPARKS      | ● COUNTY PARKS                     | ● MAJOR TRAILS                     |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Belle Isle State Park                      | 13. Delhi         | 22. Cavanaugh Lake Park            | 34. Border-to-Border               |
| 2. Brighton Rec Area                          | 14. Dexter-Huron  | 23. County Farm Park               | 35. Hines Park Greenway            |
| 3. Hayes State Park                           | 15. Hudson Mills  | 24. Independence Lake Park         | 36. Huron Valley Trail             |
| 4. Island Lake Rec Area                       | 16. Huron Meadows | 25. Meri Lou Murray Rec. Ctr.      | 37. I-275 Metro Trail              |
| 5. Maybury State Park                         | 17. Kensington    | 26. Park Northfield                | 38. Kiwanis Trail                  |
| 6. M. Levine Lakelands Trail                  | 18. Lake Erie     | 27. Parker Mill County Park        | 39. Lower Rouge River Trail        |
| 7. Pinckney Rec Area                          | 19. Lower Huron   | 28. Pierce Lake Golf Course & Park | 40. Matthei Botanical Garden Trail |
| 8. Proud Lake Rec Area                        | 20. Oakwoods      | 29. Rolling Hills County Park      | 41. Metroparks Trail               |
| 9. Sterling State Park                        | 21. Willow        | 30. Sharon Mills County Park       |                                    |
| 10. Waterloo Recreation Area                  |                   | 31. Staebler Farm County Park      |                                    |
| 11. Watkins Lake State Park & County Preserve |                   | 32. Superior Center Park           |                                    |
| 12. WG Milliken State Park                    |                   | 33. Swift Run Dog Park             |                                    |

**DRIVE TIMES**  
15 minutes or less  
30 minutes or less  
60 minutes or less

## Regional Recreation Opportunities

### Ypsilanti Township



Source: Washtenaw County GIS  
ESRI Business Analyst  
Carlisle/Wortman Associates  
August 2018

TABLE 6: Regional Park Amenities

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Trails				Water / Boating				Winter Sports				Camping Amenities												Hunting						
Hiking	Biking	Bike Rental	Mountain Biking / BMX Course	Equestrian	Swimming / Beach	Splash Pad / Pool / Water Slide	Paddlesports	Boat Rental	Boat Launch	Snowshoeing	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Ice Skating / Hockey	Sledding	Equestrian Camping	Electrical Service	Winter Camping	Concession Store / Food	Cabins And Lodges	Rustic Site	Group Use Area	Walk-In / Paddle-In Sites	Yurt	Vault Toilet	Modern Restrooms	Sanitation Station	Shooting Range	Hunting / Archery	Fishing	Fishing Pier
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*Maybury State Park*



*Rolling Hills County Park*



### Swift Run Dog Park



## Oakwoods Metropark



## Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities

### Subdivision Parks

All new subdivisions in Ypsilanti Township with over 24 lots are required to provide dedicated open space. The amount of open space required is based on the number of lots in the subdivision so that it is proportionate to the number of new households. This program ensures that neighborhood recreation facilities are available for new residents as subdivisions grow. The parks are under the ownership and control of the neighborhood's homeowners association, but are also open to the public. The majority of subdivision parks are clustered in the southern half of the Township, where most new subdivisions have been constructed.



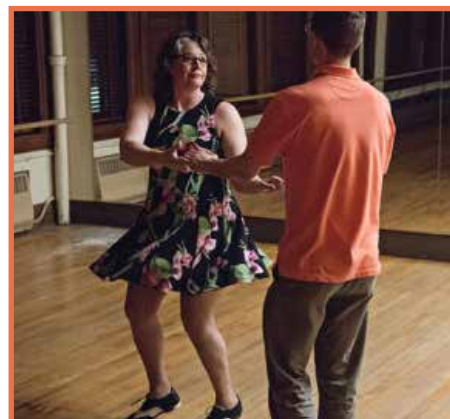
### Public Schools

Public Schools facilities are an important provider of local recreation, particularly during times when school is not in session. Ypsilanti Township has three school districts within its boundaries. Ypsilanti Community and Van Buren Public School Districts all have facilities within the township. Land in the southern portion of the Township is part of the Lincoln Consolidated School District. However the schools for the Lincoln Consolidated School District are located to the south in Augusta Township.



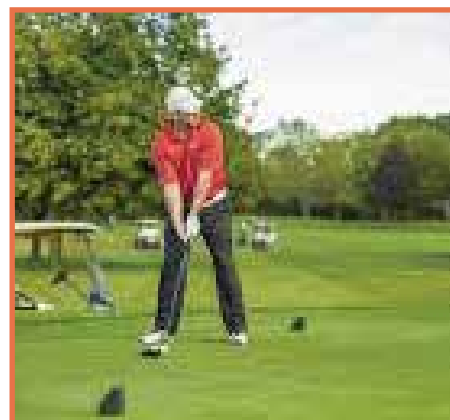
### Eastern Michigan University

The Eastern Michigan University Campus is located within the City of Ypsilanti. Some athletic fields on-campus are available to the public when not in use for university programs and events. The 18-hole Eagle Crest Golf Course is a joint venture with the Township. Opened in 1989 and significantly renovated in 2012, the course is operated by the University. The University also utilizes Ford Lake Park for storage and launching point for their rowing team.



### Private Facilities

Private recreation facilities in Ypsilanti Township and the City of Ypsilanti play an important role in providing recreation resources to Township residents. While a complete list of private recreation facilities is well beyond the scope of this recreation plan, a few examples would include the Washtenaw Country Club, the Washtenaw Sportsman Club, Pine View Golf Course, Eagle Crest Golf Course, Riverside Center for the Arts, Powerhouse Gym, Dance Pavilion Studio, CrossFit Fitness, Planet Fitness, Club Chippewa, and the Detroit-Greenfield RV Park.





## Programming

Ypsilanti Township offers a wide variety of programming options for adults, children, and seniors. These programs are designed to enrich the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of residents. The majority of the indoor programs are offered at the Township Community Center. The department also works with local schools and other locations to offer programs at their facilities. All programs are coordinated through the offices located at the community center.

Programs and services are marketed through program guides distributed seasonally by the Recreation Department. Other forms of marketing include social media posts, senior monthly newsletters, flyers, press releases, media briefs, the Township website, broadcast emails and information sent through schools, churches, service clubs and businesses. Overall, enrollment has been relatively steady with many programs becoming increasingly popular with other programs losing popularity.



Youth athletic programs participation has remained relatively stable. Increased competition from outside regional organizations offering the same or similar programs has had an impact. While many of these organizations offer a more competitive atmosphere, the recreation department's focus has been on instruction rather than competition. Athletic programs for toddlers and younger children have become increasingly popular.



Youth enrichment programs such as dance, arts and crafts, Jump-A-Rama and special events also remain strong. Youth Camps continue to grow in popularity. The department has consistently increased camp offerings over the past few years. Similar to youth sports, the demand for preschool age enrichment programs is increasing. Additional effort needs to be directed on offering a variety of programs to this age group during the day and evening hours.

Programming for Teens has remained a challenge for the department. Additional efforts need to be made for this age group. Consideration should also be made with establishing a teen council to assist with programming and to get involved with decision making on parks and recreation issues that affect them.



Programming options are somewhat limited by a shortage of indoor facilities and the configuration of rooms at the Community Center. The greatest need is for large rooms with high ceilings which can accommodate a variety of uses.

## SENIORS (50+)

Over 1,000 active members take advantage of the programs, health information, classes, travel, and special events offered by the Township. Annual dues are just \$15 for individuals and \$25 for households. Members are entitled to discounts on special events, free coffee daily, many free classes and activities, and access to the group travel program. In addition, the Township offers educational information and service assistance such as legal aid, tax return services, daily lunches through the Washtenaw County Nutrition Program, and more. A partial list of available programs is provided below.

### ART & ENRICHMENT CLASSES

- Drawing with Soft Pastels
- Drawing made easy
- Portrait Drawing
- Working Studio
- Urban Sketching
- Color Theory

### PARTIES & EVENTS

- Valentine's Day
- Black History Month
- St. Patrick's Day
- Earth Day
- Cinco de Mayo
- Quarter Mania
- Annual Talent Show
- Annual Potluck Picnic
- Annual Craft Fair

### FITNESS & EXERCISE

- Enhance Fitness
- Pickleball
- Massage at the Center
- Zumba
- Golf
- Tai Chi
- Yoga
- Annual Health Fair

### DANCE & MUSIC

- Line Dancing
- Hawaiian Dance for Exercise
- Tap
- Dance-R-Size
- Ballroom Dance
- Country Music Saturdays
- Music Makers
- Lively Singers

### GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Mahjong
- Christmas Cards for Veterans
- Stamping & Card Making
- Bible Club
- Quilters Club
- Ceramics Club
- Card Playing Clubs

### LOCAL & EXTENDED TRAVEL

- Tigers Spring Training
- Local Casinos
- Hawaiian Cruise
- Local Museums
- Plays & Musicals
- Holland Tulip Time
- Detroit Fireworks
- The Escape Room





## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Ypsilanti Township Recreation youth sports are intended to teach the basic rules of each sport, fundamentals, sportsmanship, fitness, and how to work together as a team. Each participant is allowed equal playing time and the opportunity to participate. The Township offers special events, dance, and youth enrichment options designed to meet the needs of children of all abilities.

### YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS

- Basketball Leagues
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Flag football
- Tennis
- Little Ninjas
- Okinawan Karate
- Jump-A-Rama Gymnastics

### YOUTH DANCE

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Tap
- Creative Movement
- Hip Hop & Pom
- Jazz Funk
- Lyrical
- Modern
- Homeschool Youth Dance

### YOUTH ENRICHMENT

- Multi-media Art
- Exploration of Art
- Day Camps

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- JAR Superhero Gymnastics
- JAR Princess Gymnastics
- Mother Son Dance
- Trunk or Treat
- Nerf Wars

## ADULT PROGRAMS

The Township offers a number of sports leagues and enrichment programs throughout the year. Some of the programs offered include:

- |                   |                   |                     |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| • Improv yourself | • Zumba           | • Drawing classes   |
| • Coed Softball   | • Yoga            | • Watercolor Basics |
| • Tennis          | • Okinawan Karate | • Urban Sketching   |
| • Racquetball     | • Ballroom Dance  | • Portrait Drawing  |
| • Coed Soccer     | • Working Studio  |                     |



## Comparison to Recreation Standards

According to a 1996 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) study, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are considered “close-to-home” parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All of Ypsilanti Township’s parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of recommended close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 45 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. In Ypsilanti Township, this would include Rolling Hills County Park as well as the county, state, and HCMA-owned parks and recreation areas described in the preceding pages. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

According to these standards, local parks well exceed the range for recommended acreage for close-to-home park land. Using numbers based on population estimates for 2045, the amount of existing parkland should continue to be more than adequate to meet the Township’s recreation needs. Acreage provided by schools and private facilities further help meet resident recreation requirements. With over 65,000 acres of regional parks, Township residents are especially well-served by state and other recreation providers.

TABLE 7: Comparison to Recreation Standards

Type of Park	NRPA Standard Acres / 1000 Population	Suggested Acres based on 2045 population (61,233)	Existing Acreage
Close-to-home park	6.25 - 10.5	356 - 599	970
Regional Parks	15 - 20	855 - 1,140	65,000+
Local schools	-	-	150+

## National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 15 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2016.

TABLE 8: National Sports Participation

Activity	Participation (National)	Overall Rank	Participation (East North Central Region)	Overall Rank
Exercise walking	106.3 million	1	15.4 million	1
Swimming	46.3 million	3	6.3 million	7
Running/jogging	44.5 million	5	6.2 million	8
Hiking	42.0 million	6	5.3 million	12
Camping	40.1 million	7	6.4 million	5
Bicycle riding	36.0 million	9	5.8 million	9
Fishing	29.5 million	13	5.4 million	10

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2016

The 2018 study shows a continued trend towards individual-based outdoor activities, with open water sports, outdoor activities, and snow sports all showing increases in participation. Team related sports, with the exception of soccer and lacrosse, have showed a steady decline in popularity in recent years, while trail related sports continue to grow in popularity. The top growing outdoor activities between 2006 and 2016 were exercise walking (87.5 to 106.3 million), running/jogging (28.8 to 44.5 million), hiking (31.0 to 42.2 million) and kayaking (5.9 to 9.2 million).

These trends are consistent with trends observed in Michigan. According to a survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2013-2017 Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the top ten outdoor recreation activities in Michigan were identical to those listed in the NSGA study, with hunting, boating, and visiting playgrounds added to the list.

TABLE 9: Top Ten Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan

Activity	% Participating	Activity	% Participating
Biking	25	Play outdoor games/sports (soccer, basketball, etc.)	17
Camping	24	Hunting/trapping	15
Fishing	23	Swimming	13
Walking outdoors	21	Boating	11
Hiking	20	Visit playgrounds	10

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan



## Barrier Free Accessibility

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing access to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. Ypsilanti Township strives to ensure that its facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and continues to work towards bringing all facilities into compliance. A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system used to evaluate the facilities was developed using New England ADA Center and Michigan Recreation and Parks Association guidelines, and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Facilities are assigned a score from 1 to 5, where 1 = none of the elements meet 2010 ADA Standards, and 5 = the facility meets universal design principals.

- Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes few paved areas and facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are not easily accessible.
- Level 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.
- Level 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 facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are accessible but may not be completely barrier free.
- Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are easily accessible.
- Level 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. All new park construction projects in the Ypsilanti Township will be designed to meet or exceed the most recent requirements of the ADA while existing facilities will be brought into compliance as repair and update work are carried out.

TABLE 10: Accessibility Assessment

Park	Score	Description/Recommendations
Appleridge	3	Play equipment ADA compliant. Compacted limestone trail compliant, but does not reach all amenities.
Big Island	1	Not developed.
Bud & Blossom	2	Play equipment ADA compliant, but no accessible routes to amenities.
Burns	2	Play equipment ADA compliant, but access impeded. No access to benches or picnic tables.
Clubview	2	Limestone path eroded and unstable at points. No access to amenities. Playground structure ADA compliant.
Community Center	2	Gravel parking lot with no accessible surface for HC spots. Ballfield and playgrounds ADA compliant. Crushed limestone trail but with abrupt transitions to some amenities (e.g. trail to playground equipment).

TABLE 10: Accessibility Assessment (continued)

Park	Score	Description/Recommendations
Fairway Hills	2	Asphalt path exceeds 5% slope without respites. No other accessible routes.
Ford Heritage	4	Playground equipment and surfacing ADA compliant. Multi-use paths compliant. Trash cans block entrance to ball fields, and paths leading to dugouts are slightly too narrow to be considered compliant.
Ford Lake	2	No accessible paths to sport and playground amenities. HC parking not distributed to all amenities (e.g. no HC parking near pickleball courts). Playground surfacing not ADA compliant.
Grove Road Overlooks	2, 4	The bench at the Loonfeather Point overlook is separated from the sidewalk by turf. The North Bay overlook is ADA compliant.
Harris	2	Gravel parking lot. No accessible routes to facilities. Playground equipment ADA compliant, but no access to them. Dugouts and bleachers not accessible.
Hewen's Creek	1	Gravel parking lot with no HC spots. Trails are mown or compacted earth trails, and are not compliant for surface or width.
Huron River	1	Not developed.
Lakeside	2	On western side, no accessible paths to pavilion, horseshoes, picnic tables. Some play equipment accessible. On eastern side, all trails are ADA compliant and pavilion is accessible.
Lakeview	2	Play structure ADA compliant, but no accessible path. No paths to playing fields.
Loonfeather Point	3	Play structure is accessible, but safety surfacing is not ADA compliant. Swingset is not accessible. Trail leading to lakeshore exceeds 5% without respites.
Nancy	3	Playground equipment ADA compliant with adequate access from main path. Some erosion on limestone path and slopes too steep. No accessible paths to soccer and softball fields.
North Bay	2	Trails and bridges in bay area not accessible due to steep slopes and abrupt transitions. Trail leading from main entrance area exceeds 5% without respites. Restrooms not compliant. Exercise equipment not accessible.
North Hydro	4	Gravel parking lot, but with accessible HC parking pad. Accessible kayak launch. Accessible paths to restrooms and around park perimeter. Benches are not accessible.
Pines	1	Equipment not ADA compliant. No safety surfacing. No accessible paths.
Rambling Rose	2	No accessible routes to equipment. Playground equipment ADA compliant.
South Hydro	1	Only entrance to park steep and uneven.
Sugarbrook	2	ADA compliant play equipment. Trail to play equipment needs maintenance. No access to basketball court.
Tot Lot	1	Playground equipment not ADA compliant. No access paths. Safety surface not compliant.
Watertower	1	Playground equipment not ADA compliant. No access paths. Safety surface not compliant.
Wendell Holmes	1	Gravel parking lot. No access to facilities.
West Willow	3	ADA compliant playground equipment, but no accessible routes to equipment, baseball field, or picnic tables.
Community Center (building)	4	Facilities are ADA compliant.

## Grant Assisted Projects

Ypsilanti Township has been awarded ten MDNR grants since 1976, with the most recent coming in 2010. Grant funding from Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has been instrumental in developing recreation facilities for Ypsilanti Township residents. Table 10 presents a description of the MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted park facilities.

TABLE 11: Grant Assisted Projects

Grant Number	Description	Grant Amount	Scope and Current Use / Condition
MNRTF 823	Ford Lake Acquisition	\$415,000	Acquisition of parcels for incorporation into Ford Lake Park.
MNRTF 824	Ford Lake Acquisition	\$1,190,000	Acquisition of parcels for incorporation into Ford Lake Park.
MNRTF 1051	Ford Lake Acquisition	\$264,600	Acquisition of parcels for incorporation into Ford Lake Park.
MNRTF 86-161	Ford Lake Golf Course	\$500,000	Development of Eagle Creek Golf Course in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University. The golf course is in excellent condition and is an important resource in the Township.
MNRTF 88-157	North Bay Park Boardwalk	\$375,000	Development of North Bay Boardwalk. Boardwalk is heavily used. While well maintained, the boardwalk will need significant renovations in five to ten years.
MNRTF 90-196	North Bay Development	\$75,000	
MNRTF 92-104	Ford Heritage Park	\$750,000	Acquisition of Ford Heritage Park land. The park is well attended and provides important ADA compliant recreation options for Township residents.
MNRTF 98-154	Hewen's Creek Land Acquisition	\$1,483,700	Acquisition of Hewen's Creek Park property. The property contains a number of volunteer-maintained rustic trails. It provides important green space for the community.
MNRTF 03-114	North Hydro Park Development	\$432,700	Pavilion, accessible kayak launch, and restroom development. The park is in excellent condition. It provides an important portage point for the Huron River Water Trail, and is the last accessible launch point in Washtenaw County.
MNRTF 10-055	Lakeside Park Improvements	\$500,000	Boathouse, trails, shelter, overlooks, docks, and parking. The improvements are in excellent condition. The area is utilized by EMU and Saline High School crews.



# Public Participation & Needs Assessment



# Public Participation & Needs Assessment



**"Access and equity for all residents is important to me. The township is diverse economically. It's important that all residents have access to high quality facilities."**

*- Survey Respondent*

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community to formulate an action plan for parks and recreation improvement. Needs provide the rationale for goals and objectives and identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends (see page 71). A Parks & Recreation Open House and an online survey were also conducted to receive opinions and desires from residents. In addition, several input sessions took place to allow Township officials, community stakeholders, staff, and residents to come together on the issues and arrive at strategic solutions to meet the Township recreation needs.

## Online Survey

### General Satisfaction

An online survey was made available to the public from June 15 through October 21, 2018. The survey link was publicized on the Township website, on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page, and on flyers at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center. Hard copies of the survey were also available at the Community Center and were on hand during the Parks & Recreation Open House. 113 total responses were collected, with the majority received in August and September. A copy of the survey and all responses is included in Appendix F.

When asked to rate items on a scale ranging from very important to not important, almost 77% of participants indicated that maintaining existing parks and recreation facilities is very important. Protecting natural resources (71%) and access to paths and trails (70%) were also highly ranked. Access to picnic facilities (16%) and active use facilities such as soccer and baseball fields (19%) ranked comparatively low. When looking at all responses marked "important" or "very important", access to active use facilities was rated the lowest (50%).

Acquisition and development of new parks was also rated low (21%). This is consistent with the results from the following question, where 68% indicated that the Township has "the right amount" of parks. Over 73% of respondents stated that Ypsilanti Township recreation facilities meet family's recreation needs, but they were more lukewarm about the quality of maintenance (9% excellent, 63% good), variety of amenities (9% excellent, 53% good), and safety (8% excellent, 62% good) in the parks.

**Percentage of responses marked “Important” or “Very Important” to the question: “How important are the following items to you and your family?”**

- Maintaining existing parks & rec facilities ..... 98%
- Protecting natural resources ..... 91%
- Access to paths & trails ..... 91%
- Access to picnic facilities..... 59%
- Access to recreation programming ..... 56%
- Acquire & develop new parks ..... 56%
- Access to active-use facilities (e.g. sports fields) ..... 50%

On an individual park basis, participants indicated they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with Ford Heritage (82%), Green Oaks Golf Course (79%), and North Bay Park (74%). Conversely, Harris Park (35%), Pines Park (36%), Tot Lot Park (35%), and Wendell Holmes Park (30%) scored very low. The most common complaints involved maintenance, safety, and a lack of bathrooms. Ford Heritage was the most frequently visited park in the system, with 25% of respondents indicating that they visited the park 12 times or more annually. When asked what types of amenities they would like to see in the parks, over 54% indicated they would like improved restrooms.

**Top five park amenities requested by respondents:**

- 1. Multi-use walking trail (e.g. 10’-wide asphalt) ..... 67%
- 2. Rustic walking paths (e.g. crushed limestone)..... 57%
- 3. Improved restrooms..... 54%
- 4. Fitness/exercise trails ..... 36%
- 5. Nature center ..... 35%

**Park & recreation facility ranking in terms of overall satisfaction:**

- 1. Ford Heritage Park.... 82%
- 2. Green Oaks GC..... 79%
- 3. North Bay Park ..... 74%
- 4. Huron River Park ..... 69%
- 5. Burns Park..... 68%
- 6. Nancy Park ..... 68%
- 7. Ford Lake Park..... 68%
- 8. Bud & Blossom ..... 65%
- 9. Loonfeather Point..... 63%
- 10. Lakeview Park ..... 63%
- 11. Hewen’s Creek Park .. 61%
- 12. Comm. Center Park .. 57%
- 13. Clubview Park ..... 55%
- 14. Comm. Center..... 53%
- 15. N & S Hydro Parks ..... 53%
- 16. Big Island Park..... 53%
- 17. Lakeside (east) ..... 50%
- 18. Grove Rd Overlook... 49%
- 19. Fairway Hills Park ..... 46%
- 20. Watertower Park ..... 46%
- 21. Sugarbrook Park ..... 45%
- 22. Lakeside (west) ..... 44%
- 23. West Willow Park..... 42%
- 24. Appleridge Park ..... 41%
- 25. Tot Lot Park ..... 41%
- 26. Pines Park ..... 36%
- 27. Harris Park ..... 36%
- 28. Rambling Road ..... 35%
- 29. Wendell Holmes ..... 30%



## Non-Motorized Transportation

Over 83% of respondents indicated that they participated in walking or trail sports, with 43% indicating that they walk, hike, or run more than three times per week. Another 66% indicated that they bicycle for exercise or recreation at least once or twice per month. 67% noted they would like to see more multi-use (10-foot wide paved) pathways, while another 57% were interested in seeing rustic (compacted limestone) trails in natural areas. Over 82% stated they would like to see the trail system expanded in the Township. Respondents were primarily interested in seeing a loop completed around Ford Lake. The most frequently mentioned routes were South Huron/Whittaker Road from I-94 to Bemis and South Huron River Drive from Whittaker to Textile. A route along Stony Creek Road to Rolling Hills County Park was also suggested. The most frequently suggested item, however, was improving the connection across I-94 into Ypsilanti. MDOT, WATS, and Washtenaw County Road Commission are familiar with the problem and are actively looking into methods of addressing the problem.

Relatively few respondents took advantage of the Huron River Water Trail. 64% indicated that they rarely or never kayaked or canoed. It is difficult to ascertain from the survey if this is due to a lack of information, a lack of access, or some combination of the two. Several written comments suggested a desire to improve lake access and visibility.

### Most frequently mentioned trail routes:

- |                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Huron River Drive | 6. Border to Border (expand/connect) |
| 2. Textile           | 7. To library                        |
| 3. Whittaker         | 8. Connect to City of Ypsilanti      |
| 4. Over/around I-94  | 9. To parks                          |
| 5. To Ford Lake      |                                      |

**"Maybe some group kayak/canoeing events/activities a few times a year on Ford Lake, Huron River and Belleville Lake. These are wonderful resources that we have."**

*- Survey Respondent*

**"Need to do something about connecting bike route around I-94 - connect Ford Lake with a trail around Eastern Michigan not on the street."**

*- Survey Respondent*

**"As a member of the 'over 55' age group, I would like to enjoy some of the programs offered by the senior center. However, most of those programs take place during the normal workday hours - I am still actively employed. It would be nice to see some of those classes offered during the evening time.."**

*- Survey Respondent*

**"You have a treasure in the art instructor Tina Hotchkiss; keep her going!"**

*- Survey Respondent*

## Programming

Only 21% of respondents indicated that they felt programming was very important, and 72% of respondents did not take advantage of recreation programming in the Township. When asked about variety, quality, and cost of programs, the majority in each instance was, "Don't know". This lack of awareness suggests that Ypsilanti Township residents are not being adequately informed regarding available programming. Additional outreach and marketing efforts could bring up participation levels. When the "don't know" category is removed, most respondents were satisfied with Ypsilanti Township programming. Respondents marked "good" or "excellent" for the variety of programs (58%), quality (70%), and cost (78%).

No particular area of programming stood out as being highly desirable. Summer camps received the least interest, with only 25% of respondents marking the category "important" or "very important". Adult programs and nature education (37%) and concerts and shows (34%) were the most desired program offerings. Individual comments noted a lack of teen-oriented programming, a lack of awareness regarding programming, and issues with the timing of program offering.

### Programming options described as "Important" or "Very Important":

- |                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Special events & festivals .....   | 46% |
| 2. Adult sports & fitness .....       | 43% |
| 3. Senior (50+) programs & trips..... | 43% |
| 4. Skills workshops.....              | 43% |
| 5. Summer camps .....                 | 25% |

### Top five programs requested by respondents:

- |                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Adult programs .....             | 37% |
| 2. Nature education.....            | 37% |
| 3. Concerts & shows .....           | 34% |
| 4. Programs for 50 and better ..... | 31% |
| 5. Exercise & fitness.....          | 31% |

**"I had no idea there  
were so many options,  
I will look into Ypsi Twp  
parks more often!"**

*- Survey Respondent*

## **Frequently Mentioned Items**

A few amenities were mentioned multiple times in open-ended comments. Open-ended comments can create a false sense of the desirability of a particular project. These particular projects, however, are very commonly desired by communities and the frequency of the comments suggests that there is a real need for their development in the Township.

### **Dog park**

While only 27% of respondents indicated that they would like to see dog parks developed in the parks, the topic was mentioned at least ten times in the open-ended comments. In discussions at the Open House, determining the appropriate location was considered a challenge. Utilizing other Township-owned properties in high visibility locations was suggested as an alternative versus placing one in existing park space.

### **Splash pad**

Splash pads, pools, and access to water was frequently mentioned as well. Respondents utilized the water park at Rolling Hills, but expressed concerns about cost. Survey participants noted a desire for splash pads "like they have in Canton", i.e. smaller, neighborhood park-scale pads with free access.

### **Community Center/Gym**

While respondents appreciated the existing Community Center, it was clear that the facility does not meet the Township's needs. Many respondents specifically noted a need for a workout space/gym and swimming facilities. The current building is effectively land locked by the surrounding golf course, so expansion at that location is not an option. Re-purposing existing school buildings was mentioned as an alternative, as was partnering with recreation providers such as the YMCA to build a new facility somewhere in the Township.



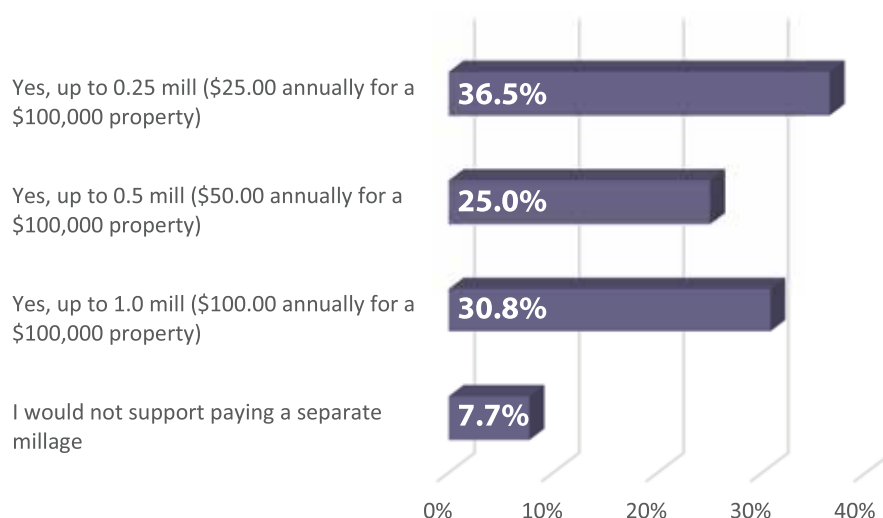
**"I'm surprised at how little I know about the parks that are not located on the lake or river. Overall - great job on the park system. It's the greatest highlight in Ypsilanti Township."**

*- Survey Respondent*

## Millageage

Strong park and recreation systems require a steady source of income to ensure adequate funding for park maintenance and development. The survey respondents were overwhelmingly in support of a dedicated millage to fund acquisition, development, and maintenance of recreation facilities in the Township. While the majority (37%) were willing to support up to a 0.25 mill, a large percentage (31%) would support up to 1.0 mills. Only 8% indicated they would not support any form of millage.

FIGURE 23: Response rates to question: "Would you support a dedicated millage that would only be used to fund acquisition, development, and maintenance of recreation facilities?"



## Parks & Recreation Open House

A Parks & Recreation Open House was held at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center on September 10, immediately prior to a regularly scheduled Parks Commission meeting. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting, with representatives from the Parks Commission, Board of Trustees, and Planning Commission on hand as well. Boards covering regional and local non-motorized facilities, programming, and regional and local parks were set up in the main lobby of the Civic Center. Participants were invited to write down their comments on sticky notes and affix them to the boards. 3x5 cards were also available, as were hard copy versions of the online survey. A copy of the notes is included in Appendix F.

The comments received at the Open House very closely resembled those submitted to the online survey. Pedestrians and cyclists expressed the same concerns about trail facilities, and suggested similar routes for development. The crossing over I-94 at South Huron Road was a primary concern.

Like the online survey, dog parks, improved/expanded bathroom facilities, and splash pads were top priorities for participants. Access to Ford Lake and the Huron River received somewhat higher attention at the Open House versus the survey; participants noted a desire for boat rental facilities (e.g. a canoe livery), but also mentioned park-sponsored boat trips on the lake and a possible boat slip or marina at Ford Lake Park.

At least one individual expressed a desire to have neighborhood-level design charrettes for some of the smaller parks. The charrette would provide residents a chance to give direct input on which amenities would be placed in the park, and come up with creative financing solutions to fund the park development.





## Ypsilanti 2040 Design Charrette

A design charrette in support of the Ypsilanti 2040 Comprehensive Plan was held at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center from October 16 through 19, 2018. The charrette involved community stakeholders, governmental representatives, and surrounding community groups to compile a thorough overview of community interests. Discussions regarding non-motorized planning in particular proved to be extremely valuable.

The participants in the charrette greatly valued their parks and view them as critical open spaces. There was a definite desire to see improved access to Ford Lake, with suggestions ranging from creating lakeside restaurant spaces to providing boat tours with stops at all of the lakeside parks. Improving lakeside viewsheds was suggested as a way to raise property values and develop the character of the community. This concept was echoed in the online survey.

A round-table discussion with representatives from WATS, MDOT, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation (WCPR), and Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) revealed that feasibility studies are under way regarding the I-94 overpass at South Huron. The study is looking at alternative traffic alignments leading in to the City as well as implementing non-motorized facilities on the bridge over I-94. Once the study is complete, the various entities will work with the Township, City, and regional authorities to address funding and implementation issues related to the project. All told, residents may see work completed on the project by as early as 2022.

The group also discussed alternative trail alignments along Hitchingham and Stony Creek Roads. It was determined that existing trail facilities along Hitchingham could be connected fairly easily to make a contiguous off-road trail. A multi-use path could then be extended through Hewen's Creek Park and connect to Rolling Hills County Park, requiring minimal easements through private properties. While a route along Stony Creek would be desirable, it would require significantly more access through private property, and involves more terrain challenges than the Hitchingham route.

Some participants also expressed concerns about growth rates and development patterns on the south side of the Township. The potential loss of agricultural properties was viewed as a negative, with residents citing increased congestion on area roads and a lack of any viable shopping areas. While development of park properties was not mentioned, preservation of farm properties and potential partnerships with environmental advocacy or historic preservation groups was discussed. Whether the Township continues with the existing subdivision model or chooses to preserve historic agricultural properties, residents agreed that adding non-motorized infrastructure along major roadways would help to ease traffic congestion and provide safe routes for residents to travel by foot or bicycle.



## Public Review And Public Hearing

After the Parks and Recreation Commission members considered the input received and reviewed the recreation trends, deficiencies, and other background information, they established the goals, objectives, and an action program for the implementation of this plan. A draft plan was then prepared which was made available for public review beginning on November 29, 2018. Copies were available for review at the Township Hall, the Ypsilanti District Library, the Ypsilanti Township Community Center, on the Township's website, and on the Township's specially designated Master Planning website. The plan's availability for public review was posted at the aforementioned locations and in the Washtenaw Legal News.

Following the 30-day public review, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the plan and recommended adoption of the plan by the Township Board of Trustees. The public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing held on January 15, 2019. Finally, the plan was officially adopted by the Township Board of Trustees at a special meeting held on January 29, 2019.

# Goals & Objectives



# Goals & Objectives



The following goals and objectives are formulated to be broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public, Township officials, staff, and the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources. They also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources, and recreation trends.

Ypsilanti Township developed a mission statement, general goals, policies and objectives as part of its 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. These statements were reviewed and refined as needed as part of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. Ypsilanti Township formulated the goals and policies based upon the characteristics of the overall community and the input received from staff, officials, and the community.

## Ypsilanti Charter Township Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

The purpose of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation system is to ensure that a wide array of recreational opportunities, both passive and active, will be available to people with and without disabilities in the most integrated setting, and for people of all age groups, interests and abilities of the community, while protecting and conserving the integrity of our natural and historic resources.

### General Overall Goals in Support of the Mission Statement

- Goal A: Enhance the current park and recreation system with improved access, safety and mobility between the existing and planned recreation sites throughout the community.
- Goal B: Maintain and improve the current system while incorporating a broader array of recreational opportunities.
- Goal C: Ensure the conservation of highly sensitive woodland, wetland and wildlife habitats within the Township.

### Policies in Support of these Goals

- I. Enhance the current Park system with improved access, safety and mobility within existing and planned recreation sites.
  - a) Adhere to and exceed established ADA guide lines and standards.
  - b) Pursue increased cooperation and support to complete the non-motorized pathway system.



- c) Coordinate with appropriate roadway jurisdictions, school districts and neighboring municipalities regarding the access to, and safety of, pathway crossings, park entrances and recreation facilities.
- d) Link parks, schools and other public destinations within the system of pathways.
- e) Institute a cohesive and comprehensive wayfinding and interpretive signage program for all parks and trails.

## II. Maintain and Improve the Park System.

- a) Provide park and recreation facilities that meet the needs of current and future residents as well as meet the needs of all age groups and all abilities.
- b) Seek a balanced approach towards developing active and passive, indoor and outdoor recreational options within the community.
- c) Develop a long range plan of improvements that addresses the issue of aging parks and park infrastructure and needed staffing levels.
- d) Actively pursue cooperation and coordination of all existing and planned recreation facilities currently being operated by local school districts, nonprofit organizations and institutions which may include other municipal governments, schools and Washtenaw County.
- e) Explore and evaluate opportunities to increase access to Ford Lake through programming or infrastructure improvements.
- f) Inform and encourage the active participation of the adjoining neighborhoods and businesses in the development, operation, and support of new parks and programs in their area.
- g) Seek partnerships with schools and other organizations to share facilities and services to reduce costs and improve the overall quality of operation.
- h) Improve and expand promotion and education programs to better inform Township residents about existing programs and facilities.
- i) Explore the potential to add winter uses to existing parks such as outdoor ice skating rinks, sledding hills, cross country ski trails, etc.
- j) Explore the potential to add features/facilities in the parks such as fitness stations, adult play equipment, etc.

- III. Preserve significant natural features located in the Township, and integrate natural feature preservation into land use and recreation decisions.
  - a) Preserve steep slopes through the adoption of a steep slope ordinance.
  - b) Restore degraded steep slope areas, particularly along the Huron River and Ford Lake.
  - c) Work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to meet the recreational goals of their management plan for Ford Lake.
  - d) Preserve wetlands, watercourses, and woodlands as development occurs.

### **Objectives in Support of the Goals**

- I. Continue ongoing preparation and planning for parks and recreation facility improvements/expansion.
  - a) Prepare conceptual site plans and preliminary cost estimates for the development and/or renovation of all Township community parks and facilities, including maintenance and operational costs and expenses.
  - b) Identify and prepare park projects for annual updates of the Capital Improvement Plan including removal of deteriorated park amenities.
  - c) Continue to explore alternative funding options for park facility operations and maintenance.
  - d) Adhere to the review process required by the Township to ensure the development of high quality parks and recreation facilities.
  - e) Adhere to the Capital Improvement planning process to ensure that projects are appropriately evaluated based on fiscal, environmental and physical impacts to all citizens and the Township.

- II. Improve cooperation and collaboration among regional recreation providers.
  - a) Promote and implement recreational programming at park facilities in partnership with encompassing school districts, charter schools, and other similarly structured organizations.
  - b) Explore partnerships, joint ventures, and alliances with neighboring public and private groups to provide greater recreational services.
  - c) Coordinate with school officials to improve scheduling and access to recreational areas and facilities.
  - d) Improve coordination and cooperation with other communities, the County, region and State to expand the availability of recreation options for Ypsilanti Township residents.
  - e) Coordinate with agencies involved in open space preservation and land conservancy.
  - f) Coordinate the planning process and share information with surrounding communities, Washtenaw County, WATS, SEMCOG, and the State of Michigan in projecting future recreation needs of residents.
  - g) Engage in joint programming for recreational activities whenever possible.
- III. Foster increased community involvement in park planning and operation.
  - a) Encourage citizens to participate in volunteer programs at recreational facilities.
  - b) Provide for regular citizen input and participation in recreation planning and decision-making.
  - c) Inform and encourage the participation of surrounding neighbors and the homeowners associations in the planning and development of new parks in their areas.
  - d) Hold neighborhood-specific design charrettes for underdeveloped parks to receive specific, concrete solutions for park development.



- IV. Work with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, MDOT, Washtenaw County Roads Commission, and other relevant departments to expand and improve non-motorized trail facilities in the Township.
  - a) Provide surface improvements along the south side of South Grove to ensure that the Border-to-Border Trail conforms with standards for a 10-foot multi-use trail.
  - b) Provide non-motorized connection to the City of Ypsilanti via the South Huron Road bridge, connecting to existing facilities on South Huron.
  - c) Finalize connections to Van Buren Township through North Hydro Park to Rawsonville Road.
  - d) Evaluate potential routes along Huron River Drive, Whittaker, Textile, and to existing park and municipal facilities.
  - e) Provide additional amenities, such as interpretive signage, rest stations, water fountains, or trail heads.
  - f) Evaluate options for additional linkages to the Border-to-Border Trail.
- V. Provide better and more suitable access to Ford Lake and the Huron River.
  - a) Evaluate opportunities for addition of a canoe/kayak livery
- VI. Maintain reasonable user fees and charges to help support park facilities. Evaluate adjustments to the fees if needed to help cover operations and maintenance costs.
- VII. Explore additional teen and/or senior oriented facilities.

# Action Program



# ACTION PROGRAM



The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific actions, as well as a schedule with suggested tasks to be accomplished and strategies for implementation. This list is not a fixed element and is neither all-inclusive nor exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from the various methods of community input, Township staff, Steering Committee and Park Commission members, and the Township Board. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The following actions are recommended for accomplishment during the five-year planning period addressed by this plan.

## ACTION PLAN – PARK SPECIFIC

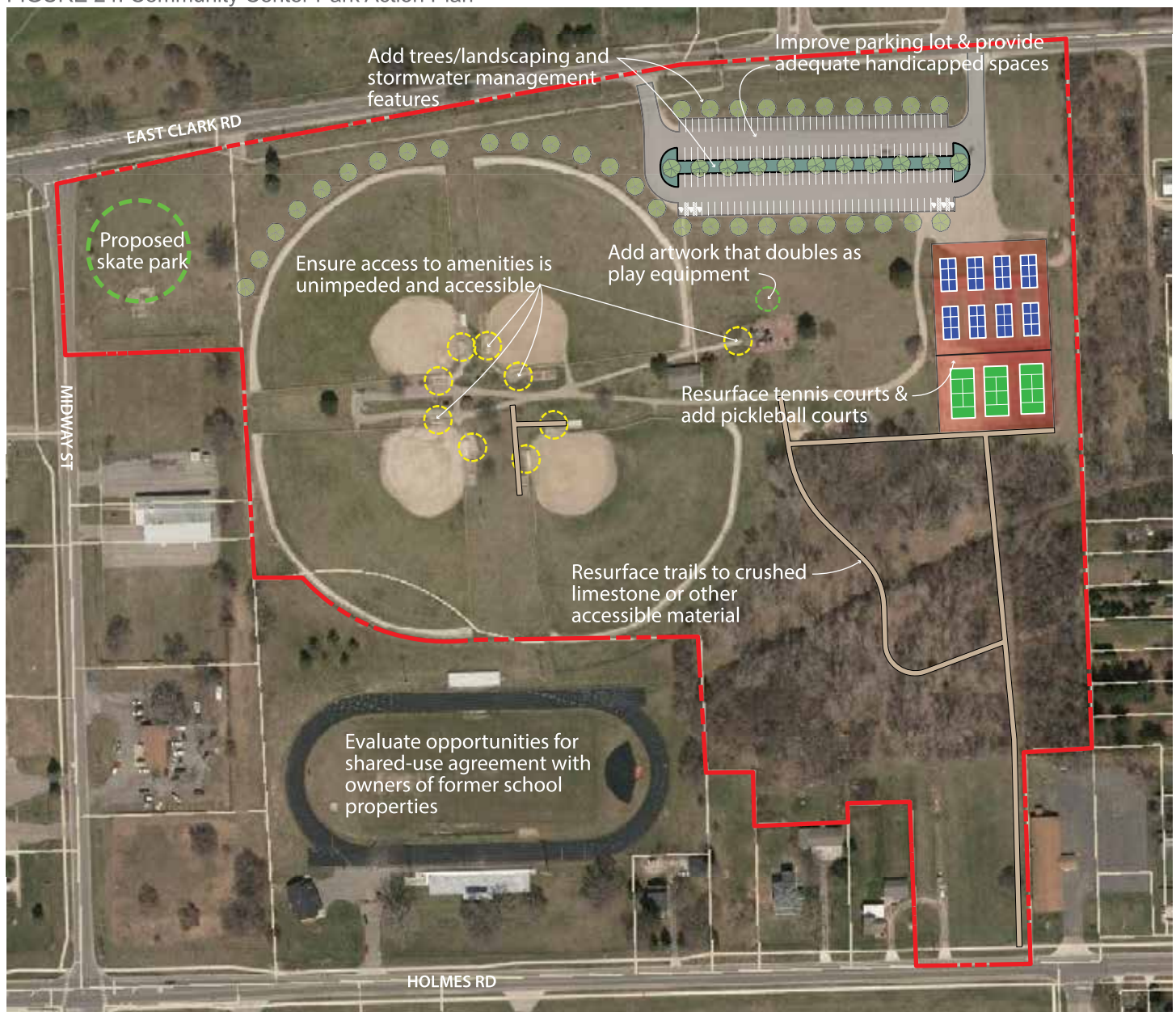
### Community Parks

- For all community parks:
- Evaluate construction of permanent bathroom facilities
  - o Where permanent facilities are not feasible, provide portable toilets on a seasonal basis
  - o Prepare community education program to inform residents of the barriers to implementing permanent toilets in all facilities, including issues with cost, vandalism, and ongoing maintenance
- Ensure that all facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility
  - o Accessible routes to playground equipment, sports facilities, picnic facilities, and other amenities must be provided
  - o Adequate numbers of handicapped parking spaces with signage must be provided.
- Develop winter maintenance and staffing schedule to allow parks to stay open throughout the year
- Incorporate or improve educational and wayfinding signage
- Evaluate opportunities to utilize parks for outdoor programming such as yoga, movie nights, nature education, and similar functions
- Add additional landscaping and/or trees where appropriate
- Add stormwater management features where appropriate

## Community Center Park

- Ensure facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility
  - o Ensure that there are adequate numbers of handicapped parking spaces (6 required for 151-200 total spaces) and install concrete parking pads or upgrade gravel surface to asphalt or permeable pavers
  - o Upgrade dugouts to meet ADA requirements for entrance width and seating
- Upgrade wooded area paths to crushed limestone or EWF surfacing and provide wayfinding
- Pursue opportunities to install art installations that provide recreational functions
- Resurface tennis courts and convert/add pickleball courts
- Evaluate opportunities for shared-use agreement with owners of former school properties
- Pursue skate park development with assistance from the Tony Hawk Foundation

FIGURE 24: Community Center Park Action Plan



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### **Ford Heritage Park**

- Repair poured-in-place surfacing under playground equipment
- Consider addition of small splash pad

### **Ford Lake Park**

- Ensure facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility
  - o Ensure adequate numbers of handicapped parking spaces (8 required for 301-400 total spaces)
  - o Ensure accessible routes are provided to all park amenities
  - o Ensure that safety surfacing is ADA compliant
  - o Upgrade gravel parking area to paved lot
- Evaluate opportunities for boat slips and/or marina
- Evaluate opportunities for boat tour or shuttle service between Lakeside, North Bay, Big Island, Huron River, and Ford Lake Parks
- Consider construction of a canoe/kayak livery

### **Harris Park**

- Ensure facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility
  - o Ensure that there are adequate numbers of handicapped parking spaces (2 required for 26-50 total spaces) and install concrete parking pads or upgrade gravel surface to asphalt or permeable pavers
  - o Upgrade dugouts to meet ADA requirements for entrance width and seating
  - o Provide accessible routes to playground equipment, sports fields, and bathrooms
- Upgrade concession building, bathroom, and picnic shelter
- Create barrier in northeast corner using berms and/or plants to discourage cut-throughs along railroad tracks
- Evaluate conversion of one field into a Miracle League Field

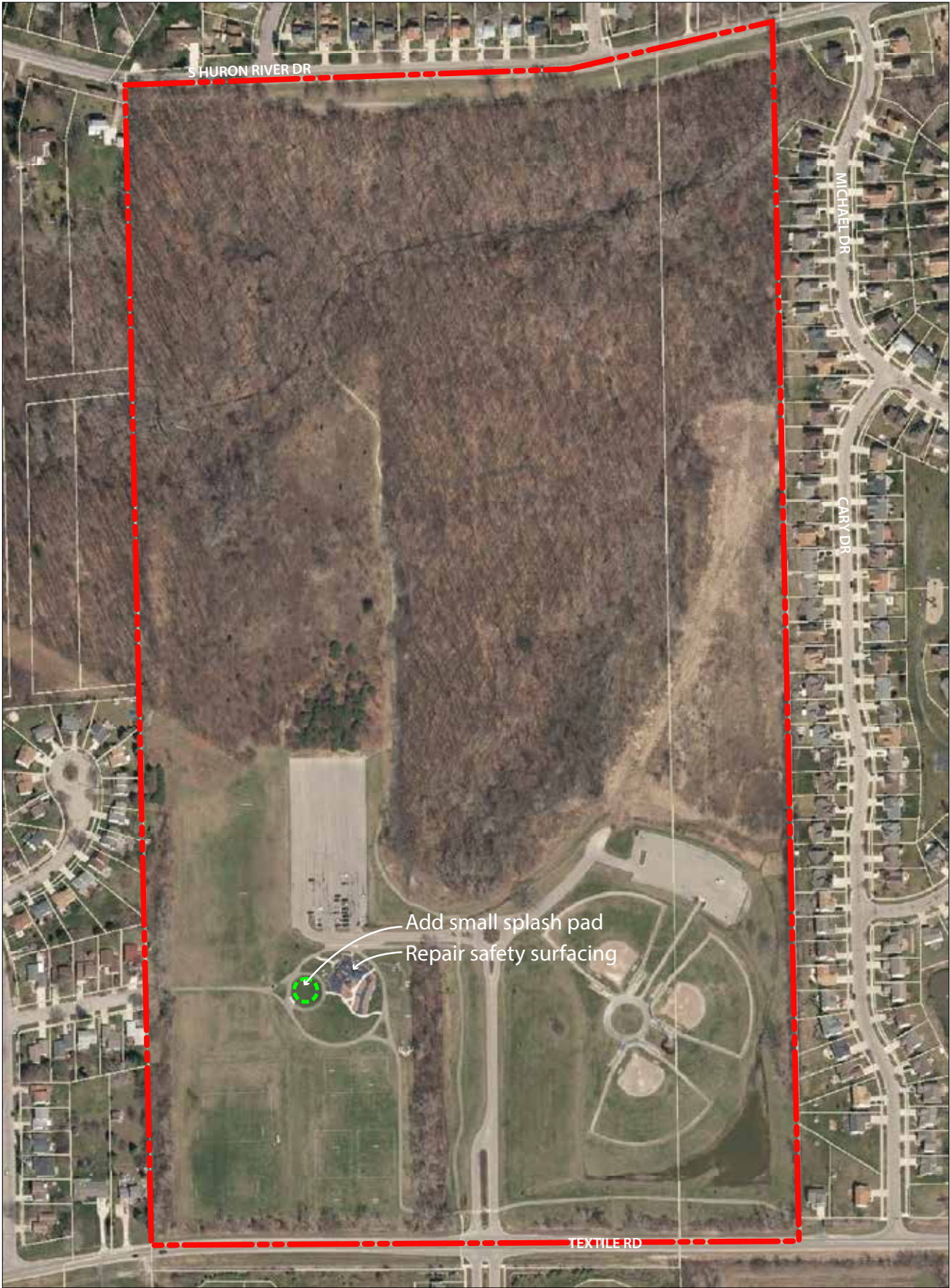
### **Loonfeather Point Park**

- Upgrade picnic shelters
- Upgrade bathroom facilities
- Upgrade walkways to meet ADA standards for accessibility
- Evaluate opportunities for boat tour or shuttle service between Lakeside, North Bay, Big Island, Huron River, and Ford Lake Parks

### **North Bay Park**

- Reconfigure path from playgrounds to lakeside to meet ADA standards
- Upgrade bathroom facilities
- Evaluate maintenance options for boardwalk including possible board replacement with Trex or similar material
- Evaluate possible path and/or boardwalk expansion along Ford Lake to connect with Huron River Park
- Evaluate opportunities for boat tour or shuttle service between Lakeside, North Bay, Big Island, Huron River, and Ford Lake Parks

FIGURE 25: Ford Heritage Park Action Plan



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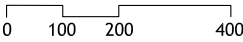




FIGURE 26: Ford Lake Park Action Plan



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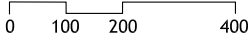
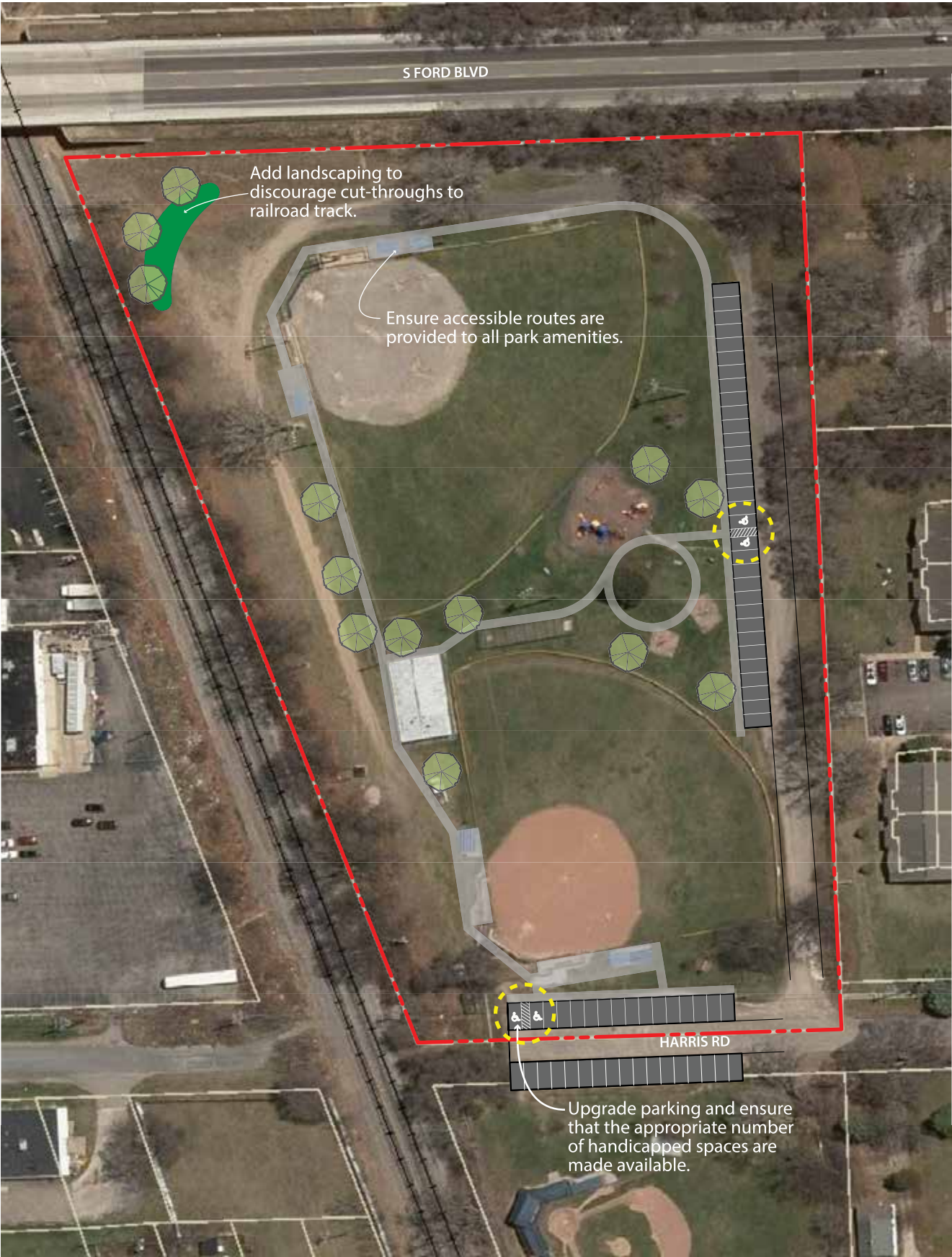




FIGURE 27: Harris Park Action Plan



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FIGURE 28: Loonfeather Point Park Action Plan



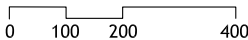
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FIGURE 29: North Bay Park Action Plan



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### **North Hydro Park**

- Add playground equipment
- Consider addition of canoe/kayak livery
- Improve portage connection across Bridge Road with crosswalk and safety lighting
- Evaluate bridge or boardwalk connection to South Hydro Park
- Evaluate options for amphitheater or stage development
- Partner with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation to finalize Border-to-Border Trail alignment across eastern side of property with connection to Rawsonville Road

### **South Hydro Park**

- Remove “Canoe Portage” sign from western park entrance
- Evaluate options for providing access from Textile Road and continuation of access road to river edge with small parking lot
- Evaluate options for connecting to North Hydro Park via boardwalk or pedestrian bridge
- Evaluate possible acquisition and development of parcel immediately south of property
- Evaluate options for amphitheater or stage



FIGURE 30: North & South Hydro Park Action Plan



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## **Neighborhood Parks**

For all neighborhood parks:

- Work closely with neighborhood groups to gather input for designing and programming park facilities
- Evaluate addition of seasonal portable bathroom facilities
  - Prepare community education program to inform residents of the barriers to implementing permanent toilets in all facilities, including issues with cost, vandalism, and ongoing maintenance
- Ensure that all facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility
  - Accessible routes to playground equipment, sports facilities, picnic facilities, and other amenities must be provided
  - Where parking is provided, adequate numbers of handicapped spaces with signage must be available
- Incorporate or improve educational and wayfinding signage
- Evaluate parks opportunities to utilize parks for outdoor programming such as yoga, movie nights, nature education, and similar functions
- Add additional landscaping and/or trees where appropriate
- Add stormwater management features where appropriate

## **Appleridge Park**

- Update play equipment and surfacing
- Provide accessible routes to basketball courts and remove obstruction to playground equipment
- Consider creation of pathways through wooded area with connection to Bud and Blossom Park

## **Bud and Blossom Park**

- Create accessible paths from sidewalk to playground equipment, benches, and picnic facilities
- Consider creation of pathways through wooded area with connection to Appleridge Park



FIGURE 31: Appleridge and Bud & Blossom Park Action Plan



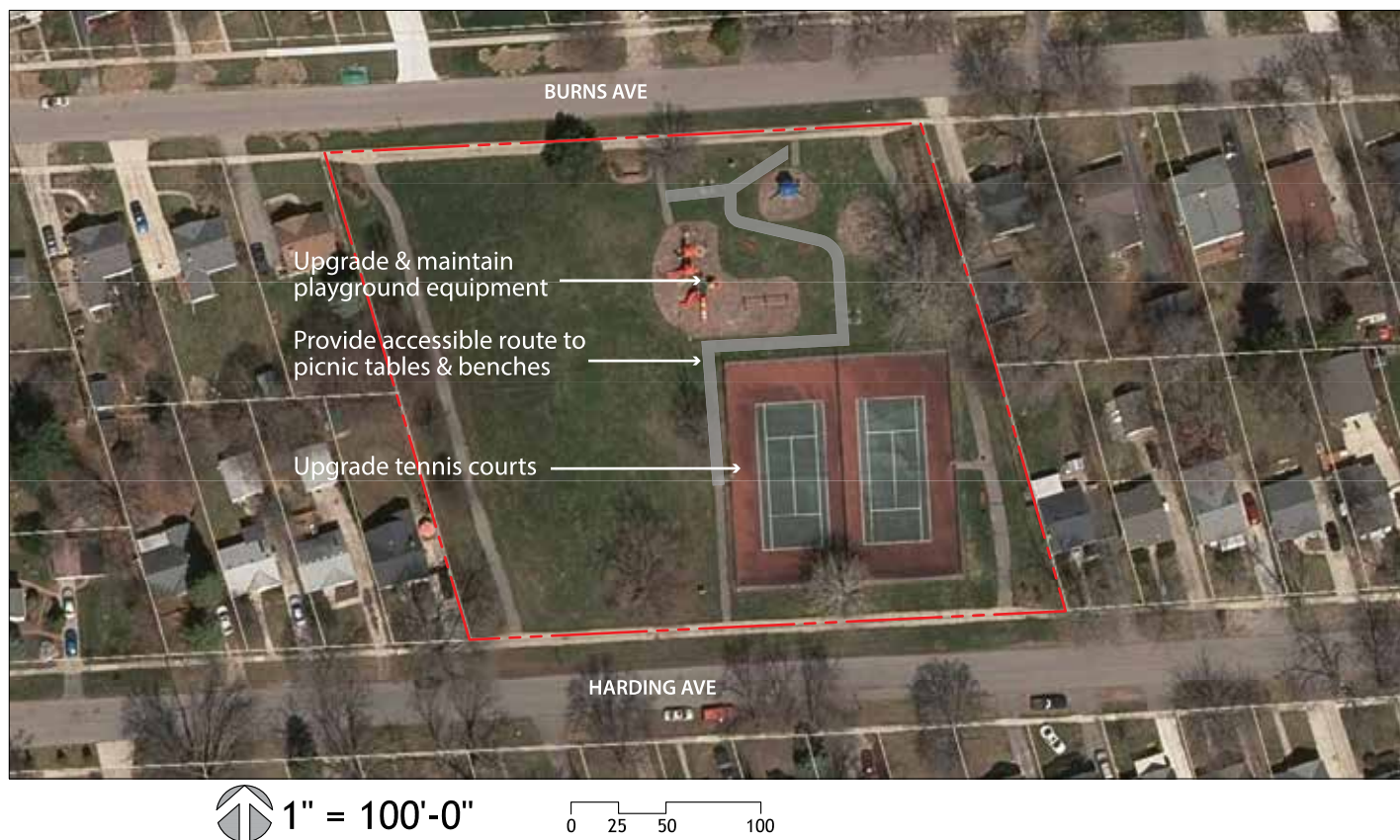
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## Burns Park

- Provide accessible routes to benches and picnic tables
- Upgrade tennis courts
- Upgrade & maintain playground equipment

FIGURE 32: Burns Park Action Plan



## Lakeside Park

- Upgrade western picnic shelter and bathrooms
- Upgrade parking lot and ensure adequate handicapped parking spaces are included (1 required)
- Upgrade play equipment and surfacing
- Improve connections between east and west side of park
- Evaluate opportunities for boat tour or shuttle service between Lakeside, North Bay, Big Island, Huron River, and Ford Lake Parks
- Evaluate options for lakeside amphitheater-style seating for race events

FIGURE 33: Lakeside Park Action Plan



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### **Clubview Park**

- Regrade and resurface pathway
- Provide accessible routes to playground equipment and pavilion
- Add exercise equipment along path
- Resurface or remove tennis courts
- Evaluate construction of small parking area near north park entrance
- Evaluate feasibility of adding community gardens
- Evaluate opportunities for incorporating stormwater management features into park, such as rain gardens or constructed wetlands

### **Fairway Hills Park**

- Reconfigure pathway to be ADA compliant
- Add second path from Colony Way
- Evaluate opportunities to convert park to a strategic natural area with stormwater features and additional tree plantings



FIGURE 34: Clubview Park Action Plan



FIGURE 35: Fairway Hills Park Action Plan



### **Lakeview Park**

- Provide accessible routes to playground equipment, benches, and picnic facilities
- Evaluate opportunities for further development in field on eastern edge of park
- Evaluate opportunities for addition of small parking lot

### **Nancy Park**

- Provide accessible route to soccer and baseball fields and regrade/resurface limestone trail



FIGURE 36: Lakeview Park Action Plan

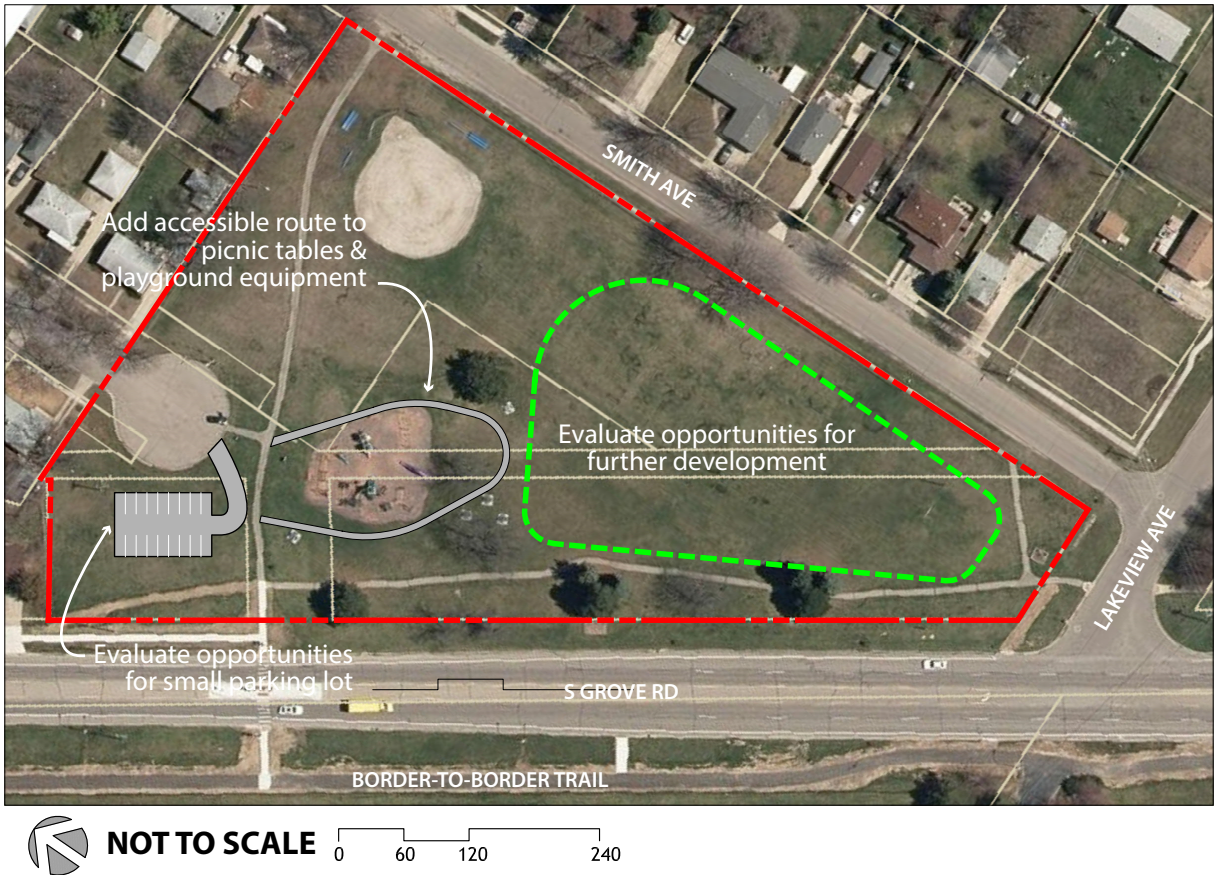


FIGURE 37: Nancy Park Action Plan





## **Rambling Road Park**

- Provide accessible routes to benches and picnic tables
- Add small picnic pavilion
- Remove basketball court
- Create pathway with connection to Rambling Road through Township-owned parcel on south side of park
- Add additional trees and stormwater management features (rain gardens)

## **Sugarbrook Park**

- Work with neighbors to develop a park design which addresses safety concerns while providing high quality recreation opportunities
- Consider divestiture of southern edge of park for housing to provide eyes on the park and help increase safety
- Evaluate options for installing security cameras and lighting
- Move playground equipment to north side of park and adjust basketball court layout
- Add accessible walks and small gazebo
- Add trees and/or landscaping

FIGURE 38: Rambling Road Action Plan

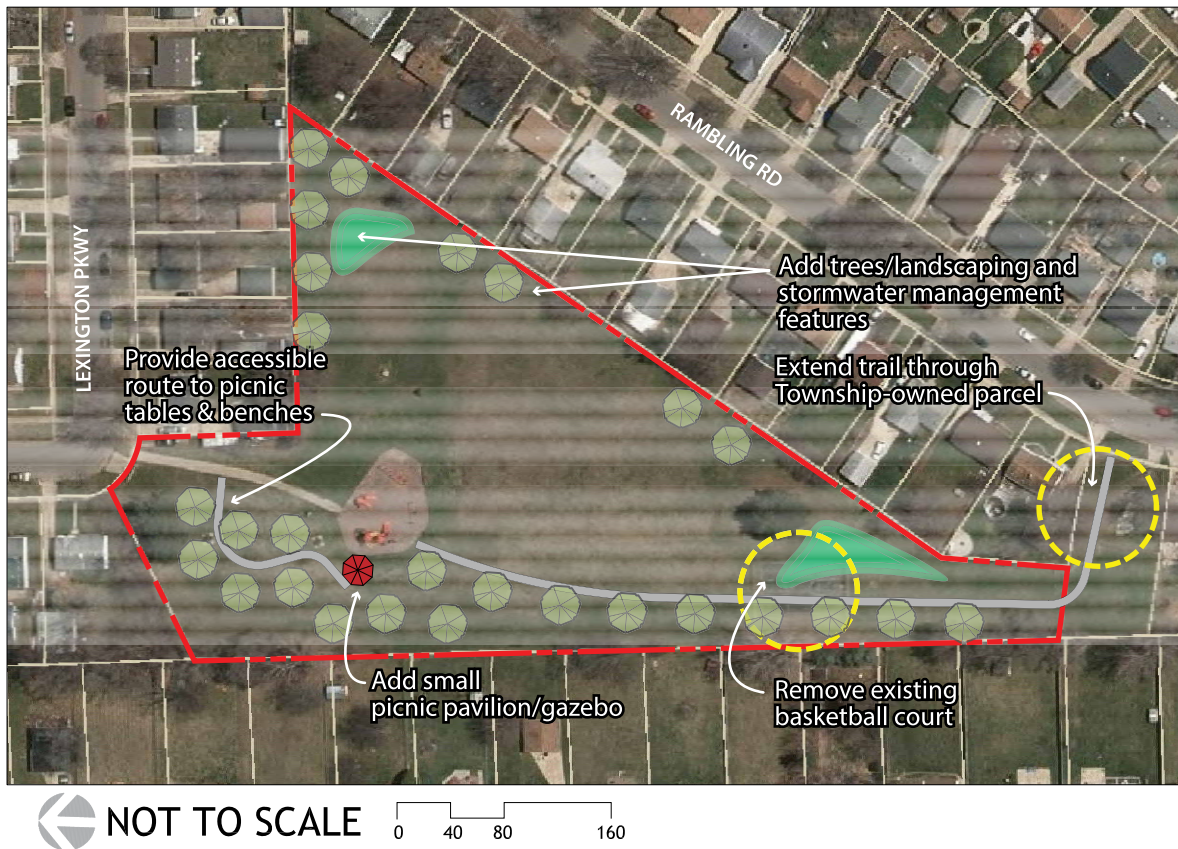
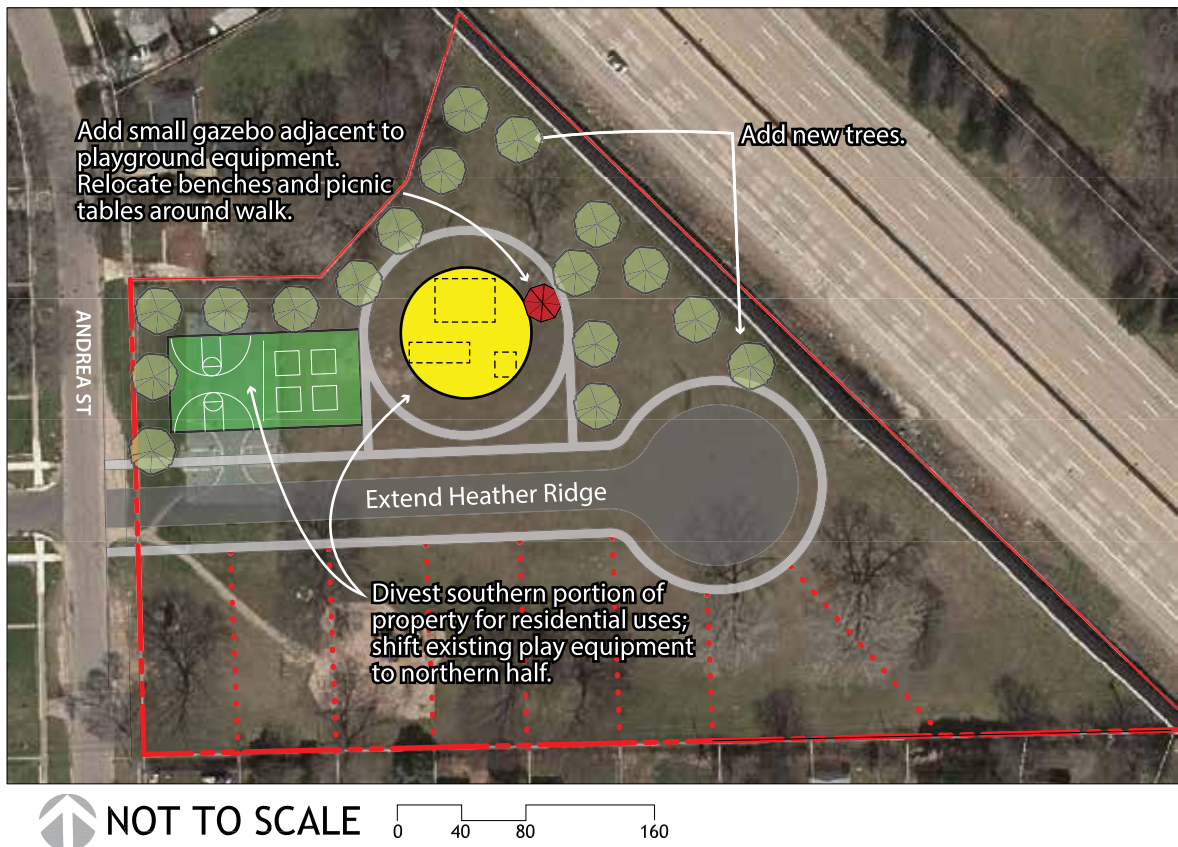


FIGURE 39: Sugarbrook Park Action Plan



## **Wendell Holmes Park**

- Add sidewalk along west edge of park, and accessible routes to park amenities
- Expand and upgrade parking lot with appropriate handicapped access spots
- Add pickleball courts
- Add small picnic pavilion
- Evaluate potential for land swap with Ypsilanti School District

## **West Willow Park**

- Evaluate opportunities to develop shared use space with Whitehead Memorial Church of God, including relocation of the picnic shelter
- Upgrade picnic shelter
- Add parking area at southern park entrance
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Remove abrupt transitions to playground equipment and improve access to ball field



FIGURE 40: Wendell Holmes Park Action Plan

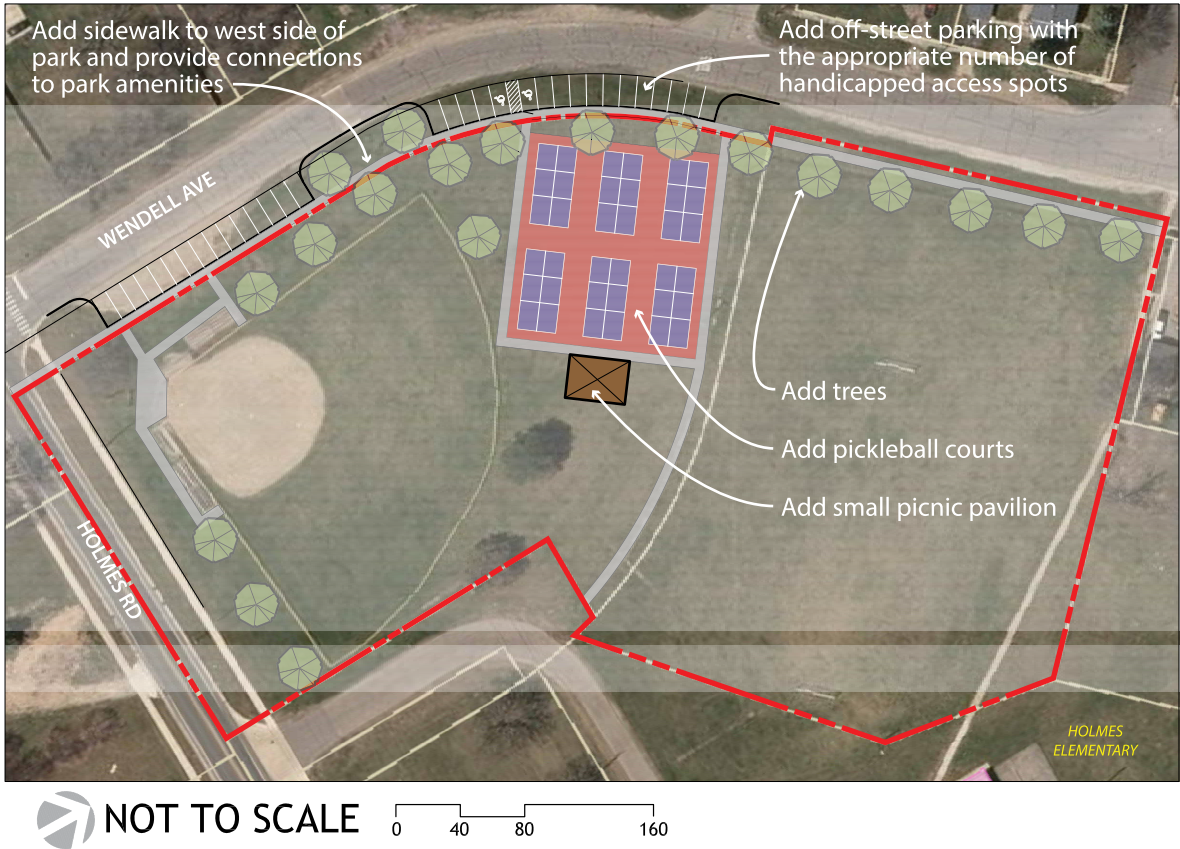


FIGURE 41: West Willow Park Action Plan



## **Mini-Parks**

For all mini-parks:

- Work closely with neighborhood groups to gather input for designing and programming park facilities
- Remove outdated equipment
- Consider creative alternatives for sites such as art installations, rain garden facilities, and gazebos/sitting areas
- Ensure that all facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility

## **Grove Road Overlooks**

- Loonfeather Point Only: Provide accessible route to bench.
- Add bike stand/repair station
- Evaluate addition of public artwork
- Evaluate addition of drinking fountains

## **Pines Park, Tot Lot Park, Watertower Park**

- Remove existing play structures
- Add demonstration rain garden
- Evaluate addition of public art or sitting gazebo

FIGURES 42a & b: Grove Road Overlooks Action Plan



FIGURE 43: Pines Park Action Plan





FIGURE 44: Tot Lot Park Action Plan

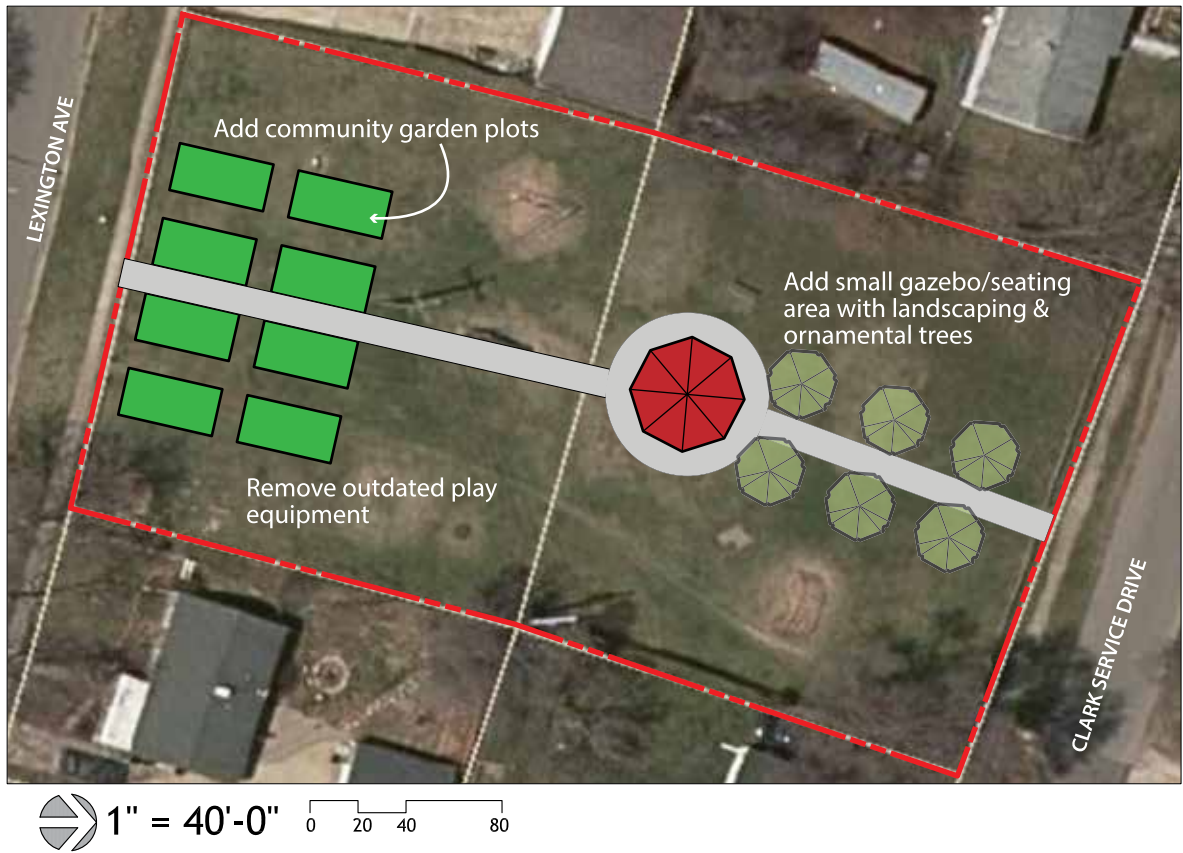
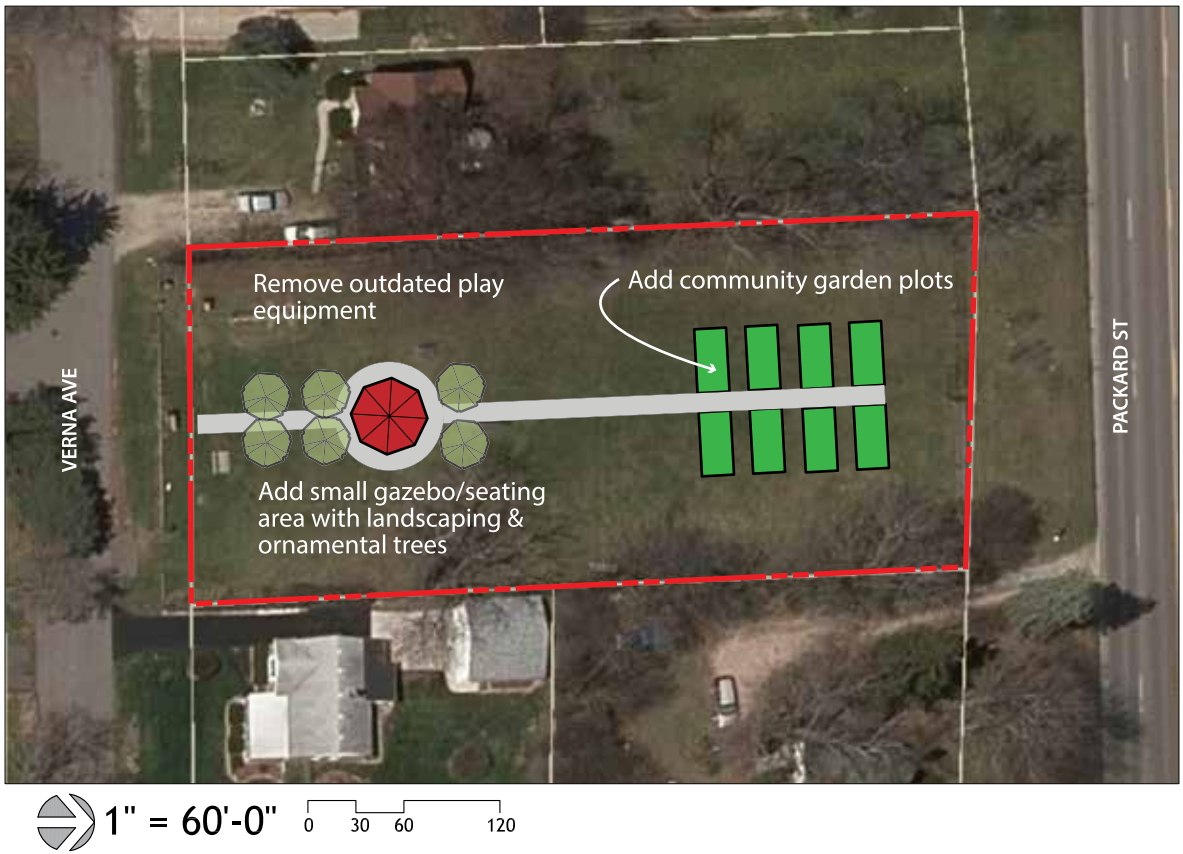


FIGURE 45: Watertower Park Action Plan



## Specialty Parks

For all preserves and specialty parks:

- Ensure that all facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility

### Big Island Park

- Evaluate opportunities for boat tour or shuttle service between Lakeside, North Bay, Big Island, Huron River, and Ford Lake Parks
- Add boat dock
- Partner with UM, EMU, Huron River Watershed Council, or other natural area advocacy groups to implement natural area restoration program

FIGURE 46: Big Island Park Action Plan

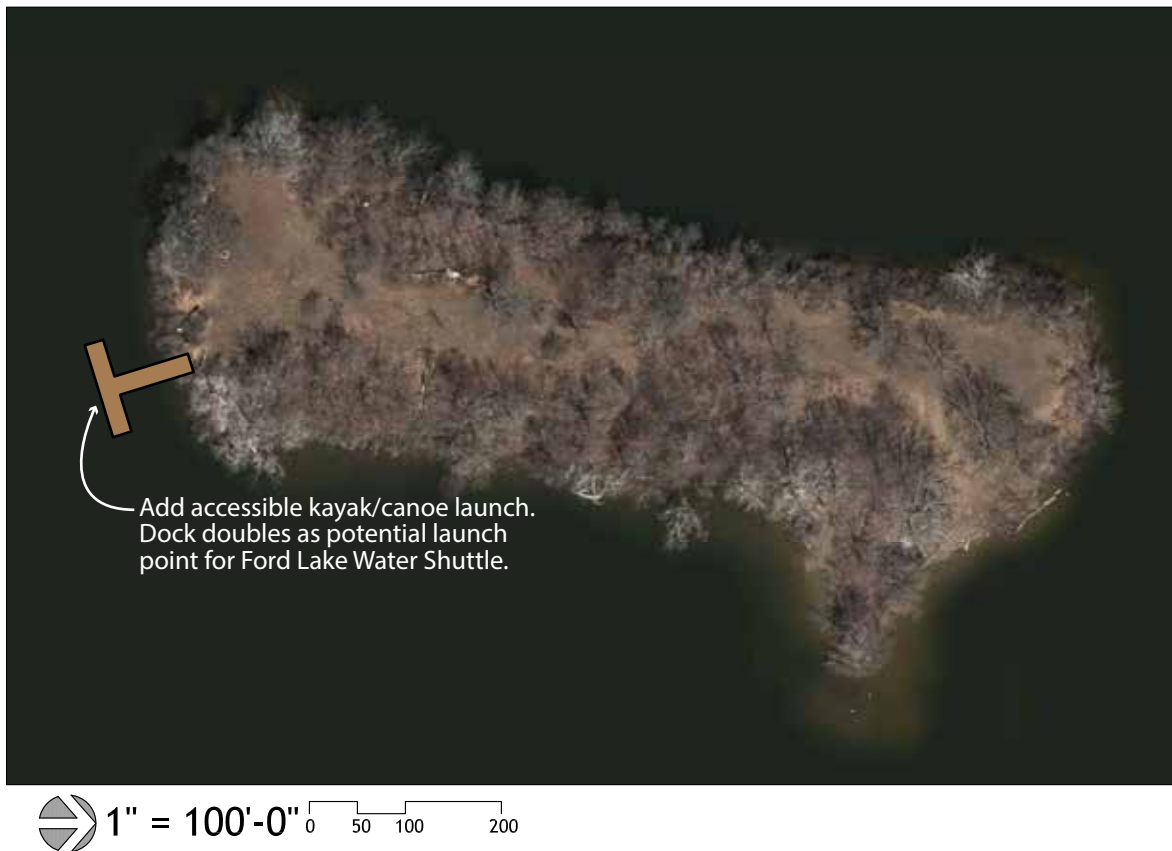
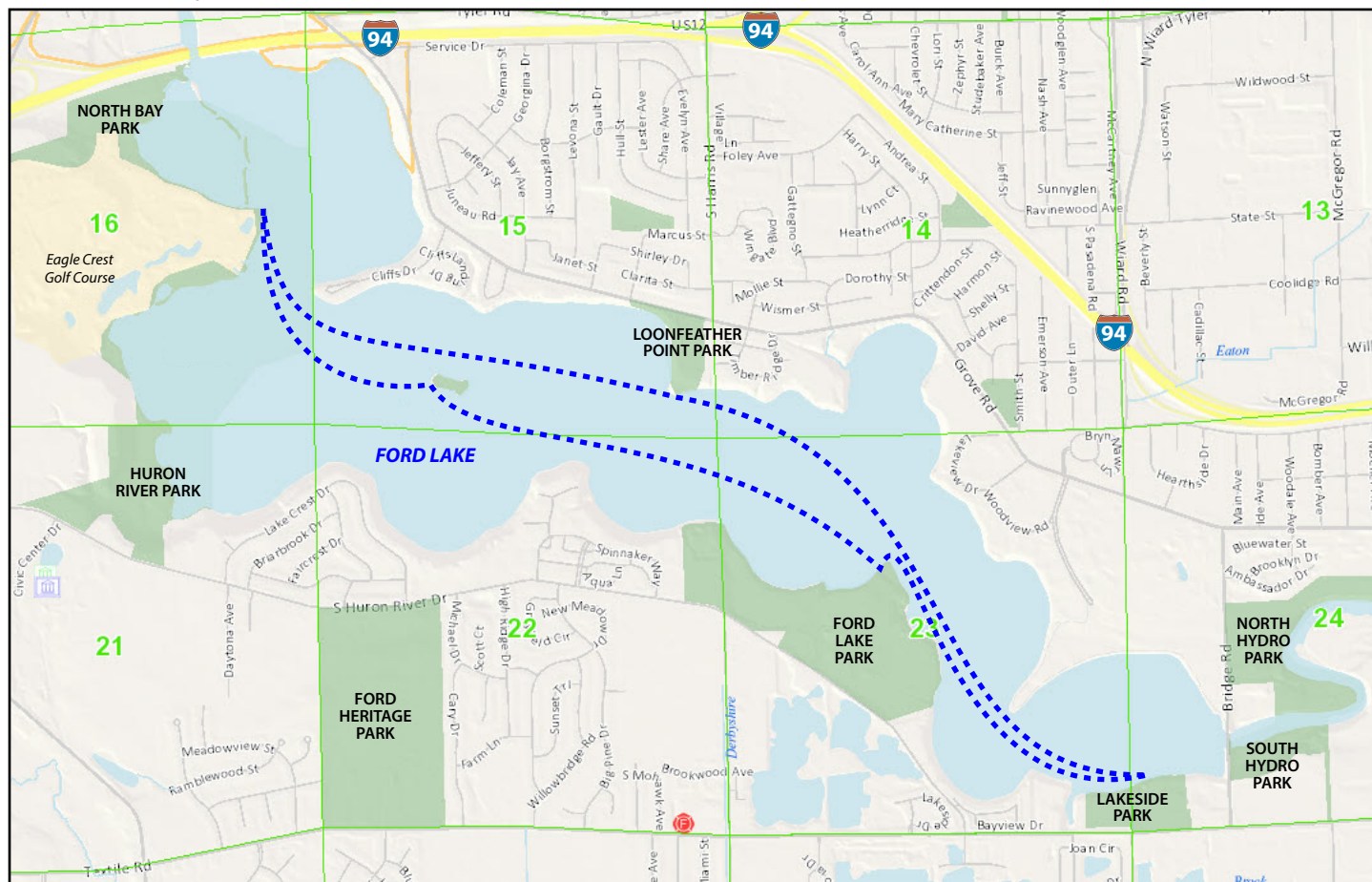


FIGURE 47: Proposed Shuttle Service Route

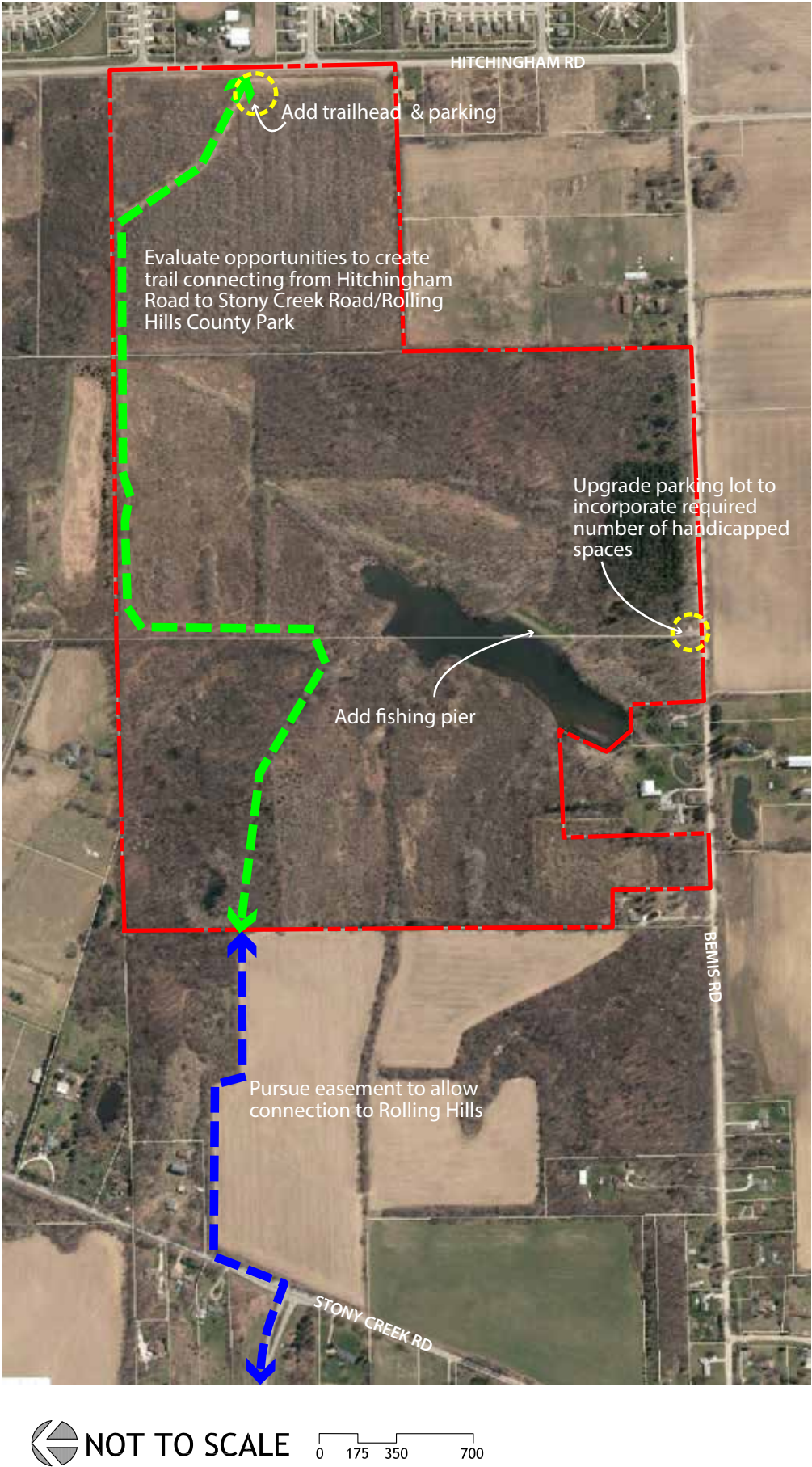


## Hewen's Creek Park

- Ensure facilities meet ADA standards for accessibility
  - o Ensure that there are adequate numbers of handicapped parking spaces (1 required for 1-25 total spaces) and install concrete parking pads or upgrade gravel surface to asphalt or permeable pavers
  - o Upgrade at least 20% of trails to crushed limestone or EWF surface
- Add trailhead and parking off Hitchingham Road
- Add fishing pier
- Add wayfinding signage at trailheads and create mile marker/trail system
- Evaluate opportunities to create trail connecting from Hitchingham Road to Stony Creek Road/Rolling Hills County Park
- Add bike stand/repair station



FIGURE 48: Hewen's Creek Park Action Plan



## Huron River Park

- Add park signage
- Add small road pulloff with parking
- Evaluate options for internal park trail to Ford Lake
- Evaluate opportunities to connect to North Bay Park via paths and/or boardwalk

FIGURE 49: Huron River Park Action Plan



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## **ACTION PLAN – PROJECTS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO SPECIFIC EXISTING FACILITIES**

### **Dog Park**

- Create a Dog Park Subcommittee to evaluate site selection alternatives and prepare design concepts
- Work with Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to evaluate Township-owned properties, including those not currently managed by Parks & Recreation, for suitable sites
- Consider development of a large facility at a community park with adequate parking. If successful, evaluate opportunities for smaller facilities in neighborhood parks, one on the south side and one on the north side of the Township

### **Splash Pad**

- Create a Splash Pad Subcommittee to evaluate site selection alternatives and prepare design concepts
- Consider development of two small facilities, one on the south side and one on the north side of the Township, at a community park with adequate parking.

### **Recreation Center**

- Develop partnership with YMCA to create new recreation center on Township property
- Develop partnership with EMU, UM, and similar institutions to assist with programming and art installation projects throughout Township
- Repurpose existing Community Center as a dedicated Seniors facility

### **Non-motorized Pathways**

- Work with Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to establish priority routes throughout the Township with a focus on connections to park properties, residential nodes, and commercial hubs
- Support the Non-motorized Plan development and provide input on routes suggested as part of the Recreation Planning efforts
- Continue to partner with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation to develop, maintain, and provide connections to the Border-to-Border Trail

### **Marketing**

- Develop quarterly newsletter to be mailed to residents detailing park and programming activities and opportunities
- Continue to use Constant Contact, Facebook, and other forms of social media to reach out to the community
- Update Parks webpage to include detailed park maps and descriptions, links to programming options, and links to regional amenities
- Actively promote recreation opportunities at community events



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Table 11 lists individual projects along with the specific task to be accomplished, the project goal reference, cost estimate, and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned with short-term projects (ST) recommended for completion within one to two years, long-term projects (LT) within five to six years, and mid-term projects (MT) somewhere in between. On-going projects (OG) are projects that are continued.

TABLE 12: Project Schedule

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
<b>COMMUNITY PARKS</b>			
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER PARK</b>			
Parking lot Option A: concrete handicapped parking pads	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	LF	ST
Parking lot Option B: upgrade to asphalt surface (entire lot)	\$ 150,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add crushed limestone path in wooded area	\$ 2,500 - 5,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Evaluate addition of permanent toilet facilities	\$ 35,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Upgrade safety surfacing to Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) or other surface that meets ADA requirements and fall height regulations	\$ 5,000 - 8,000	LF	ST - MT
Add trees	\$ 15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add stormwater feature	\$ 100,000 - 120,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Upgrade dugouts to meet ADA standards	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Evaluate opportunities for art installation / climbing structure	TBD	LF, D, G, P	MT - LT
Supply accessible routes to park amenities	\$ 5,000 - \$8,000	LF	ST - MT
<b>FORD HERITAGE PARK</b>			
Repair poured-in-place surfacing under play structure	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	LF	MT
Evaluate addition of permanent toilet facilities	\$ 35,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Install small splash pad	\$ 125,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
<b>FORD LAKE PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$3,000 - 5,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Upgrade safety surfacing to Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) or other surface that meets ADA requirements and fall height regulations	\$ 5,000 - 8,000	LF	ST - MT
Upgrade gravel parking area to paved lot	\$200,000 - 300,000	LF, D, G	LT
Evaluate options for adding boat slips or marina	TBD	LF	LT
Evaluate options for adding a canoe / kayak livery	TBD	LF	LT
<b>HARRIS PARK</b>			
Parking lot Option A: concrete handicapped parking pads	\$ 2,500 - 4,000	LF	ST
Parking lot Option B: upgrade to asphalt surface (entire lot)	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$3,000 - 5,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Upgrade dugouts to meet ADA standards	\$ 10,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G, P	MT - LT
Upgrade concession building / bathroom / picnic shelter	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	LF, D, G, P	MT - LT
Create landscape barrier in northwest corner of park	\$ 15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	MT
Evaluate options for converting field to Miracle Field	TBD	LF, D, G, P	LT

LF = Local Funds, G = Grants, D = Donations, P = Partnership  
TBD = To be determined

TABLE 12: Project Schedule (continued)

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
<b>LOONFEATHER POINT PARK</b>			
Upgrade picnic shelters	\$ 15,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	MT
Upgrade safety surfacing to Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) or other surface that meets ADA requirements and fall height regulations	\$ 3,000 - 5,000	LF	ST
<b>NORTH BAY PARK</b>			
Reconfigure path from playground to lakeside to be ADA compliant	\$ 50,000 - 100,000	LF, D, G	MT
Create maintenance fund for boardwalk with plan to replace existing boards with Trex or similar material	\$ 150,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	OG
Evaluate boardwalk connecting Huron River Park with North Bay Park	\$ 200,000 - 300,000	LF, D, G	LT
Upgrade safety surfacing to Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) or other surface that meets ADA requirements and fall height regulations	\$ 3,000 - 5,000	LF	ST
<b>NORTH &amp; SOUTH HYDRO PARKS</b>			
Add playground equipment	\$ 40,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Evaluate options for adding a canoe / kayak livery	TBD	LF	LT
Improve portage connection across Bridge Road	\$ 25,000 - 35,000	LF, G, P	ST - MT
Evaluate bridge or boardwalk connecting to South Hydro	TBD	LF, G, D	LT
Evaluate opportunities for amphitheater or stage development	\$ 25,000 - 50,000	LF, G, D	LT
Remove South Hydro "Canoe Portage" sign	\$ 200	LF	ST
Partner with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation to complete Border-to-Border segment with connection to Rawsonville Road	TBD	LF, D, G, P	ST - MT
Work with Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to evaluate potential for acquisition and development of parcel immediately south of South Hydro Park	TBD	LF, D, G	LT
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS</b>			
<b>APPLERIDGE PARK</b>			
Update play equipment & surfacing	\$ 40,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$2,000 - 4,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Create limestone path through wooded area with connection to Bud & Blossom Park	\$ 2,500 - 3,000	LF, D, G	LT
<b>BUD &amp; BLOSSOM PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$1,000 - 3,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
<b>BURNS PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Upgrade playground equipment	\$ 40,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Upgrade tennis court surface	\$15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT

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TABLE 12: Project Schedule (continued)

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
<b>LAKESIDE PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Upgrade western picnic shelter and bathrooms	\$ 35,000 - 40,000	LF, D, G	MT
Parking lot Option A: concrete handicapped parking pad	\$ 5,000	LF	ST
Parking lot Option B: upgrade to asphalt surface (entire lot)	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Update play equipment & surfacing	\$ 40,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Improve connections between east and west side of park	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Evaluate options for lakeside amphitheater seating	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>CLUBVIEW PARK</b>			
Regrade/resurface existing trail	\$ 3,000 - 4,000	LF, D	ST
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add exercise equipment along path	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Resurface or remove tennis courts	\$ 10,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add small parking lot	\$ 10,000 - 15,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add community gardens	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add stormwater features	\$ 150,000 - 250,000	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>FAIRWAY HILLS PARK</b>			
Reconfigure pathway to be ADA compliant	\$ 10,000 - 12,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add pathway from Colony Way	\$ 10,000 - 12,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add stormwater management features	\$ 200,000 - 250,000	LF, D, G, P	LT
Add trees	\$ 20,000 - 25,000	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>LAKEVIEW PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Evaluate opportunities for addition of a small parking lot	\$20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	LT
<b>NANCY PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Resurface / regrade existing limestone trail	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
<b>RAMBLING ROAD PARK</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add small picnic pavilion	\$ 10,000 - 15,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Remove basketball court	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF	ST
Create pathway connecting to Rambling Road	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF	MT
Add trees	\$ 10,000 - 15,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add stormwater management features	\$50,000 - 60,000	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>SUGARBROOK PARK</b>			
Evaluate opportunities to partner with the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to reconfigure park to accommodate housing on south side of property, and shift existing facilities to the north	TBD	LF, D, G, P	MT

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TABLE 12: Project Schedule (continued)

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
<b>WENDELL HOLMES PARK</b>			
Add sidewalk along west edge of park and provide accessible routes to park amenities	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	LF, D, G, P	MT
Expand and upgrade parking lots	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add pickleball courts	\$ 60,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add small picnic pavilion	\$ 20,000 - 25,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
<b>WEST WILLOW PARK</b>			
Upgrade picnic shelter	\$ 20,000 - 25,000	LF, D, G, P	MT - LT
Add parking area at southern entrance	\$ 10,000 - 15,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Upgrade playground equipment	\$ 40,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	LT
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF, D, G	ST
<b>MINI-PARKS</b>			
<b>GROVE ROAD OVERLOOKS</b>			
Provide accessible routes to all facilities	\$ 1,000 - 2,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add bike stand/repair station	\$2,500 - 4,000	LF, D	MT - LT
Add drinking fountains	\$ 3,000 - 6,000	LF, D	MT - LT
Consider adding artwork/sculptures	TBD	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>PINES PARK</b>			
Remove existing play structure	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF	ST
Add demonstration rain garden	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G, P	MT - LT
Consider adding artwork	TBD	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>TOT LOT PARK</b>			
Remove existing play structure	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF	ST
Add small gazebo	\$ 10,000 - 12,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add landscaping	\$ 10,000 - 15,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add community garden plots	\$ 5,000 - 8,000	LF, D, G, P	LT
<b>WATERTOWER PARK</b>			
Remove existing play structure	\$ 500 - 1,000	LF	ST
Add small gazebo	\$ 10,000 - 12,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add landscaping	\$ 10,000 - 15,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add community garden plots	\$ 5,000 - 8,000	LF, D, G, P	LT

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TABLE 12: Project Schedule (continued)

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
<b>SPECIALTY PARKS</b>			
<b>BIG ISLAND PARK</b>			
Add boat dock	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	LF, D, G	LT
<b>HEWEN'S CREEK PARK</b>			
Upgrade parking lot to meet ADA standards	\$ 3,000	LF	ST
Upgrade at least 20% of trail system to comply with ADA regulations	\$ 10,000 - \$20,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add trailhead & parking to eastern side of property	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add fishing pier	\$15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Develop wayfinding signage and trail marker system	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Evaluate alternatives for trail from Hitchingham Road to western park boundary	\$ 300,000 - 400,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Obtain easements to complete trail from western edge of park to Stony Creek Road / Rolling Hills County Park	TBD	LF, D, G, P	MT - LT
<b>HURON RIVER PARK</b>			
Add park signage	\$ 2,000 - 4,000	LF	ST
Develop road pulloff and parking area	\$ 15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Develop internal trail system	\$ 15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	MT

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## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides only a limited amount of funds for park development and improvements. The amount is well short of the projected expenses involved in the project schedule. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

### Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the *Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds Transportation Enhancements (TE)* activities for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the TE activities. Activities which may apply to Ypsilanti Township include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses;
- Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage; and
- Preservation, conversion, and use of abandoned railway corridors for acquisition, development, planning, design, and construction of multi-use trails, as well as purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.
- A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

The *Safe Routes to School* program is a national 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 a healthy lifestyle. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's Safe Routes to School program made schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program, as defined in the federal legislation, is to:

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in school areas.

The program provides mini grants for programming and major grants to help communities build sidewalks, crosswalks, and other infrastructure. Up to \$200,000 per school is available for infrastructure projects, and \$8,000 to build programming around the project. Communities must undergo an in-depth planning process prior to submitting an application. Deadlines are ongoing and awarded on a rolling basis. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required.



## Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the ***Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)*** and the ***Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)*** continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource based preservation and recreation. Goals of the program are to:

- Protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment;
- Provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes and facilitate their recreation use;
- Meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities;
- Improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban areas; and
- Stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation related tourism and community revitalization.

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$150,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be in by April 1 to be considered for the following years grant funds.

The ***Recreation Passport*** grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests are \$7,500 and maximum requests are \$75,000. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Application are typically due on April 1st.

## Seek Local Funding

The ***Washtenaw Coordinated Funders***, a collaboration of the Office of Community & Economic Development (representing the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and Washtenaw Urban County), the United Way of Washtenaw County, the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and the RNR Foundation, offers funding for program operations and capacity building grants for projects involving Aging, Housing & Homelessness, Safety-Net Health & Nutrition, and Cradle to Career – including both Early Childhood & School-Age Youth.

The ***Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission*** does not have a formal dedicated fund to allow distribution of grants, but it does partner with communities on a case-by-case basis to assist with development of parks and/or non-motorized trail facilities. Their ***Connecting Communities Program***, dedicated to the development of regional non-motorized trail facilities, was re-instituted in 2017 and offers funding for a variety of initiatives including trail development. Local units of government may use the Forest Stewardship program to develop a management plan for a municipal forest which would include a component targeting outreach to private landowners. A total of \$2,000 may be granted with a 50 percent local match. Applications are due in September. Non-game Wildlife Fund Grants have also been offered in the past to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, and other natural features.

The ***Detroit Edison Tree Planting program*** began as DTE joined the US Department of Energy's voluntary Climate Challenge Program to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in the Detroit Edison's service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to \$4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50 percent local match. Applications are typically due in February.

### Apply for Other Grant Funding

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as ***Bikes Belong Coalition***. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: Facility, Education and Capacity Building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

***Access to Recreation*** is a grant program available for universal access of people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities, such as nature viewing and photography areas, hiking trails, scenic outlooks, waterfalls and water activities of all kinds, beaches, fishing and boating, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, and much more. There are two primary grant programs under this source of funding:

***Recreation Access Matching Grant*** provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and

***Accessible by Design Awards*** is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

### Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the Township will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for particular projects such as park or trail acquisition, development, or maintenance.

### Seek Other Sources of Funding

The Parks Commission should continue to search for additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development. Renaming rights for parks is another alternative that could be considered.





# Appendices



**YpsiTwp-Recreation Plan**

NOTICE OF RECREATION PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation is seeking public input regarding the Ypsilanti Township 2019 - 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. A formal public hearing for adoption of the Plan will be held upon completion of the 30-day review period. A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at the following locations: \*Ypsilanti Township Community Center, 2025 East Clark Road, Ypsilanti \*Ypsilanti Township Civic Center, 7200 South Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti \*Ypsilanti District Library, 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti \*The draft plan is also available online on the Township's website at [www.YTown.org](http://www.YTown.org).  
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Sheila Purslove

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 8th day of January 2019 A.D.



Vicky Blanshard

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# APPENDIX A:

## NOTICES OF DRAFT PLAN AVAILABILITY & PUBLIC HEARING

### YpsiTwp-Parks and Rec

Charter Township of Ypsilanti NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation is seeking public input regarding the Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A Public Hearing will take place as part of the regularly scheduled Township Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019, at the Tilden R. Stumbo Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti, Michigan. A draft copy of the plan has been available for review since November 29, 2018 and will remain available through the date of the hearing. The plan can be viewed at the following locations: • Ypsilanti Township Community Center, 2025 East Clark Road, Ypsilanti • Ypsilanti Township Civic Center, 7200 South Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti • Ypsilanti District Library, 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti • The draft plan is also available online on the Township's website at [www.YTown.org](http://www.YTown.org).  
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### Charter Township of Ypsilanti NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

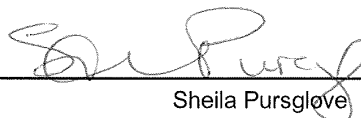
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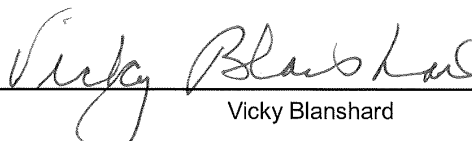
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# APPENDIX B:

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION

### **THE YPSILANTI CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP 2019 – 2023 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Ypsilanti Charter Township has undertaken the update of its five-year recreation plan which describes the Township's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve our system of parks and recreation facilities during the period of 2019 through 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Township residents were given the opportunity to provide input through an online survey which was made available from June 15 through October 21, 2018, and at a Public Hearing to be held on January 15, 2019; and

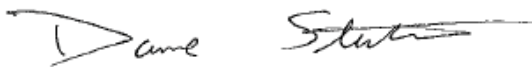
**WHEREAS**, the Ypsilanti Township Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed the 2019 – 2023 Parks & Recreation Master Plan for completeness and accuracy and deemed that the Plan meets the desires and needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan was made available for public review in a manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Parks & Recreation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Commission has discussed the plan at a public meeting held on January 7, 2019, and agrees with the findings and recommendations of said plan, contingent upon completion of modifications discussed during the meeting including a further emphasis on public ownership and design of parks, working with Ypsilanti Community Public Schools regarding potential reuse of school properties as recreation amenities, and establishment of subcommittees to recommend the proper location of dog parks and splash pads in community parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ypsilanti Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission recommends the adoption of the 2019 – 2023 Ypsilanti Charter Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan by the Board of Trustees on January 15, 2019.



David L. Streeter, Chairperson





# APPENDIX C:

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING



# APPENDIX D:

## TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION



**Carlisle | Wortman**  
ASSOCIATES, INC.

117 NORTH FIRST STREET SUITE 70 ANN ARBOR, MI 48104 734.662.2200 734.662.1935 FAX

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January 30, 2019

Tyler Klifman  
Regional Review Office  
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments  
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Klifman:

The Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees adopted the Township's 2019 – 2023 Parks & Recreation Master Plan at a meeting held on January 29, 2019. The plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees and the Park Commission.

Please feel free to contact the Ypsilanti Township or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

**CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.**

**Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA**  
**Landscape Architect**

cc. Angela Verges, Park Director

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# APPENDIX E:

## LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL



**Carlisle | Wortman**  
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January 30, 2019

Coy Vaughn  
Director  
Washtenaw County Parks Department  
Parks Administrative Offices  
PO Box 8645  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

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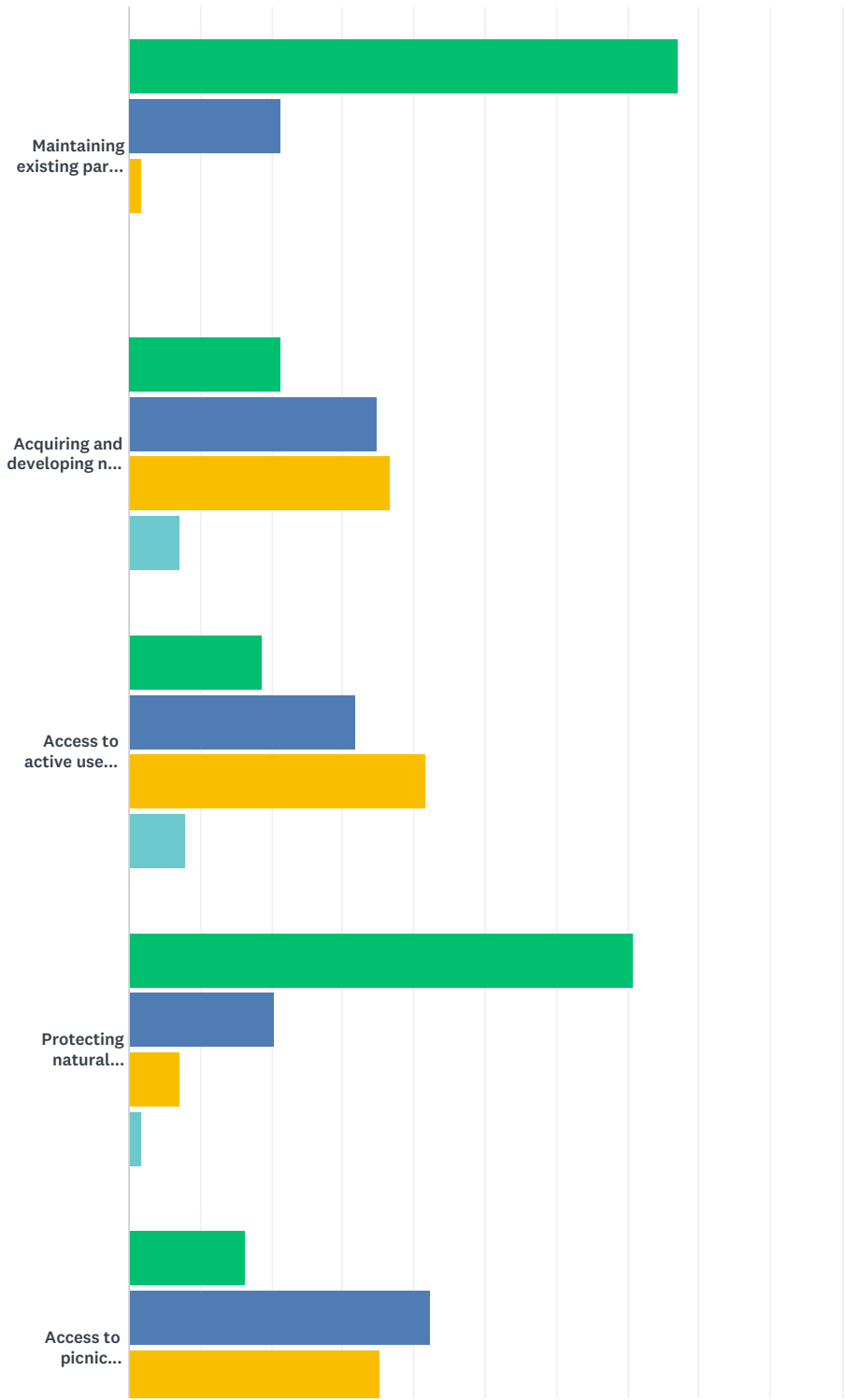
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## PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

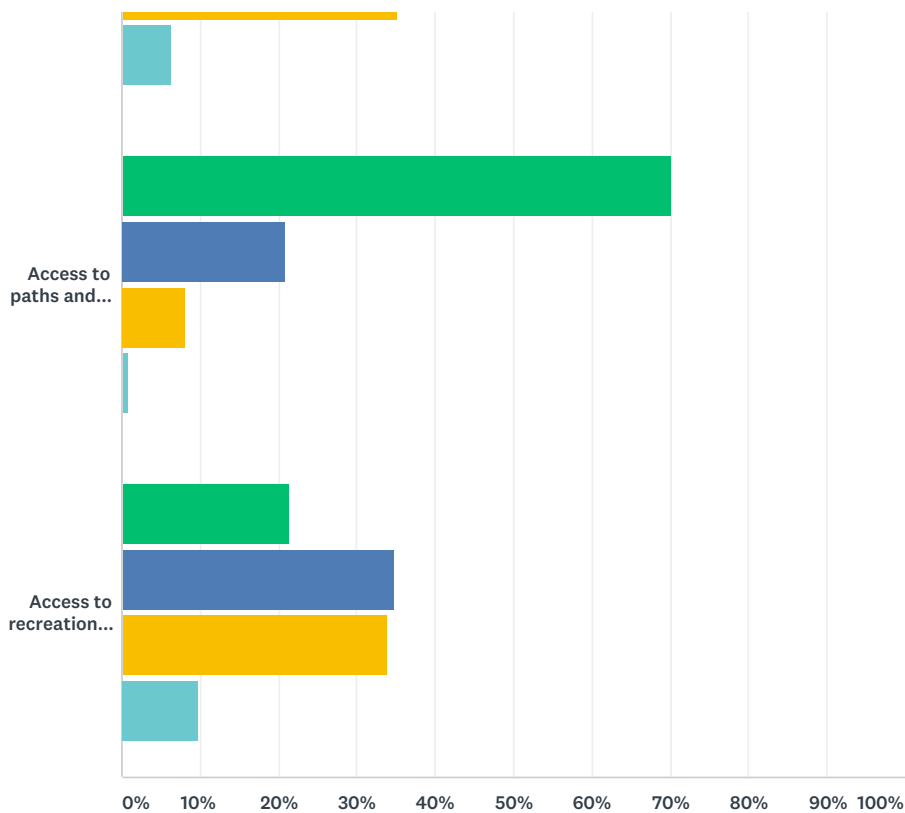
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### Q1 How important are the following items to you and your family?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0



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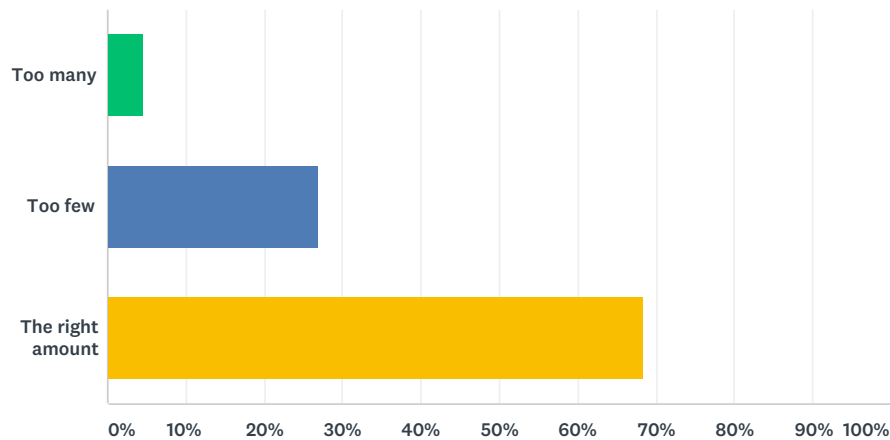
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Maintaining existing parks and recreation facilities	76.99% 87	21.24% 24	1.77% 2	0.00% 0	113
Acquiring and developing new parks and recreation facilities	21.43% 24	34.82% 39	36.61% 41	7.14% 8	112
Access to active use facilities (e.g. soccer, football, baseball, tennis, etc.)	18.58% 21	31.86% 36	41.59% 47	7.96% 9	113
Protecting natural resources	70.80% 80	20.35% 23	7.08% 8	1.77% 2	113
Access to picnic facilities	16.22% 18	42.34% 47	35.14% 39	6.31% 7	111
Access to paths and trails	70.00% 77	20.91% 23	8.18% 9	0.91% 1	110
Access to recreation programming (e.g. special events, classes, sports leagues, etc.)	21.43% 24	34.82% 39	33.93% 38	9.82% 11	112



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## Q2 Does Ypsilanti Township have too many, too few, or about the right number of parks?

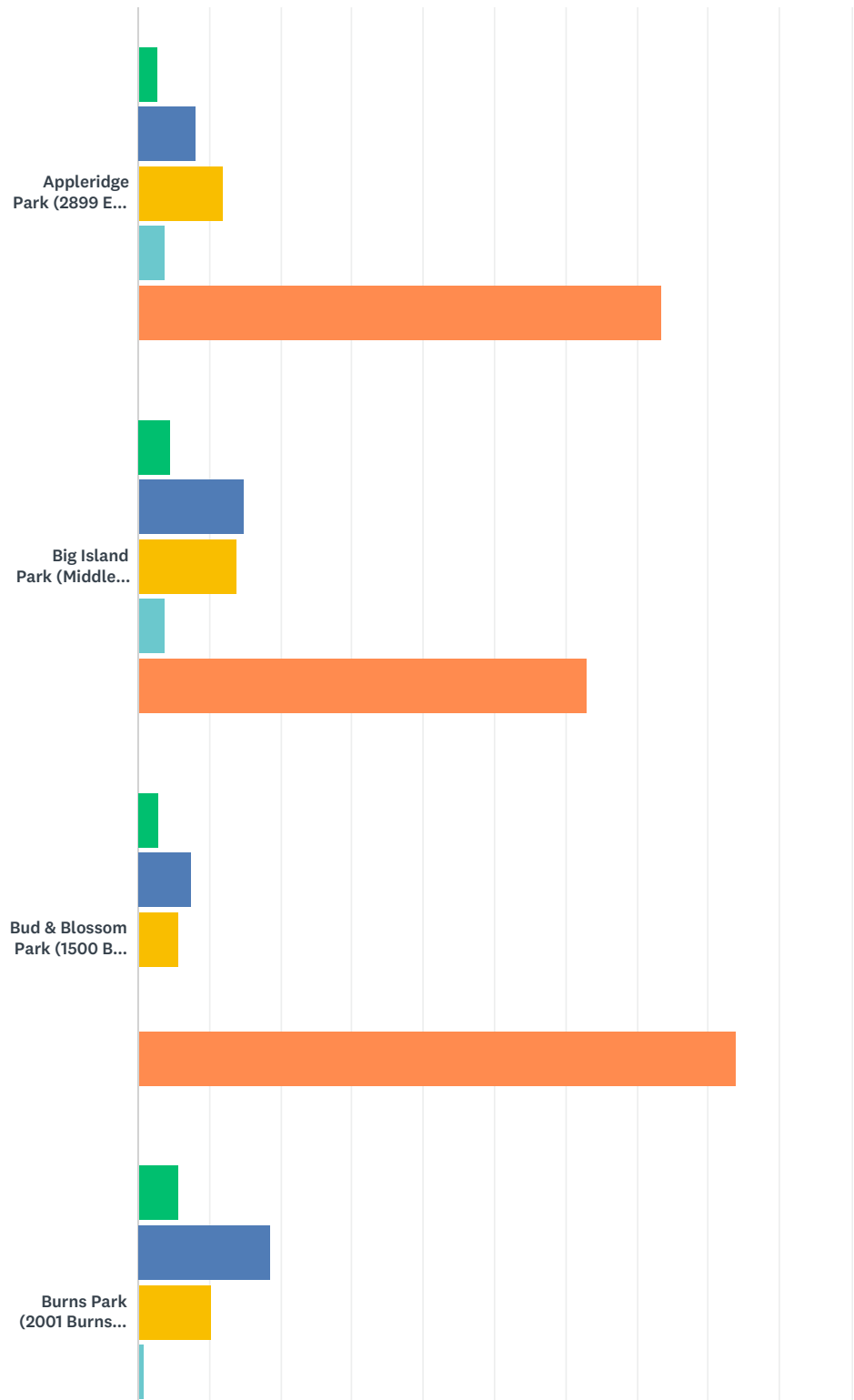
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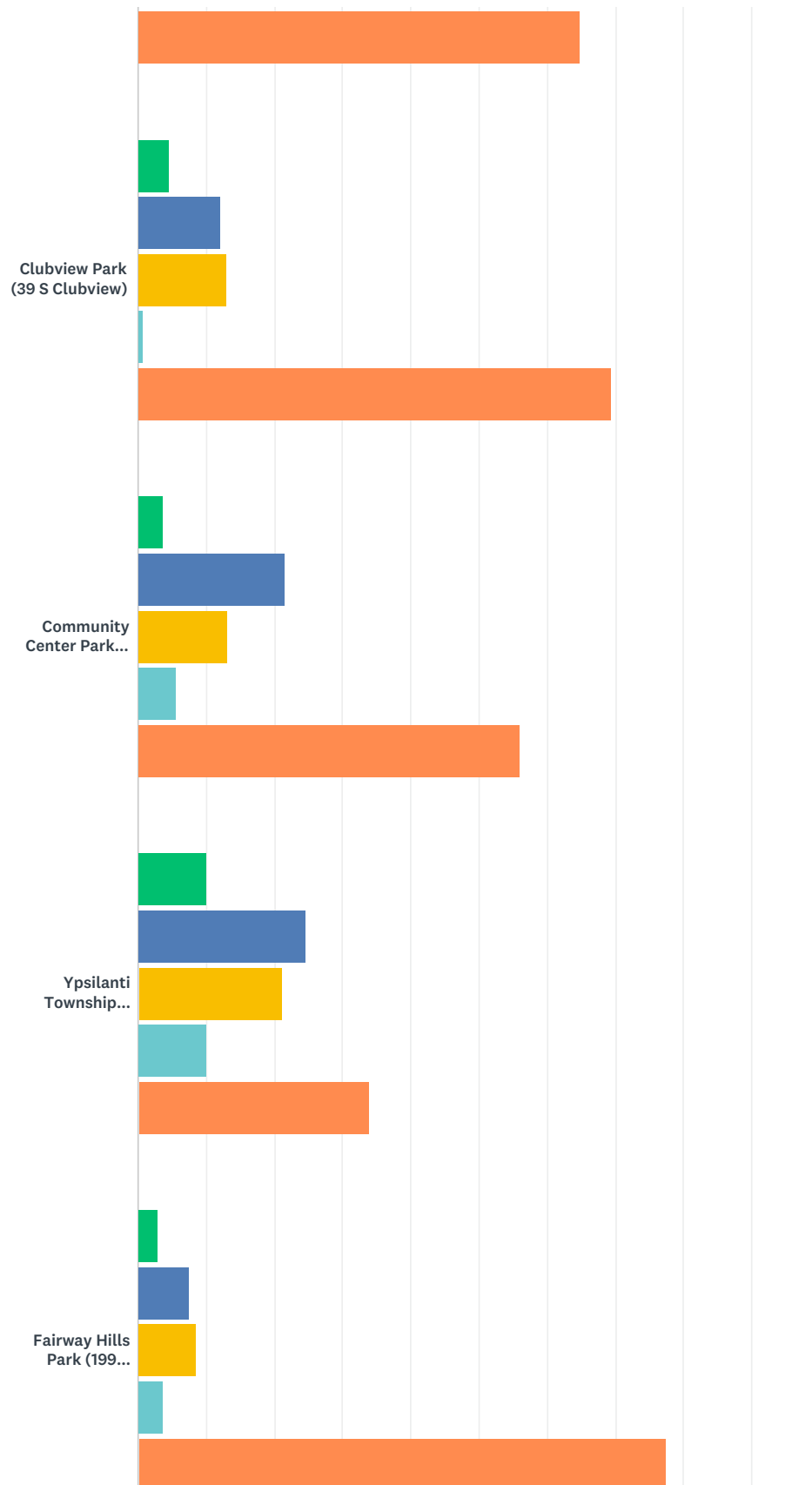
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too many	4.50%	5
Too few	27.03%	30
The right amount	68.47%	76
TOTAL		111

Q3 How satisfied are you with Ypsilanti Township recreation facilities?

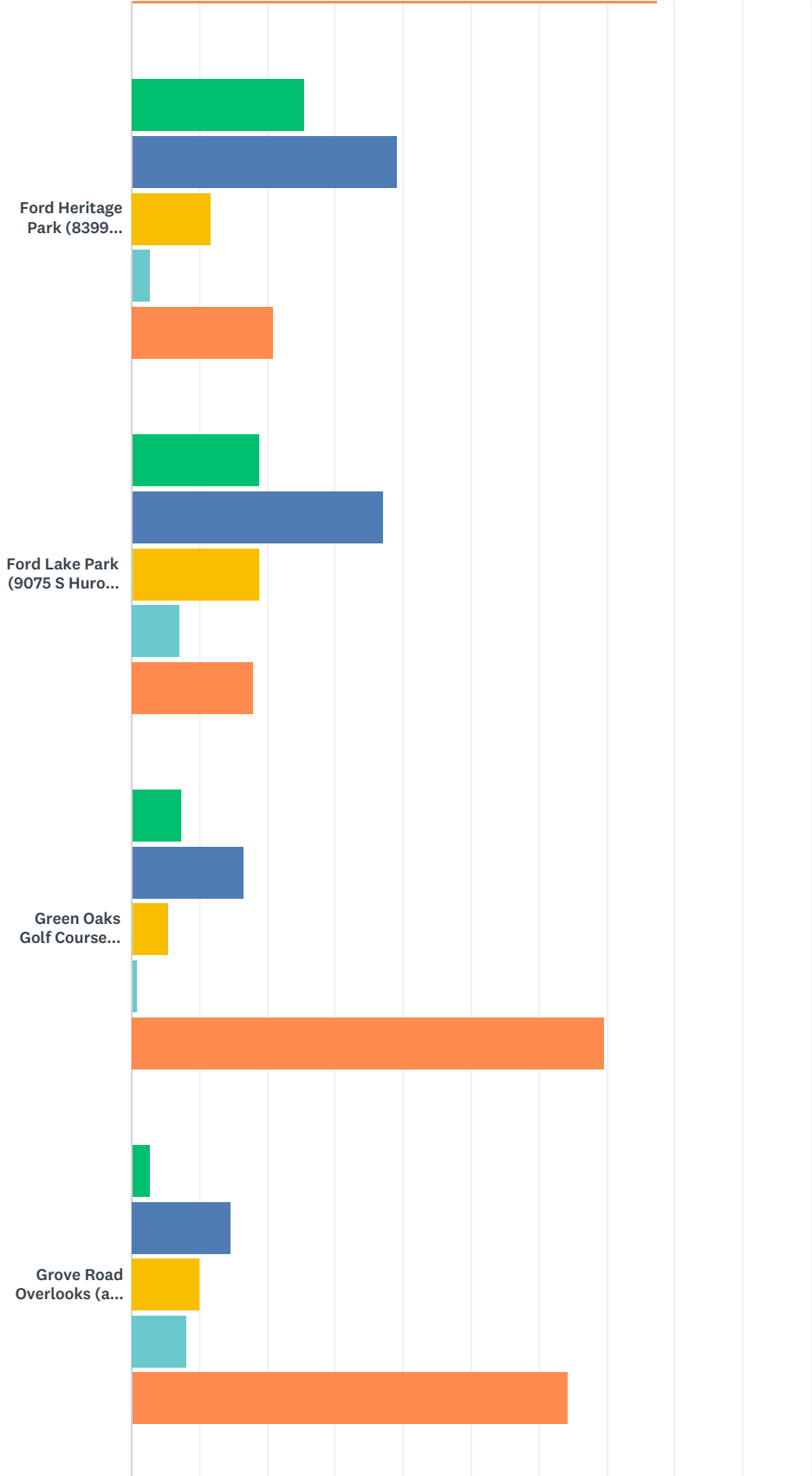
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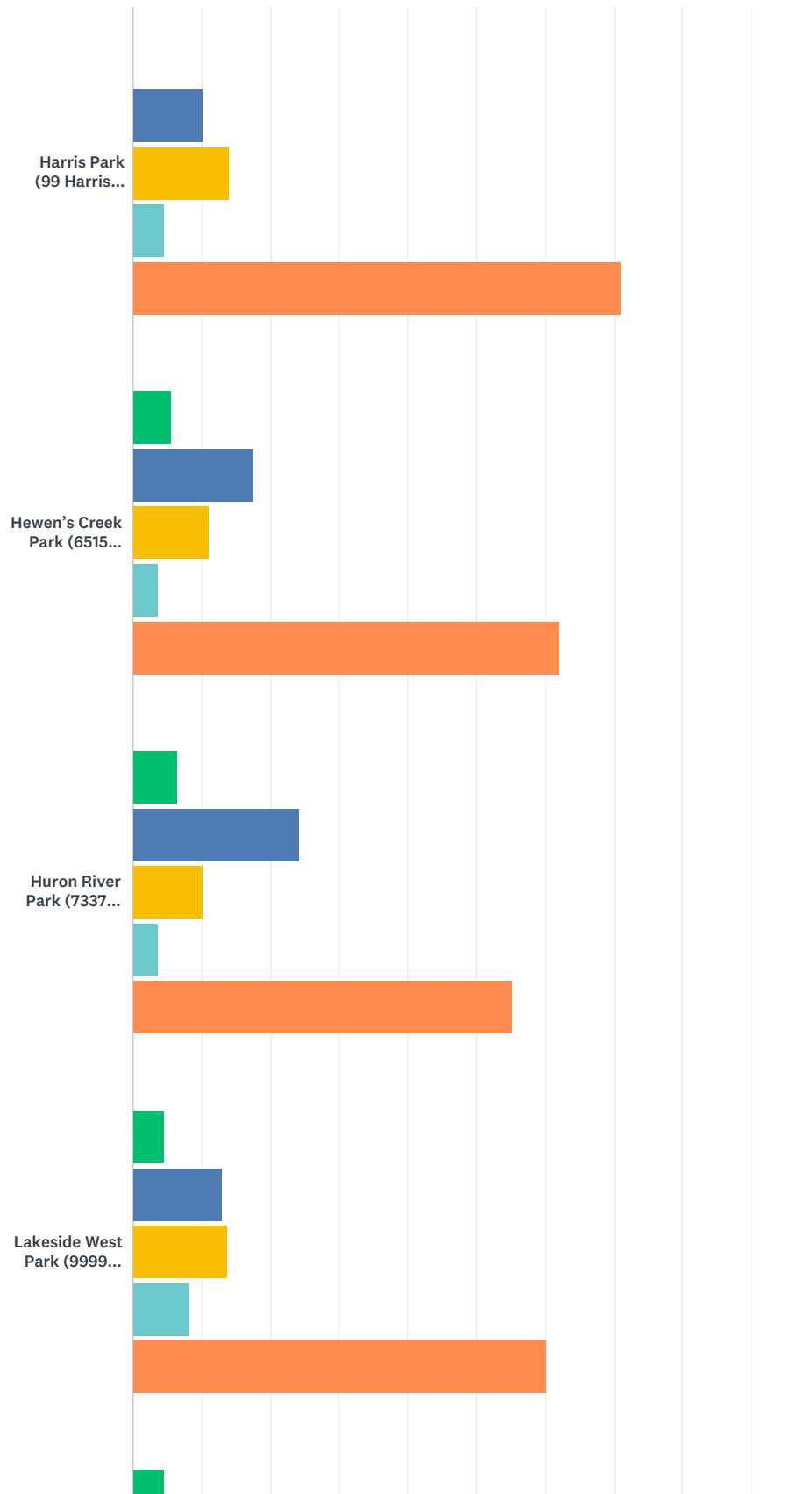


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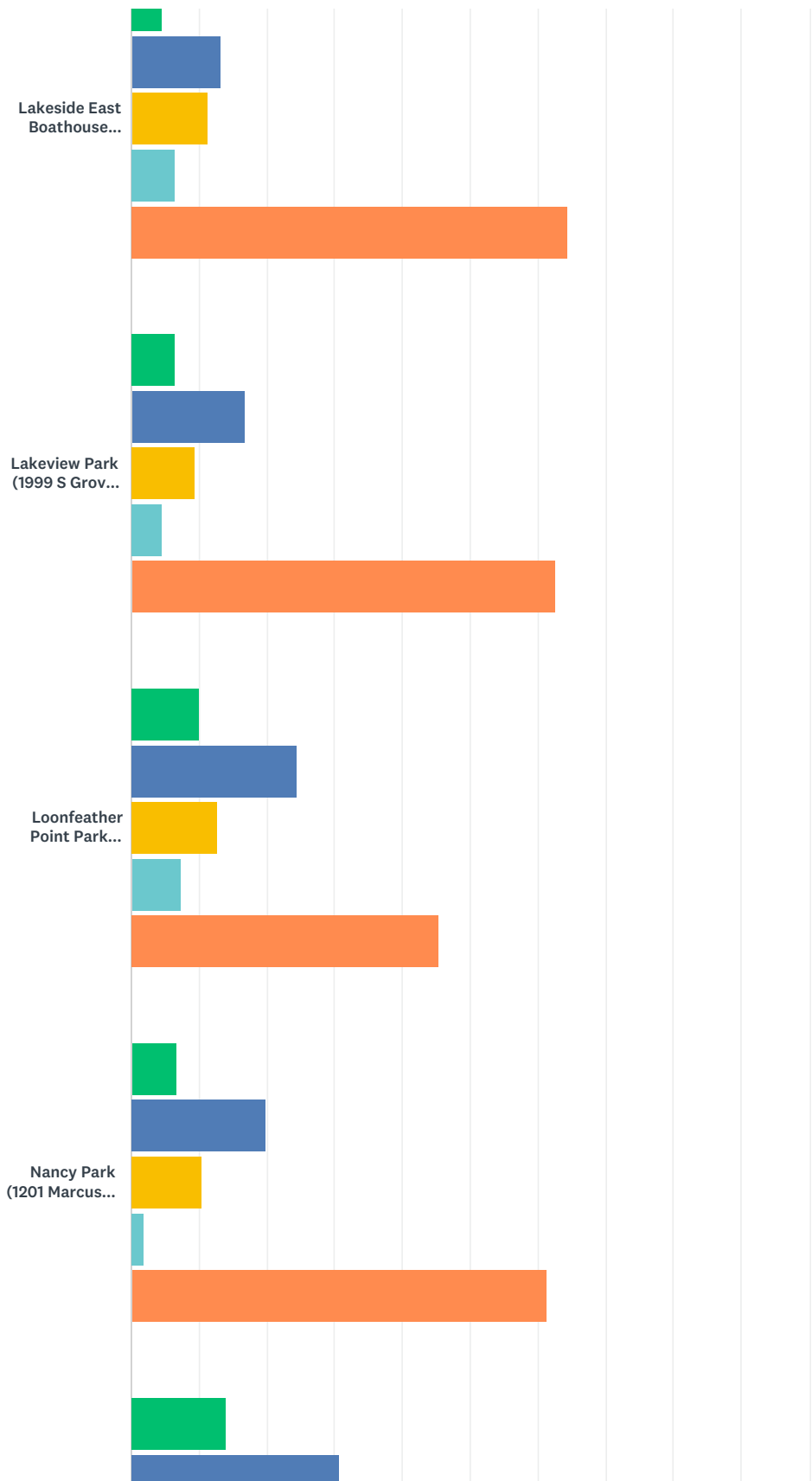




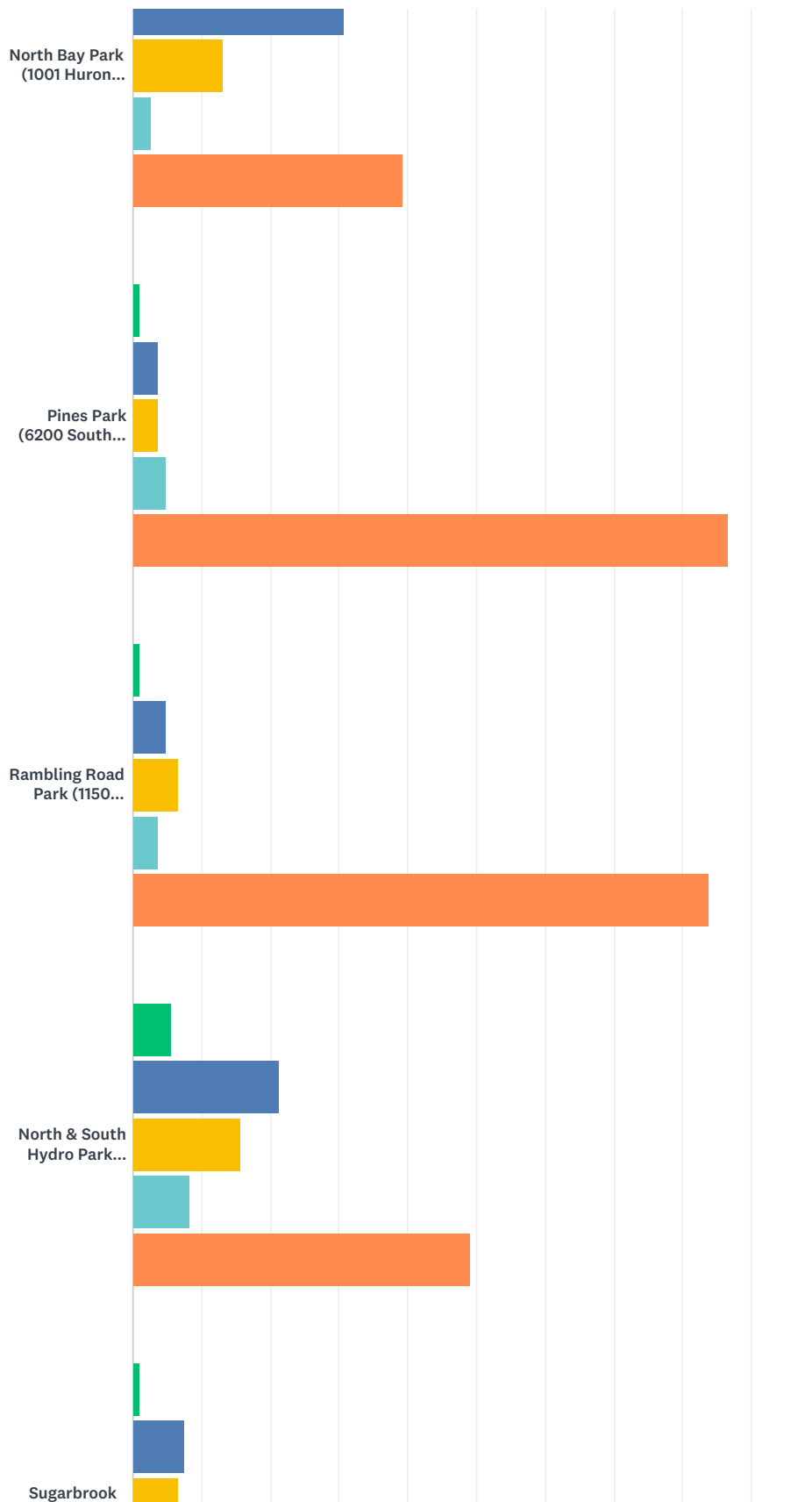
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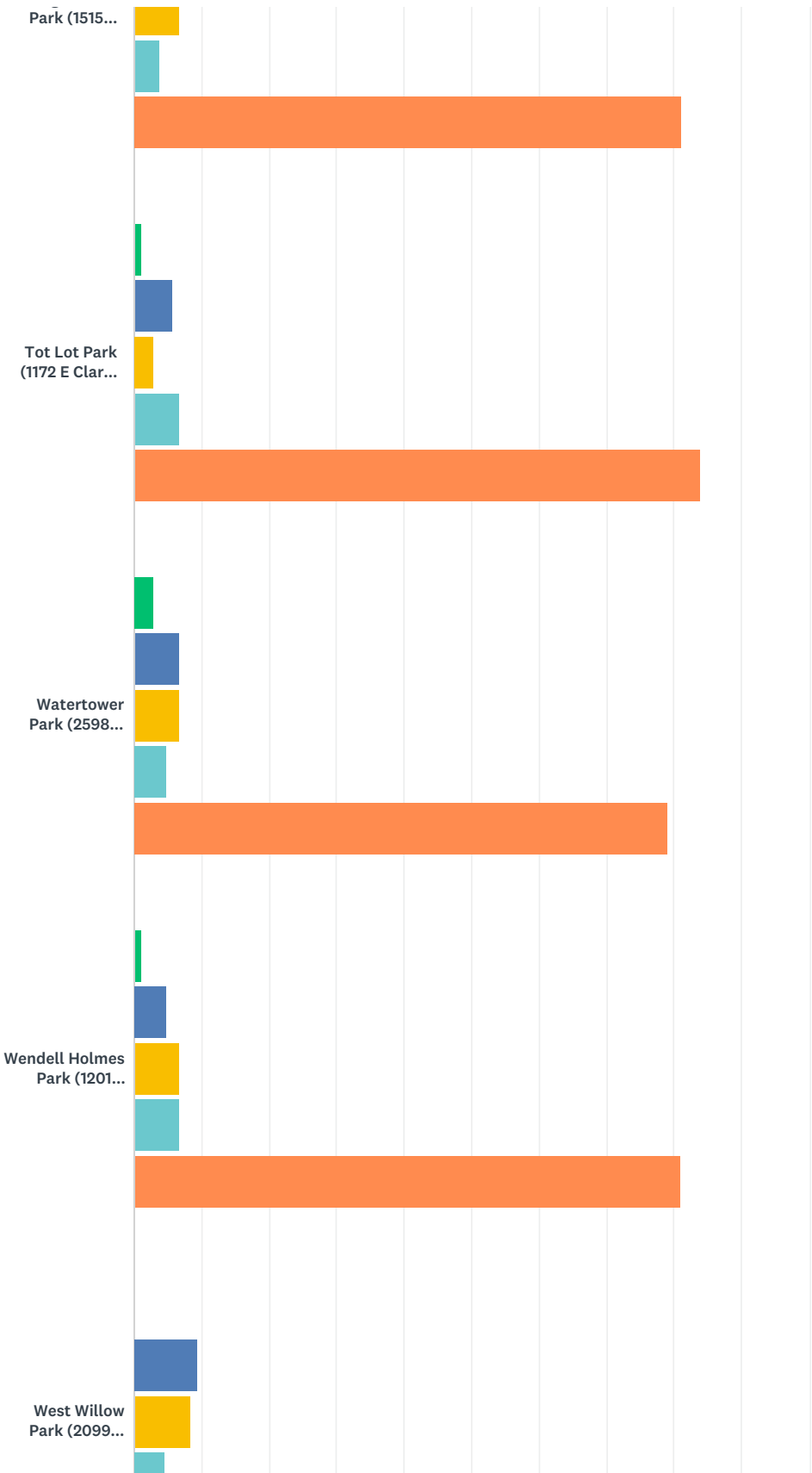
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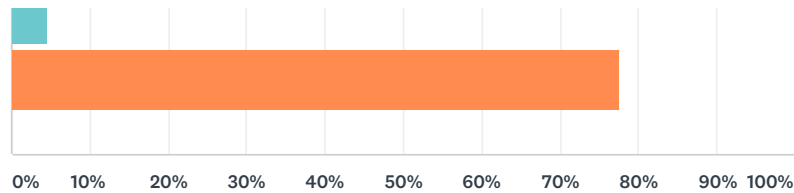


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■ Very satisfied   
 ■ Satisfied   
 ■ Somewhat satisfied   
 ■ Not satisfied   
 ■ Don't know / Haven't visited

	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	DON'T KNOW / HAVEN'T VISITED	TOTAL
Appleridge Park (2899 E Clark)	2.75% 3	8.26% 9	11.93% 13	3.67% 4	73.39% 80	109
Big Island Park (Middle of Ford Lake)	4.63% 5	14.81% 16	13.89% 15	3.70% 4	62.96% 68	108
Bud & Blossom Park (1500 Bud Street)	2.83% 3	7.55% 8	5.66% 6	0.00% 0	83.96% 89	106
Burns Park (2001 Burns Street)	5.56% 6	18.52% 20	10.19% 11	0.93% 1	64.81% 70	108
Clubview Park (39 S Clubview)	4.63% 5	12.04% 13	12.96% 14	0.93% 1	69.44% 75	108
Community Center Park (2000 E Clark)	3.74% 4	21.50% 23	13.08% 14	5.61% 6	56.07% 60	107
Ypsilanti Township Community Center (2025 E Clark)	10.09% 11	24.77% 27	21.10% 23	10.09% 11	33.94% 37	109
Fairway Hills Park (199 Carriage Way)	2.83% 3	7.55% 8	8.49% 9	3.77% 4	77.36% 82	106
Ford Heritage Park (8399 Textile Road)	25.45% 28	39.09% 43	11.82% 13	2.73% 3	20.91% 23	110
Ford Lake Park (9075 S Huron River Drive)	18.92% 21	36.94% 41	18.92% 21	7.21% 8	18.02% 20	111
Green Oaks Golf Course (2025 E Clark Road)	7.34% 8	16.51% 18	5.50% 6	0.92% 1	69.72% 76	109
Grove Road Overlooks (at Harry and Margarita Streets)	2.75% 3	14.68% 16	10.09% 11	8.26% 9	64.22% 70	109
Harris Park (99 Harris Road)	0.00% 0	10.28% 11	14.02% 15	4.67% 5	71.03% 76	107
Hewen's Creek Park (6515 Bemis Road)	5.56% 6	17.59% 19	11.11% 12	3.70% 4	62.04% 67	108
Huron River Park (7337 Huron River Drive)	6.54% 7	24.30% 26	10.28% 11	3.74% 4	55.14% 59	107
Lakeside West Park (9999 Textile Road)	4.63% 5	12.96% 14	13.89% 15	8.33% 9	60.19% 65	108
Lakeside East Boathouse (10049 Textile Road)	4.67% 5	13.08% 14	11.21% 12	6.54% 7	64.49% 69	107
Lakeview Park (1999 S Grove Road)	6.54% 7	16.82% 18	9.35% 10	4.67% 5	62.62% 67	107
Loonfeather Point Park (1340 S Grove Road)	10.00% 11	24.55% 27	12.73% 14	7.27% 8	45.45% 50	110

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Nancy Park (1201 Marcus Street)	6.60% 7	19.81% 21	10.38% 11	1.89% 2	61.32% 65	106
North Bay Park (1001 Huron Street)	14.02% 15	30.84% 33	13.08% 14	2.80% 3	39.25% 42	107
Pines Park (6200 South Ivanhoe)	0.95% 1	3.81% 4	3.81% 4	4.76% 5	86.67% 91	105
Rambling Road Park (1150 Lexington Parkway)	0.94% 1	4.72% 5	6.60% 7	3.77% 4	83.96% 89	106
North & South Hydro Park (2599 Bridge)	5.56% 6	21.30% 23	15.74% 17	8.33% 9	49.07% 53	108
Sugarbrook Park (1515 Andrea Street)	0.94% 1	7.55% 8	6.60% 7	3.77% 4	81.13% 86	106
Tot Lot Park (1172 E Clark Road)	0.94% 1	5.66% 6	2.83% 3	6.60% 7	83.96% 89	106
Watertower Park (2598 Verna Street)	2.86% 3	6.67% 7	6.67% 7	4.76% 5	79.05% 83	105
Wendell Holmes Park (1201 Holmes Road)	0.95% 1	4.76% 5	6.67% 7	6.67% 7	80.95% 85	105
West Willow Park (2099 Tyler Road)	0.00% 0	9.35% 10	8.41% 9	4.67% 5	77.57% 83	107

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## Q4 If you were unsatisfied with any of the Township parks, what made you feel that way?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need a dog park.	10/1/2018 2:23 PM
2	Some of the parks have few visitors during the week and I've only once seen a park ranger. It keeps me from hiking deeper on trails.	9/11/2018 10:34 AM
3	Loonfeather's equipment (docks, wood walkways) are in serious need of repairs. Currently a health hazard and potential liability legally.	9/11/2018 10:16 AM
4	Drug/alcohol use in parks	9/10/2018 5:23 PM
5	I would love to see public access as Huron River Park and care for the natural space (invasive plant management, etc).	9/10/2018 4:15 PM
6	I'd like to see North Bay Park remain open all year round	9/9/2018 8:20 AM
7	Safety. Marketed. Lived close by.	9/9/2018 8:20 AM
8	Littering. I would like to see more anti littering signs with fines posted.	9/7/2018 11:55 AM
9	Parks in Neighborhoods need more than just a play structure. Many new families are moving to Ypsilanti please help create more welcoming and vibrant neighbor parks especially in high visibility areas and where parks connect with schools.	9/6/2018 8:55 PM
10	Not much there for play equipment - grounds not kept up - usually wasp / hornet nests near/on play equipment	9/6/2018 1:40 PM
11	The need to be upgraded and some waterworks added no pool just water!	9/6/2018 1:01 PM
12	Undeveloped, and not well maintained often overflowing trash, used as a party spot.	9/6/2018 12:42 PM
13	Prospect Park has no functioning bathrooms. They've been locked up for as long as I've been in the neighborhood. Big Island Park boardwalk is in need of repair, as well.	9/6/2018 10:03 AM
14	Restroom not open all the time or not clean and supplies not available	9/6/2018 5:54 AM
15	Inadequate bathroom facilities	9/5/2018 9:21 AM
16	Hewen's is a nice little park but the parking lot is unfinished a slightly too small.	9/5/2018 8:35 AM
17	Outdated equipment, nothing maintained	9/1/2018 7:25 PM
18	Need new equipment, paths repaired, updates, more landscaping, more facilities, many parks do NOT have bathrooms or they are not opened at all	8/28/2018 8:01 PM
19	Very run down and trashy looking.	8/22/2018 10:53 AM
20	Lack of attention to the brush that needs to be cleared	8/19/2018 1:02 PM
21	Ford Heritage Park has no shelter, no shade and no restrooms, only porta potties and they are not kept up as they should be. How can you call south hydro park a park at all? There is no access to anything on the south side of the river from Textile Road. North Hydro Park has no playground facilities for children.	8/18/2018 9:08 PM
22	No dog park	8/18/2018 11:22 AM
23	Not big enough parking,at Apple ridge ,, parking lot at community center not paved,all gravel,dusty when visiting the park.. Apple ridge no bathrooms, they pee by the woods...	8/18/2018 10:44 AM
24	Not enough play structures/kids activities, no access to clean regular bathrooms	8/17/2018 12:29 PM
25	Sometimes cleanliness is an issue	8/17/2018 11:50 AM
26	Big Island / North Bay are great, but there is often a lot of litter from heavy use. More trash cans might help?	8/17/2018 8:04 AM

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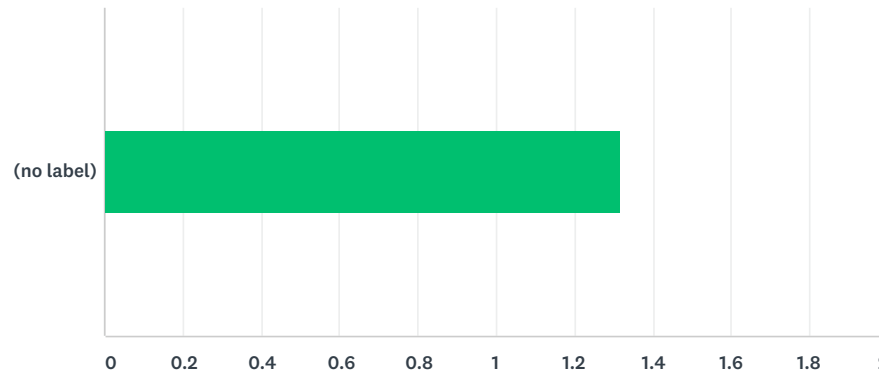
27	Not well maintained; poor amenities.	8/16/2018 10:20 PM
28	Tall grass and weeds. Very little use of weed whackers. Full garbage cans.	8/16/2018 8:11 PM
29	I don't feel safe in some, old equipment in others. No bathrooms as well.	8/16/2018 12:49 PM
30	No comment.	8/16/2018 10:48 AM
31	Parks in general could use more resources dedicated to maintaining existing facilities.	8/16/2018 9:46 AM
32	No	8/15/2018 10:10 PM
33	the parks lack natural hiking trails like ann arbor parks	8/15/2018 9:07 PM
34	Outdated playground equipment	8/15/2018 8:32 PM
35	out dated equipment	8/15/2018 7:15 PM
36	Restrooms are either inaccessible, not maintained or non-existent. All parks need WAY more trash cans. Need more maintenance and trash pickup. Old and rundown equipment should be removed or replaced. All parks, events, and activities should be marketed better.	8/15/2018 3:59 PM
37	Sugarbrook looks a little old and sad, could use a refresh.	8/15/2018 1:21 PM
38	Park was dirty, playground toys broken, didn't feel safe and haven't been back in a few years.	8/15/2018 1:03 PM
39	Clubview Park: tennis court surface is badly cracked and needs repair. I walk the trail daily and the crushed limestone on the trail constantly gets caught in my shoes and the sharp little stones hurt. The playground and picnic shelter are nice. A water outlet would be a nice addition to the picnic shelter. Grounds crew have ruined several trees by excessive grass trimming around the tree bases. Several free-standing tables have been ruined by kids jumping on them and fatiguing the center mounts. Watertower Park: Playground equipment is very old and needs to be replaced.	8/15/2018 12:38 PM
40	lack of scenery or opportunity for movement	8/15/2018 12:32 PM
41	While visiting Lakeside West Park, there were people engaged in nudity and sexual acts in broad daylight during park hours.	8/15/2018 10:21 AM
42	Hewen Park. Needs some misquote maintenance. Bud and Blossom Park needs some litter pick-up in the wooded area. Overall the higher the attendance in the park the more likely litter pick up is needed.	8/15/2018 10:13 AM
43	So much trash! I also wish there were better kayak launch points; it's often dangerous to have to maneuver around powerboats to get into and out of the water at the existing boat ramp.	8/15/2018 10:06 AM
44	Unsafe walking wooden walkways, poor bathrooms, litter.	8/15/2018 8:49 AM
45	Has alot of people just sitting in cars and feels "Shady" and not because of the nice tall trees... which is one of the best parts of this park (the shady trees)	8/15/2018 8:46 AM
46	Garbage pickup and at parks like Heritage having bathroom facilities. It is a high use park for rec soccer.	8/15/2018 8:37 AM
47	I'm not unsatisfied with any parks I visit, but the sports facilities at all of them that have any are in poor repair.	8/15/2018 8:33 AM
48	There's no pavilion at Community Center park. Tot Lot park lacks parking and updated plat structoer	8/14/2018 2:44 PM
49	Restrooms and playground equipment are poor.	6/20/2018 9:26 AM
50	Lakeview/Boathouse - concerned that these resources are not accessible for Ypsilanti Township residents - supports EMU and Saline crew teams but in fairness there should be opportunities for Ypsi township residents to learn to row or for Ypsilanti Lincoln and or YCS to form a combined team so our residents also have access to these facilities. At a minimum, these two organizations should hold outreach summer/Fall camps to learn about this sport. What happens if EMU (which is currently making cuts to their budget and sports) decides not to fund crew/rowing. What will be the financial long term impact on the cost of this facility? Other lower ranking parks are parks that are in need of upgrades and improvements. Some like Wendell Holmes park are visible and connected to school and neighborhoods. It's time to rethink these areas and possibly partner with YCS to improve the park area.	6/15/2018 2:40 PM



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## Q5 In general, do existing Ypsilanti Township recreation facilities meet your family's recreation needs?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 4



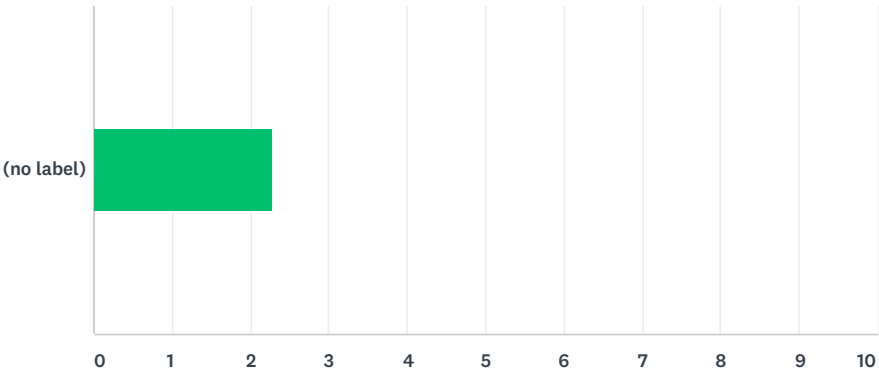
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW / HAVEN'T VISITED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	73.39%	21.10%	5.50%		
	80	23	6	109	1.32

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	A dog park would be nice	9/10/2018 12:34 PM
2	I would like to see some completion of walking/bike paths such as where the path just ends with no option but to go into the roads.	9/7/2018 11:55 AM
3	Looking for water sports, exercise	9/6/2018 8:55 PM
4	difficult to get to the other parks on the south side due to the high volume of speeding cars on Textile - no safe place to cross from south to north	9/6/2018 1:40 PM
5	needs an off-leash dog park	9/6/2018 11:15 AM
6	Not when they are in disrepair.	9/6/2018 10:03 AM
7	need more mixed use paths and more B2B dedicated trail	9/5/2018 6:49 PM
8	Need a community center for ypsilanti township also need more sidewalks and bike paths many sections are not complete, no where to have swim lessons or swimming in ypsilanti township	8/28/2018 8:01 PM
9	Green space seating is often not present for those who need to periodically grab a place to sit	8/19/2018 1:02 PM
10	Somewhat.	8/18/2018 9:08 PM
11	Need dog park	8/18/2018 11:22 AM
12	Don't go because to many trouble makers, music loud,drinking,just don't seem to be able to relax when there..	8/18/2018 10:44 AM
13	You have dropped so many dance classes that my teen has nearly nothing to choose from	8/16/2018 11:57 AM
14	No places for nude sunbathing	8/16/2018 11:48 AM
15	Tennis courts are poorly maintained.	8/15/2018 8:33 AM

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Q6 How would you rate Ypsilanti Township parks in terms of maintenance and appearance?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 2

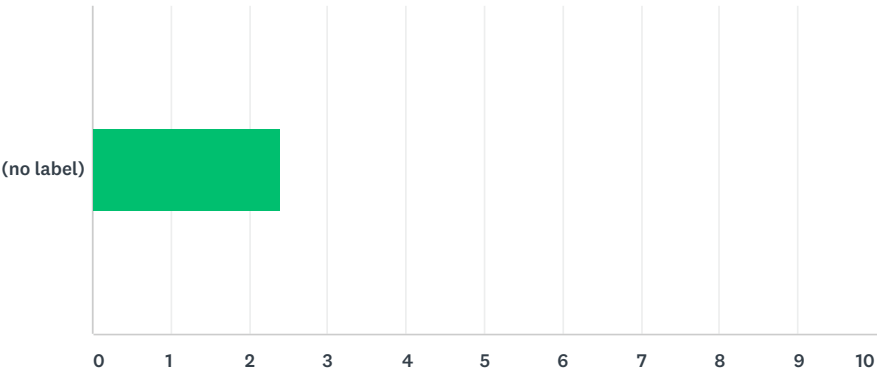


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW / HAVEN'T VISITED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	9.01%	63.06%	21.62%	3.60%	2.70%	111	2.28
	10	70	24	4	3		

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Q7 How would you rate Ypsilanti Township parks in terms of variety of amenities?

Answered: 110    Skipped: 3

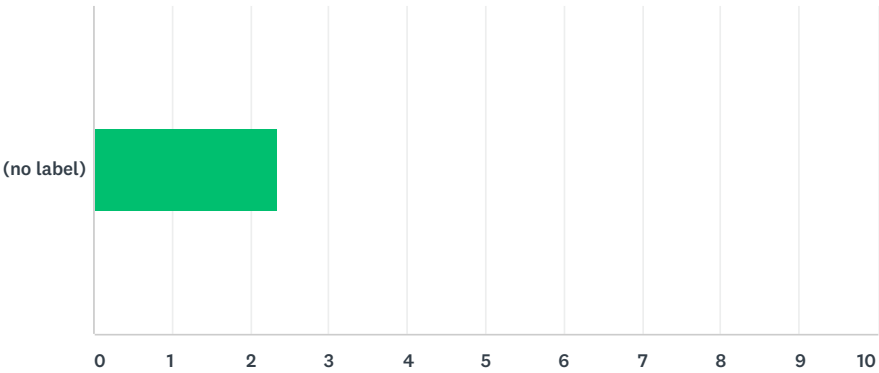


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW / HAVEN'T VISITED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	9.09%	52.73%	30.00%	4.55%	3.64%	110	2.41
	10	58	33	5	4		

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Q8 How would you rate Ypsilanti Township parks in terms of safety?

Answered: 109    Skipped: 4



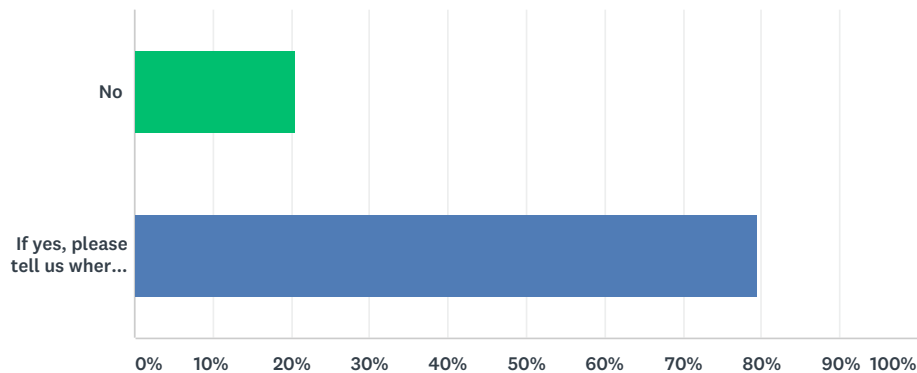
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW / HAVEN'T VISITED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	8.26% 9	62.39% 68	20.18% 22	4.59% 5	4.59% 5	109	2.35



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**Q9 Do you or your family visit neighboring community, county, state, or other regional recreation facilities, e.g. Rolling Hills County Park, Border-to-Border trail, etc.?**

Answered: 107 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	20.56%	22
If yes, please tell us where you visit.	79.44%	85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>107</b>

#	IF YES, PLEASE TELL US WHERE YOU VISIT.	DATE
1	Rolling Hills	10/1/2018 2:23 PM
2	Rolling Hills, B2B	10/1/2018 1:54 PM
3	Rolling Hills, B2B trail	9/11/2018 10:53 AM
4	Rolling Hills, State parks / boat launches @ Belleville, Whitmore Lake, Pinckney, etc.	9/11/2018 10:48 AM
5	Matthei Botanical Gardens	9/11/2018 10:34 AM
6	Rolling Hills, B2B, Heritage Park, Ford Lake Park, Loonfeather	9/11/2018 10:24 AM
7	Gallup Park (Ann Arbor)	9/11/2018 10:16 AM
8	Rolling Hills, B2B	9/10/2018 5:23 PM
9	All of the above - County, City, Township, State Parks in SE Michigan	9/10/2018 4:15 PM
10	B2B, A2, Dexter	9/10/2018 12:29 PM
11	both of the ones you mention, but not very recently	9/9/2018 7:30 PM
12	Rolling Hills, Lower Huron	9/9/2018 5:51 PM
13	Rolling Hills, Border-to-Border, Dexter Metropark, Waterloo area, Kensington	9/9/2018 8:20 AM
14	Rolling Hills, state parks	9/9/2018 5:00 AM
15	Rolling Hills, Border to Borde trail, AA parks, etc	9/8/2018 8:36 PM
16	Rolling hills	9/8/2018 4:42 PM
17	I bike the B to B trail weekly in different parts of the county. Especially Ypsilanti Township.	9/7/2018 11:55 AM
18	Rolling Hills, Gallup Park, Bob Lilley Park	9/6/2018 8:55 PM

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19	All of the above	9/6/2018 1:01 PM
20	Rolling Hills, Independence Lake,	9/6/2018 12:42 PM
21	Rolling Hills CP	9/6/2018 11:35 AM
22	Rolling Hills	9/6/2018 11:15 AM
23	Border-to-Border trail, state parks, Parker Mill	9/6/2018 10:28 AM
24	Rolling Hills	9/6/2018 5:54 AM
25	Rolling Hills, County Park, Parker Mills, Border to border trail	9/5/2018 6:52 PM
26	B2B trail	9/5/2018 6:49 PM
27	Rolling Hills	9/5/2018 1:41 PM
28	Rolling hills	9/5/2018 12:27 PM
29	Border-to-Border Trail, Gallup park, Parker Mill park	9/5/2018 9:37 AM
30	Rolling Hills	9/5/2018 9:21 AM
31	Border-to-Border trail	9/5/2018 9:11 AM
32	Park on Geddes Road in Ann Arbor	9/5/2018 8:54 AM
33	Rolling Hills, B2B trail, Lillie, Gallup, Pittsfield Preserve Nature Trail Area	9/5/2018 8:35 AM
34	Rolling Hills, County Farm Park, Bird Hills Nature Area, Cherry Hill Nature Preserve	9/5/2018 8:31 AM
35	Rolling Hills	9/5/2018 8:06 AM
36	Rolling Hills	9/4/2018 8:27 PM
37	Rolling Hills County - walk/run all year long. Love it.	9/4/2018 8:16 AM
38	Rolling hills. Prospect. Riverside. Frog island. Border to border trail. Waterloo state rec area.	9/2/2018 6:48 PM
39	B2B, rolling hills, many parks in Ann Arbor and Canton	9/1/2018 7:25 PM
40	state parks, county parks, rolling hills	8/28/2018 8:01 PM
41	Rolling Hills, Gallup Park	8/22/2018 10:53 AM
42	Rolling Hills	8/22/2018 10:17 AM
43	Metro parks and State parks and trails	8/19/2018 1:02 PM
44	Rolling Hills, Border-to-Border, Dog park at Ellsworth & Platt	8/18/2018 11:22 AM
45	Rolling Hills, many Ann Arbor parks	8/17/2018 12:29 PM
46	Rolling Hills County Park, Border-to-Border trail, A2 Parks	8/17/2018 11:50 AM
47	b2b, Pinckney Rec. Area, Kensington Metropark, Rolling Hills, Arb, Botanical Gardens, Gallup Park, Parker Mill, LaFerge	8/17/2018 8:04 AM
48	Metroparks (Dexter, Kensington, Lower Huron Metropark, Lakeland Trail)	8/16/2018 10:20 PM
49	Border to border - Ypsilanti area.	8/16/2018 8:11 PM
50	County farm park, Gallup park, Fuller park	8/16/2018 1:54 PM
51	Rolling Hills	8/16/2018 12:49 PM
52	Metroparks, State Parks	8/16/2018 11:48 AM
53	Nancy, Loonfeather, North Bay, Textile	8/16/2018 10:48 AM
54	Huron Metro Parks	8/16/2018 10:21 AM
55	Rolling Hills	8/16/2018 9:46 AM
56	I travel the B2B trail regularly on my bike.	8/16/2018 7:36 AM
57	Rolling hills	8/16/2018 5:12 AM
58	Rolling Hills Water Park	8/15/2018 10:10 PM

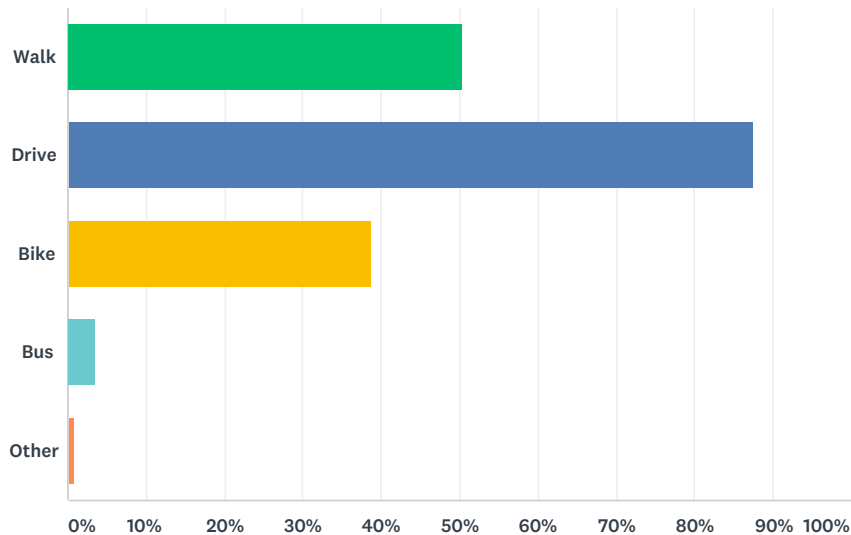
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59	ann arbor, ypsilanti, washtenaw	8/15/2018 9:07 PM
60	Rolling Hills County Park, Border to Border Trail, Washtenaw County preserves	8/15/2018 8:24 PM
61	Independence Lake county park	8/15/2018 7:15 PM
62	Ann Arbor parks; county farm park	8/15/2018 7:13 PM
63	Rolling Hills	8/15/2018 6:19 PM
64	City of Ann Arbor Parks, Metroparks, State Parks, City of Ypsilanti Parks, Border to Borderer trail, Washtenaw County Parks	8/15/2018 3:59 PM
65	Gallup, Fursrenburg, Hudson Mills	8/15/2018 2:46 PM
66	Huron Valley MetroPark	8/15/2018 1:42 PM
67	border-to-border trail, Riverside and Frog Island Parks, metroparks	8/15/2018 1:21 PM
68	Rolling Hills, Sandra Richardson, Draper-Houston	8/15/2018 1:03 PM
69	I use the trail from Hewitt and Huron to Dixboro.	8/15/2018 12:38 PM
70	Rolling Hills	8/15/2018 12:32 PM
71	We visit Rolling Hills County Park frequently.	8/15/2018 10:21 AM
72	Border to border trail	8/15/2018 10:13 AM
73	Pinckney Recreation Area, Crooked Lake, public beach in Lexington	8/15/2018 10:06 AM
74	Willow metro, Sherwood, lower Huron	8/15/2018 10:05 AM
75	Rolling Hills, B2B, Gallup, Metroparks	8/15/2018 10:01 AM
76	Rolling Hills and Border-to-border trail	8/15/2018 9:44 AM
77	Rolling Hills, Parker Mill, LeFurge Trail,	8/15/2018 9:43 AM
78	Rolling Hills, BTB Trail, Ann Arbor parks	8/15/2018 9:25 AM
79	Rolling Hills for the extensive walking trails.	8/15/2018 9:19 AM
80	Border-to-Border Trail, Gallup Park, Fuller Park, Argo Cascades, Swift Run dog park, Delhi Metropark	8/15/2018 9:03 AM
81	Hudson Mills, Kennsington, Independence Lake, Mayberry	8/15/2018 8:49 AM
82	Rolling Hills	8/15/2018 8:37 AM
83	Rolling Hills, Canton Splash Pad and play structure, Turtle Cove at Lower Huron Metro	8/14/2018 2:44 PM
84	North Bay and Clubview	6/20/2018 9:26 AM
85	Rolling Hills, Belle Isle, County Farm Park, Ypsilanti City Parks - Rutherford Pool, Riverside Park, Frog Island Park	6/15/2018 2:40 PM

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Q10 How do you typically travel to Ypsilanti Township's recreation facilities? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 111 Skipped: 2



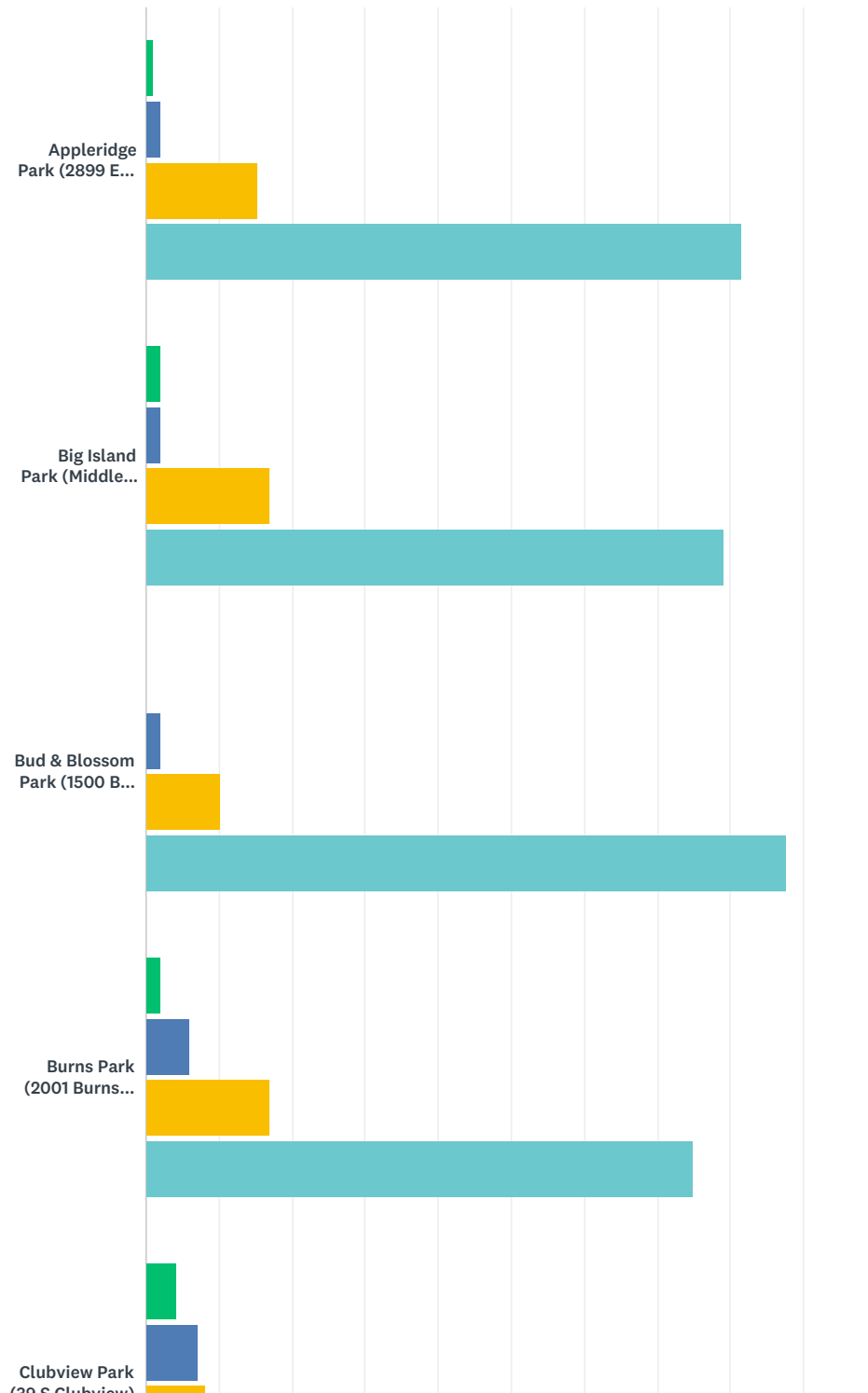
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	50.45%	56
Drive	87.39%	97
Bike	38.74%	43
Bus	3.60%	4
Other	0.90%	1
Total Respondents: 111		



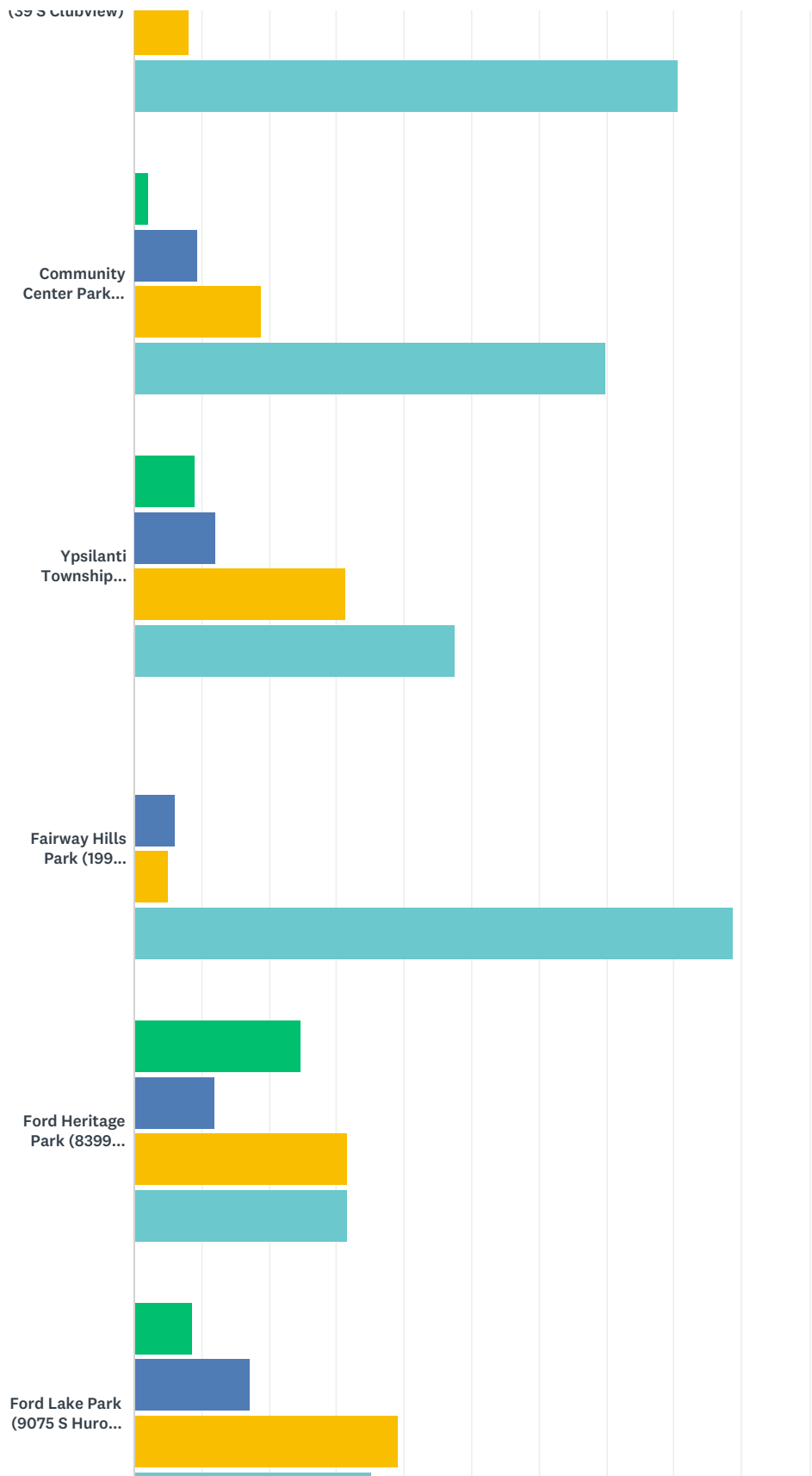
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Q11 In the past 12 months, how many times have you visited Ypsilanti Township's recreation facilities?

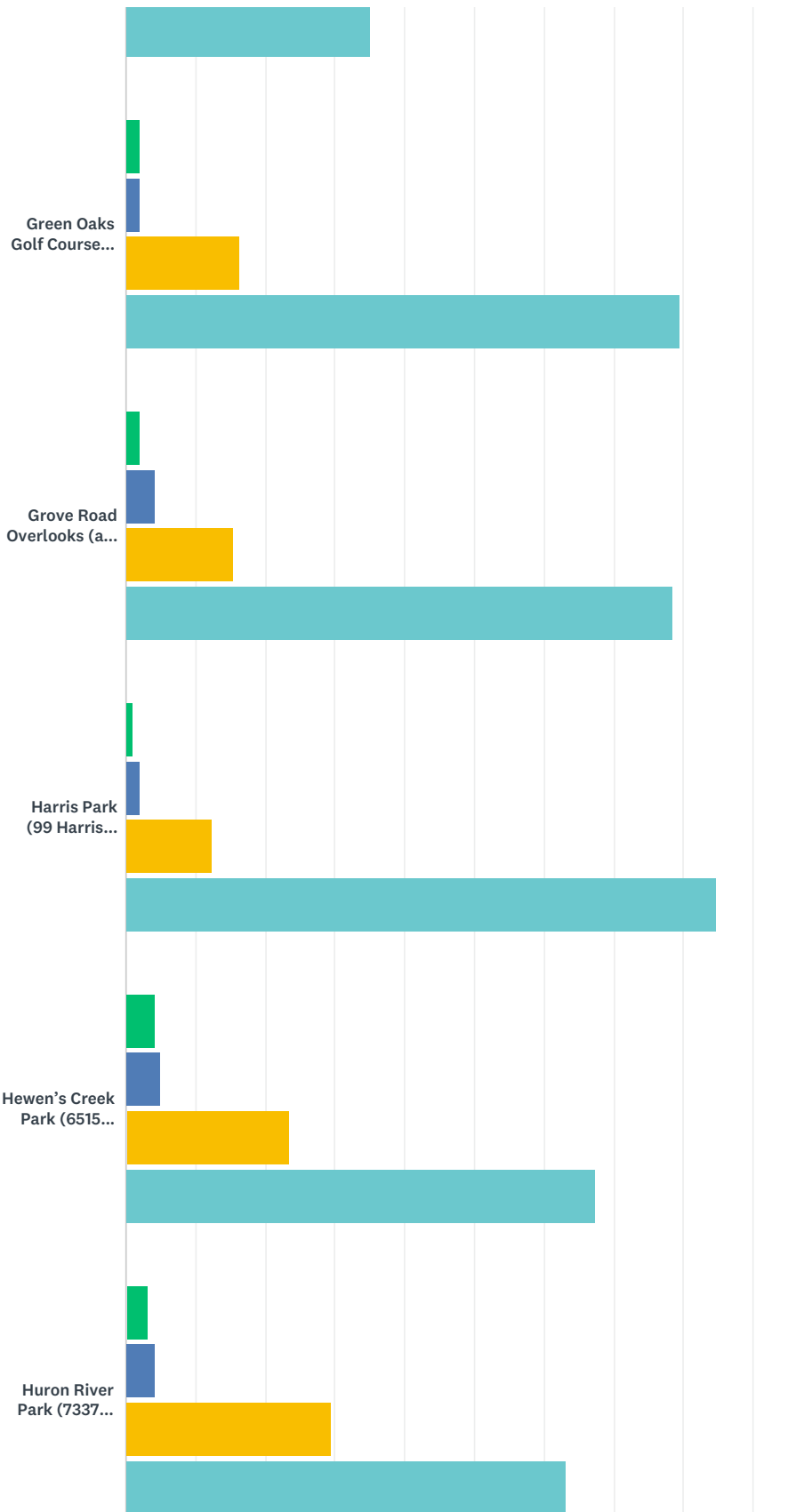
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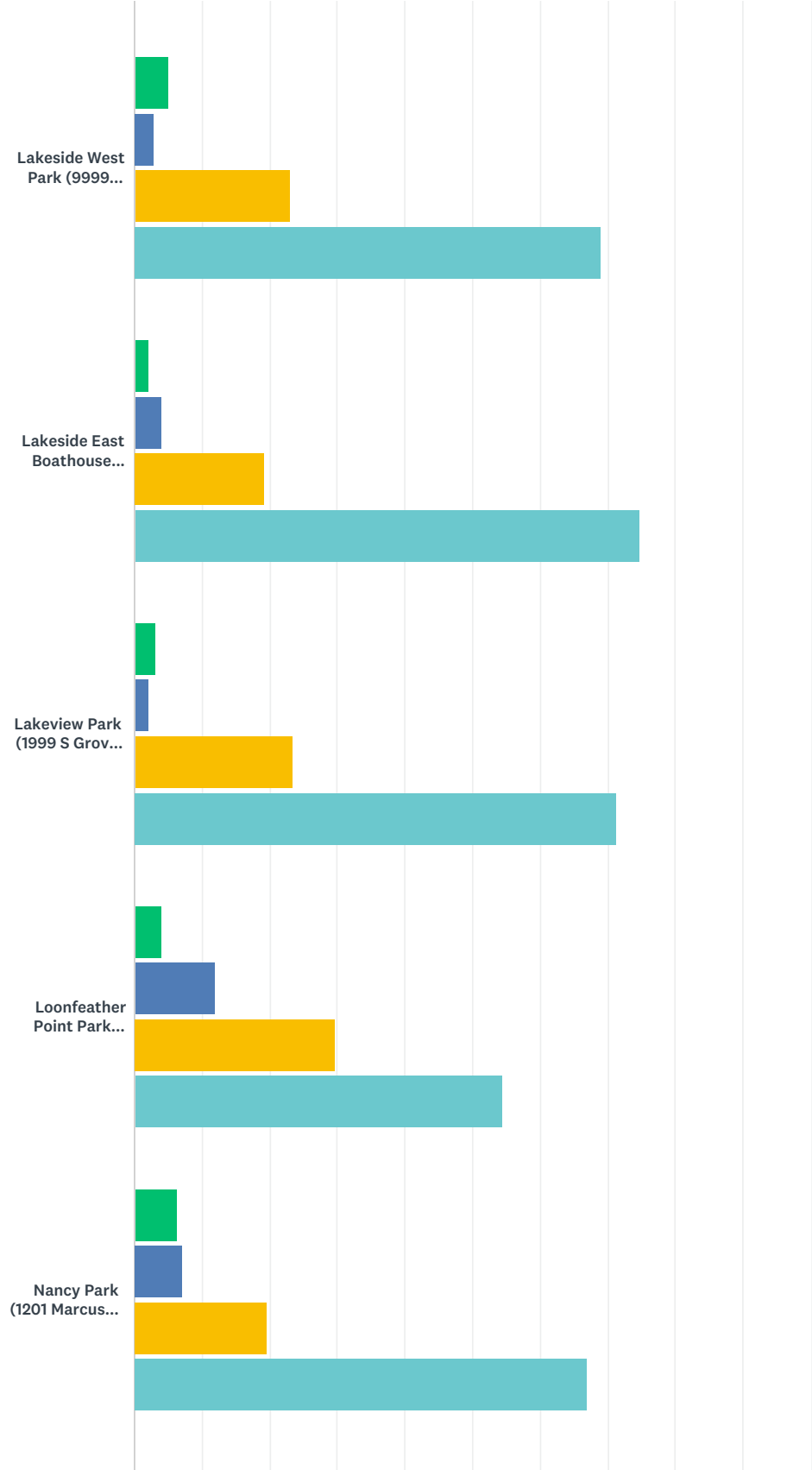
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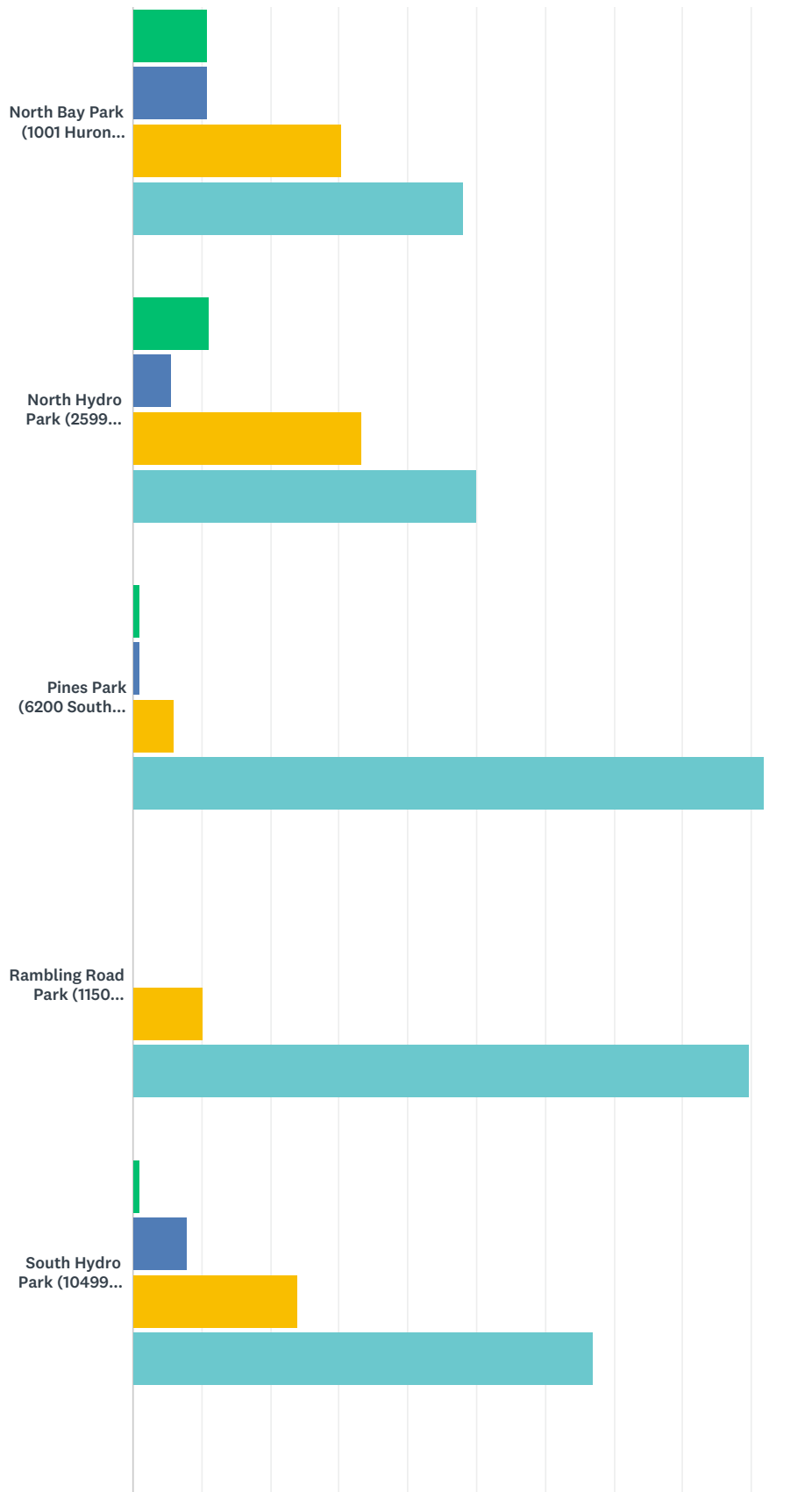


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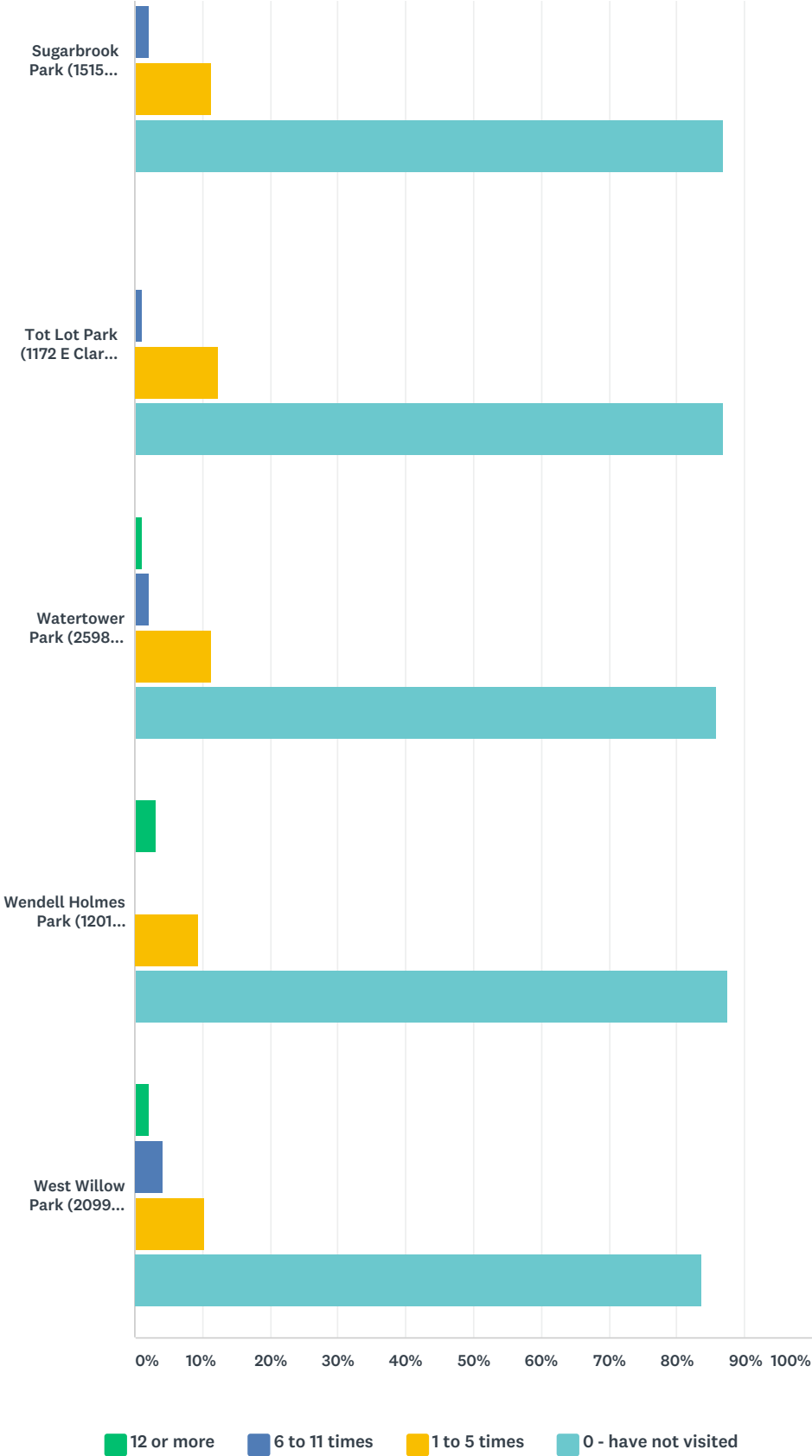




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	12 OR MORE	6 TO 11 TIMES	1 TO 5 TIMES	0 - HAVE NOT VISITED	TOTAL
Appleridge Park (2899 E Clark)	1.02% 1	2.04% 2	15.31% 15	81.63% 80	98
Big Island Park (Middle of Ford Lake)	2.00% 2	2.00% 2	17.00% 17	79.00% 79	100
Bud & Blossom Park (1500 Bud Street)	0.00% 0	2.04% 2	10.20% 10	87.76% 86	98
Burns Park (2001 Burns Street)	2.00% 2	6.00% 6	17.00% 17	75.00% 75	100
Clubview Park (39 S Clubview)	4.08% 4	7.14% 7	8.16% 8	80.61% 79	98
Community Center Park (2000 E Clark)	2.08% 2	9.38% 9	18.75% 18	69.79% 67	96
Ypsilanti Township Community Center (2025 E Clark)	9.09% 9	12.12% 12	31.31% 31	47.47% 47	99
Fairway Hills Park (199 Carriage Way)	0.00% 0	6.12% 6	5.10% 5	88.78% 87	98
Ford Heritage Park (8399 Textile Road)	24.75% 25	11.88% 12	31.68% 32	31.68% 32	101
Ford Lake Park (9075 S Huron River Drive)	8.57% 9	17.14% 18	39.05% 41	35.24% 37	105
Green Oaks Golf Course (2025 E Clark Road)	2.04% 2	2.04% 2	16.33% 16	79.59% 78	98
Grove Road Overlooks (at Harry and Margarita Streets)	2.06% 2	4.12% 4	15.46% 15	78.35% 76	97
Harris Park (99 Harris Road)	1.02% 1	2.04% 2	12.24% 12	84.69% 83	98
Hewen's Creek Park (6515 Bemis Road)	4.08% 4	5.10% 5	23.47% 23	67.35% 66	98
Huron River Park (7337 Huron River Drive)	3.06% 3	4.08% 4	29.59% 29	63.27% 62	98
Lakeside West Park (9999 Textile Road)	5.00% 5	3.00% 3	23.00% 23	69.00% 69	100
Lakeside East Boathouse (10049 Textile Road)	2.02% 2	4.04% 4	19.19% 19	74.75% 74	99
Lakeview Park (1999 S Grove Road)	3.06% 3	2.04% 2	23.47% 23	71.43% 70	98
Loonfeather Point Park (1340 S Grove Road)	3.96% 4	11.88% 12	29.70% 30	54.46% 55	101
Nancy Park (1201 Marcus Street)	6.19% 6	7.22% 7	19.59% 19	67.01% 65	97
North Bay Park (1001 Huron Street)	10.78% 11	10.78% 11	30.39% 31	48.04% 49	102
North Hydro Park (2599 Bridge)	11.11% 2	5.56% 1	33.33% 6	50.00% 9	18
Pines Park (6200 South Ivanhoe)	1.02% 1	1.02% 1	6.12% 6	91.84% 90	98

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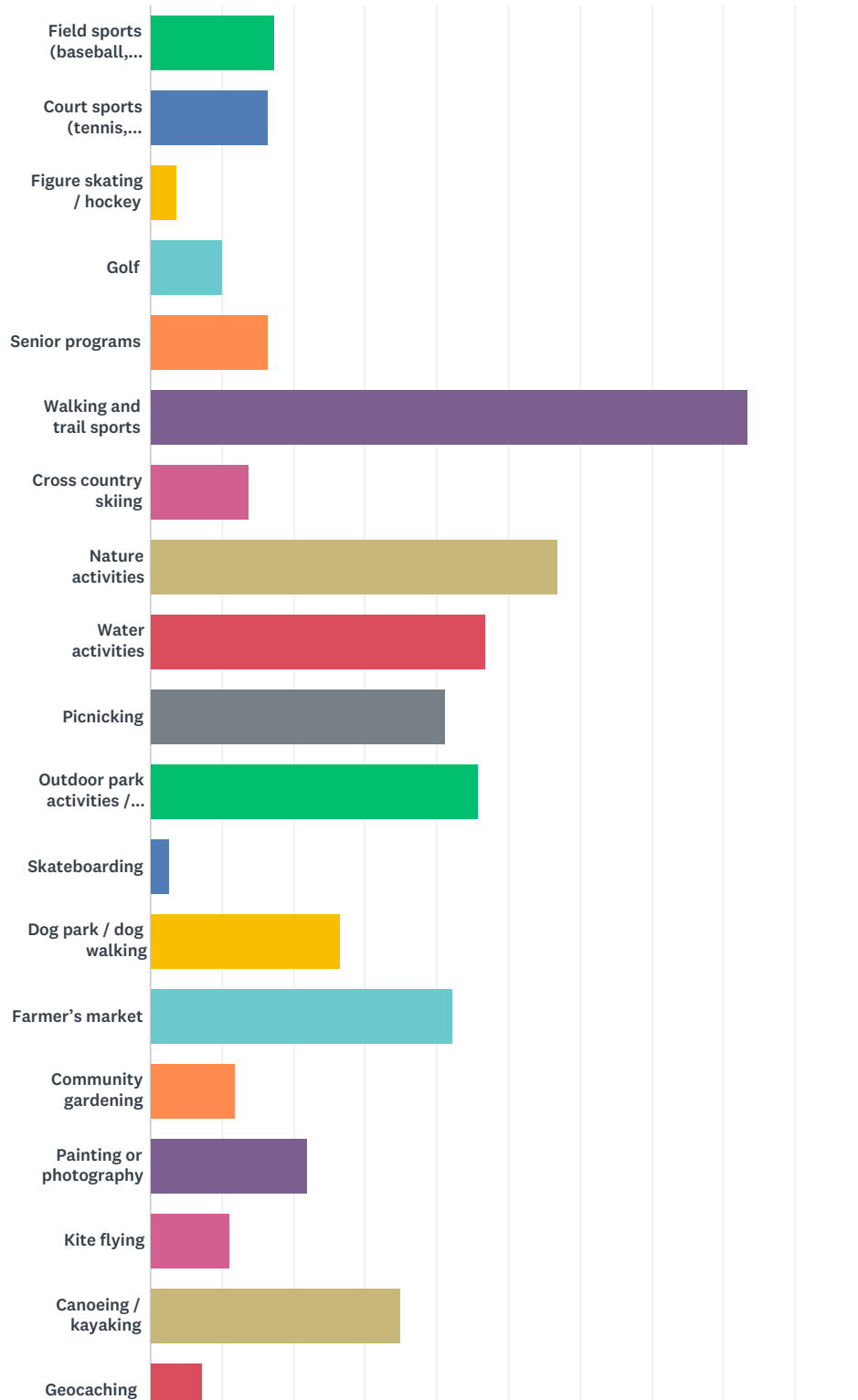
Rambling Road Park (1150 Lexington Parkway)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.20% 10	89.80% 88	98
South Hydro Park (10499 Textile Road)	1.00% 1	8.00% 8	24.00% 24	67.00% 67	100
Sugarbrook Park (1515 Andrea Street)	0.00% 0	2.04% 2	11.22% 11	86.73% 85	98
Tot Lot Park (1172 E Clark Road)	0.00% 0	1.02% 1	12.24% 12	86.73% 85	98
Watertower Park (2598 Verna Street)	1.02% 1	2.04% 2	11.22% 11	85.71% 84	98
Wendell Holmes Park (1201 Holmes Road)	3.13% 3	0.00% 0	9.38% 9	87.50% 84	96
West Willow Park (2099 Tyler Road)	2.04% 2	4.08% 4	10.20% 10	83.67% 82	98



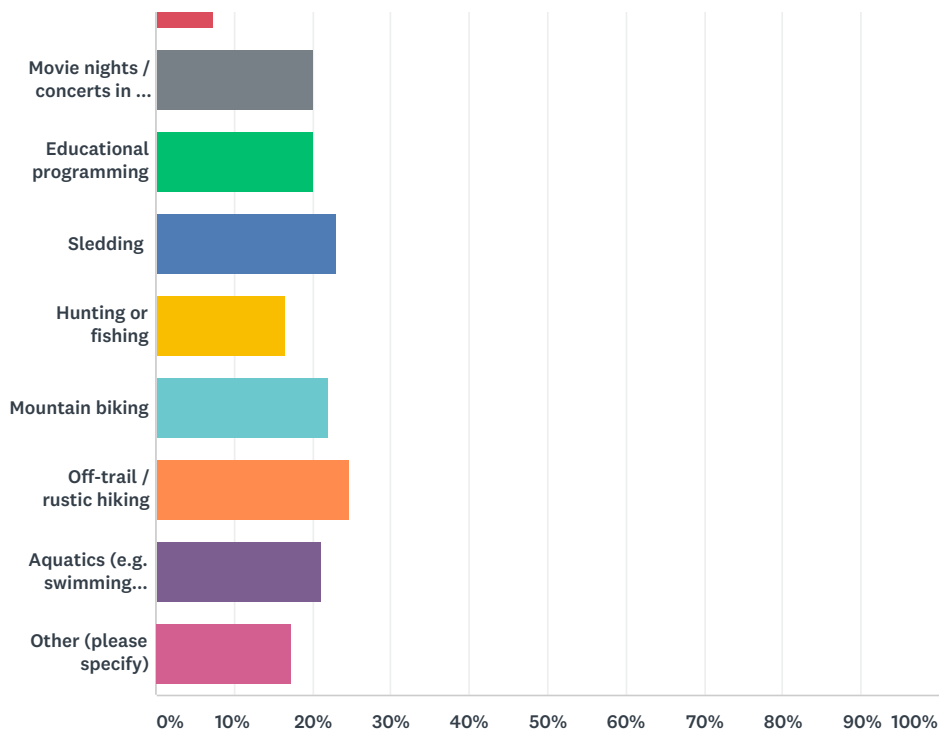
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Q12 What type of activities do you or your family regularly participate in?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Field sports (baseball, football, soccer, etc.)	17.43%	19
Court sports (tennis, pickleball, basketball, etc.)	16.51%	18
Figure skating / hockey	3.67%	4
Golf	10.09%	11
Senior programs	16.51%	18
Walking and trail sports	83.49%	91
Cross country skiing	13.76%	15
Nature activities	56.88%	62
Water activities	46.79%	51
Picnicking	41.28%	45
Outdoor park activities / playground	45.87%	50
Skateboarding	2.75%	3
Dog park / dog walking	26.61%	29
Farmer's market	42.20%	46
Community gardening	11.93%	13
Painting or photography	22.02%	24
Kite flying	11.01%	12
Canoeing / kayaking	34.86%	38

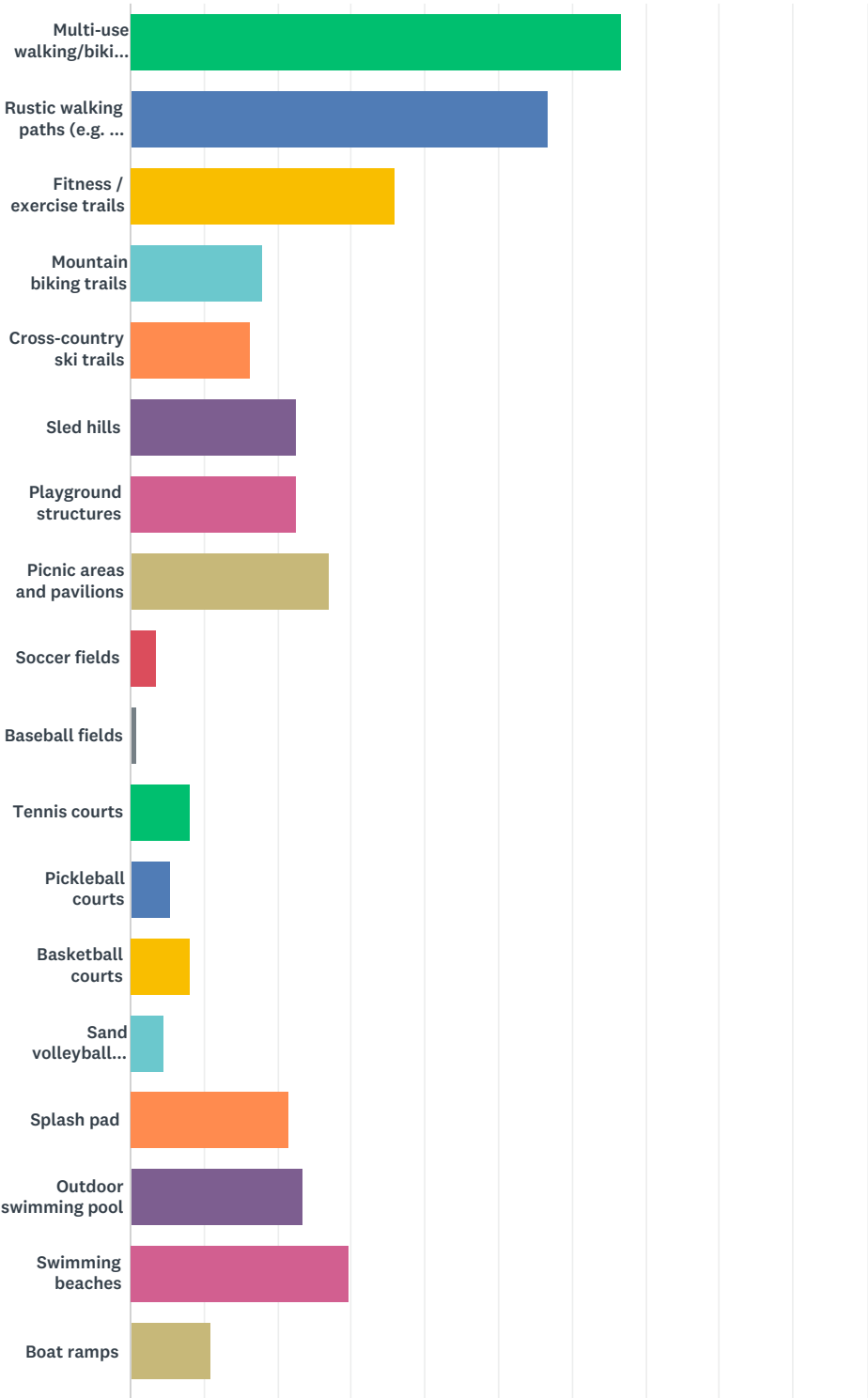
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Geocaching	7.34%	8
Movie nights / concerts in the park	20.18%	22
Educational programming	20.18%	22
Sledding	22.94%	25
Hunting or fishing	16.51%	18
Mountain biking	22.02%	24
Off-trail / rustic hiking	24.77%	27
Aquatics (e.g. swimming lessons, water polo, etc.)	21.10%	23
Other (please specify)	17.43%	19
Total Respondents: 109		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Running, Pokemon	9/11/2018 10:53 AM
2	Reading, watching activity on the lake	9/11/2018 10:34 AM
3	Road biking	9/11/2018 10:24 AM
4	snowshoeing	9/10/2018 4:15 PM
5	Biking, running, fitness	9/9/2018 5:00 AM
6	Road biking	9/8/2018 8:36 PM
7	Bus for seniors to Township Recreation Center?	9/7/2018 11:55 AM
8	Biking, running	9/5/2018 6:52 PM
9	biking	8/28/2018 8:01 PM
10	Community Picnics & events led by residents, neighborhood associations	8/27/2018 3:16 PM
11	People watching :) talking, WiFi in a sitting area	8/19/2018 1:02 PM
12	Ypsi rec dance and youth sports programs, special events	8/17/2018 12:29 PM
13	.	8/17/2018 7:50 AM
14	Biking on trails (mainly paved trails in Metroparks)	8/16/2018 10:20 PM
15	Biking	8/16/2018 7:36 AM
16	Birdwatching	8/15/2018 4:31 PM
17	Birding, Biking (not mountain)	8/15/2018 3:59 PM
18	Birdwatching, photography	8/15/2018 2:46 PM
19	cycling	8/15/2018 12:38 PM

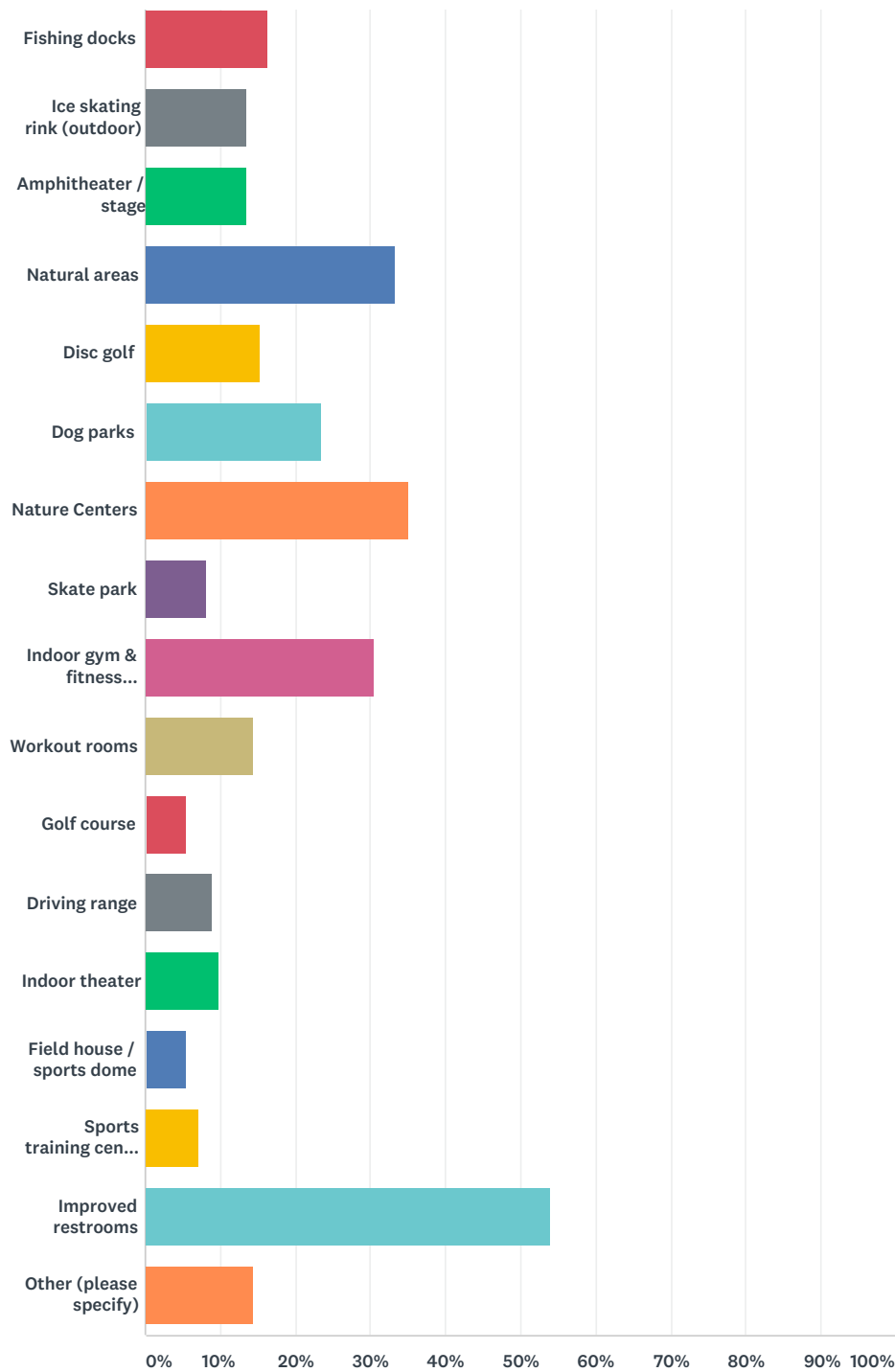
Q13 Which of the following park amenities would you like to see more of?  
Choose all that apply.

Answered: 111 Skipped: 2





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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multi-use walking/biking paths (e.g. 10' wide paved pathways)	66.67%	74
Rustic walking paths (e.g. 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths in nature areas)	56.76%	63
Fitness / exercise trails	36.04%	40

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Mountain biking trails	18.02%	20
Cross-country ski trails	16.22%	18
Sled hills	22.52%	25
Playground structures	22.52%	25
Picnic areas and pavilions	27.03%	30
Soccer fields	3.60%	4
Baseball fields	0.90%	1
Tennis courts	8.11%	9
Pickleball courts	5.41%	6
Basketball courts	8.11%	9
Sand volleyball courts	4.50%	5
Splash pad	21.62%	24
Outdoor swimming pool	23.42%	26
Swimming beaches	29.73%	33
Boat ramps	10.81%	12
Fishing docks	16.22%	18
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	13.51%	15
Amphitheater / stage	13.51%	15
Natural areas	33.33%	37
Disc golf	15.32%	17
Dog parks	23.42%	26
Nature Centers	35.14%	39
Skate park	8.11%	9
Indoor gym & fitness facility	30.63%	34
Workout rooms	14.41%	16
Golf course	5.41%	6
Driving range	9.01%	10
Indoor theater	9.91%	11
Field house / sports dome	5.41%	6
Sports training center (batting cages, indoor track, etc.)	7.21%	8
Improved restrooms	54.05%	60
Other (please specify)	14.41%	16
Total Respondents: 111		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Community Gardens	9/10/2018 12:29 PM

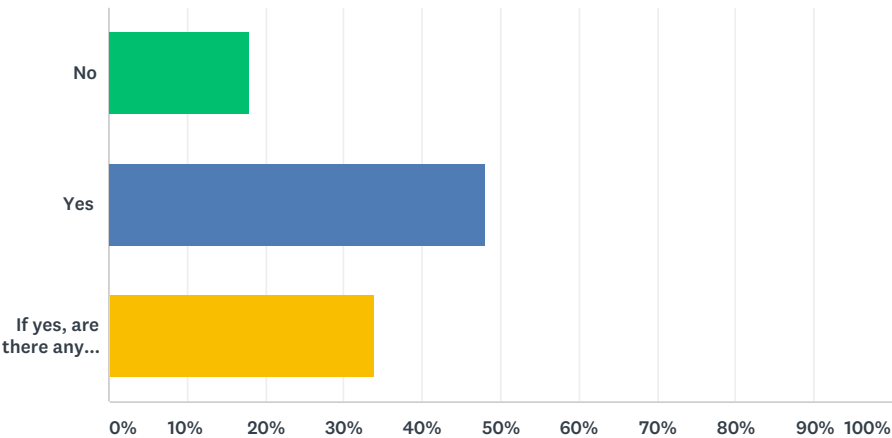
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2	Completion/continuation/connection of paved paths that just end, and more paved mixed use paths.	9/7/2018 11:55 AM
3	would love to see soccer nets at Clubview Park	9/6/2018 10:28 AM
4	Indoor swimming	9/5/2018 9:21 AM
5	swimming pool	9/5/2018 8:54 AM
6	Ability to walk/ride bikes to them. Parkside Preserve has no pedestrian access to anywhere.	9/4/2018 8:16 AM
7	need restrooms at all the parks and they need to be open, port a johns would be better than nothing at all hard for families or anyone to go for a long hike, walk, especially with children with no bathrooms Pittsfield has port a johns and so does the city of ann arbor	8/28/2018 8:01 PM
8	Ford Heritage would be an excellent site for a dog park	8/18/2018 11:22 AM
9	RESTROOMS in the parks..	8/18/2018 10:44 AM
10	.	8/17/2018 7:50 AM
11	More options for swim lessons	8/16/2018 1:54 PM
12	playground and equipment for 1-4 years of age/stage	8/16/2018 11:57 AM
13	Boat rides/ rentals or for a fee	8/15/2018 5:37 PM
14	Programs for nature education, signs to not feed wildlife.	8/15/2018 3:59 PM
15	Kayak launch/ramp not shared with powered/motored boats	8/15/2018 10:06 AM
16	restrooms	6/20/2018 9:26 AM

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Q14 Would you like to see the trail system in Ypsilanti Township expanded?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
No		17.92%	19
Yes		48.11%	51
If yes, are there any specific routes you'd like to see developed?		33.96%	36
TOTAL			106

#	IF YES, ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC ROUTES YOU'D LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED?	DATE
1	Sidewalks as paths on Huron River Drive from Textile to Whittaker	9/11/2018 10:54 AM
2	Along Stony Creek to Rolling Hills	9/11/2018 10:25 AM
3	Pedestrian Access from S Huron River Drive to North Bay Park, and safer pedestrian routes along Huron River Drive	9/10/2018 4:17 PM
4	Widen B2B trail between Ypsi and A2	9/10/2018 12:30 PM
5	along Washtenaw from Ypsilanti to Stadium in Ann Arbor	9/9/2018 8:23 AM
6	South of 94, connecting existing trails. Down whittaker, huron river drive, tuttlehill	9/9/2018 5:01 AM
7	Clean the glass from bike lanes. Connect to eastern border.	9/8/2018 8:38 PM
8	I would like to see an off the road path for bikers and walkers to get across I94 safely.	9/7/2018 11:57 AM
9	Walking trails through parks on north east side of township - Holmes Road, Forest, Appleridge, community center	9/6/2018 8:58 PM
10	Huron River Drive from Morgan to Textile	9/6/2018 12:44 PM
11	better bike connector from downtown Ypsi to Ford Lake Park	9/6/2018 10:30 AM
12	Need to expand the trail down Whittaker Road to Millpoint. It is very dangerous to ride or walk along this road.	9/5/2018 6:55 PM
13	More stuff around Ellsworth and Hewitt would be nice. There's wooded area for sale, would be a shame if it turns into apartments or something.	9/5/2018 10:52 AM
14	A connector to the b2b trail along Hewitt road	9/5/2018 9:38 AM



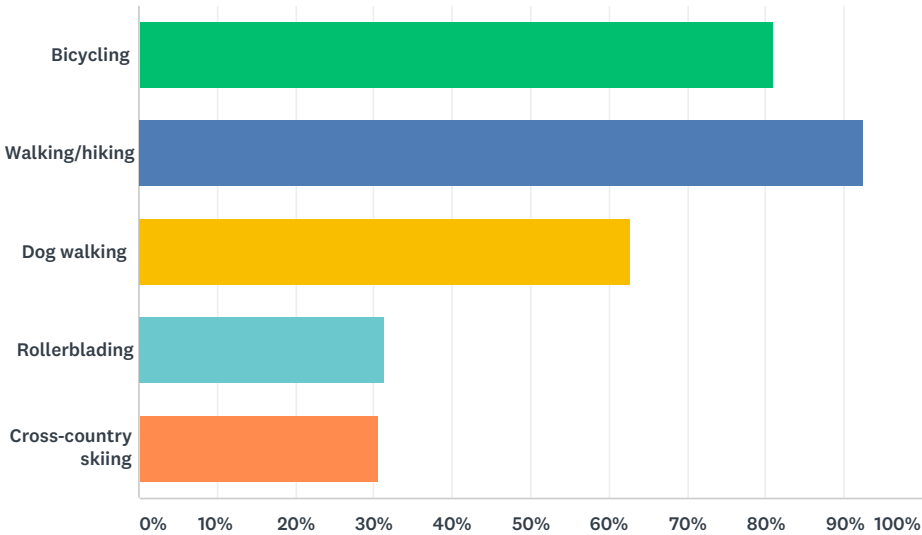
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15	Only if it provides access to those many neighborhoods that currently have no safe passage for pedestrians/cyclist to get to them.	9/4/2018 8:17 AM
16	Waymarking from neighborhoods to trails. Trails connectionss in the north of the township.	9/2/2018 7:00 PM
17	all areas where they are missing gaps Bridge/Textile, Congress/Mansfield. Clark Rd by hospital, etc.	8/28/2018 8:02 PM
18	Huron River Drive and Textile - need trails that connect and not end	8/22/2018 10:18 AM
19	Maybe some could be better connected	8/17/2018 11:51 AM
20	Whittaker Road area. Kroger is one of few grocery stores and is inaccessible by bike.	8/17/2018 8:07 AM
21	.	8/17/2018 7:51 AM
22	Need to do something about connecting bike route around I-94 - connect Ford Lake with a trail around Eastern Michigan not on the street.	8/16/2018 10:23 PM
23	Grove road to Rawsonville.	8/16/2018 8:13 PM
24	Connectivity to existing parks and facilities. Hitchingham trail extended to Textile and connected to the trail at Whitaker to take you to ford heritage park and the library.	8/16/2018 9:48 AM
25	Finish the B2B to Rawsonville Road	8/16/2018 7:38 AM
26	Wide trails	8/16/2018 5:14 AM
27	around lake ability to walk everywhere in township	8/15/2018 7:17 PM
28	Huron River Drive. You can almost go all the way around Whittaker, Textile, and HRD except there are many places on HRD that is unpaved. This would give better access to the park, library, etc.	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
29	from down town to mail library , along bridge street, along textile road	8/15/2018 2:45 PM
30	Whittaker Rd	8/15/2018 1:05 PM
31	Extend the Hewitt road-diet to Washtenaw, adding bike lanes. The trail along Huron River and Hewitt is very bumpy. I use the road instead for cycling.	8/15/2018 12:43 PM
32	No	8/15/2018 10:14 AM
33	Connect Whittaker Rd from Meritt/Bemis to Textile or at least to the sub to avoid having to ride in the street on Whittaker	8/15/2018 10:04 AM
34	Finish the Border-to-Border Trail	8/15/2018 9:05 AM
35	If like it to be more accessible from the ford lake neighborhood. Currently there are no sidewalks to link to the trails	8/15/2018 8:32 AM
36	Walking paths crossing I-94, walking & nature trails around library property	6/15/2018 2:43 PM

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Q15 What types of activities should be accommodated on the trail network? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 105 Skipped: 8

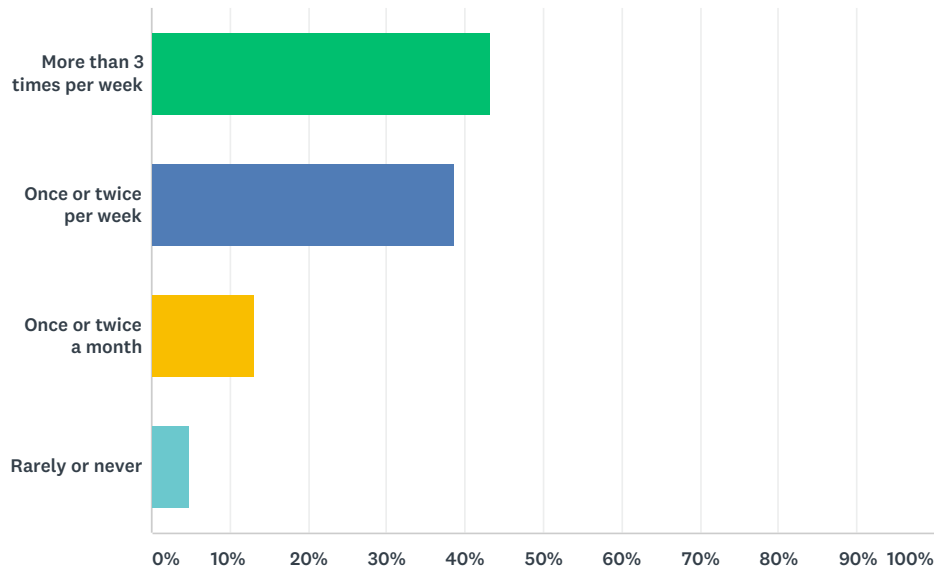


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bicycling	80.95%	85
Walking/hiking	92.38%	97
Dog walking	62.86%	66
Rollerblading	31.43%	33
Cross-country skiing	30.48%	32
Total Respondents: 105		

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## Q16 How frequently do you walk, run, or hike for exercise or recreation?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 7

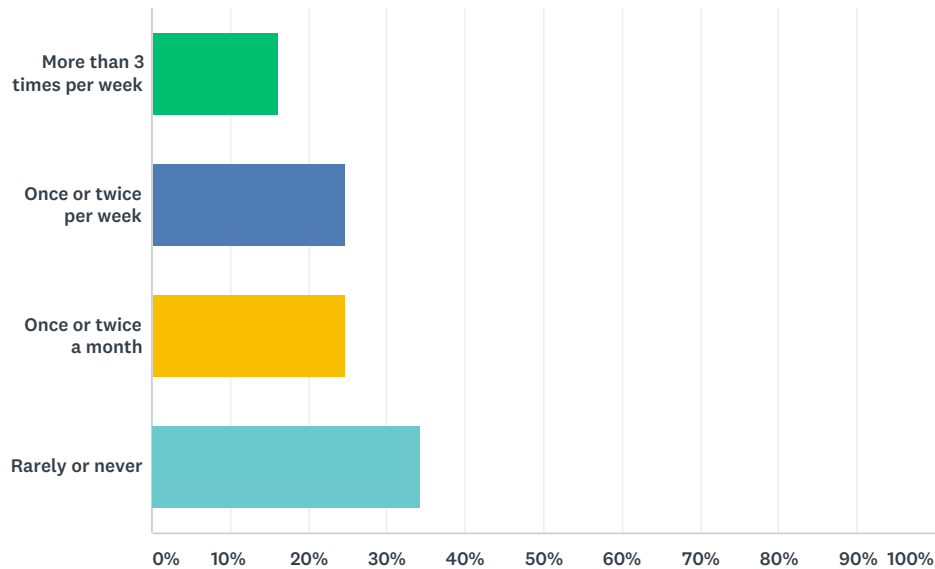


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 3 times per week	43.40%	46
Once or twice per week	38.68%	41
Once or twice a month	13.21%	14
Rarely or never	4.72%	5
TOTAL		106

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Q17 How frequently do you bicycle for exercise or recreation?

Answered: 105   Skipped: 8



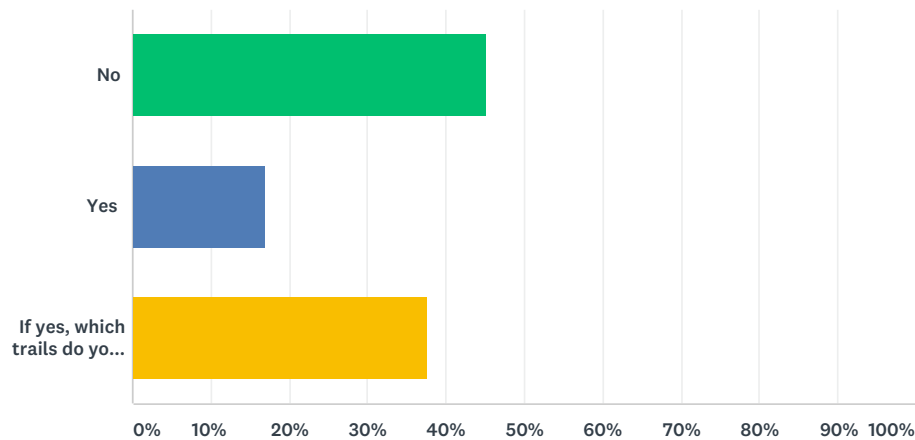
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 3 times per week	16.19%	17
Once or twice per week	24.76%	26
Once or twice a month	24.76%	26
Rarely or never	34.29%	36
TOTAL		105



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## Q18 Do you use regional trails (e.g. the Border-to-Border trail) or trails outside of Ypsilanti Township?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	45.28%	48
Yes	16.98%	18
If yes, which trails do you use?	37.74%	40
TOTAL		106

#	IF YES, WHICH TRAILS DO YOU USE?	DATE
1	Walking or bike	10/1/2018 2:24 PM
2	B2B, Huron River, Ford Lake	10/1/2018 1:54 PM
3	B2B	9/11/2018 10:54 AM
4	Parker Mill	9/11/2018 10:48 AM
5	Ann Arbor	9/11/2018 10:35 AM
6	B2B	9/11/2018 10:25 AM
7	Border-to-border	9/10/2018 4:17 PM
8	A2 and Dexter	9/10/2018 12:30 PM
9	Potawatomi, the trails in ann arbor	9/9/2018 7:32 PM
10	Trails in metroparks	9/9/2018 5:52 PM
11	B to B and trails in Dexter, Kensington and Waterloo	9/9/2018 8:23 AM
12	I use the B to B trail from Stockbridge to Belleville for transportation and recreation.	9/7/2018 11:57 AM
13	Pittsfield Township	9/6/2018 8:58 PM
14	Border to border	9/5/2018 6:55 PM
15	B2B trail	9/5/2018 6:51 PM
16	Border-to-Border trail	9/5/2018 10:52 AM
17	the Border-to-Border trail	9/5/2018 9:38 AM

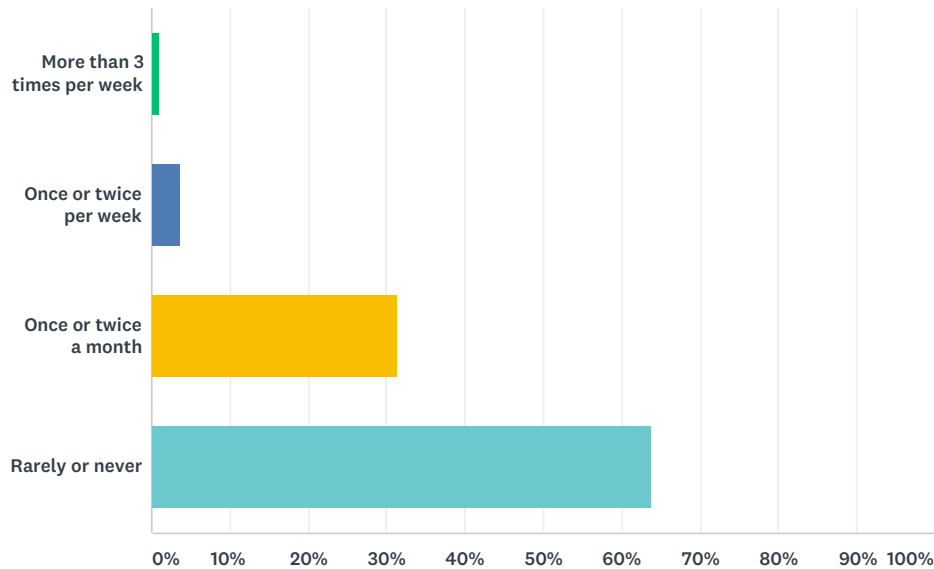
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18	B2B mostly	9/5/2018 8:37 AM
19	Border-to-Border	8/18/2018 11:23 AM
20	Geedes rd.	8/18/2018 10:46 AM
21	A2 parks	8/17/2018 11:51 AM
22	Border-to-Border	8/17/2018 8:07 AM
23	? don't know names of trails	8/17/2018 7:51 AM
24	Metropark Trails such as Lower Huron, Dexter, and Kensington Metroparks - would love something close to home like this	8/16/2018 10:23 PM
25	Grove road to city of Ypsi	8/16/2018 8:13 PM
26	Gallup park	8/16/2018 1:55 PM
27	I bike around Ford Lake regularly which uses trails in North Bay and the B2B.	8/16/2018 7:38 AM
28	Trail off of Huron River Drive, near Lake Crest Drive	8/15/2018 10:11 PM
29	ann arbor ypsilanti	8/15/2018 9:08 PM
30	Border to Border Trail, trails within Washtenaw County preserves	8/15/2018 8:25 PM
31	the Border-to-Border trail, metroparks, washtenaw county parks, city of ann arbor parks	8/15/2018 4:00 PM
32	B-2-B, Metroparks trail system	8/15/2018 1:22 PM
33	Gallup Park to Fuller Park. The repaved section is great. The old section is getting really bad.	8/15/2018 12:43 PM
34	Potawatomi Trail	8/15/2018 10:08 AM
35	All	8/15/2018 10:06 AM
36	B2B, Metropark, Midland to Mackinaw	8/15/2018 10:04 AM
37	Eastern Campus to Ann Arbor	8/15/2018 9:45 AM
38	Border-to-Border	8/15/2018 9:05 AM
39	No but I would if they were more accessible	8/15/2018 8:32 AM
40	trails near Bob Lillie Park	6/15/2018 2:43 PM

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## Q19 How frequently do you kayak or canoe for exercise or recreation?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 8

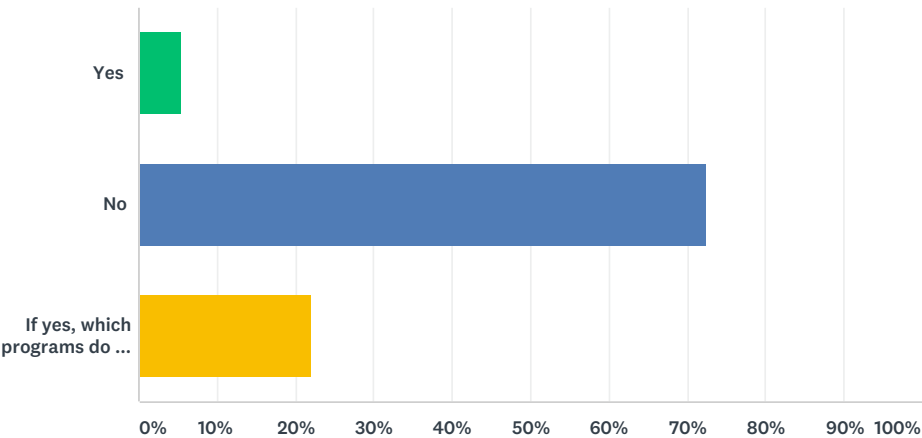


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 3 times per week	0.95%	1
Once or twice per week	3.81%	4
Once or twice a month	31.43%	33
Rarely or never	63.81%	67
TOTAL		105

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Q20 Do you take advantage of recreation programming provided by the Township?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		5.50%	6
No		72.48%	79
If yes, which programs do you take part in?		22.02%	24
TOTAL			109

#	IF YES, WHICH PROGRAMS DO YOU TAKE PART IN?	DATE
1	Senior - hoping to in future	10/1/2018 2:25 PM
2	50+ programs	9/11/2018 10:49 AM
3	Rarely but will look into it further	9/11/2018 10:37 AM
4	Community Center classes	9/11/2018 10:16 AM
5	Creative aging program, Art, Gym equipment at Community Center on Clark Road	9/9/2018 8:27 AM
6	Limited offerings	9/9/2018 8:23 AM
7	Youth Sports, Golf, Soccer, Basketball. Kids Programming Halloween, Christmas	9/6/2018 12:46 PM
8	Senior programs, art, exercise	9/5/2018 6:58 PM
9	Karate! They are awesome.	9/5/2018 10:53 AM
10	N	9/1/2018 7:27 PM
11	athletics, recreation, summer camps	8/22/2018 10:19 AM
12	art classes, adult tap.	8/21/2018 1:48 PM
13	I have participated in yoga I would like to see morning or evening Tai chi	8/19/2018 1:10 PM
14	Seniors	8/18/2018 10:48 AM
15	not currently but we have - soccer	8/17/2018 11:52 AM
16	sometimes	8/16/2018 11:59 AM
17	Gymnastics, Soccer	8/16/2018 11:51 AM



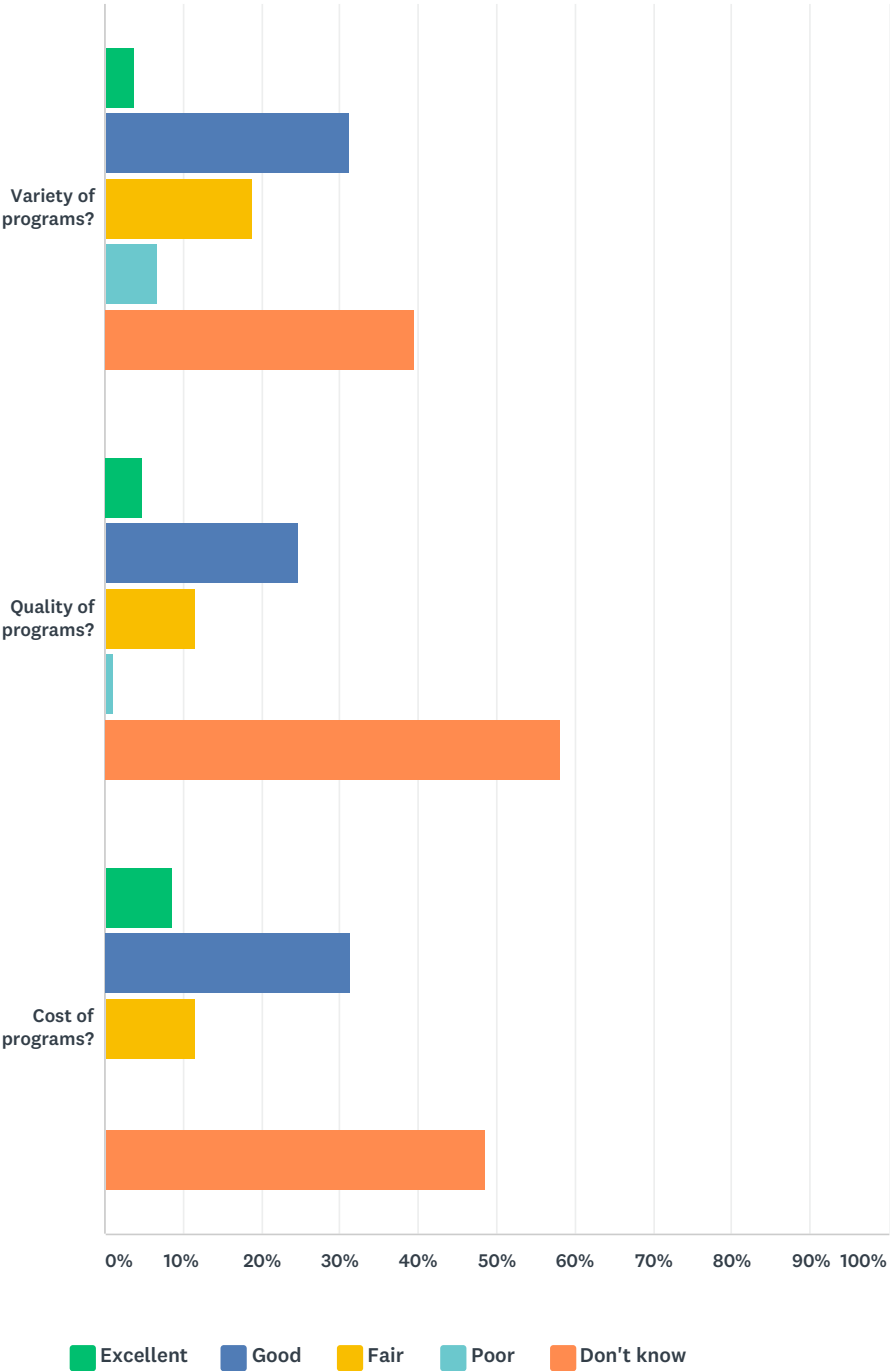
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18	walking and lake activities	8/15/2018 7:20 PM
19	kids programs, and adult art.	8/15/2018 6:23 PM
20	Senior programs— hope to do more in the fall	8/15/2018 5:40 PM
21	yoga	8/15/2018 10:05 AM
22	Art classes, some sports	8/15/2018 9:52 AM
23	Youth soccer	8/15/2018 9:06 AM
24	kids classes	8/15/2018 8:39 AM

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Q21 How would you rate Ypsilanti Township programming in terms of...

Answered: 106 Skipped: 7



	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Variety of programs?	3.77%	31.13%	18.87%	6.60%	39.62%	106
	4	33	20	7	42	

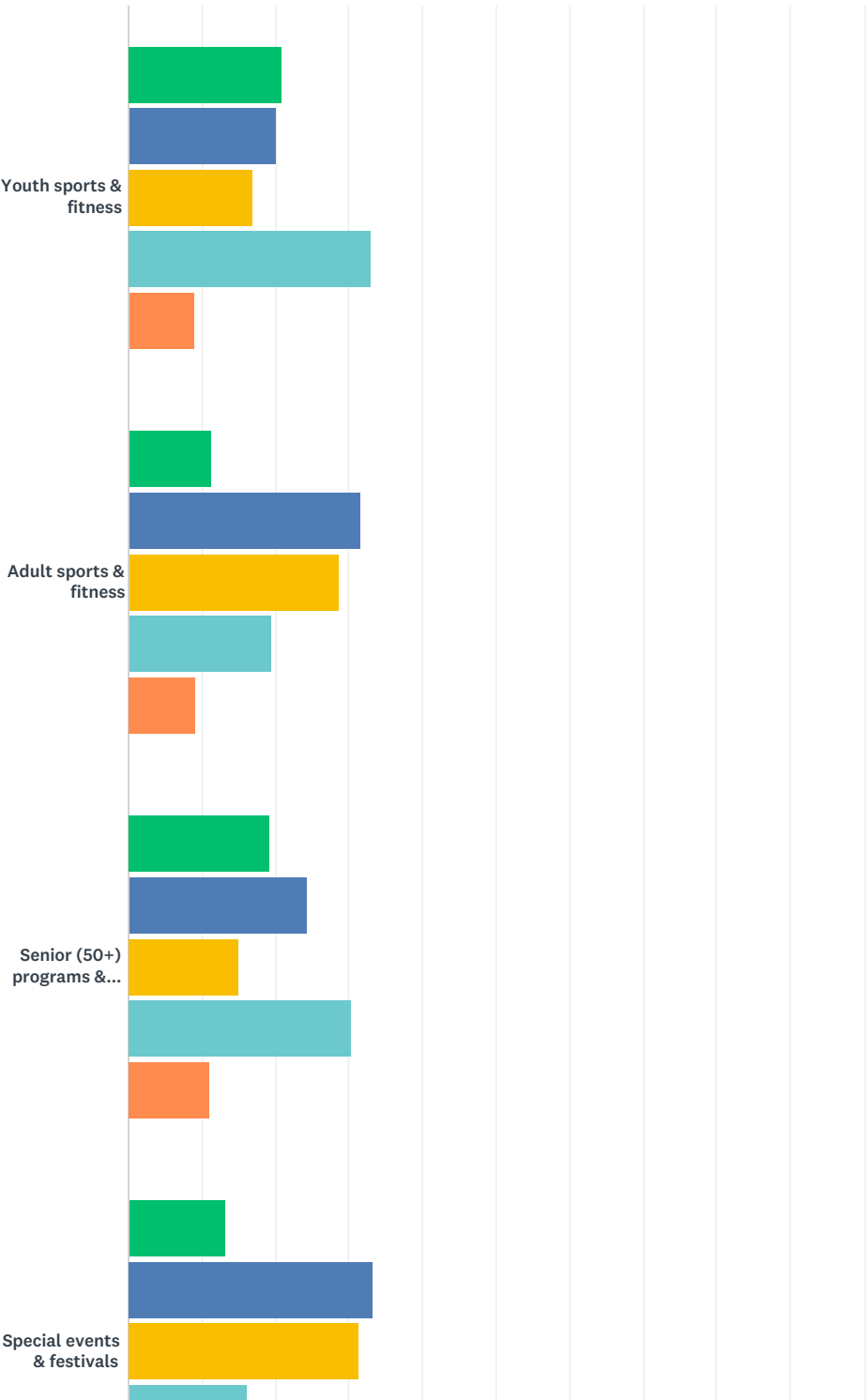
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Quality of programs?	4.76%	24.76%	11.43%	0.95%	58.10%	
	5	26	12	1	61	105
Cost of programs?	8.57%	31.43%	11.43%	0.00%	48.57%	
	9	33	12	0	51	105

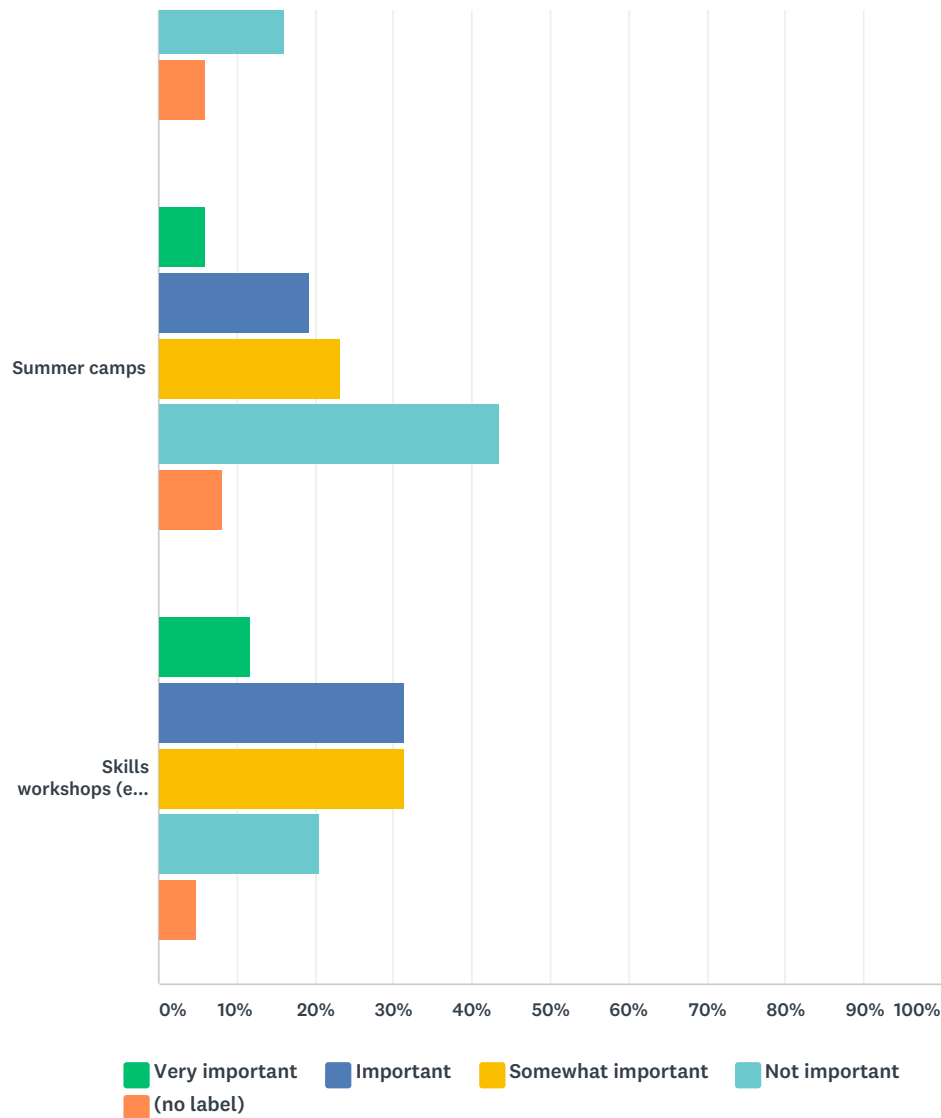
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Q22 How important are the following recreation programming options to you and your family?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 11



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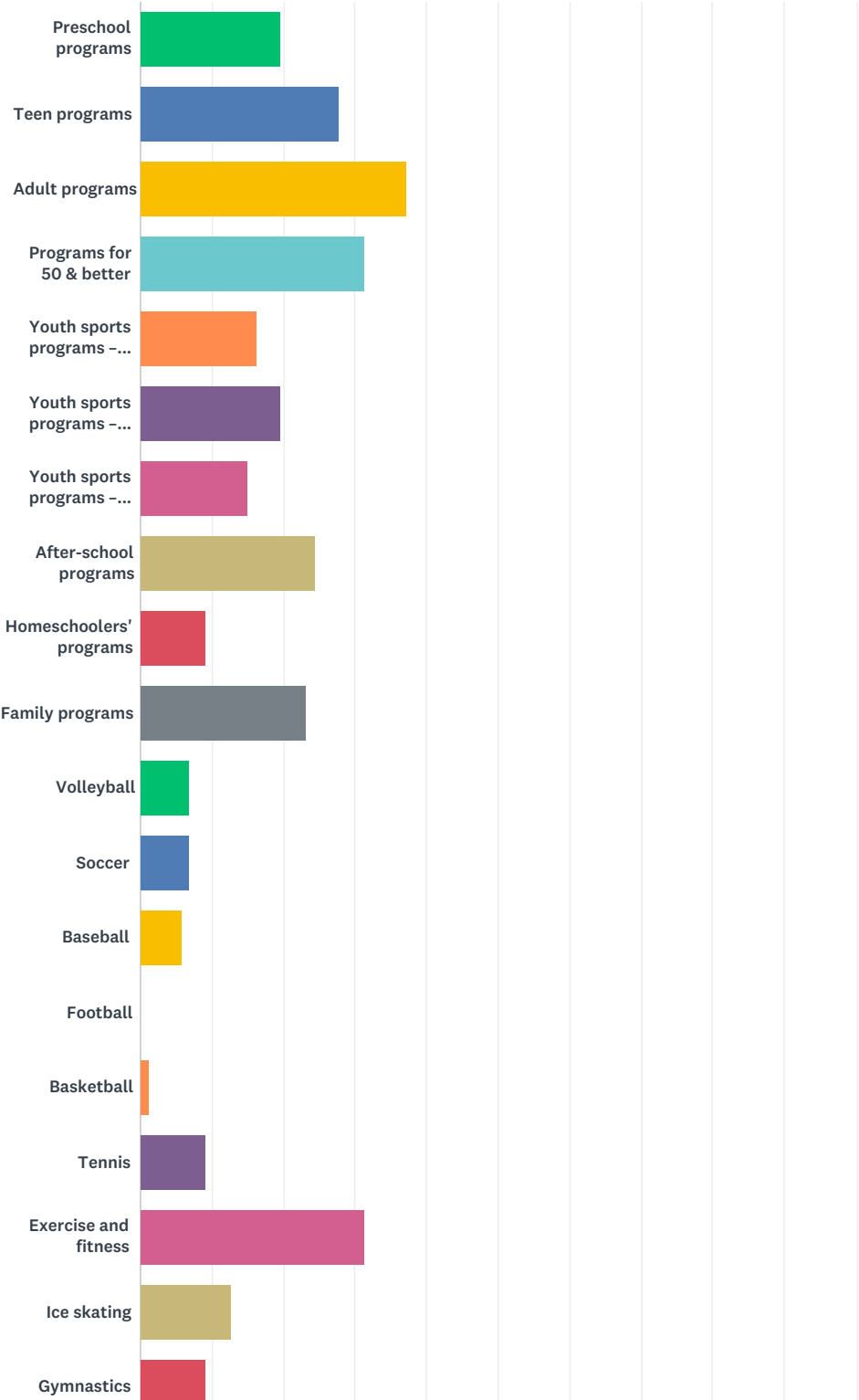
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	(NO LABEL)	TOTAL
Youth sports & fitness	21.00% 21	20.00% 20	17.00% 17	33.00% 33	9.00% 9	100
Adult sports & fitness	11.22% 11	31.63% 31	28.57% 28	19.39% 19	9.18% 9	98
Senior (50+) programs & trips	19.19% 19	24.24% 24	15.15% 15	30.30% 30	11.11% 11	99
Special events & festivals	13.13% 13	33.33% 33	31.31% 31	16.16% 16	6.06% 6	99
Summer camps	6.06% 6	19.19% 19	23.23% 23	43.43% 43	8.08% 8	99
Skills workshops (e.g. CPR, art, etc.)	11.76% 12	31.37% 32	31.37% 32	20.59% 21	4.90% 5	102



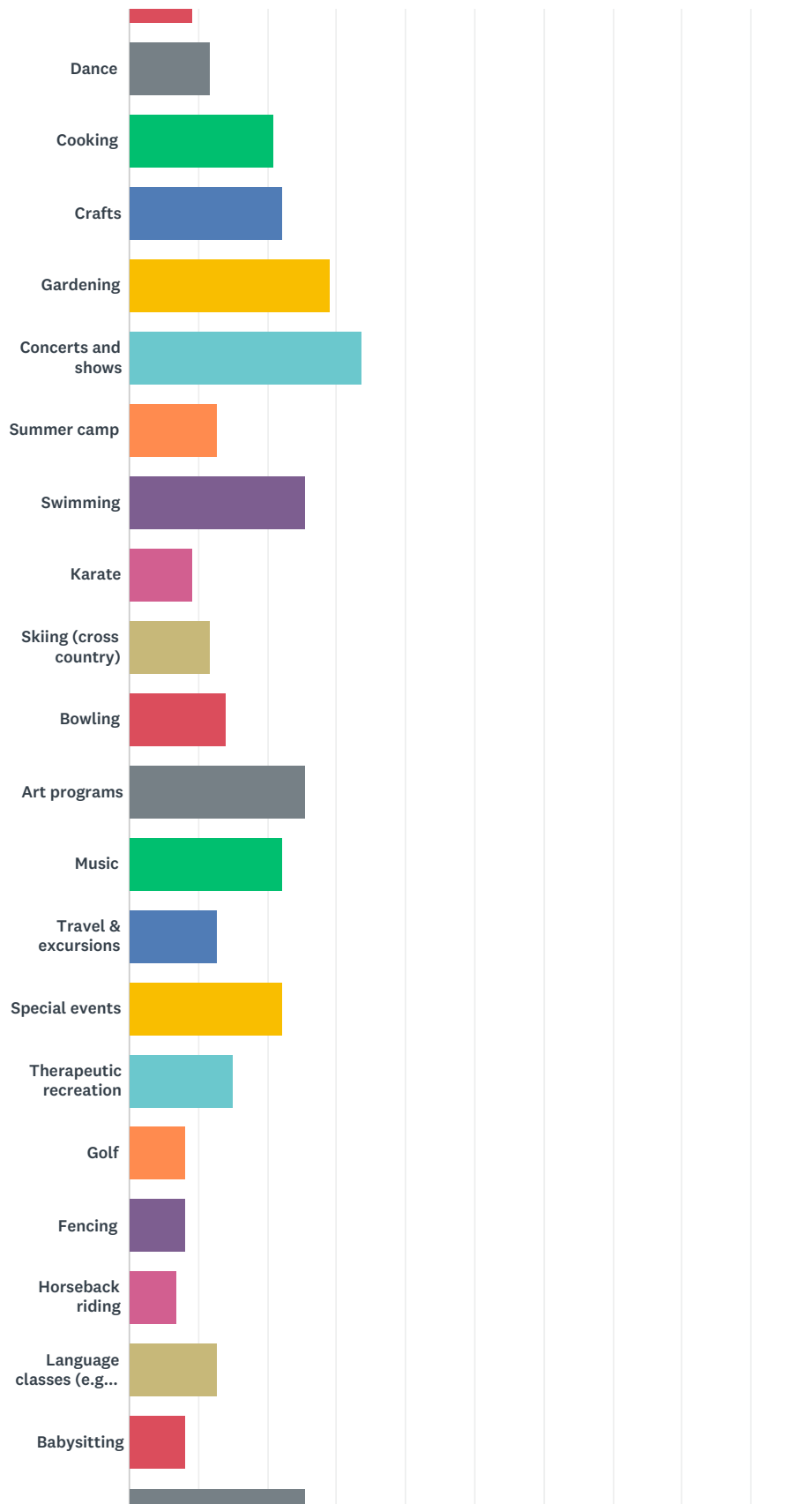
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Q23 What programs would you like to see more of? Choose all that apply.

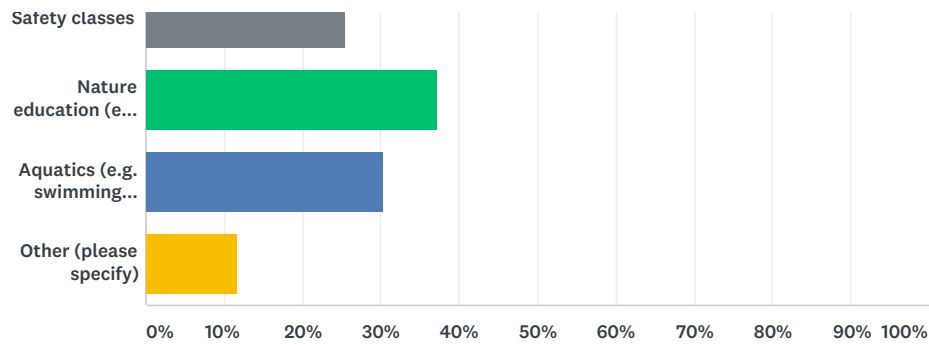
Answered: 86   Skipped: 27



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Preschool programs	19.77%	17
Teen programs	27.91%	24
Adult programs	37.21%	32
Programs for 50 & better	31.40%	27
Youth sports programs – preschool age level	16.28%	14
Youth sports programs – elementary school level	19.77%	17
Youth sports programs – middle school level	15.12%	13
After-school programs	24.42%	21
Homeschoolers' programs	9.30%	8
Family programs	23.26%	20
Volleyball	6.98%	6
Soccer	6.98%	6
Baseball	5.81%	5
Football	0.00%	0
Basketball	1.16%	1
Tennis	9.30%	8
Exercise and fitness	31.40%	27
Ice skating	12.79%	11
Gymnastics	9.30%	8
Dance	11.63%	10
Cooking	20.93%	18
Crafts	22.09%	19
Gardening	29.07%	25
Concerts and shows	33.72%	29
Summer camp	12.79%	11
Swimming	25.58%	22

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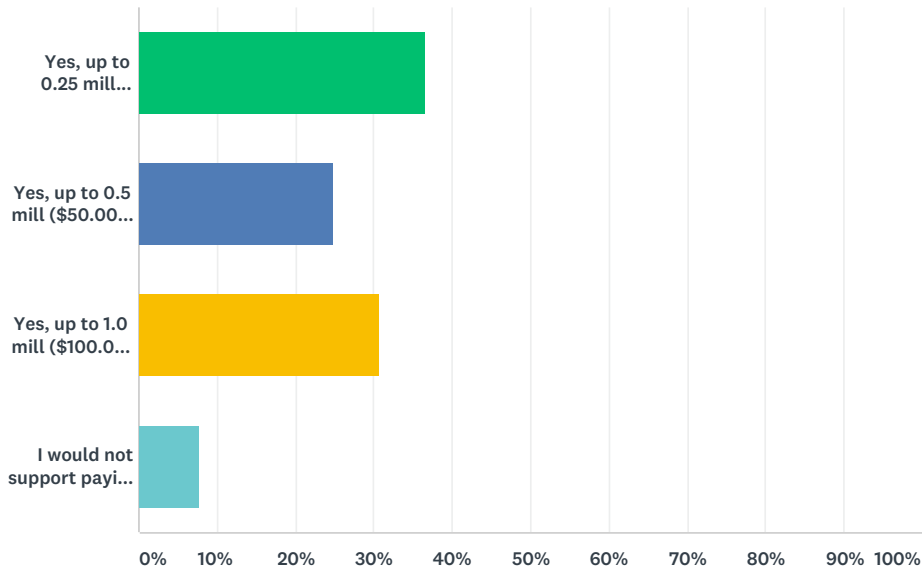
Karate	9.30%	8
Skiing (cross country)	11.63%	10
Bowling	13.95%	12
Art programs	25.58%	22
Music	22.09%	19
Travel & excursions	12.79%	11
Special events	22.09%	19
Therapeutic recreation	15.12%	13
Golf	8.14%	7
Fencing	8.14%	7
Horseback riding	6.98%	6
Language classes (e.g. Spanish, English as a second language, etc.)	12.79%	11
Babysitting	8.14%	7
Safety classes	25.58%	22
Nature education (e.g. birdwatching, plant ID, etc.)	37.21%	32
Aquatics (e.g. swimming lessons, water polo, etc.)	30.23%	26
Other (please specify)	11.63%	10
Total Respondents: 86		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We need an off leash dog park	9/11/2018 10:43 AM
2	Right now, for me, just art but I hope to branch out this year. You have a treasure in the art instructor Tina Hotchkiss; keep her going.	9/9/2018 7:34 PM
3	Maybe some group kayak/canoeing events/activities a few times a year on Ford Lake, Huron River and Belleville Lake. These are wonderful resources that we have.	9/7/2018 12:01 PM
4	Annual 4th of July fireworks	9/6/2018 11:37 AM
5	Take over management of the Willow run pool, and get swimming!	9/2/2018 7:17 PM
6	TaiChi	8/19/2018 1:10 PM
7	.	8/17/2018 7:53 AM
8	would LOVE to have 3/4 year old preschool again	8/16/2018 11:59 AM
9	Boat rides/ rentals or rides for a fee	8/15/2018 5:40 PM
10	organized exercise and fitness programs on south side of township	8/15/2018 12:34 PM

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Q24 Ypsilanti Township implements a millage that is due to expire in 2020, that is used to fund parks, paths, sidewalks, roads, and general operating expenses. Would you support a dedicated millage that would only be used to fund acquisition, development, and maintenance of recreation facilities?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, up to 0.25 mill (\$25.00 annually for a \$100,000 property)	36.54%	38
Yes, up to 0.5 mill (\$50.00 annually for a \$100,000 property)	25.00%	26
Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100.00 annually for a \$100,000 property)	30.77%	32
I would not support paying a separate millage	7.69%	8
TOTAL		104



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## Q25 Are there any other recreation issues not covered by this survey that you would like to make us aware of?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 78

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Making the trail from Grove Rd into the back way of North Bay Park safer, i.e. lighting, emergency box & button. Church services in local parks.	10/1/2018 2:14 PM
2	We need an off the leash dog park.	9/11/2018 10:44 AM
3	Is there a map available that lists all of the parks, like the one on the back of this survey? I'm surprised at how little I know about the parks that are not located on the lake or river. Overall - great job on the park system. It's the greatest highlight in Ypsilanti Township.	9/11/2018 10:39 AM
4	Some teen oriented programs also open to adults would be nice, e.g. the library has anime and gaming events for teens only. This kind of thing would appeal to all.	9/11/2018 10:19 AM
5	Drug sales and use in Heritage park. Lighting and police presence would greatly improve comfort-ability of using the park and all hours. Motor bike use across the soccer fields and paths.	9/9/2018 5:06 AM
6	Sidewalks that connect our neighborhoods to each other and shopping centers. Sad when you live close to shopping and our parks but you have to drive there cause walking/bicycling is not safe.	9/8/2018 4:48 PM
7	As a member of the "over 55" age group, I would like to enjoy some of the programs offered by the senior center. However, most of those programs take place during the normal workday hours - I am still actively employed. It would be nice to see some of those classes offered during the evening time.	9/6/2018 1:48 PM
8	I would like to see an off-leash dog park	9/6/2018 11:18 AM
9	It would be great if there were more workout equipment available to the general public. There is a senior workout room at the Community Center, but I am not a senior (yet). I don't think there is another place with workout/cardio equipment, but maybe I just don't know about it? In any case, I would be interested in joining an affordable community fitness center--I would cancel my Planet Fitness membership for it!	9/5/2018 10:57 AM
10	Are all the parks and hours listed in the township handbook/guide?	9/5/2018 9:25 AM
11	Nature and conservation are very important	9/5/2018 8:57 AM
12	We *really* could use a dog park. There are plenty of places where the township could put one. Our four-legged friends would love to be able to run free and socialize too!	9/5/2018 8:10 AM
13	Access for pedestrians of Parkside Preserve to at least connect to Ford Lake paths.	9/4/2018 8:19 AM
14	We need a recreation center with a pool, running/walking track, teen room, etc.	8/28/2018 8:05 PM
15	Related; little access to Huron River and Ford Lake beyond Ford Lake Park. Visibility of river and lake is terrible. Cannot see lake from I-94 nor from Grove. Same at parks. Trim trees and show off lake and river - dont hide it	8/22/2018 10:21 AM
16	Can't emphasize enough, a dog park	8/18/2018 11:27 AM
17	The existing bike & walk paths are neglected, motorized vechiles are using it too „very dangerous..brush &a weeds ,grass..are blown on them not cleaned or kep up..	8/18/2018 10:54 AM
18	The main community center building is badly in need of updates and maintenance/painting/refreshing.	8/17/2018 12:32 PM
19	No - just very interested in long, paved non-motorized biking trails in Ypsi Township similar to those found in surrounding county metroparks.	8/16/2018 10:26 PM
20	No restrooms along bike path.	8/16/2018 8:16 PM

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21	Just to reiterate, it's disappointing how few options for swim lessons there are in Ypsilanti township. Lincoln high school is the only option, but the water is much too cold. I have to drive to Ann Arbor or Saline to make sure my kids learn the necessary skill of how to swim. Seems a shame since this is such a basic life skill. While it's nice to have extra things like other sports, nature trails etc. not having a good place to learn swimming is very disappointing.	8/16/2018 2:02 PM
22	youth dance - there just is not much for older teens. :(	8/16/2018 12:01 PM
23	Have commissions meetings at a more reasonable time so residents can attend meeting. 7 or 7:30 pm meeting times would be more accommodating.	8/16/2018 11:00 AM
24	The existing parks and pathways need better maintenance. Non motorized pathways in the township are basically ignored. Don't acquire more land until your current facilities are top notch. Play structures in the community parks need to be replaced, and some stand alone, unsafe items need to be removed. The picnic tables and other amenities in the community parks are really sub par. The current practice of upgrading the surface of the play structures near the end of the summer play season is ridiculous. If it is truly about safety than wood chips should be brought up to proper level in the spring, not the fall. Don't add new amenities until the existing ones are in top condition on a constant basis. If a spray pad is added it should be added in Ford Heritage Park where it is among neighborhoods and more easily accessible. It should not be in a park where entrance is restricted by an entrance fee since there most likely would be a minimal entrance fee to the splash pad itself. Remove gate people completely from the gated parks. You probably spend more money on salary for them than you make, and if you truly want to pass a millage for parks/rec alone than you will stop charging for entrance on certain dates/times. The parks belong to the people, we already pay taxes for them, why a second fee? The money that you save from removing gate attendants should be put into hiring more park rangers. The argument that we make money at the gated parks from non-residents is a weak argument. When we have top parks and amenities we should encourage non-residents to come into our community because they bring their dollars with them. This benefits our local community. At least half of the under used tennis courts at Community Center park should be turned into a skate park. All throughout the parks and pathways there is a huge need to upgrade the blacktop. You did not include North Hydro in your listing of parks in question 11. I go to North Hydro often. I could probably think of many more suggestions if I took more time.	8/16/2018 8:12 AM
25	A beach on Ford Lake would serve as a draw point for tourism into Ypsilanti. There are no beaches in Washtenaw County and it could be very attractive.	8/15/2018 10:14 PM
26	PLEASE a free splash pad in the township. The closest ones are Plymouth (McClumpha), Canton, and Techumsea. Unless we can stay for hours, it is not worth the drive to these neighbor towns. And if we can play for hours, we might as well go to Rolling Hills. Sometimes you only have minutes to play and this heat limits where we want to play. After a while you get sick of going to the library, McD's, or staying home.	8/15/2018 6:28 PM
27	I had no idea there were so many options, I will look into Ypsi Twp parks more often	8/15/2018 5:39 PM
28	I would be looking for work out facilities... for the township to work with the County to build a Recreation Center on the East side of the township	8/15/2018 1:45 PM
29	Before you start expanding the Border-to-Border trail, it'd be nice if you did some maintenance on some existing trail where it's breaking up or where it's safer to ride on the sidewalk rather than in the road. The section between Gault Village and Depot Town is iffy in some places.	8/15/2018 1:25 PM
30	would love to see the sidewalks connected along textile and huron river drive	8/15/2018 12:36 PM
31	No.	8/15/2018 10:16 AM
32	I have almost been run over in my kayak by powered boats/watercraft on MANY occasions. I wish there were either designated safe places for kayaks to launch and go where power boats could not go (too shallow) or better education programs/enforcement of safety rules for powered water craft.	8/15/2018 10:12 AM
33	All of the parks (i.e. North Bay Park) should have some sort of bathroom facility. I also think the trail should be open in the winter months.	8/15/2018 9:48 AM
34	WE NEED A SPLASH PAD!	8/14/2018 2:59 PM

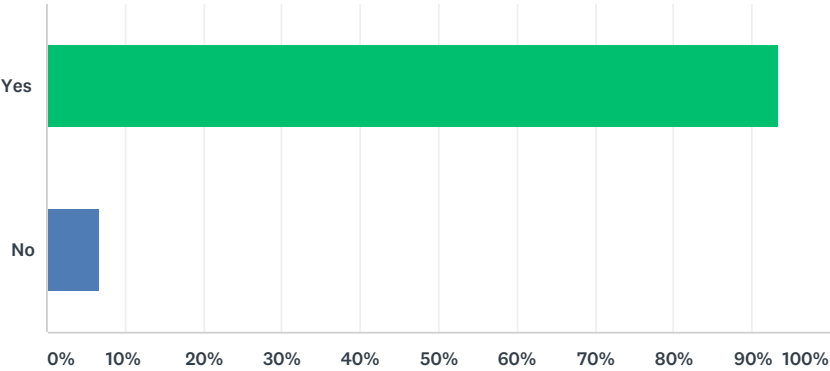
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35	Access and equity for all residents is important to mean. The township is diverse economically, It's important that all residents have access to high quality facilities. Many youth rely on township programing and facilities to learn sports especially if joining travel teams is not an option. It's important to help students learn a variety of sports so they can stay healthy and discover what they might be interested in and/ or good at. It's also important to me that we look at ways to work with other organizations and governmental agencies to provide seamless parks and open spaces for residents. Ypsilanti Township has an opportunity to improve some of the older neighborhoods as young families move in. Parks are deeply connected with health and quality of life. Make sure these parks help make schools and neighborhoods a desirable choice for existing and new home owners.	6/15/2018 2:51 PM
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Ypsilanti Township Parks, Recreation, & Trails Survey

Q26 Are you an Ypsilanti Township resident?

Answered: 106   Skipped: 7

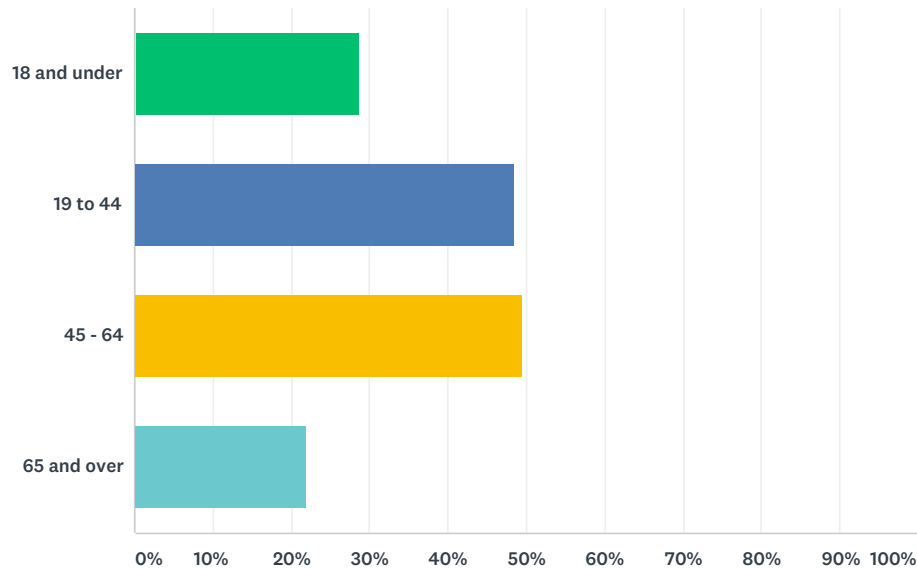


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		93.40%	99
No		6.60%	7
TOTAL			106

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Q27 Please tell us the ages of the members of your household

Answered: 105 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 and under	28.57%	30
19 to 44	48.57%	51
45 - 64	49.52%	52
65 and over	21.90%	23
Total Respondents: 105		



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**Q28 OPTIONAL: If you would like us to contact you about Ypsilanti Township Parks and recreation, please enter your contact information below.**

Answered: 21 Skipped: 92

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	95.24%	20
Company	0.00%	0
Address	80.95%	17
Address 2	4.76%	1
City/Town	80.95%	17
State/Province	80.95%	17
ZIP/Postal Code	80.95%	17
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## Received from Ypsilanti Township 2040 Comment Board

Please include a sidewalk on Congress between Mansfield and Hewitt. People walk in the road down this street every single day - it's unsafe for pedestrians!

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Hi, I will be working so won't be attending the activities 10/16-19, but am glad to see the Township planning this way. I think the Township does a great job keeping up the parks. I think it needs to have community activities or in cooperation with Ypsi the city. Look at South Lyon with the pumpkinfest and Belleville with the Booville activities for fall, scarecrows in front of businesses; Brighton and Belleville both have rotating sculpture exhibits to keep people coming back. Ypsi has the first Fridays to bring people downtown. Ecorse Road isn't conducive to walking around, but the parks are. Advertise the art show in August at North Park more and have other activities there throughout the year. The Township needs gathering places to bring people in and create memories for families to tie them to the area.

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How about a new dog park?

I'm a dog owner who cleans up after my dog's waste but there are always some owners who neglect to clean up. Why don't we designate an area of the most popular park(s) where people walk their dogs, and let dogs run and play off-leash there? Providing bags would also be great. Ann Arbor has Swift Run park, why not Ypsilanti?



Anonymous letter received by Township Supervisor

Improvements

Ypsi Twp.

Received Supervisor's Office

OCT 22 2018

Ypsilanti Township

We need bike paths / sidewalks  
so we can get from our homes (Green  
Farms Sub, Rosewind Sub, Creekside Subs, etc.)  
to our library, Civic Center, Post Office,  
Pharmacy, Grocery stores, County Park, Apple  
Orchards. without riding on roads with no  
emergency lane, Bike lane, sidewalk pedestrian  
crosswalks. You need to connect/create lanes  
for walkers/bicycle riders that are safe: connect  
to the Washtenaw County Border to Borden  
Path.  
Thank you!

YTB - Ypsilanti Twp. Bikers  
Seniors, Adults, Teens to Toddlers

They are sporadic or not available. Example: Rd. Whitaker Rd. Manti

## Received at Parks & Recreation Open House

Notes received at Open House September 10, 2018 (authors unknown)

- Rec Center on this side of town, w/skating rink (indoors or out)
- Paths on Huron River Drive from Textile to Whittaker
- Dogs off leashes in parks is an issue. Dog park?
- Increase security / safety on paths (lighting)
- Connector to park on Rawsonville
- Keep up the good work maintaining what we have. Add trails to get us around town and to our parks.

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Dear Megan,

I regret I could not come on the Monday when there was an open house on parks & recreation. I looked at the survey, but honestly I'm familiar with 4 or 5 parks in my 37 years living in the township and have no ideas about any of the other ones.

Lack of communication is what strikes me most. As a result, I recommend the following.

- 1- Better signs. Signs with the park's name and underneath this a brief statement of what is available in a park, e.g., boat ramp, play ground, exercise path. Brief and to the point but noticeable as people drive by.
- 2- Promote the exercise path near the Marriot (is the building renamed?). I used it frequently with the cub scouts. Both adults and scouts greatly benefitted from it.
- 3- Promote old buildings and historical places, so there can be fieldtrips for schools, including summer schools, daycare centers, and parents. Is there any presentation about the history of Ypsilanti township, for example, a display in the library?
- 4- The library and the township each put out a booklet to promote events, but I find that many people do not know about them. How can these be promoted better?
- 5- Dog park. Permit advertisement, so that pet stores provide part of the maintenance labor and/or cost.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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This weekend, I got together with my son and daughter-in-law, and they had some ideas I believe to be worth exploring. I hope these help.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

They also suggested that near the bathrooms in the parks where people frequently wait that there be a map showing the parks and what is available at each, again with symbols rather than verbal descriptions which take longer to process especially if they are turned 90 degrees above the dots showing which park has which attribute listed above.

# APPENDIX G:

## 2014 - 2018 RECREATION PLAN ACTION ITEM STATUS

PRIORITY	ACTION ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Ford Lake Park</b>		
A	Renovation to the existing restroom facilities and shelters throughout the park	No
A	Removal of old play equipment and installation of new play structures in east, central and west end of park	Yes
C	Pave & repave existing parking lots	No
E	Add additional fishing access	No
<b>Ford Heritage Park</b>		
A	Construction of a family/handicapped restroom and pavilions by the playground & soccer fields, and one by the ball diamonds.	No
C	Expand Parking lot on the east end of the park by the ball fields	No
D	Construction of play components appropriate for ages	Yes
D	Construction of dugout area associated with the existing baseball fields	No
E	Construction of basketball courts	No
<b>Loonfeather Point Park</b>		
A	Removal of old play equipment and installation of new play structures	Yes
B	Renovate park shelters and rest rooms	No
B	Repair/replace wood fencing around perimeter of the park and by the fishing pier; add seating to pier and a bike rack.	No
D	Construction of sand volleyball court	No
<b>North Bay Park</b>		
A	Removal of old play equipment and installation of new play structures	Yes
B	Renovation of asphalt trail from parking lot to boardwalk, and renovation of boardwalk and bridges.	No
B	Renovate park shelters and rest rooms	No
<b>North Hydro Park</b>		
B	Pave entrance road and parking lot	No
C	Installation of distance markings along non-motorized pathway system, and you are here signs.	No
<b>Community Center Park</b>		
B	Replace fencing on the four ball diamonds	Yes
B	Tennis Courts: Look at current use of this facility and determine what hard surface facilities would work best in this park (tennis, basketball, roller skating, etc.).	No
C	Based on findings of hard surface courts, construct appropriate facility	No
D	Connect wooded area with the rest of the park with a non-motorized trail system	No
E	Redesign parking areas and develop new paved lots	No
<b>Hewens Creek Park</b>		
D	Design and engineer a park concept plan for the park	No
<b>South Hydro Park</b>		
D	Design and engineer a park concept plan for the park	No

Priority: A to E with A being top priority . OG = Ongoing  
Completed: Yes or No; Partial indicates project partially completed or ongoing

PRIORITY	ACTION ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Huron River Park</b>		
E	Design and engineer a park concept plan for the park	No
<b>Lakeside Park</b>		
C	Complete phase two of boathouse and trail system plan	Yes
D	Improvements to existing parking lot in west end of park	No
<b>Appleridge Park</b>		
D	Add additional benches along pathway	No
E	Add additional plantings and landscaping	No
E	Pave perimeter pathway within park including paved connection to shelter and play equipment	No
<b>Big Island Park</b>		
E	Clear up brush on Island and add a picnic area	No
E	Potential to add a dock	No
<b>Bud &amp; Blossom Park</b>		
B	Remove older play equipment; replace with new accessible play equipment	Yes
C	Add additional benches, picnic tables and a bike rack	Partial
D	Add additional plantings and landscaping	No
D	Create trail system in park and connect with Appleridge Park through the wooded area.	No
<b>Burns Park</b>		
C	Install accessible connections from paths to picnic tables and play equipment; update picnic tables to ADA standards	No
E	Add additional plantings and landscaping	No
<b>Clubview Park</b>		
C	Add additional benches, picnic tables and a bike rack to the south end of the park	No
E	Pave perimeter pathway and provide accessible links to play equipment and tennis court	No
E	Add additional plantings and landscaping	Yes
<b>Fairway Hills Park</b>		
E	Add signage and landscaping at park entrances	No
E	Add benches and bike rack along paved trail	No
<b>Harris Park</b>		
C	Replace old picnic tables with ADA compliant ones; add bike rack	No
D	Renovate shelter and restroom facilities	No
D	Redesign and pave parking lot	No
E	Add additional plantings and landscaping	No
<b>Lakeview Park</b>		
E	Improve trail circulation and landscaping along eastern side of park and add benches	No
E	Connect play equipment area to pathway with an ADA compliant path	No
D	Remove short outfield fence and replace with a 12' fence as a barrier to the play equipment	No

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PRIORITY	ACTION ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Nancy Park</b>		
D	Re-grade/repair fines pathways throughout park and provide ADA compliant links to play equipment and picnic areas; pave trails	No
<b>Pines Park</b>		
C	Remove remaining old play equipment and seed area	No
D	Work with neighborhood surrounding this park to determine a plan of action to either renovate the park (new play equipment, community garden, etc.), keep in a natural state.	No
<b>Rambling Road Park</b>		
D	Install ADA Compliant path to play equipment and to picnic table and update picnic tables to ADA standards	No
E	Add additional plantings and landscaping	No
<b>Sugarbrook Park</b>		
B	Look at current use of hard surface area and determine what hard surface facilities would work best in this park.	No
<b>Tot Lot Park</b>		
C	Remove remaining old play equipment and seed area	No
D	Work with neighborhood surrounding this park to determine a plan of action to either renovate the park (new play equipment, community garden, etc.), keep in a natural state.	No
<b>Watertower Park</b>		
C	Remove remaining old play equipment and seed area	No
D	Work with neighborhood surrounding this park to determine a plan of action to either renovate the park (new play equipment, community garden, etc.), keep in a natural state.	No
<b>Wendall Holmes Park</b>		
D	Work in conjunction with the school and the surrounding neighborhood to develop a concept plan for the park	No
<b>West Willow Park</b>		
D	Upgrade entrance by paving and pave existing nonmotorized trail system throughout park. Add ADA compliant connections to play equipment, shelter and basketball courts from trail	No
E	Add additional plantings and landscaping	No
<b>Community Center</b>		
B	Replace dividing wall between rooms 202 & 204	No
B	Landscape in front of Center	No
C	Renovate both locker rooms (new lockers, replace floor, renovate showers, etc.)	No
D	Remove surface and lines from gym floor and paint lines for basketball, volleyball & pickleball	Yes
E	Carpeting throughout center will need to be replaced within the next 5 years	No
E	Install digital marquee sign by road in front of community center	No

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PRIORITY	ACTION ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Park Land and Open Space Development and Acquisition</b>		
A	Conduct a study to determine the viability of adding a spray park including potential locations, construction costs, and staffing needs. If feasible, construct costs, projected operating costs, projected maintenance	Partial
A	Conduct a study to determine the viability of adding a dog park including potential locations, construction costs, and staffing needs. If feasible, construct costs, projected operating costs, projected maintenance	No
A	Conduct a study to determine the viability of adding a skate/roller hockey park including potential locations, construction costs, and staffing needs. If feasible, construct costs, projected operating costs, projected maintenance	Partial
A	Conduct a study to determine the viability of adding a ice rink including potential locations, construction costs, and staffing needs. If feasible, construct costs, projected operating costs, projected maintenance	No
C	Study the feasibility of adding community gardens in select parts of the township	No
D	Establish a uniform interpretive signage system throughout the park system	No
D	Incorporate outdoor art in township parks	No
E	Determine the best location and construct a disc golf course	No
OG	Acquire and preserve land for the development of parks adjacent to existing parks, in underserved areas, and land that provides linkages and opportunities for both active and passive recreation	No
<b>Township Wide Non-Motorized Transportation System</b>		
OG	Continue to work with the "River-Up" group to develop a comprehensive water trail system along the Huron River	No
OG	Continue to work with Washtenaw County Park and Recreation with developing their "B2B" trail project	Yes
OG	Continue to work on completing the gaps in the current township non-motorized trail system	Yes
OG	Install site amenities along the non-motorized trail system (maps, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, interpretive and directional signage)	No

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PRIORITY	ACTION ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Services and Administration</b>		
A	Complete a study to determine required staffing levels and equipment needed for the park system to be maintained at levels desired based on safety, security, size of system, location of parks and types of amenities in the township's park system	No
B	Participation in the NRPA "Proragis" program	No
B	Establish a "Teen Council" for Parks & Recreation	No
E	Investigate the development of a farmer's market in the township	No
OG	Monitor and Evaluate existing programs and services	Yes
OG	Broaden programs and activities and focus on core programs that build community	Partial
OG	Expand the use of web-based communication and social media	Yes
OG	Maintain and develop a broader volunteer program	No
OG	Continually monitor fee base structures for all programs and services and adjust accordingly	Yes
OG	Broaden partnerships with neighboring municipalities, local businesses, service groups, regional agencies and private recreation providers	Yes
OG	Build on the "Adopt a Park" and establish a "Friends of Ypsilanti Township Parks" group.	No
OG	Pursue grants for parkland development of both active and passive uses	No
OG	Explore other funding sources such as foundations	-

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

**Supervisor Stumbo** called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo, Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, Treasurer Larry Doe, Trustees: Stan Eldridge, Heather Jarrell Roe, Monica Ross-Williams and Jimmie Wilson, Jr.

**Members Absent:** None

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Megan Masson-Minock, Carlisle Wortman Associates, Consultants to Ypsilanti Township stated Carlisle Wortman had the pleasure of working with the Township Board of Trustees, Planning Commission and Park Commission on the 2040 Master Plan which would enable the Township to have a vision for what they wanted to be 5, 10 and 20 years from now. She explained the update would qualify the Township to apply for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Ms. Masson-Minock introduced her colleague, Chris Nordstrom who she said had worked diligently to come up with the Draft of the Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He stated the reason for this update was to provide guidance for the Township over the next five years in applying for grants from three primary sources: the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport and possibly the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is federally funded.

Chris Nordstrom, Carlisle Wortman, provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation of the Draft of the Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (See Attached)

Mr. Nordstrom reported work on the Draft Plan began May 23, 2018 and included a number of opportunities for public comment, beginning with an online survey in June through Oct 21, a second survey that had been made available during Sept. and Oct., an Open House at the Civic Center on Sept. 10, as well as various meetings with the steering committee. He stated the Draft had been available for public viewing since Nov. 29 online and at the Township's website and hard copies had been available here at the Civic Center, the Community Center and the District Library. He explained the Public Hearing this evening was to gather final comments from the public. He stated the Plan should be available for adoption before the Feb. 1 deadline and at that point the Township would be eligible for grants, for which the deadline was April 1.

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Mr. Nordstrom stated the big picture gathered from the survey was that the residents were generally happy with the parks, but were mainly concerned regarding their maintenance. He provided several statistics regarding the various parks and stated the top rated park was Ford Heritage and the lowest were four “micro parks” which the public felt were not well maintained. Mr. Nordstrom stated 98% said the main improvement they would like to see was better maintenance of the parks overall and 83% wanted access to paths and trails to be expanded. He stated 93% stated they would support a millage for recreation development at some level.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. 7:00 PM – RESOLUTION 2019-02, ADOPTION OF THE 2019-2023  
YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**Supervisor Stumbo opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM.**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Draft Plan was discussed in the Work Session for one hour and 45 minutes. She reported the Parks Commission recommended approval of the Plan.

Supervisor Stumbo reported the Resolution would be formally adopted at a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Supervisor Stumbo asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident voiced her opinion that if only a little over 100 people had participated in this survey, that was not a very good representation of the Township’s population.

Chris Nordstrom responded the 113 from the Survey Monkey and over 500 from the Cobalt survey was a very typical number regarding a recreation plan and felt it generally reflected the values of the community.

Cassandra Barrett, Township Resident stated she would like to see the park hours of operation expanded and parks opened more months in the year.

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:21 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Arloa Kaiser stated she was against having a Compensation Committee since she felt the board was elected by the people and should be able to deal with the good, bad and ugly.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2018 WORK SESSION, CLOSED SESSION  
AND REGULAR MEETING**

**B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS**

- 1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR JANUARY 15, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$1,307,845.99**
- 2. CHOICE HEALTH CARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR DECEMBER 2018 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$29,543.87**
- 3. CHOICE HEALTH CARE ADMIN FEE FOR DECEMBER 2018 IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,101.00**

**C. NOVEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT**

**D. DECEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Wilson to approve  
the Consent Agenda.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

**A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Winters provided reflection upon the completion of new contracts for the two AFSCME Unions and the Teamsters and preparing for Firefighter negotiations.

Attorney Winters reported several ways the Township was continuing to increase revenue:

- American Center for Mobility made payment of \$173,000 in 2018 and in 2019 we can expect \$218,000
- The Township received \$80,000 from DTE from the Escrow Account
- Phase II for Rivergrove Condominium Development to develop 75 lots
- Liberty Square - only 2 lots remaining before the Township will have complete ownership
- Demolition of Kettering and Thurston Schools both to possibly be conveyed to the Township
- Kaiser School was sold to Greater Faith Transition Center –
- Cleanup efforts for 923 Ecorse, the former Forbes Cleaners to aid in the Redevelopment of the Ecorse Corridor Improvements
- Conveyed last remaining house, 835 Lamay purchased from County to Habitat



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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. REQUEST FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF A SMALL WINEMAKERS LICENSE AND AN ON PREMISE TASTING PERMIT FOR PATRICK ECHLIN AND JEFFREY FRASURE TO BE LOCATED AT 1497 ECORSE RD.**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Jarell Roe for approval of a Small Winemakers License and an On Premise Tasting Permit for Patrick Echlin and Jeffrey Frasure to be located at 1497 Ecorse Rd.**

Patrick Echlin and Jeff Frasure, both Township residents and owners of Maniacal Mead Co. provided a brief description of their business. Mr. Echlin stated the business was to open at 1497 Ecorse in a building that had been a pizza business but had gone under several times, and they hoped to be an anchor in the redevelopment of Ecorse Road. Mr. Frasure explained mead was a wine made from fermenting honey, yeast and water to which multiple fruits could be added and their preference was 14% alcohol.

Mr. Echlin reported they were leasing the space from a landlord that owned the property which included a car wash on the other end. He explained it was licensed for food service that was one of the requirements for opening such an establishment. He stated he also owned 734 Brewery.

Treasurer Doe asked if there was adequate parking. Mr. Echlin stated they had repainted the lines after meeting with the Zoning Department and they now met the requirements for code compliance with 28 spaces, he said this included parking spaces that were required for the car wash.

Mr. Echlin stated they were starting small and since there was only one bathroom their tap room capacity was 15 people.

Trustee Jarrell Roe asked if Larry was thinking of the place by Los Amigos. She encouraged them if this particular location doesn't work out to continue to seek a place in Ypsilanti Township.

Mr. Eichlin said they were committed to this location as they had invested in the property already and had a lease. Mr. Echlin wanted to clarify this current request was not for 734 Brewery on this site. He stated, based on his current experiences, there was lack of clarity on how a business started within the Township, which Supervisor Stumbo agreed that could be and she apologized for that. He stated he had met with Charlotte Wilson, Planning Director, many times, going over the code and had brought in an architect, reviewed requirements based on occupancy, intended use, parking and the original site plan. More discussion followed

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regarding Charlotte Wilson's letter regarding Zoning Approval. He stated a site plan wasn't required because it was not a change in use because it had been serving as a food service establishment and would continue to do so. He continued that in terms of alcohol, there was not provision in the code since a liquor license was not required.

Supervisor Stumbo said that the board normally had more information for this type of business before voting.

Trustee Ross-Williams asked if they were looking to open as a small wine serving business for 20 or just make the wine at the location. Mr. Echlin clarified it was for serving only 13 people with 2 employees and it would function as a retail wine sales as well as wine tasting counter. Trustee Ross-Williams asked if there was enough room for both of those things to take place. Mr. Echlin stated their architect had assured them there was enough parking and room in the building and they would begin with being open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and possibly Sunday afternoons. Trustee Ross-Williams said it is a wine sampling business right. Mr. Echlin said yes it was for wine sampling sales at a mini-bar and for retail sales also.

Patrick Echlin stated they had complied with everything the Building Department has asked for, including a plan which the architect had drawn up and building permits that had been approved. He said they were only waiting for the Board's approval.

Trustee Ross-Williams said she was trying to make sure that all the uses you are planning on doing at the site can be done in the space.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe offered clarification that if they were just a business and not in need of a wine making license and tasting on premises permit they would not need to appear before this Board, but since they had requested the "On Premise Wine Tasting Permit", the State of Michigan required local approval.

Trustee Ross-Williams restated for clarification, she said today we are only approving this day the wine maker license. Mr. Echlin answered Trustee Ross-Williams and said we are requesting both approvals, the Wine Maker License and the On Premise Tasting Permit.

Patrick Echlin provided an explanation of the process. He said they would mail in their paperwork to the State which had around eight different levels the application would go through, requiring inspections and reviews, but that was all being held up until local approval was obtained. He stated the final inspections would include the Fire Department and Health Department inspections.

Trustee Eldridge asked for the days and hours of operation. Mr. Echlin stated they would open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6:00 PM to Midnight for bar usage and some Sunday afternoons for retail sales. Trustee Eldridge also asked if any new lighting or camera installation was planned for the exterior of the building. Mr.

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Echlin stated it was already well lit because the adjoining car wash was open 24/7 and a security system was already in place as well.

Treasurer Doe stated the Development Team normally reviewed a site plan regarding a new business and he would like to table this requested until such time that review could take place. Mr. Echlin stated he had been told a site plan was not necessary since there was no change in the use of the location. It was agreed a site plan was not required because there was no change in use. Treasurer Doe said he thought the pizza place did not have inside seating. Mr. Echlin indicated it had inside seating before as a pizza place.

Supervisor Stumbo questioned if they were going to use the car wash to park. Mr. Echlin stated they were not using the car wash for parking but since they had reconfigured the parking there were enough spaces for both businesses. Mr. Frasure stated their landlord was the owner of the car wash and they had no ties to it. She said Charlotte Wilson's memo was only a zoning determination memo.

Patrick Echlin stated his understanding of Zoning was not to recommend approval of a business but rather to state this was an approved use of a location/ business and Supervisor Stumbo agreed Ms. Wilson had verified the zoning. Supervisor Stumbo stated there was more information that the Board had not seen at this time and that she supported the business but needed more information.

Mr. Echlin asked what other information was needed.

Treasurer Doe stated a brewery was going to be in that location in the past and it had not been approved because at that time there was not enough parking and he requested again to table this item. Jeffrey Frasure responded they had been on site for two hours with Charlotte Wilson, Planning Director and Sarah Jo Shipley Economic Development Director regarding the parking and had been approved. Mr. Echlin stated the Board would be adding additional expense to a business that was trying very hard to open, if they tabled the request.

Trustee Ross-Williams asked if there was any way to do a Motion To Call The Question on this item.

Note: Trustee Wilson left the meeting at 7:40 PM.

**A motion was made by Trustee Ross-Williams, supported by Trustee Jarrell Roe To Call The Question.**

<b>Jarrell Roe:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Eldridge:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ross-Williams:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Lovejoy Roe:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Stumbo:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Doe:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Wilson:</b>	<b>Absent</b>				

**The motion to Call the Question passed.**

**The motion that was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Jarrell Roe to approve a Small Winemakers License and an On Premise Tasting Permit for Patrick Echlin and Jeffrey Frasure to be located at 1497 Ecorse Rd. was repeated.**

<b>Jarrell Roe:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Eldridge:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ross-Williams:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Lovejoy Roe:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Stumbo:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Doe:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Wilson:</b>	<b>Absent</b>				

**Supervisor Stumbo and Treasurer Doe indicated they wanted more information as why they voted no.**

**The Motion carried.**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe suggested for future improvements to the Township processes to ask Sara Jo Shipley, Economic Development Director and Mike Radzik, Director of Office of Community Standards, if possible to meet with the applicants to find ways for the process to be less cumbersome and be “Business Ready”.

Supervisor Stumbo requested more information to be included in the packet in the future for any new business coming to the Board for approval so it would be easier to make informed decisions.

**2. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH A SKATEPARK PROJECT AT THE PROPOSED LOCATON OF COMMUNITY CENTER PARK AND THE ESTIMATED ASSOCIATED MAINTENANCE COSTS OF \$5,000.00 ANNUALLY**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the Ypsilanti Township Parks Commission recommendation to proceed with a Skatepark Project at the proposed location of Community Center Park and the estimated associated Maintenance Costs of \$5,000.00 annually.**

Sara Jo Shipley reported the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission had applied and received a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation and the Ralph C. Wilson Foundations for \$250,000 and the Washtenaw Parks and Rec had matched the grant amount of \$250,000 to build a 10,000 square foot Skatepark. She stated the Parks Commission recommended the Skatepark project be located at the Community Center Park at the corner of Midway and Clark.

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Trustee Eldridge asked if our attorney had looked over the paperwork regarding liability when the Township acquired the responsibility of the park. Ms. Shipley stated since it was a dangerous sport, since those participating knew that ahead of time they understood they participated at their own risk. Supervisor Stumbo stated Lisa (Stanfield, Deputy Clerk) had discussed this with MMLPP and they had verified there would be no additional liability.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated only liability to the Township would be if we staffed the Skatepark and we had no intention of doing that.

Supervisor Stumbo explained the only action for this item this evening was to approve the proposed location.

Treasurer Doe stated they had received sample photos and wondered what could be done here. Ms. Shipley stated the design was yet to be decided and would ultimately be decided by the users in the future.

Trustee Ross-Williams asked if the Parks Commission would have input regarding the design. Ms. Shipley reported one person on the Parks Commission had already volunteered to be a part of that decision.

Discussion followed on:

- Maintenance issues which included mowing, and since we already mow that area it will be less once construction has taken place, cleaning of restrooms, the concrete “lip” and the cost of paint for inevitable graffiti.
- Comparison to the Skatepark at Prospect Park, which was homemade and constructed of wood. This one would be much larger, 10,000 square feet and constructed of concrete.
- Plenty of parking close by and for evenings when baseball games were held, overflow parking was available at the Community Center.
- The location would be conducive for Superior Township and Belleville residents to use.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. RESOLUTION 2019-03, OWNERS DAM SAFETY PROGRAM**

Supervisor Stumbo explained this was required by FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in order to remain compliant.

**A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve Resolution 2019-03, Owners Dam Safety Program. (See Attached)**



**The motion carried unanimously.**

**4. RESOLUTION 2019-04, ADOPTION OF THE POVERTY EXEMPTION  
GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION**

**A motion was made by Trustee Ross-Williams, supported by Trustee Jarrell Roe to approve Resolution 2019-04, Adoption of the Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Application. (See Attached)**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING  
DATES AND COMPENSATION**

**A motion was made by Trustee Jarrell Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the 2019 Board of Review Meeting Dates and Compensation.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**6. REQUEST OF KAREN WALLIN, HUMAN RESOURCES TO CHANGE  
THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GOLF TO AN EXEMPT (SALARIED)  
POSITION AND TO INCREASE THE YEARLY SALARY FROM  
\$31,065.00 TO \$37,065.00**

**A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Jarrell Roe to approve request of Karen Wallin, Human Resources to change the Assistant Director of Golf to an exempt (salaried) position and to increase the yearly salary from \$31,065.00 to \$37,065.00.**

Karen Wallin, Human Resource Director stated Clayton Farnsworth had been with the Township almost a year. She reported after a study of the 2018 Golf Season and looking forward to 2019, to see what could have been done better and/or more efficiently, it had been determined it would be best to have a management employee on site at all times and moving Clayton into a salaried position would allow for either Kirk Cameron, Director of Golf or Clayton to be there. She explained there would be an approximate savings of \$6,800.00 a year since there would be no overtime pay required for Clayton and there would be no need to hire two seasonal employees, at least one for the pro-shop and one employee for the

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outside would be eliminated. She said Clayton would also be picking up the additional duty of supervision of the seasonal employees.

Trustee Jarrell Roe requested clarification if Mr. Farnsworth were hired would that eliminate the hiring of a seasonal employee. Karen Wallin said that was correct.

Trustee Eldridge asked how the \$6,800.00 savings had been figured. Karen Wallin stated part of this savings was because of the elimination of seasonal employees, and the elimination of 100 plus hours of overtime had been factored into the equation.

Karen Wallin stated there had been nothing but positive reports regarding Clayton and reported he had been a great addition to the Golf Course and Kirk Cameron appreciated him as well.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**7. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2259 VALLEY DR. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-801-023**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Jarrell Roe to approve request of Mike Radzik, OCS Director for authorization to seek legal action if necessary to Abate Public Nuisance for property located at 2259 Valley Dr. in the amount of \$10,000.00 budgeted in line item #101-950-000-801-023**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the property had been vacant since November of 2018 and had not complied with notification from the Township, which had deem the property in violation. She stated the neighbors were very concerned.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**8. RESOLUTION 2019-01, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE'S**

Supervisor Stumbo explained this was a revision of a previously approved Resolution that did not address a 3% increase for Deputy Assessor, a Building Director position that had been approved as well as the Golf Operations Director.

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**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Resolution 2019-01, Administrative and Confidential Employee's Salary. (See Attached)**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**9. BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

**Clerk Lovejoy Roe read the Budget Amendment into the record.**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Budget Amendment #1. (See Attached)**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS**

- 1. REQUEST OF MICHAEL SARANEN, HYDRO OPERATIONS TO WAIVE THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM FONDRIEST ENVIRONMENTAL FOR A REPLACEMENT WEATHER RADIO STATION AND RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,223.18 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #252-252-000-976-000**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, Supported by Trustee Eldridge to waive the Financial Policy and approve the quote from Fondriest Environmental for a replacement Weather Radio Station and Radio Communication Equipment in the amount of \$8,223.18 budgeted in line item #252-252-000-976-000.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Stumbo stated La Fuente Restaurant requested approval for the Transfer of Ownership of 2018 Class C License, even though the State of Michigan does not require it, the Township's Ordinance does.**

**The Board all agreed to add this item to the agenda.**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Jarrell Roe to transfer 2018 Class C License for Business/Sunday Sales Permit**

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**for La Fuente, Inc. from 1926-1930 Whittaker Road to 1960 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County and waive the application fee of \$1,000.**

Discussion followed regarding parking.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made to adjourn by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasure Doe.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

# Charter Township of Ypsilanti

## RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

### OWNERS DAM SAFETY PROGRAM (ODSP)

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, in Washtenaw County Michigan, currently holding a license with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to operate the Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project) #5334, and

**WHEREAS**, the FERC requires the Charter Township of Ypsilanti to develop, implement, fund and continue to support the ODSP, per the FERC guideline, for the Project until such time that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti releases ownership or the Project is no longer under the jurisdiction of the FERC, and

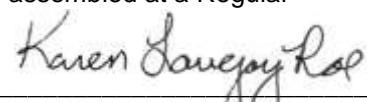
**WHEREAS**, the ODSP document clearly defines the responsibility for the Charter Township of Ypsilanti and its employees, and consultants, and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Resolution is not new to the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, but rather a re-dedication to dam safety and the responsibilities that come with owning the Project, and

**WHEREAS**, by the action of this document, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti is showing the commitment to the FERC to operate a safe Project, prioritizing safety over any other goals, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees acknowledges the Owners Dam Safety Program to maintain compliance with the FERC and define the role of Charter Township of Ypsilanti related to the Project.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2019-03 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2019.



Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti



## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

### RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04

#### ***POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES & APPLICATION***

**WHEREAS**, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Section 7u of the Michigan Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893; and

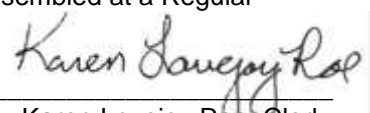
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 211.7u, Ypsilanti Charter Township, Washtenaw County adopts the following guidelines and application for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner and occupy as a homestead (primary residence) the property for which an exemption is requested, as of Tax Day, December 31 of the proceeding year.
- 2) File a claim with the Supervisor or board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year.
- 3) Meet the income threshold guidelines (maximum income) adopted by the Township Board. The income threshold as adopted is that all household income cannot exceed 30% of the median income for Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County) as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as of December 31 of the preceding year. These income thresholds will be used as long as they are higher than the Federal Poverty Guidelines as determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 4) Meet the maximum asset eligibility test as follows: Assets other than the taxpayer's primary residence, standard mode of transportation and usual household goods valued at more than \$25,000 will be considered and added to the household income to determine eligibility.
- 5) The revised Taxable Value with the Poverty Exemption, subject to the above guidelines, shall be the lesser of the current taxable value on the assessment roll and the following formula calculating the minimum taxable value via the Poverty Exemption Guidelines.  
**(State of Michigan Homestead Tax Credit (MI 1040CR) + 3.5% of Income) / Current Millage Rate = Minimum Taxable Value**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy, guidelines and application in granting or denying exemptions. If the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the above policy and guidelines based upon extraordinary circumstances and these are documented in writing, then the Board of Review may deviate from the above guidelines.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2019-04 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2019.



Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

(Revising Resolution No. 2018-39)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
WAGE RESOLUTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS in 2018, AFSCME and Teamsters contracts were negotiated and ratified with a 3% increase in wages for 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS in 2018, administrative and confidential employees also received a 3% increase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries for administrative and confidential employees be increased by 3% in 2019 and are recommended to be as follows:

	2018 Total Salary	2019 Total Salary
Deputy Supervisor	\$59,188	\$ 60,964
Deputy Clerk	\$59,188	\$ 60,964
Deputy Treasurer	\$59,188	\$ 60,964
Deputy of Elections		\$ 55,231
Human Resource Generalist II	\$58,192	\$ 59,938
Quality Assurance Specialist	\$53,056	\$ 54,648
Accounting Director	\$76,072	\$ 78,354
Assessor	\$45,000	\$ 45,000
Note 1 Deputy Assessor		\$ 73,709
Note 2 Building Director	\$82,400	\$ 80,000
Recreation Services Manager	\$63,668	\$ 65,578
Hydro Operator	\$59,563	\$ 61,350
Fire Chief	\$84,159	\$ 86,684
Police Services Administrator	\$88,305	\$ 90,954
OCS Executive Administrator	\$63,668	\$ 65,578
14B District Court Judge	\$45,724	\$ 45,724
Magistrate/Court Administrator	\$78,242	\$ 80,589
Secretary/Court Recorder	\$53,035	\$ 54,626
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Residential Services Director		
Golf Course Superintendent	\$79,791	\$ 82,185
Golf Operations Director	\$49,440	\$ 50,923
Note 3 Assistant Golf Operations Director		\$ 37,065
Golf Course Maintenance	\$31,462	\$ 32,406

Note 1 - The Deputy Assessor position was restored by the Township Board on August 24, 2018. The amount in this includes the 3% increase for 2019.

Note 2 - The Building Director position has now been filled.

Note 3 - It is recommended that the Assistant Golf Operations Director be a non-union position. A memo will be provided by Human Resources.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2019-01 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2019.

Karen Lovejoy Roe

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

January 15, 2019

AMOUNTS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR

**101 - GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND**

**Total Increase      \$549,730.00**

Request to increase and rebudget project for OHM - professional engineering design for a bus stop at Schooner Cove and South Huron River Drive, which was approved on August 21, 2018 for \$14,330 . Only \$235 was completed in 2018. The bus stop will be funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Washtenaw County.

Revenues:	FEDERAL GRANTS - CDBG	101-000-000-522.000	\$14,095.00
		Net Revenues	<u><u>\$14,095.00</u></u>
Expenditures:	CDBG PROJECT - CAPITAL OUTLAY	101-970-000-974.100	\$14,095.00
		Net Expenditures	<u><u>\$14,095.00</u></u>

Request to increase and rebudget for Washtenaw County Road Commission agreements approved during 2018. The total amount budgeted for 2018 was \$1,009,336 and the expenditures totaled \$473,701. The remaining \$535,635 will need to be rebudgeted for 2019. This will funded by an Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance.

Revenues:	Prior Year Fund Balance	101-000-000-699.000	\$535,635.00
		Net Revenues	<u><u>\$535,635.00</u></u>
Expenditures:	Highway & ST - Road Construction	101-446-000-818.022	\$535,635.00
		Net Expenditures	<u><u>\$535,635.00</u></u>

**249 - BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND**

**Total Increase      \$15,639.00**

Request to increase and rebudget to facilitate a professional service contract with Graphic Sciences, Inc. to scan & digitize old paper property records approved August 22 and November 11 of 2018. The total budgeted for 2018 was \$100,000 and the expenditures totaled \$84,361. The remaining \$15,639 will need to be rebudgeted for 2019. This will be funded by an Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance.

Revenues:	Prior Year Fund Balance	249-000-000-699.000	\$15,639.00
		Net Revenues	<u><u>\$15,639.00</u></u>
Expenditures:	Professional Services	249-249-000-801.000	\$15,639.00
		Net Expenditures	<u><u>\$15,639.00</u></u>

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2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

January 15, 2019

**266 - LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND**

**Total Increase      \$10,478.00**

Request to increase and rebudget project for OHM - to provide design specification, bid package and oversee bidding for replacement of the emergency generator at LEC. This project was approved on December 4, 2018 for \$18,900. The partially completed amount in 2018 was \$8,422. We will need \$10,478 to complete the project in 2019. This will be funded by an Appropriation of Prior Year Fund Balance.

Revenues:	Prior Year Fund Balance	266-000-000-699.000	\$10,478.00
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Net Revenues	<u><u>\$10,478.00</u></u>
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Expenditures:	BLDG MAINT/1501 S Huron Station LEC	266-301-000-931.015	\$10,478.00
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Net Expenditures	<u><u>\$10,478.00</u></u>
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**590 - COMPOST FUND**

**Total Increase      \$4,311.00**

Request to increase budget for PTO payout request of 180 hours to be paid at 75%. This will be funded by an Appropriation for Prior Year Fund Balance.

Revenues:	Prior Year Fund Balance	590-000-000-699.000	\$4,311.00
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Net Revenues	<u><u>\$4,311.00</u></u>
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Expenditures:	Salaries pay out - PTO	590-590-000-708.004	\$4,005.00
	FICA	590-590-000-715.000	\$306.00

Net Expenditures	<u><u>\$4,311.00</u></u>
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## Motion to Amend the 2019 Budget (#1)

Move to increase the General Fund budget by \$549,730 to \$9,481,219 and approve the department line item changes as outlined.

Move to increase the Building Department Fund budget by \$15,639 to \$870,196 and approve the department line item changes as outlined.

Move to increase the Law Enforcement Fund budget by \$10,478 to \$7,674,054 and approve the department line item changes as outlined.

Move to increase the Compost Fund budget by \$4,311 to \$569,276 and approve the department line item changes as outlined.



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January 22, 2019

Dear Karen Roe, Brenda Stumbo and Ypsilanti Township Park Commission:

It is with great regret and sadness that I must tender my resignation as an Ypsilanti Township Park Commissioner as I have moved from Ypsilanti Township to the City of Saline. Serving as a Park Commissioner has been an opportunity and position that I have cherished during the last two years. Were it not for this move, I would have happily continued my duties and would have likely continued being the Chair of the Parks Commission, as I have been for the previous two years.

In the two years that I was on the commission, I have witnessed great changes that have benefitted the Township. The Parks Commission approved the First Annual Rosie the Riveter Arts and Crafts Show. We voted to get new playground facilities at all of the community parks, including Ford Lake, Loonfeather, and North Bay. We were able to get some shade for the residents who use the West Willow Park. We have explored the exciting opportunities of a dog park, more recently a skate park, and hosting the Pro Wakeboarding finals. Community interest has never been higher as we have received donations of a bike rack and windscreens for the pickleball courts at Ford Lake.

Also, while I served on the Parks Commission, I personally drafted the new bylaws that will permit future parks commissioners to avoid issues with the potential varying size of the commission. Additionally, I had the privilege of serving on the Steering Commission for the new 2019-2023 Master Plan. I was looking forward to seeing some of the fruits of the groundwork laid on these projects.

And while it is with great sadness that I have left my home of over sixteen and a half years and miss my former neighbors greatly, I will not be completely removed from the Township that I have grown to love. My law practice, Collis & Griffor, PC, is still within the Township. I will still be roaming the halls of the connected 14B District Court. Also, I have gained and remain friends with so many people in the Township as a result of my opportunity to serve the Ypsilanti Township Community.

I welcome the opportunity to continue working with you in any capacity that I can in the future.

Sincerely,



Stuart M. Collis, Esq.