



Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2020 - 2024



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Introduction





INTRODUCTION

The City of Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds on the ideas set forth in previous plans, makes recommendations for meeting the community's future recreation needs, and presents an implementation strategy for the parks and recreation system improvement.

The Plan articulates a vision for the City parks and recreation. It offers guidance for the improvement of the parks and recreation system through 2024 and beyond. The Plan meets state standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to remain eligible for grant programs.

PLANNING PROCESS

The process used to generate the plan consisted of three major phases which are described below.

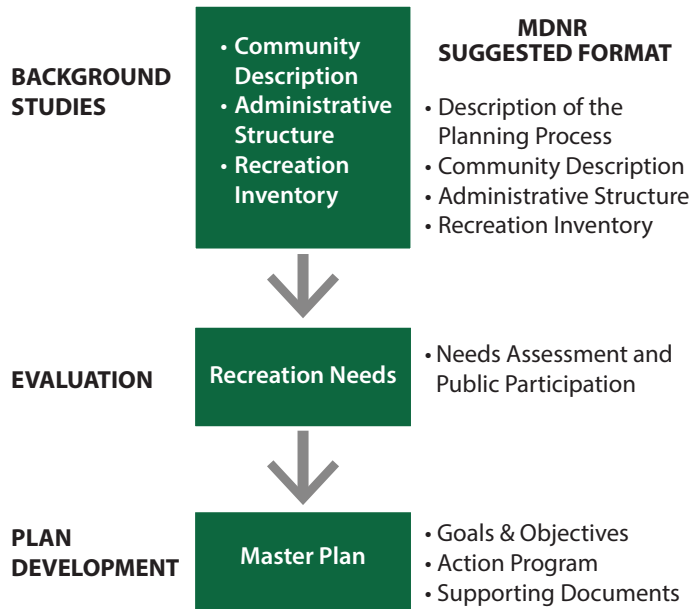
- 1. Where are we now?** This phase involved a review of demographics and current conditions to provide a foundation for the planning effort. In this phase, City's recreation resources were inventoried and mapped to begin to assess their conditions. The information is organized into three main categories: community description, administrative structure, and parks and recreation resources.
- 2. Where do we want to be?** The second phase in the planning process consisted of an analysis of the City parks and recreation resources to determine recreation deficiencies and needs. A public engagement effort was initiated to solicit ideas and suggestions from the community about their recreation preferences. Public participation was sought through an online questionnaire and an open house. Input was also solicited from City officials, staff, and board representatives.
- 3. How do we get there?** Once needs were identified, the final phase involved developing plan elements to support the community's vision for parks and recreation and provide for park planning and development. Recommended projects were summarized in an improvement schedule, accompanied by a financing strategy for implementation. This phase also included preparation of a full draft of the Plan, which was presented to City staff and officials as well as the public for review and comment prior to adoption and submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

WHAT THIS PLAN CONTAINS

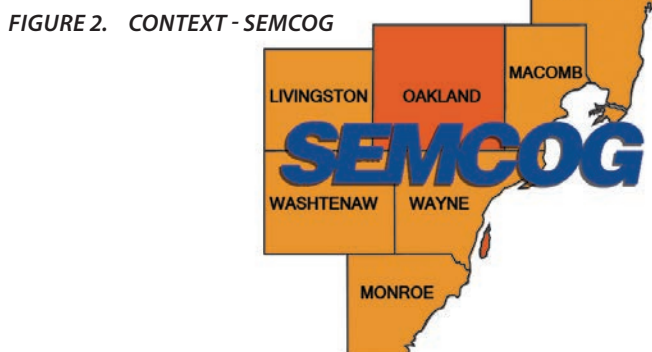
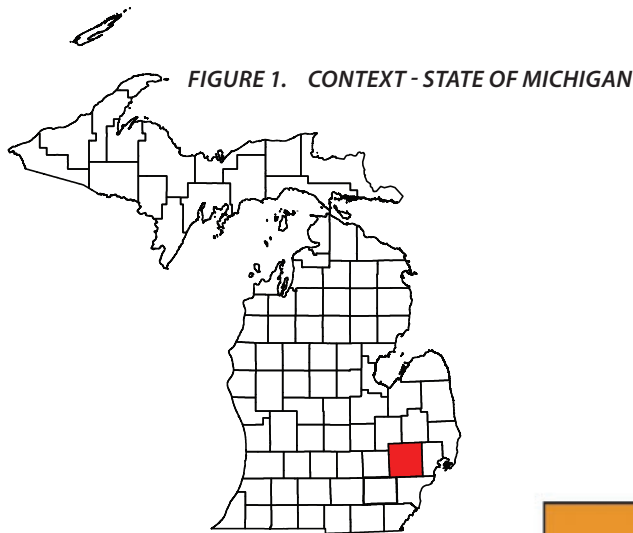
This Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans (2017).

- The **Community Description** provides a description of Huntington Woods, including a summary of both the social and physical characteristics of the area as well as a discussion of current planning initiatives affecting the City.
- The **Administrative Structure** chapter includes a description of how parks services are administered in Huntington Woods including budget and funding information.
- **Recreation Inventory** describes the existing City parks as well as those of nearby county and state properties. It includes an accessibility assessment and a description of previously grant-assisted park projects.
- The **Public Participation and Needs Assessment** portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents, which helped in formulating the Goals and Objectives and Action Program chapters.
- The **Action Program** chapter outlines Goals and Objectives and an Action Plan with strategies for implementation.
- The appendices includes the detailed information gathered through the planning process as well as the official resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by the City Commission.

The following diagram illustrates this process and the corresponding requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



The Plan was developed with input from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, City staff and officials, and the residents of Huntington Woods. All meetings were open to the public and input was sought during all phases of the planning process.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AREA

Huntington Woods is located in the middle of a cluster of small cities in the southeast quadrant of Oakland County. The City sits just 2 miles from the northern border of Detroit, and 10 miles from the downtown area. Oakland County is a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), a seven-county planning region encompassing the Detroit metropolitan region.

FIGURE 3. CONTEXT - OAKLAND COUNTY

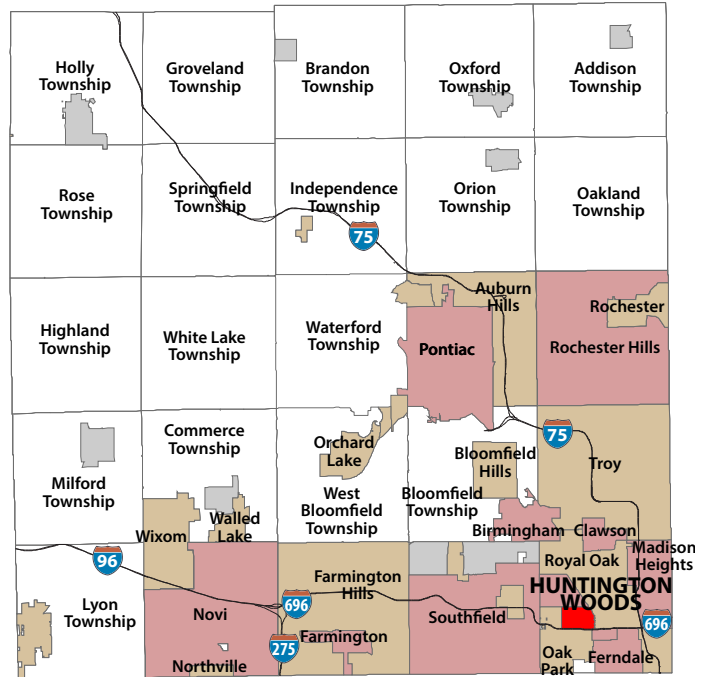
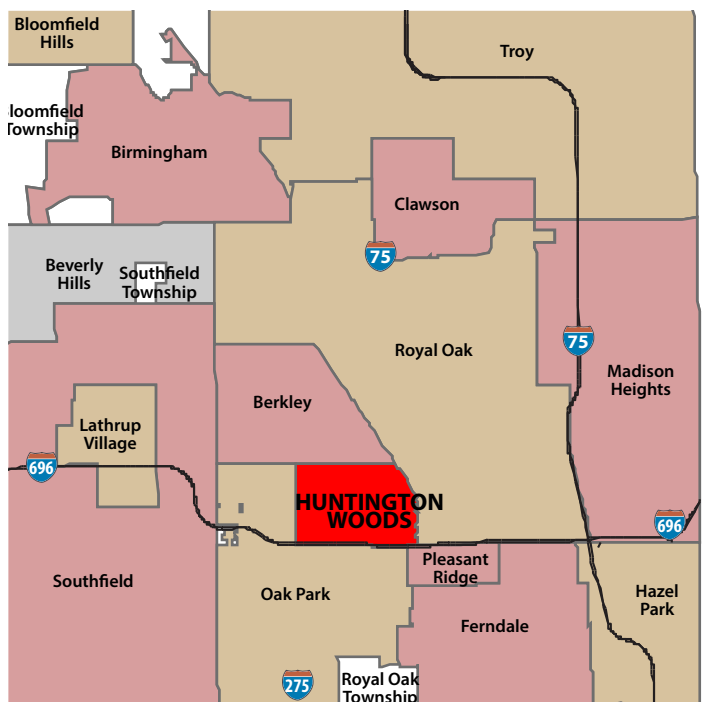


FIGURE 4. CONTEXT - SOUTHEAST OAKLAND COUNTY



Community Description



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Huntington Woods is a bedroom community located north - northwest of downtown Detroit. Woodward Avenue extends from Detroit into the suburbs and runs along Huntington Woods' eastern border. Woodward Avenue also connects Huntington Woods to Pontiac, the Oakland County seat, approximately 13 miles to the northwest. Huntington Woods is within a few miles of some of the most vibrant downtowns in the State of Michigan including Birmingham, Ferndale, and Royal Oak. Major roads afford Huntington Woods a ready connection with the entire southeast Michigan region. The I-696 freeway defines the City's southern boundary, and provides a link with other highways including I-75, I-94, I-275, I-96, and US-24 (Telegraph Road). Eleven Mile Road along Huntington Woods' northern border and Coolidge Highway along the City's western edge connect Huntington Woods to neighboring communities.

The 2017 American Community Survey identified the mean travel time to work for a Huntington Woods commuter as 23.8 minutes, an increase of nearly three minutes since 2015. The City still has a shorter commute when compared with southeast Michigan as a whole; while Huntington Woods residents and their immediate neighbors have relatively short commutes, Oakland County (26.7 minutes), Macomb County (27.4), and Wayne County (25.3) all see longer commutes. The shorter commuting time to work relative to residents of the wider southeast Michigan region attests to the City's proximity to numerous employment centers and central location in the Detroit metropolitan area.

TABLE 1. HUNTINGTON WOODS POPULATION & HOUSEHOLD DATA, 2000 - 2045

	2000 Census	2010 Census	2019 Estimate	2045 Forecast
Population	6,151	6,238	6,289	6,247
Households	2,381	2,354	2,345	2,413
HH Size	2.58	2.65	2.68	2.59
Household Types				
Households with children	895 (37.6%)	895 (38.0%)	875 (35.6%)	705 (29.2%)
Households 65 years and over	543 (22.8%)	608 (25.8%)	715 (29.1%)	1,165 (48.2%)
Median Age	40.6	42.0	43.4	n/a

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, SEMCOG

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Populations & Households

Huntington Woods experienced rapid growth following World War II, with the City's population peaking at 8,536 in the 1970s. The City experienced a fairly rapid decline in the 70s and 80s before stabilizing at roughly 6,200 residents in the early 2000s.

According to U.S. Census data, Huntington Woods had a population of 6,312 in 2018 (SEMCOG estimates the population at 6,289 in 2019). While this represents a modest increase since 2010 when the City's population was 6,238, the overall trend continues to be one of little or no changes in population. SEMCOG projects this trend to continue over the next 25 years, with a 0.01% decrease anticipated between 2019 and 2045.

Slow to moderate population change is the norm for southeast Oakland County. While the County as a whole is projected to see a 4.5% growth rate through 2045, changes in most of the surrounding cities are expected to remain essentially flat, with Southfield (6.1% growth) and Oak Park (4.7% loss) as outliers. The built-out nature of these older suburban communities is perhaps the greatest single factor limiting growth.

The number of households in Huntington Woods has decreased by 1.5% since 2000, although SEMCOG is projecting an increase in households of 2.8% by 2045. Household size has been increasing since 2000 as well, rising from 2.58 to 2.68 members. SEMCOG is projecting a decrease in household size to levels last seen in at the turn of the century by 2045. Meanwhile, the median age in the City has been rising, with nearly a three year increase between 2000 and 2015.

This shift in Huntington Woods towards larger household sizes goes against the trends seen across the country. Michigan, for example, fell from 2.75 to 2.52 household members between 2000 and 2015. The City's increase in median age, however, is consistent with what is being seen state-wide and nationally. Aging in place has become a more common phenomenon in recent years. Improvements in technology and transportation make it possible for residents to live independently for a much longer period than in previous decades. As the average age of the population increases, the average household size decreases, which could lead to overall population declines.

TABLE 2. HUNTINGTON WOODS, NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES, COUNTY, AND REGIONAL POPULATION LEVELS, 1970 - 2045

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2019	2045	Change 2019 - 2045	% Change 2019 - 2045
Huntington Woods	8,536	6,937	6,419	6,151	6,238	6,289	6,247	(42)	0.0%
Berkley	22,618	18,637	16,960	15,531	14,970	15,098	14,964	(134)	0.0%
Oak Park	36,762	31,537	30,468	29,793	29,319	30,555	29,129	(1,426)	-4.7%
Pleasant Ridge	3,989	3,217	2,775	2,594	2,526	2,471	2,518	47	1.9%
Royal Oak	85,499	70,893	65,410	60,062	57,236	60,549	61,612	1,063	1.8%
Southfield	69,285	75,568	75,728	78,296	71,739	78,980	83,816	4,836	6.1%
Ferndale	30,850	26,227	25,084	22,105	19,900	20,835	21,069	234	1.1%
Oakland County	907,871	1,011,793	1,083,592	1,194,156	1,202,362	1,262,034	1,319,089	57,055	4.5%
SE Michigan	4,736,008	4,682,726	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,767,013	5,104,922	337,909	7.1%

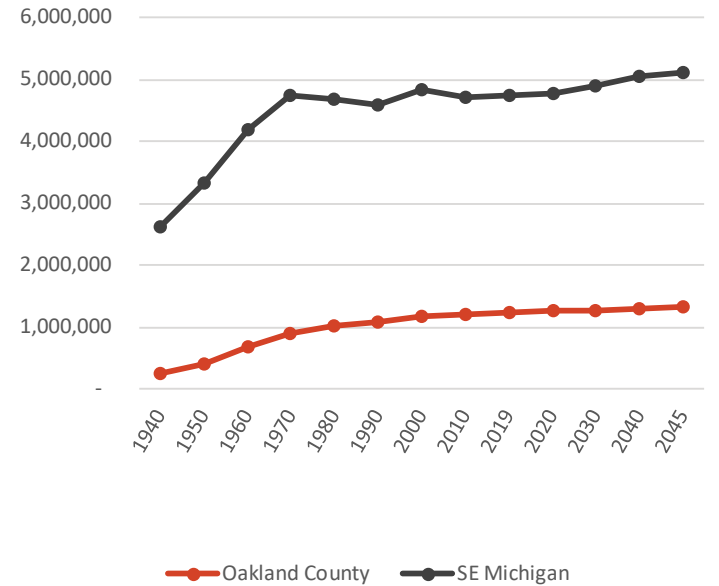
Source: US Census Bureau, SEMCOG

FIGURE 5. HUNTINGTON WOODS POPULATION TRENDS, 1940 - 2045



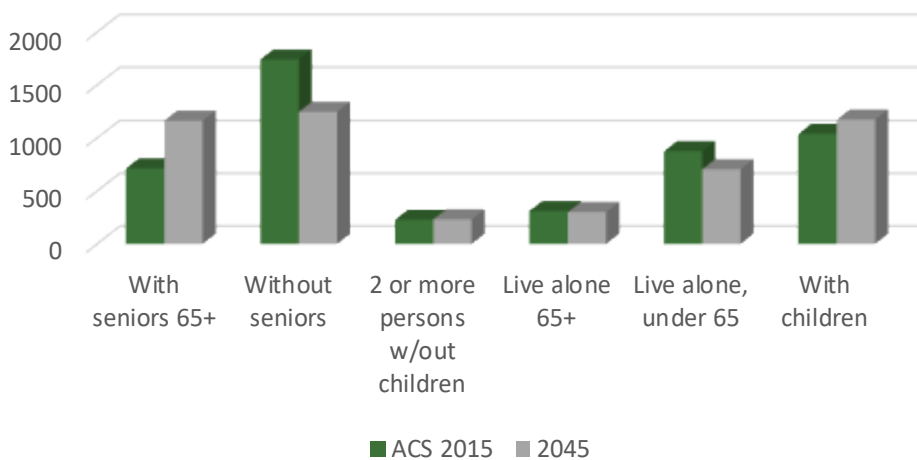
Source: US Census Bureau, SEMCOG, 2015 American Community Survey

FIGURE 6. OAKLAND COUNTY & SE MICHIGAN POPULATION TRENDS



Source: US Census Bureau, SEMCOG, 2015 American Community Survey

FIGURE 7. HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS 2015 - 2045



Age

Huntington Woods is shifting towards an older populace. According to SEMCOG estimates, by the year 2045 the City can expect to see a decline in its population under 18 and in the 25 to 64 age range. In contrast, the population over 65 is expected to increase significantly, with a 44% increase predicted for the 65 - 85 year range, and a 150% increase for individuals over 85. This aging will present the City with challenges in the future related to housing, transportation, public health, and other City services.

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. Huntington Woods will need to carefully balance their recreation portfolio to meet the demands of an aging population while continuing to attract young families to the area.

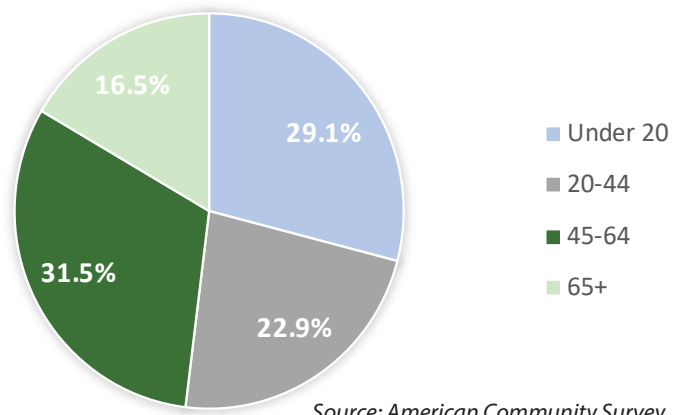
Diversity

Between 2010 and 2017, the population of non-Hispanic white individuals fell from 95 to 92%. While this is still an overwhelming majority, it does show that the City is becoming more diverse. Of the remaining population, 1.3% were black, 3.0% were multi-racial, 2.2% were Asian, 1.2% were Hispanic, and the remaining 0.3% were of another race. Asian and Multi-Racial groups saw the largest increases during that time period, with 1.0 and 2.1% increases, respectively.

Education Levels

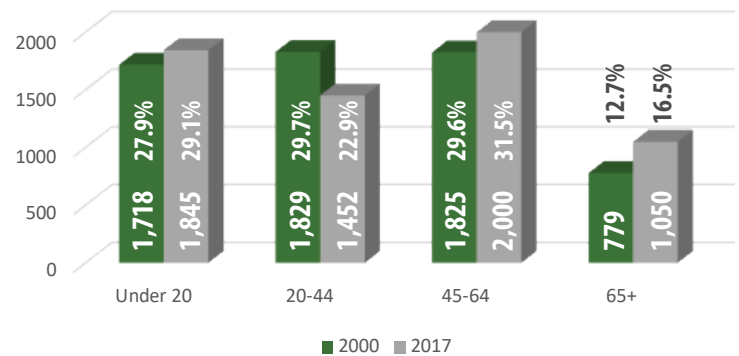
Huntington Woods’ population is exceptionally well educated. According to the US Census Bureau and the news site Business Insider, Huntington Woods was the most educated city in Michigan in 2018. Over 80% of the populace holds a Bachelor’s degree or higher, a significantly higher level than surrounding Oakland County at 44.4%. In addition, the number of Huntington Woods’ residents with a graduate or professional degree exceeds the population having only a bachelor’s degree.

FIGURE 8. AGE DISTRIBUTION, 2017



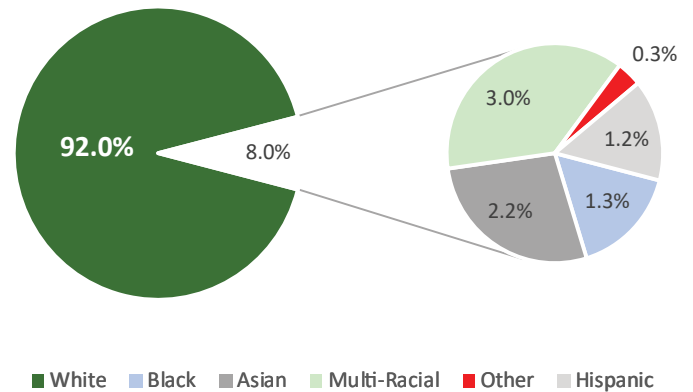
Source: American Community Survey

FIGURE 9. AGE DISTRIBUTION COMPARISON, 2000 - 2017



Source: US Census Bureau, SEMCOG, American Community Survey

FIGURE 10. RACIAL DISTRIBUTION, 2017



Source: SEMCOG, American Community Survey

TABLE 3. EDUCATION LEVELS

Highest level of education	Huntington Woods	Oakland County
Graduate/Professional	44.8%	19.0%
Bachelor’s	35.4%	25.4%
Associate	1.6%	7.7%
Some college, no degree	10.7%	21.1%
High school graduate	6.5%	20.14%
Did not graduate high school	1.1%	6.7%

Source: SEMCOG, American Community Survey

Income And Poverty Levels

Huntington Woods' median household income of \$125,873 was considerably higher than that of Oakland County (\$73,369). Almost 80 percent of the City's households had an annual income of \$75,000 or more, and over 26 percent had an annual income of \$200,000 or more.

According to the Five-Year American Community Survey, 2.2% of the City's population was living below the poverty level in 2017, down from 2.0 percent in 2010. This compares to 9.0% for Oakland County as a whole. Of the population living in poverty in Huntington Woods, approximately half (52%) are aged 65 and over.

Employment

According to the SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast, the primary professions or employment sectors for Huntington Woods residents in 2015 were the Information and Financial Services and Healthcare Services sectors. Healthcare Services is expected to see strong growth through 2045, but distribution of jobs among the various sectors looks to remain essentially the same as 2015.

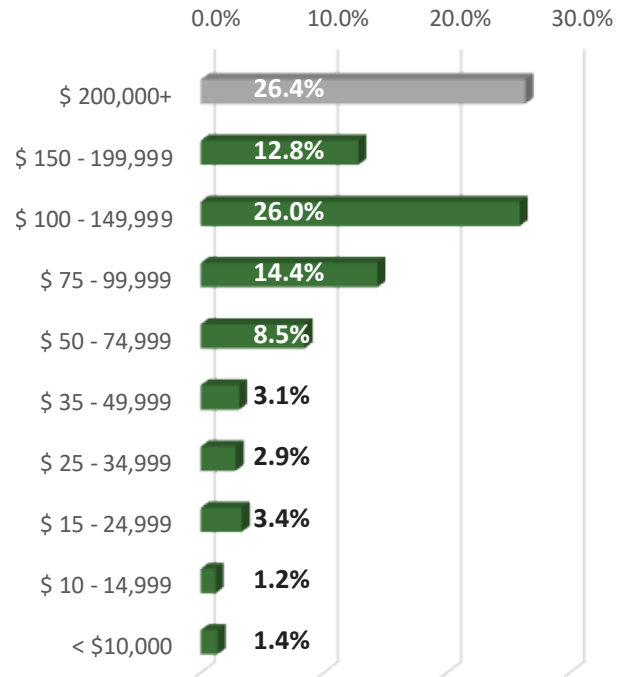
Most Huntington Woods residents work outside of the city limits. According to US Census Bureau Commuting Data, 16.3% of Huntington Woods workers are employed in Detroit, and 11.7% in Southfield. Only 12.8% of workers are actively employed in Huntington Woods itself.

TABLE 4. INCOME & POVERTY LEVELS

Community	Median HH Income 2010	Median HH Income 2017	% living in poverty 2017
Huntington Woods	\$113,999	\$125,873	1.4%
Oakland County	\$72,163	\$73,369	9.0%

Source: American Community Survey

FIGURE 11. INCOME DISTRIBUTION



Source: American Community Survey

TABLE 5. FORECASTED OCCUPATIONS BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

Community	2015	2045	% Change
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	111	122	9.9%
Manufacturing	40	25	-37.5%
Wholesale Trade	90	90	0.0%
Retail Trade	118	89	-24.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	45	46	2.2%
Information & Financial Activities	520	518	-0.4%
Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ	328	330	0.6%
Administrative, Support, & Waste Services	295	335	13.6%
Education Services	77	87	13.0%
Healthcare Services	518	741	43.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	309	369	19.4%
Other Services	100	89	-11.0%
Public Administration	5	5	0.0%
TOTALS	2,556	2,846	11.3%

Source: SEMCOG

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Referred to as “the City of Homes,” Huntington Woods offers a well-maintained housing stock of detached single-family homes. Almost 100% of all housing units are single-family homes; as of 2019, only one residential parcel is developed as a duplex.

Approximately 97% percent of all housing units were owner-occupied, and 3% were renter-occupied. Only 3.7% of the City’s housing units were vacant in 2017. This compares to 6.7% vacancy rates for Oakland County.

A net total of 10 new residential building permits were issued from 2014 to 2019. New home construction in Huntington Woods often requires the demolition of existing homes since land availability is limited in the City.

The median housing value in Huntington Woods in 2017 was \$321,400, a drop from 2010 values of \$341,806, but a significant rebound from the low point of \$275,300 in 2015. Like most of the country, Huntington Woods was hard hit by the Great Recession of 2008, which led to dramatic swings in housing values over the past decade. Huntington Woods fared considerably better than most surrounding communities, however; Oakland County experienced a 20% drop from \$224,899 in 2010 to \$178,900 in 2015, while Southeast Michigan experienced a 26% drop from \$179,027 to \$131,712 during that period.

TABLE 6. PARCEL DEVELOPMENT TYPES - 2019

	2019
Residential Parcels (Single Family Detached)	2,460
Duplex	1
Commercial Parcels	27
TOTALS	2,488

Source: Oakland County Management & Budget

TABLE 7. HOUSING TENURE

	2010	%	2017	%
Total Housing Units	2,371	-	2,542	-
Occupied Units	2,266	95.6%	2,447	96.3%
Vacant Units	105	4.4%	95	3.7%
Owner-occupied	2,157	95.2%	2,377	97.1%
Renter-occupied	109	4.8%	70	2.9%

Source: American Community Survey

LAND USE PATTERNS

Detached single family homes are the City’s predominant land use. With the exception of public and recreational uses in the heart of the City, scattered pocket parks within residential neighborhoods, and a few vacant lots, the interior of Huntington Woods is comprised entirely of homes (Map 1).

Excluding parks and public uses, all of Huntington Woods’ nonresidential uses are located on the perimeter of the City along Woodward, 11 Mile, and Coolidge. Uses along Woodward Avenue primarily consist of medical or dental offices, businesses, and other professional offices. A florist is located at the intersection of 11 Mile and Woodward, and a bank is located at Salem and Woodward.

A mix of uses are located along 11 Mile Road, including a number of blocks of detached single family homes fronting 11 Mile Road, four parks, City Hall and other public uses, a place of worship, and a few businesses.

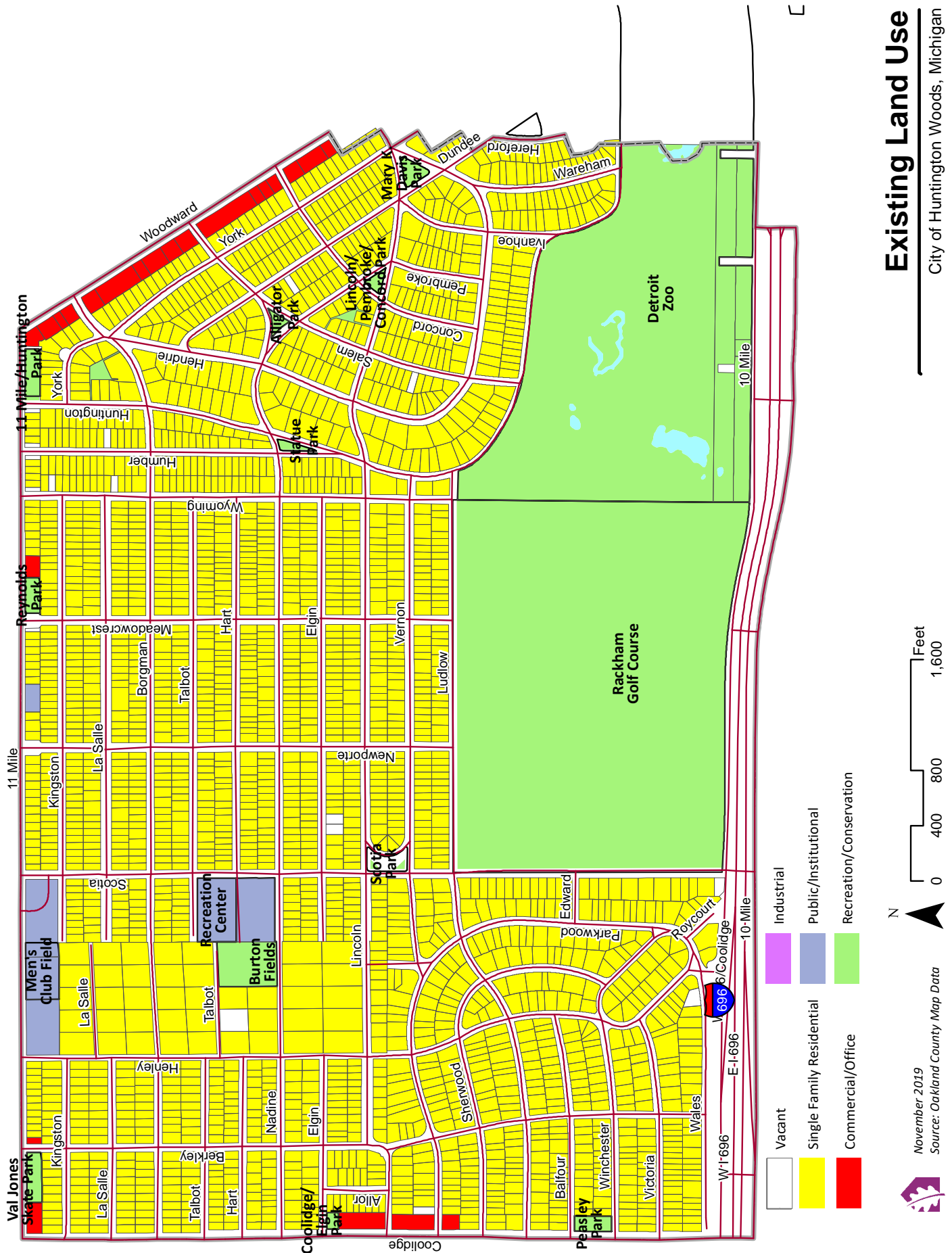
Single family homes are most prevalent along Coolidge Highway. A two-family home is located at Ludlow and Coolidge. A cluster of nonresidential uses, including a drugstore and a bank, is located at the intersection of Lincoln and Coolidge. Two parks are also located along Huntington Woods’ Coolidge Highway frontage.

“Recreation and open space” is the second-most common land use in Huntington Woods, largely due to Rackham Golf Course and the Detroit Zoo, two regional recreational uses which dominate the southeastern corner of Huntington Woods. The presence of these uses is particularly evident in the existing land use map on the next page (Map 1).

TABLE 8. EXISTING LAND USE PERCENTAGES

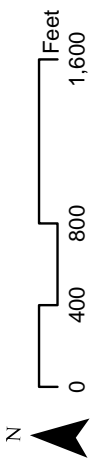
Land Use	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	477.6	50.4%
Retail	2.3	0.2%
Office	4.8	0.5%
Medical	2.7	0.3%
Institutional	96.9	10.2%
Recreation / Open Space	133.2	14%
Parking	0.6	0.1%
Transportation, Communication, and Utility	223.6	23.6%
Vacant	4.8	0.5%
Water	1.9	0.2%
TOTALS	948.5	

Source: SEMCOG



Existing Land Use

City of Huntington Woods, Michigan



November 2019
Source: Oakland County Map Data



NATURAL FEATURES

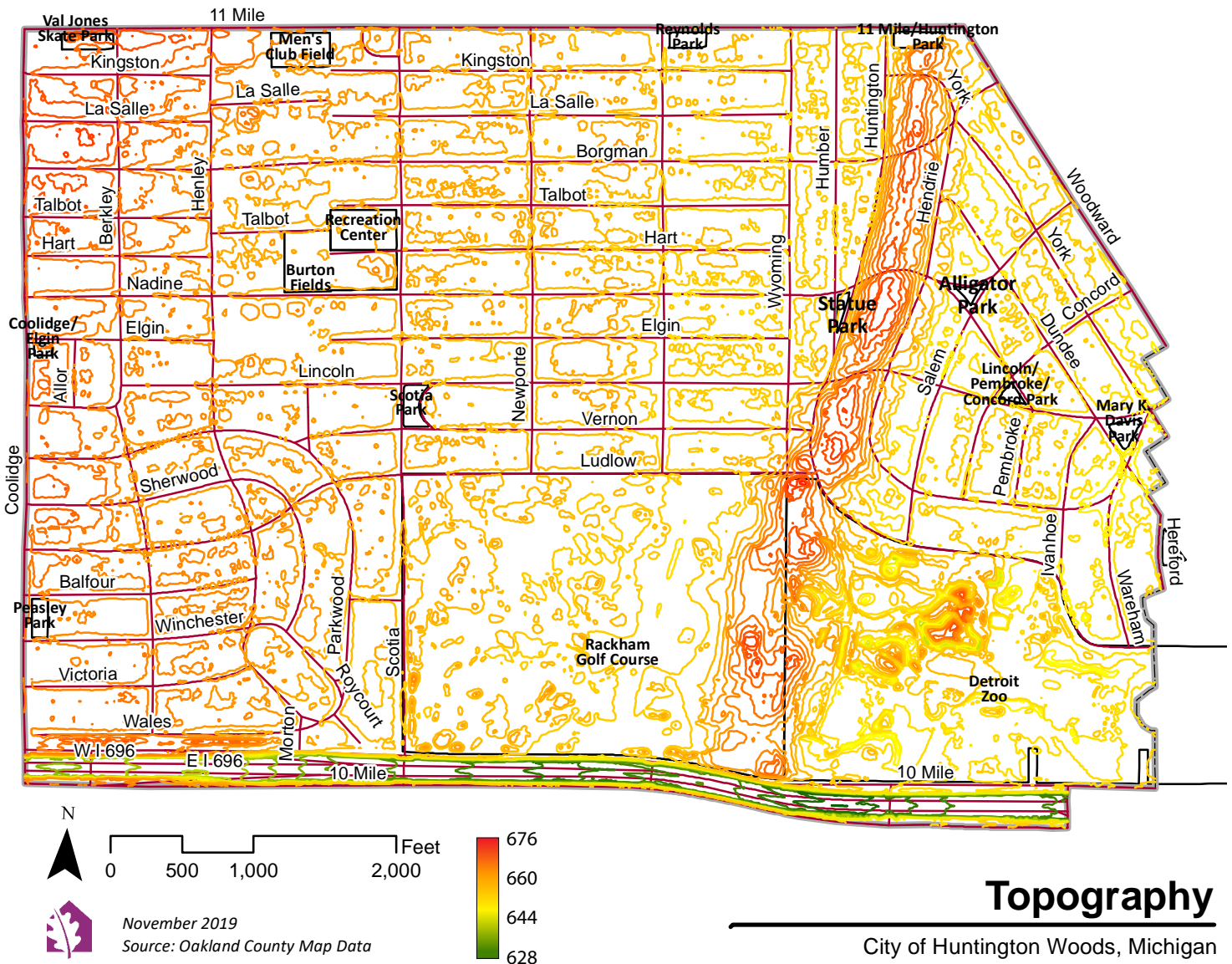
Because Huntington Woods is fully developed, the City's primary features are its topography and tree-lined streets.

Figure 12 illustrates the City's topography with contour lines at two-foot intervals. While most of Huntington Woods is relatively flat, with elevations only spanning 628 to 676 feet above sea level, a ridge running from the City's northeastern corner to the eastern end of Rackham Golf Course and western end of the Detroit Zoo is readily visible on the map. The City's topography also reflects the City's streets, the berm buffering homes on Wales Road from I-696, exhibit areas at the Detroit Zoo, as well as bunkers, mounds, hollows, and sand traps on the Rackham Golf Course.

This corner of Oakland County consists of a nearly level glacial lake plain. Soils are predominantly composed of urban land of the Blount Lenawee complex; a somewhat level and poorly drained soil series.

There are no significant wetlands; however, mature oak trees line Huntington Woods' streets and sidewalks. Because Huntington Woods does not have significant woodlands or wetlands, parks and open space areas such as the City's pocket parks, perimeter parks, Rackham Golf Course, and the Detroit Zoo afford residents their primary access to green space and nature.

FIGURE 12. TOPOGRAPHY



CULTURAL FEATURES

The City has a wealth of historic resources including much of its housing stock, Rackham Golf Course, and the Detroit Zoo.

The Fred A. Baker house, on LaSalle Boulevard, is listed on the State Register of Historic Sites. The Colonial Revival-style home was built in 1896 by prominent attorney and state legislator Fred A. Baker. In 1916, Baker and several associates founded the Baker Land Company, which developed one of Huntington Woods' oldest neighborhoods, the Bronx Subdivision.

The Hill Historic District, a local historic district, consists of two parks and 108 detached single family homes in the Huntington Woods Subdivision, in northeastern Huntington Woods. Most homes in the district were built in the 1920s and 1930s. Homes were designed by some of the most renowned architects in the Detroit metropolitan area, including Albert Kahn, Minoru Yamasaki, and Eero Saarinen. Tudor is the most prevalent architectural style, but a wide range of styles are represented. "The collection of architecture contained within the Hill Historic District is some of the finest in the State of Michigan," according to the 2004 Historic District Study Committee.

Rackham Golf Course is a local historic district including a 123-acre, 18-hole public golf course located in south central Huntington Woods. It consists of the golf course, a clubhouse, greens keepers building, and other outbuildings. The course was given to the City of Detroit

by financier Horace H. Rackham in 1924, for use as a public golf course. The course has historical significance because it was reportedly the first 18-hole public golf course in the State of Michigan, it was among the nation's first integrated courses, and was designed by Donald Ross, the most preeminent golf course designer at the time. In addition, Rackham Golf Course's buildings exhibit a quality of design that "speaks to a bygone era," according to the Historic District Study Committee.

The Detroit Zoo is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a Michigan Historic Site. The zoo is located in both Royal Oak and Huntington Woods, occupying approximately 93 acres in the southeast side of Huntington Woods and a total area of 125 acres. The zoo officially opened in 1928, and has a number of historic structures, such as the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery near the zoo's entrance. The zoo was one of the first in the United States to use a master plan prepared by a landscape architect; it is the nation's only zoo with exhibits designed by the Hagenbeck family, world-renowned zoo designers; and it was the first zoo in the country with entirely bar less (naturalistic) exhibits. Today, the Detroit Zoo is "committed to celebrating and saving wildlife," with numerous programs that further its mission of education and conservation. The zoo is owned by the City of Detroit and operated by the non-profit Detroit Zoological Society.

FIGURE 13. FRED BAKER HOUSE



FIGURE 14. DETROIT ZOO



RELATED PLANNING INITIATIVES

Huntington Woods Master Plan

While change is inevitable and growth will occur, the City of Huntington Woods is committed to managing that growth to enhance recreational activities and overall quality of life for all residents. The City last updated its Master Plan in 2015, articulating a vision for the City's future. The vision is as follows.

According to the City's Master Plan, "the people living in it" will continue to be one of the best things about the City. The Master Plan lists several goals and objectives that are directly related to recreation services, including:

- Calling for City services to be maintained at a high rate while avoiding tax increases. Partnering with neighboring communities for selected services, charging fees to non-resident users for recreation services, and seeking grants, contributions, and dedications to accomplish park improvements are all suggested as strategies to accomplish this goal.
- Improving recreational facilities and programs, maintaining a balance between active and passive recreational opportunities, and promoting recreational programming that is responsive to the changing needs of the City's population;
- Continuing to use parks and recreational facilities as a greenbelt and/or buffer between 11 Mile Road, Coolidge Highway, and I-696, and encourage provision of green space along Woodward Avenue as part of mixed-use redevelopment;
- Maintaining pocket parks throughout the City that are readily accessible from nearby homes; and
- Developing a Complete Streets policy that would incorporate bike routes or lanes where appropriate, and would connect with planned facilities in Berkley and Royal Oak.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission

The 10-member Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPRC) oversees 13 facilities totaling just over 6,700 acres. Catalpa Oaks, located in Southfield, is the closest County facility to Huntington Woods. This facility offer a wide variety of recreation opportunities for area residents, including baseball/softball, cross-country ski trails, geocaching, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, sledding, snowshoes, and soccer facilities.

The OCPRC adopted their 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in February, 2018. A number of projects are proposed for Catalpa Oaks that will provide even more recreation opportunities for Huntington Woods residents. Installation of electric pedestals will enable large special events, a new pavilion, a zero-depth water feature, sports fields rehabilitation, and development of a perimeter pathway are all planned.

Oakland County Parks help to fill the void for communities across the region by providing access to large scale, active use facilities that may be prohibitively expensive to construct and operate.

SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan

The SEMCOG plan, adopted in 2019, was developed to highlight available recreation resources and ensure that the region's recreation system meets the needs of residents and visitors. The Plan notes that with over 2,300 parks covering 214,000 acres, over 400 miles of trails and greenways, and 450 miles of designated water trails, the region is well served by local, state, regional, and federal recreation authorities.

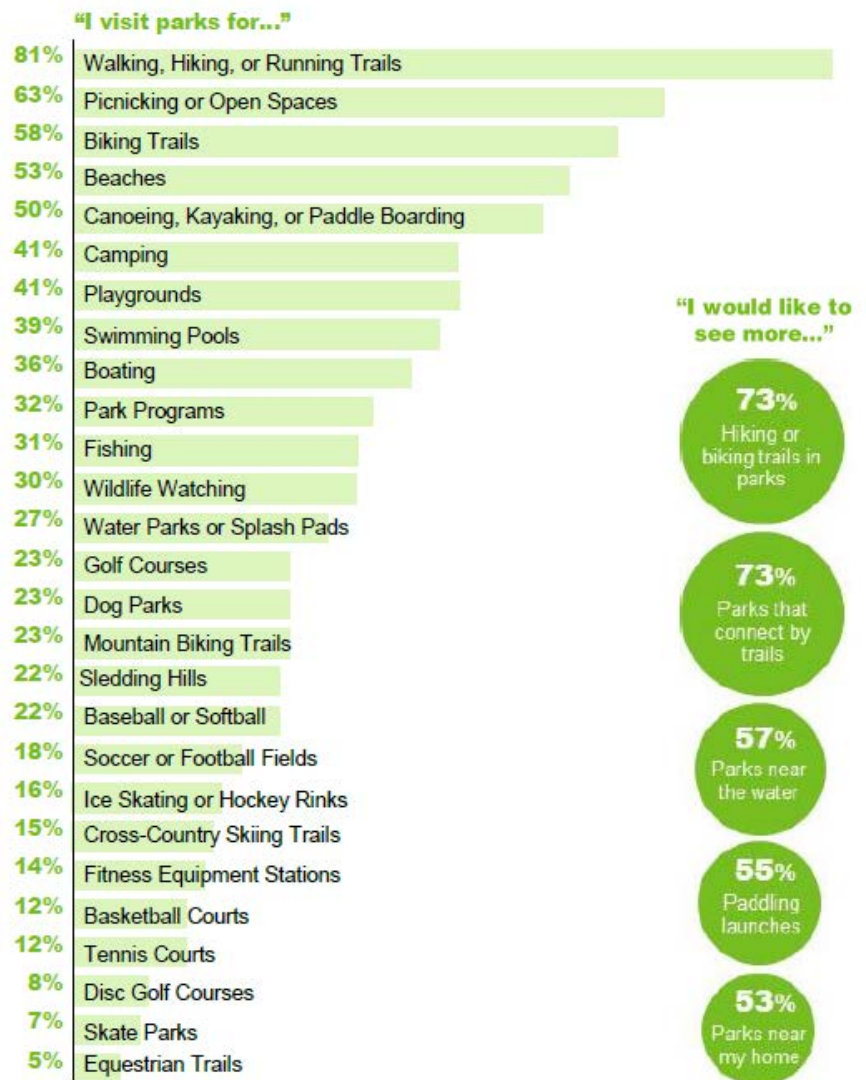
With almost 67,000 acres of parkland, Oakland County offers 56 acres of park per 1,000 residents. This level is higher than the region's average of 43 acres per resident. In terms of pure park availability, Oakland's acreage is almost double that of the next highest county (Washtenaw at 38,695).

The plan provides several regional policy recommendations to address recreation development. Among the recommendations, prioritization of investment in land acquisition is viewed as necessary to address gaps in access to outdoor recreation facilities. Fostering collaboration among outdoor recreation stakeholders speaks to the need for ongoing cooperation between local and regional recreation authorities. Utilization of universal design principles ensures that facilities are accessible to residents of all abilities. Supporting conservation and stewardship of natural resources recognizes the value of open space and the desire of the region's residents to have access to natural areas in reasonable proximity to their homes.

FIGURE 15. SEMCOG RECREATION PLAN SURVEY RESPONSES



SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Recreational trails

are among the most popular reasons to visit parks, and the amenity that most people would like to see more

Graphic Source: SEMCOG Parks & Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan

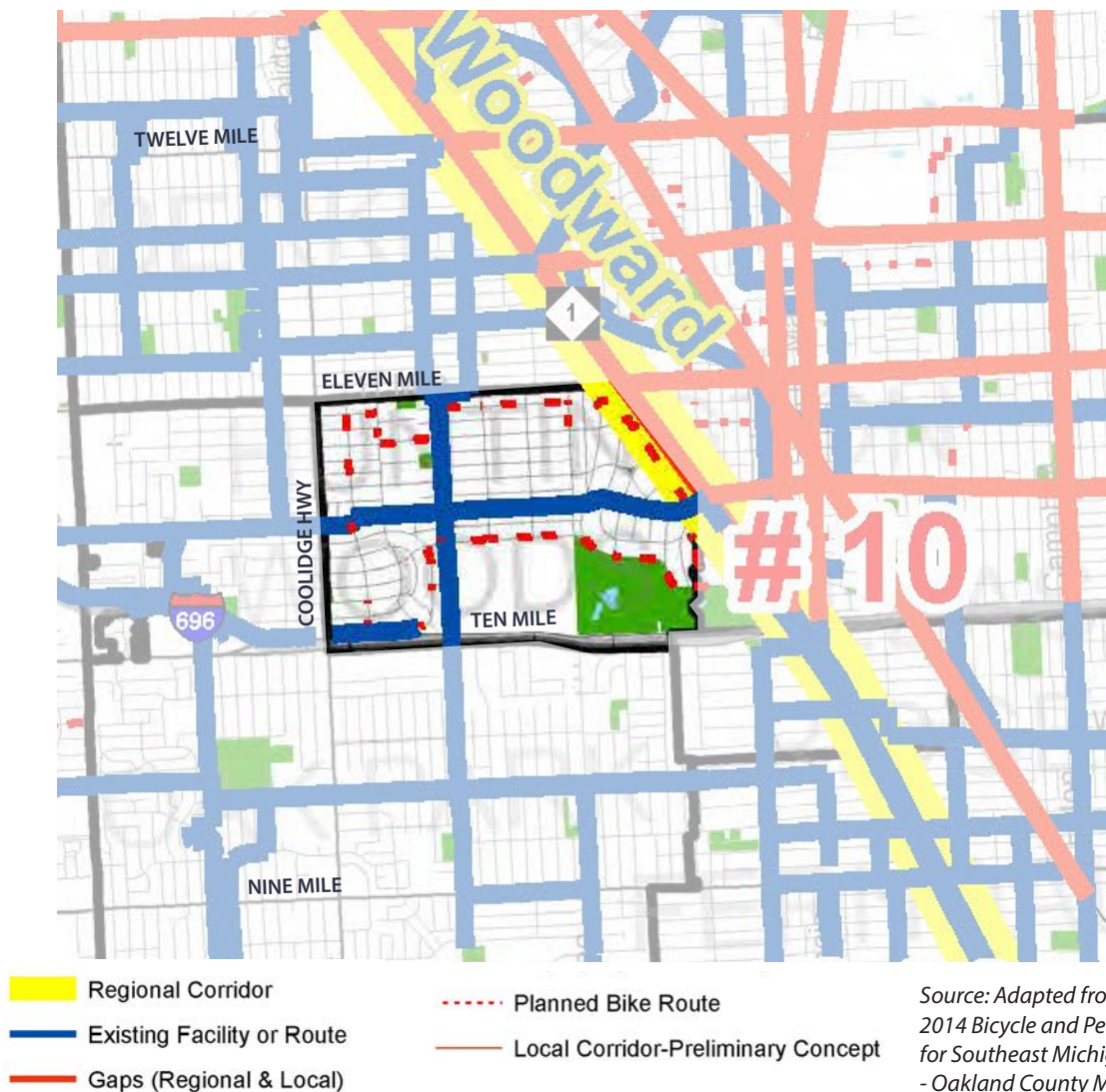
SEMCOG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan / 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for SE Michigan

The 2014 SEMCOG plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 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. SEMCOG’s larger regional focus places more emphasis on existing non-motorized transportation options.

Maps of existing and planned facilities highlight a number of existing routes running through the City. Woodward Avenue is called out as a potential regional corridor, although the majority of the route is currently shown as a gap in the network. As local and regional planning agencies move forward with non-motorized facility development efforts, it will be critical for Huntington Woods to provide input to ensure that their plans are consistent with the City’s own vision.

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan provides broad transportation recommendations for projects across the seven-county region, with a budget of over \$5 billion proposed for transportation infrastructure improvements. While this plan focuses on motorized infrastructure, it does provide a chance to look at upcoming projects and plan accordingly for other related infrastructure improvements. No projects are specifically mentioned for Huntington Woods. Generally speaking, road infrastructure improvements represent opportunities for adding to bicycle networks and implementing complete street programs, so continued monitoring of major road upgrades is recommended.

FIGURE 16. SEMCOG 2014 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN DETAIL



Source: Adapted from SEMCOG 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Southeast Michigan - Oakland County Map

Adjacent Non-Motorized Plans

A number of neighboring communities have completed non-motorized transportation plans in recent years. Implementation of these plans will require intergovernmental cooperation and could have a significant impact on travel alternatives for the region's residents.

The **City of Berkley** completed a multi-modal plan in 2012, and supplemented the study with a recommended bike route plan in 2014. Berkley's plan calls for working with road agencies and neighboring communities to improve Coolidge Highway, 11 and 12 Mile Roads, and Woodward Avenue. The 11 Mile Road and Woodward intersection is highlighted as needing improvements for pedestrian safety. Berkley's bike routes are also defined and interface with the City of Huntington Woods at the intersection of 11 Mile Road and Mortenson/Scotia.

The **City of Royal Oak** plan, also completed in 2012, calls for similar improvements, including a "road diet" for 11 Mile that would reduce vehicle travel between Woodward Avenue and Lafayette Avenue from 4 lanes to 3 lanes and include dedicated bike lanes and on-street parking, and adding markings that indicate the travel lanes are for both vehicular and bicycle traffic to raise the comfort level of cyclists and help them ride more predictably

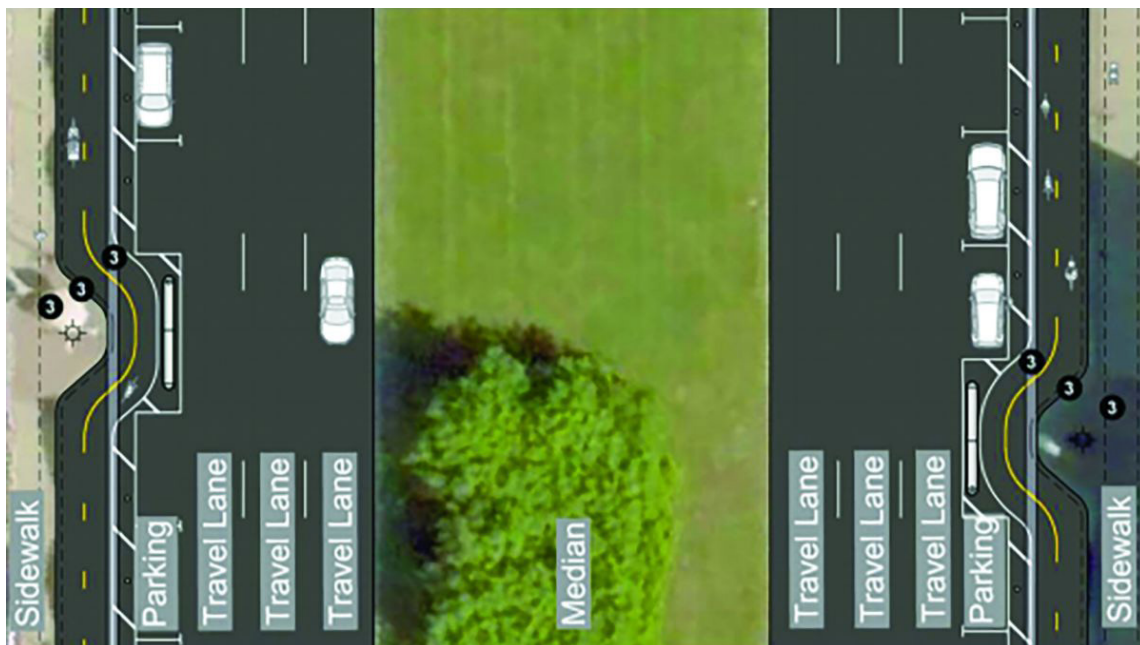
The **City of Oak Park's** 2018 Complete Streets Plan is an evaluation of complete streets policies and recommendations for key routes that require

further non-motorized development. Among other recommendations, adding facilities along 11 Mile Road and rezoning the district to mixed-use is hoped to revitalize the area. Coolidge Highway is also the primary north-south route for the city, and bike routes with accompanying facilities are recommended.

The **Cities of Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale** completed a joint audit of cycling and walking safety for Woodward Avenue in 2019. While their plan stops south of Huntington Woods' borders, it provides a vision that could be extended north and maintained along the length of the corridor. General recommendations include implementation of a road diet, the addition of two-way bike lanes on either side of the street, and the reconfiguration of on-street parking. This study builds off of complete street plans completed in 2014 and 2015.

As the area continues to move forward with non-motorized facility development, it will be critical for the adjoining communities to foster communication and work together towards a common vision. Creation of a strategic non-motorized alliance including the various southeastern Oakland Communities, the Oakland County Road Commission, Oakland County Parks Commission, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), could help to ensure that services and routes are consistent, increase the likelihood of major projects being completed, and lead to improved opportunities for grant funding from state and national sources.

FIGURE 17. WOODWARD AVENUE CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AUDIT RECOMMENDED LANE CONFIGURATION



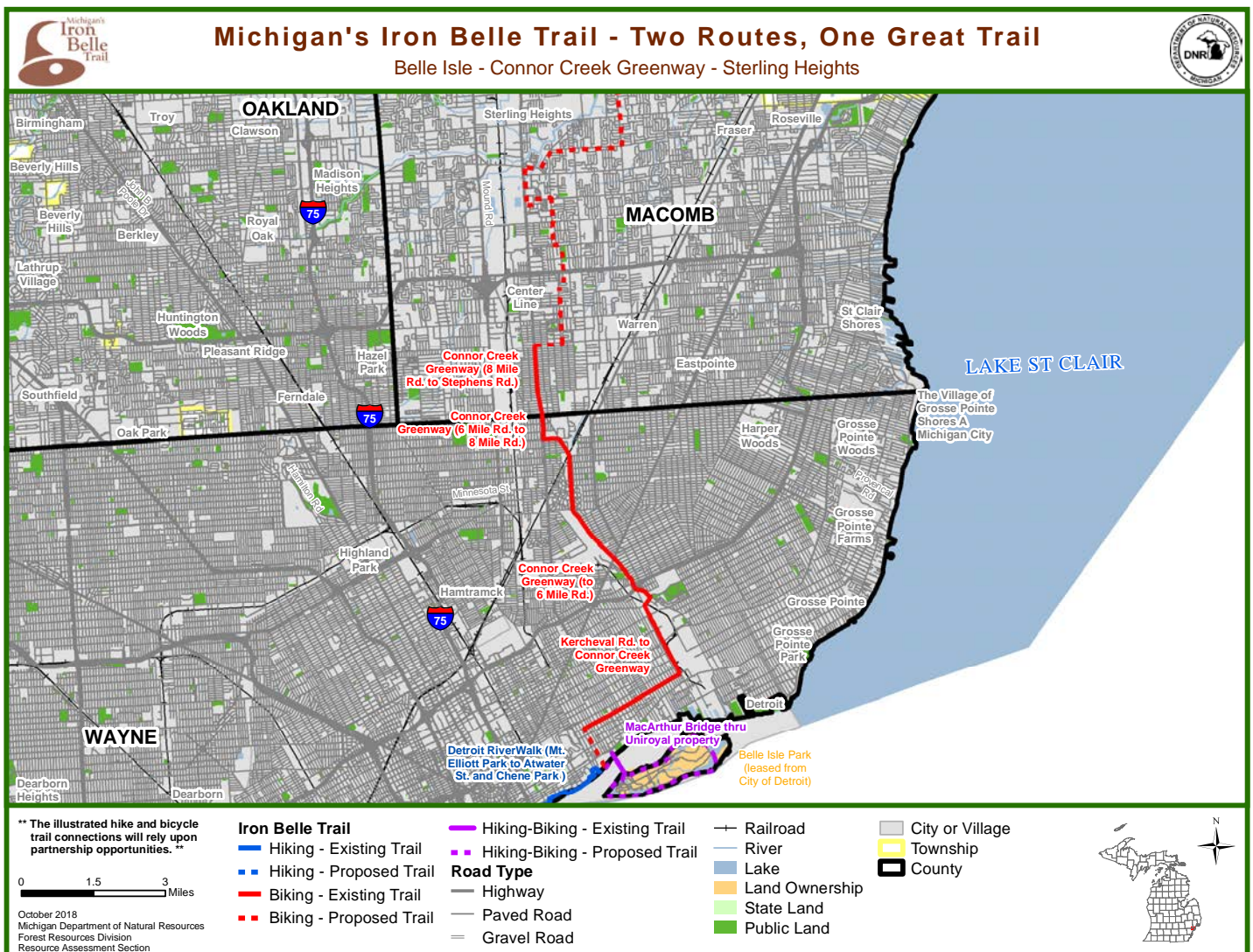
State of Michigan Iron Belle Trail

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.

While the trail will not directly pass through Huntington Woods, its impact on trail development in the region is undeniable. Current plans show the IBT running through Macomb County eight miles to the east. Establishing connections with neighboring communities to develop a contiguous pathway along 11 Mile Road would bring Huntington Woods residents one step closer to one of the premier trail systems in the country.

The IBT is, in turn, part of the larger **North Country National Scenic Trail** which travels from eastern New York to central North Dakota. The trail passes through the seven states along the way, with the longest stretch found in Michigan. At approximately 4,600 miles, it is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails.

FIGURE 18. PLANNED IRON BELLE TRAIL ALIGNMENT



Administrative Structure



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The City Commission is the primary group which plans and approves parks and recreation development in the City. The City Commission establishes the budget for parks and recreation and appoints a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of seven members plus two student members to advise them on policy matters related to the operation of the parks and recreation services.

The City Manager implements the policy decisions of the City Commission and assigns the responsibility for the administration of parks and recreation services to the Parks and Recreation Director.

ADMINISTRATION

The Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Department was originally established in 1942. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was established in 1970 for the immediate purpose of devising the first Parks and Recreation Master Plan (1971-1976), which put emphasis on the development of the City's parks.

The Parks and Recreation Department is headed by a Director, who is assisted by nine full-time professional staff members and countless part-time staff.

The Recreation Supervisor oversees the sports programs, the City newsletter, and special events.

The Latchkey Director is responsible for the latchkey program. Two full-time employees constitute the Parks Department and are responsible for maintaining the parks, ball fields, and City buildings. The Office Manager handles payroll and general office operation.

The Senior Outreach Coordinator organizes a variety of programs for seniors such as the senior transportation program and a weekly lunch and speaker program. Finally, two Programmers organize classes, special events, camp programs, and oversee the aquatics facility.

Numerous part-time employees are an essential part of the Parks and Recreation Department. They include a building supervisors, instructors, latchkey staff, pool staff, camp counselors, game officials, and referees.

FUNDING AND BUDGET

Funding for parks and recreation activities in the City of Huntington Woods is generally supported by a tax levy of 0.1925 mill for the purpose of maintaining facilities, the City's General Fund, user fees, and grants. A budget summary is presented in Table 9.

Program expenditures account for the majority of the departmental expenditures (42%), followed by administrative expenditures consisting primarily of personnel salaries and benefits (34%), and swimming pool expenditures (15%). Revenues are generated primarily from program fees and the City's General Fund.

TABLE 9. CURRENT BUDGET SUMMARY

	2018 - 2019 Amended	2019 - 2020 Proposed
REVENUES		
Tax Revenue (generated by 0.1925 mills of tax levy for purpose of maintenance of facilities)	\$ 69,680	\$ 71,850
Grants	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Recreation Fees / Rentals	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Recreation Sales	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cafe Sales	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pool Revenue	\$ 251,000	\$ 260,000
League Fees	\$ 40,000	\$ 35,000
Classes / Trip Fees	\$ 120,000	\$ 130,000
Senior Program Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Latchkey Fees	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
Pre-K Fees	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
Camp Fees - Fruit	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Special Programs	\$ 17,500	\$ 16,000
July 4th Activities	\$ 22,500	\$ 21,000
Interest Income	\$ 6,110	\$ 7,500
Bus Revenue	\$ 22,500	\$ 25,000
Transfer General Fund	\$ 950,000	\$ 975,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 500	\$ 4,500
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$ 58,550	\$ 59,050
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,205,840	\$ 2,262,400
EXPENSES		
City Bus	\$ 54,570	\$ 51,420
Administration	\$ 730,240	\$ 764,400
Programs	\$ 913,980	\$ 940,530
Parks	\$ 177,330	\$ 163,350
Swimming Pool	\$ 329,720	\$ 342,700
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,205,840	\$ 2,262,400

FIGURE 19. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

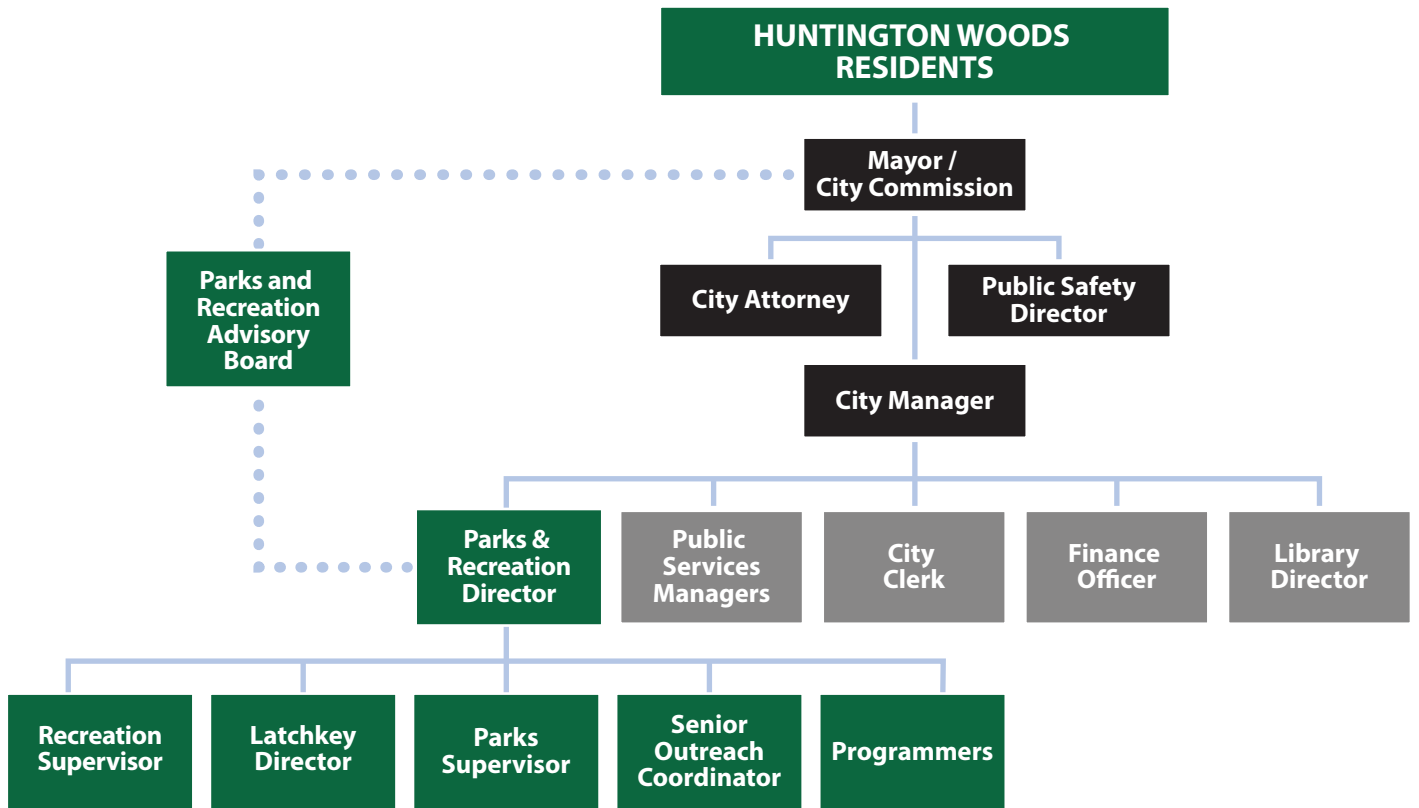
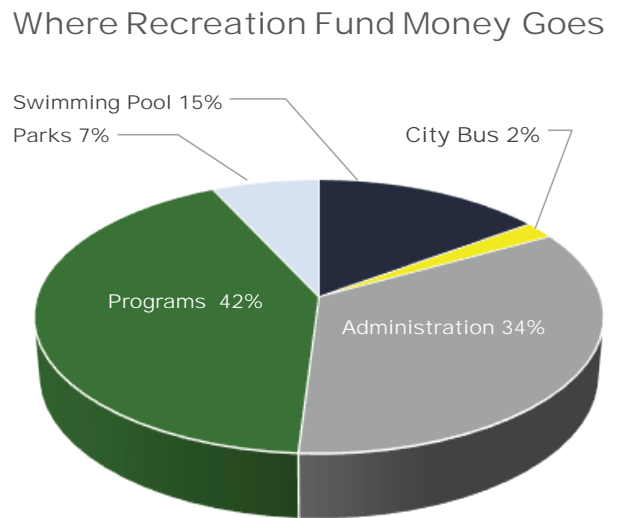
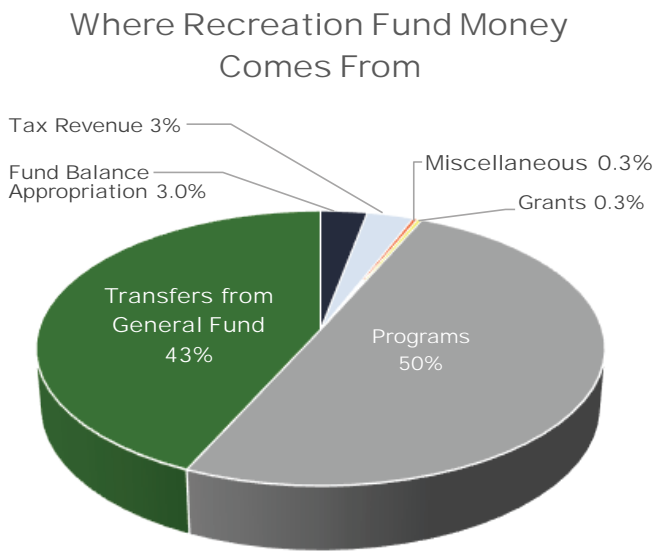


FIGURE 20. RECREATION FUND DOLLAR FLOW

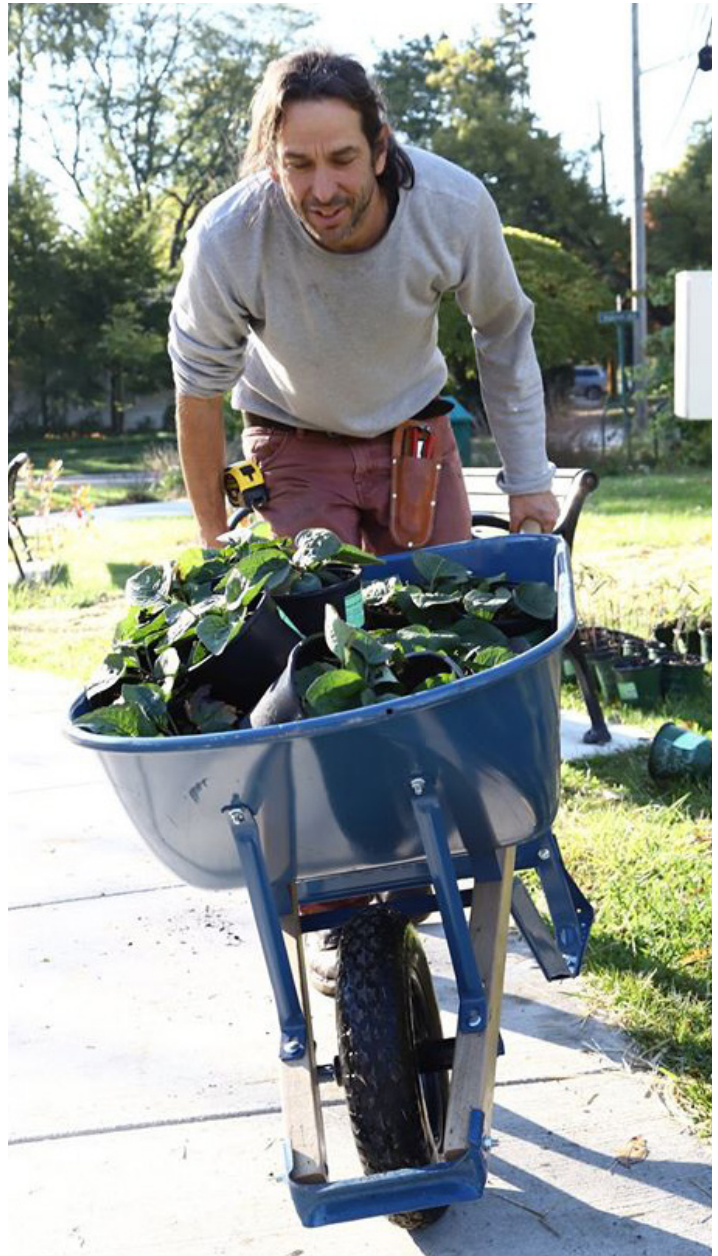


VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteers, service clubs, and community groups play an active role in supporting the high quality facilities and services provided by the City of Huntington Woods.

There are about 20 clubs and organizations that contribute to parks and recreation in Huntington Woods. The following are just a few of the many groups that actively support the Parks and Recreation Department:

- The Huntington Woods Men’s Club, a civic organization with over 100 members who support funding to special projects in the City;
- Friends of the Huntington Woods Library;
- Burton PTA, a volunteer organization whose activities primarily support and enhance Burton School;
- The Huntington Woods Women’s League, which is dedicated to promoting civic, cultural, educational and social welfare services in the City;
- Huntington Woods Aquatics Club;
- Teen Council;
- The Adopt-A-Garden program;
- Boy Scouts; and
- Several babysitting co-ops: Babes in the Woods, Baby-sitting Co-op, and Tots About Town.



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 Huntington Woods residents will assist decision-making in the future. It should be noted that some facilities listed in this chapter require entrance fees or even memberships, but they do provide additional recreation opportunities for City residents. The inventory covers the following components:

- City Parks and Facilities
- County/Regional Parks and Facilities
- Facilities in Neighboring Communities
- Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities
- Programming
- Comparison to Recreation Standards
- Grant-assisted Projects
- Barrier Free Accessibility

City Parks and Facilities

Huntington Woods owns and operates 13 municipal parks and properties that total about 14 acres in total. Map 2, opposite, depicts the location of the City of Huntington Woods parks. They include the central parks with the central plaza area and Scotia Park, fenced-in peripheral parks along 11 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway, and small pocket parks primarily located on the east side of the City. 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.

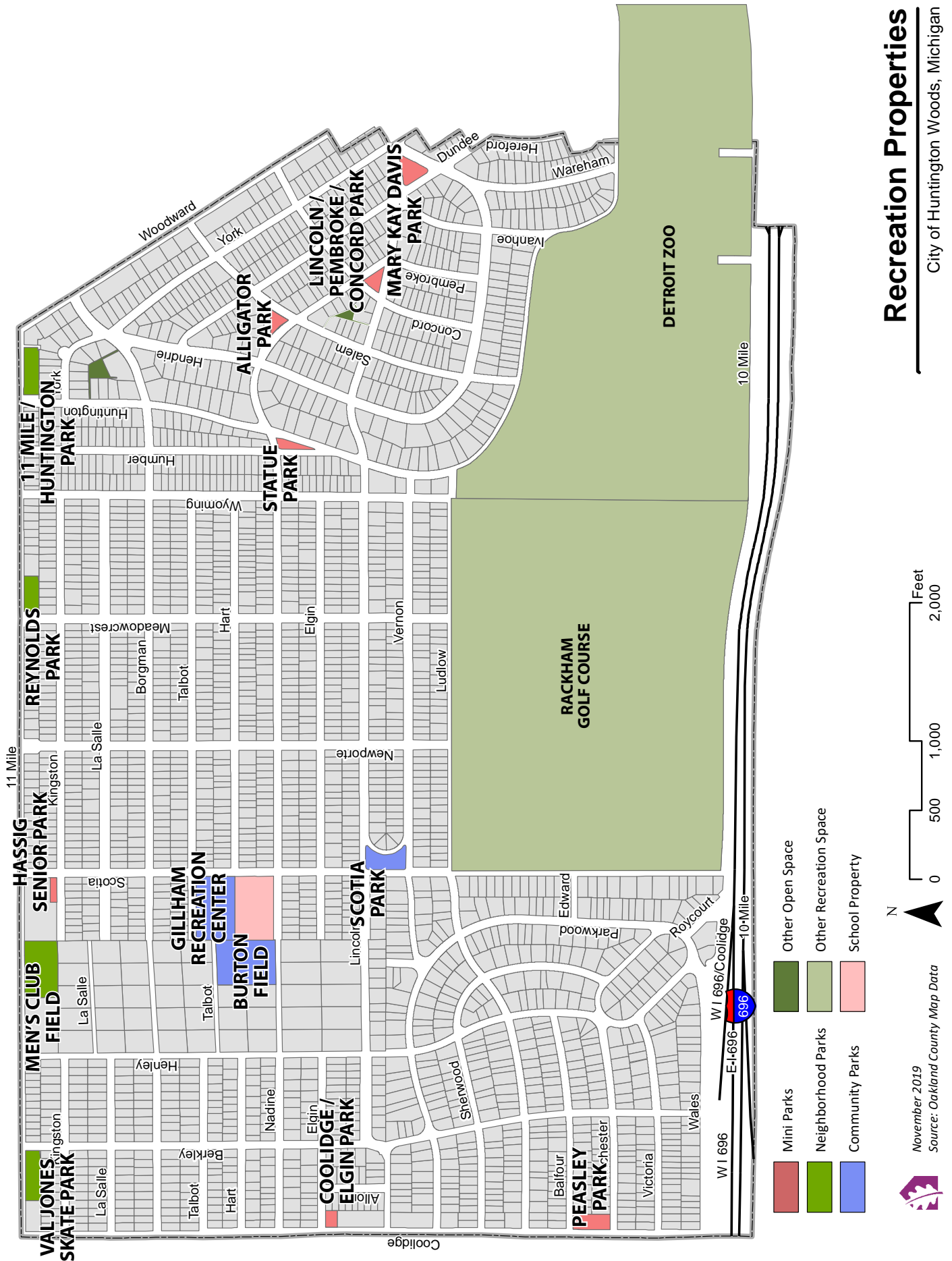
Mini Parks: Mini parks serve the needs of the residents in the immediate area, approximately less than one-quarter mile away and are typically less than one acre in size. Based solely on size, all but two of Huntington Woods' parks fall in this category. When factoring in park programming, seven facilities would be considered mini parks.

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. While no Huntington Woods parks are of adequate size to be categorized as Neighborhood Parks, four facilities provide programming options that are traditionally reserved for that category. .

Community Parks and Facilities: Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents. 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 30 and 50 acres in size and serve residents within one-half to three miles of the park. Here again, there are no parks in Huntington Woods that meet these size standards, but two properties, the Civic Center complex and Scotia Park, offer unique programming that qualify them as 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. Though not operated by Huntington Woods, the Rackham Golf Course would qualify as a Specialty Park.

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. The Detroit Zoo could be categorized as either a regional park or specialty park.



ALLIGATOR PARK

Park Type: Mini-Park

Size: 0.3 acres

Amenities: Benches, picnic tables, sandbox, gardens

This small park features “Peggy’s Garden”, a walkway lined with benches and gardens. A sandbox in the northeast corner of the park is popular with neighborhood children. The triangular property is not bordered by City sidewalks.



COOLIDGE / ELGIN PARK

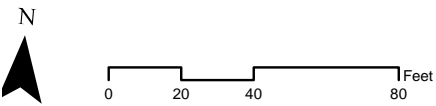
Park Type: Mini-Park

Size: 0.2 acres

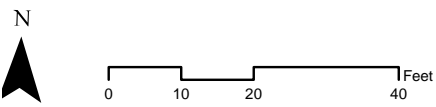
Amenities: Playground equipment, swings, picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain

This playground lot is surrounded by decorative fencing and features swing sets and a large play structure. A picnic table, benches, and drinking fountain can also be found on site. The park is entered from Elgin Road to the north, and is bordered by a pharmacy to the south.





Alligator Park



Coolidge / Elgin Park

HASSIG SENIOR PARK

Park Type: Mini-Park
Size: 0.2 acres
Amenities: Picnic shelter, shuffleball courts, parking (shared with City Offices) gardens

Part of the City Office and DPW complex, Hassig Senior Park includes a gazebo, picnic tables, two shuffleboard courts, and benches. Parking and access are from the City Hall building.

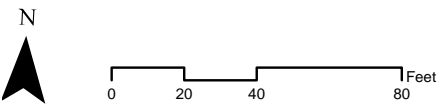


LINCOLN / PEMBROKE / CONCORD PARK

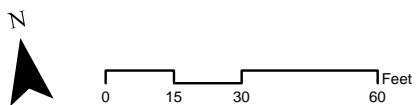
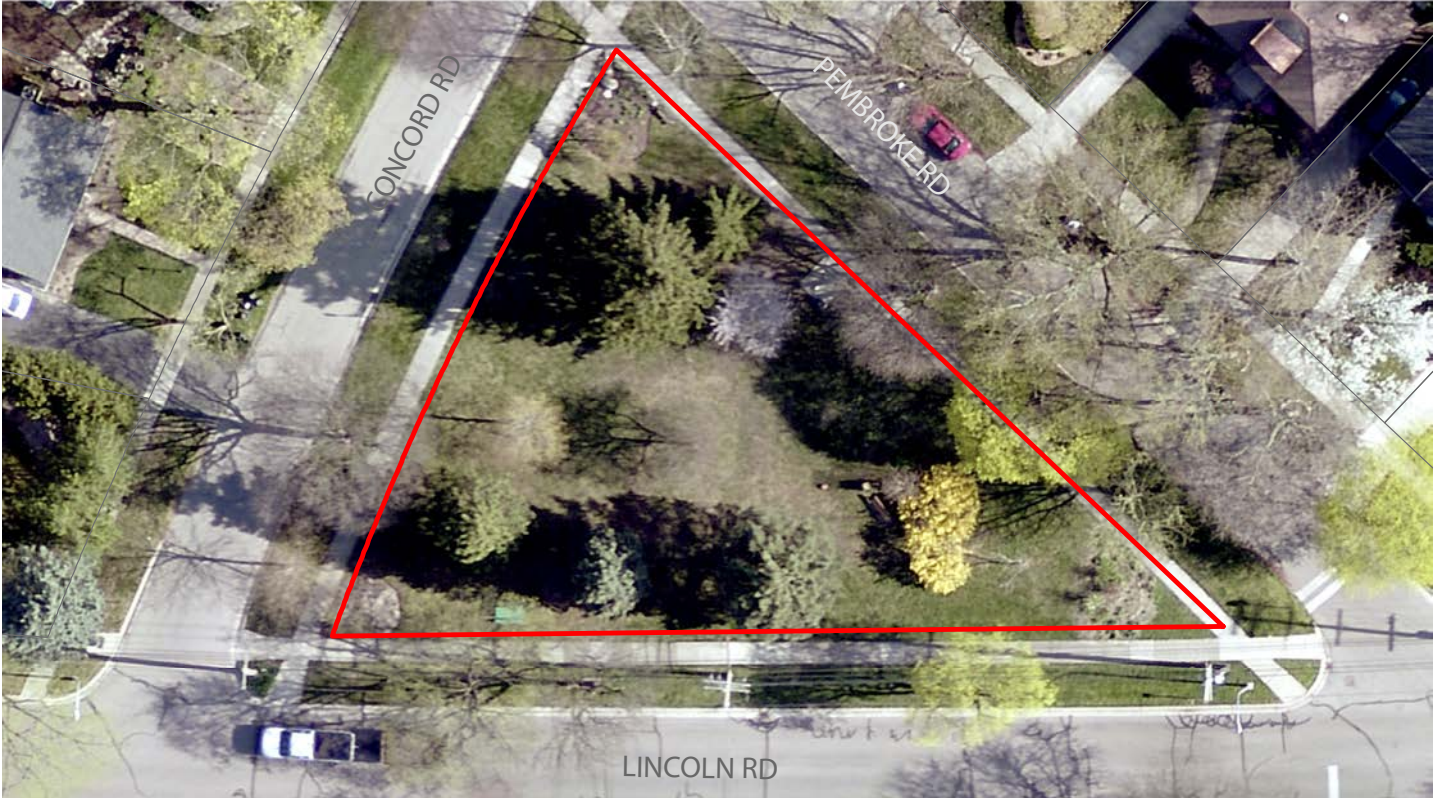
Park Type: Mini-Park
Size: 0.3 acres
Amenities: Benches, picnic tables, drinking fountain, gardens

Named for the streets that surround the park, Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park includes landscaped beds, benches, trash receptacles, and a water source. The triangular piece of property is bordered by City sidewalks.





Hassig Senior Park



Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park

MARY KAY DAVIS PARK

Park Type: Mini-Park
Size: 0.6 acres
Amenities: Benches, picnic tables, gazebo, gardens, bike repair station

Picturesque Mary Kay Davis Park features landscaped beds, picnic tables, benches (stone and wood), trash receptacles, a flagpole, and a water source. A bike repair station was added since completion of the previous plan. This park is frequently used for Prom Parties.



PEASLEY PARK

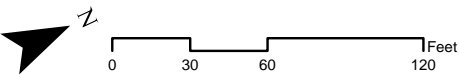
Park Type: Mini-Park
Size: 0.7 acres
Amenities: Benches, picnic tables, sandbox, playground equipment / swings, drinking fountain, soccer field

One of the larger of the City's mini-parks, Peasley Park received significant upgrades in late 2019, including new playground equipment and accessible walkways and picnic tables. The park also features swings, benches, and a small soccer field which is used for practice purposes. Entrance to the park is provided on both Balfour and Winchester Streets; the Balfour entrance includes a handicapped parking space and curb cuts.

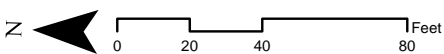




Mary Kay Davis Park



Peasley Park



STATUE PARK

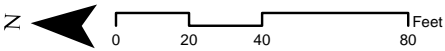
Park Type: Mini-Park

Size: 0.3 acres

Amenities: Benches, picnic tables, gardens

Statue Park is surrounded on all sides by sidewalks and includes picnic tables underneath large, mature trees. New rain gardens on the edges of the park help to control stormwater runoff from the adjacent roads and act as demonstration gardens for the community.





Statue Park



11 MILE / HUNTINGTON PARK

Park Type: Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.9 acres
Amenities: Tennis (3 courts), pickleball, parking, community garden

11 Mile/Huntington Park is fenced-in and contains primarily active-use facilities. A new pickleball court next to three tennis courts has proven to be exceptionally popular. A community garden in the northeast corner of the park is also popular, and regularly leases out all of its lots. Programs taking place at this park include tennis and pickleball lessons.

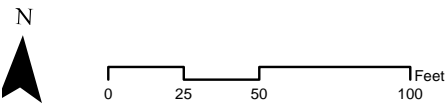


MEN'S CLUB FIELD

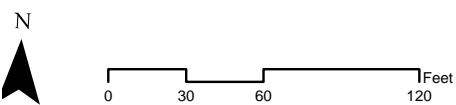
Park Type: Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.3 acres
Amenities: Baseball / softball field, soccer (2), parking (shared)

Men's Club Field features a ball field and two small soccer fields in the outfield area of the ball diamond. Parking is offered at the Lutheran Church and behind the Department of Public Works with park entrances from both sides. The field has been used to hold excess snow removed from area roads. This practice has delayed the usability of the field on occasion, and has led to concerns about debris scraped up during plowing and left behind in the melting snow.





11 Mile / Huntington Park



Men's Club Field

REYNOLDS PARK

Park Type: Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.6 acres
Amenities: Play equipment, swings, benches, picnic tables, parking, drinking fountain



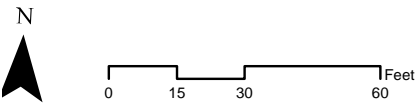
While small for a neighborhood park, Reynolds Park contains a large amount of amenities and is heavily used during summer months. The park features a large and a small play structure, swings, climbing wall, and other play apparatus, open grass area for soccer practice, a paved picnic area with tables, a short woodchip pathway, benches, trash and recycling receptacles, a drinking water fountain, and a bike rack. Parking and the park entrance are found on Meadowcrest Boulevard. The Teddy Bear picnic and soccer practices take place in the park.

VAL JONES SKATE PARK

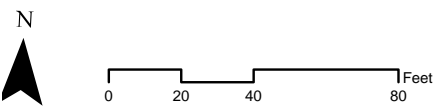
Park Type: Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.9 acres
Amenities: Skate park, benches, roller hockey rink, drinking fountain, parking



This fenced-in park includes a poured-in-place concrete skate park featuring a figure-8 bowl and grinding bars, an in-line hockey rink, benches, trash and recycling receptacles, a drinking water fountain, and a bike rack. Parking and a park entrance are both available along Berkley Avenue. An additional entrance is located along 11-Mille Road.



Reynolds Park



Val Jones Skate Park

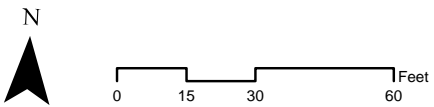
SCOTIA PARK
Park Type: Community Park
Size: 0.9 acres
Amenities: Benches, picnic tables, drinking fountain, gardens, seasonal stage



While Scotia Park would normally be considered a mini-park due to its small footprint, the park plays an outsized role in Huntington Woods as the central gathering point for the community. Recently reconfigured to include accessible pathways, picnic tables, and benches, the park regularly hosts concerts and other events on its seasonally available stage. Programs and activities taking place at the park include the summer concert series, and Fourth of July hot-dog roast and speeches.

Rain gardens are provided in several locations throughout the park. The stage itself is situated towards the northern end of the park; a gentle slope doubles as a seating area, and an accessible platform is available at the edge of the seating area.





Scotia Park

CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX - GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER, AQUATIC CLUB, & BURTON FIELD

Park Type: Community Park

Size: 6.2 acres

Gillham Rec Center - 3.0 acres

Burton Field - 3.2 acres

Amenities: See below

The Civic Center complex includes roughly 6.2 acres of land and contains the Recreation Center, Aquatic Center, Burton School, and the Library. It is the heart of Huntington Woods and is heavily used by City residents. The complex provides a mix of passive- and active-use facilities, and offers both indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for residents to enjoy.

The Recreation Center includes:

- Gym/activity center
- Teen room
- Senior room
- Meeting room
- Multi-purpose room
- Kindergarten latchkey rooms
- Pottery/art room
- Preschool room
- Kitchen
- Game area

Programs and activities taking place at the Recreation Center include: preschool, adult classes, workshops, sports leagues, special events, day camps, latchkey program, meals-on-wheels, fun runs, and birthday parties. See page 43 for a complete list of programs.

The Aquatic Center includes:

- Competitive pool
- Leisure pool with zero depth entry
- Diving board
- Slide
- Play structure
- Spray/water features including bubblers, rain wall, etc.
- Café/snack bar
- Sand/play area

Programs and activities taking place at the pool include: swim team, swim lessons, masters swim class, lap swim, family swim, water exercise, general swim, and special events.

The Burton School playground is owned and operated by the Berkley School District, and is maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department. The area includes:

- Playground
- Field (3.2 acres)
- 2 ball fields with covered dugouts / players benches and bleachers
- 1/4 mile walking / jogging track
- paved outdoor plaza

The adjacent outdoor grounds north of the Gillham Recreation Center are owned and operated by the City, and include:

- 4 lighted tennis courts
- Parking

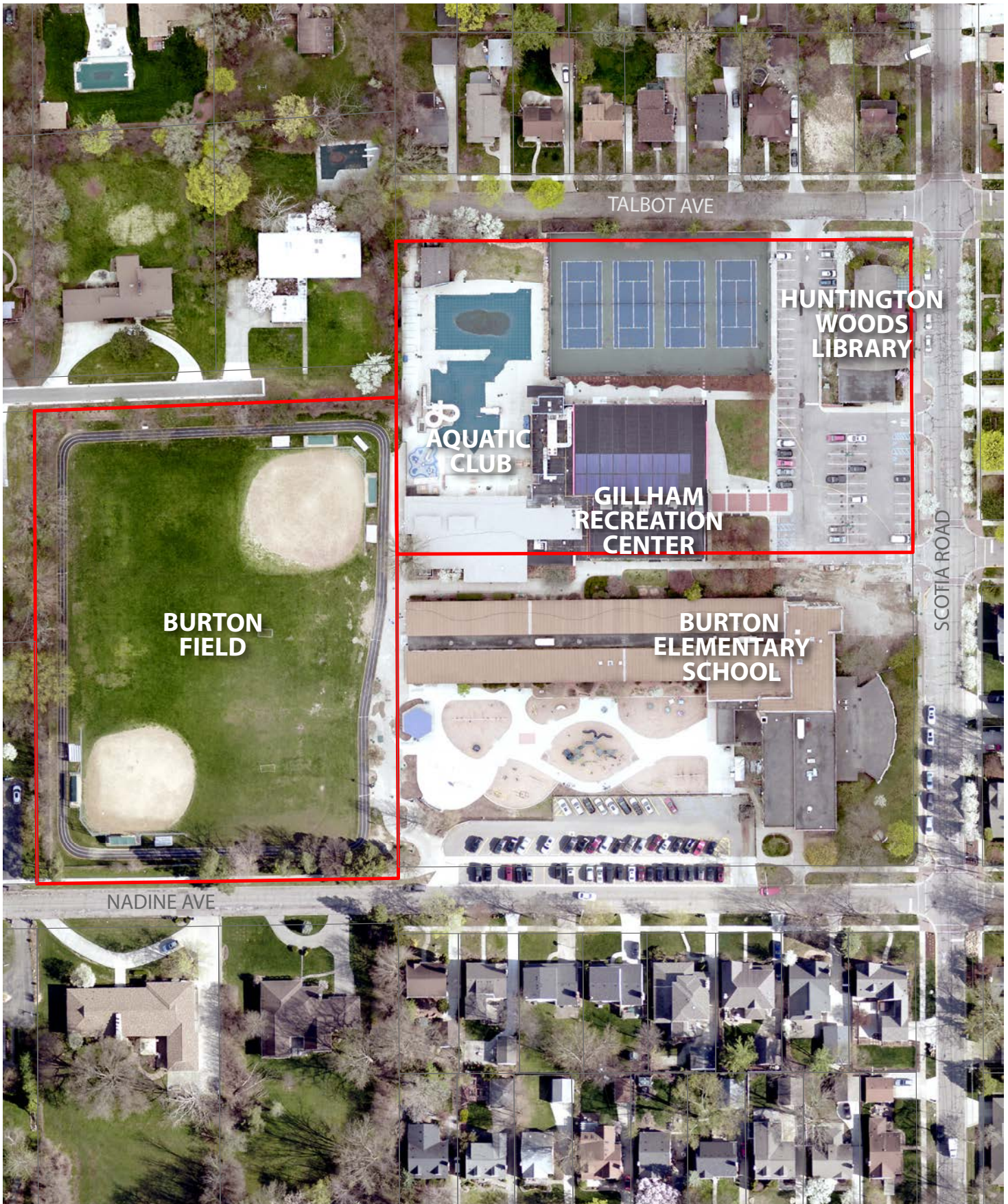
Programs and activities taking place in these areas include: sports leagues, open play for camps and school, special events, latchkey program, summer camps, and tennis lessons.

The Huntington Woods Library features:

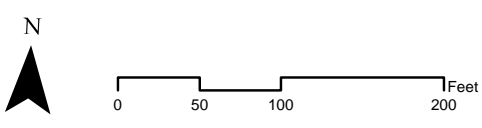
- 3 meeting rooms
- Internet lab
- Woods Gallery
- Collection of 54,000 books, CDs, books on tape, and DVDs

Programs and activities taking place at the Library include music appreciation, arts programming, adult enrichment programs, children and adult summer reading program, children's activities, and meetings for two book clubs.





Civic Center, Recreation Center, & Burton Field



Other City-Owned Properties

Two small undeveloped open spaces are located at the intersection of Salem, Lincoln, and Pembroke as well as Borgman and York. The City also owns property along I-696 which includes a paved pathway, berm, and landscaping.

Quasi-Public Facilities

In addition to the City facilities, there are school, public, or quasi-public parks and recreation facilities located in Huntington Woods which are not owned by the City but are where some of the recreation programs take place. These facilities include:

Burton Elementary School

Burton Elementary School's recreation facilities include an indoor gymnasium and classrooms as well as a new outdoor playground area. The school is used for basketball leagues.

Norup International School

While the school is located in adjacent Oak Park, it includes a full-size indoor gymnasium which is used for 30+ years basketball.

Rackham Golf Course

With 123 acres of land, the 18-hole golf course consists of the golf course, clubhouse, greens keeper buildings, and other outbuildings. It is a Historic District owned and maintained by the City of Detroit. The golf course is used for golf leagues, men's league, and fireworks site.

Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo is listed on the national Register of Historic Places and is a designated Michigan Historic Site. It totals 125 acres, 93 acres of which are located in the City of Huntington Woods.



Recreation Programs

The outstanding recreation programming offered by the City of Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation has been one of the major City assets and the reason why so many young families are attracted to the City. Figure 21 lists the programs that are available to residents of Huntington Woods along with the appropriate age group for each program. The programs offered by the City of Huntington Woods focus on pre-school/youth-age children and starter sports activities, youth classes and sports, latchkey, summer camps, aquatics, specialized camps, adult fitness classes and sports, adult enrichment classes, senior health and wellness, senior trips, and community-wide events.

FIGURE 21. SAMPLE OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS

<p>INFANT/PRESCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing • Fruit Camp • Gymnastics • Preschool class for 3 & 4 yr. olds • Junior theatre Class • Kiddie Sports • Lots for Tots – Drop-In • Music • Pop Up Park Events • Soccer • Swim Lessons • Tennis • Toddler Swim Time • Tumble Tots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Training • Mad Science • Ninja Warriors • Parent/Child drop-in Basketball • Pillo Polo • Pottery • Self-Defense • Sign language • Soccer • Spanish • Specialty Camps • Swim team • Teen Council • Teeniors Bingo • Teeniors Pickleball • Tennis classes • Trips • Volleyball Skills • Yoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Level Swim • Meditation • Monday Lunch Bunch • Monthly Movies • Pen Pal Program • Pilates • Pickleball • Pottery • Reassurance calls • Senior Outreach • Self-Defense • Sit & Fit for Seniors • Stretch & Strength • Sunday Drop-In Group • Tai Chi • Teeniors Bingo • Teeniors Pickleball • Tennis classes & leagues • Transportation assistance • Volleyball League • Yoga • Wellness Walk & Talk • Water Exercise
<p>YOUTH / TEEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babysitter Training • Baking • Baseball • Basketball Clinic • Basketball Leagues • Broadway Bound • Cartooning • Cheer/Dance/Pom • Cupcake Decorating • Dodgeball • Drawing • Drop-in Basketball • Fitness • Floor Hockey • Fruit Camp • Fun With Acting & Improv • Gingerbread House Building • Gymnastics • Junior Counselors • Karate • Latchkey 	<p>ADULT/SENIOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AARP Driver Safety • Adult Trips • Balance Classes • Basketball • Blood Pressure Reading • Challah Making • Computer Assistance Class • CPR/AED/First Aid • Curb-To-Curb Transportation • Drop-in Basketball • Fitness Bootcamp • Golf League • Health Fair • Holiday Party • Home Assistance Repair Program • Karate • Mah Jongg 	<p>SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Concert Series • Adult Only Wild Rides • Hay Day • Euchre Party • Daddy-Daughter Dance • Mom Prom • Fourth of July Parade & Events • Dolly & Me Tea • Family Movie in the Gym • Super Hero Party • Movie in the Park • Fall Gardening Festival • Movie on the Pool Deck

County/Regional Parks and Facilities

In addition to the Huntington Woods' park inventory, there are thousands of acres of recreation opportunities within a short drive of the City limits. Operated by the Huron Clinton Metroparks Authority, Oakland County Parks, and the State of Michigan, these parks offer recreation options that would not otherwise be available to residents. In addition, the City of Detroit owns and operates the Detroit Zoo and Rackham Golf Course, both of which are within Huntington Woods' borders. These two facilities are described in detail on page 13.

Oakland County Parks

Oakland County offers 13 facilities with just over 6,700 acres to county residents. These facilities offer a wide range of passive- and active-use amenities, with activities for all ages and abilities. Catalpa Oaks, located in Southfield is the closest County facility to Huntington Woods. Catalpa Oaks includes baseball/softball diamonds, cross-country ski trails, geocaching, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, sledding, snowshoes, and soccer facilities.

Huron Clinton Metroparks Authority (HCMA)

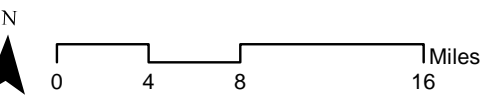
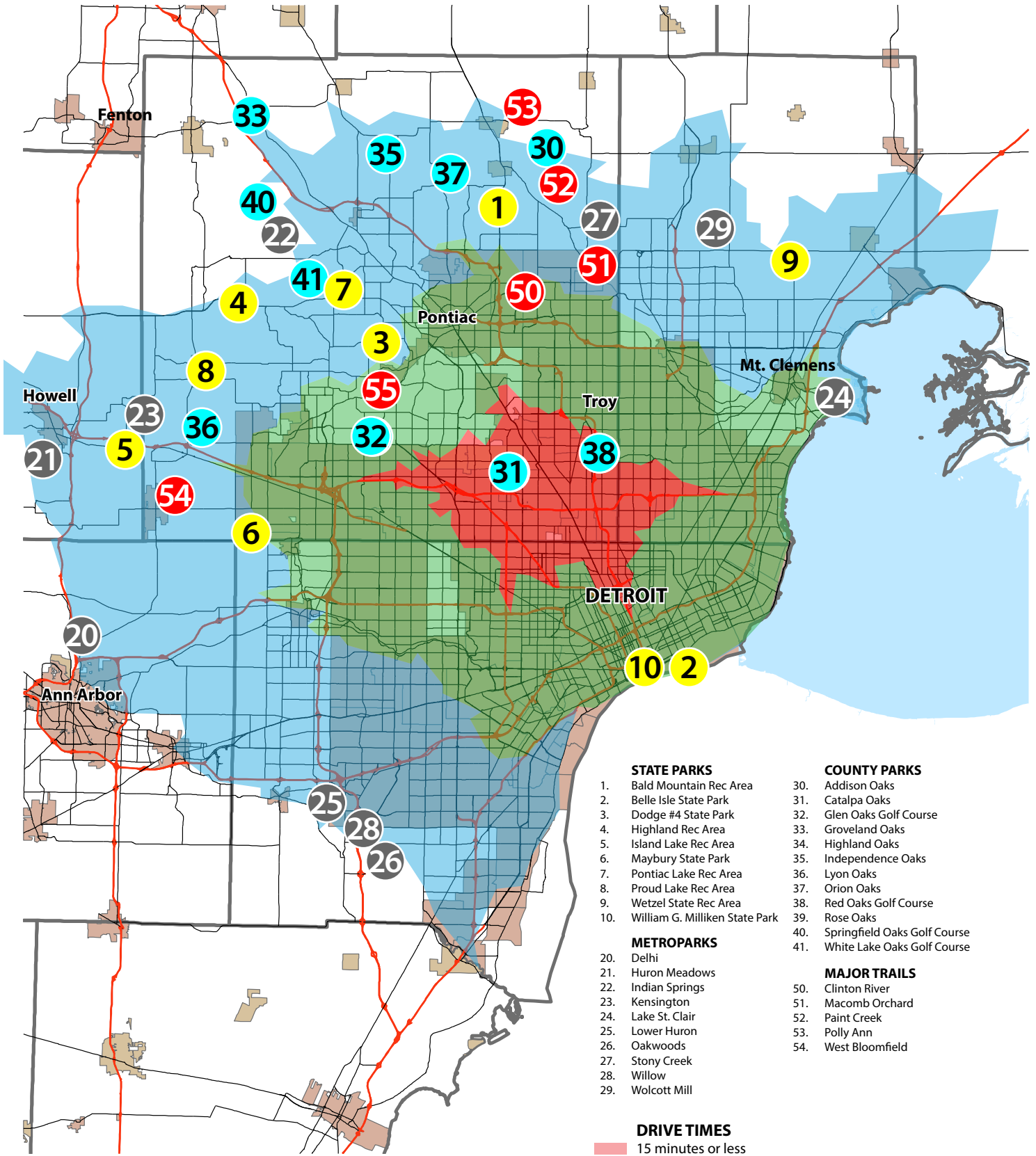
HCMA owns and operates 13 parks totaling more than 24,000 acres arranged along the Huron River and Clinton Rivers. The parks form a partial ring around the metro area, and plans are in development to finish the ring by building hike/bike trails to connect all the parks as a green belt. The parks draw about 7.5 million visitors a year, and is funded through a regional tax with a \$50 million annual budget.

State-Owned Facilities

The State of Michigan's widely varied portfolio of recreation properties offers Huntington Woods residents a plethora of recreation options. From urban parks in Detroit to camping facilities in northern Oakland County, City residents can find a myriad of choices within a 45-minute drive from home.



MAP 3. REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES



November 2019
Source: Oakland County Map Data

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| <p>STATE PARKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bald Mountain Rec Area 2. Belle Isle State Park 3. Dodge #4 State Park 4. Highland Rec Area 5. Island Lake Rec Area 6. Maybury State Park 7. Pontiac Lake Rec Area 8. Proud Lake Rec Area 9. Wetzel State Rec Area 10. William G. Milliken State Park <p>METROPARKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Delhi 21. Huron Meadows 22. Indian Springs 23. Kensington 24. Lake St. Clair 25. Lower Huron 26. Oakwoods 27. Stony Creek 28. Willow 29. Wolcott Mill | <p>COUNTY PARKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 30. Addison Oaks 31. Catalpa Oaks 32. Glen Oaks Golf Course 33. Groveland Oaks 34. Highland Oaks 35. Independence Oaks 36. Lyon Oaks 37. Orion Oaks 38. Red Oaks Golf Course 39. Rose Oaks 40. Springfield Oaks Golf Course 41. White Lake Oaks Golf Course <p>MAJOR TRAILS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50. Clinton River 51. Macomb Orchard 52. Paint Creek 53. Polly Ann 54. West Bloomfield |
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- DRIVE TIMES**
- 15 minutes or less
 - 30 minutes or less
 - 60 minutes or less

Regional Recreation Facilities

City of Huntington Woods, Michigan

TABLE 10. REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITY AMENITIES

Category	Key	Name	Acres / miles	Distance from Civic Center in miles	ACTIVE-USE ACTIVITIES										PASSIVE-USE ACTIVITIES												
					Baseball / Softball Fields	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes / Shuffleboard	Sand Volleyball	Skate Park	Soccer / multi-purpose field	Tennis & Pickleball	Zip Line	Banquet Facilities / Spec Events	Visitors Center	Community Center/ Indoor Fac.	Fitness Center / Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Parks / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter
STATE PARKS	1	Bald Mountain Rec Area	4,637	16			•																				
	2	Belle Isle State Park	982	40																							
	3	Dodge #4 State Park	139	13																							
	4	Highland State Rec Area	5,900	7																							
	5	Island Lake State Rec Area	4,000	18																							
	6	Maybury State Park	1,000	22																							
	7	Pontiac Lake State Park	3,745	6																							
	8	Proud Lake State Rec Area	4,700	12																							
	9	Wetzel State Rec Area	900	36																							
	10	WG Milliken State Park	31	39																							
METROPARKS	20	Delhi	81	32																							
	21	Huron Meadows	1,576	22																							
	22	Indian Springs	2,547	5																							
	23	Kensington	4,543	14																							
	24	Lake St. Clair	770	40																							
	25	Lower Huron	1,258	40																							
	26	Oakwoods	1,756	45																							
	27	Stony Creek	4,461	23																							
	28	Willow	1,700	43																							
29	Wolcott Mill	2,625	32																								
COUNTY PARKS	30	Addison Oaks	300	23																							
	31	Catalpa Oaks	24	33																							
	32	Glen Oaks Golf Course	122	26																							
	33	Groveland Oaks	361	7																							
	34	Highland Oaks	302	8																							
	35	Independence Oaks	1,286	11																							
	36	Lyon Oaks	1,041	20																							
	37	Orion Oaks	916	15																							
	38	Red Oaks Golf Course	141	35																							
	39	Rose Oaks	640	5																							
	40	Huntington Woods Oaks Golf Course	333	1																							
TRAILS	50	Clinton River	16 mi	20																							
	51	Macomb Orchard	24 mi	27																							
	52	Paint Creek	8.9 mi	23																							
	53	Polly Ann	14.5 m	18																							
	54	West Bloomfield	6.8 mi	20																							

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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Facilities in Neighboring Communities

Surrounded by the cities of Berkley, Oak Park, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, and Royal Oak, Huntington Woods residents benefit from the proximity of neighboring communities' parks and recreation facilities. These parks and facilities supplement those located in Huntington Woods with offerings such as active recreation, athletic fields, educational programs, golf, nature centers, playgrounds, and swimming.

Berkley

- Angell Park
- Community Park Complex / Community Center
- Jaycee Park
- Kiwanis Tot Lot
- Lazenby Park
- Merchants Park
- Oxford Towers Park
- Pattengill Park
- Rogers Park

Ferndale

- Martin Road Park
- Harding Park
- Geary Park
- Wilson Park
- Garbutt Park
- Lennon Memorial Park
- Wanda Park
- Kulick Community Center
- Oppenheim Park
- Fair Park
- Vester Park
- Oakridge Park
- Marie Park
- Schiffer Park

Oak Park

- Best Park
- Dewey Park
- Jackson Park
- Key Park
- Lessenger Park
- David H. Shepherd Park
- Tyler Park
- Victoria Park
- Rothstein Park
- Harding Park
- Greenfield Greenbelts
- Nine Mile Road Greenbelts

Pleasant Ridge

- Gainsboro Park
- Community Center Park
- Hessel Park
- Woodward Greenbelt Parks

Royal Oak

- Barton N
- Barton S
- Bassett
- Beechwood
- Clawson
- Cody
- MM Community Center
- Salter Community Center
- Cummington
- Dickinson
- Dondero
- Eagle Plaza
- Elks
- Exchange
- Fernwood
- Fries
- Franklin
- Fulton

- Grant
- Gunn / Dyer
- Huntington Woods
- Hudson / Mill Hwy
- Kenwood
- Lawson
- Lockhman
- Maddock
- Marais
- Mark Twain
- Marks
- Maudlin
- Meininger
- Memorial
- Miller
- Pioneer
- Quickstad
- Realtor
- Red Run
- Rotary
- Starr / JC
- Sullivan
- Fred Piper Optimist
- 13 Mile / Main
- Upton
- V.F.W.
- Wagner
- Waterworks
- Wendland
- Westwood
- Whittier
- Woodsboro
- Worden
- Worden East

Barrier Free Accessibility

The American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. Huntington Woods has taken great strides to ensure that its facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and continues to work toward 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.

TABLE 11. ADA ASSESSMENT

Park	Rank	Description
Alligator Park	3	Most facilities are accessible. An accessible pathway to the sandbox should be provided.
Burton Field	3	Most facilities are accessible. The dugouts and bleachers to the ballfields do not have accessible routes.
Coolidge / Elgin Park	2	Play equipment is accessible, but no route is provided to the structure, the drinking fountain, or the tables and benches.
Mary Kay Davis Park	2	An accessible route is provided to the pavilion, but no routes are available to benches and benches themselves are not ADA compliant.
11 Mile / Huntington	3	No route is provided to community garden. No parking sign was erected at the head of the HC parking space, although the space itself was painted as required.
Recreation & Aquatic Center	5	All amenities are accessible.
Hassig Senior Park	2	Walkways are narrow and uneven in spots. Abrupt transitions noted at the shuffleball courts.
Val Jones Skate Park	1	No accessible routes are provided to the equipment and the skate park itself is not accessible.
Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park	2	No accessible routes are provided to the benches or picnic tables.
Men's Club Field	2	No accessible routes were provided from the parking area to the fields, and the dugouts are not accessible.
Peasley Park	4	New play equipment, picnic tables, and handicapped parking was installed in 2019. A new path was also added to the soccer field and drinking fountain.
Reynolds Park	2	The play equipment is accessible, but the route from the entrance to the equipment contains abrupt transitions preventing access. Picnic tables are not ADA compliant.
Scotia Park	4	Accessible routes are provided to all of the amenities on the west side of the park, but no routes are provided to the eastern equipment. Overall, the park meets ADA requirements.
Statue Park	2	No routes are provided to benches or picnic tables.

Grant Assisted Projects

The City has been awarded five Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants since 1973. Grant funding from the state has been instrumental in developing recreation facilities for residents. Table 12 presents a description of all MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted park facilities.

TABLE 12. GRANT ASSISTED PROJECTS

Grant Number	Park	Amount	Description / Condition
26-00452 1973 LWCF	11 Mile/Huntington Park 3 lighted tennis courts, inline skating rink, play equipment, landscaping, and a community garden	\$ 18,800	The tennis courts have been upgraded (see 1989 grant) but are nearing the end of their useful life span. The play equipment and in-line skating were removed and replaced with pickleball courts.
26-01023 C3 1977 LWCF	Val Jones Park Multi-purpose court, horseshoe courts, playground equipment, picnic equipment, drinking fountain, water service, landscaping	\$ 10,577	The items installed in 1977 have served their useful life and have been removed.
BF89-514 1989 RBF	11 Mile/Huntington Park: recoating of tennis courts Reynolds Park: new play structure Coolidge/Elgin Park: new play structure	\$ 16,750	The tennis courts have been maintained but are nearing the end of their useful life span. The play structures at Reynolds have been replaced, while the structure at Coolidge / Elgin has served its useful life span.
BF93-203 1993 RBF	Burton Community Park New play structure, tables, benches, athletic field drainage, jogging path, landscaping, and lighting	\$ 100,000	The play structure has been replaced and the jogging path surface redone. Drainage remains a problem at the site.
CM00-152 2000 CMI	Val Jones Skate Park In-line skating rink, new play equipment, free-form skateboard area	\$ 196,000	The park is maintained in good condition and well used. The play equipment was moved to Peasley Park to replace outdated play equipment.

LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Fund (MDNR)
RBF = Recreation Bond Fund

CMI = Clean Michigan Initiative (EGLE)



Public Participation & Needs Assessment



Public Participation & Needs Assessment

A critical component in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs and desires of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. Needs and preferences provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives that lead to an action plan. To assess needs and desires, consideration was given to current recreation trends and input from community stakeholders, public officials, staff, and residents of the City of Huntington Woods.

Comparison to National 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 the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All of the City-operated parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of close-to-home park land recommended is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

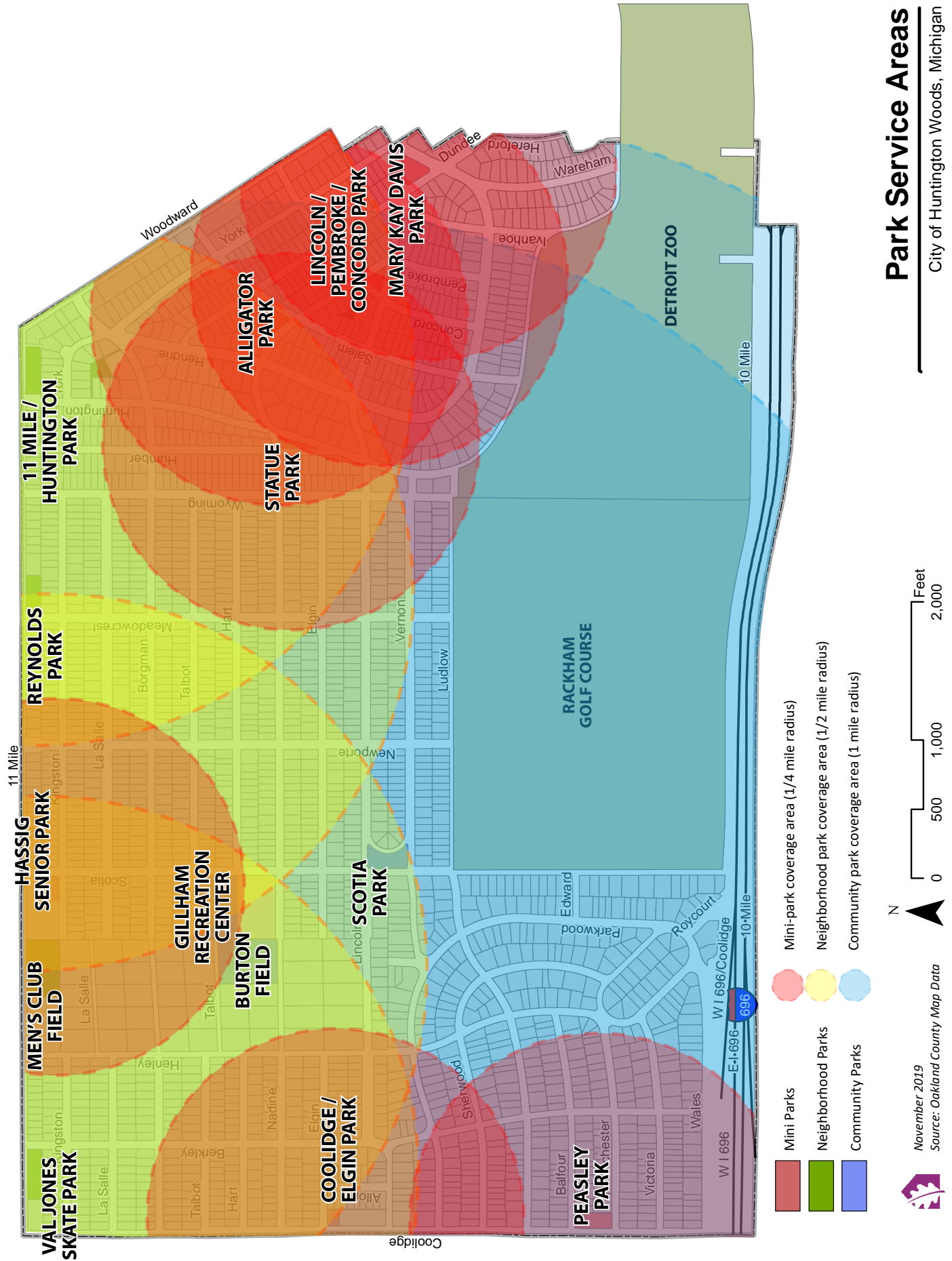
Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 45 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. In Huntington Woods, they include the County and HCMA-owned parks and recreation 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 fall short for total close-to-home park land acreage and, based on population estimates for 2045, will continue to be below the standards set forth in the 1996 study. Other recreation facilities located in the area including the school, golf course, and zoo help to offset this deficiency. In addition, Huntington Woods residents are exceptionally well-served by the regional park facilities provided by state, county, and HCMA parks that are located within the close range of the community.

It should also be noted that the NRPA qualified the results of the 1996 study in recent years, stating that a formulaic approach to recreation provision does not take into account the wide variety of variables that can affect how a park system is established and maintained. Using park service areas to determine the effectiveness of Huntington Woods' park system, for example, shows a completely different story than the "acres per thousand" model. Map 4 on the opposite page shows coverage areas for the City's parks, with mini-parks shown with a 1/4 mile service radius, neighborhood parks with a 1/2 mile radius, and community parks with a 1 mile service radius. By this standard, the City is exceptionally well served and additional park land would not be suggested.

TABLE 13. COMPARISON TO ACREAGE STANDARDS

Type of Park	NRPA standard acres/1000 population	Suggested acres per 2019 pop. (6,259)	Existing
Close to Home Parkland	6.25 - 10.5 acres	39 - 66 acres	14.4 acres
Regional Parks	15 - 20 Acres	94 - 125 acres	53,000 acres+
Burton Elementary School	-	-	3 acres



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 14 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2018.

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.

The implication of the trends noted above, along with the demographic and physical characteristics of the area, can be summarized as follows:

- Recreation facilities should respond to the expected increase of seniors.
- Development of pathways to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable community must be a priority.
- Collaboration and partnerships between public, private, and non-profit agencies and adjacent local municipalities for the provision of parks and recreation programs and facilities will be critical to the future success of the Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Department.

TABLE 14. NATIONAL SPORTS PARTICIPATION 2016

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

TABLE 15. TOP TEN OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN MICHIGAN

Activity	% Participating	Activity	% Participating
Biking	25	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



PUBLIC INPUT

RESIDENT SURVEY

An online survey was made available from September 12 through October 18, 2019 and was re-opened between December 11, 2019 to January 1, 2020, with hard copy versions available at the Recreation Center. The survey was advertised on the City website, Facebook page, Nextdoor Huntington Woods, and on flyers at various locations around the City. 300 unique responses were received from area residents. A summary of the survey results is included in the Supporting Documents in appendix A to this report.

General Recreation Facilities

In general, Huntington Woods residents are happy with their park system, but they recognize that there are shortcomings in some facilities. 99% of respondents indicated that facility maintenance is important or very important, and therefore should be the primary goal of Parks & Recreation. Similarly, 93% felt maintenance of existing programming is important or very important while development of new programs was viewed as important by 81% of participants. Acquisition and development of new parks (35%) or new trail systems (40%) was not viewed favorably.

While participants had suggestions for improvements at every facility, Men's Club Field was by far viewed as the top priority park for improvements. Comments about

drainage issues, the lack of playground facilities, and the state of the ball field were frequently mentioned. At the open house, one participant mentioned problems associated with the practice of storing excess snow on site, as it saturates the field, frequently delaying opening day for soccer and baseball teams, and debris has been found left behind from the melting snow. Drainage was also viewed as a major problem at the park.

Burton Field experienced similar challenges. Drainage problems on the southern end of the park was frequently mentioned, as was the condition of the running track. The ball fields were also viewed as an problem.

Despite being completely reworked in 2018, Scotia Park was viewed as the third highest priority project. Several participants were unhappy with the scope of the recent development, especially the removal of several mature trees. Lack of shade and lack of amenities other than benches and picnic tables were commonly mentioned.

While considered a low priority, several comments questioned the programming at Val Jones Skate Park. Many felt that the skating and roller hockey facilities were underutilized, and that the community would be better served if the park space were re-imagined. It is important to note that improvements to this park were funded by a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant in coordination with the Michigan DNR. If the property is redeveloped, it must remain a recreation facility per terms of the grant agreement.

For the remaining parks, typical suggestions included upgrading pathways in the parks, upgrading playground facilities, and adding restrooms. Shade was frequently mentioned, whether in the form of sun screens or additional trees. Several participants mentioned the "lack of mulch" or "wood chips" at neighboring parks, suggesting a preference for poured-in-place safety surfacing. The addition of a splash pad was requested on multiple occasions, although a preferred location was not mentioned. A small group mentioned the addition of a dog park, although there was some indication that simply being able to bring dogs into the existing parks would be considered adequate. Construction of a dog park has been explored by the City, but was determined to be infeasible due to lack of space and lack of community and neighborhood support.

Overall, all of the parks were rated as satisfactory by survey participants. While some of the scores were somewhat lower than expected, it shows that the community is actively using the park system and alert to ongoing changes to facilities.

Participant Ratings of "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied" by Park

- **Mary Kay Davis Park** 89%
- **11 Mile / Huntington Park** 83%
- **Reynolds Park** 82%
- **Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord** 79%
- **Statue Park** 78%
- **Val Jones Skate Park** 74%
- **Burton Field** 73%
- **Hassig Senior Park** 73%
- **Men's Club Field** 73%
- **Alligator Park** 72%
- **Coolidge / Elgin Park** 67%
- **Peasley Park** 63%
- **Scotia Park** 53%

Programming

Participants were generally happy with programming opportunities. When asked about the relative importance of programs offered by the City, all but one program were deemed “important” or “very important” by over 70% of respondents (“Adult Trips” received a 66% rating). In terms of quality of the program offerings, participants indicated that they found the majority of programs to be “Excellent” or “Good”, with only Drop-In Gym (49%), Fitness Programs (40%), and Adult Sports (38%) receiving less than a 50% rating. These comments mirror the open ended results in the survey; the lack of a fitness center, either indoor or outdoor, was mentioned by several participants.

Trails & Pathways

Survey participants were not interested in seeing a non-motorized trail network developed in the City. Trails were viewed as an unnecessary cost by some participants, possibly due to the already robust network of sidewalks present in the area and the low speeds of the City roads. Despite the lack of desire to see close-to-home trail development, many residents took advantage of the large regional trails available in nearby communities.

Aquatic Center & Pool

Specific questions were asked regarding provision of shade at the pool. Opinions were mixed regarding removal of a grassy area to accommodate shade structures, but overall ensuring that adequate shade was provided at area parks was a common message. When directly asked, 65% of participants felt that adding shade to the pool deck was important, and 58% were in favor of removing the grassy area to accommodate shade structures.

One idea mentioned by several participants was enclosing the existing pool to allow year-round access. Such an endeavour would be extremely expensive, both in terms of up-front and ongoing costs. Retaining life guard on a year-round basis would also be challenging. Life guards are typically high school or college aged students, and are rarely available for hire during the time school is in session. Further study will be required to assess the feasibility of a pool enclosure.

Programming Satisfaction Rates (Percent of programs rated “Excellent” or “Good”)

• Fourth of July	93%
• Pool	87%
• Concerts in the Park	86%
• Fruit Camp	86%
• School-Age Recreation Programs	83%
• Preschool Programs	78%
• Family Special Events	77%
• Latchkey	75%
• Youth Sports	75%
• Specialty Camp	74%
• Senior Programs	67%
• Teen Programs	65%
• Adult Trips	63%
• Adult Special Events	60%
• Adult Programs	54%
• Senior Outreach	53%
• Drop-in Gym	49%
• Fitness Programs	40%
• Adult Sports	38%

Funding

Participants were asked how best to fund needed improvements and ongoing operational costs. 36% were in favor of a “modest, temporary millage”, but the remainder of the survey group felt other methods should be examined before adding a new tax. Community fundraising events (28%), sponsorship opportunities (25%), and online fundraising (11%) were all viewed as preferable to a new millage.

Community Open House

In addition to the online survey, an open house was held at the Recreation Center on October 3, 2019.

Approximately 30 to 40 people stopped in to the event to view boards and discuss their concerns.

Comments received at the Open House closely mirrored the opinions voiced in the online survey. The two most frequently mentioned park properties were Burton Field and Men's Club Field, where drainage and field conditions were discussed. Val Jones Skate Park was described as under-utilized, and it was theorized that skate park development in nearby communities could be contributing to the lack of use.

For the remaining parks, lack of a diversity of equipment and programming opportunities and the tendency to over-program some parks was brought up. Introducing exercise equipment at one or more parks was suggested, with the idea of creating an "exercise loop" between some of the pocket parks with different pieces of equipment at each park.

Open house participants were more willing to investigate non-motorized facility development than survey participants, but even so, the topic did not dominate discussion. Some open house participants indicated a desire to see bike lane development along Coolidge Highway and 11 Mile Road, but questioned how it could be accomplished. They noted ongoing efforts in surrounding communities and a desire to tie in to their trail development plans.



Goals & Objectives



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were formulated to provide direction and a long-term vision for the City of Huntington Woods parks and recreation services. The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public, City officials, and staff. In addition, they consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical and cultural resources, and national and state recreation trends.

The mission of the City of Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Department is to:

“Commit to developing and providing programs and activities to enhance the lives of residents.”

While the recreation goals for the City of Huntington Woods parks and recreation express intent and purpose, the objectives that follow are more specific and address the manner in which the goals may be achieved.

1. Parks Maintenance Goal

Goal: Maintain parks to provide clean, safe, attractive, and functional environments

Objectives:

1. Replace/upgrade aging park facilities and equipment;
2. Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
3. Remove barriers to universal access;
4. Refurbish athletic fields and parking/pavement surfaces;
5. Enhance park maintenance through increased weeding, tree pruning, and general park upkeep; and
6. Plant trees and shrubs to create shade and supplement landscaped areas.

2. Parks Renovation / Development Goal

Goal: Renovate/develop park facilities to respond to residents' recreational needs and that are financially sustainable.

Objectives:

1. Add play structures/apparatus as well as other park amenities such as a temporary ice rink as feasible;
2. Install support facilities such as shade structures, picnic pavilion, and restrooms;
3. Add park furnishings as needed including picnic tables, benches, and drinking water fountain; and
4. Design and implement a uniform park signage and wayfinding system that is consistent with other signage and branding efforts used throughout the City.

3. Recreation Programs & Services Goal

Goal: Continue to enhance the quality of recreation programming and services.

Objectives:

1. Encourage healthy and active lifestyles through the provision of programs and events that promote exercise and fitness;
2. Continue to broaden the variety of activities offered while ensuring that programs are financially self-sustaining;
3. Monitor and evaluate recreation programs to assess gaps in the provision of services;
4. Continue to expand and provide programs and events that build community;
5. Continue to expand the use of web-based communication tools; and
6. Provide opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects.

4. Complete Streets Goal

Goal: Establish complete streets infrastructure to improve accessibility, increase mobility into and out of Huntington Woods, and make bicycling and walking a safe and convenient option for residents.

Objectives:

1. Work with the City Commission and Planning Commission to prepare a City-wide Complete Streets plan for Huntington Woods;
2. Establish pedestrian connections to nodes of activity; and
3. Add pedestrian amenities around the City to include, for example, way finding signs, benches, trash receptacles, and mile markers.

5. Administration & Operational Goal

Goal: Provide for the administration and operation of parks and recreation services in a sustainable and fiscally sound way.

Objectives:

1. Increase staffing and maintenance equipment as needed to support services;
2. Continue monitoring fees and costs for recreation programs and services;
3. Work to increase program revenues to increase self-sufficiency of recreation department;
4. Maintain existing and forge new partnerships with public and private recreation providers to support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
5. Increase volunteer opportunities for recreation programs and park stewardship;
6. Build a "Friends of the Parks" group which could be active in providing additional support for park project and funding;
7. Continue to pursue grants for park development; and
8. Seek opportunities to utilize public/private partnerships and zoning mechanisms to fund park improvements.

Action Program



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ACTION PROGRAM

The action program further details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of desired improvements which can be considered as long-term projects to be accomplished for each park or activity. It also provides a project improvement schedule focusing on projects to be accomplished within the next five years. Strategies for implementation are also suggested.

DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS

The following outlines the desired improvements which represent the long-term preferred vision for each park or activity. The improvements are grouped by park or activity and address the goals and objectives.

1. MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE EXISTING PARK FACILITIES (ALL PARKS)

These activities include replacing or repairing old equipment and facilities which are in a state of disrepair, are outdated, or dangerous. They also include improving the appearance of the City parks through appropriate landscaping and maintenance. All upgrades must meet safety and accessibility standards. Proposed activities include:

- A. Remove/replace outdated play equipment;
- B. Maintain safety surfaces under play structures to regulated depth and fall zone;
- C. Refurbish athletic field, parking areas, and court game pavement surfaces as needed;
- D. Repair/replace/add park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, drinking water fountain, and secondary, warning/rule signs;
- E. Maintain structures and buildings in good condition with roof repair, exterior painting, and other needed renovations;
- F. Repair and improve existing, main park entry signs; consider designing a uniform park signage system for both park entry signs and secondary, warning/rule signs;
- G. Restrict and enforce overnight parking at applicable parks;
- H. Manage existing vegetation with weeding, removal of dead/disease limbs and plant materials, and addition of perennial, shrub, and tree plantings; and
- I. Continue general park upkeep and stewardship.



2. IMPROVE MINI-PARKS

The City's mini-parks provide welcome green, open spaces within residential areas. Suggested improvements include:

- A. Generally improve all pocket parks maintenance and landscaping;
- B. Create consistent park signage, rules and wayfinding signs;
- C. Ensure that accessible routes are provided to benches and picnic tables;
- D. Upgrade benches and picnic tables to ADA compliant designs;
- E. Utilize permeable surfaces and other environmentally sensitive materials when possible;
- F. Continually monitor and evaluate park usage trends;
- G. Coolidge / Elgin Park:
 - i. Upgrade play equipment;
 - ii. Add shade structures; and
 - iii. Add poured-in-place safety surfacing;
- H. Hassig Senior Park:
 - i. Refurbish gazebo; and
 - ii. Reset shuffleball courts to eliminate slopes and abrupt transitions
- I. Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park:
 - i. Consider addition of a small play structure
- J. Statue Park:
 - i. Restore fountain to working condition and/or add new fountain
- K. Add exercise equipment components to Alligator, Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord, Statue Park, and Mary Kay Davis Parks and develop an exercise loop with route signage between the four parks.

3. IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- A. Generally improve all neighborhood parks maintenance and landscaping;
- B. Create consistent park signage, rules and wayfinding signs;
- C. Ensure that accessible routes are provided to benches and picnic tables;
- D. Upgrade benches and picnic tables to ADA compliant designs;
- E. Utilize permeable surfaces and other environmentally sensitive materials when possible;
- F. Continually monitor and evaluate park usage trends;
- G. 11 Mile / Huntington Park:
 - i. Resurface tennis and pickleball courts; and
 - ii. Improve landscaping and park visibility on northeast corner to create a "gateway to the city";
- H. Reynolds Park:
 - i. Implement the existing park development plan as shown in Appendix B including new landscaping, exercise equipment, pathways, and sand play area; and
 - ii. Add restroom facilities
- I. Men's Club Field:
 - i. Refurbish ball field, backstop, and bleachers;
 - ii. Address drainage issues; and
 - iii. Evaluate alternative options for snow placement

- J. Val Jones Skate Park:
 - i. Conduct a study of park usage levels and receive resident feedback on possible park reconfiguration; and
 - ii. Add accessible walkways to park amenities

4. IMPROVE COMMUNITY PARKS

- A. Generally improve all community parks maintenance and landscaping;
- B. Create consistent park signage, rules and wayfinding signs;
- C. Ensure that accessible routes are provided to benches and picnic tables;
- D. Upgrade benches and picnic tables to ADA compliant designs;
- E. Utilize permeable surfaces and other environmentally sensitive materials when possible;
- F. Continually monitor and evaluate park usage trends;
- G. Scotia Park:
 - i. Add restroom facilities; and
 - ii. Add large trees
- H. Burton Field:
 - i. Address drainage issues on south side of park;
 - ii. Refurbish ball fields; and
 - iii. Resurface running track

5. IMPROVE THE RECREATION CENTER

- A. Consider addition of a fitness room / facility;
- B. Reconfigure basement and storage space areas to create additional recreation space area;
- C. Resurface tennis courts and convert one court to pickleball facilities;
- D. Offer additional indoor toddler play equipment; and
- E. Add a coffee shop and healthier food options.

6. IMPROVE THE AQUATIC CENTER

- A. Reconfigure grassy area and install shade structure; and
- B. Renovate cafe / snack bar area and offer additional food options.

7. IMPROVE THE CITY'S WALKABILITY

- A. Work with the City Commission and Planning Commission to develop a city-wide complete streets plan;
- B. Make crosswalks at 11 Mile Road/Woodward Avenue, Lincoln/Woodward Avenue, and other problem intersections more pedestrian-oriented with treatments such as improved lighting and bricked pavement corners;
- C. Install amenities including drinking water fountains, benches, trash cans, bike racks, and pet waste dispensers;
- D. Continue to work with surrounding communities to ensure that planned non-motorized facility development in those communities are consistent with the values of Huntington Woods residents; and
- E. Install way finding and warning signs.

8. CONTINUE TO ENHANCE HIGH QUALITY RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Continue to enhance the life of City residents by providing high quality recreation experiences that respond to community needs and by facilitating the use of City parks and recreation facilities by City residents and community groups. More specific actions include.

- A. Continue to evaluate and monitor programs to assess their value to the overall system and work to broaden the participant base;
- B. Continue to broaden the variety of activities offered; class suggestions include more adult fitness programs and programs for active seniors, as well as more specifically, a robotic class and higher level art for tweens/teens, a full day Camp Apple option, computer programming, dog walking club, music classes, more concerts in the park, etc.
- C. Maintain core recreation programs including pre-school/youth-age children and starter sports activities, youth classes and sports, latchkey, summer and specialized camps, aquatics, adult fitness classes and sports, adult enrichment classes, senior health and wellness, senior trips, and community-wide events;
- D. Increase dedicated space for senior activities and programs;
- E. Carefully consider pool usage and schedule and possibly extend nighttime hours, early morning hours, overall length of season, and find a better balance for adult swim users;
- F. Consider providing infant daycare services; and
- G. Continue to utilize web-based communication tools such as Nextdoor Huntington Woods, Facebook and eBlasts.

9. PROVIDE FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A means of balancing expenses and revenues should be continually explored to support the desired improvement projects and to maintain park facilities and recreation programs to a high quality standard. The City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board must advocate and promote the social, economic, and environmental values and benefits of parks and recreation by reaching out to the community and the region. Proposed actions include:

- A. Continually review staffing levels and park maintenance equipment inventory as needed to ensure efficient operation and maintenance of park facilities and recreation programs;
- B. Increase volunteer opportunities for recreation programs, park enhancements, and stewardship;
- C. Evaluate fees and charges for programs and services to increase cost recovery;
- D. Maintain existing and forge new partnerships with public and private recreation providers that support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
- E. Continue to pursue state and federal grants for park land development;
- F. Build a Friends of the Huntington Woods Parks group to provide support for park project and funding; and
- G. Explore and submit proposals to private foundations for recreation program funding and for park land development.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Table 16 lists the individual capital improvement projects along with the specific tasks to be accomplished, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned. Short-term projects (ST) are recommended for completion within one to two years, medium-term (MT) within two to five years while long-term projects (LT) may take longer to complete, within five to six years. There are also tasks that are on-going (OG).

TABLE 16. PROJECT IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Coolidge / Elgin Park			
Add accessible walkways to benches and picnic tables	\$ 4,000 - \$ 6,000	LF	ST
Add accessible picnic table and benches and pads	\$ 2,000 - \$ 4,000	LF	ST
Upgrade signage	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Upgrade play equipment	\$ 50,000 - \$ 75,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add shade structures or trees	\$ 20,000 - \$ 30,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add poured-in-place safety surfacing	\$ 40,000 - \$ 50,000	LF, D, G	MT
Hassig Senior Park			
Refurbish gazebo	\$ 2,000 - \$3,000	LF	ST
Reset shuffleboard courts to eliminate gaps	\$ 1,000 - \$ 1,500	LF	ST
Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park			
Add accessible walkways to benches and picnic tables	\$ 4,000 - \$ 6,000	LF	ST
Add accessible picnic table and benches and pads	\$ 2,000 - \$ 4,000	LF	ST
Upgrade signage	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Add exercise equipment and route map	\$ 3,000 - 4,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Add small play structure	\$25,000 - \$ 40,000	LF, D, G	LT
Statue Park			
Add accessible walkways to benches and picnic tables	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Add accessible picnic table and benches and pads	\$ 2,000 - \$ 4,000	LF	ST
Upgrade signage	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Add exercise equipment and route map	\$ \$ 3,000 - \$ 4,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Restore or replace fountain	\$ 1,000 - \$ 5,000	LF, D, G	LT
Alligator Park			
Add accessible walkways to sandbox	\$ 1,000 - \$ 1,500	LF	ST
Add accessible picnic table and benches and pads	\$ 2,000 - \$ 4,000	LF	ST
Upgrade signage	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Add exercise equipment and route map	\$ \$ 3,000 - \$ 4,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Mary Kay Davis Park			
Add accessible picnic table and benches and pads	\$ 2,000 - \$ 4,000	LF	ST
Upgrade signage	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Add exercise equipment and route map	\$ \$ 3,000 - \$ 4,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT

*LF = Local Funds, G = Grants, D = Donations

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
11 Mile / Huntington			
Upgrade signage	\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	LF	ST
Resurface tennis and pickleball courts	\$ 30,000 - \$ 60,000	LF, D, G	MT
Improve landscaping at northeast corner	\$ 30,000 - \$ 40,000	LF, D, G	MT
Reynolds Park			
Add restroom facilities	\$ 100,000 - \$ 125,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Implement existing conceptual site plan	\$ 100,000 - \$ 150,000	LF, D, G	ST
Men's Club Field			
Refurbish ball fields, back stop, and bleachers	\$ 100,000 - \$ 150,000	LF, D, G	MT
Address drainage issues	\$ 50,000 - \$ 75,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Val Jones Skate Park			
Evaluate options for reconfiguration of park	\$ 10,000 - \$ 15,000	LF	MT
Scotia Park			
Add restroom facilities	\$ 100,000 - \$ 125,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add large trees	\$ 30,000 - \$ 40,000	LF, D, G	ST
Burton Field			
Address drainage issues	\$ 50,000 - \$ 75,000	LF, D	ST
Refurbish ball fields	\$ 100,000 - \$ 150,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Refurbish running track	\$ 75,000 - \$ 100,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Recreation Center			
Resurface tennis court and convert one court to pickleball	\$ 30,000 - \$ 60,000	LF, D, G	MT
Aquatic Center			
Reconfigure grassy area and add shade structures	\$ 60,000 - \$ 100,000	LF, D, G	MT

*LF = Local Funds, G = Grants, D = Donations

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

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive grant program for projects such as bike paths and other pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements which enhance or provide safe alternative transportation options. The program uses federal transportation funds designated by Congress for these types of activities. TAP was created by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), signed into law in July 2012.

Approximately \$24.5 million is available annually. Of this, \$17.6 million is available through a competitive grant process administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Economic Development (OED). The other \$6.9 million is available through competitive grant processes administered by the metropolitan planning organizations in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000. In southeast Michigan, SEMCOG administers these grants.

TAP applications may be submitted online at any time. Funding commitments are typically issued several times per year for future fiscal years.

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. 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, which 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.

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 City 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 development or maintenance.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation 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.

The City may also choose to look into various forms of public-private partnerships (P3) to fund park projects. When properly implemented, P3s can provide much needed capital for both development and long-term green space maintenance. P3s can take a wide variety of forms, but typically involve agreements with non-profit agencies to manage the day-to-day operation of public facilities. Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and other forms of zoning approaches may also help fund specific projects, but require careful planning and consideration prior to implementation to ensure that the projects meet appropriate legal standards.

Appendices



Huntington Woods Survey Summary

An online survey was made available from September 12 through October 18, 2019, and again from December 11, 2019 through January 1, 2020. Hard copies of the survey were available at the Gillham Recreation Center during the latter time period. The survey was advertised on the City website, Facebook page, and on flyers at various locations around Huntington Woods. 299 unique responses were received from area residents. A summary of those responses is provided below.

NOTE: For all open-ended questions (e.g. question 9), responses are organized by topic but are otherwise presented verbatim with no edits to grammar or spelling.

Question 1. Where do you live?

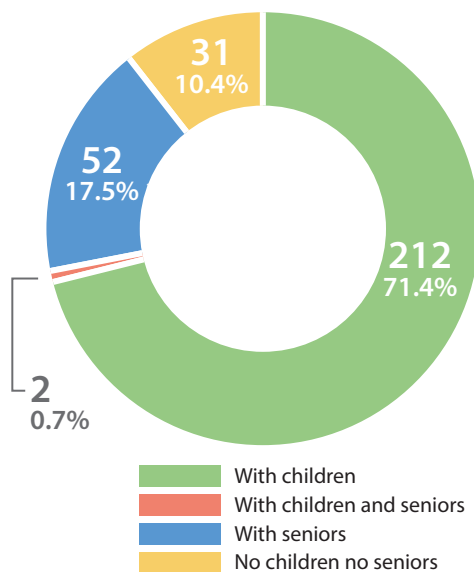
Location	# responses	% responses
Huntington Woods	289	97%
Royal Oak	4	1%
Berkley	2	< 1%
Oak Park	1	< 1%
Did not answer	3	1%

Question 3. Please describe your current living situation

100% of respondents live in a single family home (299 responses received)

Question 2. What are the ages of the members of your household?

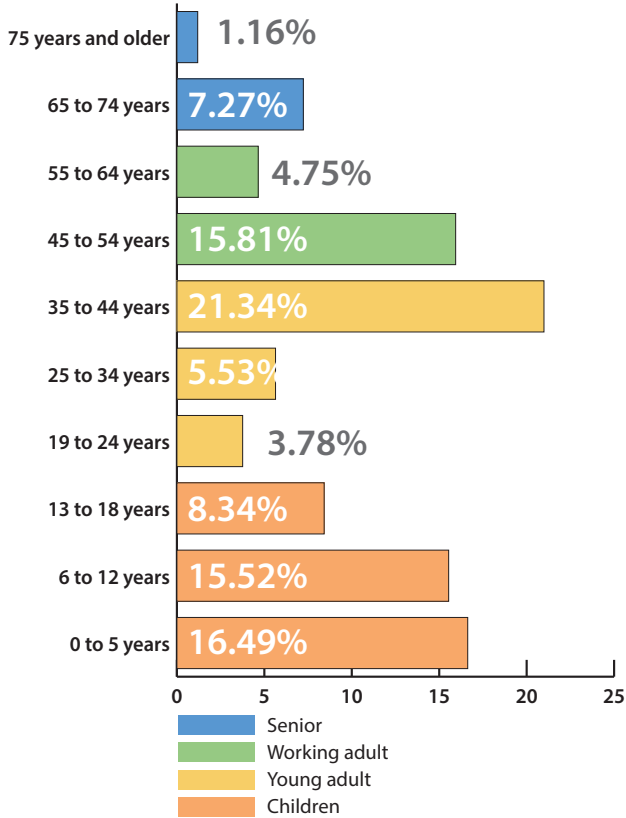
Household Status (by survey entry)
Total 290 entries



297 entries out of 300 total survey responses provided age data. The following analysis details the age ranges found in those 297 entries:

Household Status	Number	Percent
With children:	212	71.38%
With seniors:	52	17.51%
With children & seniors	2	0.67%
No children or seniors	31	10.44%
Total:	297	

Reported Individual Age Ranges Individuals represented: 592

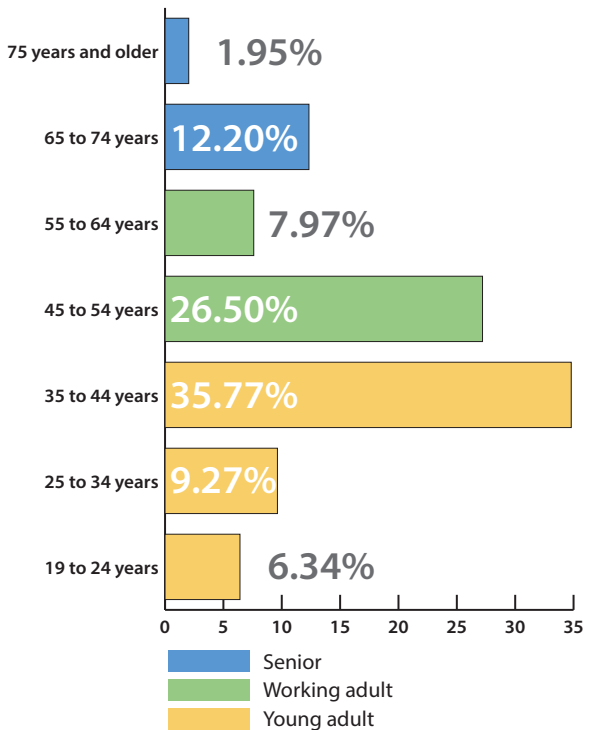


The survey asked participants to detail the age ranges of individuals within each household. The total number of persons described in the survey equals 1,031 individuals. Children 18 and under account for 416 individuals, or about 40% of the total survey population.

Reported Individual Age Ranges Individuals represented: 1,010

	Number	Percent
75 years and older	12	1.16%
65 to 74 years:	75	7.27%
55 to 64 years:	49	4.75%
45 to 54 years:	163	15.81%
35 to 44 years:	220	21.34%
25 to 34 years:	57	5.53%
19 to 24 years:	39	3.78%
13 to 18 years:	86	8.34%
6 to 12 years:	160	15.52%
0 to 5 years:	170	16.49%
Total:	1,010	

Reported Individual Age Ranges (excluding children 18 and under) Individuals represented: 592



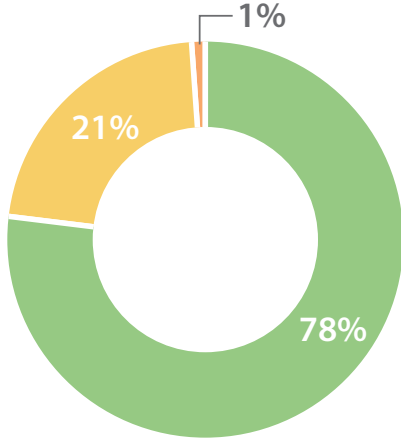
The survey did not ask the age of the person filling out the form; If we assume that only adults 19 and over completed the survey, we are left with a population of 615 possible respondents. The age range percentages in this scenario are represented in the table below.

Reported Individual Age Ranges (excluding children 18 and under) Individuals represented: 592

	Number	Percent
75 years and older	12	1.95%
65 to 74 years:	75	12.20%
55 to 64 years:	49	7.97%
45 to 54 years:	163	26.50%
35 to 44 years:	220	35.77%
25 to 34 years:	57	9.27%
19 to 24 years:	39	6.34%
Total:	615	

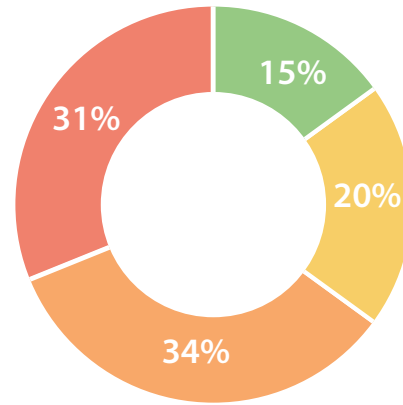
Question 4. How important are the following items to you and your family?

Maintain Existing Parks



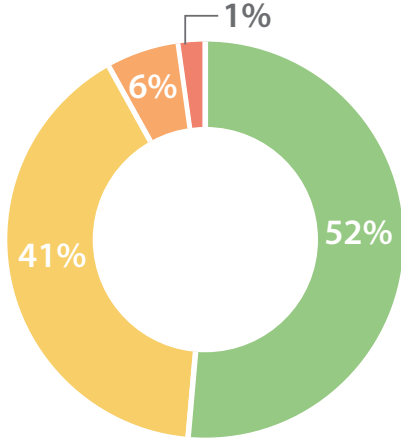
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Acquire & Develop New Parks



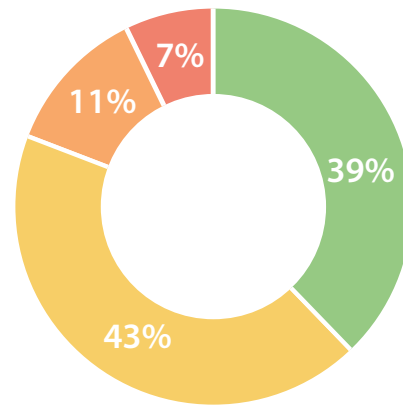
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Maintain Existing Programming



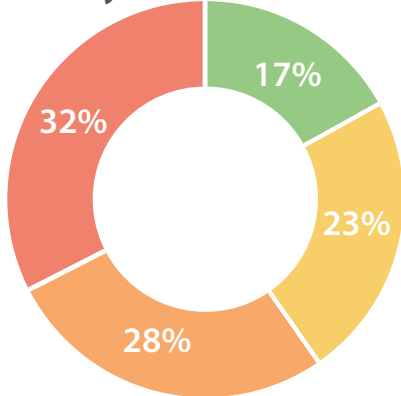
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Develop New Programming



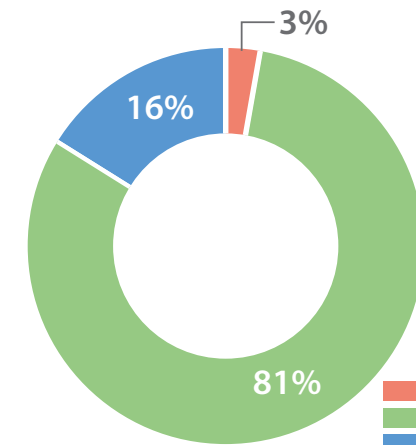
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Develop a Community-Wide Trail System



Very Important (Green), Important (Yellow), Somewhat unimportant (Orange), Not important at all (Red)

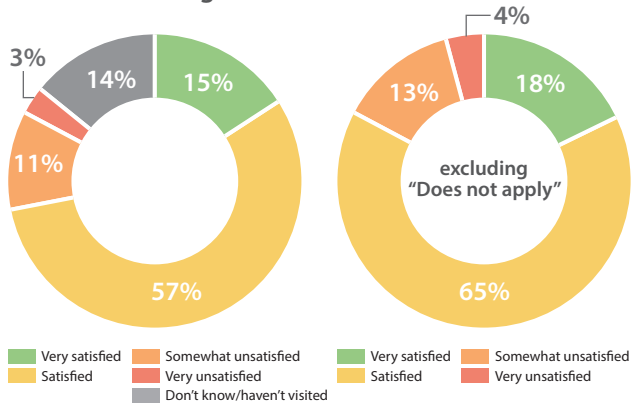
Question 5. Does Huntington Woods have too many, too few, or the right number of parks?



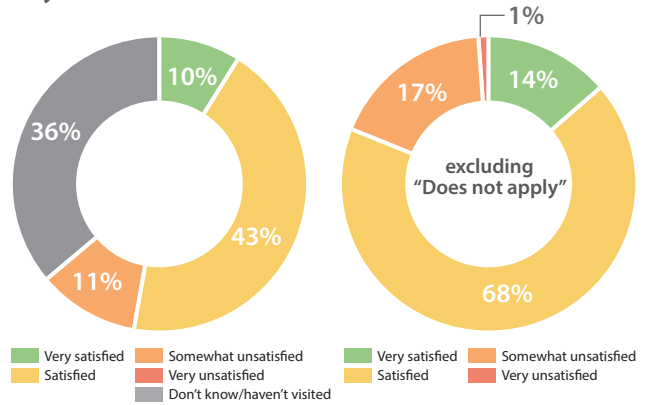
Too many (Red), Just about right (Green), Too few (Blue)

Question 6. How satisfied are you with Huntington Woods' Parks?

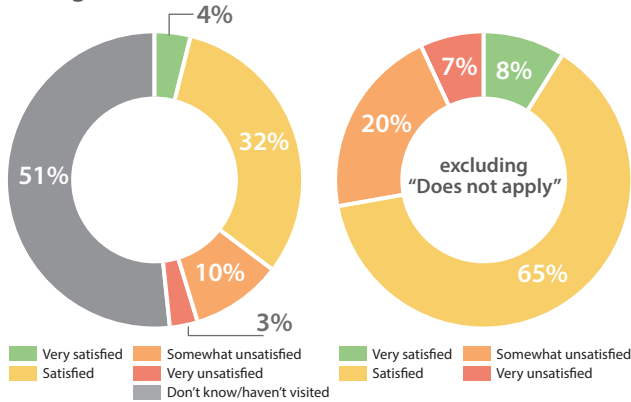
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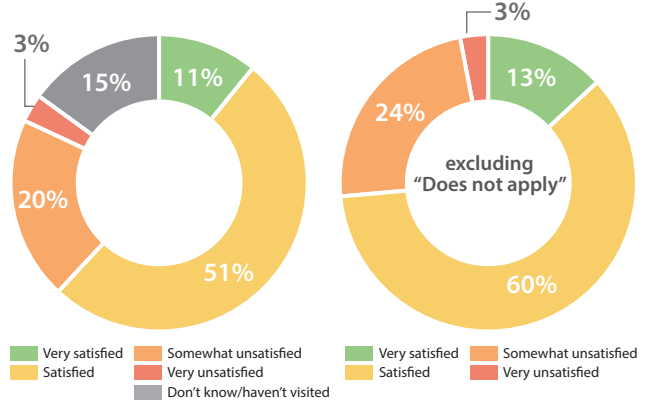
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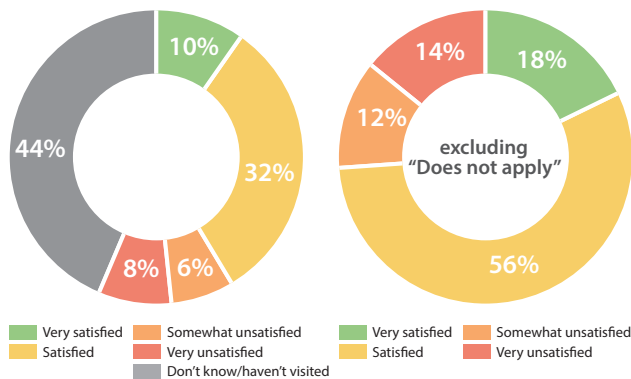
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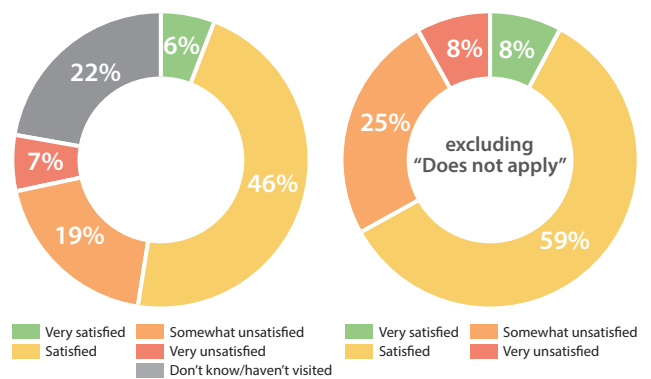
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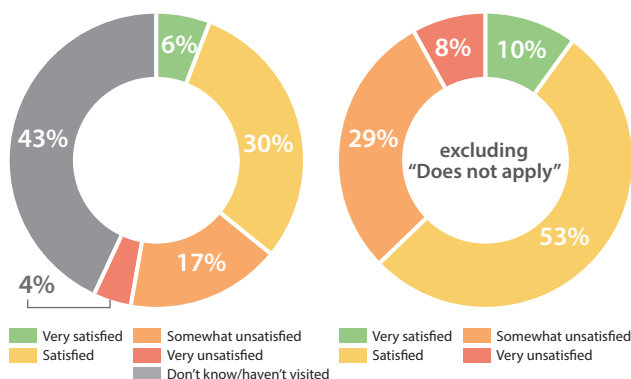
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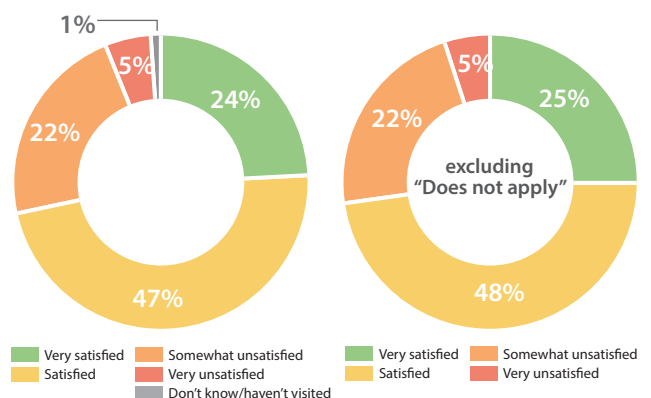
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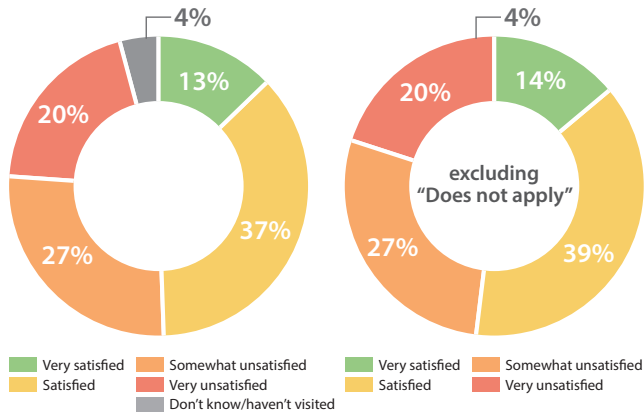
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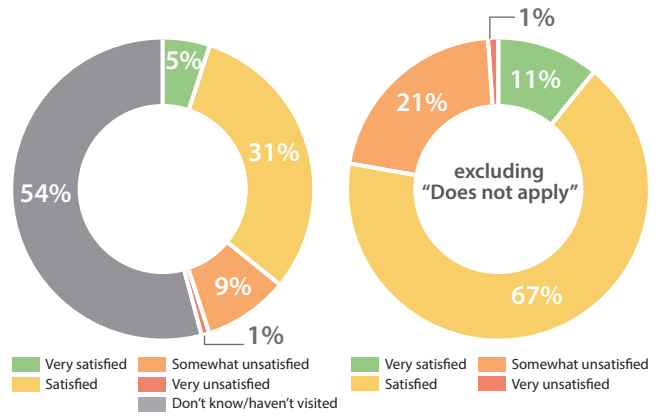
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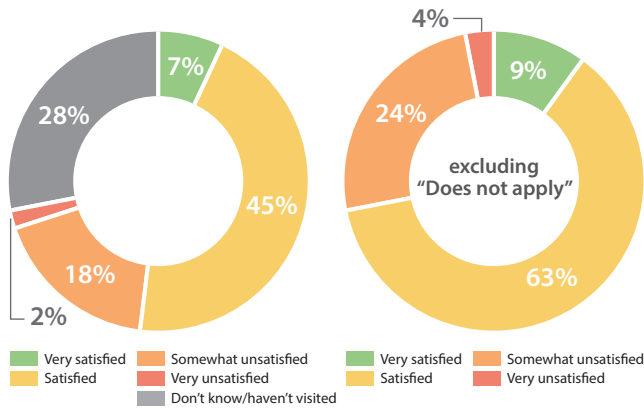
Scotia Park



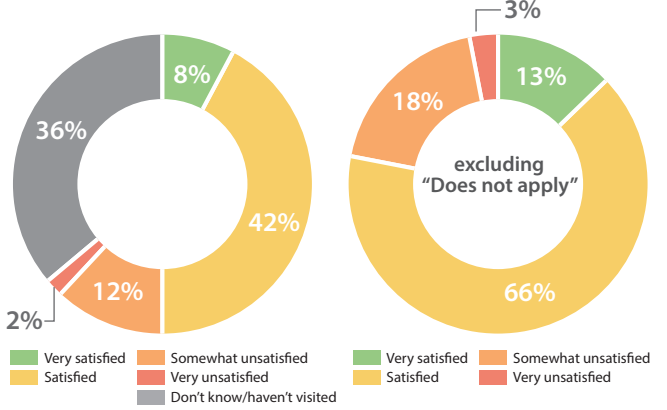
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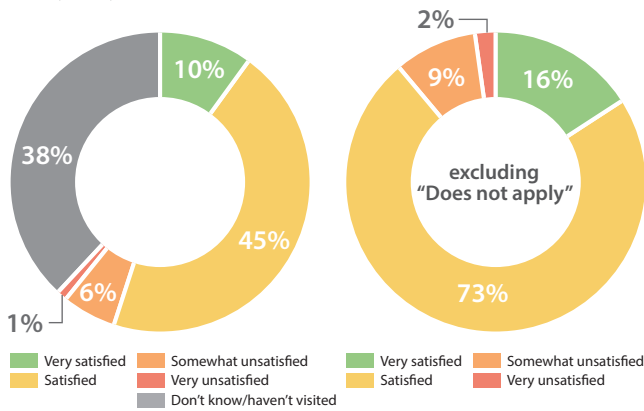
Alligator Park



Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park



Mary Kay Davis Park



Question 7. Please select the top five parks you feel need the most improvements. 1 would be the top priority, and 5 would be the fifth priority.

Park	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5	Score	Rank
Men's Club Field	19	33	174	13	6	781	1
Burton Field	39	30	30	7	10	429	2
Scotia Park	35	18	15	18	9	337	3
11 Mile / Huntington Park	28	24	12	16	14	318	4
Coolidge / Elgin Park	25	21	18	10	13	296	5
Alligator Park	8	20	15	19	12	215	6
Peasley Park	18	16	8	8	6	200	7
Reynolds Park	17	5	9	5	8	150	8
Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park	3	6	11	14	8	108	9
Val Jones Skate Park	14	1	7	5	2	107	10
Hassig Senior Park	3	11	8	5	3	96	11
Mary Kay Davis Park	7	1	9	2	14	84	12
Statue Park	2	4	4	3	5	49	13

Question 8. Do you or your family visit neighboring community, county, or state recreational facilities?

Yes: 78%
No: 22%

Question 9. If yes, which parks do you visit, and what attracts you to them?

NOTE: For open ended questions, responses are reported verbatim and are categorized by topic where possible. There may be spelling or grammatical errors. Where duplicate answers were provided, the total number of responses are noted next to the answer.

Other / Unusual Amenities

1. Kensington Metro - hiking trails, farm for grandkids
2. Grant Park in Royal Oak is awesome, kids love the ninja/workout equipment
3. Lake St. Claire Metropark, Belle Isle, Kensington-- bike paths, beaches, playgrounds with zip lines
4. Whittier park, RO - Pickleball , Clawson city park woodchip path
5. Multiple
6. None one in particular, just visit as travels through a town
7. Booth Park in Birmingham for play equipment and sledding and Shaun Park in Birmingham for zip line
8. Splash pads or water type activities, nature trails, soft ground instead of wood chips
9. Many parks
10. Shain Park in Birmingham. Great play structure and large area to run w a great sledding hill
11. R.O. Jaycee Park (railroad and playscape), Belle Isle (museum and location), and many state forests

Location Mentioned (No reason provided)

1. Belle Isle — waterfront walking, historic attractions
2. Belle Isle, Starr Jaycee, Kensington Metropark, Island Lake
3. Belle Isle (2)
4. Belle isle. Kensington
5. Beverly Hills
6. Beverly Park
7. Birmingham park just north of downtown
8. Birmingham
9. Southfield and Birmingham (2)
10. Nature areas, Detroit zoo
11. Many throughout Oakland, Wane, and Washtenaw County
12. Various county and state parks
13. Metro and near by State parks
14. State Parks
15. Kensington. Metropark
16. Kensington
17. Several parks in Royal Oak with my Granddaughter
18. Berkley, Royal Oak, birmingham
19. Red Oaks (2)
20. Catalpa Oaks
21. Dundee royal oak
22. Gainsboro Park (Pleasant ridge)
23. Island lake
24. Inflenook Park
25. Sleeping bear dunes
26. Numeros ones up north
27. Kensington, Island Lake, Metro Beach

Nature access

1. Belle Isle- open, natural space. Booth Park b'ham good kids equip, founders Farmington athletic
2. Belle Isle, Troy Nature Center, Spencer Park, Howell Nature Center
3. Beverly park, troy rec center park - the woods and nature trails attract us
4. Beverly Park: nature trail, large playground, duck-pond, Kensington/Stony creek: trails and beach
5. Bevey Hills nice walking paths, wooded areas and pond, royal oak parks for events
6. Nature areas, Detroit zoo
7. We drive to the parks that offer forested paths for running, and parks with 2 to 5 mile-long trails
8. Parks with greenery, paths, natural plants - and that attract birds, rabbits, etc
9. outdoorsy stuff. Splash pads
10. Tall Trees, Native Plants, , Bike Trails, More Nature than our parks
11. Nature parks, lots of trees and pathways
12. Trails, nature centers, splash pads
13. Independence Oaks, Belle Isle. For hiking, biking, nature
14. More green areas, presence of trails, dog parks
15. Metro parks. Water .Nature centers. Trails.
16. Gainsboro Park - updated play equipment. Heritage Park in Farmington Hills - Natural playscapes
17. Nature, Recreational programs and amenities
18. Splash pads or water type activities, nature trails, soft ground instead of wood chips
19. We like a change of scenery to more rustic, wooded parks with rivers, ponds or lakes
20. R.O. Jaycee Park (railroad and playscape), Belle Isle (museum and location), and many state forests

Shade / Trees

1. Booth park. Starr Jaycee Park. SHADE attracts me.
2. Many in Royal Oak and a few in Southfield. Trees, picnic areas, activities
3. Meininger Park RO -- shade trees, tennis, kids love play eqpmnt / Victoria Park OP for snow sledding
4. Splash pad. Bathroom. Shade.
5. Red Oaks, Orion Oaks, Maybury, Kensington, others. Walking trails, dog areas!, long paths, trees.
6. Dogs welcome, many trees for shade
7. Royal oak and ferndale; shade, new equipment, gardens, space
8. I love the parks in franklin and pleasant ridge. Clean, safe, shade, bathroom
9. Many in the area. Well kept and engaging play structures for the kids. Shade areas for picnics
10. Parks with splash pads, a lot of shade, bike trails
11. cleanliness, shade

Restrooms

1. Splash pad. Bathroom. Shade.
2. Gainsborough in pleasant ridge - no mulch, seating, shade, bathroom facilities. Birmingham on Purdy
3. Gainsborough, no wood chips, not cement, wonderful play structures, all ages, insight bathrooms
4. Pleasant Ridge. They have bathrooms at the park.
5. I love the parks in franklin and pleasant ridge. Clean, safe, shade, bathroom
6. clean bathrooms are available
7. Star Jaycee... lots to do for all ages, picnic areas, walking areas , including Bathrooms on site
8. Belle isle, inglenook park, 696 overpass parks, etc. safe clean play areas, restrooms, picnic
9. public restrooms

Picnic Facilities

1. Many in Royal Oak and a few in Southfield. Trees, picnic areas, activities
2. Royal oak parks that have some additional green space/tree coverage that is ideal for picnics

Programming Options

1. Belle Isle and other State Parks, for attractions and location specific reasons, like lakes and camp
2. Jaycee Park in Berkley. They have good kids events
3. Flowers, fountains, activities
4. Many in Royal Oak and a few in Southfield. Trees, picnic areas, activities
5. Bevey Hills nice walking paths, wooded areas and pond, royal oak parks for events
6. Metro and state parks. Size and programming.
7. Nature, Recreational programs and amenities

Variety

1. Variety
2. Just various parks so the kids can play - must have play equipment that is age appropriate
3. Kensington Metropark. Belle Isle. So much to do.
4. Gainsborough park in PR, Booth park in Blrmingham., Beverly Park. A lot of fun things for the kids,
5. Royal Oak and Troy parks because they are multi-age and activity locations and well kept up
6. Kensington.: trails and lots of kids activities
7. Variety of activities and access for all ages
8. Star Jaycee... lots to do for all ages, picnic areas, walking areas , including Bathrooms on site
9. Kensington; many activities
10. Royal Oak parks which are well maintained and provide multiple options for using the facility
11. Heritage park. Something for everyone to do.

Play Structures

1. Palmer Park -- great new playground equipment
2. Just various parks so the kids can play - must have play equipment that is age appropriate
3. Catalpa Oaks, Gainsborough, Livonia's Rotary Park. Value onsite bathrooms, Disability option, swings
4. playground equipment, pickleball courts, walking trails
5. Interesting playground equipment like what we used to have at Burton
6. Burton park- best overall park. Reynolds Park - ok play set but dangerous for toddlers
7. Gainsboro Park PR, Booth Park Bham- Play structure all ages. Imagination Station Grand Haven-do this
8. Gainsborough, no wood chips, not cement, wonderful play structures, all ages, insight bathrooms
9. Tot lot in Berkely, Gainsborough in pleasant ridge, great equipment for kids
10. Gainsboro Park - updated play equipment. Heritage Park in Farmington Hills - Natural playscapes
11. HW Park, Gainsborough Park (Pleasant Ridge), Booth Park (Bham) - great settings and play structures
12. We love Huntington Park just on the border if RO. Our kids love the play structure, sandbox and dino
13. Park on Herford (Royal Oak). Nice play structure and large sandbox attracts our family to this park.
14. Meininger Park RO -- shade trees, tennis, kids love play eqpmnt / Victoria Park OP for snow sledding
15. 1 in pleasant ridge with great see-saw and things for kids to play on; one in RO w adult gym outside
16. Heritage park (Farmington Hills): splash pad; other parks with better climbing for older kids
17. Gainsboro Park and Booth Park. Play structures for younger and older kids and water misting
18. Berkley, PR and RO. Sand play, rubber mats, toddler areas and large play structures
19. Pleasant Ridge: Victory Park = Better play structures and surfaces for young toddlers.
20. Huntington Woods park in RO. We go for the amazing playground
21. Ferndale. Updated kids equipment and rubber ground.
22. Larger parks with more equipment, or ones geared toward the under 5 crowd. Splash pad or beach
23. Royal oak and ferndale; shade, new equipment, gardens, space
24. The royal oak park on dundee. Great play structure and allows dogs
25. Royal oak park. Play equipment
26. With young children, it's all about the play structure.
27. Many in the area. Well kept and engaging play structures for the kids. Shade areas for picnics
28. Booth park in Birmingham for its unique play structure and ways kids are able to be imaginative

29. places to sit, trees, playground equipment
30. Belle Isle- open, natural space. Booth Park b'ham good kids equip, founders Farmington athletic
31. The creativity and design and size of play structures
32. Booth Park in Birmingham for play equipment and sledding and Shaun Park in Birmingham for zip line
33. Lots. Play structures. Trails.
34. Shain Park in Birmingham. Great play structure and large area to run w a great sledding hill
35. R.O. Jaycee Park (railroad and playscape), Belle Isle (museum and location), and many state forests

Clean / Safe / Maintained

1. Royal Oak and Troy parks because they are multi-age and activity locations and well kept up
2. I love the parks in franklin and pleasant ridge. Clean, safe, shade, bathroom
3. Belle isle, inglenook park, 696 overpass parks, etc. safe clean play areas, restrooms, picnic
4. Royal Oak parks which are well maintained and provide multiple options for using the facility
5. Other playgrounds in oak park, Southfield, Birmingham. Clean, safe, well maintained.
6. cleanliness, shade

General amenities / benches / landscape

1. Gainsborough in pleasant ridge - no mulch, seating, shade, bathroom facilities. Birmingham on Purdy
2. Royal oak and ferndale; shade, new equipment, gardens, space
3. places to sit, trees, playground equipment
4. Nature, Recreational programs and amenities
5. Walking areas, landscaping, sitting and picnic areas, water

Park Size

1. Palmer Woods in Detroit and Maybury State Park (for size and seclusion)
2. Larger parks with more equipment, or ones geared toward the under 5 crowd. Splash pad or beach
3. Large open spaces
4. Metro and state parks. Size and programming.
5. Grant Park in Royal Oak for workout equipment, larger parks for walking in larger space.

Active Use General

1. 1 in pleasant ridge with great see-saw and things for kids to play on; one in RO w adult gym outside
2. Lots of them for athletic fields/use.
3. trails, outside exercise facilities, tennis courts
4. Royal park with workout equipment
5. Belle Isle- open, natural space. Booth Park b'ham good kids equip, founders Farmington athletic

Bicycling / Trails / Hiking

1. Lake Port for water/beach; Island Lake and Proud Lake for kayaking the Huron River; Maybury trails
2. Kensington and Belle Isle for the bike paths
3. playground equipment, pickleball courts, walking trails
4. Metoparks, Birmingham city parks, state parks, Trails and water
5. We drive to the parks that offer forested paths for running, and parks with 2 to 5 mile-long trails
6. play structures, bike trails, wooded walking trails, camping
7. Kensington Metro - hiking trails, farm for grandkids
8. Bevey Hills nice walking paths, wooded areas and pond, royal oak parks for events
9. walking
10. Belle Isle and Kensington for the bike trails
11. Dog Park, trails, lakes
12. Red Oaks, Orion Oaks, Maybury, Kensington, others. Walking trails, dog areas!, long paths, trees.
13. Farmington Hills, Splash Pad & Trails. Ludington State Park, camping.
14. Beverly Park: nature trail, large playground, duck-pond, Kensington/Stony creek: trails and beach
15. County Parks - water parks, camping, Splash Pads, Farmington Hills Heritage Park trails
16. Tall Trees, Native Plants, , Bike Trails, More Nature than our parks
17. Kensington Park, Island Lakes Park - trail systems
18. Kensington-bike trails, hiking trails, and lake Spencer Park-hiking trails / lake, Booth Park-Playgr
19. Nature parks, lots of trees and pathways
20. Heritage Park, Farmington Hills, Park in Rochester Hills. Walking trails
21. Water, biking trails and hiking Trails
22. Trails, nature centers, splash pads
23. Independence Oaks, Belle Isle. For hiking, biking, nature
24. Trails in Royal Oak, catalpa Park, Red Oaks
25. State parks/rec areas for mountain biking, water sports and picnic areas
26. Yates cider mill has a lovely walking trail. Used to go to 12 mile pak that looks lke a farm
27. Lake St. Claire Metropark, Belle Isle, Kensington-- bike paths, beaches, playgrounds with zip lines
28. More green areas, presence of trails, dog parks
29. Star Jaycee... lots to do for all ages, picnic areas, walk-ing areas , including Bathrooms on site
30. Metro parks. Water .Nature centers. Trails.
31. trails, outside excercise facilites, tennis courts
32. Many parks throughout the state. Like the trails.
33. Ones on the Great Lakes. We like the beach access on the Great Lakes. Walking trails too.
34. Trails, water island lake, Stoney creek

35. Maybury State Park, Bald Mountain, Metroparks = longer trails, hiking
36. Various state and metro parks. Water features and bike trails.
 1. Parks with splash pads, a lot of shade, bike trails
 2. Lots. Play structures. Trails.
 3. We go to many! Camping, fishing, hiking etc.

Sledding

1. Meininger Park RO -- shade trees, tennis, kids love play eqpmnt / Victoria Park OP for snow sledding
2. Shain Park in Birmingham. Great play structure and large area to run w a great sledding hill
3. Booth Park in Birmingham for play equipment and sledding and Shaun Park in Birmingham for zip line
4. Sledding hills in Beverly Hills and Ferndale, Dog park in ferndale, Kensington and Stoney Creek

Tennis

1. Meininger Park RO -- shade trees, tennis, kids love play eqpmnt / Victoria Park OP for snow sledding
2. Worden Park in Royal Oak, tennis
3. trails, outside excercise facilites, tennis courts
4. Tennis courts in Berkley

Pickleball

1. playground equipment, pickleball courts, walking trails
2. Whittier park, RO - Pickleball , Clawson city park woodchip path

Baseball

1. Berkley baseball fields - they are in much better shape than ours
2. Berkley baseball fields

Soccer

1. Visit other parks for soccer games.
2. Catalpa Park, Red Oaks-soccer
3. Catalpa Park and many others for soccer.
4. Soccer games
5. Red Oaks - for soccer

Splash pad / water / beach

1. Lake Port for water/beach; Island Lake and Proud Lake for kayaking the Huron River; Maybury trails
2. Belle Isle and other State Parks, for attractions and location specific reasons, like lakes and camp
3. Metoparks, Birmingham city parks, state parks, Trails and water
4. Kensington - lake
5. We visit a variety which have water - lakes
6. Kensington, water, farm
7. Heritage park (Farmington Hills): splash pad; other parks with better climbing for older kids
8. Splash pad. Bathroom. Shade.
9. outdoorsy stuff. Splash pads
10. Gainsborough park (playscape), multiple community parks with splash pads
11. Dog Park, trails, lakes
12. Farmington Hills, Splash Pad & Trails. Ludington State Park, camping.
13. Beverly Park: nature trail, large playground, duck-pond, Kensington/Stony creek: trails and beach
14. County Parks - water parks, camping, Splash Pads, Farmington Hills Heritage Park trails
15. Beaches, camping
16. Kensington-bike trails, hiking trails, and lake Spencer Park-hiking trails / lake, Booth Park-Playgr
17. Mostly the presence of water. Belle Isle, Kensington, Lake St. Clair Metropark, etc.
18. Lakes, beach
19. Larger parks with more equipment, or ones geared toward the under 5 crowd. Splash pad or beach
20. Water, biking trails and hiking Trails
21. Trails, nature centers, splash pads
22. Splash pad
23. State parks/rec areas for mountain biking, water sports and picnic areas
24. Lake St. Claire Metropark, Belle Isle, Kensington-- bike paths, beaches, playgrounds with zip lines
25. Metro parks. Water .Nature centers. Trails.
26. The Metro Parks and Brandton Park in Chesterfield for the splash pad
27. Splash pads
28. Ones on the Great Lakes. We like the beach access on the Great Lakes. Walking trails too.
29. Trails, water island lake, Stoney creek
30. Various state and metro parks. Water features and bike trails.
31. Walking areas, landscaping, sitting and picnic areas, water
32. Splash pads or water type activities, nature trails, soft ground instead of wood chips
33. Parks with splash pads, a lot of shade, bike trails

Camping

1. play structures, bike trails, wooded walking trails, camping
2. Farmington Hills, Splash Pad & Trails. Ludington State Park, camping.
3. County Parks - water parks, camping, Splash Pads, Farmington Hills Heritage Park trails
4. Beaches, camping
5. State Parks. nice campgrounds and Lake MI
6. We go to many! Camping, fishing, hiking etc.

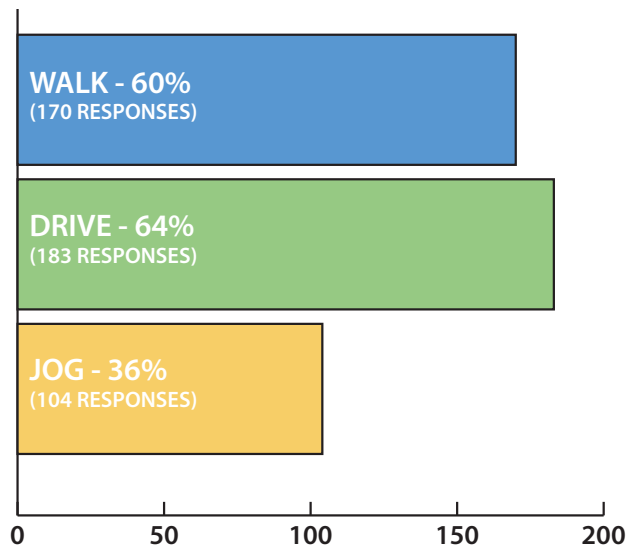
Fishing / Hunting

1. We go to many! Camping, fishing, hiking etc.

Dog Park

1. Royal Oak park on 13 mile near crooks - dog friendly Dog Park, trails, lakes
2. Red Oaks, Orion Oaks, Maybury, Kensington, others. Walking trails, dog areas!, long paths, trees.
3. Dogs welcome, many trees for shade
4. Dog park
5. More green areas, presence of trails, dog parks
6. dog parks
7. Sledding hills in Beverly Hills and Ferndale, Dog park in ferndale, Kensington and Stoney Creek
8. Dog park
9. Red Oaks dog park, because it's a dog park

Question 10. How do you typically travel to local parks?



**Question 11. What types of activities do you or your family members regularly participate in?
This includes any parks you visit, not just those in Huntington Woods.**

Activity	# responses	% responses
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading, etc.)	205	71%
Outdoor park activities / playground	190	66%
Farmer's market	181	63%
Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	176	61%
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.)	154	53%
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.)	142	49%
Picnicking	136	47%
Movie nights or concerts in the park	132	46%
Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	118	41%
Sledding	108	37%
Canoeing / kayaking	99	34%
Dog park / dog walking	98	34%
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.)	66	23%
Skiing (cross country or alpine)	63	22%
Golf	62	21%
Off-trail / rustic hiking	58	20%
Mountain biking	44	15%
Painting / photography / sculpture	38	13%
Kite flying	36	12%
Community gardening	34	12%
Senior programs	30	10%
Figure skating / hockey	27	9%
Disc golf	20	7%
Horseback riding	19	7%
Skateboarding	14	5%
Geocacheing	7	2%
Other (Please specify)	6	2%
Total Unique Responses	289	
Total Responses	2,263	

Other responses:

- Ninja gymnastics
- Fitness equipment and paved walkways
- biking
- Pickleball
- Concerts
- Adult Exercise

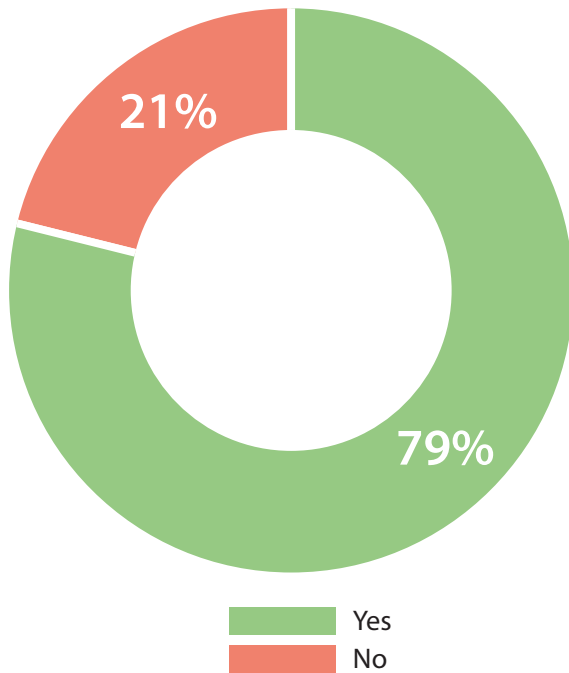
Question 12. Which of the following amenities would you like to see more of in Huntington Woods' parks?

Activity	# responses	% responses
Fitness facility	120	43%
Playground structures	117	42%
Fitness / exercise trails	111	40%
Bathrooms	107	38%
Splash pad	104	37%
Benches	101	37%
Picnic areas and pavilions	100	36%
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	94	33%
Exercise Equipment	94	33%
Sled hills	85	30%
Natural areas	83	30%
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	79	28%
Tables	70	25%
Water feature (e.g. fountain, etc.)	62	22%
Amphitheater / stage	45	16%
Soccer fields	40	14%
Sand Play	37	13%
Indoor theater	36	13%
Basketball courts	31	11%
Pickleball courts	29	10%
Cross-country ski trails	25	9%
Tennis courts	25	9%
Sand volleyball courts	25	9%
Baseball fields	23	8%
Other (Please specify)	23	8%
Disc golf	14	5%
Lacrosse field	4	1%
Cricket	3	1%
Total Unique Responses	281	
Total Responses	1,687	

Other Responses:

- Get rid of dry hockey rink that is never used! Rebuild or repurpose into something much more useful and enjoyable.
- Indoor pool
- Bocce ball court
- Dog park (4)
- Dog Park in walking distance
- Dog waste bag dispensers
- 1 dog friendly park
- Indoor play structure, indoor pool for winter months. splash pad not at the pool
- Volleyball
- Every other corner, polls with dog bags and trash receptacles.
- Shuffle board
- Cover our pool so it can be used in the winter
- Farmers market
- weekly farmers market
- Jacuzzi (Hot Tub)
- Nicely landscaped parks for casual play, picnics, etc.
- Shade areas
- Shaded areas or pavillions.
- ADA compliant, varying abilities, designed play-grounds to meet kids' sensory needs with various abilities meeting safety requirements.
- Pool bubble, keep it open year round!

Question 13. Are Huntington Woods' parks easily identifiable?



Question 14. Please identify any specific improvements or additions you would like to see at particular parks in the city.

Athletic General

1. Shuffleboard courts.
2. Horse shoes, More bike pumps, water fountains, bike racks, tether ball
3. More places for kids to play/athletic fields, better signage

General Amenities

1. More benches. Drinking fountains. Flower gardens. Horse shoes, More bike pumps, water fountains, bike racks, tether ball
2. More established pathways around and thru parks. More shade, pavilions, many play structures are outdated and dangerous,

Shade

1. Playgrounds need updating, shade, bathrooms, all ages,
2. More shade sails!

Restrooms

1. Swings for older children at Elgin (we love ramps ... could add other options for children with varying abilities. Bathrooms easily accessible at Burton, Elgin even if not permanent structures.
2. Bathrooms at some parks or at least one main one.
3. Larger play structures, sand boxes and bathrooms
4. Bathrooms, splash pad, shade.
5. On site bathrooms, cork/rubber mat flooring, play-scapes that don't get too hot for use.
6. Add bathrooms to parks
7. Bathrooms. (2)
8. Bathroom facilities and safer playscapes (Reynolds high drop offs unsafe but easy to access by little ones). Sidewalks around the park for walking!!!! Allow dogs in parks even if still no dogs near the play areas.
9. Playgrounds need updating, shade, bathrooms, all ages,
10. I would love working restrooms, safer structures for pre school aged children and covered pavilions.
11. Bathroom facilities would be amazing.
12. More swings/better equipment at Elgin/Coolidge park, bathrooms at all parks, maybe a farmers market?
13. Bathrooms at Reynolds and Lincoln/Concord/Pembroke

Tennis / Pickleball

1. Another stand-alone pickleball court at 11 & Huntington. More people are playing pickleball than tennis.
2. Improved tennis courts!
3. Reconstruct tennis courts at Recreation Center & 11 Mile Road
4. The tennis courts need maintenance.
5. Update both sets of tennis courts at burton/Rec center and on 11 mile road.
6. Making rec center & 11 mile tennis courts pickle ball and tennis courts.
7. Pickleball court needs repair, Burton track needs repair, I'd Love a woodchip walking path in HW, actually liked Statue Park when it was more rustic-nice to have some areas not as "groomed."
8. Fix cracks on all of the tennis courts. There are more tennis players than pickle ball players in Huntington woods.

Sledding Hill

1. We need a sledding hill somewhere in HW.
2. Slider/zip line amenity at playgrounds. Drinking fountains. Full basketball court. Fishing area. Sledding hill. Thanks for asking!

Play Equipment / Amenities

1. Water misting feature, shade, more structures for younger kids.
2. Larger play structures, sand boxes and bathrooms
3. Play structures somewhere on the east side of town at Mary Kay Davis/Alligator/Triangle/Statue Park.
4. On site bathrooms, cork/rubber mat flooring, play-scapes that don't get too hot for use.
5. Updates to play structures
6. More play structures for kids and an adult workout area like Grant Park in RO
7. Bathroom facilities and safer playscapes (Reynolds high drop offs unsafe but easy to access by little ones). Sidewalks around the park for walking!!!! Allow dogs in parks even if still no dogs near the play areas.
8. Playgrounds need updating, shade, bathrooms, all ages,
9. I would love working restrooms, safer structures for pre school aged children and covered pavilions.
10. Benches throughout community such as next to Rackham golf course , next to zoo on Huntington, etc. Maybe cost can be paid by memorial or dedication plaques on benches. Currently the there is only one bench outside of parks. It is on Wales.
11. A play structure at each park would be enough.
12. More swings and zip lines at playgrounds. Paved biking paths would be amazing!
13. More play structures and don't cut down good trees
14. Playground structures/ exercise equipment that are good for kids, adults and seniors. Big play games, such as giant chess or checkers or Jenga. More public space where all ages might interact
15. Workout equipment, more play structures
16. More established pathways around and thru parks. More shade, pavilions, many play structures are outdated and dangerous,

Accessibility

1. Swings for older children at Elgin (we love ramps ... could add other options for children with varying abilities. Bathrooms easily accessible at Burton, Elgin even if not permanent structures.
2. Elgin park needs to be updated for safety, would be nice to see an ADA-compliant park for children with disabilities (wheelchair friendly, etc), splash pad in addition to pool would be nice but may increase traffic too much to be feasible
3. Easier access to seating and picnic tables
4. many do not have close parking which makes them inaccessible to the handicapped
5. ADA COMPLIANT PARK

Dog Park / Dogs General

1. allow dogs. families take walks and go on outings with the dogs!
2. need to convert one of the parks into a dog park. For a self proclaimed dog friendly city, there are no designated dog parks
3. Dog park!! Doggy bags for walk./ more water fountains.
4. Bathroom facilities and safer playscapes (Reynolds high drop offs unsafe but easy to access by little ones). Sidewalks around the park for walking!!!! Allow dogs in parks even if still no dogs near the play areas.
5. Dog park!
6. Repurpose skateboarding park to a dog park and improve or repurpose fields at men's club park and Burton park
7. A park where i can rest while walking my dog without the threat of being ticketed
8. Dog park

Maintenance / Signage / Landscaping

1. Parks more visibly identified
2. Weeding in garden beds, walking trails
3. More flowers, signs
4. garden/reflective style
5. Better signage and branding (look at Huntington Woods Park maintained on Dundee in RO for an example).
6. We have nice parks, just keep them up. The tennis courts need maintenance. An idea, take a look at Switchyard Park in Bloomington IN. We just happened to be there this summer. Certainly we can't do that on that scale, but there are some great ideas there maybe we could incorporate.
7. Large signage identifying park names.
8. More places for kids to play/athletic fields, better signage
9. Signage should be clearer and uniform.
10. Need better upkeep in all parks, landscaping, flowers, etc.
11. More landscape plants., especially to screen parks on major roads.
12. More attractive curbs and gardens. More attractive intersections & Coolidge
13. MORE natural areas (trees AND UNDERBRUSH) (ValJones (abuse-limit access/cam's), Reynolds (no great use for undeveloped space), Coolidge/Elgin (unmaintained equipment), Men's Club (regrading to help dry for soccer -- ice rink is great), Scotia (fix rain gardens and actually use the park for concerts)

Exercise Equipment

1. Outdoor workout equipment like the parks in Royal Oak (4th street)
2. More play structures for kids and an adult workout area like Grant Park in RO
3. Need to have fitness machines or stations
4. Workout options
5. Workout equipment, more play structures
6. Pool bubble, we could turn the aquatics club cash flow positive. Outdoor pull up and dip stations. Olympic rings like in Santa Monica
7. Indoor workout facility/equipment and outdoor exercise equipment (similar to Grant Park in Royal Oak)
8. Exercise Equipment

Volleyball

1. Sand volleyball and resurface the track at Burton

Splash Pad

1. Bathrooms, splash pad, shade.
2. Splash Pad at any one of the parks.
3. Bike lanes, a splash pad for hot days when the pool is closed
4. Splash pad
5. Splash pad open to residents only would be fun! Splash pad anywhere would be so fun!
6. A splash pad.
7. A splash pad would be great.

Trails / Bike Paths

1. Benches at Coolidge/Elgin, bike path along the zoo fence, areas large enough for informal games like soccer
2. Weeding in garden beds, walking trails
3. Running paths and trails
4. Longer, uninterrupted paths. Pathway along Scotia and Ludlow edge of golf course (or after hours access to golf course for walking)
5. Bike lanes, a splash pad for hot days when the pool is closed
6. We don't need additional biking or walking trails - where would they even go, through someone's backyard? For some reasons, the bikers j. The neighborhood have the loudest voices and we're forgetting the high volume of children in our area. Upgrade the parks, pool and add a bathroom! taxes= insane
7. More swings and zip lines at playgrounds. Paved biking paths would be amazing!

Other

1. Natural areas would be great, along with a place to sit
2. More park space would be wonderful!
3. Replicate Gainsboro park in PR. Definitely target G. Haven park. Coolidge & Sherwood park better off as HW only dog park. Utilize the wasted space at Perry drugs park into infant-toddler area. If you don't know where that is, turn this over to Colette because you're too green to analyze this.
4. ice cream cone vendors
5. outdoor Basketball court
6. Trim the fat from the Rec Center Budget and maintain existing parks. Maybe even balance it.
7. I know the locations the parks but not by names above, a map would have been helpful with this survey
8. Please create a plan that is looking at least 25 years in the future and plan for now and then
9. Better drainage and grading
10. More green space for team sports, e.g., soccer, flag football, etc
11. I'd like to see to see Parks and Rec ran on budget.
12. Jimmy Johns Field @ 7171 Auburn Rd, Utica, MI 48317 has a Wiffle Ball Field, small footprint would be an awesome addition to Huntington Woods Parks. Lots of triangle shaped parks in Huntington Woods
13. Slider/zip line amenity at playgrounds. Drinking fountains. Full basketball court. Fishing area. Sledding hill. Thanks for asking!
14. Can't really say since I don't really have any reason to frequent the parks.
15. More swings/better equipment at Elgin/Coolidge park, bathrooms at all parks, maybe a farmers market?
16. Better lights at existing playgrounds - it gets dark by 6-7pm in the fall/ winter and families cannot use them safely but playgrounds can be easily used till 8:30-9pm.
17. I'd love to see Huntington Park updated to be similar to Gainsboro park!
18. Bike pumps have clumsy attachments
19. Pool bubble, we could turn the aquatics club cash flow positive. Outdoor pull up and dip stations. Olympic rings like in Santa Monica
20. MORE natural areas (trees AND UNDERBRUSH) (ValJones (abuse-limit access/cam's), Reynolds (no great use for undeveloped space), Coolidge/Elgin (unmaintained equipment), Men's Club (regrading to help dry for soccer -- ice rink is great), Scotia (fix rain gardens and actually use the park for concerts)

Alligator Park

1. More "structure" to statue and alligator parks. Make it obvious what they're "for."
2. Although it was ready to be replaced, we miss the workout type stations at alligator park.

Burton Field

1. Baseball fields at Burton Field need to be completely redone. They are dangerous and a complete embarrassment.
2. Our baseball fields have grass and weeds growing on the infields and we need new bases and home plates. These fields are basically in disrepair.
3. We live across the street and are very disheartened to watch many of the trees die. We would like to see more trees planted and all of the concerts and 4th of July activities restored there. The baseball fields all need regular upkeep.
4. Burton park needs track and field repairs. Lots of repairs, lots of cash. But the field and track are disasters.
5. Better drainage at Burton Field, if economical.
6. Better drainage at Burton Park and Men's club fields.
7. Burton Park-fix track,
8. Better drainage on the baseball fields at burton.
9. Also both men's club and burton fields need to improve drainage. My sons soccer games always are cancelled due to those fields being full of water.
10. Pickleball court needs repair, Burton track needs repair, I'd Love a woodchip walking path in HW, actually liked Statue Park when it was more rustic-nice to have some areas not as "groomed."
11. Changes at Scotia Park and the playground at Burton made them much worse than they were prior. Leave the parks alone or replace the materials as similar as they were before (burton park as an example).
12. Burton field floods after almost every rain storm. This makes the spring tee ball seasons very muddy and unenjoyable.
13. Sand volleyball and resurface the track at Burton
14. Better drainage at Men's Club Field and Burton Park, better upkeep of all baseball fields and the track at Burton

Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park

1. Bathrooms at Reynolds and Lincoln/Concord/Pembroke
2. The park at Concord and Pembroke could use something more interesting.

Mary Kay Davis Park

1. The large garden near the flagpole in Mary Kay Davis park is an eyesore. The new gardens that were planted at Scotia Park are overgrown with weeds.

Coolidge / Elgin Park

1. Benches at Coolidge/Elgin, bike path along the zoo fence, areas large enough for informal games like soccer
2. Swings for older children at Elgin (we love ramps ... could add other options for children with varying abilities. Bathrooms easily accessible at Burton, Elgin even if not permanent structures.
3. Elgin park needs to be updated for safety, would be nice to see an ADA-compliant park for children with disabilities (wheelchair friendly, etc), splash pad in addition to pool would be nice but may increase traffic too much to be feasible
4. Elgin needs a facelift and new playground equipment
5. Benches in Scotia/Elgin park, path for strollers in Reynolds park
6. Play structures for toddlers at Elgin. Lots of little kids in the area
7. Elgin park is close to us, but has old and minimal facilities. Would love better and newer playground equipment.
8. More swings/better equipment at Elgin/Coolidge park, bathrooms at all parks, maybe a farmers market?
9. Elgin Park needs a better play structure, and big kid swings. (The kids like the wooded area at the back. Keep that.)
10. We would love updated playgrounds with more options for a variety of ages, particularly at Elgin Park and Peasley Park. Nature play options like the nature play area at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills would also be amazing to have here!
11. Elgin/Coolidge needs upkeep,
12. The play structures at the two parks on Coolidge need work. The Elgin park is a bit rundown and the other Coolidge parks play structure and picnic tables should be replaced.
13. Big kid swings at Coolidge/Elgin.
14. Coolidge/Elgin (unmaintained equipment)

11 Mile / Huntington

1. The tennis courts on 11 mile are horrible
2. More police patrol of Parks/playgrounds on 11 Mile.
3. 11 Mile/Huntington has a lot of pine trees -- seems like the space could be better utilized (though we like trees).

Hassig Senior Center

1. Gazebo needs to be painted in park by city hall.

Val Jones Skate Park

1. Something for young children at the Skateboard Park.
2. The skate park has not seen improvements since we moved here in 2010. It's woefully in need.
3. Skate park is unnecessary. Mainly used by teenaged boys, not all from Huntington Woods. Should be turned into a real park that everyone could use.
4. The skateboard park is a waste of scarce greenspace. I pass by the park several times a day - mostly used by young men [from outside the city] playing roller hockey. Wishful thinking: get rid of all concrete, create new park with spaces for people to walk, enjoy nature, read, picnic.
5. Skateboard park is aging great asset to the community. Better maintenance
6. More police patrol of Parks/playgrounds on 11 Mile.
7. A closure of the Val Jones skatepark and repurpose into a family park that can be enjoyed by everyone, not just those that skateboard. We live close to this park and it has been nothing but a nuisance since day one. We would love to see families enjoying this space.
8. Our son states that some more rails would be cool at the skatepark.
9. ValJones (abuse-limit access/cam's)

Men's Club Field

1. Our baseball fields have grass and weeds growing on the infields and we need new bases and home plates. These fields are basically in disrepair.
2. Better drainage at Burton Park and Men's club fields.
3. Men's Club Field- Move the field/bleachers so that the spectators aren't sitting so close to 11 Mile Road
4. Better bases at men's club field.
5. Also both men's club and burton fields need to improve drainage. My sons soccer games always are cancelled due to those fields being full of water.
6. More police patrol of Parks/playgrounds on 11 Mile.
7. Peasley and men's club field could use more play equipment
8. Better drainage at Men's Club Field and Burton Park, better upkeep of all baseball fields and the track at Burton
9. Mens Field needs something done to stop so much mud and standing water.
10. Men's Club (regrading to help dry for soccer -- ice rink is great)

Peasley Park

1. Peasley. Modern swings, slides, adult exercise equipment. More picnic tables.
2. I hear there are plans to remove the play structure at Peasley Park but that would be a tragedy. We play there EVERY single day and it is the only non traditional structure in the city. It promotes creativity and more physical activity than a standard structure. Please leave it as is - we love it.
3. Better play structure at Peasley Park, and possibly a larger picnic space.
4. Balfour and Coolidge still needs a play structure for younger kids.
5. Peasley Park needs something more for toddlers/ preschoolers.
6. We would love updated playgrounds with more options for a variety of ages, particularly at Elgin Park and Peasley Park. Nature play options like the nature play are at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills would also be amazing to have here!
7. Peasley and men's club field could use more play equipment
8. The play structures at the two parks on Coolidge need work. The Elgin park is a bit rundown and the other Coolidge parks play structure and picnic tables should be replaced.
9. Peasley Park needs updated playground equipment.

Reynolds Park

1. I think a major improvement to Reynolds Park would be a pavillion. there are so many picnic tables but people hate sitting at them because it gets too hot to have a picnic.
2. Reynolds park main play structure to not have so many dangerous openings up high.
3. Benches in Scotia/Elgin park, path forstrollers in Reynolds park
4. Bathroom facilities and safer playscapes (Reynolds high drop offs unsafe but easy to access by little ones). Sidewalks around the park for walking!!!! Allow dogs in parks even if still no dogs near the play areas.
5. More police patrol of Parks/playgrounds on 11 Mile.
6. Reynolds play structure is in need of an upgrade. Kids get splinters easily. Shade is sorely needed at several of the parks, particularly Reynolds. The slides are unusable for much of the day in the summer. Bathrooms at Reynolds and Lincoln/Concord/Pembroke, drinking fountains at all parks
7. Reynolds (no great use for undeveloped space)

Scotia Park

1. The new Scotia Park is the least family friendly design imaginable The playgrounds needs to be updated. Huntington park in the Royal Oak section is the most kid friendly park we go to.
2. Scotia Park - more than grass. Picnic tables. Some shade areas.
3. Scotia Park - diagonal path
4. Need more shade at Scotia Park
5. Benches in Scotia/Elgin park, path for strollers in Reynolds park
6. Scotia Park- Replace large trees that were removed and the ones that are now dead.
7. Scotia Park should have had a cement Area for 50 Couples to Dance, Outdoors. Art Shows should be Outdoors. in Summer. The art group , we made H.W. the 3rd Best Art Show in the State. No one in our City wants to Start It Again, The Library needs A Holiday Art Show, the City will make money again
8. The new Scotia Park is a disaster. Terrible design. Unattractive.
9. Less cement and more trees in Scotia park
10. Changes at Scotia Park and the playground at Burton made them much worse than they were prior. Leave the parks alone or replace the materials as similar as they were before (burton park as an example).
11. the loss of trees at scotia destroyed the ambiance we all loved. forestation is hugely important, bathroom facilities would be great, plantings of mature sizes

would bring relief to otherwise sterile park settings....

12. Exercise trail/equipment at Scotia.
13. I would like the trees replaced at Scotia Park. We lost beautiful maples
14. Losing so many trees in Scotia Park means it is not very parklike. The large trees that are currently dead need to be removed and replaced with large trees. Otherwise we have a field with a hill, not really a park.
15. Scotia (fix rain gardens and actually use the park for concerts)

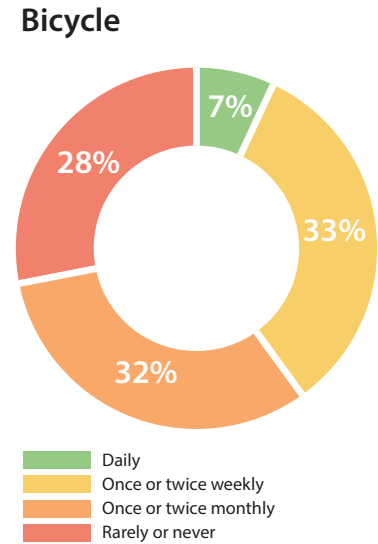
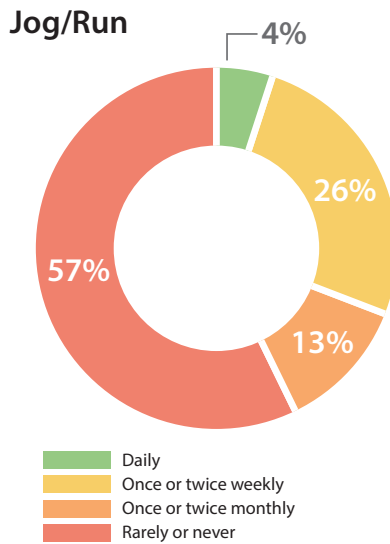
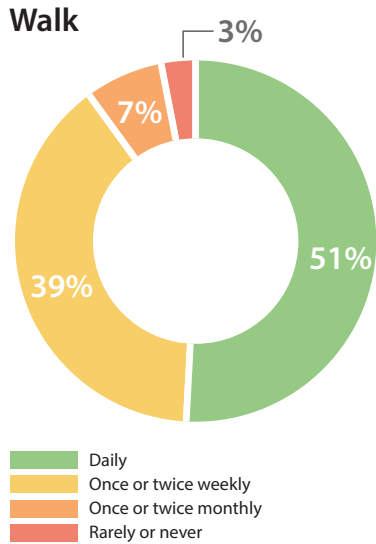
Statue Park

1. More "structure" to statue and alligator parks. Make it obvious what they're "for."

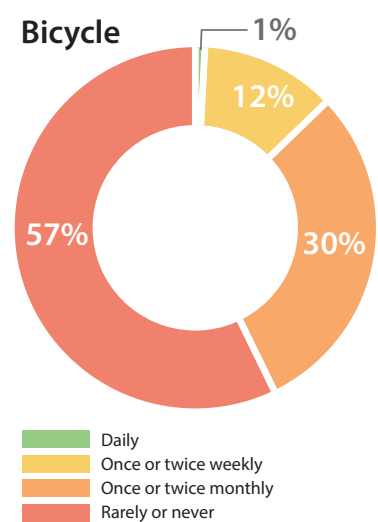
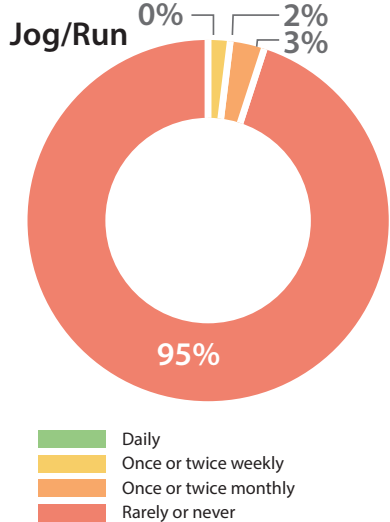
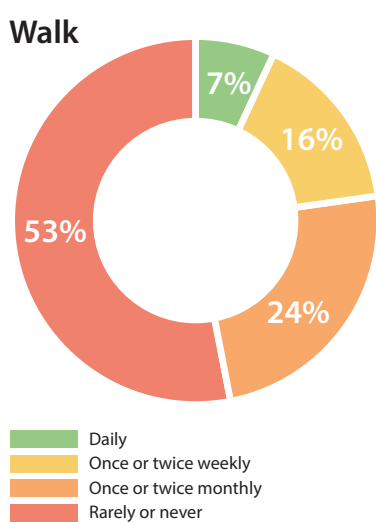
Recreation Center & Pool

1. Biggest thing on my wish list is a fitness facility in the Rec center
2. Elgin park needs to be updated for safety, would be nice to see an ADA-compliant park for children with disabilities (wheelchair friendly, etc), splash pad in addition to pool would be nice but may increase traffic too much to be feasible
3. Pool renovation and updates
4. I would like the pool to open much earlier during the day
5. More shade at the pool!
6. Pool bubble, we could turn the aquatics club cash flow positive.

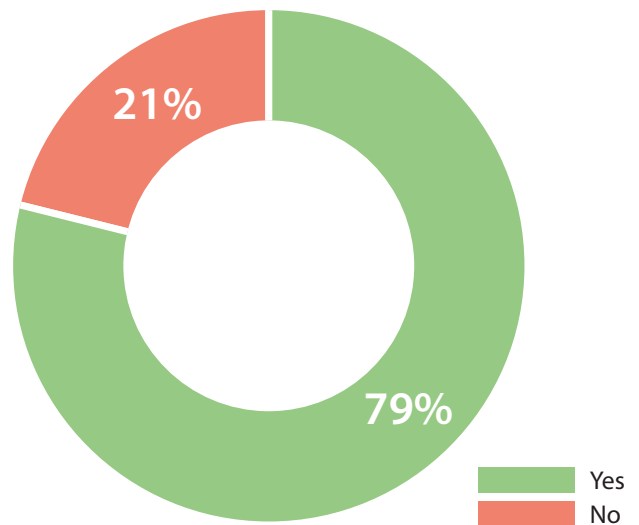
Question 15. How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle for exercise or recreation?



Question 16. How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle to work or to run errands?



Question 17. Do you use regional trails such as the Clinton River Trail, I-275 Metro Trail, or others?

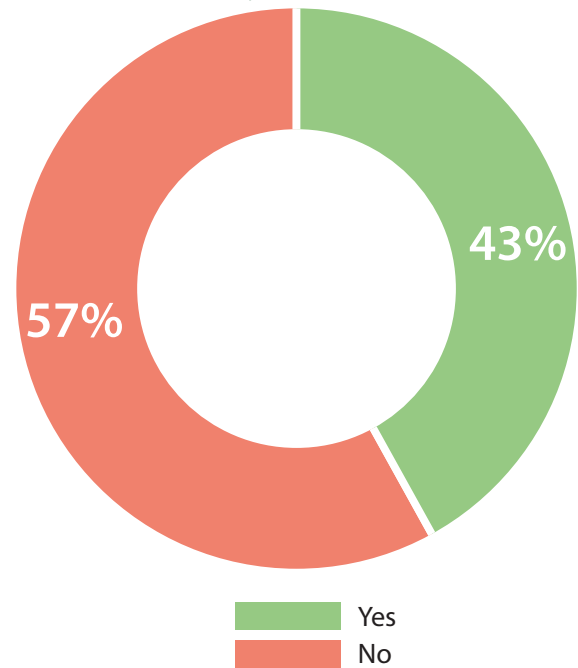


Question 18. If yes, which trails do you like to use and what makes them attractive?

- Kensington, Carpenter Nature Center, Railroad trails (converted)
- Kensington
- Kensington - nice asphalt bike trail
- Kensington, Island Lakes, Maybury. Hiking, nature, biking
- Paint Creek Trail (2)
- Paint creek trail is beautiful. Stony creek, Kensington metro park and islands parks are amazing
- Paint Creek Trail, close rails to trails like W. Bloomfield to Pontiac
- Paint Greek Trail and Heritage park hiking trails - no car traffic, plenty of room, scenic
- Paint Creek Trail - great biking trail away from traffic
- Paint creek, Clinton river, Macomb orchard- they're maintained and long enough to use well.
- Clinton River Trail, love the open spaces
- Clinton River trail for it's length and separation from cars, although it is far from HW
- Clinton River for mountain biking (near my work)
- Clinton river trail & stony creek trails. Nice views
- Clinton River
- Clinton River, paint creek, metro park, belle isle..We can ride bikes without angry motorists.
- Clinton river trail. No car traffic, in nature
- Paved trails in Brighton because smooth and minimal crossing of streets
- Seasonal beauty
- I don't use regularly but I like trails to be under the trees.
- Troy Nature center because it makes me feel I am out of the city.
- Stony Creek
- Some place different to walk then Huntington Woods
- Nature and being off road
- Rochester regional trail
- Lack of car traffic, surface easier on joints than concrete
- West Bloomfield Trail - no vehicle traffic
- 275 Bike trail - feels safe
- red oaks trail - great natural area in urban area. Dequindre cut - fun, art-filled.
- State hiking trails and the soon to be North Country trail
- Rochester
- They are paved and safe
- Specific trail makes it more safe.
- I ride all local trails, each has benefits.
- Strong preference for trails that are not cut off by traffic
- Well maintained, easy to access, length for long runs or walks, natural settings

- Dequindre Cut - interesting destinations
- Dequindre Cut - interesting, functional
- Nature
- Maybury for walking and biking trails - natural, well kept and extensive and free (we buy w tabs)

Question 19. Would you like to see more non-motorized options provided in the city?



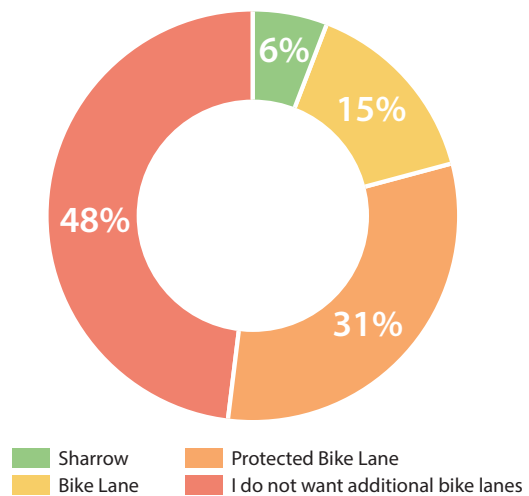
Question 20. If yes, please tell us about any routes you would be interested in seeing developed and any specific amenities you'd like to see included with the trail.

- Not sure
- I'm not sure
- Scotia Rd. would be nice.
- Bike lanes on the popular routes like Scotia, Ludlow, Huntington, Borgman, Berkley...
- Would love a protected bike lanes on Scotia Sidewalks set away from the street on both sides of Borgman and other east/west running streets between Henley and Scotia.
- If non-motor vehicles were allowed, less people would be driving around and parking.
- Trails connecting to greenspace and/or food/drink/culture.
- I would first like this see the crumbling roads repaired and limit the heavy trucks on our streets
- Any

- A loop trail would be nice, or something that goes through the golf course.
- I liked the golf cart idea frankly.
- Golf cart use within the city.
- Mogo
- Benches for walkers
- Trail along rackham and along zoo border
- Connecting parks and Burton school
- Huntington/Ludlow- there's lots of bike and foot traffic, would be great to see it made safer for Peds and driver alike
- I would like to be able to go on walks or bike rides along the gold course because it's nature away from traffic. I would buy a walking pass if that existed.
- Walking/biking in the Vernon/Lincoln/Berkley area (vs. vehicle traffic) is worrisome, especially my kids to/from Burton. Why is the 696 service drive East of Coolidge a mini sidewalk -- please change/expand that.
- better marking of routes. At least 12 - 15 MoGo bikes in the city at 4 locations
- For the next question, the kinds of lane marking would depend on the road involved. I could see using sparrows, bike lanes and protected lanes in different part of the city. A planned exercise ise trail with stations through the city would be interesting.
- throughout HW and across Lincoln.
- North / South between HW and Troy, for bikes
- More trails
- Independent bike trail
- Routes from Huntington Woods to Royal Oak, the Zoo, Berkley
- Biking loops with no potholes, outdoor gym equipment at the track, patch up the track
- Bathrooms along the route and benches. A bike bath connecting all the playgrounds/parks in the neighborhood
- Bike trail through city without multiple stops More bathroom options at parks for quick stops when necessary.
- I would just like a safe place for kids to ride their bikes.
- The more nature the better. I'd love natural trails instead of paved.
- Not sure where you would do nature trails, but that would be nice.
- 11 mile bike lanes! It would connect us to berkley and royal oak
- I'd be interested in a bike lane along 11 mile
- Bike lanes on Coolidge, 11 Mile, along the back of the zoo and out to Woodward, along the westbound 696 service drive
- The trail by 696 and Coolidge could be extended along the service drive?

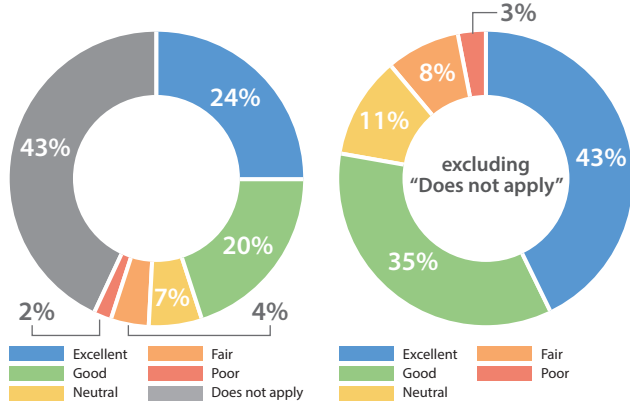
- not on main roads and not on Coolidge
- Alleys along Woodward turned into safe beautiful trails, a trail connecting communities...maybe through the green space along the service drive
- Bike lanes on Coolidge, 11 Mile, along the back of the zoo and out to Woodward, along the westbound 696 service drive
- woodward avenue and coolidge along with ten and eleven mile roads need major improvements. ten mile from woodward to golf course is a no man's land, gd forbid you run into trouble at night. there is not any adequate walking or biking on woodward, too dangerous with all of the driveways and parking
- Along the zoo seems to make sense but any area would be great
- Maybe a behind the zoo trail, although I kniw zoo noise is an issue
- Workout stations
- A walking trail throughout the city with route outlined.
- Walking paths but not sure there is room to do it
- Walking path around golf course
- Winding walking trails
- Walking trails.
- I would like to see protected bike lanes similar to what they are developing on William Street in Ann Arbor.
- Coolidge add bike lanes (Berkley). Add protected bike lane on Woodward. Not sure about intra-city, so many cross streets. Bikers should obey laws (I hate the wanna-be Pelotons taking over our streets). OK to change law allowing individual bikers to yield at stop signs ONLY if no car OR WALKERS

Question 21. If the city were to add bike lanes or markings on selected streets, which style would you prefer?

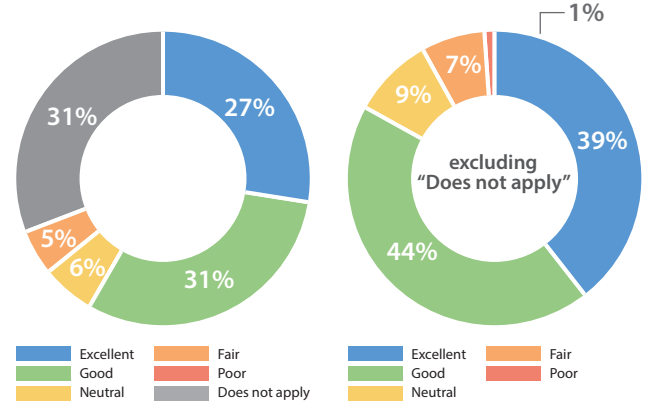


Question 22. Please rate the following programs and activities, with 1 being excellent and 5 being poor. If you have not participated in a program or do not know about the quality, select "Does Not Apply".

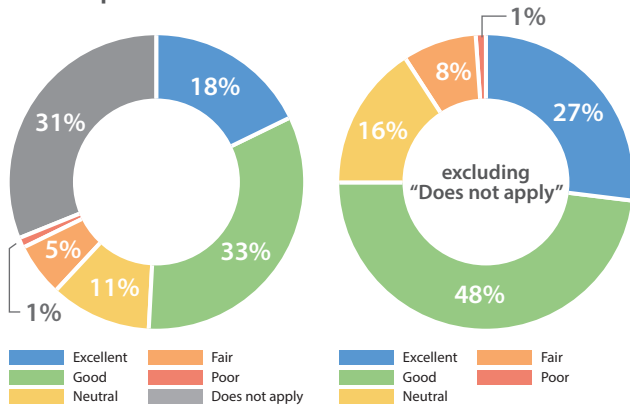
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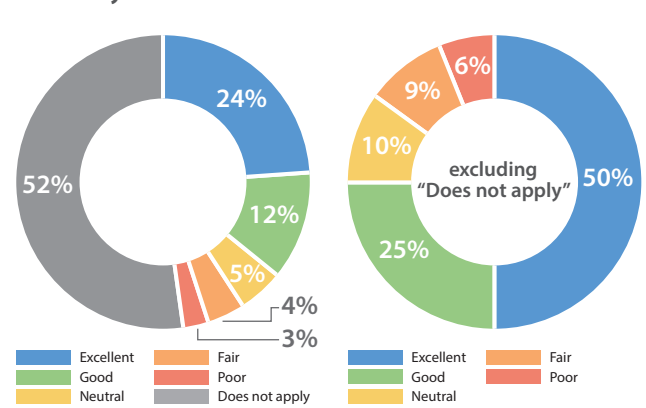
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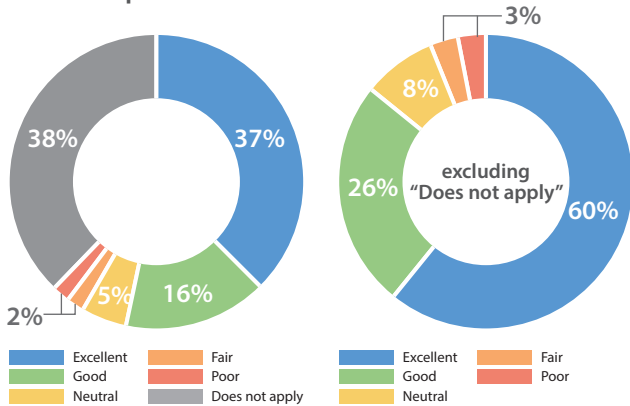
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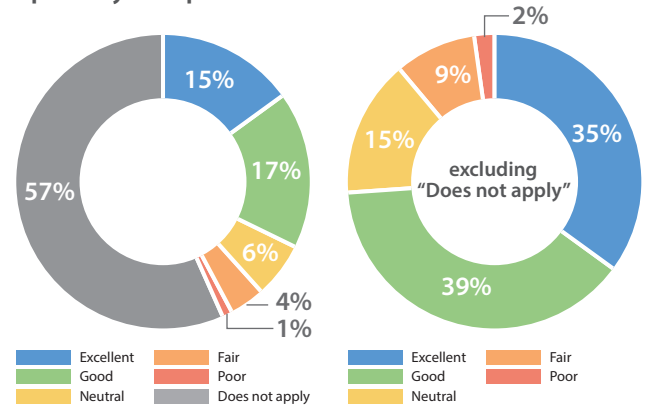
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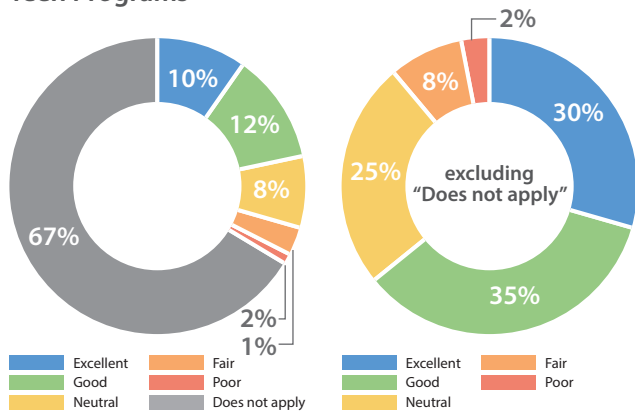
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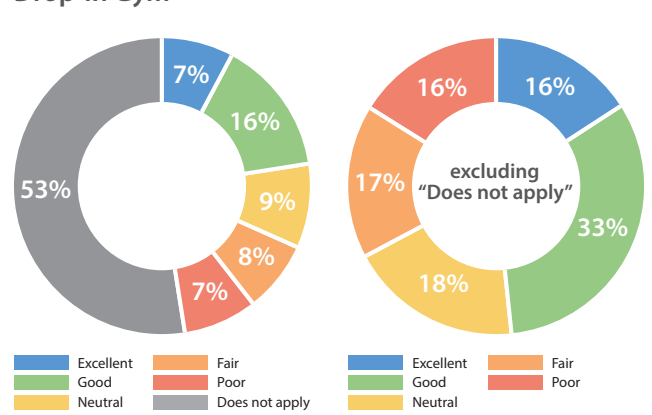
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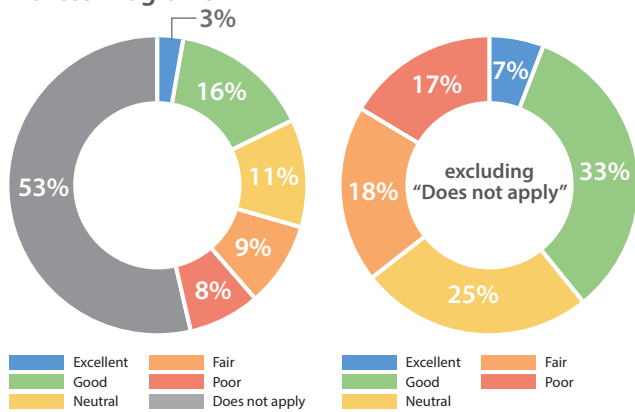
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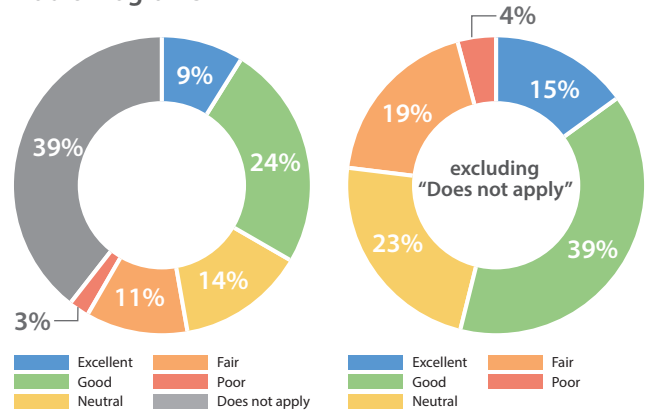
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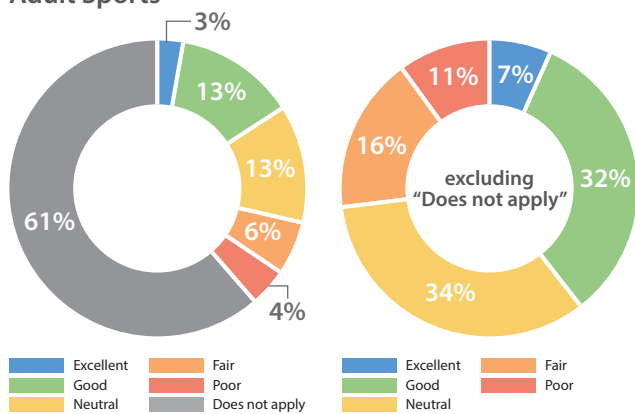
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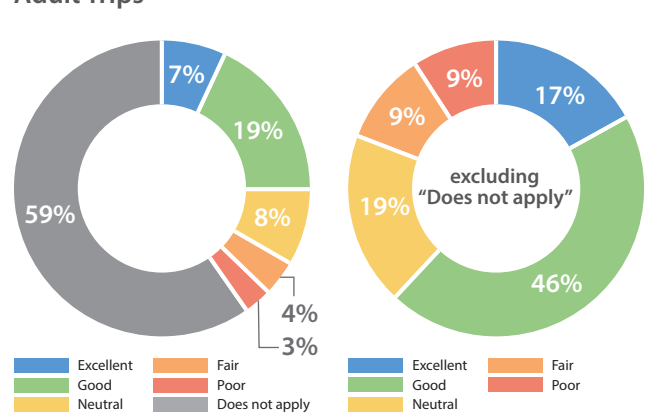
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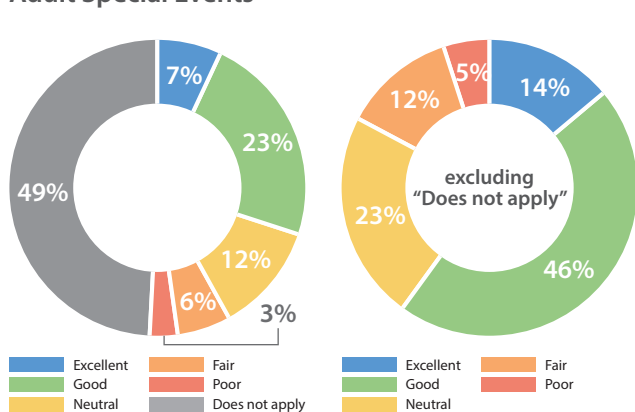
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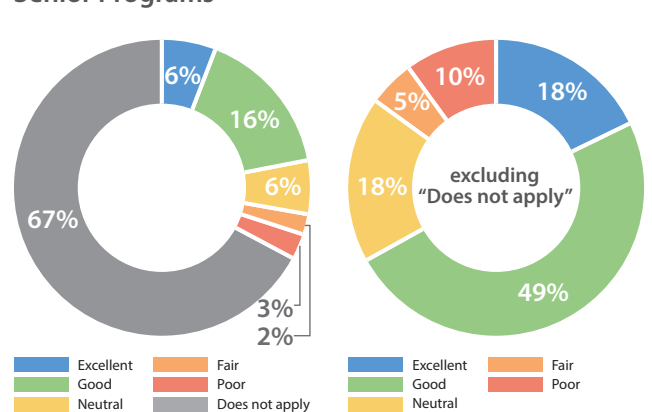
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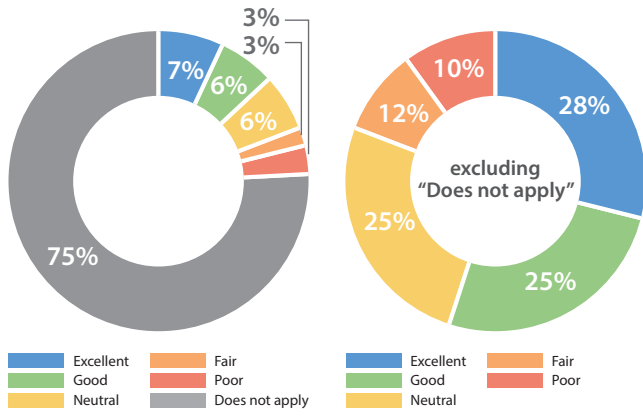
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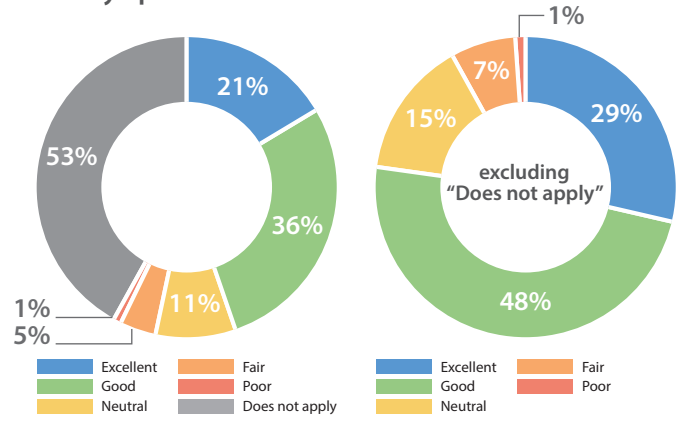
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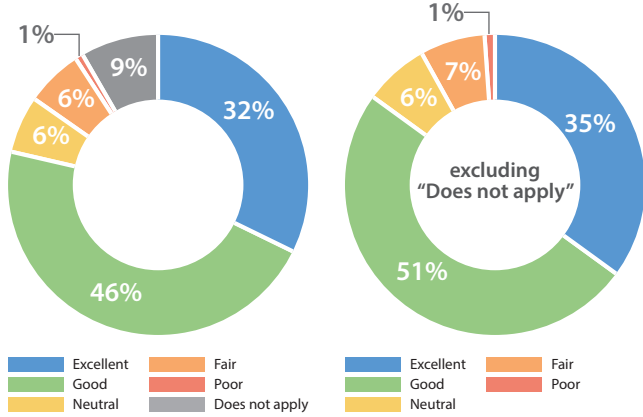
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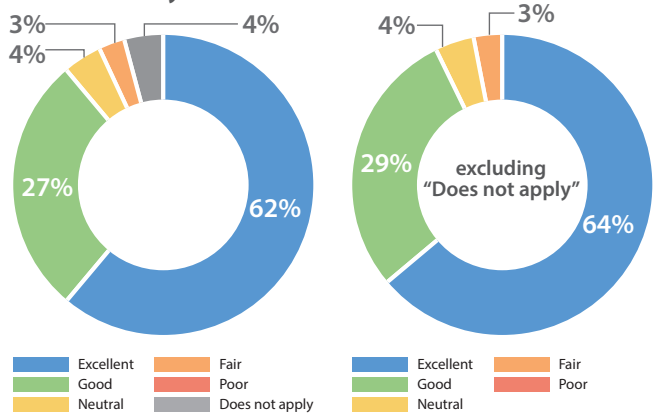
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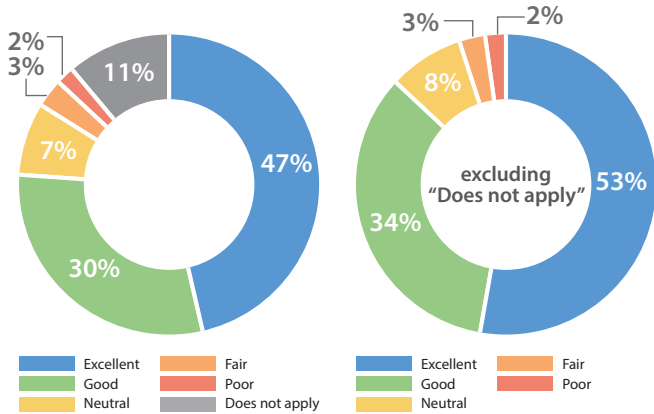
Concerts in the Park



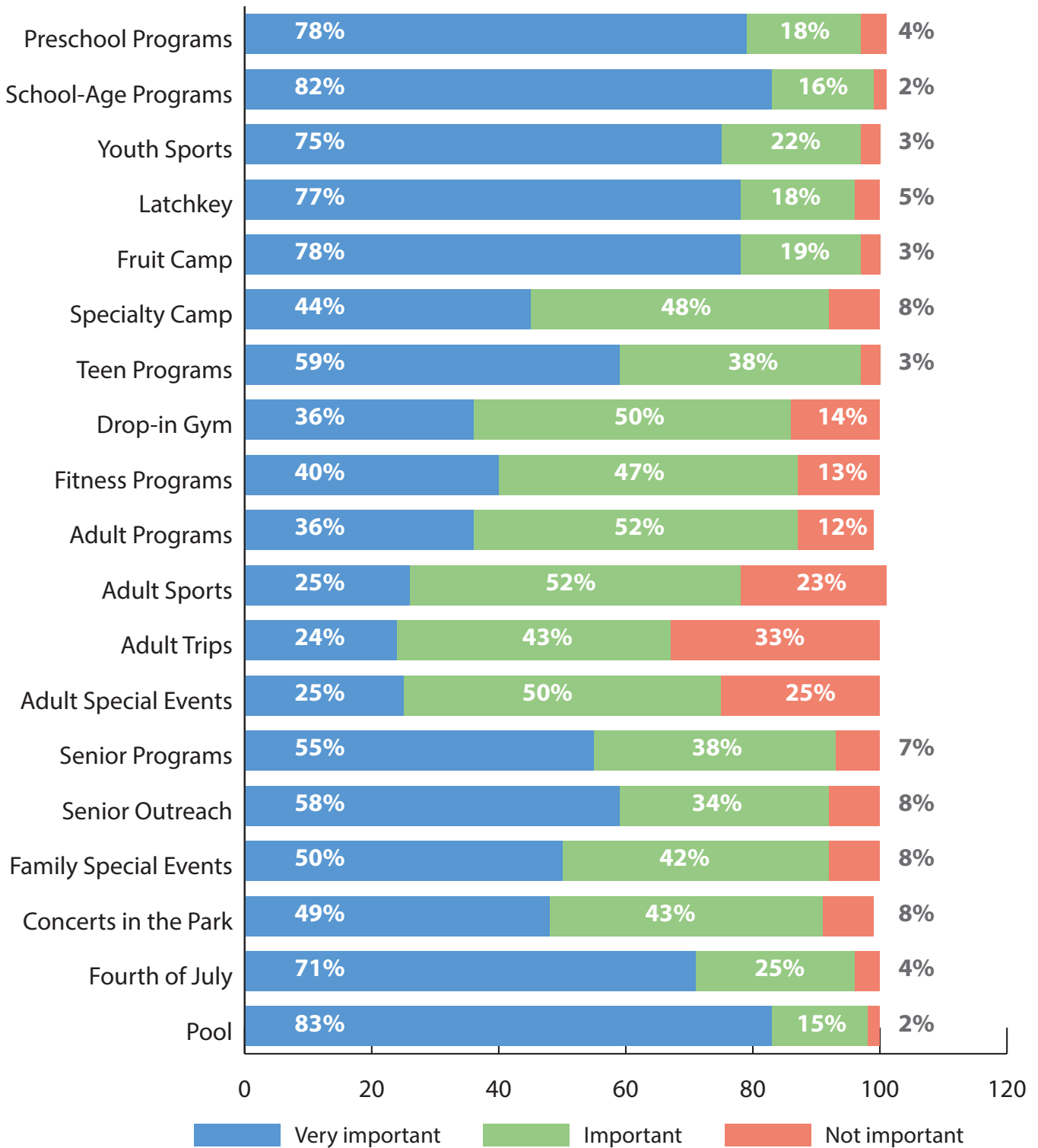
Fourth of July



Pool



Question 23. How important do you believe the following programs and services offered by the Recreation Department are?



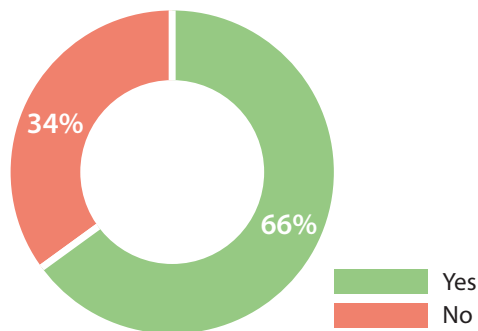
Question 24. Which of the following programs would you like to see more of?

Programs	# of responses	% of responses
Exercise and fitness	95	37%
Family programs	94	37%
After-school programs	90	35%
Art programs	85	33%
Swimming	80	32%
Concerts and shows	78	31%
Preschool programs	77	30%
Summer camp	69	27%
Youth sports programs	64	25%
Crafts	60	24%
Adult programs	56	22%
Special events	56	22%
Safety classes	55	22%
Skills classes (e.g. programming, taxes, etc.)	55	22%
Teen programs	48	19%
Travel and excursions	44	17%
Senior programs	42	17%
Dance	42	17%
Gardening	41	16%
Therapeutic recreation	39	15%
Babysitting	35	14%
Tennis	33	13%
Golf	32	13%
Basketball	30	12%
Ice skating	29	11%
Baseball	27	11%
Pickleball	25	10%
Skiing (alpine and cross country)	25	10%
Soccer	24	9%
Volleyball	20	8%
Gymnastics	18	7%
Karate	18	7%
Language arts	16	6%
Other (Please specify)	13	5%
Football	12	5%
Bowling	11	4%
Badminton	11	4%
Lacrosse	11	4%
Fencing	7	3%
Homeschooler programs	6	2%
Cricket	3	1%
Total Unique Responses	251	
Total Responses	1,655	

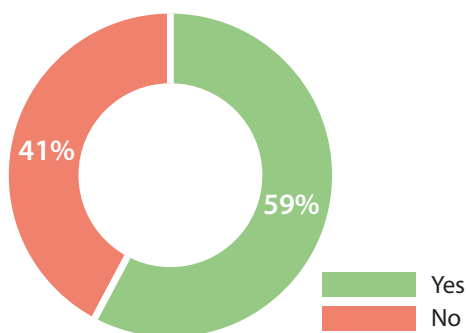
Other Responses

1. Middle schoolers get left out. More programs for them would be great. Not everyone is an athlete.
2. Art
3. I think all are good
4. Yoga, barre, latchkey for anyone who needs it
5. no increase
6. drama
7. Our City should set up a Art Show with professional people who have Professional Experience setting up Art Shows to Make Money for The City, There should be Holiday Art shows in the Recreation Building, to Generate Money for the City. As for a Summer Art Show to generate Money for the City
8. Farmers market
9. Skateboard and Longboard Lessons
10. Computer classes and cell phone classes for seniors
11. Spanish camp and weekly classes, start earlier 2nd grade is too late. People are already set in their programs (bright loritos) would love for my kindergarten to go to Spanish after school but don't want group with up to 5th graders
12. Pool bubble, year round pool!

Question 25. Do you believe it is important to add additional shade to the pool deck?



Question 26. Would you be in favor of removing the grassy area on the pool deck for seating & shade?



Question 27. Are there any additional facilities or services you would like to see added to your Recreation Center?

Pool - Hours

1. Wrestling for kids! More pool hours (earlier)!
2. Pool hours are too limited. Also, the pool should be open on weekend during the month of September
3. Updated locker room. Longer pool season
4. Adult hot tub at the pool, Pool staying open the first two weekends in September weather permitting
5. More early childhood programming not during afternoon nap time, lot for tots becoming FREE open gym where caregivers can take out and put away toys or alternatively significantly more toys and longer hours; longer pool and concessions hours
6. Would like preschool swim to start earlier in the morning
7. Better pool hours, better timed adult fitness opportunities.
8. Better pool hours in August
9. Would love more pool hours. Stay-at-home moms would take our kids in the morning, especially in August (ALL lifeguards are in college?). Also, Lots for Tots needs MANY more toys, and maybe a bounce house. Better in an enclosed room? Berkley and Ferndale (Kulick Center) have great open gyms for kids.
10. The pool needs to have better hours. We need to have staff that goes beyond high school and college students. The pool and cafe should be available all summer without so many closures due to staffing issues. The latchkey system is outdated and there is a lot of room for changes and improvements
11. I'd like the pool to open much earlier in the day and exercise equipment

Pool - Indoor

1. Indoor pool, more rooms for more classes, indoor track?
2. Indoor pool, fitness studio
3. Dome over the pool to swim in winter!!!!
4. Pool bubble for year round pool
5. Exercise gym or indoor pool
6. City might consider a cover for the pool so you can use it year round. Groups like Atlantis pay rent to other pools to use and a lot of HW families are in the program. It could be a way to increase revenue for the city. Latchkey also needs to be expanded to accommodate all families who need it.
7. Indoor play structures, indoor pool
8. Pool bubble!
9. Covered pool for year round use

Pool - General

1. more chairs at the pool or limit chairs per family
2. I'd like to see the pool converted to a salt water pool because of chlorine allergies.
3. Aquatic membership is too expensive
4. Get rid of the playground at the pool
5. Trees around the pool
6. Add shade to the eating area at the pool. New sub bathing chairs!
7. Get rid of the kids play area in the pool (which is boiling hot in summer) and replace it with seating or a splash pad
8. I haven't used the pool in over 55 years
9. It won't let me choose multiple community groups below, but I'm part of 5. More drop-in gym times! DON'T remove the grassy area - great for sunning and reading
10. More options at concession stand. A gym in the rec would be awesome. I love the grassy pool area, and think the one shaded area is enough there. I love that we have the busses to use and rent, LOVE the 4th celebrations.
11. Hot tub Bigger waterside. More sensible approach to adult swim times so 200 kids not watching a single adult swim

Splash Pad

1. Splash pad that is available to pool members maybe? I don't know it seems crazy how much we pay and could really only benefit July and August this year
2. Get rid of the kids play area in the pool (which is boiling hot in summer) and replace it with seating or a splash pad
3. A splash pad would be a great addition.

Locker Rooms

1. Automatic turn off for the pool showers
2. Updated locker room. Longer pool season
3. Updated bathrooms
4. Fitness Room, updated Locke rooms and a better cafe.
5. Better locker rooms/family locker rooms.
6. Maybe a drop in play room like the ferndale rec center has? Nicer showers at the pool
7. The locker rooms are dirty. I found mold in the showers, rust on the doors and door walls. The toilet in the family locker room has leaked for the last two years.
8. Gym/exercise equipment, better locker rooms/showers

Food / Cafe

1. A coffee bar/lounge area
2. Better food & beverages at the pool
3. Food service which should include community restaurant.
4. Grills at the pool
5. Better food T pool
6. More consistent hours at the Woods Cafe
7. Maybe a Hot and Cold food Vending , or a Food Truck on the Premises Outdoor, Maybe Two, Kosher, and Not Kosher, No Pork Products
8. Fitness Room, updated Locke rooms and a better cafe.
9. More vending machines i.e. drinks and pop
10. Healthier food st pool
11. Cafe (coffee shop)
12. More options at concession stand. A gym in the rec would be awesome. I love the grassy pool area, and think the one shaded area is enough there. I love that we have the busses to use and rent, LOVE the 4th celebrations.

Meeting / Community Rooms

1. Indoor pool, more rooms for more classes, indoor track?
2. Would like to have a reading room at the library again, and move children' play room to Recreation Center, where it belongs.
3. Since the library now offers craft classes and children play areas, we need quiet spaces for reading, studying, etc.- maybe rec center could provide?
4. Indoor exercise equipment. Also a seating area for residents to drop in and use that is available 24/7 or when building is open.
5. Additional small gathering/meeting rooms

Programming - General

1. More family bases activities
2. Open gym needs more toys. Music class needs a new teacher, and rooms at rec center need to be properly cleaned. Add dance class.
3. Bring back dance so we don't have to go to other cities. More family events and kids programs.
4. It won't let me choose multiple community groups below, but I'm part of 5. More drop-in gym times! DON'T remove the grassy area - great for sunning and reading

Toddler / Preschool

1. Be sure to continue the ability to bring grandkid to open gym time.
2. Gym, drop in kid spaces for the weekend
3. Expanded options and some preschool options on weekends or late afternoons to accommodate working parents
4. Open gym needs more toys. Music class needs a new teacher, and rooms at rec center need to be properly cleaned. Add dance class.
5. More early childhood programming not during afternoon nap time, lot for tots becoming FREE open gym where caregivers can take out and put away toys or alternatively significantly more toys and longer hours; longer pool and concessions hours
6. Would like preschool swim to start earlier in the morning
7. Lots for tots needs improvement- more tots and more hours. I actually go ti Ferndales equivalent program because there is far more to do and more hours!
8. Would love more pool hours. Stay-at-home moms would take our kids in the morning, especially in August (ALL lifeguards are in college?). Also, Lots for Tots needs MANY more toys, and maybe a bounce house. Better in an enclosed room? Berkley and Ferndale (Kulick Center) have great open gyms for kids.
9. Exercise equipment, indoor track, preschool
10. better toys at open gym. more events for toddlers
11. Increase preschool options for working parents. Currently no options allow for HW preschool for 2 parent working households. Also ensure more availability of camp and latchkey options so that there is room for every resident who wants a spot. We pay our taxes ro support these programs.

Programming - Youth / Teens

1. Wrestling for kids! More pool hours (earlier)!
2. More evening classes for younger ages. A latchkey style program for middle school kids.
3. exercise facility, more after school offerings
4. Health & wellness programming for teens/adults
5. Some exercise equipment and middle school programming that is not sports based, ie video game clubs, kindness clubs, Pokémon clubs, book clubs.
6. Adult floor hockey. K-3 Youth basketball. Moe structured adult basketball league (teams, refs, scorekeeper). Better communication about when gym is open for drop-in. Thanks for asking!

Programming - Adult

1. Health & wellness programming for teens/adults
2. Adult floor hockey. K-3 Youth basketball. More structured adult basketball league (teams, refs, scorekeeper). Better communication about when gym is open for drop-in. Thanks for asking!
3. Canasta class, arts & crafts for adults
4. Better pool hours, better timed adult fitness opportunities.
5. Lower prices for adult classes.

Senior Facilities / Programs

1. A decent senior location; adult fitness equipment
2. Lunch services for seniors
3. Larger Senior Lounge & fitness area
4. specific hours for seniors to use the track

Camps

1. Be able to accommodate the amount of enrollment for camp. It's crazy.
2. Better times for fruit camp - programs are completely geared to non-working families. In 2019, need to get with it folks.
3. Release speciality camp info and dates when asking to join fruit camp lottery.

Latchkey

1. More evening classes for younger ages. A latchkey style program for middle school kids.
2. More open play options that do not cost money. Easier access to latchkey (doesn't fill up) and more programming with working parents in mind.
3. City might consider a cover for the pool so you can use it year round. Groups like Atlantis pay rent to other pools to use and a lot of HW families are in the program. It could be a way to increase revenue for the city. Latchkey also needs to be expanded to accommodate all families who need it.
4. I feel lk has taken over and the department has forgotten about those not in lk
5. Latchkey separate location from preschool. More availability in latch key.

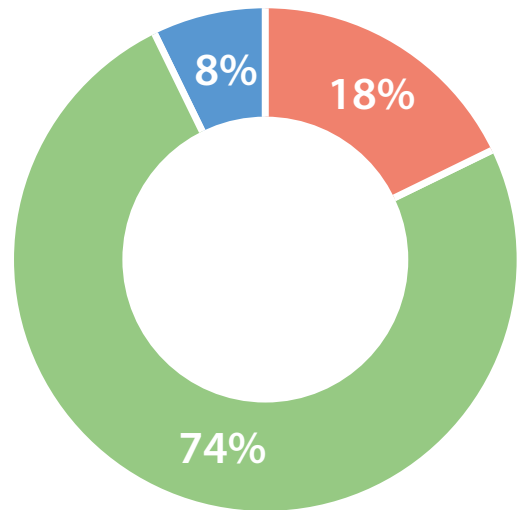
Play structures

1. Maybe a drop in play room like the ferndale rec center has? Nicer showers at the pool
2. Indoor play structures, indoor pool

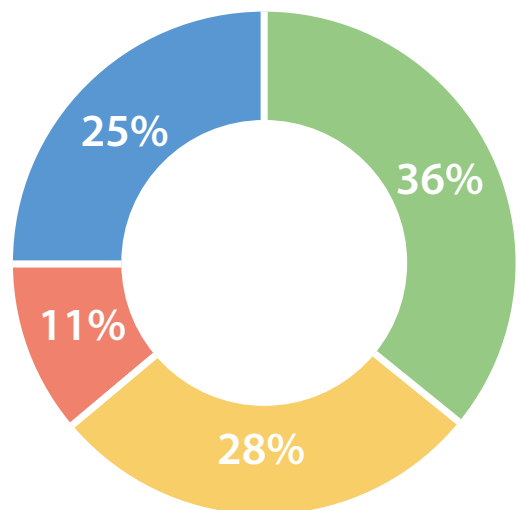
Fitness Equipment

1. A Fitness Center
2. Fitness Equipment, both indoor and outdoor

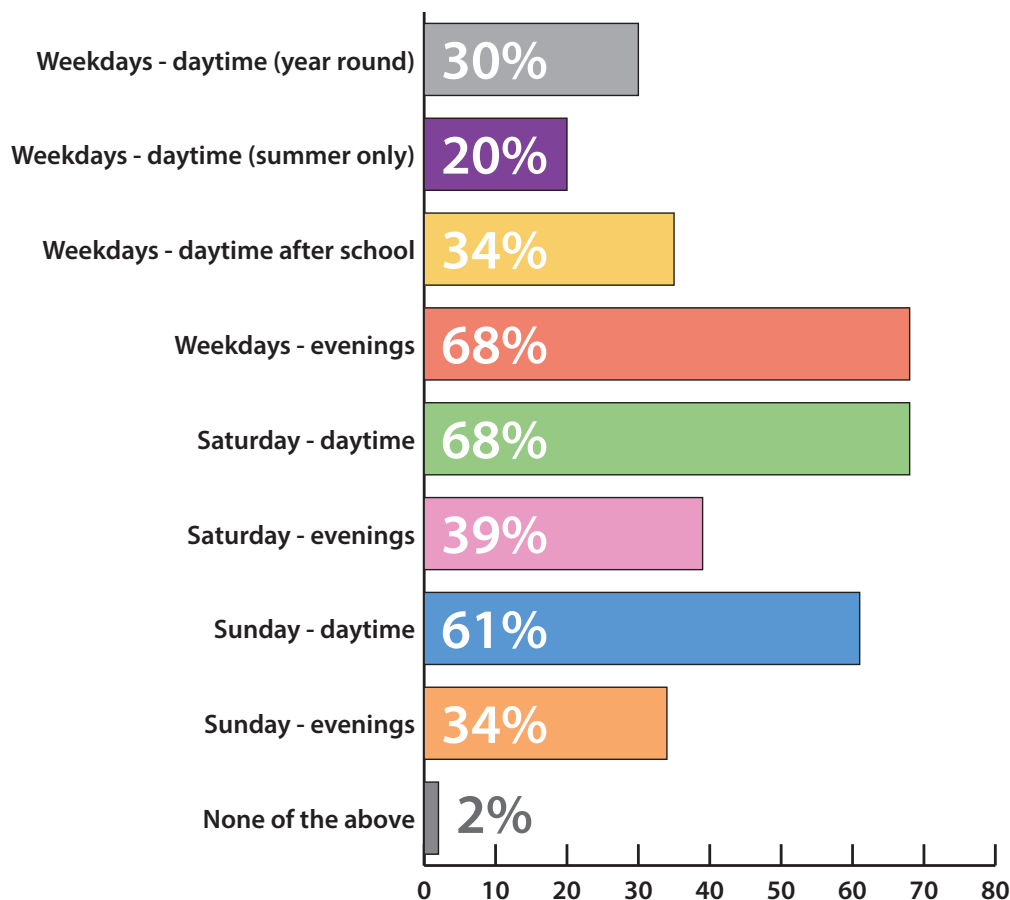
Question 28. How do you feel about fees charged for recreation programming?



Question 29. Funding of park and recreation improvements is largely accomplished via local funds, grants, and donations. To further support these efforts, would you be most inclined to support:



Question 30. Which times work best for you to participate in recreation programming?



Question 31. Please identify which of the following service clubs, volunteer groups, or community groups you actively participate in, that support the parks and recreation mission. If you participate in more than one or in one that is not listed below, please tell us about them in the final question of the survey.

Group	# Responses
Adopt-A-Garden	1
Babysitting Co-Op	13
Berkley Bear Boosters	1
Berkley Dad's Club	5
Berkley Hoops	5
Community Garden	1
County Downs Garden Club	3
Friends of the Library	28
Hurricane Swim Club	23

Group	# Responses
HW Men's Club	43
HW Peace Citizenship & Education Project	1
Seed & Sod	1
Socs	26
Study Club	4
Teen Council	6
Tri-Community Coalition	5
Women's League	7
Youth Assistance	2

Question 32. Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

Pool

- Would like to advocate for better pool hours- access in the mornings, better access for members during camp hours. Also lots for tots needs a revamp. More opportunity for gymnastics. The after school class was full within 1 week. Possibly opening up more days.
- would like to bubble the pool in winter so it could be used all year
- Water aerobics could be Tues and Thursday all the weeks the pool is open. Swimming lessons should be confined to hours before the pool opens as the instructor is responsible for individual safety. So many adults want to use the 2 north lanes and there is frequently a lesson. No matter what time.
- Open gym needs to include everyone why is it the whole gym is used just for basketball. The pool locker rooms are in need of major updating. Pool hours and a day without latchkey for others.
- Swim suit dryers (spinners) for the pool
- Splash pad
- Pool use on the weekend in September, concerts extended into August or family movie night options, putting pool cost as part of taxes, and indoor play area for toddlers and young kids during the day (like Ferndale has).
- Pool pass fees are RIDICULOUS need to be cut in half or just a flat rate of \$150 per household and boy per child
- Pool opening at 10a on weekends would be great and bathrooms at parks and more sidewalks around perimeter of parks!
- Please open the pool earlier in the day
- Our Cafe at the pool should have better options, the hours should be better, and a fitness room would be great!
- Need a designated dog park, extended hours at the pool, including weekends during the month of September
- More shade at pool, more morning hours and INCREASED pool hours in the last 2 weeks of August.
- More pool hours in August and expanded pool hours into September after school. Lifeguards could come after high school.
- Longer hours for the pool - specifically very early hours in the morning for adults to swim -5:30am or 6am. Have flexibility to add another week or two of open pool if the weather is >75F in September
- Longer pool hours
- Longer pool hours. More August hours. Better snack

bar hours and healthy food choices

- Lack of attendance at the pool must be a drain in the Rec. funding. Appears to have wasted city funds just for the swim club.
- It would be great to consider renovating the aging pool facilities and develop an indoor pool facility that could be used year round.
- I would really appreciate the pool opening at 10:00 vs 11:00 and more toys and seating at lots for toys
- I would like to see a retractable dome over the pool for year round use and lessons.
- I think it would be nice if the pool was open earlier during the day for the general public
- A fitness center would be great. Would also love for the pool to be available for lap swimming on weekdays before work.
- Absolutely no bike lanes and enforce road rules on cyclists. Joggers and walkers use the sidewalk and get off the road! Fix the adult swim at rec center pool. 200 kids get out to watch 2 adults swimming for adult swim - Ridiculous!
- Pool bubble
- Covered pool for year round use

Locker Rooms

- The locker rooms at the pool are in need of updating. The family locker room should be for families only and are in need of baby changing areas. Also the rec center is in need of consistent cleaning. Lastly drop in gym should be for everyone. It isn't safe for kids due to basketball taking over.
- Open gym needs to include everyone why is it the whole gym is used just for basketball. The pool locker rooms are in need of major updating. Pool hours and a day without latchkey for others.

Food

- Our Cafe at the pool should have better options, the hours should be better, and a fitness room would be great!
- The pool would benefit from better food choices. You could store Costco prepared turkey roll ups, etc in a fridge and charge \$8 per wrap.
- Update the snack bar at the Pool. Better food options like fruit, salad, sandwich. More food trucks at concert in the park

Open Gym

- Please add more dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Continue to allow random drop-in at rec center gym when gym is not otherwise in use.
- The locker rooms at the pool are in need of updating. The family locker room should be for families only and are in need of baby changing areas. Also the rec center is in need of consistend cleaning. Lastly drop in gym should be for everyone. It isn't safe for kids due to basketball taking over.
- Open gym needs to include everyone why is it the whole gym is used just for basketball. The pool locker rooms are in need of major updating. Pool hours and a day without latchkey for others.

Fitness Center

- exercise equipment that doesn't require constant supervision that seniors could use safely
- Fitness center
- Overall, the offerings and facilities are good for a small population base. To me, the most glaring areas for improvement are more kids' play structures on the east side parks and exercise equipment (weights/treadmills) in the rec center.
- Our Cafe at the pool should have better options, the hours should be better, and a fitness room would be great!
- Need a workout gym at the rec center. Get rid of the baseball diamond in Burton park as they are trashed Build new building on Burton park with indoor track and gym. I would pay for membership and it need to be kid friendly. Climbing wall etc.
- I would like to see a work fitness area in the rec center put in.
- A fitness center would be great. Would also love for the pool to be available for lap swimming on weekdays before work.
- Have a Finess area in the Rec. Center & Have a way to connect with our hard to reach seniors.

Maintenance

- The overall cleanliness of the rec center is not maintained many times bugs, food, debris everywher
- The locker rooms at the pool are in need of updating. The family locker room should be for families only and are in need of baby changing areas. Also the rec center is in need of consistend cleaning. Lastly drop in gym should be for everyone. It isn't safe for kids due to basketball taking over.
- I know it is expensive to fix but poor drainage on the sports fields is a huge problem.
- Cleanliness of the facilities overall.

Latchkey

- most of the kids programs are right after school---kids who don't go to Burton have a hard time getting back here on time to participate. Can they be offered later?
- We need an online system to register for latchkey. There are many opprtunities to accomodate more latchkey kids. but we need focus groups and a chance for parent input to voice these ideas. We need basketball for K-2, the Berkley Hoops is not run well.
- The room used for music class is a hazard! Tiny beads on the floor, tables leaned against walls, sharp scissors and tiny objects on unsecured carts in the room. I didn't feel safe taking my child. If the room is going to double for latchkey in the afternoon, it must be properly cleaned and secured.
- Latchkey should be a guarantee for every family who needs it. I would like to see program retained with the rec center and not the district but you got fo figure out how to accommodate the volume.

Programming - Preschool

- Would love to see more classes for toddlers
- Would like to advocate for better pool hours- access in the mornings, better access for members during camp hours. Also lots for tots needs a revamp. More opportunity for gymnastics. The after school class was full within 1 week. Possibly opening up more days.
- It would be wonderful to have preschool/toddler age programs available on weekends for those of us who are working parents. I feel I am missing out from connecting with other similar moms in the neighborhood because I can't partake in activities on Weekday Days.
- I would really appreciate the pool opening at 10:00 vs 11:00 and more toys and seating at lots for toys

Camps

- Fruit camp would be great in 1 week increments. another adventure squad week would be great, for the older kids to enjoy, maybe to MI adventure or Kalahari on the last day? Also-the month of august was difficult when we had fruit camp aged kids.

Programs / Events - General

- Would love to see more art classes, book sales
- Would be helpful to better publicize events (nextdoor, Facebook,, etc). Periodic surveys like this to shift programming as necessary. Friendly faces at the front desk go along way.
- Open gym needs to include everyone why is it the whole gym is used just for basketball. The pool locker rooms are in need of major updating. Pool hours and a day without latchkey for others.
- The locker rooms at the pool are in need of updating. The family locker room should be for families only and are in need of baby changing areas. Also the rec center is in need of consistend cleaning. Lastly drop in gym should be for everyone. It isn't safe for kids due to baskeball taking over.
- Rec. enter needs to do more to let everyone know about programming.
- Rec center drop in policy is horrible . Why can't the kids use it unlimited when there is nothing going on in the gym with basketball courts? Why are they limited with bringing school friends from oak park: berkley
- Pool use on the weekend in September, concerts extended into August or family movie night options, putting pool cost as part of taxes, and indoor play area for toddlers and young kids during the day (like ferndale has).
- Please consider moving the concert in the park series to an earlier evening time. The late start times make it impossible for working families to attend without keeping children up too late. Not all families can sleep in during the summer when 2 parents work.
- Please add more dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Continue to allow random drop-in at rec center gym when gym is not otherwise in use.
- More volleyball needed. High demand.
- More community events would be fun, ie cornhole tournaments and ladder ball tournaments and snowman making contests etc.
- limit/cancel programs that have minimal participation
- Lets move the summer concerts to Burton field. There is more room for young kids to run around .
- Have A Dancing Competition for Adults, Charge \$\$, Do a Family Build a Snow Man Competition Charge \$\$/ Back of Burton School. Sell Hot Cocoa, Bring Hot Food Trucks-- Have Winter Carnival, Dog /Child Pulling Sled Races., Winter Bake Sales Library makes \$\$, City Wide Food& Clothing Drive, for Poor.

Programs & Facilities - Senior

- the sunday seniors group does not speak for all seniors
- Senior Exercuse equipment
- Need for more recreational activities for senior who take second place from youth
- Have a Finess area in the Rec. Center & Have a way to connect with our hard to reach seniors.

Accessibility

- The arcs of the walkways in Scotia Park are treachorous and inaccessible by bike, stroller and with a walker/wheelchair; the walkway to the Rec Ctr is dangerous - no railings and uneven bricks
- Railings needed along walkways for those with walking issues. Although some parks are very nice, the ground is uneven and inaccessible for people with walkers, canes, and wheelchairs. This is a community with a large adult older population who have different needs from children.

Bathrooms

- Making parks more kid friendly do all ages, less wood chips, more rubber/cork, bathrooms at parks, trash bins throughout community and maybe even dog poop bags
- I would love to have good bathrooms at each park. And more shade . Also a farmers market once a week would be amazing

Dog Park

- We need a dog park. The nearest one is royal oak and it's of poor quality compared to what we could do here. With a gate to control use, hours could be established to prevent it becoming a nuisance. I don't know why we don't have one yet with how many dogs I see walking every day...
- Need a designated dog park, extended hours at the pool, including weekends during the month of September
- Making parks more kid friendly do all ages, less wood chips, more rubber/cork, bathrooms at parks, trash bins throughout community and maybe even dog poop bags
- Dog park
- Dog waste bags and bins around d the city. Historic or nature trail would be cool. Fix the fence on golf course. It's an eyesore.

Park General

- Fix tennis courts and get a summer tennis team program for kids and play other clubs.
- Please add more dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Continue to allow random drop-in at rec center gym when gym is not otherwise in use.
- Would like more benches for walkers like the one on Wales
- Too many small parks strike me as costly to maintain. Focus on a few parks and invest in those to make them destination points.
- Pool opening at 10a on weekends would be great and bathrooms at parks and more sidewalks around perimeter of parks!
- Overall, the offerings and facilities are good for a small population base. To me, the most glaring areas for improvement are more kids' play structures on the east side parks and exercise equipment (weights/treadmills) in the rec center.
- More athletic fields, Rec center should have workout area, do not take Men's Club field for Senior Housing-kids have nowhere to play ball
- Making parks more kid friendly do all ages, less wood chips, more rubber/cork, bathrooms at parks, trash bins throughout community and maybe even dog poop bags

Burton Field

- Please regrade Burton field to prevent flooding
- Please move converts to Burton Field
- Need a workout gym at the rec center. Get rid of the baseball diamond in Burton park as they are trashed Build new building on Burton park with indoor track and gym. I would pay for membership and it need to be kid friendly. Climbing wall etc.
- Burton Field baseball diamonds could use some attention.
- Lets move the summer concerts to Burton field. There is more room for young kids to run around .

Val Jones Skate Park

- I think the skate park should be a low priority.

Men's Club Field

- More athletic fields, Rec center should have workout area, do not take Men's Club field for Senior Housing-kids have nowhere to play ball

Peasley Park

- Please, please please don't change Peasley park

Scotia Park

- Please bring the concerts in the park back to Scotia -wasn't that one of the reasons we re-did it??
- Number one on my list is replacing the many lost trees in Scotia Park.
- I know Scotia Park has been redone but it is AWFUL
- A lot of the trees in Scotia park are dying due to the excessive drainage

Non-Motorized Facilities

- Would be great to have a safe crossing across 11 mile halfway between Woodward and Coolidge -- we'd use it regularly for biking and walking. Now, we run between cars.
- Please, for the sake of all that is good and right in the universe, do not add bike lanes to any streets. Seriously.
- people walk in the street because there aren't good soft walking trails.
- It would be relatively easy and non-controversial for a bike path along the golf course and back of the zoo that can go out to Woodward Avenue.
- It would be easy to create a bike path along the perimeter of the golf course and the zoo. There should be access to Woodward so there could be an HW bike loop.
- I think a trail and native garden down the lasalle boulevard would be great. I am happy to be involved in that. Also a trail along rackham course along Ludlow
- Do not mess up 11 mile like Berkley did to cololidge. I use Borgman as the bike route.
- Absolutely no bike lanes and enforce road rules on cyclists. Joggers and walkers use the sidewalk and get off the road ! Fix the adult swim at rec center pool. 200 kids get out to watch 2 adults swimming for adult swim - Ridiculous!

Additional comments received during review period

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Chris Nordstrom](#)
Subject: Huntington Woods Parks & Rec Plan
Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019 3:09:19 PM

Hello Chris,

Very well done plan. I'd like to offer input on the Val Jones Skate Park. That park is not used often, and is opposite a collision shop on a road that, for so many, is a main entrance to the city. It is the first thing they see.

I believe our city would benefit by having the skate park concrete gone, and instead have a park with all native plants, requiring little if any care. Paths, benches, bird houses, and maybe some solar lighting to identify entrance to HW at night. Plants that attract butterflies and bees, etc. would be welcomed by so many HW residents.

The chain link fence could go, and replaced with some attractive, yet environmentally responsible product that would serve as a reminder of our city's commitment to recycling & the environment. A Val Jones Nature Park could be a wonderful component of our city.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments.

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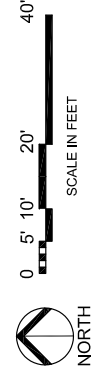
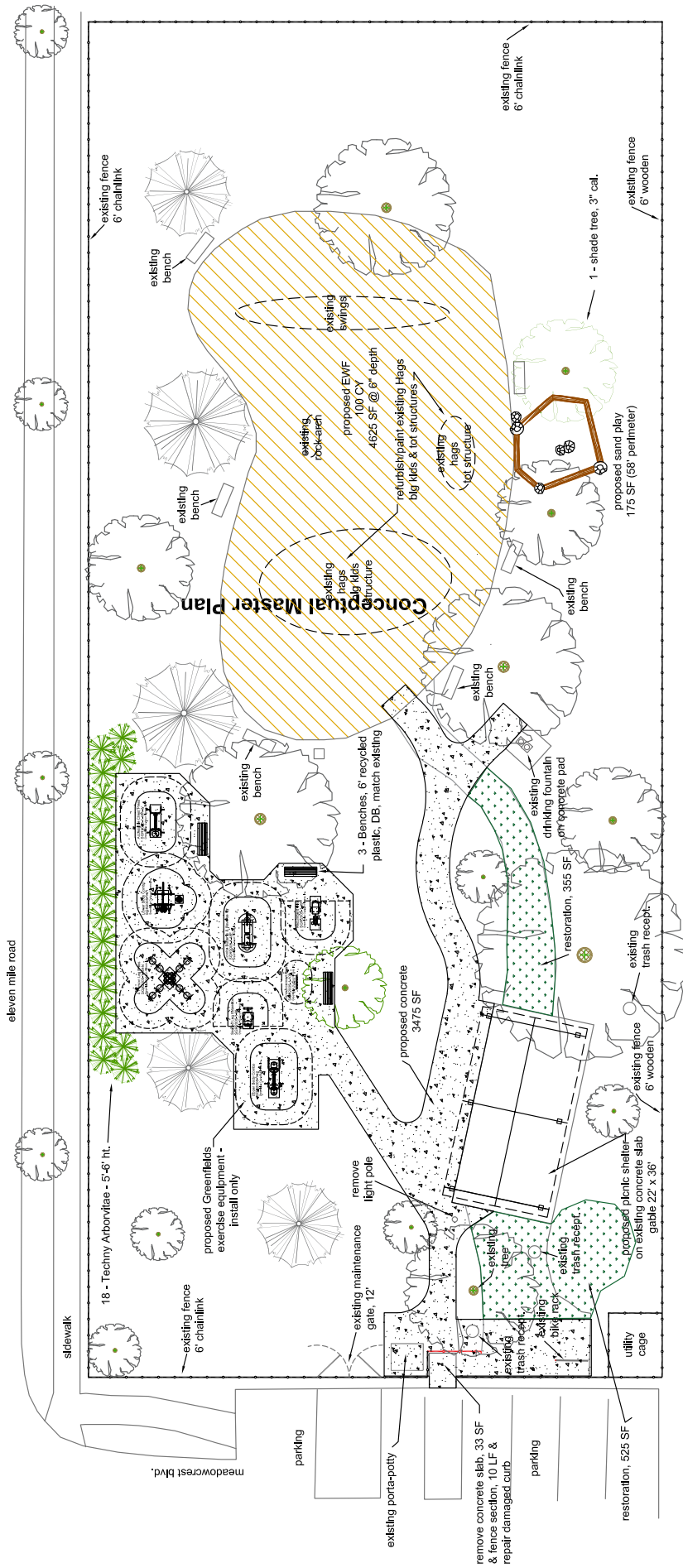
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Chris Nordstrom
Subject: comments on Huntington Woods P and R master plan

Having reviewed the master plan, I am writing with a few comments. Some underscore recommended improvements, others are not listed in the master plan.

1. Resurface tennis courts. This is already in the master plan. It will pay not to go cheap. Don't just fill in cracks. The tennis courts at the Rec Center and 11 Mile need to be completely resurfaced. People are not using the courts because they are in such bad shape. I would love to see the city think big here--why not consider installing a geothermal unit under the courts at the rec center that would power the rec center, pool, and library? It would be a big financial commitment but it would quickly pay for itself and make us more environmentally friendly.
2. Cut down a few trees by the community garden to improve the space. There are two-three trees that shade much of the garden, one on the north side, a pine tree on west side, and one tree on the north. Removing these trees would transform the garden. Right now, members are struggling because they are gardening in semi-shade. We would then actually be able to plant flowers or other nice plants by 11 mile and make it into a really nice space. These three trees do not enhance the beauty of the park. The pine tree to the west of the garden is just overgrown. I am sure that the garden members would actually pay to replace the trees elsewhere in the park or in the city. This is a place where a small action would lead to a big improvement!
3. improved parking at 11 mile/huntington. The few parking spots at this park are often used by lawn crews or visitors to the neighborhood. Could the city consider leasing parking spots of the flower shop at the corner of 11 mile and Woodward? In fact, I would love to see the city at some point buy that property.
4. A public commitment not to use any pesticides or fertilizers in any park.

Thank you,

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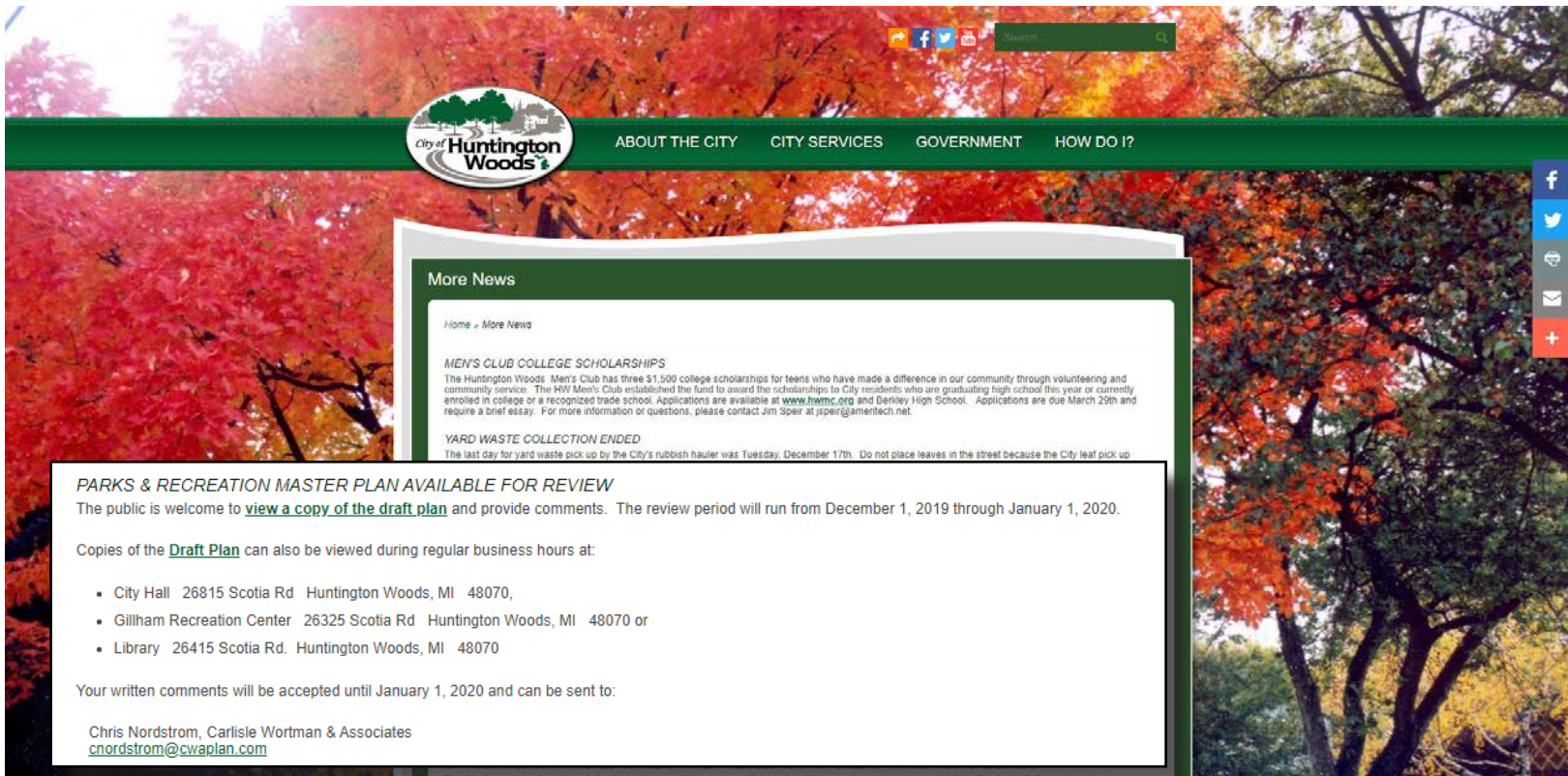


Conceptual Master Plan

Reynolds Park

Huntington Woods, Michigan

Date: July 18, 2019 Drawing # 219281



PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The public is welcome to [view a copy of the draft plan](#) and provide comments. The review period will run from December 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020.

Copies of the [Draft Plan](#) can also be viewed during regular business hours at:

- City Hall 26815 Scotia Rd Huntington Woods, MI 48070,
- Gillham Recreation Center 26325 Scotia Rd Huntington Woods, MI 48070 or
- Library 26415 Scotia Rd. Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Your written comments will be accepted until January 1, 2020 and can be sent to:

Chris Nordstrom, Carlisle Wortman & Associates
cwnordstrom@cwaplan.com

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Every five years the City is required to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be eligible for certain grants. The current [Master Plan](#) was adopted in 2015 so it is due for an update. A Master Plan is a statement of community goals and objectives, and establishes a vision of the future. Because it is visionary in nature, the goals are not always achievable because of the City's limited budget so the Master Plan provides insight into what the community values so the City can focus on those goals.

Resident input drives the Master Plan process so the City has two methods for residents to become involved. There is an [online survey](#) on our website and a drop-in Community Open House on Thursday, October 3rd from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Gillham Recreation Center. The survey should take 10 - 15 minutes to complete and your answers will tell the city what you like, don't like or would like to change about the City's parks and recreation system. Or residents can attend the Open House and answer the same questions or ask questions about the process.

PARKS AND REC ONLINE SURVEY AND COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on October 3, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm for a chance to have a direct influence on recreation development in the city. We will be having a drop-in open house at the Rec Center. You will be able to provide input on the state of parks, recreation facilities, and programming. The city has also created an online survey.

Please take a few moments and go to:
<https://survey.sogossurvey.com/rtUrqMN> to fill it out.

PARKS AND RECREATION – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the [Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#) will take place in conjunction with the City Commission Meeting on January 7, 2020, 7:30PM

Copies of the Master Plan are on file at the Library, City Hall and the Recreation Center and may be reviewed during normal business hours and online at www.hwmi.org.

Written comments regarding the plan should be directed in advance to the City Clerk, 26815 Scotia Road, Huntington Woods, MI 48070 after January 1st.

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMENT PERIOD

It's not too late to share your thoughts on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. A copy of the [draft plan](#) is available on the City's website or you can review a hard copy at City Hall, the Recreation Center and the Library. Comments can be emailed to the planner at cwnordstrom@cwaplan.com until January 1st. If you didn't fill-out a survey for the update, you can fill out an [online](#) survey or hard copies of the survey are at the Recreation Center and Library until December 30th.

List of notices supplied on Huntington Woods' website. The City also used flyers, billboards, and social media to notify residents of upcoming planning activities.

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**CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW**

The City of Huntington Woods Recreation Department has made the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan available for public review. The review period will run from December 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020. The plan is available on the City of Huntington Woods website at <https://www.hwmi.org>. Hard copies of the plan are also available for review at:

- Gillham Recreation Center, 26325 Scotia Road;
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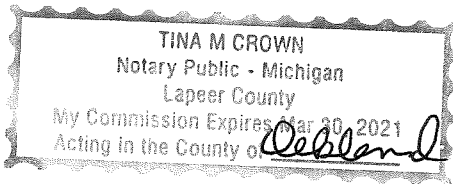
Additionally, a Public Hearing will take place Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 7:30 pm at the Huntington Woods City Hall, 26815 Scotia Road, Huntington Woods, MI 48070.

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PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
7:30 p.m.
City Hall
DRAFT

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Rozell, Commissioner Jenks,
Commissioner Olsman, City Manager Sullivan, and City Attorney
Rosati

ABSENT: Commissioner Elder (excused)

City Staff Present: City Clerk Barckholtz, Finance/Treasurer Director
Rowland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem
Rozell to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 7,
2020 as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner
Jenks to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the meeting of
January 7, 2020.

Ayes: Olsman, Jenks, Paul, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sherry Wells – Ferndale Historian and Resident

Presented a Historic Resources Location Guide to Hank Berry and the City.

Claire Galed – 10084 Lasalle

Questioned when the Communication Committee will be in session. Manager Sullivan noted she would check into that schedule and advise.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Paul opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:36 pm regarding the proposed Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide future development of parks and recreation in the community.

Hearing no Public Comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION R-117-2019

Approval of the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Motion by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the 2020-2024 parks and Recreation master Plan.

Commissioner Comments:

Jenks: Noted he feels the plan needs additional work and research so it will better assist in trying to obtain grants. He read a written statement that he requested be inserted into the minutes.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2020 - 2024 is extremely weak in current 2020 - 2025 detail, has no detailed inventory of what's in the parks, isn't using the most current Census data in most instances, hasn't footnoted the year of the ACS (American Community Survey) data and isn't, as presented, a good tool for the city when it goes to seek grants.

The contractor, Carlisle Wortman, indicates the importance of the Recreation Inventory stating, on page 24, 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.

The report then has 2 small paragraphs on 13 municipal parks and properties and on mini parks and then on pages 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 in half page columns does not create or show that complete inventory. The contractor has also indicated that he has not given the city a detailed updated inventory of benches, picnic tables, sandboxes, gardens, swings, drinking fountains etc. with their age, replacement cost, maintenance cost, current condition, and what year they should be replaced. At the summer MML convention in Detroit, Prein & Newhof landscape architects from the western part of the state did a detailed presentation on “developing a Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan” and how it could be used both to understand and anticipate expenditures as well as seek grant money.

Data in the report frequently compared 2000 to 2015 when 2020 and 2025 estimates are also available and we are looking at a forward plan, covering 2020 to 2024. Current American Community Survey data covers 2014 - 2018 and data used in the report is normally 2017 or earlier.

In July 2015 Ferndale received a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant through MDOT and SEMCOG for a Woodward Corridor Neighborhood Bicycle Network. It included Royal Oak, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge and Hazel Park. These bike routes that link adjacent cities are not shown in a SEMCOG’s 2014 bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Detail on page 16. Carlisle Wortman was working with the city in 2015 and should have not used stale incorrect data. This was flagged twice to Carlisle Wortman prior to the final draft.

According to the previous “community” survey and the updated January, 2020 “community” survey they only received 6 additional responses between December 11 and December 30.

The City Manager has indicated we have to complete and file the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2020 - 2024 this month, and that must be done. She also indicated we can consider this as a work in progress and update it as we move forward. I support her suggestion. We have no other option, but it is unfortunate that the city will have to spend additional funds, under a constrained budget, to make the “Master Plan” more workable and useful.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Elder, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R-122-2020:

Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits Senate Bill 54 and House Bill 4100

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the resolution authorizing support of Senate Bill 54 and House Bill 4100.

Ayes: Jenks, Rozell, Paul, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R-123-2020:

Approval of Rock Salt Purchase Agreement with the City of Berkley

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the agreement between the City of Huntington Woods and the City of Berkley for the bulk purchase of rock salt and the use of the Berkley DPW facility.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Rozell, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Boards, Commission and Committee Reappointments and Appointments:

Mayor Paul presented his mayoral appointments for the Planning Commission, re-appointing Michael Wright with the new appointment of Blake Moore, Library Advisory Board, reappointing Steve Pollack and the Historic Commission, reappointing Louise Wibbleman, Mark Fink, Robert Lebow and Steven Behrmann with the new appointment of Kevin Withane.

Moved by Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to confirm the mayor appointments as stated.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman Jenks, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve to the Arts and Garden Board the reappointment of Jessica Blake and Deborah Hecht and add the new appointments of Cori Starr, Beth Spencer, Marci Bykat, Richard Halprin.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Rozell, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Moved by Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve to the Board of Review the reappointments of Robert Horowitz and Chuck Chandler.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Rozell, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell for the Environmental Advisory Committee to support the reappointment of Mari Cooper and Daniel Brooks.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Olsman, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Olsman for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to reappoint Kim Tarnopol and the new appointment of Jason Gordon.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks for the Zoning Board of Appeals to reappoint David Hesano and move Ben Falik to a permanent member, Adam Wallace to the first alternate and new appointment of James Park to the second alternate.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks for the Senior Advisory Committee to reappoint Greg Gmerek and new appointments of Iris Parlange and Kay Brady.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Elder
The Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell for the Ethics Committee to reappoint Ellen Cogen-Lipton and Andrew Franklin.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Rozell, Olsman
Nays: None
Absent: Elder
The Motion Carried.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to appoint Commissioner Jenks to a one year term as the Commissioner Liaison to the Planning Commission.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Rozell,
Nays: None
Absent: Elder
The Motion Carried.

Commission Liaisons for Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2020

Mayor Paul presented his recommendations for Commission Liaisons to the various Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2020 as follows:

Arts and Garden Board	Commissioner Elder
Environmental Advisory Committee	Commissioner Jenks
Library Advisory Board	Mayor Paul
Parks and Recreation	Commissioner Olsman
Zoning Board of Appeals	Commissioner Elder
MML Legislative Coordinator	Mayor Pro Tem Rozell
Historic District Commission	Mayor Paul
Senior Advisory Committee	Commissioner Olsman
Emergency Response Task Force	Commissioner Elder
Communication Committee	Mayor Pro Tem Rozell
SEMCOG	Mayor Paul
SEMCOG Alternate	Commissioner Jenks

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the Mayor recommendations for the Commission Liaisons to the various Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2020.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Rozell,
Nays: None
Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE No.

Amendment to the City of Huntington Woods Chapter 40, Zoning Article 9. Sustainable Design and Environmental Standards, Section 40-9.02, Stormwater Management, to add a new Subparagraph D, Prohibitions. (First Reading)

Manager Sullivan noted a Huntington Woods resident approached the City with concerns about the use of pesticides and fertilizers and suggested the possibility of banning the use within the City. After discussion with the Attorney Rosati, it was determined the use of cannot be regulated on private property, but the City can enforce when used on private property it is applied properly and does not leach into the sewer system. Attorney Rosati developed the ordinance that makes it a civil infraction for mis-use or mis-treatment of pesticides, fertilizers or any formula that would enter the sewer system and cause damage. This is the first reading.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the first reading of the Amendment to the City of Huntington Woods Chapter 40, Zoning Article 9. Sustainable Design and Environmental Standards, Section 40-9.02, Stormwater Management, to add a new Subparagraph D, Prohibitions.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks,
Nays: None
Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE No.

Amendment to the City of Huntington Woods Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24 Offenses to add a new Article IX, Unsolicited Written Materials, To Regulate the Delivery of Unsolicited Written Materials to Any Premises without Express Invitation or Permission and to Provide Penalties for Violation Thereof. (First Reading)

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the first reading of the Amendment to the City of Huntington Woods Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24 Offenses to add a new Article IX, Unsolicited Written Materials, To Regulate the Delivery of Unsolicited Written Materials to Any Premises without Express Invitation or Permission and to Provide Penalties for Violation Thereof.

Attorney Rosati explained this ordinance is to govern the delivering of newspapers and literature unsolicited that are tossed or strewn onto your driveway or property. This does not apply to literature that placed on door handles or porches. She has written the same ordinance for other communities who have found success with it. It does not infringe on first amendment rights. The publisher of the paper will receive the violation not the homeowner or delivery person.

Public Comment:

Sherry Wells - Noted her support of the passing of the ordinance.

Clair Galed – Noted her concern with the ability to enforce the ordinance if passed.

Commissioner Comments:

Rozell: Noted he is in support of the ordinance because it will eliminate potential litter that is left driveways that often does not get picked up.

Jenks: Sought clarification if the word premise was appropriate use within the title of the ordinance versus using the word property. Attorney Rosati did clarify that it is the correct.

Olsman: Noted he sees the good in it but is still reluctant in the overall need for the ordinance.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks,
Nays: None
Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

Closed Session:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to move into closed session at the conclusion of items of business to discuss pending litigation, Finkelberg v City of Huntington Woods, Oakland County Circuit Court case no. CA:17-157533-NZ, and Hanover v City of Huntington Woods, Oakland County Circuit Court case no. CA: 17-160246-CZ, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(e), as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City, and to discuss a written Attorney/Client privileged communication pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h).

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Jenks, Rozell, Paul, Olsman
Nays: None

Absent: Elder
The Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

None

Moved into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

Closed Session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks that the City Attorney is authorized to proceed with negotiations in the 2014 flood litigation based on the attorney's recommendation.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks,

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Jenks, seconded by Commissioner Olsman to adjourn the Regular meeting.

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor

**HUNTINGTON WOODS PARKS AND RECREATION
Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2019**

7:30pm

Members present: J. Aisen, F. Spencer, S. Cohen, M. Gustafson, E. Daniel, J. Zieldorff, J. Steinhart

Guests: Claire Galed, Gail Linden, Sharon Nowak

1. Call to order: J. Aisen at 7:30pm
2. Review 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft
 - a. Corrections can be looked at through January 1st
 - b. All required information is included
 - c. Must be submitted by February 1st to DNR
 - d. General corrections and suggestions have been forwarded to the planning firm
 - e. Cut "dog waste" from Desired Improvements due to past Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussions and recommendations
 - f. Language change to 8.D on page 67: "Carefully consider pool usage and schedule and possibly extend nighttime hours, early morning hours, overall length of season, and find a better balance for adult swim users."
 - g. Survey
 - i. Survey deadline extended to December 30th
 - ii. 290 households representing 999 individuals answered the survey to date, 206 residents in 45-64 age group, 85 residents in 65+ age group
3. Public participation:
 - a. Claire Galed – Declined to provide address - Recommends addition of park usage study of all parks and allocation of more space to seniors. Would like to see recycling with all trash containers. Open triangles maintained by the city should be listed as city properties in the Master Plan. Include staffing analysis as part of this process. Suggest Parks and Rec move away from impervious surfaces. Will send all comments to Mary.
 - b. Gail Linden – 25804 Concord – Clarify that restroom facilities refer to port-a-potty. Seniors need more space in rec center. More adult swim time than just 10 minutes per hour. Wanted clarification that goal is for residents to take dog waste home instead of installing dog waste stations.
4. Approve 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft
 - a. Motion that the Advisory Board accepts the 2020-2024 Master Plan and requests approval from the City Commission pending any unforeseen changes that modifies the plan as corrected and presented: J. Zieldorff, E. Daniel. Unanimously accepted.
5. Adjournment: 8:12pm by J. Aisen

RESOLUTION R-121-2020
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
ADOPTING THE 2020-2024 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Whereas, the City of Huntington Woods has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2020 and 2024; and

Whereas, an online survey was provided, and a public comment session was held on October 3, 2019 at the Recreation Center, 26325 Scotia, Huntington Woods, MI to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Huntington Woods Recreation Department has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

Whereas: the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Huntington Woods City Commission hereby adopts the Huntington Woods Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Huntington Woods.

Resolved this 7th day of December, 2020.

Yeas: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro-Tem Rozell, Commissioner Jenks, Commissioner Olsman.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elder

I, Heidi Barckholtz, duly appointed and qualified City Clerk for the City of Huntington Woods, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Commission at a Regular Meeting held on January 7, 2020 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.


 Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk



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January 28, 2020

Kristen Wiltfang
Principal Planner
Economic Development & Community Affairs
Executive Office Building
2100 Pontiac Lake Road
Building 41W
Waterford, Michigan 48328

Dear Ms. Wiltfang:

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Please feel free to contact Mary Gustafson, Parks & Recreation Director, 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. Mary Gustafson, Director of Parks and Recreation

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Detroit, Michigan 48226

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