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# PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

## 2020-2025

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**VISION & PURPOSE**

*The people of Gladwin, Michigan see themselves at the center of one of the most beautiful and hospitable communities in all of Michigan. The Gladwin area abounds in natural resources that furnish abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation and flourishes in human resources that have created some of the best opportunities for recreation and sports in Mid-Michigan. This plan seeks to continue to expand these opportunities hoping to provide the best facilities, activities, and programs for all its citizens and visitors.*



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## GLADWIN COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Gladwin is the county seat of Gladwin County. Situated on the Cedar River, this city became known as “Cedar” back in 1875. Later renamed after the county, it was incorporated as a city in 1883. Gladwin County is located in the central-northeastern section of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. The county was named in honor of British Major Henry Gladwin of Fort Detroit who defended the Fort in 1763. The lumbering era of the late 1800’s was a boon to the county bringing a great increase in population and wealth. Farming became a way of life when the lumbering era ended, and the cleared lands were homesteaded by farmers. In the 1930’s an oil boom again led to an increase in the county’s population.



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The City of Gladwin is located at the junction of state highways M-18 and M-61. Much of the surrounding area is level to undulating with some rolling areas west of town. Within the city there are steep banks along the Cedar River except in areas of the North and South City



Photo Credit: City of Gladwin

Parks and the City Hall where the flood plain widens. Most of the wooded lands in the city are adjacent to the Cedar River. These woodlands are predominately broadleaf deciduous forests and provide excellent habitat for songbirds and other wildlife. The other major forested area in Gladwin is the city-owned property, mostly wetlands, located in the northeast corner of the city near the industrial park. There are also numerous small wetlands, which surround much of the city and provide habitat for trees, shrubs, and other native natural vegetation and animals.

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Typical of mid-Michigan, the City of Gladwin has fairly cold winters and cool summers. In January the average temperature from 2009 to 2019 was 21.5° F with a low of 13° F. The 10-year average high temperature in July is 70° F with a low of 64° F.<sup>1</sup>The area receives an average annual precipitation of 31 inches and an average of 52 inches of snowfall. Gladwin has four distinct seasons with an abundance of recreational opportunities.

With the amazing seasons and recreational opportunities, many businesses within Gladwin provide recreational services. These businesses, along with traditional commercial businesses, serve the local neighborhoods and surrounding townships. The City of Gladwin’s traditional downtown, which runs along M-61, has seen growth with new businesses and construction in the downtown area. Surrounding the business corridor and downtown area are traditional single-family home neighborhoods. There are a few duplex and multi-family structures throughout the City, comprising of only 1% of the total city land area<sup>2</sup>.



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<sup>1</sup> (NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, 2019)

<sup>2</sup> (City of Gladwin, 2014)

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The City along with its residents have a strong connection with the environment and their parks. Within the downtown area the City has South Park, which was an old State Park that was donated to the City. South Park houses the City’s Community Center, amphitheater, swim area and kayak launch, as well as the city campground. Throughout the years the City of Gladwin has worked to improve South Park by upgrading the kayak launch so that it is handicap accessible as well as installing two rental cabins. South Park is connected via the Riverwalk Trail to North Park. The City park system ends just south of the City Campground. Starting at this point is the Trail of Two Cities, which is a trail that will eventually connect Gladwin to the City of Beaverton and The Pere Marquette Trail. This trail system is managed and operated by the Gladwin Trail Authority. North Park currently is a more rustic park with a kayak launch, skate park, game field, as well as the old City ice rink. These two parks serve the public and create a community that is one with nature and showcases their connection with the environment and outdoors.



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**COMMUNITY TRENDS**

The community currently has a population of 2,887 residents as of the 2018 population estimate. The median age is 37.8, while the median household income is \$31,926.<sup>3</sup> The population of Gladwin has seen a decrease in population from 2010 and is expected to see a further decrease in the 2020 Census. The majority of the population is expected to get older over time and the population of 55+ is estimated to 64% of the population by 2023.<sup>4</sup>

Many residents in the City of Gladwin also fall into the category of ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed). This category is a measurement that is identified by the East Michigan Council of Government and Michigan Association of United Ways to help identify residents that are not earning enough income to meet basic living requirements. The number of people in the City of Gladwin that fall into this category was around 58% of the population.<sup>5</sup> This information is important to acknowledge when planning for providing services to the City residents. With the increase in aging residents, median household income at \$32,000, and the rural nature of the community; the City has identified that they must keep this in mind when looking at community projects, programs, and services so that they serve all demographics needs.

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<sup>3</sup> (United States Census Bureau, 2019)

<sup>4</sup> (Community Research Services, LLC, 2019)

<sup>5</sup> (East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG), 2019)

## CITY & PARK ADMINISTRATION

The City of Gladwin has a Council-Manager form of government<sup>6</sup>. The City Administrator is appointed to administer the day-to-day operations of the city. The Park & Recreation Commission is therefore under the authority of the Council and receives guidance and assistance from the City Administrator. The Parks Commission was formed on December 20, 1982 when the city acquired the Gladwin State Park (now called South Park) from the State of Michigan. On November 18, 2019 the City adopted created a new commission; Ordinance No. 343, which created a new Park & Recreation Commission. The Commission is comprised of five commissioners that represents diverse populations within the City and region. The Park Manager is responsible for managing the parks. Maintenance and many of the capital improvement projects are performed by the City's Park & Recreation and Public Works staff.

The Park & Recreation Commission actively pursues the creation and improvement of recreational activities and programs throughout the city and in cooperation with the county, the school district, County Trail Authority, and with other groups such as the Gladwin Hockey Association, Gladwin Area District Library, Gladwin Area Friends of the Arts, as well as others. The City of Gladwin and the Commission work to promote the city's recreational opportunities as part of its effort to attract tourists and families to the City and area.

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<sup>6</sup> (City of Gladwin, 2010)

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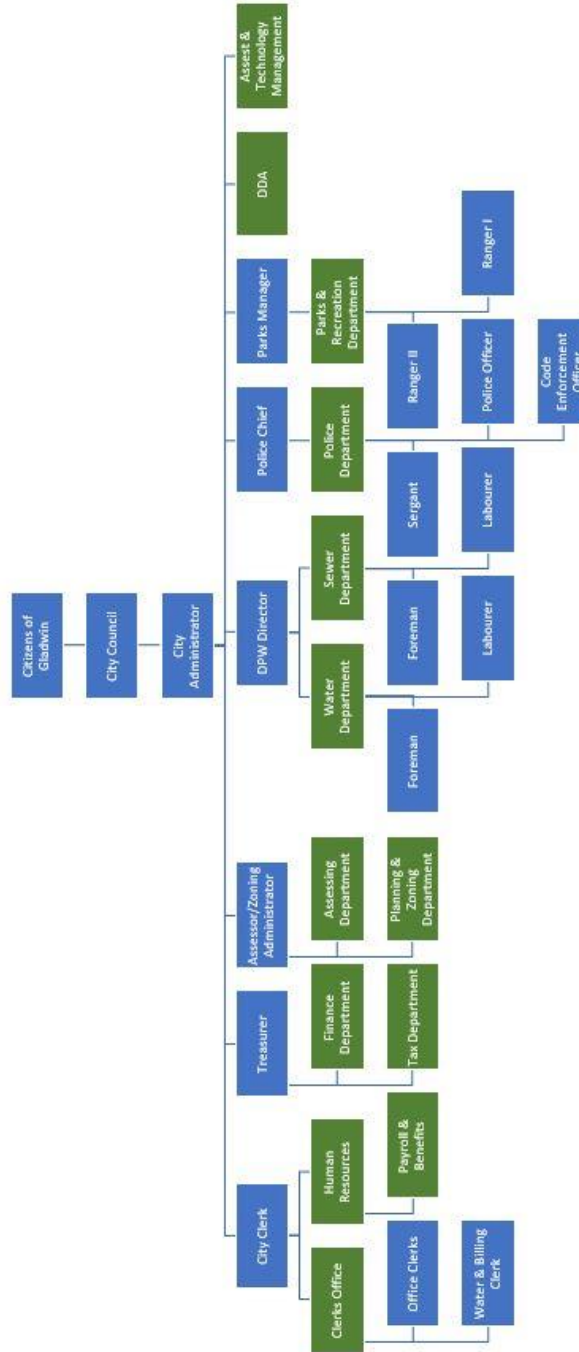
The Parks Commission is a recommendation body and reviews and offers guidance to the City Council regarding Park & Recreation matters. The Commission also recommends the annual park budget. The City Council, with the assistance of the City Administrator, creates and adopts the City budget that commits funds for Parks & Recreation. Funding for the Park & Recreation Department comes from the General Fund, Campground Fee, and Park Entrance Fee. The City Council allocated between the 2015 and 2017 fiscal years around \$112,245 dollars per cycle. The City Council increased the 2017-18 budget to \$115,192 dollars and again in the 2018-19 budget to \$122,920. Past projects between 2015 and 2017 include a new playscape and outdoor exercise equipment as well as repainting of the North Park pavilion.

Over the last decade, the City of Gladwin has endeavored to make its parks and recreation programs open and accessible to all its citizens and visitors. The City maintains a policy of not only constructing all its new buildings and other facilities to handicapped accessibility standards, but all repairs and renovations are also done to these specifications. Within the South Park the City is currently working on installing a handicapped accessible kayak launch so that all citizens and visitors can enjoy the Cedar River. All programs run by the City and those carried out jointly with other agencies are all designed to include handicapped and structured so all may afford them.

CITY HIERARCHY

*BLUE: POSITION*

*GREEN: DEPARTMENT*



## PARK ATTENDANCE

The South Park, Campground, and Community Center Complex are the focal points of the Gladwin Park & Recreation Department. With these facilities located on the Cedar River and adjacent to Downtown there are several visitors during the Park Season (May-October). Though the Park & Recreation Department can count the number of passes sold and camp sites rented, there are a number of visitors not accounted for as they can visit the park by walking which has no fee. Between the 2015 and 2018 Park Season the South Park sold around 9,820 daily and annual passes to park visitors. The City Campground has also rented camp sites to around 13,595 campers. Over four years the City saw a minimum of a total of 23,415 park visitors. Within the first three months of the 2019 Park Season the City saw around 851 visitors to the park and around 1,498 campers registered and checked in as of July 2019.<sup>7</sup> The number of park visitors indicates that most park visitors visit during the summer months.



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<sup>7</sup> (City of Gladwin, 2019)

## CITY OF GLADWIN RECREATIONAL INVENTORY

The City of Gladwin currently has two parks, North Park and South Park, which sit along the Cedar River. These parks are connected via a riverside path that runs along the rivers banks and goes under the Cedar Avenue Bridge. The inventory of the park system facilities was updated with the assistance of the Community Development Fellow through Project Rising Tide and verified by City Staff and the Parks Commission.

### SOUTH PARK

Recreational facilities in the South Park area include camping and picnic grounds supplemented by tennis and basketball courts, a playground with swings, pavilions, and a sandy beach for swimming. A kayak launch is also located within the park for river travelers. The wooded campground has camp sites that are equipped with water and electricity. Campers with RV's have access to a sanitation station to flush their grey water and septic tanks on site. Modern toilets and hot showers are also available to all campers. The parks easy walking distance to downtown Gladwin is a draw for campers as well as residents of the city.



Photo Credit: City of Gladwin

Near the entrance of South Park is the Community Center with its adjacent outdoor amphitheater, which can hold at capacity 500 persons. These facilities are used for scheduled events including the annual Gladwin Friends of the Theatre winter and dinner theatre, and summer musicals. The local Council for the Arts also holds a summer art festival, Tuesday's in the Park, and Jeep Creep. Other events are also held within the park by various civic, fraternal, and school activities.

**NORTH PARK**

The North Park area, opened in 1994, provides horseshoes, volleyball and basketball courts, and a series of walking trails. A kayak launch is also located within the park along with a skateboard park, which was opened in 2008. You can rent tubes at the City Rangers station and canoe down the river.

**RIVER TRAIL & TRAIL OF TWO CITIES**

Connecting both North and South Park is the Riverwalk Trail that allows residents and park guests to bike and walk along the Cedar River. The trail runs from North Park Pavilion to the skate park lot where it breaks into different paths that wrap around North Park. On the south side of the park it follows the banks of the Cedar River and connects City Hall to the trail system. The Riverwalk Trail goes under the Cedar Avenue Bridge and enters South Park just north of the Community Center and Amphitheater. The trail picks up at the end of the South Park Campground and winds back down to the South Riverwalk trail bridge. This bridge connects the Hospital campus to the trails. At the South Riverwalk bridge the Trail of Two Cities starts, which is operated and maintained by the County Trail Authority. Currently the Trail of Two Cities follows the river about a half mile and ends at a trail head with a bathroom and parking. Progress towards connecting Gladwin and Beaverton is underway. This initial phase will lead into additional phases so that the trail system can connect to the Per Marquette Trail that runs between Midland and Clare.

**TRAIL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES**

The City has three pedestrian bridges along the Riverwalk Trail. These bridges help residents cross the Cedar River to access the City’s natural areas and different parts of the City.



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**REGIONAL FACILITIES**

The City of Gladwin has multiple community and regional facilities that residents are able to utilize. These facilities include the Gladwin Sports Complex, Gladwin County Recreational Area, Gladwin County District Library/Community Arena, Calhoun Park Campground, as well as Sacred Heart Church, Free Methodists Activity Center, and Our Savior Lutheran Church activity centers.

The Gladwin County Sports Complex and Community Arena provide the City with Hockey, Soccer, Football, and Softball and Baseball facilities. Programs for youth sports utilize these facilities and run throughout the year, sport season dependent. The Gladwin Community Arena also provides a fitness center and rock-climbing wall. The Arena also hosts the Gladwin Business Expo, Outdoor & Recreational Expo, Home & Garden Show, as well as other events.

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Located 5 miles Northwest of the City is the County Recreation Area, along North Shaw Road. The Recreation Area is a 160-acre parcel that features an approximately two-and-a-half-mile pathway for hiking, rollerblading, cross country skiing and snow shoeing, bicycling, picnic areas, and an observation deck. There is also a historical Hunting Club lodge that is open to the public to rent.

### **PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

A park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals is a high priority to the City of Gladwin. The City utilized the MDNR grading system to review park facilities accessibility, based on the American Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The review utilized a 5-point system to rank park facilities.

### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMING**

Community programing historically was conducted through the City by the Art Council Department. This department was removed around 2008 during the recession. The City worked together with the Gladwin Professional & Business Association to host a select number of community events. Over time other businesses, community groups, and organizations have taken the responsibility of coordinating, fund raising, and hosting events and programs. These organizations include the Gladwin Community Schools, Gladwin Professional & Business Association, Chamber of Commerce, Gladwin Area Friends of the Theater, and other businesses and community organizations.



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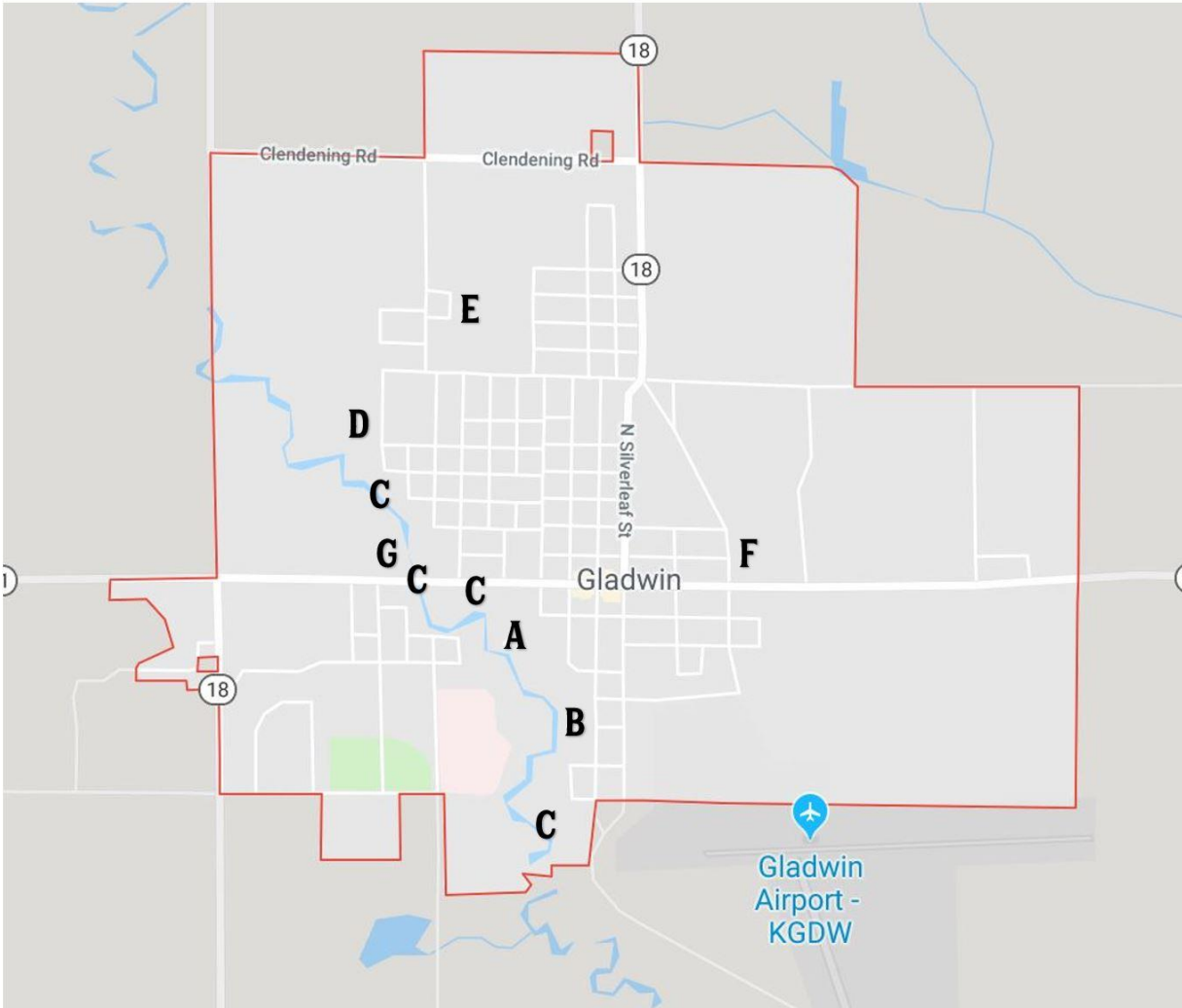
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**PARK & RECREATION INVENTORY LIST**

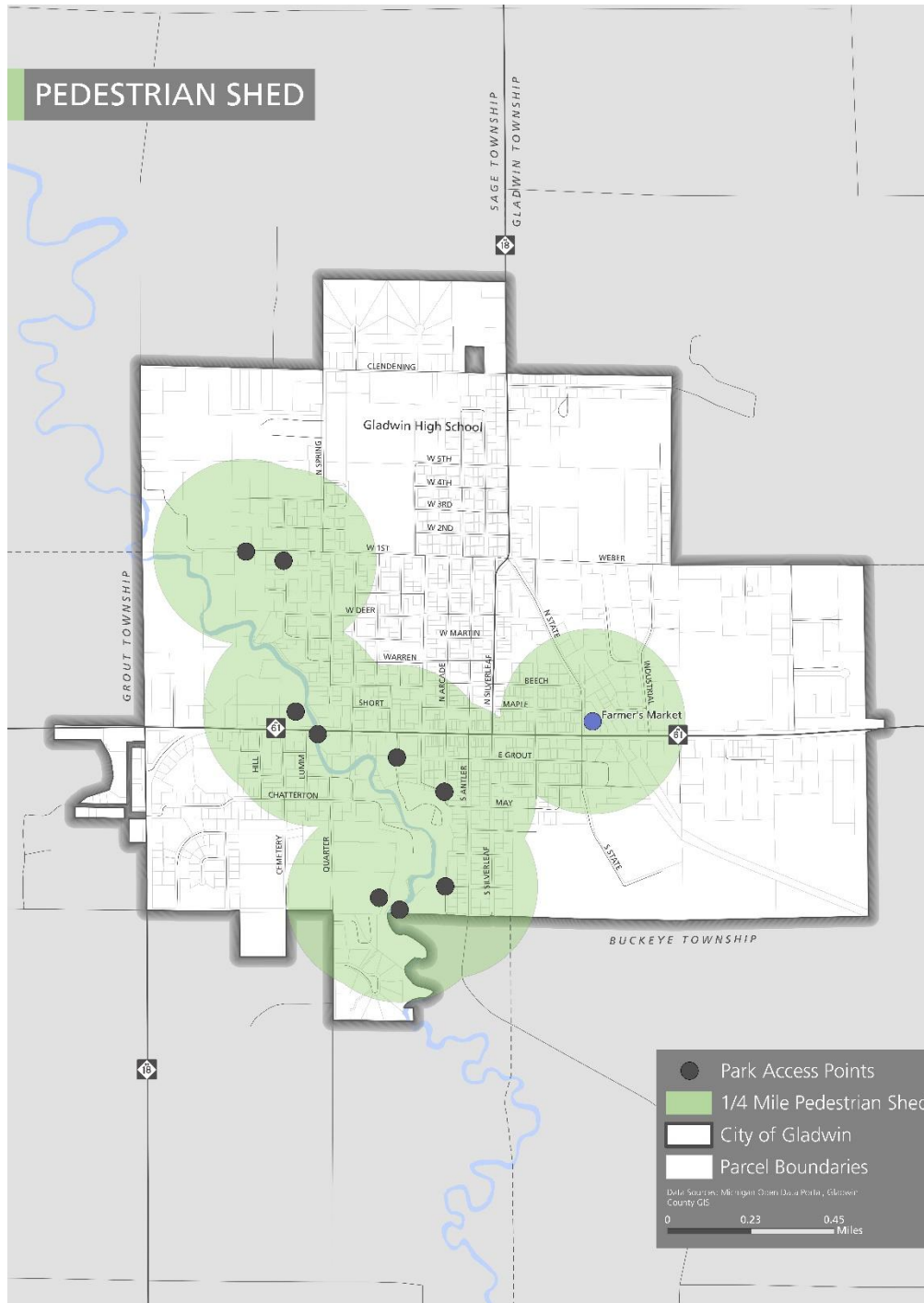
MAP ID	FACILITY NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING
A	SOUTH PARK	THE PARK HAS A BEACH, PLAYGROUND, TENNIS COURTS, A KAYAK LAUNCH, AND PAVILLIONS.	3
B	SOUTH PARK CAMPGROUND	THE CAMPGROUND HAS 61 CAMPSITES WITH WATER, ELECTRICITY, SHOWERS AND BATHROOMS, PICNIC AREA, BEACH AREA, AND A RV SANITATION STATION. THERE ARE ALSO TWO RUSTIC CABINS. THE CAMPGROUND IS OPEN MAY 1 - NOV. 30.	3
D	NORTH PARK	NORTH PARK HOUSES THE CITY SKATE PARK, BASKETBALL HOOP, CANOE LAUNCH, HORSESHOE PITS, VOLLEYBALL, AND FOOT TRAILS. THE COMMUNITY BUILDING IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BE RENTED.	2
C	RIVERWALK TRAIL	THE TRAIL HAS ABOUT 1.8 MILES OF HARDSURFACED PATH THAT RUNS ALONG THE CEDAR RIVER.	3
A	COMMUNITY CENTER	PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GLADWIN AREA FRIENDS OF THE THEATERS AND AVAIABILITY FOR CIVIC, FRATERNAL, AND SCHOOL ACTIVIES.	3
A	AMPHITHEATER	500 SEAT CAPACITY OUTDOOR THEATER. ANNUAL MUSICAL AND ARTS FESTIVALS. THE CITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ???? HOSTS WEEKLY TUESDAY IN THE PARK AND CONCERTS.	2
F	HISTORIC MARKET PLACE	A-HISTORIC VILLAGE, FARMERS MARKET, AND PARK	2
E	GLADWIN TENNIS COURTS	FOUR HARD SURFACED ENCLOSED TENNIS COURTS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GLADWIN SCHOOLS.	3
G	CITY HALL	THE CITY HALL IS CONNECTED TO THE RIVERWALK TRAIL AND IS A TRAIL HEAD WITH SOME SEATING.	3

ACCESSIBILITY RANKING GUIDE	
1	NONE OF THE FACILITIES/PARK AREAS MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES
2	SOME OF THE FACILITIES/PARK AREAS MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES
3	MOST OF THE FACILITIES/PARK AREAS MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES
4	THE ENTIRE PARK MEETS ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES
5	ENTIRE PARK WAS DEVELOPED/RENOVATED USING PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSAL

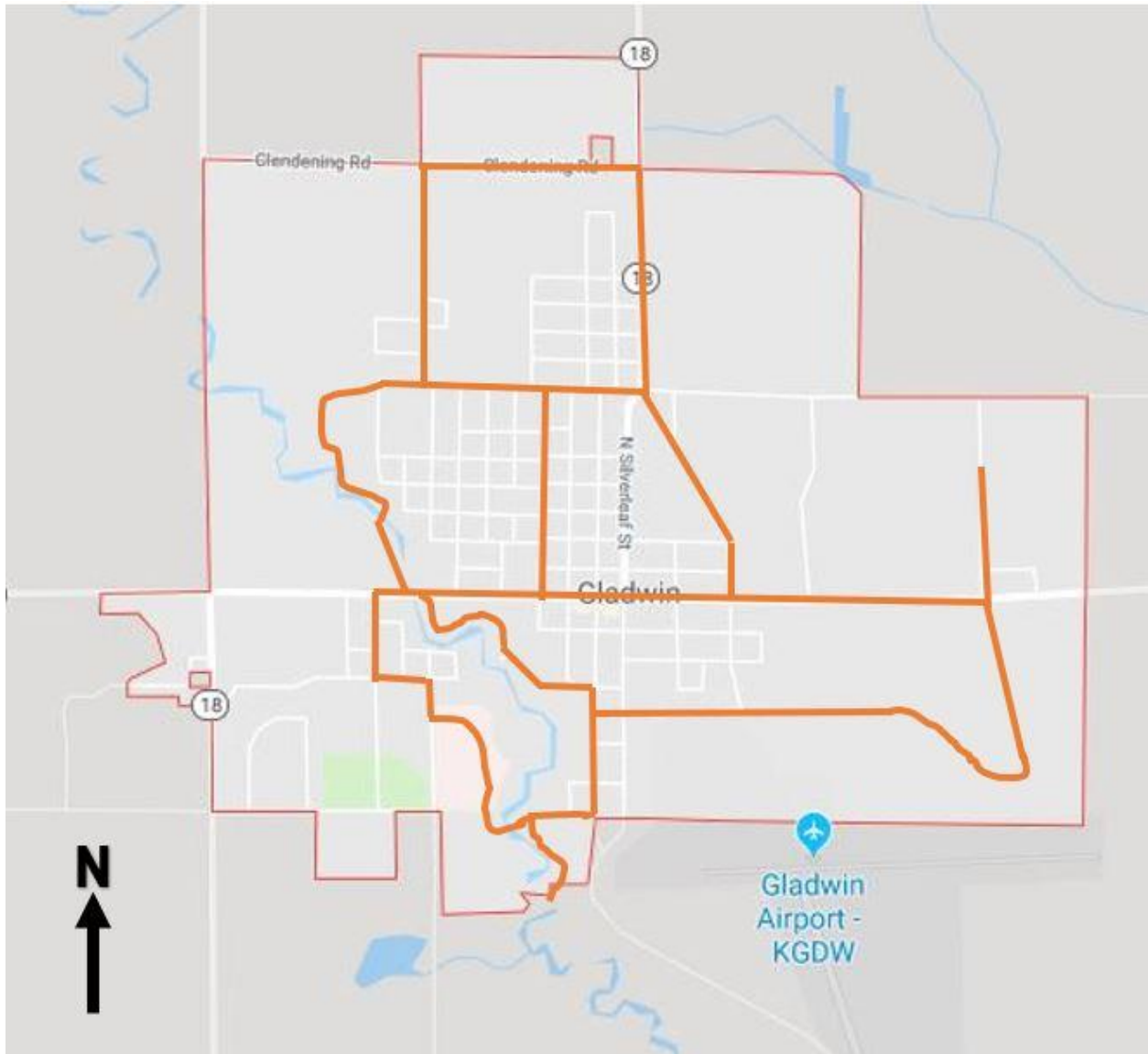
**MAP OF PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**



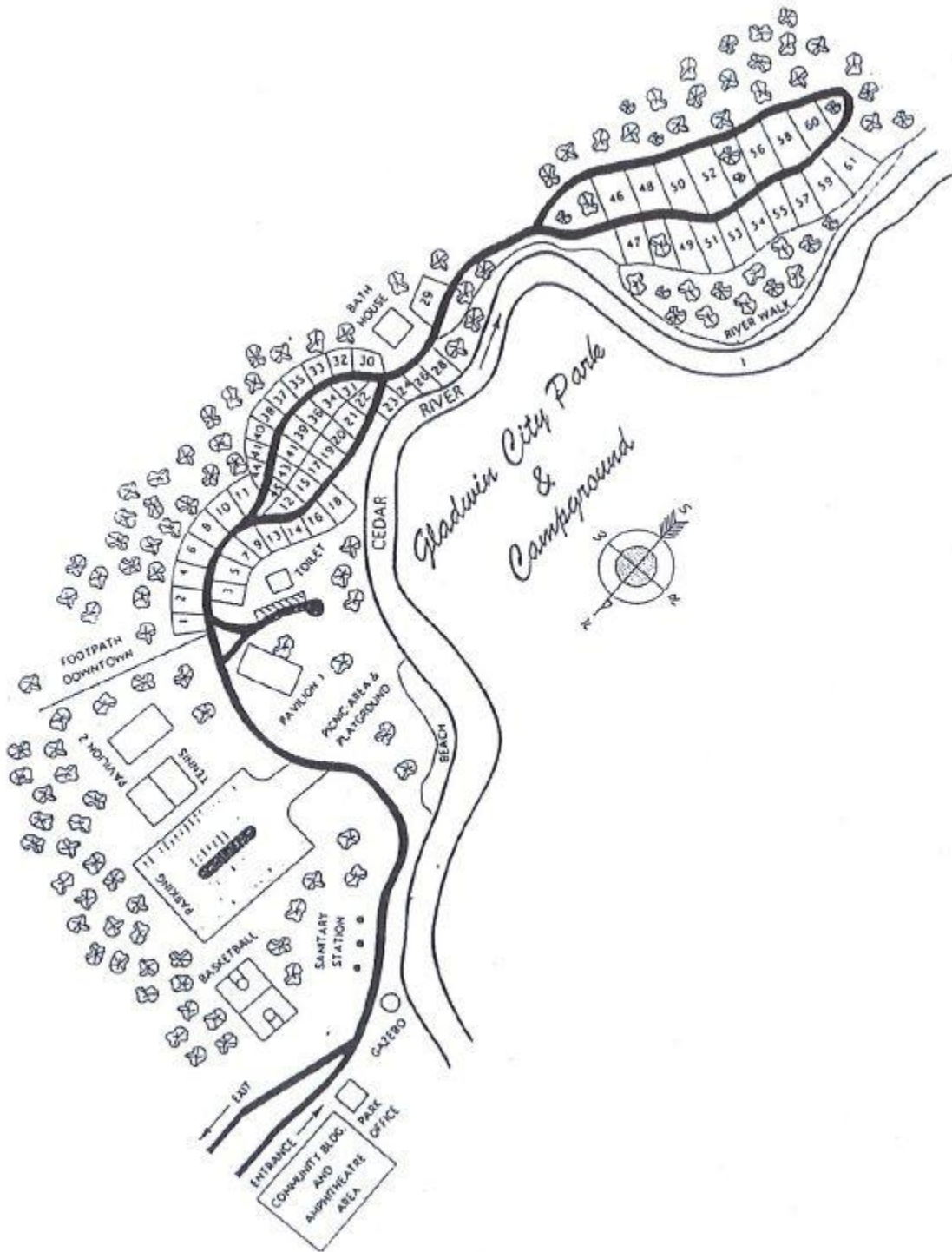
**PARK PEDESTRIAN SHED MAP**



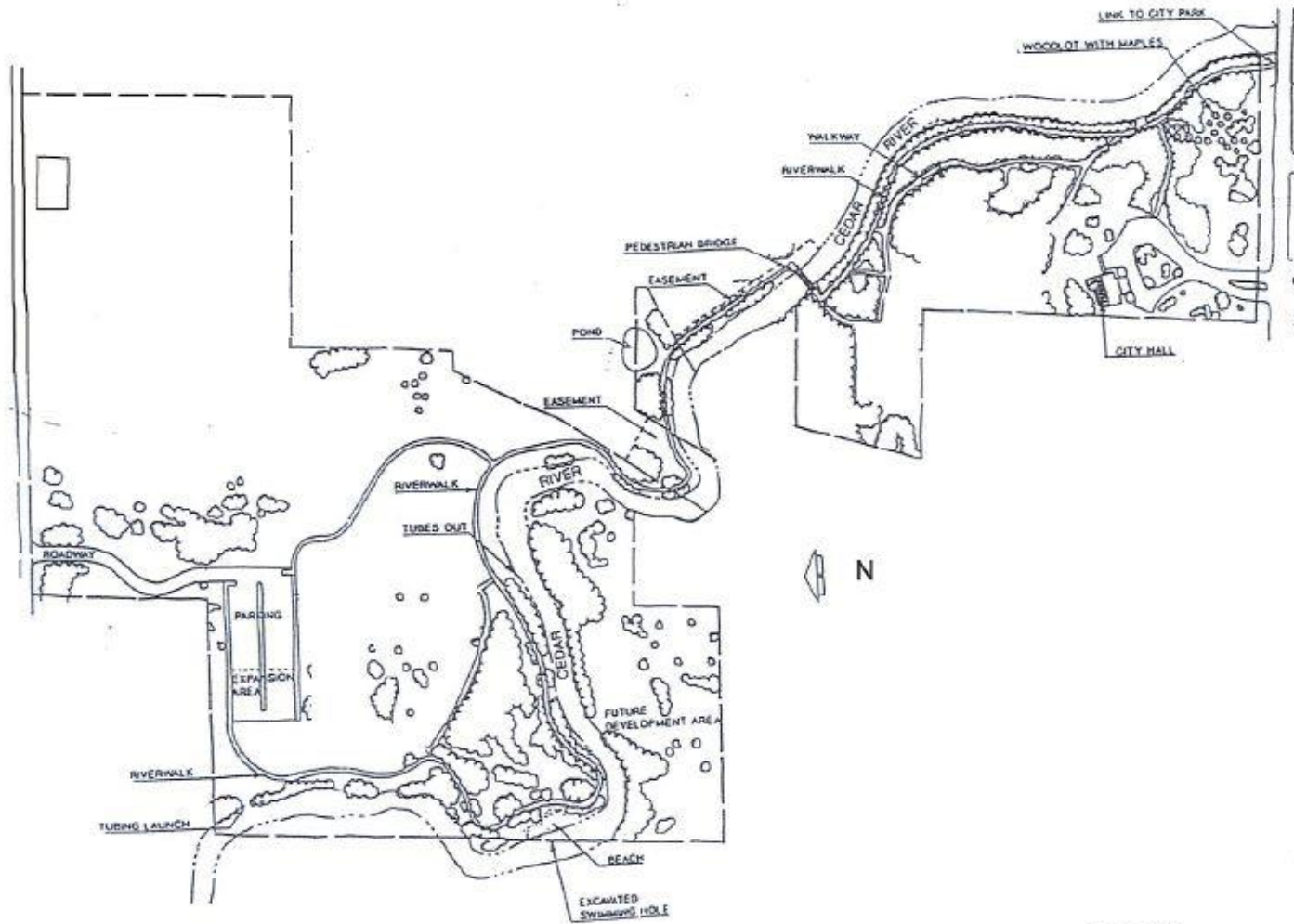
**GLADWIN TRAIL MAP**



**GLADWIN SOUTH PARK & CAMPGROUND MAP**



**NORTH PARK MAP**



## **PUBLIC INPUT AND PARK VISIONING**

Public input is a vital part of any goal setting and planning for future development. For the Parks Commission and City Council to make informed decisions and set goals they decided to reach out to the people for their thoughts. The City choose to utilize two forms of public input to gather responses. The first was the utilization of an online survey through SurveyMonkey. The City also allowed people who were unable to utilize the online survey a paper copy that they could complete. The second form of public input was the utilization of a public visioning session held at a Community Picnic.

The Public Survey received 101 responses from online and paper surveys. Respondents were asked a series of questions regarding their thoughts of the park system. To help guide the Parks Commission and other City Officials these questions used to direct future decisions and policy. One of the questions that was asked of respondents to rank their top five priorities from a list of projects identified by the City. Respondents ranked the following five options as their top five priorities for the City's Park & Recreation Department. They include Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails, Kayak/Canoe Launch, New/Upgraded Playgrounds, Fitness & Wellness Program Areas, and Multi-Use Performing Arts Space. The survey also inquired about what facilities or amenity's that respondents would like to see within the park system. Respondents identified the following top five facilities or amenities: Disc Golf, Updated and Additional Pavilions, Public Teen Events & Programs, Preservation of Natural Areas, and Trail Extension and Modernization. The results from this survey can be found in Appendix A.

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The Community Picnic was a great success and saw around 120-140 residents come out and enjoy activities in North Park. The Community Picnic included a live band, bouncy house and slip'n'slide, face painting, disc golf display, other activities. In order to gain responses, the City required that anyone who



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wanted to enjoy a free hot dog, pop, and ice pop was required to answer the vision board questions. The people who came out to enjoy the community picnic represented people from all demographics in the community. The Vision Board received between 75-80 respondents. Residents could answer the 11 questions that were arranged into three categories: Operations, Facilities, and Programming. These results were used to set the goals, needs, and objectives for the Parks Commission and City Council. The full results from the vision board can be found in Appendix B.



Photo Credit: City of Gladwin

## **PARK PLANNING PROCESS**

The City of Gladwin through the Parks Commission with the assistance of Project Rising Tide worked to gain as much public input throughout the planning process. This process started with a Park Commission subcommittee that invited members from throughout the community that traditionally are not invited to give their thoughts to the parks system. Utilizing a grass roots start the City invited business leaders, students, the local hospital, and school officials to sit on the Park Plan committee. The goal of this subcommittee was to review and collect information about the community. This included traditional methods of data collection such as reviewing reports and documents provided through State and Regional agencies. The Park Plan committee also utilized the use of a Community Picnic Vision Meeting as well as an online survey. This information helped to understand the character and state of the current park system.

Once this understanding of the park system was described by the committee the planning process moved to the next step. This next step involved the entire Parks Commission to review and analyze the information provided and collected by the subcommittee. After analyzing the information and provided data the Parks Commission worked to set the goals, objectives, and action items for the park system for the next five years.

## **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Developing effective and achievable goals and objectives is an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. Overall, the Parks Commission would like to provide high quality recreation opportunities for the community. More specific goals and objectives are based on the demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics, and the input from the community.

Goals are the broadest level of ideas. By necessity, they are overreaching and general. However, objectives carry out the purpose of each goal. Action Plan items are the most specific level, they identify specific projects and programs to be pursued over the next five years. Action Plan items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. The City of Gladwin Parks Commission formulated the following goals and objectives to provide excellent services to the residents of the community.

### ***GOAL 1: EXPANDING & IMPROVING OUTDOOR ACTIVITY FACILITIES***

Outdoor facilities such as trails, outdoor sport facilities, playgrounds, beaches, and water access points are an important aspect of the Gladwin park system. The residents and City acknowledge that these facilities are an important draw to residents and visitors alike. The expansion and improvements of outdoor activity facilities also includes updating facilities to improving the accessibility rating.

**Objectives:**

- Update current outdoor activity facilities such as the South Park Beach Area, both kayak launches, and other facilities.
- Work to develop and install outdoor activity facilities such as a playground, disc golf course, and other facilities in North Park. Modernize playground equipment in South Park.
- Install outdoor workout equipment along trail system.
- Expand trail system to connect Historic Market Place, library, and downtown to the park system.

***GOAL 2: MODERNIZE & EXPAND CITY CAMPING FACILITIES***

The City Campground is a highlight and jewel of the Gladwin park system. It brings many visitors to the community and downtown area. The campground having been established in the 70's has not seen a major upgrade in a number of years. To maintain this jewel of the park system the City would like to see an overhaul of the campground and the addition of rustic camping.

**Objectives:**

- Modernize the camper sewer system
- Repave the Campground drive so that vehicles can easily access campground spots.
- Have upper sites receive an overhaul on the electrical system so that campers have a safer and easier electrical access.
- Improve the upper and lower sites water access lines.
- Install drainage system in the lower campground to allow water to flow away from the camp sites.
- Create 10-15 rustic camp sites south of the upper campground and additional sites in the south campground.

**GOAL 3: CEDAR RIVER AND NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION**

Natural areas and the outdoor experience are an important aspect for the residents and visitors of Gladwin. This connection to the outdoors is so important that the City has adopted “*Connected By Nature*” as the official motto of Gladwin. Protecting and preserving the natural areas is an important part of the Park & Recreation Department and Parks Commissions mandate.

**Objectives:**

- Preserve woodland natural area along the river for future generations
- Clean the river to allow access for kayakers and tubers to utilize and enjoy the Cedar River.
- Clean up the riverbank so that residents and visitors can look onto the flowing waters of the Cedar River.
- Work with the DNR, EGLE, and landowners to preserve the riverbanks from erosion.
- Install green infrastructure throughout the City to protect the waterways and bring the beauty of nature to the residents of the community.

**GOAL 4: DEVELOP AND OPERATE RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

Health and recreation have been identified by the public as an important aspect that they would like to see the City implement. Acknowledging the reality that many residents in the community either fall within ALICE or are 65+ it is important to tailor programs and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It is also important and noted by Commissioners that it is important to make sure that programs and facilities are also accessible to all people with differing modes of mobility.

**Objectives:**

- Develop teen and student programs and events within the park system in partnership with the Library, Schools, and other agencies.
- Work with sport groups to offer club sports within the city park system as well as partnering with regional facilities.
- Partner with outside agencies to broaden programs to encompass a wider range of activities and events year-round.

PARK & RECREATION ACTION PLAN

<b>City of Gladwin Parks &amp; Recreation Action Plan</b>		
<b><u>Improvement</u></b>	<b><u>Priority</u></b>	<b><u>Relates to Goal</u></b>
<b>All Parks</b>		
Install Wayfinding Signs around trails and roads to direct people to parks and important community areas	2	1
Make trail system easier for handicapped and allow safer walking paths throughout the City	1	1,4
Work with partnering organizations to create better and more inclusive programs for adults, seniors, families, and youth.	1	1,4
Conduct an analysis of all Pedestrian Bridges	1	1,4
<b>South Park</b>		
Install additional playground equipment	3	1,4
Install safety mulch around playground equipment	1	1,4
Install new Kayak launch, focus on handicap accessible	1	1,3,4
Install paved walking path from parking lot to playground to allow easy access	3	1,4
Install new pickleball court	5	1,4
<b>City Campground</b>		
Install new electrical wiring in upper & lower campground	1	2
Install new water pipes to all camp sites	1	2
Install new water & sewer camper septic system	1	2
Put in new paved road in lower campground	3	2
Install 10 rustic tent camp sites south of upper campground.	5	2
Create rustic camping parking in upper campground	5	2
Create one internet grid through Campground and South Park	2	1,2,4
Install solid camping pads	1	1,2
<b>North Park</b>		
Clean up river front for easier access and viewing of Cedar River	4	3
Install Disc Golf Course between lower and upper North Park	1	1
Install new playground	1	1
Extend walking path to North East part of North Park	3	1,3
Modernize Skate Park	5	1
Install new Kayak launch, focus on handicap accessible	1	1,3,4

<i>Improvement</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Relates to Goal</i>
<b>City Trail System</b>		
Renovate current River Walk Trail	4	1,3,4
Install metal benches and trash cans along trail	5	1,3
Install new trail paths (Trail Map in Plan) through sidewalk extension/expansions, road walk/bike lanes	3	1,3,4
<b>Community Center</b>		
Clean up outside flower beds	5	1
<b>Amphitheater</b>		
Paint Theater	5	1
Install flowers in <i>Pit</i>	5	1
<b>Historic Marketplace</b>		
Install new walking paths	3	1,4
Install new playground	4	1,4
<b>Gladwin Tennis Courts</b>		
<b>City Hall</b>		
Install new flower beds and metal bench and trash can	5	1

**APPENDIX A:**

**ANALYSIS OF GLADWIN'S PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY**

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# GLADWIN PARKS & RECREATION PLAN SURVEY ANALYSIS

***SEPTEMBER 6, 2019***

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**AUTHORS NOTE:** This Survey Analysis was written for Project Rising Tide. The data was collected in conjunction with Beckett & Raeder, Inc. utilizing Survey Monkey.



## **ANALYSIS OF GLADWIN PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY**

### **SURVEY ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

The Gladwin Parks & Recreation Survey was launched on July 8<sup>th</sup> and closed August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Survey was created and opened to collect the public's thoughts about the Gladwin Park System and the Parks & Recreation Department. The resulting data will be implemented into the 2020-2025 Park & Recreation Plan along with results from a Community Visioning Session.

The Gladwin Parks & Recreation Survey was open to all people who utilize the park system. The survey collected responses from 101 respondents. This was done as there are many individuals that do not live within the City limits that utilize the park system. Out of the 101 respondents, 49% of the respondents lived within the City of Gladwin.

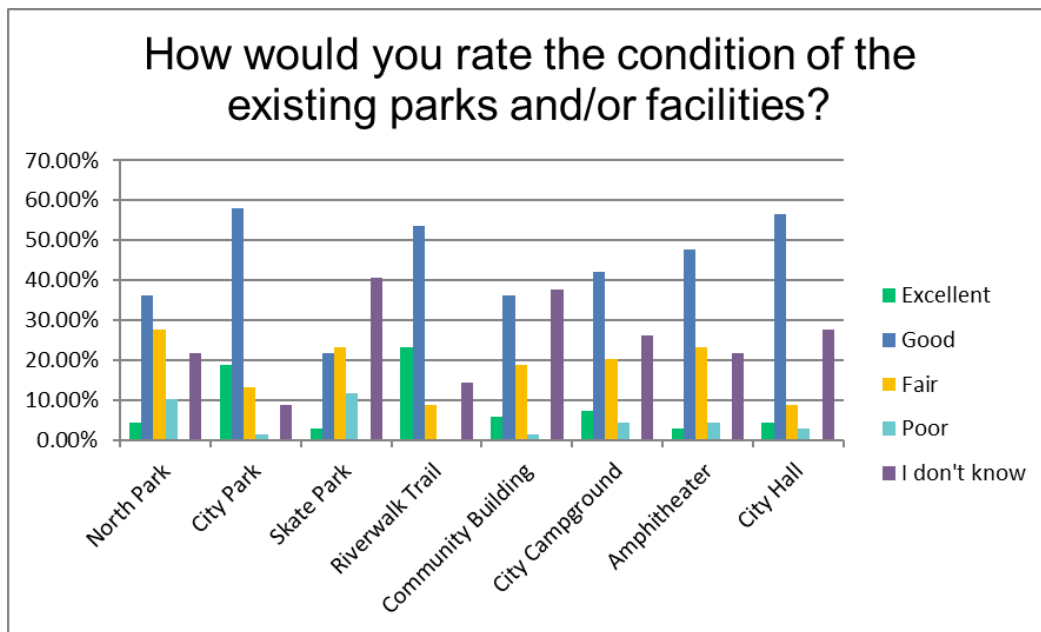
This survey asked respondents a series of questions to get a base of understanding on the public's thoughts of the City's park system. These questions ranged from the quality of park facilities, what attracts them to the parks, and what the people would like to see in the park system. We also asked respondents demographical questions to understand who is utilizing the parks and how the parks impact their lives.

The City listed a series of previous priorities from past conversations among City officials and asked respondents what they would like the City to prioritize. Respondents ranked the following five options as their top five priorities for the City's Park & Recreation Department. They include Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails, Kayak/Canoe Launch, New/Upgraded Playgrounds, Fitness & Wellness Program Areas, and Multi-Use Performing Arts space. The survey also inquired about what facilities or amenities that respondents would like to see within the park system. Respondents identified the following top five facilities or amenities: Disc Golf, Updated and Additional Pavilions, Public Teen Events & Programs, Preservation of Natural Areas, and Trail Extension and Modernization.

**FACILITIES**

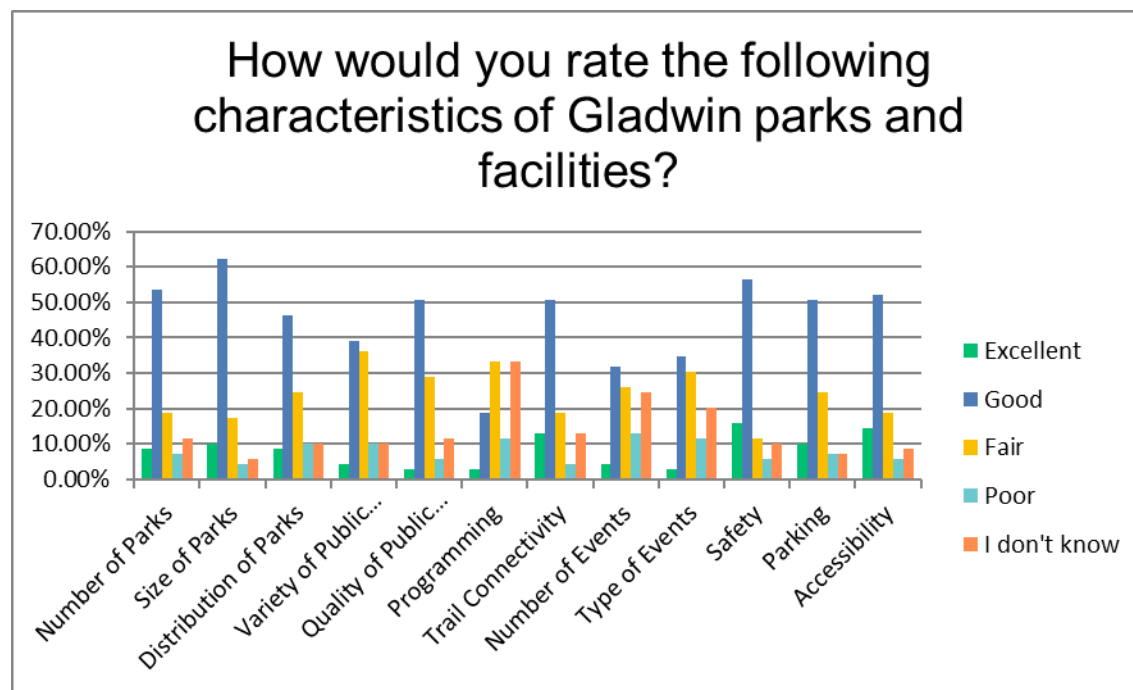
Respondents were asked a set of questions asking about the quality the existing facilities and how they would rate a list of characteristics about the parks (Figure 1). The facilities that were asked about included: City Park, North Park, Skate Park, Riverwalk Trail, Community Building, City Campground, Amphitheater, and City Hall. A majority of park facilities were rated *Good*. No facility had a majority categorizing it as *Excellent*. The City Park, City Hall, and Riverwalk Trail received the highest majority ranking of which was 57.97%, 56.52%, and 53.62% respectively. The City Skate Park and North Park received many people selecting them as being of *Poor* condition, 11.59% and 10.14% respectively.

**Figure 1:**



Respondents were also asked about the following characteristics of the Gladwin park system. They were asked about the: number of parks, size of parks, distribution of parks, variety of public facilities, quality of public facilities, programming, trail connectivity, number of events, type of events, safety, parking, and accessibility (Figure 2). Majority of respondents ranked most of the characteristics as *Good*. When looking at the rating of park characteristics of *Size of Parks* and *Safety* it was rated by a majority of respondents to be considered *Good*. When looking at the characteristics that received the highest rating of *Poor* you see that events, programming, distribution of parks, and variety of parks all were rated between 10-13%. This high selection of *Poor* for these characteristics also correlates to their rating of *Good*, apart from distribution of parks.

**Figure 2:**



Respondents were also asked about their ability to adequately share their opinion about the Parks & Recreation department to staff members. Almost 61% of respondents found that they could give their opinion adequately. Noted that almost 40% of respondents found that they were unable to share their opinion with Park Staff.

## COMMUNITY TRENDS

Respondents were asked a series of questions so that the City would be able to understand who is utilizing the park system. It is important as it helps paint a picture of who are the park patrons and what their needs are. These questions were optional.

The surveys majority age group was between 35-49 years old, of which made up 39.68% of answering respondents. Individuals who responded to the survey between 50+ made up 50.79% of the remaining respondents. Only 9.52% of respondents indicated that they were between 20-34. Over 80% of respondents also indicated that they identified as Caucasian, while 4.84% indicated another race. There was also a 12.9% response rate of individuals choosing not to answer.

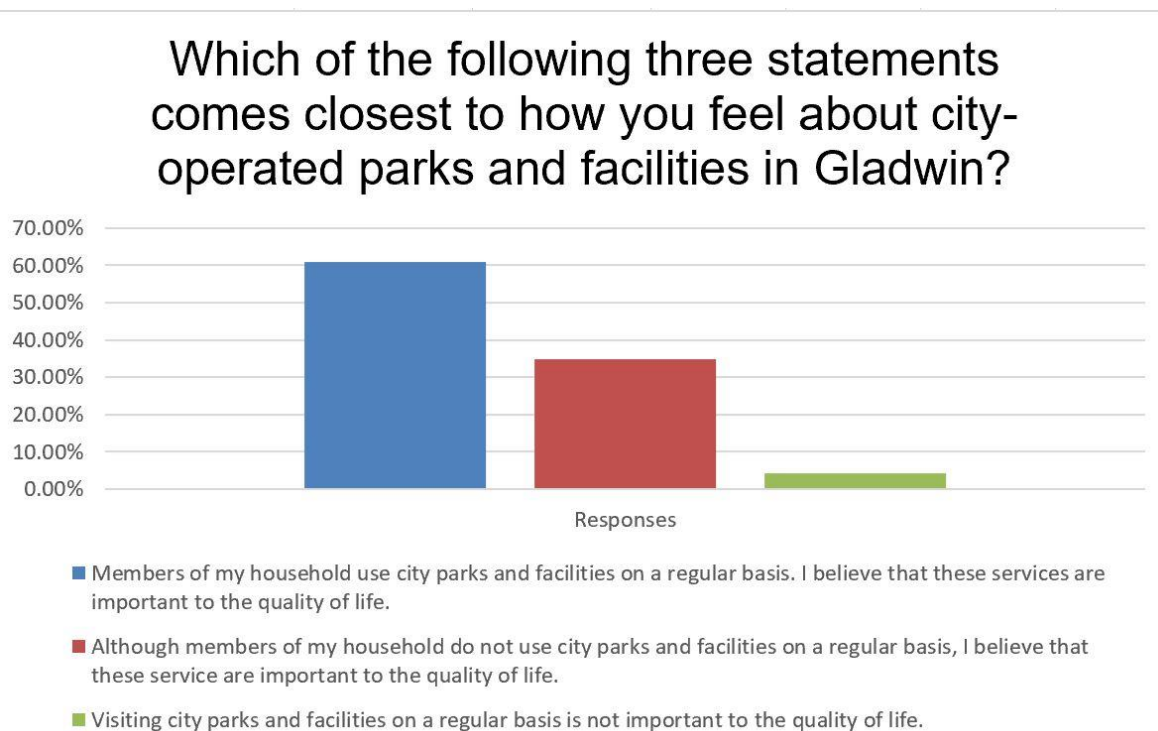
Respondents were also asked about their annual household income. Respondents indicated that a household income level of \$50,000+ made up 70% of respondent's annual household income. The remaining 30% indicated that their annual household income was lower than \$50,000.

The ability to enjoy the park regardless of a person's mobility constraints or age was also considered when the survey was created. 50% of respondents indicated that the accessibility of park facilities was slightly easy, moderately easy or extremely easy. There was also a 20% response that the parks were not easy to access at all. 30% of respondents indicated that they did not know.

## PARK UTILIZATION & ATTRACTION

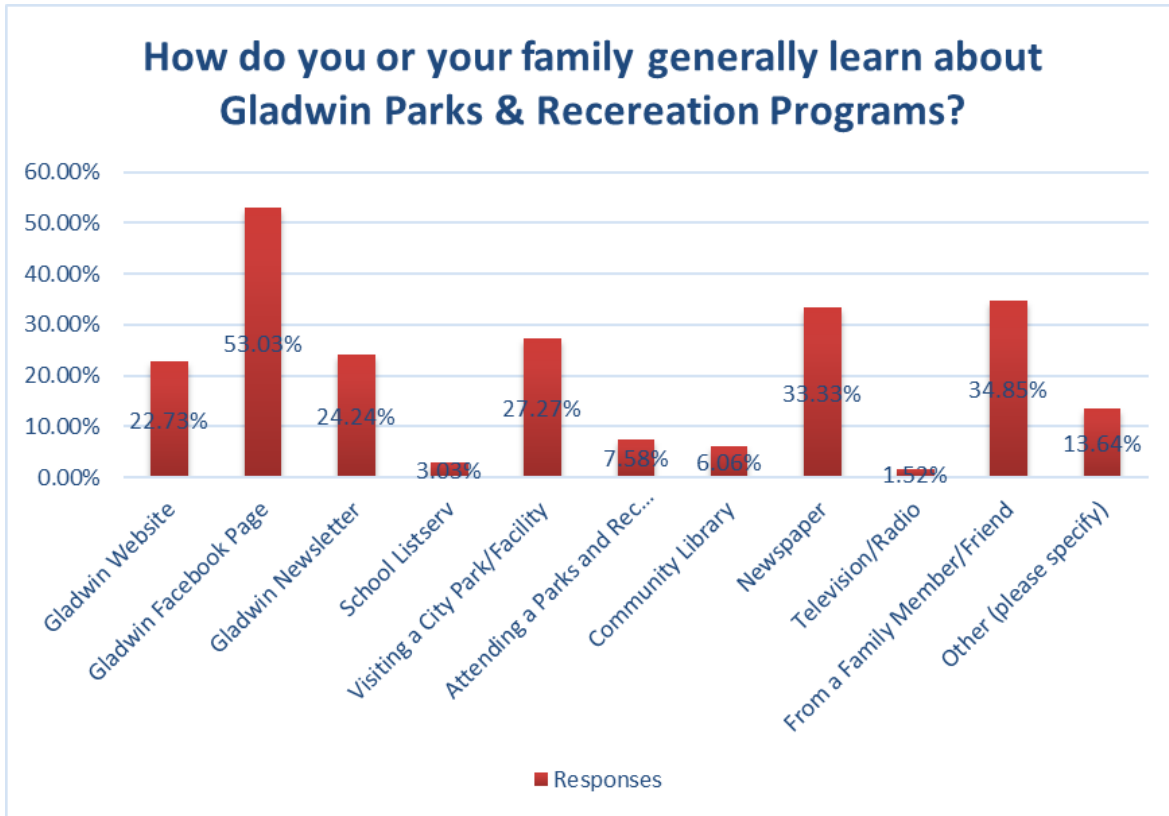
Over 60% of respondents stated that *Members of my household use city parks and facilities on a regular basis and believe that these services are important to the quality of life* (Figure 3). Nearly 34% of respondents indicated that they did not use the park system on a regular basis, though felt that the park system was important to quality of life.

**Figure 3:**



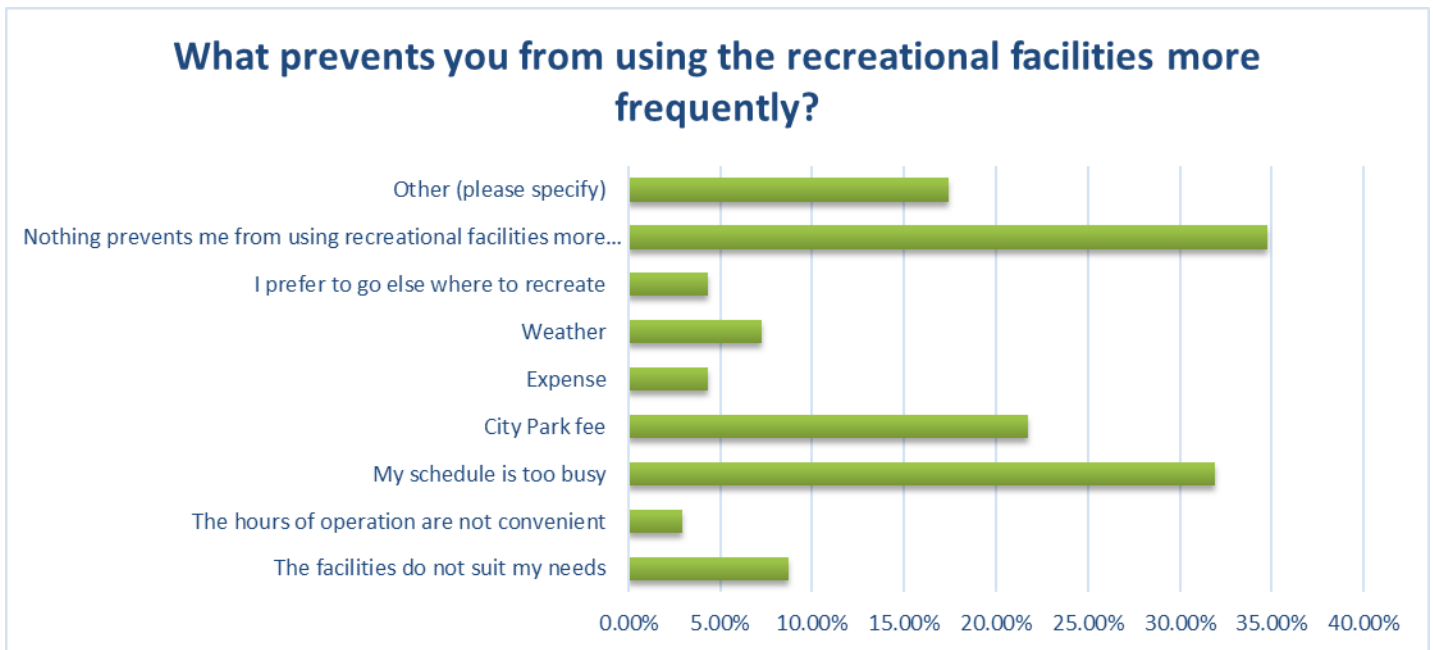
Respondents also found that Monday – Thursday their use of a recreational facility was from 6PM -9PM. The survey also found that Friday – Sunday recreational facility use times ranged from noon – 9 PM. The City Facebook Page, Newspaper, City Newsletter, and word of mouth are the top four methods of communication that respondents learned about recreation programs within the City (Figure 4).

**Figure 4:**



The survey also asked respondents what prevents them from using the City’s recreational facilities frequently (Figure 5). When you remove respondents selecting “Nothing” and their *personal schedule* you see that the *City Park Fee* and personal *Expenses* were the top reasons for people to not utilize the Park System. This corresponds to 26% of respondents choosing a financial hinderance as a reason why they do not utilize the Park System.

**Figure 5:**



## TOP PRIORITIES FROM RESPONDENTS

Respondents were asked what their top five priorities are for the City to focus their attention for improvements. Listed below are the top five priorities from top to bottom priority.

- 1. Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails***
- 2. Kayak/Canoe Launch***
- 3. New/Upgraded Playgrounds***
- 4. Fitness & Wellness Program Areas***
- 5. Multi-Use Performing Arts Space***

It should also be noted that *Open Parkland* and a *Dog Park* also rated highly at around 25% of respondents including that in their top five.

Respondents were also asked to share their ideas about what facilities that they would like to see in the parks. Listed below are the top five listed facilities that the public would like to see.

- 1. Disc Golf***
- 2. Updated and Additional Pavilions***
- 3. Public Teen Events & Programs***
- 4. Preservation of Natural Areas***
- 5. Trail Extension and Modernization***

Respondents also noted that they would like to see an increase in Bicycle and Walkable access points to the park system.

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### AUTHORS NOTE:

This Survey Analysis was written for Project Rising Tide by Joe R. Frey, MPA *Community Development Fellow*. The data was collected in conjunction with Beckett & Raeder, Inc. utilizing Survey Monkey. This survey was sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.



**APPENDIX B:**

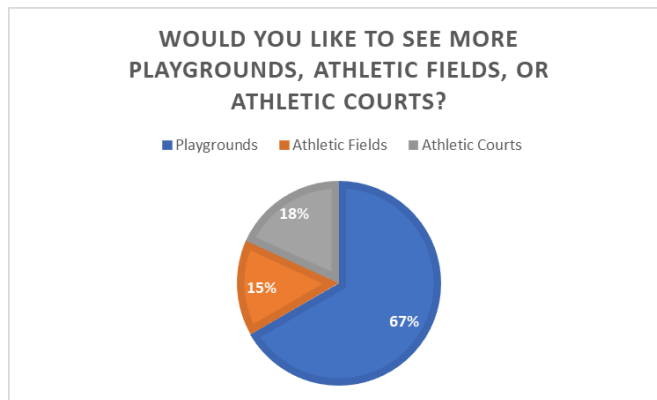
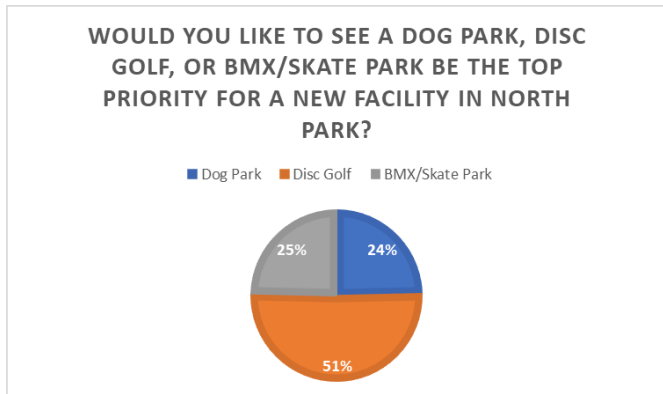
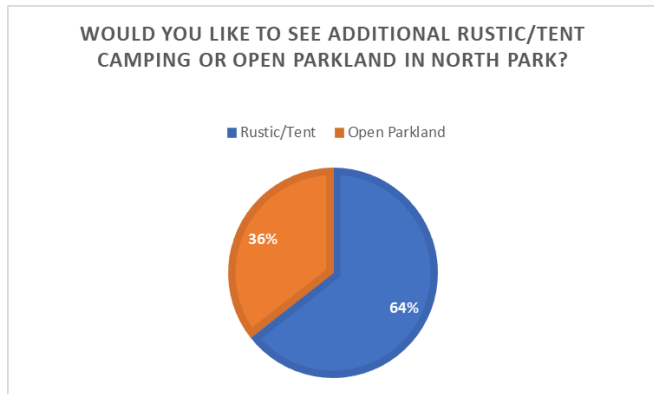
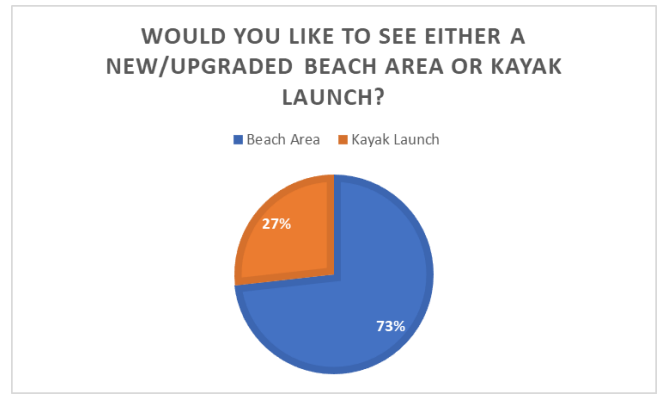
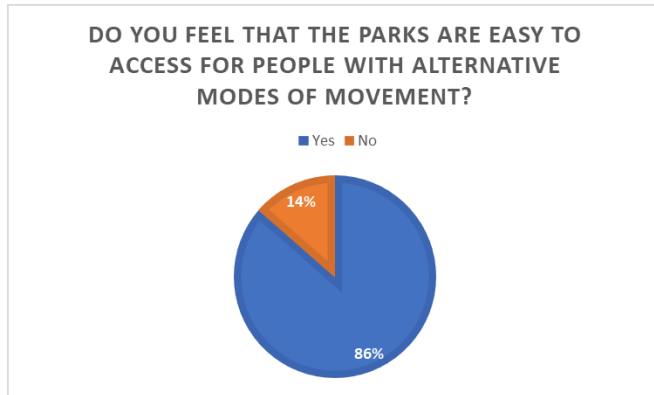
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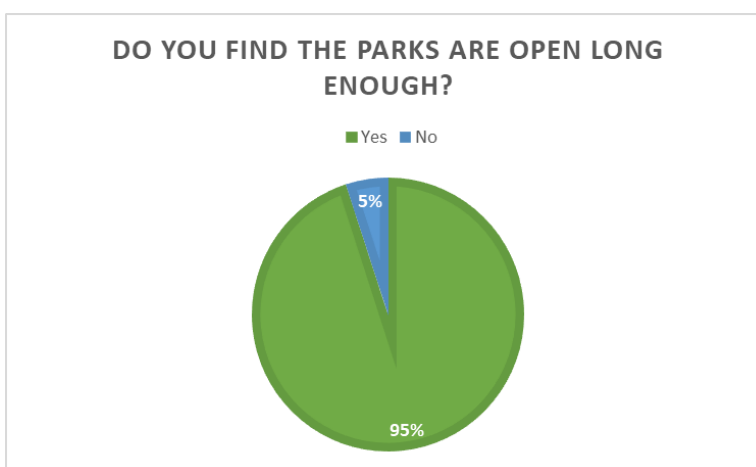
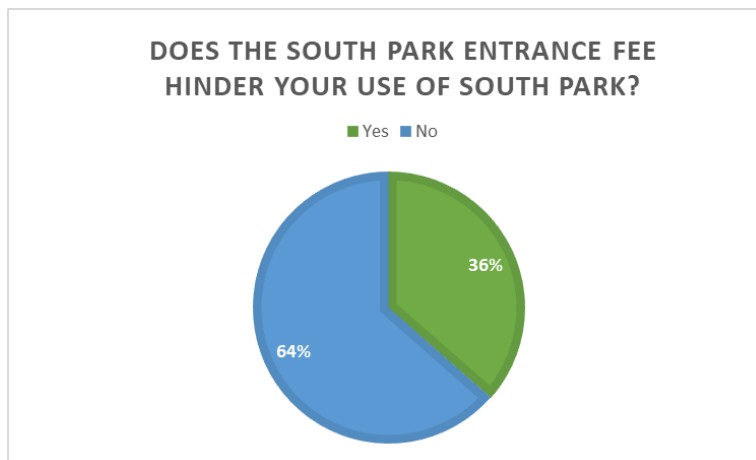
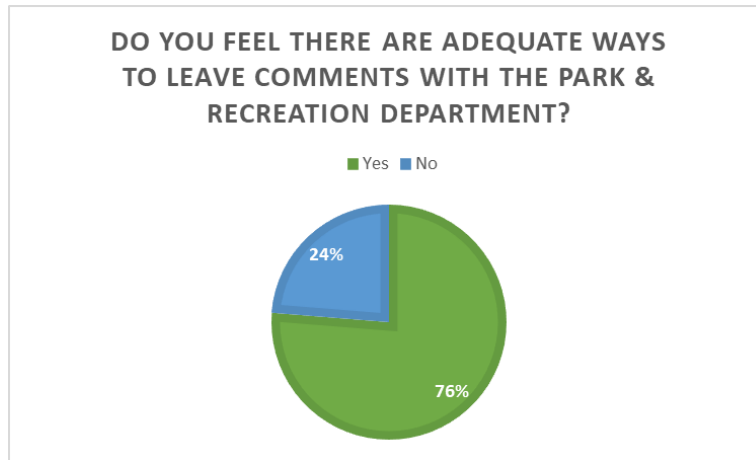
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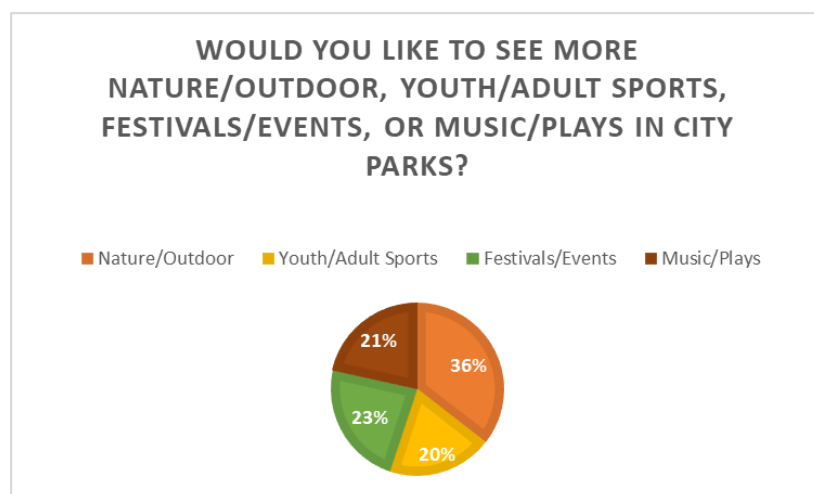
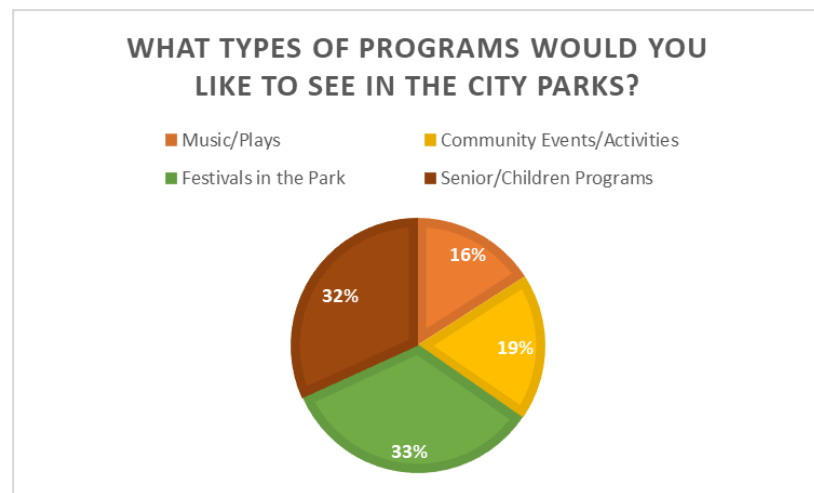
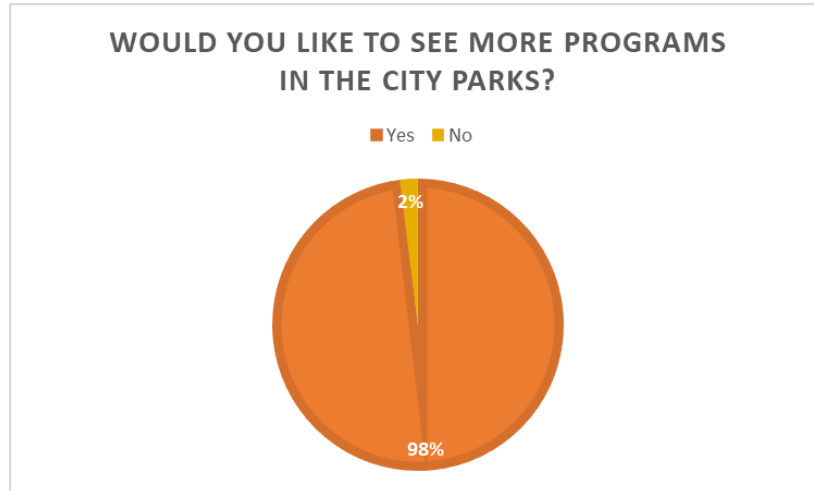
### FACILITIES



**OPERATIONS**



**PROGRAMING**



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APPENDIX C:

**GLADWIN PARK & RECREATION BUDGET**

**PARK ATTENDANCE**

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GLADWIN PARKS & RECREATION PLAN 2020-2025: CONNECTED BY NATURE

**2019-2020 BUDGET**

PARKS & RECREATION		2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
		Actual	Actual	Adopted	YTD Actual	Approved	Requested
		6/30/2016	6/30/2017		6/30/2018	4/2/2018	5/20/2019
101-751-501-000	FEDERAL GRANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
101-751-539-000	STATE GRANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
101-751-626-000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES-PARK	500	0	0	0	0	0
101-751-650-000	MISCELLANEOUS SALES	2,224	1,997	2,000	3,881	2,000	3,800
101-751-651-000	ADMISSION FEES	10,362	7,941	6,900	11,418	7,000	11,500
101-751-653-000	CAMPING FEES	72,837	63,760	61,000	57,721	61,000	59,000
101-751-654-000	PAVILLION RENTAL	1,950	2,900	2,000	2,450	2,000	2,500
101-751-667-000	RENT	100	0	0	125	50	150
101-751-675-000	CONTRIBUTIONS - PRIVATE SOURCES	0	183	0	0	0	0
101-751-676-000	REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	79,373	0	0
	<b>TOTAL PARKS &amp; RECREATION REVENUES</b>	<b>87,973</b>	<b>76,781</b>	<b>71,900</b>	<b>154,968</b>	<b>72,050</b>	<b>76,950</b>
101-751-702-000	SALARIES & WAGES	51,217	45,121	53,500	60,985	55,211	55,000
101-751-719-000	FRINGE BENEFITS	4,576	4,028	5,300	6,406	5,600	6,500
101-751-721-000	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	0	0	0	0	0	0
101-751-726-000	SUPPLIES	11,860	9,256	8,000	11,800	8,000	11,800
101-751-730-000	POSTAGE	65	208	150	161	150	150
101-751-801-000	PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACT SERV	3,191	10,486	3,800	9,591	5,300	6,000
101-751-830-000	MEMBERSHIPS & DUES	120	120	300	110	300	300
101-751-840-000	CREDIT CARD FEES	2,884	2,454	3,000	2,843	3,252	3,000
101-751-850-000	COMMUNICATIONS	1,646	1,671	1,750	1,172	1,600	1,750
101-751-860-000	INSTITUTES & TRANSPORTATION	0	0	50	37	50	50
101-751-880-000	COMMUNITY PROMOTION	500	3,605	0	500	100	500
101-751-900-000	PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS	935	554	425	0	425	650
101-751-910-000	INSURANCE & BONDS	1,192	1,194	1,220	1,218	1,254	1,270
101-751-920-000	UTILITIES	10,759	9,783	10,600	12,576	11,000	14,000
101-751-930-000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	17,942	17,371	18,000	89,615	17,000	15,000
101-751-940-000	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	5,428	6,179	5,500	7,298	5,500	6,500
101-751-955-000	MISCELLANEOUS	149	151	350	0	350	350
101-751-969-000	EQUIPMENT	0	85	100	0	100	100
101-751-970-000	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL PARKS &amp; RECREATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>112,464</b>	<b>112,266</b>	<b>112,045</b>	<b>204,312</b>	<b>115,192</b>	<b>122,920</b>

**Park Attendance 2015-2018**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<i>Number of Campers</i>	3,825	2,797	2,523	2,018
<i>Scheduled</i>	80	64	27	90
<i>Reservations</i>	764	561	1,497	2,085
<i>Campers Total</i>	3,869	2,780	3,563	3,383
<i>Sales</i>	\$ 76,246.22	\$ 79,826.76	\$ 95,693.54	\$ 87,097.00

**Total Campers:** 13,595

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<i>Annual Park Pass</i>	289	217	274	395
<i>Annual Pass Sales</i>	\$ 3,468.00	\$ 2,604.00	\$ 3,288.00	\$ 4,740.00
<i>Daily Park Pass</i>	2,298	1,709	2,531	2,107
<i>Daily Park Sales</i>	\$ 6,894.00	\$ 5,127.00	\$ 7,591.00	\$ 6,321.00
<i>Park Sales Total</i>	\$ 10,362.00	\$ 7,731.00	\$ 10,879.00	\$ 11,061.00

**Total Park Passes:** 9,820

**Total Visitors:** 23,415

**APPENDIX D:**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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**APPENDIX E:**

**SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS**

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GLADWIN SOUTH PARK & CAMPGROUND FEE SCHEDULE

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## Grant History

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**Grantee**

City of Gladwin - Gladwin County

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**Project No.** TF09-051

**Project County:** Gladwin

**Project Year:** 2009

**Project Title:** Gladwin City Park and Campground Improvements

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:** \$200,000.00

**Scope Item:**

- A2XDL Mobi-Mat installation
- Accessible restroom
- Accessible viewing dock
- Concrete pads for accessible lots
- Pave upper campsites roadway
- Playground equipment
- Provide water to campsites
- Resurface tennis courts
- Upgrade electrical service

**Project Description:** Development to include handicapped accessible restroom, accessible platform over Cedar River, walkway, water and electric in the campground area, tennis court resurfacing, and roadway replacement.

**Total Number of Projects:** 5  
**Total Amount of Grant Given:** \$493,589.00

**APPENDIX L:  
POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT**



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management  
**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT**  
**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**  
*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
 the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1984); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

**GRANT TYPE:** (Please select one)  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUN  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** City of Gladwin

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-00964 **PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Gladwin City Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Develop Picnic shelter, & LWCF Signs

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City of Gladwin</u>	Contact Person	Title
Address <u>1000 W. Cedar Ave</u>	Telephone <u>(989) 426-9231 x 14</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Gladwin, MI 48624</u>	Email <u>citymanager@gladwin.org</u>	
<b>SITE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>SITE QUALITY</b>		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No





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**GRANTEE:** City of Gladwin

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01687 **PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** City Park & Campground Improvements

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Pave Upper campsites, upgrade electrical service

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City of Gladwin</u>	Contact Person	Title
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GLADWIN PARKS & RECREATION PLAN 2020-2025: CONNECTED BY NATURE

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
*General maintenance. Developing asset management plan*

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No  
*The campground is for campers only  
 Though Bike Trail runs through campground are allowed to pass*

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

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**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

*Christopher Shannon*  *Christopher Shannon*  *10-25-19*  
 Please print Grantee Authorized Signature Date

*Joe R. Frey*  *Joe R. Frey*  *10-25-19*  
 Please print Witness Signature Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
 GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 PO BOX 30425  
 LANSING MI 48909-7925**

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**GRANTEE:** City of Gladwin

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF00-329      **PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** North-South Park Riverwalk

**PROJECT SCOPE:** 8' Paved Trail (2,000' long) 2 Pedestrian Bridges

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City of Gladwin</u>	Contact Person	Title
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SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<u>Currently the City is rebranding all way finding signs.</u>		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No





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**APPENDIX L:  
POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT**



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**GRANT TYPE:**  
 (Please select one)  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND     CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUN     RECREATION PASSPORT     BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** City of Gladwin

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF09-051      **PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Park & Campground Improvements

**PROJECT SCOPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City of Gladwin</u>	Contact Person	Title
Address <u>1000 W. Cedar Ave</u>	Telephone <u>(989) 426-9231 x14</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Gladwin, MI 48604</u>	Email <u>citymanager@gladwin.org</u>	
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____		

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
*General maintenance. Asset management plan being developed*

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No  
*Only Bikers can pass through. Campers are allowed to utilize space.*

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

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**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

*Christopher Shannon*  
 Please print *Christopher Shannon* Date *10-25-19*  
Grantee Authorized Signature

*Joe R. Frey*  
 Please print *Joe R. Frey* Date *10-25-19*  
Witness Signature

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
 GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 PO BOX 30425  
 LANSING MI 48909-7925**

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GLADWIN SOUTH PARK & CAMPGROUND FEE SCHEDULE

<i>Vehicle Entry:</i>	<i>Price</i>
Daily	\$ 3.00
Annual	\$ 12.00

<i>Camping</i>	<i>Price</i>
Cabins	\$ 45.00
Camp Site	\$ 27.00
RV Sanitary Dumping	\$ 5.00

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 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUN  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** City of Gladwin

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF 90-329 **PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Riverfront Development

**PROJECT SCOPE:** 8' Paved Path, Parking lot, 1 Pedestrian Bridge, Skating Rink, Stepping St

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City of Gladwin</u>	Contact Person	Title
Address <u>1000 W. Cedar Ave</u>	Telephone <u>(989) 426-9231 x14</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Gladwin, MI 48624</u>	Email <u>citymanager@gladwin.org</u>	
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). <span style="float:right"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> <u>Skating Rink <sup>by 17 14 2015</sup> has been replaced as a new Community Indoor arena has been constructed</u>		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span>		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span>		
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. <span style="float:right"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. <span style="float:right"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>		

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

The City has installed new cameras, fixed park lights.  
The American Legion has also assisted by utilizing Park in evenings for meetings

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

General Maintenance, City is currently creating asset management plan

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Year Long Dawn - Dusk

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**PARK & RECREATION PLAN WORKSHOP QUESTIONNAIRE**

What assets does the Gladwin Park System have? (Please list your top 3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What facilities/programs do you think needs to be fixed or added to the Park System? (List top 3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What top 3 projects would you like to see completed in the next 5-10 years within the Park System?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What projects would you like to see within North Park within the next 5-10 years?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What projects would you like to see within South Park within the next 5 – 10 years?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What projects would you like to see in the Campground completed within the next 5-10 years?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please give 3 words that describe the Gladwin Park System.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_